SGA and CAB Propose Merger - House of Representatives to Vote Tuesday

By Gardner Boulma
News Editor

On Tuesday the Campus Activities Board Council, CAB Council, voted unanimously to approve a tentative merger with the Student Government Association. The proposed merger would be the largest ever attempted between two student organizations.

Dan Trafton, the former president of the CAB, and Sanpietro, the current Vice President Social for SGA, have been the two leading forces in making the merger a reality. At the SGA's Tuesday night meeting Sanpietro and Trafton made a formal presentation to the House of Representatives. The merger, in its simplest form, would place CAB under the new SGA position Vice President of Campus Activities. The current Vice President Social position would be eliminated from SGA.

The people deciding the merger will be members of the new SGA VP of Finance and the current Finance Director of CAB.

When asked whether the variety of activities sponsored by this new CAB would increase or decrease Robert Spiegel, the current CAB, responded by saying "only the quality of events would improve." He pointed to the proportional budget system as proof.

Said Trafton, "When spending safeguard designed into the merger concept could force the SGA's Vice President of Finance to "oversee" each expenditure to ensure its accordance with these, as of yet, undefined percentage spending requirements.

Trafton also hopes the new merger would eliminate a "competition problem between CAB and SGA." He feels the two organizations would have a hard time by combining funds and using CAB's experience to plan all the campus events.

He believes, "creating less successful events to promote a name instead of coordinating ideas and manpower to create larger and more campus wide events." The Campus Activities Board was formed to plan and support "social, cultural, political, and educational events" for students. Current CAB events include film series, Pub Nights, Music at Brunch series, and museum passes. The Student Government Association's Executive Committee, headed by the Vice President Social, was created to ensure students more "alternative" and non-alcoholic events.

The final official merger vote will be held Tuesday, February 6. If the proposal is approved the House of Representatives it will take effect when the new Student Government Association is sworn into office one week after the Spring Break recess.

Babson Hockeys Defeats National Champs

By Jeff Patterson
Staff Writer

The evening of January 12, 1996 will go down forever as one of the greatest moments in Babson hockey history, building upon the already strong tradition in the sport of ice hockey. In a classic epic struggle, Babson defeated NCAA Champion Middelbury College 1-0 in a game that was truly "one for the ages."

The defending champion Middlebury Panthers arrived with quite an impressive resume. For starters, they possessed a twenty-eight game unbeaten streak. In fact, many of these twenty-eight games were of the 10-0, 8-1, 22-1 variety, especially in "The Dome" in Middelbury, Vermont. Also, many fans believe this year's squad was even better than last year's which won it all, with the majority of its key team returning and the arrival of some impressive first-year players.

However, the Panthers were not playing in their own "The Dome" this evening; they were playing in "The Dome." Following a half-hour delay to the game's beginning, Babson came out flying, determined to do whatever it takes to de-claw the defending champion Panthers. Babson needed to contain Middelbury's forwards and couldn't afford to let their speed neutralize their outrageous speed. Babson was able to do this throughout most of the game. In fact, they showed Middelbury some speed and flash of their own. With the puck in the pack.

Babson's offensive end, Jerry Ambrosh blasted a cannon from the right point, and Griff Breckett deflected it home past Middlebury goalie Chris Parson for a 1-0 lead about six and one half minutes into the contest.

Another thing Babson had to do to pull this one out of the penalty box, as Babson's $30,000 budget would be merged into one account. The primary reason for the merger, Sanpietro see it, is to ensure experienced students plan all of the school's social events. Sanpietro repeatedly said she could find neither the necessary commitment or experience from other Representatives to plan good social events. One of the largest concerns voiced over the merger by Representatives and students alike dealt with would actually be choosing of events and what types of events would be sponsored. Jen Longley, '96 Exec. Asst. Apprehend Knight's alcohol serving functions could be diminished? The answer, it turns out, rests on a proportional budget system that would be set by either CAB or SGA. The idea is to set aside a certain percentage of the new organization's budget for each type of event (alcohol, film, concerts, etc.). The people deciding the proportions will be the new CAB and the new SGA VP of Finance and the current Finance Director of CAB.

Throughout the game, but was really put to the test in the third period. Babson gave their all defensively with a total team effort, as all team members pushed themselves to new levels. They also kept up an offensive attack when the situation permitted. However, the home crowd quickly fell into the CAB's end, as Babson has shown in the past.
Students Comment on Marriott's New Changes

By Kevin Black
Staff Writer

Babson College has changed the head of Buildings and Grounds since last semester, and a whole new attitude has emerged on campus toward the situation.

There have been several complaints regarding the sanitary conditions within the buildings on Babson’s campus. An especially large number of complaints were filed last semester. According to freshman Jaymell Grayson, “The grounds are always clean and they have done a fine job clearing the snow.”

BABOBlitter

Between the period December 2, 1995 and January 31, 1996 the Department of Public Safety responded to 3330 calls for service.

1/23/96: Piets Hall A student reported that while moving in, a person or person took pieces of her personal property. After checking the area all 100 CDs were returned to her. The CDs are marked with her name.

1/24/96: Park Manor Central Public Safety received a call advising that three system smoke detectors had been vandalized in the hall way. Public Safety asks that anyone who has information on this to contact any of the Fire line ext. 347) all information will be kept confidential.

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1/26/96: Knight Auditorium Officers assigned to the Knight detail confiscated a false Florida drivers license from a guest. Action is pending.

1/26/96: Park Manor South Officers observed a student carrying a state arm from the Hollister gate. The arm was returned to Hollister.

1/27/96: Park Manor South while running a check of delivery person’s background, a motor vehicle slid into the stair well. A wrecker was called, and while the vehicle was being moved, the occupants of two rooms were asked to leave their rooms in case the car slid further.

Announcements

Financial Aid: Scholarships and Fellowships

The Office of Financial Aid received notices of scholarships and fellowships which may be of interest to Babson students. This information is on file in our office and students are welcome to review these opportunities. Call our office at 239-4219 for more information. Listed below are some of the most recent listings. All have application deadlines, so check them out right away.

John Cycles Education Fund - $2500 grants, preferably for Canadian students with at least a 2.7 GPA.
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Foreign Language Placement Tests

The Center for Language and Culture is offering students the chance to gain academic credit and/or advanced placement in their foreign language studies. Please call the Center ASAP at 5327 or 4506. All tests are one hour in length and you must make an appointment for Tuesday, February 6, 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM. Intern in Germany

Babson now has a partnership with Washington University in St. Louis for an internship program in Stuttgart, Germany. The internship offers six credits of German, nine in business, and a non-credit, make additional credit based on a written report. Students who are interested in this program, should contact Christine Ryckert in the Study Abroad Office in Nichols.

College Judicial Board

Summary of Cases

September 1995 - December 1995

As stated in the College Judicial Board guidelines, "The college community has the right to learn of the final disposition of disciplinary cases, to include the nature of the offense, decision of the Board, and sanction imposed." The following is a list of the cases heard by the board during the Fall 1995 semester.

POLICY VIOLATION: Academic Honesty and Integrity Policy

FINDING: Responsible

SACTION: Suspension for 6 months.

POLICY VIOLATION: Academic Honesty and Integrity Policy - Cheating

FINDING: Responsible

SACTION: Suspension for 1 year, Restricted from all on-campus social activities for 1 year.

POLICY VIOLATION: Harassment Policy

FINDING: Responsible

SACTION: Suspension for Spring and Summer '96.

Student Leadership Process

By Zach Arbtle
Contributing Writer

Applications for student leader positions are now available at the information booth in Hollister. Leadership positions include the judicial board, peer mentor, TQM, orientation leader and resident assistant programs. Applications are due back to their respective locations by 4:30 PM on Friday, February 16.

This is an excellent opportunity for all returning students to gain valuable experience while becoming more involved with the Babson Community. If you are considering applying for a position, or would like to know more about what such a role entails, it is recommended that you attend one of two information sessions taking place in Trim 207 & 4 at 6:30 PM on February 1 and 5. These sessions allow students to gain a better understanding of what the job would be expected of them in various leadership roles.

If you are ever considered for one or more of these positions, do not hesitate to pick up an application. Becoming a student leader at Babson may be one of the most rewarding experiences of your college career. Senior James Murphy often comments on how he never applied to become a resident assistant. He had the application and everything, just never turned it in. "I feel as though I missed my calling."

This was a victory, the players, coaches, and other members of the Babson Hockey family were relieved for years to come. Next year, the team will host the Boston College in the 1998 Hockey East Championships game, a game in which the Babson Community is expected to attend in droves.

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By Geoff Silvers
Staff Writer

Banner Day contest this Tuesday, February 6. Shortly after the announcement was made, the School Spirit Task Force joined forces with SGA and decided to rename February 6 as "Forever Green Day," a salute to Beaver Spirit. After examining nearly two years of research conducted by Student Quality Specialists, the committee developed a spirit publicity campaign addressing many of the issues raised by students in focus groups last March. The definition of what spirit at Babson truly means is the most complicated issue approached by the spirit campaign. Traditionally, school spirit at Babson has been associated with the color green and the Beaver mascot. However, focus group data indicates that even though students are dedicated to these traditions, they do not believe these things are enough to be proud of. After weeks of focus sessions, the task force determined that sincere loyalty and dedication (spirit) is only created by having pride in what differentiates an individual or organization from its competitors. Student research defined Entrepreneurship as a Babson strength most students were quite proud of.

Utilizing this data the task force coupled the existing spirit traditions with Entrepreneurship as a theme, in order to create the "It Puts to be Green!!" campaign. The meaning of this slogan appears self explanatory; however, they have added a Babson second meaning to the word green. In this campaign, the act of being green is defined as applying entrepreneurial spirit to everything an individual does. The Forever Green Day campaign asks that students come out and support Babson's entrepreneurial spirit. In addition to the cruise being given away, SGA will be giving away numerous valuable prizes for individuals who show up green at either of the basketball games or the swim meet. They are planning to reward students who use their creativity to support the event in anyway. SGA stated that anything ranging from a painted face, to a sign, or special cheer will be eligible to win a prize. For more information on any of the events during Forever Green Day see the Information Booth.

In promoting the green campaign, SGA has gone all out with CAB this year to extend the traditional Winter Weekend to an entire week. CAB is sponsoring hay rides and ice skating with a touch of hot cocoa on Thursday night. Friday night, SGA has turned the Valentine's Ball into the extravagant Snow Ball at the Needham Sheraton. The SGA is offering transportation to the hotel at 5:00 PM in front of Hollister. For the more active type, there is a ski trip to Nashoba Valley officiated on Saturday. Saturday night, SURF is sponsoring their third annual Winter Carnival in the PepsiCo Pavilion. To conclude this action packed week of greenness, CAB is hosting comedian Kevin Hughes at 7:00 PM in Knight Auditorium.
Why Go to Knight?

In the three and a half years that I have been a student at Babson, I have attended, criticized, and even organized Knight Auditorium parties. At each and every one of the Knight parties that I have attended, I have asked myself the question, why am I here? Yet, I continue to go to each and every Knight party, and I continue to organize my share of events.

The structure of anything, whether it be a life form, an organization, or a party will not be strong if it exists solely on a skeletal basis. There has been a proposal to merge Student Government with the Campus Activities Board. The reasoning for such a move is based on an effort to restructure the social programming on campus. The merger will add meat to the bones of the social scene on campus. At least that is what we hope the merger will do.

The merger may deal with the social programming, but it will not be the meat of the social scene. The meat of the social scene are the students of Babson. A new programming board will only act as calcium, it will strengthen the bones, it will not create meat.

The problem with this campus is the social scene. I commend the efforts of those who are trying to fix it. But, I suggest that before we try and implement a new structure of the social programming, we deal with the real problem, the students.

SGA is made up of a House of Representatives and a Senate. Within each are members that represent the entire student body. The SGA has no constituencies and few of the students know who they are. What does this happen? Have you been contacted by your Dorm Rep? Do you even know who your Dorm Rep. is? If so, have you told them what you want?

Listen folks, the only way that the social scene at Babson will improve is if you communicate with your Dorm Rep. what you want. It is a two way street. The Dorm Reps. also need to make an effort to organize with their departments.

SGA and CAB are both in skeletal form. In order for them to be strong, they need your input. Next time you think about complaining about the social scene at Babson, go talk to your Dorm Rep. And for the Dorm Reps. next time you leave an SGA meeting, go let your constituents know what is going on.

So, in light of all the talk about the proposed merger, I wonder, when is it actually going to go to a Knight Auditorium party, will I still ask myself, why am I here?

Lawrence P. Ganti
Editor-in-Chief

In Search of the Beat Spirit: “On the Road” in 1995

By Prof. Robert Koppe

A new bookshelves recently arrived at my house in Weymouth, and no sooner was it in place than I found myself with a collection of beat generation and pop culture books I had been accumulating over the years. Among the items were some of my Beat catalogs and other memorabilia from three museum openings I had attended in 1995 in such disparate locations as Venice, New York and Cleveland. It was at this point that I realized my good fortune at having been in the right place at the right time to take part in these three cultural milestones.

Allen Ginsberg Photographs (Venice, Italy, July 1995). Along with the noted Beat poet, Jack Kerouac, William Burroughs, and John Clellon Holmes, Allen Ginsberg, a poet, is credited as being a founder of the Beat Generation. The Beats were a counterculture movement originating in the 1940s and continuing to prominence in the 1950s with the publications of Ginsberg’s “Howl,” Burroughs’ “Naked Lunch,” Holmes’ “Gin” and Kerouac’s “On the Road.” The Beats laid the ground work for the 1960s and are revered by such artists as Bob Dylan, the Doors, and Jimi Hendrix. Ginsberg’s addition to being the Beat poet laureate, Ginsberg was also the graphic artist and designer credited with the “poetry of prints.” In Venice, each photo contained a caption in Ginsberg’s inimitable, poetic hand. In Venice — I was there as part of one of my mother-in-law’s legendary trips to reconnect with Sicilian relatives — the photos were displayed in a large, bustling space downtown directly across the canal from St. Mark’s. A sister tent held the work of Yamagata, an artist who decorates automobiles with a neo-60s sort of panache. My 19-year-old nephew, Chris, accompanied me to the exhibit at the betteday gallery near San Giorgio. On the Italian sojourn, Chris and I had had some discussions of the old Beats and the modern Beats (Easton Ellis, Jim Carroll, Bukowski, Steinke and Steineke) and he seemed to enjoy the entire show (I was careful not to Dawdell). I also attended the Rock Hall of Fame Grand Opening (Cleveland, September 1995). Needless to say, I was disappointed that I did not encounter any fellow Babsonians at this momentous event; but the museum is up and running and you should catch it some time in the near future. I am a good friend of mine had bought tickets (outrageously priced) to the concert attended by 60,000 at Cleveland Stadium. The concert was headlined by old and new artists such as Chuck Berry, Little Richard, Bruce Springsteen, Bob Dylan, Jon Jovi and Sheryl Crow. The newer artists who populate WENX were conspicuous by absence, but I guess it takes years to up on nostalgia buffs’ radar screens. Having grown up in Cleveland and with rock and roll, the concert was a milestone for me and I was grateful just to be at this event (many of you saw it, much better perhaps, on HBO). However, there was a paradox here. Looking backward is the antithesis of the true spirit of rock music, which at its best captures the tenor of the times. In any event, Cleveland is the “Rock Hall” are... together, cool places — Cleveland’s prices are in reasonable, people are friendly, and, the Rocks Rock (unpretentious with a warmglo, Tiffany-shaded 1930s feel. While the Rock Hall and Jacob’s Field are the crown jewels of the new Cleveland, the Flats... which houses 20 bars in the old steel making district on the banks of the Cuyahoga River, is the real Beat part of the city. The Flats will seduce you, so if you visit just don’t plan to drive or operate heavy machinery.

Retraction

The Babson Free Press would like to retract the statement made in the December, 1995 editorial entitled “Spin Doctors,” in which Sandra King was characterized as a liar. The Free Press incorrectly used the word liar and did not intend to misrepresent her character in any way.
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Feminist Forum: National Pride

By Victoria Seckert
Staff Writer

Well, it was a long season, but I’m back in the saddle again. I realize that there have been many rumors as to who I am, but you’ve all way off. I’ve heard several people admit to being Victoria, and all I can say is, “You wish, honey.” So I guess you could say my secret is safe.

Confident that I can still bust on everyone without taking any heat, I shall directly proceed to my first column topic of the year. I realize that it doesn’t have the same effect now that there are all those copycats out there, but I have faith in my audience. I have nothing against BISO, the organization. They do some great things, like the charity fashion show. It is the BISO wanna bees, especially the Americans, that I can’t stand. What is up with the non-existent pride in our patriots? I hear American students, born and raised here, boast about being of a different nationality, like they are ashamed to be from the most powerful nation in the world. Hello? Sure, we all have different ancestries, and it’s great to be proud of that, but to be embarrassed by your country? I recommend that these students be deported immediately, and see how they actually like living in the country these ‘proud’ people are from. I’ll make a guess that most of them wouldn’t give up their freedoms and opportunities.

“Confident that I can still bust on everyone without taking any heat...” afforded them here in this country.

Just the other day, I heard a girl that everyone knows was born in the good old USA, declare she was from some Arab country that I can’t remember right now. How bad is this, Babson? Maybe our school should adopt a new name, BISO-son. Now before you all jump down my throat, I happen to be an international student. (Yes, I just revealed a clue about my identity.) But I’m proud of my nationality, and would never dream of lying about it to impress someone else. I call that being shallow, and insecure.

Why can’t we all just be who we are, and stop walking around like a bunch of spoiled, Euro/BISO wanna bees. If I see another arrogant, Versace-clothing, CK One wearing, eurotrash pretending student, I’ll scream. What ever happened to individuality?

And don’t think that if you really see an International, that you’re off the hook. You all have been trying to done the U.S. since the day you were born: copying our music, loving our movie stars, and even dreaming about one day living in L.A., or down in Wallsey, in order to come one of the best schools in the world. But then you turn around, after you’ve got all those you wanted here and live the U.S. like that is the new fashion statement. Just remember whose country you’re living in, and respect the locals. Or, they may deport you if they were smart.

Reengineering at Babson

By Jason Moody and John Kim
Special to the Free Press

What we learn in the classroom does have direct relevance in working environment. For an organizational behavior class, we took a look at reengineering and its relevance at Babson. In the next couple of weeks, others and myself will present the findings of that research to the Babson community. More importantly, though, we hope to convey the importance of this classroom experience and its real-world meaning. How does reengineering affect the Babson community? We aim to take a look at reengineering and other worthwhile bits of information.

“Rather than trying to get another 5% reduction in cost, why not take 40%?”

All organizations, large or small, usually reach a point where reengineering is necessary to stay competitive. Although it is a method often utilized by businesses, it can be used by all organizations that desire a dramatic improvement of their processes. However, a major portion of the public, even those in the business sector, often confuse reengineering with other business improvement strategies. Thus, we will attempt to clarify the idea of reengineering and address some of its basic principles.

Essentially what we are saying is that with reengineering you aim high and try to get huge jumps in profitability. Rather than trying to get another 5% reduction in cost, why not take 40%? With reengineering we try to seek dramatic breakthroughs. This is achieved through the several following aims.

To understand the essence of reengineering, it is necessary to first define the true meaning of what we are about to discuss. According to Michael Hammer, an authority on reengineering and the author of “Reengineering the Corporation,” reengineering is defined as “the fundamental rethinking and radical redesign of business processes to achieve dramatic improvements in critical, contemporary measure of performance, such as cost, quality, service, and speed.”

It is a rather long definition that many of us often confuse for a fancy term used by big companies. The plain English, reengineering forces us to look at how things are operating and ask the question, “why do we do it this way?” Let us give you an example, let’s say that every student at Babson has to register for classes. A good assumption because I did last week. Reengineering asks the customer, “Is this the way that you can best be served?” We ask ourselves, how smoothly did registration go last week? Many of you may be saying no. If so, the goal (among others) of reengineering to improve this service by asking how you want to be served. Some of you may be saying at this point that there has got to be more than just that. Consultants get paid hundreds of thousands of dollars every year to tell the tale you just read. Of course, the benefits of reengineering are improved service and reduced costs but the real trick comes in implementation. It’s like that age old saying, “good one Bob, now let’s see you build.”

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Take It or Leave It: Election '96

By Walter Zemrock
Staff Writer

Well my friends, 1996 is upon us, and you know what that means: ELECTION YEAR! Yes...it is yet again time to choose the next person who will lead this great nation of ours. The important thing to remember is that this person will be leading us out of this century and into the very beginning of the next. I'll tell you...with that in mind, I'm wondering if I can really put any trust, or even cast my vote, for any of the candidates.

Let's start with the obvious: the incumbent, Bill Clinton. Travelgate, Whitewater, Miss Flowers...need I say more? He has not impressed me during his term in office, and I don't think that he would do anything in the next four that would change that opinion.

And now for the Republicans:

Pat Buchanan: Can we say Neanderthal man boys and girls? Maybe if it was 1960 B.C. he would actually stand a chance.

Phil Gramm: A little more modern than Buchanan (just a little), but still too far right for me. Also...any person whose idea of helping out college students is to only decide the amount of federal loan default does not earn my respect.

Bob Dole: he is a US veteran...and I respect him for that. He has been in politics for years...and has done a hell of a job in my eyes. He stands for a balanced budget...but the age question is the one that voters must grapple with.

Steve Forbes: Successful businessman and role model to many business students. A definite outsider in the political arena...and not just "politics as usual." I like the flat tax proposal...save for the no tax capital gains (the rich only get richer). But other than that Steve, where do you stand?

So with all of these choices, plus more not mentioned (Alexander, and the people running who do not stand a chance) what do you do? Well...personally I think it is going to be a "no holes barred" battle between Dole and Forbes. The TV ads have already started and the mud is starting to sling. I would like to see a candidate that is a cross between Forbes and Bill Weld - but that person does not exist. So what are we to do? Sit back and enjoy the show...the New Hampshire primary is just around the corner and the Massachusetts one isn't too far away either. But hey - who am I to say anything...so you can take it or leave it.

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Weekly World News: Killer Jumping Bean

By Skip Dean of Detergents

Greetings all! It's great to have everybody back. It really gives you an empty feeling seeing all these buildings with nobody in them. It's comparable to an animal in its wake. We know, all dressed up with nowhere to go.

Anyways, break time was good for something, because I was able to do things that would have been impossible to do when the building was in full use. I also dedicated a bit of my precious time to research and pondered some of the questions that have been coming day by day. I've humbly concluded that this is an area where it can't be said to be principal as the tree falling in the forest. I've also put an end to the rumor that guys don't flush urinals. They sure as hell do, but it is done when they're only half full. I've come to the conclusion that, while the thing stops flushing, they keep going, and I'm stuck with that fact. The next time you're in the bathroom, look for the arrow that indicates the correct flush, and you'll be able to use the right button. Also, when you're done, please don't leave any buildup in the room. The matter is funny, normally I'm just dealing with certain body's output.

As a reminder, WWW was concerned, it was business as usual. " Lester" the lizard, received great praise in New York. All this heroic iguana did was knock the receiver off the phone and dial 911, after his owner Ray Gambrynow suffered a heart attack. The dispatcher knew what to do with the broken phone lines, traced the call, and an Ambulance arrived in the nick of time to save Ray's life.

Raul Montes suffered a untimely death when a super popular gemstone Jumping Bean sky rocketed off of a table, into his mouth and choked him to death. Raul and his buddies were playing "Pirrie Pricoita," a popular gemstone game South of the Borderer, in which players place bets on which bean will be the first to jump. The game is simply encouraging his bean to move when it did just that. Another noted fatty was B.O. tester Marie Cherehov. This charming young lady held a high ranking position at the Petree Fragrance Co. in Paris, where she spent the year 1966 studying the armpit of volunteers after the strenuous activity to see how well their products held up. Poor Marie hooked into a real stinker one day, immediately had a heart attack and now she's up there counting Jumping Beans with Raul.

Finally the WWW brought us the story of the "human skunk," pretty Chelsea Webb. This girl is an absolute knockout but because of her gut, nobody will ever know her. Her parents have to keep her away from people she can't around. One teacher best describes the scent as a combination of rotten meat and raw sewage. You can see the expression on this poor kid's face. God, talk about aggression, she makes Sally Struthers look like a grinning fool.

Anyways from lizards to jumping beans to body odor, I'm calling it quits. Stay tuned for next week's in pascatorial phenomena, "airfish."

Beaver Fever: Determined Diver

By G.B. Silvers Staff Writer

Welcome back to Babson College for Spring semester 1996. Wow! 1996! Yes, three and a half years of college life have passed and only three months remain for the Class of '96. It's amazing how fast time passes by, however it is more interesting to note how much of time we waste each day contemplating whether to do things. Advancement and a half years of college life, I have put together the same advice that Nike had it mark its products: Just Do It!

This week's Beaver Fever article is dedicated to an individual with perseverance to succeed. Sara Miller, sophomore diver, began diving only in the beginning of this year. With no prior diving experience, other than gymnastics in her senior year of high school, this individual set out to dive competitively for Babson. During the first semester, Sara had hard work paid off as she was diving extremely well for someone with so little experience. However, there was still at least one dive that was above the skills she had developed and each attempt resulted in a awkward flop. Rather than being satisfied with the fact that her diving scores had greatly improved over the season, Sara set her goals higher.

Her determination led to the successful completion of this difficult dive last Thursday night. After she landed in the water, the entire crowd and especially her teammates cheered at an Olympic level. It is of no significance that we were simply viewing a college swim meet.

The importance lies in the fact that Sara Miller set her goals high and achieved them. Sara is a tremendous example to the entire Babson community and, at what we can accomplish when we dedicate ourselves to doing something.

Next Tuesday night is Bainer Night at the Webster Center. It doesn't matter whether or not you compete in the customer contest for the cruise vacation, make sure that you are in attendance that evening. In closing, I only have one more bit of advice, over the next few days take a deep breath and say: "It's going to be Green!" Take time to use creativity to show your green, whether through a sign for an athletic such as Sara, a green shirt, or even a green face. The only thing that is important relates back to the slogan: "Just Do it!"
OCS Program Offerings

Job Search Seminar
Serious Seniors: Haven't started your job search yet? Need some tips on search methods? This seminar is perfect for you! Be sure to bring your resume (if you have one...that's ok too!)

Thursday, February 1 from 3:30-5:00 PM in the OCS Conference Room
March 12, 11:30-1:00 AM in the OCS Conference Room

Career Research Workshop
Employers have commented that even a small amount of research before an interview makes all the difference. Learn how easy it is to do in-depth company and industry research.

You won't believe the resources available!
Tuesday, February 6 from 4:30 to 6:30 PM in the OCS Conference Room

Summer Internship and Panel Discussions: Learn how you can begin your summer internship search process. All students are welcome to this informational event. Find out what previous interns have done and how they benefited from their experiences. The Internship handout will be distributed.

Wednesday, February 7 from 6:00 to 7:30 PM in Gerber 215

Managing Your Career Success
What did you learn from your last internship? Has it helped you to make a career choice? How do you use the experience to your advantage in your resume presentation and future job/internship interviews? In this program, students will discuss the experience of job/internship interviews.

Please sign up at OCS.
Monday, February 12 from 5:00 to 6:30 PM in the OCS Conference Room

Hockey Upsets USCA Champions

As the period moved into the latter half of Middlebury, the team turned it even another notch, really putting the heat on USCA. The Panthers had been in control of their portion of the game, making the Middlebury faithful nervous, as Babson had some good scoring chances in the middle of the third period, especially when short-handed.

Financial Aid Restructured

beginning in the fall of 1993, student loans will be made easier. The Stafford loan will be made more flexible and will allow for more adverse loan conditions. This will make it easier for students to obtain loans to complete their education. The Stafford loan will have a lower interest rate and will be made more flexible and will allow for more adverse loan conditions. This will make it easier for students to obtain loans to complete their education. The Stafford loan will have a lower interest rate and will be made more flexible and will allow for more adverse loan conditions.

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Notable Internships

HASBRO, Inc. in Pawtucket, R.I. (65 min. from Babson), is looking for a Marketing Intern to join its Tinkas team. The position may continue into the summer. The intern's overall objective is to coordinate marketing and development activities on the Team, and assist in the flow of information that enters and leaves the department. Responsibilities include: analyzing market research data, assisting with line presentations, performing competitive analysis on magazines and trade journals articles on products, setting up product development labs, etc. 20+ hours, paid. Submit your cover letter and resume to Hasbro directly by February 9, 1996. Please come to OCS to see a detailed job description and requirements.

Plastic Systems (Marlboro, MA), a local division of static control manufacturer seeks paid marketing/sales support intern. Support inside and outside sales effort by introducing new products to the sales network, and helping with product promotions, territory and sales analysis, etc. Opener to sophomores, juniors, seniors, and marketing, EPS, or management majors. Part-time and potential to continue at full-time. The internship sponsor is a Babson alum, and a Chariot Prize winner.

SEO Career Programs, a premier NYC summer internship program for AHAMc and internship students of color, will hold an information session in OCS Conference Room on February 5. It is a competitive program that help to place interns in major accounting, corporate law, investment banking, management consulting, and asset management firms in NYC. Applications are available in OCS (deadline is February 15). Come find out more about it!

If you are interested in doing a summer internship, come to this:

UG Summer Internship Orientation and Panel on Wednesday, Feb. 7, 1996. 6-7:30pm in Gerber 215. Refreshments served.

Community Service Corner

Welcome to one of the newest additions to the Free Press. Each week this article will expose you to a variety of topics concerning internship and in addition to listing many ways in which you can personally get involved in community service.

During last decade service-learning has been the focus of a 1992 Gallup survey which revealed that nearly half of all Americans between the ages of 18 and 24 volunteer at least once a day. This percentage has steadily increasing since 1988. There have been other studies which reveal that approximately one quarter of the country's undergraduate students volunteered an average of five hours a week.

This trend is reflected here at Babson. Volunteers have more than doubled over the past three years, and last semester Babson contributed 1781 volunteer hours to community service activities. Here are just a few ways for you to join in the voluteerism movement:

Harvard Square Meals: This soup kitchen need help serving meals in a sit down dining room atmosphere. Harvard Square Meals takes place every Wednesday evening.

New World NW Drop-In: Have fun while helping mentally-disabled people at NW Drop-In tonight. This program provides its clients with lots of fun activities such as square dancing, movie night, arts and crafts, and more. NW is every other Thursday.

Call the GIVE Volunteer Center at x5657 for more information.
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Tau Kappa Epsilon
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February 3, 5-8, 1996

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Babson's Panhellenic Council invites any woman interested in sorority life to an informational meeting
Saturday, February 3
Trim 201
6:00
Keep on the lookout for future rush parties with KKT and ΣΚΙ

Questions call: Katie at ext. 4081 or Kate at ext. 4196
Babo's New Breed: 3 New Officers Hired

By Chris Keenan
Features Editor

You may notice some new faces in the green cars that serve as the Babson Public Safety vehicles. These new people are the new Public Safety Officers that Babson has hired. Twenty-four years is a long time to just "serve and protect." These new officers names are Amy Dwyer, Lorri Duffy-Peters, Craig Jones, and Paul Smith.

Many people wonder why it was necessary to hire four new Public Safety Officers. The reason that was explained by Ray Mckearney, was that the department was in need of a "peace officer" to assist in the resignation of Norman Hudson as a full time Public Safety Officer.

Weekly Horoscope
Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): The feeling of boredom will be engulfing you this week. Try to find it is everywhere and it is getting to be a drag. Take heart though, because as of the 5th, you'll be confronted with some options to make boredom a thing of the past.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): It's time to take life into your own hands. You've been living along the edge of the crowd, but things won't change until you do. Join a club or ask some people to a movie and you'll find yourself having a great time.

Aries (March 21-April 19): With all of the new things arriving in the new semester, you're beginning to feel overwhelmed. Remember to take some time out for yourself or you'll be so bogged down by midterms that it will be unbearable. Taking a long drive may be just the thing you need to clear your head.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): The new year makes you want to make the "healthy choice." It doesn't mean you've got to starve, but it won't hurt to cut out one of those late night pizzas. Working out at the gym will not only make you healthier, it may give you a golden opportunity.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): It's time to stop watching so much TV. There is a whole world out there to explore and you're missing out by keeping your eyes glued to the tube. If your not careful, someone special will miss meeting you if you keep at your current TV watching life style.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): The new year will be bringing a new romance if your patient. The other anks will find themselves alone, but you single folks who wait for the other person to ask you out will be rewarded with some romance! The 3rd could prove to be a very good day.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Your love of sports is helping you make a lot of friends. Don't overlook this great opportunity to get to know them all well. You never know, they may be the ones you will need to know in the business world.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): A conflict at home is finding its way into your school life. You need to confront this problem head on or you will have a very unpunished and unhappy semester. Don't worry though, with some work this conflict can be cleared up by the 7th.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Your troubles with your roommate are a thing of the past. You are both coming back with a new understanding of one another. You have each decided to stop trying to change one another. If you can stick with that resolution, you'll be enjoying each other's company once again.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 22): The new year provides you with a chance to patch up a friendship with someone on campus. You will gain many things from this friendship this year and increase the time you feel you can use in the future.

Professor Profile: Lidija Polutnik

By Heather G. Beljanc
Contributing Writer

Born in the former Yugoslavia, Professor Lidija Polutnik has an understanding for issues relating to Central and Eastern Europe. In particular, her interests are in the area of social issues of transition. In connection with Professor Polutnik's interests, she has done comparative research for the Labor Department in Slovenia. Since the dissolution of Yugoslavia, the new state of Slovenia has been faced with the problem of a smaller, more homogenous, more European domestic market and a restructuring economy. The country is firmly committed to market and Eastern Europe maintained full employment and a generous social safety net (universally provided public education, health care, and unemployment benefits). In transition, these policies have become uncertain or have completely disappeared. The number of unemployed has increased tremendously, and with that the need to retrain the unemployed as well as to restructure the unemployment insurance programs has occurred. By working in the economics department, Professor Polutnik is able to put her incredible knowledge of this area of the world to use. Contemporary Economic American students demonstrating how different countries have the roles of the state in the market economy. This mix of students at Babson truly allows for a unique opportunity to learn from each other.

Babson College has changed significantly in the past few years. Professor Polutnik taught for the first time in the Babson MBA program last year. She found this experience challenging as well as exciting. She said that "an integrated approach to teaching economics" creates an opportunity for students to apply their knowledge of economics directly to a society of business issues.

Professor Polutnik’s real-world commuting enables her to bring a unique outside source of information into her classroom that enhances the global learning process that she is striving to achieve.

Rogers Pub

Late Night Menu
MON - TUES - WED - FRI
9:00PM - 11:30PM

PERSONAL PAN PIZZA   $2.60
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PEPPERONI   $2.60

Mozzarella Sticks - $3.25
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Zucchini Sticks - $2.95
Jalapeno Poppers - $3.25
Hot Hoagie - $3.25
Let the Celebration Begin

By Adrian N. McCoy
Multi-Cultural Editor

Contrary to popular belief, each African-American student cannot be awarded a day to celebrate Black History Month. There just are not enough days in any month for that. Believe it or not there are over 40 Black-American undergraduates and about 15 graduate students here at Babson. Many of you may believe fifty-five students do not warrant celebrating Black History Month.

"I still have a dream...that all men will be created equal."--

Well, wake up and smell the coffee—thar's the point. The reason we celebrate Black History Month is to broaden your minds. We want to expose you to a culture that is usually misunderstood.

Since mid-October the Black History Month Planning Committee has been planning activities to celebrate the month of February. Event suggestions poured in from all over. Everyone was trying to get involved in the planning of the entire month. The schedule of events is shown in the box at the right.

The offices of Campus Life and Student Activities, Horn Gallery, the History and Society Division, Marriott, International Film Forum, The Babsen African Cultural Society, Campus Activities Board, and the Black History Month Planning Committee, have come together and managed to take all of the suggestions brought to them to plan a schedule of events that will appeal to every student on campus.

If you are a fan of the arts there are several options for you this month. Horn Gallery is sponsoring an art show throughout the month of February featuring the work of artist Hank Kearsley. Student Activities has purchased tickets to the Gospel Jubilee and is providing transportation to the off-campus event for interested students. There is also an on-campus concert, Dream Keepers Concert: In Search of Soul. At this event Langston Hughes poetry will be read and interpreted to Jazz music. A program on Oral Tradition in African Literature has also been planned.

The International Film Forum will be showing "Hoop Dreams," for your viewing pleasure. And a fellow Babson Student will be heading the Roundtable Discussion, "Black Men: Moving From Affirmation to Action."

The highlight of the month's events is sponsored by CAB. An Evening with Dr. Jaycelyn Elders is sure to be an evening to remember. Who would have imagined that such a controversial figure would ever come to the conservative campus of Babson College? Did you know there have already been letters of dissenting opinion for allowing such a controversial figure on campus?

There is indeed something for everyone to enjoy. Don't let this be the only time you expose yourself to a different culture. Take time out of your busy schedules and enjoy the events that have been planned to celebrate the African American culture.

Like the posters say, "I still have a dream...that all men will be created equal." The only way this dream will ever become a reality is through the interaction of different cultures. Again I dare the members of the Babson community to take a chance and do something different. Expose yourself to the unknown. Stop making excuses and allow yourselves to experience life from a different perspective.

Black History Month Calendar of Events

Focus on Color: Paintings by Hank Kearsley
Horn Gallery
Monday - Friday, Noon - 4:00 PM
Gospel Jubilee
Friday, February 2nd
Vassar form Hall; 6:30 PM
Tickets available at Info Booth in Holliston: $2
Dream Keepers Concert: In Search of Soul
Wednesday, February 5th
8:00 PM
Knight Auditorium
Oral Tradition in African Literature
Wednesday, February 7th
7:00 PM
Trin 201-202
"Hoop Dreams"
Wednesday, February 21st
6:30 PM
Din 201-202
Black History Month Dinner
Thursday, February 22nd
Trin Dining Hall
Roundtable Discussion
Black Men: Moving From Affirmation to Action
Monday, February 26th
6:30 PM
Trin 202
An Evening with Jaycelyn Elders
Thursday, February 26th
7:00 PM
Knight Auditorium

Black Facts

The Sciences
George Washington Carver
In the late 1890's to the early 1900's Carver conducted research on the peanut. He broke the peanut down into several components: water, fat, oils, gums, resins, nugas, starches, and amino acids. After this, he began to recombine them into other substances. From this research, he developed such products as wood dyes, linoleum, soap, flour, several kinds of oils, paint, ink, butter, and coffee. Other research was done on the sweet potato. One hundred and twenty-five different products were derived from this vegetable. Among those products were milk, glue, ink, paint, flour, and a kind of rubber. Carver contributed a great deal to the exploration of the "synthetic kingdom." If it were not for his work, peanut butter and other substances used today would not have been discovered.

Charlie Dreyfus
1940 was a record year for Drew and African Americans. In that year he became the first black man awarded a doctorate in science in medicine from Columbia University. Drew is responsible for discovering many uses of blood plasma.

Daniel Hale Williams
Williams was the first surgeon to successfully operate on the human heart. He also helped establish the first training school for black nurses at Chicago's Provident Hospital.

William A. Hinton
Responsible for the development of the test that could detect the presence of syphilis in the human body.

Dr. James Wright Jones
Known as a cancer researcher and chemotherapist. She was the first black woman ever named Dean of a medical school, namely New York Medical College.

James C. Evans
Invented the device that prevents ice from forming on aircraft in flight.

Dr. Perry L. Julian
Synthesized drugs used in the treatment of gonorrhea and arthritis. Derived several products from the soybean plant including: paper coatings, textile sizings, cold water paints, and Aceto-Foam (substance used to extinguish oil and gasoline fires by forming a "blanket" over the fire by cutting oxygen supply).

*Information gathered from Great Black Americans by Richardson & Fabey
Some of you readers may remember an article I did in the 9/28/95 issue of the BFP in which I talked about smart cards. I have here an update on the future of cash and its obsolescence. In addition to card transfers, it seems that cyberspace is also stepping in. Banks and credit agencies are trying to cash in by helping to cut back the costs of cash handling. Smart cards, as my previous article suggests, store cash value on their magnetic strips to act as currency for various transactions. This cuts back having to deal with credit cards, interest payments, carrying large quantities of cash, loose change and the writing of checks. The whole idea behind cash-card transfers is convenience. Make it easier for the customer to spend. Smartcard, a subsidiary of Electronic Payment Services Inc., is formulating an approach that targets cash transactions under $20. They believe that this makes up about 90 percent of all cash transactions in the United States. (CPO Dec. 1995) This is similar to the Babson-One Card concept. It is expected that cash-trafalger cards will become a preferred method of handling the smaller, day-to-day transactions.

On a larger scale, transactions via the internet or E-Mail may be the wave of the future. Cyberspace is stepping in to help make spending money easier. Large-scale trials with digital cash are already being conducted. (CPO Dec. 1995) They say paying bills will be easier as well. Personally I have always found that paying bills never gets easier, despite how they try to simplify it. Cash handling is an expensive business. Billions of dollars a year goes into producing, handling and accounting for currency. There are several methods being tested to alleviate these and many other costs. The goal is to make transfers easier and faster. As we all know, time is money in the business world. The internet may hold the key to a world where E-Mail is so widely used and where digital currency is taking off. The combination of the two seems inevitable. We shall have to see what the future holds.

Where are you putting your money?

By Michael Tinkham
Staff Writer

Well, if you are like 75% of the investing public, you are putting cash into mutual funds. Lured by an incredible bull market, baby boomers, growing more concerned about post-retirement finances, are investing into stock-mutual funds. That money in turn is helping to fuel the rocket that has launched with stock prices buckled in. Finally, some solid explanation about why the market is at such an unprecedented high. In 1995, investors put $118 Billion into funds that invest primarily in American stocks. That is 31% more than the previous record that was set in 1993. It is also more than stock-mutual funds had in cash ten years ago.

"Perhaps the public has grown more market savvy or more educated about mutual funds." American stock funds now have 1.07 Trillion in assets. Not since the 1960's has the American public's savings been so dependent upon the stock market. Today, stock-mutual funds have replaced banks and real estate as the primary source of savings in America. Some analysts cringe at the thought of the market stabilizing. Some expect a huge downturn due to inexperienced panicky investors. So far however, the sky is the limit. Even during recent company setbacks, while the market has tumbled, investors have held steady and even bought due to lower prices. Perhaps the public has grown more market savvy or more educated about mutual funds. In the past two months alone the public has put $23.4 Billion into mutual funds. The long stretch of record setting market prosperity was six years. We have hit a run of eight consecutive years and people are becoming more and more confident with their money and the financial markets. In addition, due to an onslaught of advertising by companies, the public is now compelled to gain the best possible interest rate. American mutual-fund stocks, now dominate the net worth of America.

The baby boomers are turning fifty or so this year and with unsatisytion coupled with retirement, low interest rates, and quiet real estate markets, people have turned to the safer forms of stock investing. The government has also helped with tax breaks and deferred compensation, primarily 401K plans that invest heavily in marketing generally. If for some awful reason we go into a depression, then you know what to do. -

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"If for some awful reason we go into a depression, then you know what to do."
Economic Profile: Ecuador

By Albena Djongova
Staff Writer

Ecuador is a country with a broad range of climate, scenery, and customs. Its many contrasts include snowcapped mountains and tropical forests, primitive Indian tribes and modern sophisticates, colonial traditions and new ideas. Its name is the Spanish word for the equator, which crosses the northern part of the country.

Ecuador straddles the equator on the west coast of South America, almost 3,000 miles due south of Washington D.C. Its area is 109,000 square miles, about the size of Colorado. The country claims an additional 100,000 square miles of territory in the Oriente, which includes navigable tributaries of the Amazon River.

Because of the variations in altitude, Ecuador has a wide range of climates. The temperature pattern rarely changes from day to day or month to month. The coastal areas are cool and crisp, and midday is agreeably warm. Since the capital Quito is such a short distance from the equator, the time of sunrise and sunset vary only slightly from 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. Quito's population is 10.7 million (January 1991). Spanish is the country's official language, but Quechua, the language of the Incas, is still spoken by Indians who constitute more than one-third of the population.

The sucro (5%) of 100 cents is the paper currency, the official rate of 1999 (US$1 = $1.00)

Agriculture, the cornerstone of the Ecuador's economy, but although it still employs more than half of the labor force and supplied almost 46% of the GDP in 1998, has brought in almost all of the country's non-petroleum export earnings. The world's leading exporter of bananas, Ecuador has diversified to include cocoa and coffee among its export crops. It is also an exporter of fresh, frozen, and canned tuna, shrimp, and other seafood products. With the development of shrimp farming, the country's leading exporters of cultivated shrimp.

Other industries are small and geared mainly to supplying the domestic market with light industrial and consumer goods. Industrial development in Ecuador has been heavily dependent on investment and loans from abroad.

With the development of the petroleum industry, the country's imports grew dramatically, often doubling from year to year. The major suppliers are US, EC, Japan, and Asia (AECI). The import of luxury goods or goods competing with local production is restricted. In some cases it is prohibited entirely; smuggling flourishes, however. Inflation reaches a level of 50% in 1990, but is remaining low by Latin American standards.
Economic Profile: Dominican Republic

By Albena Djongova
Staff Writer

The Dominican Republic occupies the eastern two-thirds of the island of Hispaniola, the second largest (after Cuba) of the greater Antilles group and shares a 224-mile border with Haiti to the west. The country is a land area of 18,712 square miles, slightly larger than Vermont and New Hampshire combined. The climate varies little throughout the year. Although the country is in the tropics, temperatures seldom exceed ninety degrees Fahrenheit, mainly because of constant trade winds. Hurricanes are a significant weather threat and have caused serious damage in recent years. The worst hurricane on record, which virtually destroyed Santo Domingo (the capital and the oldest continuous European settlement in the Americas), occurred in 1930. Slightly more than half of the Dominican Republic’s 7.3 million inhabitants live in towns with populations under 5,000.

Population density: 188 persons per sq. mi. makes it the sixth most densely populated country in Latin America. Spanish is the official language. English is spoken widely by the upper socioeconomic segment of society. The Dominican peso (RD$) of 100 centavos is a paper currency of the official rate: USD$1 = RD$40.46.

The economy of the country is based primarily on agriculture, which accounts for more than 16% of the GDP; nearly half of the population works in the agricultural labor force, and 30% of the total export earnings in 1991. Sugar, the mainstay of the economy, generates over $500 million annually. Other important agricultural products include coffee, tobacco, and cacao. The Dominican Republic also produces rice, potatoes, beans, platanos, yuca, and other crops for domestic consumption.

Caribbean tourist destinations Major resorts complexes have been built on both coasts in ambitious development programs. The US is the principal trading partner of the country and typically accounts for half of its exports and imports. A relatively low inflation rate, import exonerations, low labor cost, and tax holidays help the investment climate. A long-needed revision of the basic foreign investment law is being considered to enhance the investment picture.
An Interview With Better Than Ezra

By Gardy Boulma
News Editor
and
Jette Gehart
Weekley News Correspondent

Before their December 9 concert at Babbett, Better Than Ezra drummer Casey Bonecace (CB) and bassist Tom Drummond (TD) sat down with the Free Press (FP) to discuss life on the road, their recent dramatic success, and plans for the future.

FP: Have you been on the road since Houston [late July ’95]?
CB: Yes.
FP: You haven’t been off since?
CB: We have been on the road all this time...we were back [home] about two weeks before we went to Europe. We just haven’t been home much at all...I would say since the beginning of February [’95].
FP: Do you guys play a lot of colleges?
TD: Yeah, because that’s where we started. We started at LSUS [Louisiana State University] We played Ole Miss, University of Georgia. This whole last part of the tour, since we got back from Europe, we’ve played a lot of college dates.
FP: Do you like playing college dates more than regular concerts?
TD: When we first started this tour it was a club tour, so that was a lot different. Now, we play places this size [Babbett] so they are pretty similar.
FP: Do you guys prefer playing any part of the country more than another?
CB: This whole Northeast thing is great. Just wish it wouldn’t snow.
FP: We actually lived in Boston for three or four months.
TD: How long ago was that?
FP: Around ’88.
TD: Are you talking about the music scene a lot different in Boston and New Orleans?
CB: We have no concept of the music scene right now. I mean, we barely know what the music scene is like in New Orleans right now, because we are doing our own thing right now. Unless you talk to someone that can get you up to speed with what’s going on...it’s a little hard to judge, because you know, when you’re there, you’re going out all the time and you hear talk about bands, but you’ve never even heard of before, you know, that’s really cool. We were just looking at the paper yesterday, trying to figure out what to do and we only recognized two or three bands.

FP: Moving to your album, Delta, did you choose which songs were released first? Why did you choose “Good”?
TD: It was a mutual decision between us and the record company. We pretty much saw ourselves moving in the same direction. We really felt that “In the Blood” would be the track that would take off. None of us expected “Good” to do what it did. We were the first band since Green Day to have their first single go number one in the Modern Rock Charts. We couldn’t believe it.
CB: I think we still don’t in a lot of ways. At the time I think it was the number one most played song on the week in BMI’s [Broadcast Music Inc] Music’s history.
FP: Are you sick of playing “Good”?
TD: [Laughing] Well, we can’t get it to go too much. We have been playing it quite a long time, and that’s why we’re just getting to the point where we are ready to stop playing for a while.
FP: With Delta going platinum last month, was that expected either?
CB: No.
TD: Obviously top singles are, or should, go hand in hand with albums. We would have been happy with 100,000 copies sold. CB: We never even believed “Good” did as well as it did. It was originally like maybe...eighteen, and people were telling us it was gonna go at least top five and maybe number one and when they were telling us we were just like, ‘no way’. The same thing with the album. Even sales getting gold was incredible. Even after that it didn’t take long to jump all the way up to platinum, and it depends on as far as it goes now. It pretty much had tapered off, but we have a history of putting an album out and it is not going to the top all the sudden, but gradually rising. Sort of a long term goal. “In the Blood” is now at five and we hope that really is no other place to go.
FP: Do you consider yourself to be a ‘Southern Band’?
TD: Absolutely, but that doesn’t mean we don’t want to be a universal band. It means [the South] just happens to be where we are and what our influences are.
FP: Are you going to try to stick with that?
CB: I think we are just going to try to be ourselves, no matter what.

Help: The Warchild Benefit Compilation

By Cris Conception
Web Master

Our pop cultural history has been filled with benefit events organized by celebrity musicians. Live Aid, Farm Aid, and The Hallelujah are just a few examples of this sort of philanthropy, though the actual motive behind the charity might be a little suspect. All too often, the event is corrupted into a publicity stunt for the participants, and nothing is ever really made of how much of the event for the charity actually makes it into the hands of the intended recipients. To make things even worse, the music itself is frequently inferior, usually seeking to fit itself through sheer star power and charitable appeal alone.

The Help album is one of the few charity albums that actually does things well. All profits from the Help album have been targeted for rebuilding life in the war-torn land of Bosnia. Featuring a cast that is relatively obscure from an American awareness, the album hardly relies on sheer star power, and, for once, the music isn’t actually that bad.

As mentioned, the artists on Help are not well known on these shores. The most famous names on the album include The Stereoscopic Micros, Oasis, Radiohead and Sinead O’Connor. While well known in their native England, they’re hardly that on these shores, with the possible exception of O’Connor. The music itself is solid though. Sinead O’Connor does a dark visit to the Midwest with “The Ballad of Billy Joe.” Former Britpop bigwigs, The Stone Roses, made their contributions by designing the sleeve art and performing a pleasantly bluesy version of “Love Spreads.” Trip-hop pioneers Portishead include a new song on the compilation that is none too bad, and the entire album is tied up with Paul Weller’s various collaborations, including Paul McCartney and Oasis songwriter Noel Gallagher, pulling off a fine rendition of the Beatles’ “Come Together.”

As a compilation of British music, Help succeeds well, running the gamut of the national spectrum from indie music, to dance-influenced trip-hop and sentimental classic covers. It’s almost as if the charitable purpose behind the disc was actually i) for being a decent album. It’s not the best album in this eclectic genre, but rarely does a compilation attempt to combine the noble intentions of charity with the excellence of a standard commercial endeavour. For that fact alone, the Help CD is worth a look.

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King Crimson- Thrak

By Natalie Vlahovic Staff Writer

When Professor Waite told me that there was a new King Crimson album out, my eyes bulged out of my head, and I immediately stoked beyond belief. Before I ran to the store to snatch up this CD, I wondered whether anything could top such masterpieces as Discipline and Red. However, I was certainly not disappointed with the pervasive uniqueness of Thrak; here are the masters of progressive oddity. Robert Fripp and Co., performing as brilliantly in 1995 as they did 25 years ago. Some stellar spots of ecstasy include, "Inner Garden I and II," "Walking On Air," and "One Time," on which instrumentation is not the main focus as much as atmosphere and serenity. With King Crimson, this sort of ambient beauty literally takes one to a higher plane of existence. Thrak is not devoid of that signature noise instrumentation for which King Crimson is known, it makes sense, even though it is not structured melody by conventional standards. On "B.Boom," they show their percussive proficiency with two drummers building up to a climax that seems to build itself even higher. The usual quirky guitar still vehemently express themselves on "VROOM" and "THRAK. Odd lyrics that make perfect sense to those of us that are strange enough to get it are still abound in songs like, "Dinosaur," and "People." Nonetheless, sometimes lyrics are not necessary to express the message of King Crimson; the sounds usually speak louder than words, and sometimes more coherently as well. As usual, there is the crispness and production that enhances the power of every instrument, separately and collectively, recreating the band's body of work in a way that seems to make sense. I have no idea why I love this band so much, since my music collection is 99% heavy metal... maybe it is simply because they have always been innovators, defying all trends (unlike Green Day), while that poseur-punk pile of cow dung, King Crimson have influenced so many, and remain a vital force in music today, as they did with the Court of two Crimson King in 1969. They continue to proliferate, while other bands have come and gone, and unbreakable and their sound is unbeatable. On the other hand, "Do'in It" is a totally different song. Representing his territory, Queens, as most artist do, he shows that originally his style is his own. He has continued to try to do what is evident on his recent album. Even though he seems to fall off a couple of years, he comes back with better tracks each time.

12 Monkeys Review

By Cris Conepcion Web Master

The fans of Terry Gilliam have grown accustomed to bizarre imagery. A director with a resume that includes a long string of films with Monty Python's Flying Circus, as well as cult hit such as Time Bandits, The Adventures of Baron Munchausen and Brazil, Gilliam has built a name for himself with a visual style that runs the gamut of adjectives from eccentric to downright bizarre. At first, 12 Monkeys, his latest film, appears to follow this continuing tradition of fantastic storytelling, yet in many more ways, it is one of his most conventional films to date. It even rivals The Fisher King in terms of mainstream accessibility.

Since the movie follows an interacting loop of past, present and future, where the definition of the present varies depending on which character you believe in. The film follows the journeys of James Cole, a convict in an alternate future where the Earth has been devastated by a widespread biological plague linked to the release of thehbolic Love of The Twelve Monkeys. As a volunteer gynecologist, Cole is sent into the past to discover the roots of the virus at a point in time when it could possibly be stopped. However, things go awry and he winds up in an asylum, where his dire predictions are interpreted as signs of insanity.

It would be easy to believe with Cole and his sympathetic story. After all, that's what the audience wants to see. However, it's not easy to believe in Cole when the film is filled with graphic violence and insanity actually sounds believable. After a certain point, the audience isn't sure if Cole really is some future-born Messiah or merely a madman with delusions of grandeur. It is from this ambiguity, and the corresponding questions raised of being powerless to avert a future that you know will happen, that 12 Monkeys draws most of its strengths.

As we mentioned before, 12 Monkeys doesn't surprise the visual spectacle of his past films. However, fans shouldn't take this statement as a gimmick, for they will be disappointed. What the movie lacks in eye candy, it makes up for in providing themes and questions. Stars Bruce Willis, Madeleine Stowe, and Brad Pitt turn in excellent performances. As a whole, 12 Monkeys is definitely a worthwhile film, no matter what your familiarity with Gilliam might be.
Welcome back to all from the sunny, warm, beautiful winter break. That is, if you are returning to Camp Babo from somewhere beyond the Arctic Circle. Anyway, the Babson Ice Hockey Team did not get snowed in over winter break, save for a night at the UCONN SNCT tournament. In fact, this tournament provided one of the major Babson Hockey highlights in the past two months. Babson pulled off what was widely considered an upset of large proportions, defeating Army in the opening round by a score of 3-2. Two goals fifteen seconds apart in the second period by Tim Herliby and Joe Perryman proved to be the difference, as Babson held off a Cadet charge in the third period for the victory. Assistant coach on the afternoon went to John Pierce (three), Matt Burke, Mackie MacLeod, and Brett Pearlstein.

Also scoring against Army was first-year forward Ryan Dymtent, who has become a scoring machine of sorts since recovering from a shoulder injury. He scored his first career goal at the Codfish Bowl Tournament at UMASS-Boston, which Babson won by beating AIC 5-3, and coming back from a sluggish start against host UMASS-Boston, 7-4. Griff Bescott was Babson's standout in the tournament, scoring five goals, including three and the game winner with six minutes left in the championship game. For his efforts in the Codfish Bowl, Griff was named Most Valuable Player. Also noted to the all-tournament team were defensemen David Woodard and goaltender Sean Condon. Babson's goaltending depth was put on display, as Bob MacLean and Matt Dunne split the games and duties in the AIC game. Rob also replaced an ill Condon on December 9 in a 5-3 win over the same UMASS-Boston Beavers. David Boisseau also cracked the scoring column with an assist. Brian Mazocco contributed with solid play in the Codfish Bowl final, and Ed Gallagher returned in the first, round game to bolster the defense corps.

Unfortunately losses to UCONN in the UCONN tourney finals, and to Norwich, by a count of 6 to 3 to surprisingly derailed the Babson hockey express. The Norwich cadets took advantage of breakdowns in the a tired home team on Saturday, January 13. Babson fought bravely, but were so exhausted from their tremendous win over Middlebury (see One For The Ages) that they were unable to pull off the weekend sweep. The North Adams State College Mohawks came to the Babson Recreation Center the following Friday, and left the Babson team hoping to get back on track. This was a total team effort, with David Woodard leading the way in the 8-3 triumph with four goals and an assist. The contest was chippy throughout, with numerous trips to the penalty box, especially by the Mohawks.

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Athlete of the Week: Tom Boland

By David Onorato
Sports Editor

Senior Glenn Wistikowski scored 11 points in the second half of play. With Babad concentrating on turquoise star Chad D'Oronfro, Tufts managed to take a 34-33 lead with only 1:05 left on the clock. The game was decided with five minutes left in the first half on a John Ireland lay-up. Toward the end of the half Chris Luongo dominated and went undetected in the box, after getting poked in the eye to help Babad re-double the lead. The first half Babad led a chance to cut the lead to two but he uncharacteristically missed two.

D'Oronfro marched down the court and converted on a three-point play (good for the game to Tufts. Tufts pulled away to a 91-win. Glenn Wistikowski led all Babad scorers with 12 points.

This was a tough loss for the Beavers as they proved to be mortals at home all. Tufts shot over 50% (20 of 40 shots made, and the game is always an exciting affair. I am future and cannot regard this year's game at Tufts. Babad does not have too long to hang their heads as number 10 ranked Springfield comes to stake tonight for aCAC match-up that is sure to be a heated battle. I urge you to show your spirit and support the men's basketball team tonight. Let's get Beavers rocking for one more. It was embarrassing having the one fan from Tufts out-cheer the Babad fans.

Babad Athlete Of Price is Right

By Jeff Patterson
Staff Writer

Babad Men's Basketball Coach Sophomore James Gaul, bailing from Bristol, Connecticut, had an interesting visit to California to say the least. Traveling to California for the Whitter Tournament, the team played three times visiting the set of the game show "The Price Is Right." As one of the last home snooers for the Babad administration, this was a very enjoyable experience. Mr. Gaul was very surprised to find himself on national television.

Little did the team know that one of its own would soon be called upon to compete in the 200 and 400 M. His height, as he stands six feet, eight inches tall, further supported the common belief was Babad

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