Babson to Enhance Value of Diploma: New undergraduate Curriculum to be Implemented

By Rebekah Anne Silva
Staff Writer

In order to stay at the top of the growing field of specialty business schools, Babson must change with the times. Since the summer of 1993, Babson College has been reviewing, revising, and partially implementing the new undergraduate curriculum. For example, the Freshman Management Experience(FME) that was started as a small, select group, has grown every year. Next fall, every member of the incoming Freshman class will be a part of FME. Along with FME, all freshmen will also be part of the Freshman Management Experience program. According to Babson literature sent to accepted students, in the world of business, change and evolution are key.

Representatives of faculty, alumni, students, and employees were involved in the process of updating the curriculum. Three areas were determined to be crucial in bettering the curriculum: field-based learning, integration of studies and disciplines, and increased flexibility for student-tailored learning.

This new curriculum will be phased over four years, beginning in September. Since the changes are not retroactive, no current Babson students will see any difference in their course requirements. Students will, however, benefit from this transition. According to Stephen J. Schiffman, Dean of Undergraduate Curriculum, adopting these changes will raise a Babson education to new levels. Therefore, current and future employees will have greater interest in, and respect for, Babson graduates.

Constance G. Bosse, Associate Dean of the Undergraduate Program, stated that the current academic standards will remain when adopting the new curriculum, but there will be more faculty involvement in supporting the success of the students. Competency and assessment are a large part of success under the new curriculum. Prior to arriving on campus in the fall, all newly enrolled students will be given a type of orientation program which will Babson and the student know where they stand in three areas.

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These areas, English, math and computer literacy, will be continually assessed by the faculty. Students who are deficient in any of these subjects will be encouraged to get extra help prior to the start of the semester to better ensure that all students will be on relatively the same plane come September. Charles S. Nolan, Dean of Undergraduate Admission, describes the new curriculum as "competency oriented" with five main areas: domain, creativity, leadership/teamwork/creativity, ethics/social responsibility, and international/multicultural. These five clusters of competency will be focused on across every discipline and throughout all four years at Babson.

The new curriculum divides the four-year education into three portions, foundation, intermediate and advanced. These three portions must be completed in succession. In other words, students will not be able to put off foundation liberal arts courses until their senior year. The advanced and intermediate portions are not fully defined at this time. Currently, there is a management core that consists of eleven courses ranging from General Management to Policy. Under the new curriculum, some of these classes will no longer exist in their current form. For example, Freshman Management Experience(FME) will replace General Management and MIS. Calculus and Prob & Stat will become Quantitative Methods Foundation and Statistics and Regression Analysis, taken in the foundation portion of the curriculum. Along with this requirement, the students will need to take a Quantitative Methods course in the intermediate section of the curriculum. These classes, along with Rhetoric 1 & 2 (which consists of the current Speech and Composition courses), Law, Econometrics, and Science Foundations, will typically be completed in the first three semesters. Students will also be required to fill a History and Society Foundation course along with an Arts and Humanities Foundation course in order to proceed to the intermediate level. This figures out to be five courses per semester as opposed to the current four.

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President's Day Cruise Vacation Goes To........

By Geoff Silvers
Staff Writer

Banner Day II was a tremendous success, as seven teams created banners for the competition. The girls of Fiete 32 were victorious with the victory by creating an innovative felt banner which included a detailed illustration of the Babson Beaver. Jennifer Allabaa, Lisa DeCian, Jen Wajdr, and Nicole Branca will be tanning in the sun on a three day cruise in the Bahamas during President's Day weekend as a result of their hard work. The event, which was sponsored by SGA, drew an excellent crowd to witness the men's Basketball victory over Suffolk College. The Dance Ensemble performed at the beginning of the day and were followed by the judging of the banners. The judges had a hard time determining the winning banner due to the high quality of all the entries. As a result, Campus Life decided to award all the losing teams with a $100 gift certificate to the restaurant of their choice.

In addition to the exciting half-time event at the basketball game, the swim meet had festivities of its own. The Babson Swim Team honored their senior swimmers with a special production before the meet. Both the men's and women's swim teams faced off against Bentley to put the icing on the cake.

After a hard-fought battle, the Babson Swim Team aggregated a total of 198 points. This was the overall total for both teams, and earned the Babson Swim Team a victory. The women's team finished in fifth place, and the men's team finished in fourth place. The seniors were honored for their hard work and dedication to the team, and were given a special send-off. The team disbanded for the season, and will return next year for another season of hard work and dedication.

In anticipation of the upcoming season, the Babson Swim Team is already hard at work preparing for the upcoming season. Practice is held every day, and the team is looking forward to a successful season. The team is already working hard to improve their overall performance and are looking forward to another successful season.

Babson College is proud to have such a dedicated and skilled swim team. The team's hard work and dedication is evident in their performance and achievements. The team's success is a testament to the strong support of the Babson community and the Babson College administration. The team is looking forward to another successful season and期待着更多的成功和荣誉。
Marriott Changes Director to Better Serve Students

By Kevin Black
Staff Writer

Over the winter break, there was a major change in the management of our hotel. Jim Fishbery was replaced as Director by Dave Peduto, Paul Henderson, the start-up custodial manager, has been transferred and the hours have been shifted in order to allow more supervision during the day. According to Peduto, "There are still some problems in the department, but cleaning quality and morale seems to have improved. A big problem from last semester is that the cleaning staff hours to clean a building was not correct. Buildings now are staffed with the appropriate amount of hours to clean the building properly."

As big as the changes in management, there have been new changes in attitude. Peduto has several plans for the future improvement on the Babson campus. Peduto said, "Future plans for the campus is to strive to give the customers (students) the best quality product being as economical as possible realizing that Physical Plant is cleaning and not a maid service."

In addition, Peduto stated that "the purchasing system was logged down so it was taking days, instead of minutes, to order the staple supplies. This has been changed. We entered into a service agreement with our distributor to perform monthly service checks on all custodial equipment."

Peduto has an objective for the campus as well as his management team. He said he wants himself, "management teams, and the staff to be more responsive to the communities needs, be courteous and helpful, install pride in a good job and do the right things, so the staff and community will begin to trust that the management team understands their problems at work and try to improve any situation."

Even though Peduto has been busy with several B&G issues on campus, the workers feel secure in their new manager. According to one worker, "There has been no problems this semester, and this takeover is much better."

Peduto has already made several changes this semester which many people feel are in the right direction.

Snow Removal Budget Safe From Winter

By Lara Maish
Staff Writer

Imagine what it would be like with less than 1% of people of Buildings and Grounds (B&G) to clear the snow out of the way. Trudging this class in sub-freezing temperatures is hardly enough, just think how fun it would be in waist-high snow. Fortunately, unlike so many other major cities and colleges across the east coast, Babson has not exceeded its snow removal budget, and Bob Leblanc, the manager of Babson's B&G department, believes we probably will not. Even if this winter turns out to be the best in Babson history, the B&G budget is guaranteed by Marriott. In other words, if Babson overspent the snow removal budget, Marriott would pick up the extra cost.

Leblanc estimates that in January alone, 1,000 to 1,500 hours were spent on snow removal. It is Leblanc's first year as manager, and he calls this winter a "baptism by fire."

In order to combat the white, fluffy nemesis, Leblanc formulated a formal snow policy for the department, as well as veröffentlicht from where it would first need to be removed. This allowed the department to do their job as expediently as possible, keeping the campus safe. Leblanc credits the people of B&G, saying, "They're a great crew with a lot of experience."

Organization of the Year

By Gardner Boulmany
News Editor

Every year Babson College chooses the student organization that organization it feels has best served the school as a whole. The "Student Organization of the Year" Award has been given to one student run group every year for the past fifteen years.

Since students get to vote for the organization they believe did the best job, Ms. Karen Cruckshank, the Associate Dean of Students, thinks they should weigh their decision carefully. Ms. Cruckshank said that students should vote for the organization "they think has done the most innovative stuff for the school."

She also noted that students could only vote for an officially registered organization if they wanted their vote to be considered countable.

The elections for Organization of the Year will be held the same time as the Student Government Association's elections. The idea of voting for one organization at one time tries to maximize student turnout for the election. The actual date of the election has yet to be determined. Since the SGA had moved them back to accommodate their merger with CAB.

Recent winners of the award have been the Admission Assistance Program, the Babson Dance Ensemble, and BISO. The last group to win the award, the Admissions Assistance Program, has won the past three years. The winner will be announced at the Second Annual Beaver Bowl.

EMT Employment Opportunity: Students who desire to be trained in order to become Emergency Medical Technicians are currently being sought. Interested parties should contact Brent Larson (x4764) or Jack Desy (x4511).

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SGA Officer Applications: Any student who intends to be eligible for the Executive Board elections must pick up a signature sheet from the Info. Booth and obtain fifty signatures. The signatures must be in by Friday, Summer Session Course in Russia - Babson College will be offering two new courses during the 1996 summer session. Both courses will spend the first two weeks in Moscow and the second two weeks in St. Petersburg. The dates of the courses are, tentatively, May 11 - June 7. The first course offered is RUS 2991 Encyclopedia of Russian Life (4 credits). The second is STS 2990 Social and Technological Innovation (3 credits). Professor Lenna Gessen and Professor William Rybolski will be holding an information session at 8:00 PM in Hollister 318. All students are invited to attend. Both professors also stress that knowledge of the Russian language is NOT required.
BABO Blotter: During the past week Public Safety responded to 500 calls for service.

at the college was attempting to use a false identification to gain a wrist band. While investigating the incident the Babson student whom the guest was visiting became belligerent towards the officers. The matter has been referred to Campus Life for action.

Public Safety and Babson Emergency Services personnel responded to a report of a sick student, upon arrival it was determined that the student was intoxicated. He was transported to an area medical facility.

Monday 02/06/96
A Graduate Student reported to Public Safety that while walking in the area of the Park Managers, she observed a red dot on her chest. She felt that this was emitted by a device similar to a laser aiming device used on weapons. A search of the area proved negative. Public Safety has increased patrols in the area. Campus Life was advised of the incident.

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Students and Trafcon agree is important. Trafcon calls the board of CAB "The Dream Team," because their dedication and hard work is amazing in his mind. With equal assertiveness, Santopietro announced, "I payed for it. I only see it as a benefit." Their perception of the situation is that greater input would equal more finely tuned output, a realization shared by others like SGA President Craig Derryberry. At first, Derryberry was unsure of the merger. He commented, "I didn't know if CAB and SGA really belonged together." Now Derryberry understands, "We're really putting in [to office] a team with more experience."

At least one person is not as enthusiastic about the merger as the aforementioned people. This individual, Jordan Levi, was skeptical of not so much the concept, but some of the details. He said, "I think it [the merger] is a good idea, I just don't think it was the right time." Levi was specifically concerned about the lack of design and support. He mentioned that "there should be some type of hierarchal," with his preference of SGA being superior to CAB in case of conflict. Neither the concern, nor the support, influenced the House of Representatives, enabling the amendments to pass with a very small percentage of objection. Craig Derryberry noted that he "thought there would be more opposition."

The CAB Executive Board members interviewed were all very pleased to hear of the SGA's decision. Financial Director Aimi Miyahiro said that she "...thinks in [the merger] will be great for both the organizations (CAB & SGA) and the students." She agreed with VP Jeffery DellaRovere who said that "I'm sure we [CAB] will be able to handle it [the increased responsibilities]." In addition, both pledged to uphold people's expectations for legacy events, those activities which have occurred on an annual basis for many years such as Spring Weekend and the Harvest Ball.

Perhaps most affected by the restructuring the future Vice President of Campus Activities, Robert Spieg. Spiegel is excited that "we're going to be more of a combined effort," and looks forward to leading the young energetic CAB Executive Board. Spiegel is going to have to lay the groundwork for his successors. There will be many new responsibilities, so Lynn Santopietro will be highly involved in making the transition smooth. Although it could take a semester or two, the details will evolve themselves into a working system, promises Dan Trafcon.
Curriculum Adjusted

continued from page 1 curriculum, the faculty will also be faced with the task of adjusting their teaching skills and policies. A major distinction between the current and new curriculums is the integrated classroom approach. In the intermediate level of the new curriculum, there is the Integrated Management Core (IMC) which is spread over three semesters. This course will encompass the disciplines of Accounting, Finance, Marketing, Operations Management, Economics and Organizational Behavior. There will be six teachers that will work together to teach this class. Cases which deal with all aspects of these areas will be discussed. Since the requirements are so large for a normal four-credit course, which meets about three hours per week, it is planned to represent two classes. In other words, the IMC will meet twice as long as other classes and thus be worth twice as many credits as a current class.

This team-teaching approach will continue to separate Babson College from other colleges. Allan R. Cohen, Vice President of Academic Affairs and the Dean of Faculty, stressed the fact that "very few schools can (implement this curriculum)." In other words, there is little to no collaboration between the business and the liberal arts." Dean Schiffman concurs, saying that since Babson is an independent business school, the faculty, staff and students are able to talk, understand each other's needs and implement the change.

While it may seem as though Babson's professors will be spread thin while trying to juggle both curriculums, Dean Bosse wants to assure the Babson community that the schedules have been set up to allow professors plenty of preparation time. Also, there is no reason to believe that the new curriculum will get the better or more experienced faculty. According to Dean Cohen and Dean Bosse, additional liberal arts professors have been hired and current professors are going to be involved in both curriculums. For instance, professors who currently teach General Management or MIS will be teamed up to teach PME. This allows Babson to take advantage of all their resources, according to Dean Schiffman, without adding to the budget.

Although all involved seem to be unanimous to the fact that this is the best possible change to happen to Babson, there are some drawbacks. For instance, at this time, transfer students are going to be placed into the current curriculum. Beginning in the fall of 1997, though, the new transfer students will be evaluated and placed into the appropriate level of either the current or new curriculum, whichever best suits their needs. Another issue brought up by members of the administration is that the change will be extraordinarily difficult. Dean Schiffman feels that although the changes will be difficult to implement, everyone at Babson will benefit from them.

Enjoy the Snowball, BUT Do Not Drink and Drive.

Bethany Carvalho
In-line skater
Fall skater victor,
January 18, 1994
Chesm, SC

Renee Lynn Belkis
Necktie Lee Rogers
Best friends
Graduated together, June 6, 1993.
Killed together, June 1, 1993,
Whitehurst, WI

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Letter From The Editor

I usually don’t start off my editorial by replying to a letter, but this week, I received a letter that I feel is worth talking about. As you can see, John Hart has written me a letter in response to an article that was published last week which was labeled, “Students Comment on Marriott’s New Changes.” Mr. Hart states in his letter that “this article was incorrect and not based upon any factual information.”

The article was based upon comments that students made regarding Marriott’s B&G services. Mr. Hart has called for a “full retraction of the portions of the article regarding the condition of Forest Hall and an apology to both Bob Woodhouse and Priscilla Kastant, both custodians for Forest Hall.” Based on the facts that the negative portions of the article were quoted taken from other students, I feel that Mr. Hart has a point.

I feel that I must remind you, that many times, the Free Press prints articles that do not represent the opinion of the Staff. In such instances, the Free Press quotes the responses of sources which we deem credible. In this case, we quoted Forest residents on an issue regarding Forest Hall.

As for Bob Woodhouse and Priscilla Kastant, the custodians of Forest Hall, I am sure that you are both hard workers. If you feel that you have been done unjust, I urge you to talk to the residents and ask them what was wrong. Maybe we will find that it was all a lack of communication.

When I received Mr. Hart’s letter, I began to think. I have heard a million complaints this year about how the Free Press can improve. I have also received feedback on how much the Free Press has grown and improved since last year. What I have not seen are a million letters which actually outline a complaint. I have not seen any of you step forward and speak (write) your mind.

This is not the Forum, but I will leave the column to a future time. If you feel that the Free Press has not improved, write us and tell us how we can. The Free Press is your newspaper. It is your way to express your views in an intelligent, free, and open forum. If you have a complaint, suggestion or just a viewpoint, send it to box 140 (or the campus know I promise, if you spend the time to write it, I will spend the time to print it).

On a final note, SGA elections are coming. Along with voting for your candidate, you can vote for an organization of the year. This award is voted on by students, you. It is past years the organization with the most members has walked away with the award. For once, why not give the award to an organization that has educated, entertained, shocked, and elicted all types of emotional responses on many different levels.

Lawrence P. Ganti
Editor-in-Chief

Letter to the Community

Why is it that although we live in a free society, police want to act like they are above the law?

In the latest issue of The Nation Of Islam’s Final Call, there was a story of a female rapper that was beaten by police. What’s wrong with New York’s finest. I do not think they will be considered the finest after she hits them with a lawsuit. Police brutality at its finest. What possess a police officer to hit a defenseless woman the same size as a model Tyra Banks? I just can’t believe that a policeman cannot restrain a woman that size. Wake up and smell the coffee America!!

On the Babson front, how can SK get away with hanging posters and flyers that read, “Not all women are created equal.”?

Is this a fair statement?

If I were to change the context and say, “Not all minorities are created equal,” or “Not all Jews are created equal” or even, “Not all white men are created equal,” would I still be allowed to post advertisements for my campus organization? Come on Babson, is this dismissive just because SK is a sorority? Let’s stop making exceptions and form some general standard for the language of our promotional flyers. Nothing against the ladies of SK, but let’s be aware of our surroundings people. Wake up!!

Public Safety follow a student to a dorm, question him about ID, and wait for him to go up to a friend’s room to get his things.

Given the fact that Public Safety was just doing their job and recognizing that the student didn’t have ID, why couldn’t Public Safety call in and check the system for this student’s name? I thank Public Safety for doing their job, keeping us safe, but I question the necessity of waiting for this student to gather his belongings. Is this fair? do all students get this treatment? Or can we chalk this up to the fact that an “unidentified” black male was walking around our campus, and this was just a precaution? Did it matter that this young man was at a specific dorm looking for one specific person? This is not John Singleton’s Higher Learning. Wake up!!

These opinions do not reflect the opinions of the entire Free Press staff. Any concerns should be voiced to the editor of this section. Keep reading Babson. Don’t forget to free your mind in the process.

-Adrian McCoy


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Pan Am Airlines Resurrected From the Dead

By Michael Tischbach
Staff Writer

Pan Am, the once out-of-business airline that has new plans to reopen for business this coming spring season, is currently in the process of reconfiguring its fleet of new aircraft. The airline was forced to suddenly close its doors due to debt problems. The problems arose in the decade following the governmental deregulation of the airline industry in 1978. Deregulation forced airlines to revalue their cost structures to become more profitable. William Coyle, Professor of Accounting here at Babson and licensed CPA, remarked, "The company failed to modify their cost structure in light of the changing economic conditions brought on by deregulation." The airline, in essence, allowed it to be competed away by others, as it were. However, Martin Shugrue, CEO of Pan Am, says that the company is determined to develop a new cost structure and a new cost structure that will not only keep costs in check, but also beat their competition's best prices.

Under the new plan, per mile per seat cost, an industry benchmark, would be 4.8 cents. This is one third less than other discount airlines such as Southwest. Unlike many of the smaller discount airlines, Pan Am will also be offering travel to most major U.S. cities, including Washington, New York, and Los Angeles. Plans for next fall will include travel to Chicago and Boston as well. Pan Am will also be re-hiring 400 former employees that were put out of work when the airline was shut down. Shugrue himself was a Pan Am executive for several years before he was forced to stop working for the company. However, that is all in the past now. The company has found twenty new investors that are willing to front approximately $72 million in cash and governmental approval of the airline appears to be secured. Shugrue himself has invested $500 million of his own capital into the project.

Pan Am's new cost structure will allow it to beat its competitors in two ways. First, the company will hire independent contractors to service and repair the airplanes. Second, they will give captains and co-pilots more responsibility, which will cut out an unneeded structure of supervisors included in the old design. The company will be using more cost efficient wide-body AirbusA300 jets and plan for longer routes (just a hint of mileage, not travel time) which will spread out the mostly fixed cost structure. Shugrue has also secured strategic alliances with several foreign governments that will make Pan Am the overseas carrier of government officials and business executives from many different countries and guarantee international customers. Shugrue has also provided the airline's employees with competitive wages and fairly good good that jobs are not at stake. Once again, consider that it will take an enormous effort by all those who are employed to make the project a success.

The once failed Pan Am airline has now opened its eyes to the importance of a company's cost structure, or so it would seem. Pan Am is a model example of what a company's cost structure should and should not be. The planned re-opening is set for sometime this spring. With great expectations, I hope that this company's more mature management, in its infancy, and, as is possible with any good management system, will reap company. earning profits.

The Model Portfolio

By Michael J. Furey
Staff Writer

If I have any loyal fans out there, I have some good news and some bad news to share with you. The bad news is that this is the last time the model portfolio section will be featured. Despite a good deal of positive feedback, I am discontinuing the model portfolio because I am in the process of starting my own investment company and I am also studying for the series 7 exam. The good news is that I will continue to write Wall Street oriented columns for the Free Press. In addition to that, if any one has any questions or would like help learning about the stock market please feel free to call me at 6889.

Now it is time to wrap things up with the model portfolio. Despite December being a slow month for stocks, a couple of our holdings rebounded and posted some respectable gains. To make things simple, I decided to liquidate any remaining holdings so we could get an accurate rate of return. As of February 5th, I would have recommended to hold both Pfizer and Price Row but for our purposes I sold them all. All holdings are then totaled, we are left with a little over $74,000. Remember, we began with $2500 roughly four months ago. The four month return for the portfolio was 56%. If we were to annualize these returns, we would have achieved a return well over one hundred percent for the year. Out of the eight stocks purchased, not one was a loser and the average gain was 21.9%. Keep in mind that this is for four months. Most people are happy to make 20% in a year and only a few can do it consistently.

The new columns I will be writing will deal with highly speculative issues on the Canadian exchanges, short selling, and put options. I chose to write about these topics because the vast majority of people do not understand the concept of selling short or how to use put options to maximize your returns. Finally, if you can stomach the risks, there is a great deal of money to be made in buying penny stocks on the Canadian and NASDAQ small cap exchanges. Once again, I would like to mention that these are my recommendations are made for learning and information purposes only. If anyone is interested in investing real funds and making solid returns on both high and low risk investments will give me a call and I will be more than happy to help.

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Outsourcing Work, So You Can Work Better

By Daniel J. Keefe

Outsourcing is a trend in business that was once controversial, but now considered an invaluable tool to utilize in business. Outsourcing, put simply, is the act of contracting out functions of the company to save on cost and time. Originally, this was a technique used by companies that were in serious financial trouble. Today many American companies, both global and domestic, are integrating outsourcing into their strategic planning. Businesses today recognize the need to be versatile. They need to change with the times, quickly, without large set-up costs and the hassle of downsizing. (Nation’s Business Dec. ’93)

With this in mind, companies in every sector are reevaluating their operations. They are reducing operating costs, turning fixed costs into variable costs, and making the most of their capital investment. This all adds up to making themselves more capable of handling any customer need, faster than the competition and without the costs of setting up whole new facilities. This is being accomplished through the use of outsourcing.

Basically, outsourcing is the use of outside sources for tasks that the company cannot, and/or do not want to, afford to do on their own. This can include tasks of manufacturing, product design, computer networking, payroll administration, and advertisement placement. (NB) Businesses have found that contracting these activities out costs less than doing it themselves. This frees up manpower and funds for other concerns, such as quality control, strategic marketing, and personnel services (NBS). In addition, manpower itself can be leased from outside sources. Sub-contractors, temporary employment, and contingent employees can be added to the workforce as needed, then discarded when not needed. This has back human resource management. Outsourcing allows the company to reduce the size of its workforce to make it more efficient and customer oriented. It also helps make the company able to change rapidly and adapt to any shifts in the market. Planning an outsourcing strategy is very important. The company needs to identify the needs and requirements of the business to ensure the customer is not adversely affected. For example, functions and activities that are vital to the way the company stays competitive, need to be kept in-house. Any functions that add value for customers or that promotes growth should also be kept in-house. (NB) Any other activities that are not revenue-generating cannot be contracted out. It is necessary to examine the quality of product versus the cost of the product. Low quality, high cost functions can be subject to outside contractors.

Outsourcing is a big business. An examination of the costs, managing costs, and long-term employment commitments. Outsourcing allows the company to reduce the size of its workforce to make it more efficient and customer oriented. It also helps make the company able to change rapidly and adapt to any shifts in the market. Planning an outsourcing strategy is very important. The company needs to identify the needs and requirements of the business to ensure the customer is not adversely affected. For example, functions and activities that are vital to the way the company stays competitive, need to be kept in-house. Any functions that add value for customers or that promotes growth should also be kept in-house. (NB) Any other activities that are not revenue-generating cannot be contracted out. It is necessary to examine the quality of product versus the cost of the product. Low quality, high cost functions can be subject to outside contractors.

Credit is being scrutinized these days. Bad credit can be devastating. Employers check credit, insurance companies check credit, cellular phone companies check credit, and yes, of course, credit card companies check credit. The law states that credit information is given only if one is applying for credit, insurance, employment, or if there is a legitimate business need for the information. It has been wondered who checks your credit history or what information is given out? Do you know why multiple inquiries of your credit history, in a short time-period, can hurt your rating? Do you even know what your credit rating is? These are questions that one usually ponders upon receiving a rejection letter from a bank or insurance agency.

Today, the technology has made your credit records easier than ever to be checked and examined. What are they looking for? Insurance companies look for bankruptcies, foreclosures or liens, anything that would indicate they had bad credit. On a smaller scale, utility companies check your numerical score. This is a rating based on all available credit information that has been reduced to one number or score. They do this check to protect themselves from people who skip out on bills. In addition, it also helps determine your social security number) the next time you renew your license. This way, when identification is needed, the social security number can be protected. Car dealerships have no business checking your credit history if you are just test driving a car and have not applied for credit. Also know that car dealers, like insurance companies and utility companies, are not required to tell you when they are checking on your credit rating.* If one wished to check on his or her credit they could contact a credit bureau. EQUIFAX - 800-683-1111, TransUnion - 610-990-4099, TRW - 800-682-7654*

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Economic Profile: El Salvador

By Albena Djongova
Staff Writer

Most of El Salvador is situated on a plateau (about 2,000 feet above sea level) on the Pacific slope of the Central American Cordillera. With an area of 8,260 sq. mi., about the size of Massachusetts, it is the smallest independent mainland state in the Western Hemisphere. Roughly rectangular in shape, it is bordered by Honduras, the Gulf of Fonseca (which separates El Salvador from Nicaragua), and the Pacific Ocean.

The country's climate is modified by its elevation and, except for the hot, narrow coastal region, is semi-tropical. The capital city of El Salvador, 19 miles from the Pacific, has a pleasant climate. The capital is located at the foot of the Santa Ana volcano (6,398 feet high) and, over the centuries, the city has suffered from such recurrent and severe earthquakes that it has had to be rebuilt frequently.

El Salvador is Central America's most densely populated country, with an estimated 642,000 inhabitants in 1991. The 1991 population figure was 5.4 million, of which 47 percent is rural.

Spanish is the national language and colonists from the French provided the official currency is the colon with the official exchange rate being 3.0 colones = US$1.

The Salvadoran economy remains beset by a number of problems. Guerrilla sabotage has cost some $2 billion in damage since 1979. A devastating earthquake in 1986 only added more than $1.5 billion in damage to the country's strained fiscal capacity.

El Salvador is a largely agricultural nation with, until 1991, a rapidly growing industrial sector, but civil conflict and a burgeoning debt created a serious recession. Unemployment and underemployment affected about one-third of the work force. The agricultural sector accounts for 25% of the GDP, employs about 40% of the labor force, and contributes about 66% to total exports. Coffee is the major commercial crop, accounting for 45% of export earnings. The manufacturing sector, based largely on food and beverage processing, accounts for 18% of the GDP and 15% of employment.

El Salvador's principal trading partners are the US, Guatemala, Germany, and Mexico. Since 1989, the US, several other Western countries, and the International Monetary Fund.

What's Wrong at Porsche

By Jammie Donadio
Staff Writer

Many people consider Porsche to be the epitome of a sports car, and they may well be right. Despite this reputation, the company has recently found itself in a very precarious position. Unlike the eighties, when sales were skyrocketing, over 30,000 Porsches were purchased in the United States in 1986, and profits were high. Porsche now finds itself struggling to compete, having sold only a mere 17,000 Porsches in the United States in 1993. As a result, Porsche has recorded losses of over $100 million during the years 1991-1994, and does not expect to return to profitability until at least 1996. Given this bleak outlook, rumors were spread about the possibility of a takeover by a larger auto manufacturer. Much of this conflict has been attributed to bickering between the third generation family management, which became such a problem that the company decided to hire outside talent to run the company. Wendelin Wiedeking was brought in three years ago to reform the company, and since his arrival steady improvements have been made.

Japanese consultants were brought to Porsche's production facilities and have enlightened the company to the benefits of lean production. This was a humbling experience for a company that is so highly regarded. Wiedeking had this to say about the experience: "Imagine, one day, strangers walk into a company like Porsche, take a stroll through the production plant, and tell you that everything you are doing is pretty much off the mark." Improvements have been made as the work force has been slashed by nearly 40%, from 9000 to slightly more than 6000. Productivity has also seen huge improvements, three years ago it took 120 man-hours to produce one Porsche, now it takes only eighty hours, and the company claims that this time will be cut in half by next year. Other changes that have been taking place at Porsche include softening its image, through advertising as well as through plans for a new entry-level model called the Boxster. This car will have a price tag of $50,000 in Europe, in comparison the cheapest Porsche model now available in Europe, can be bought for a mere $80,000. The company hopes that this new model will increase the market for Porsches. Furthermore, it is hoped that these new Porsche customers will eventually become purchasers of the higher priced models that are currently offered.

As part of its new marketing strategy, the company has tried to remove the arrogance associated with Porsche, by giving its ads a more human touch. Again, this is an effort to increase demand for its cars.

However, Wiedeking's pride and determination will not let him leave before he returns the mighty giant to the profitability that has long been taken for granted at Porsche.

1. Johnathan Kendall, World Business, Jan/Feb 1996 p.27

For Those with Entrepreneurial Spirit

By Evgeni Mitkof
International Business Editor

Welcome back to everybody from me, too. New semester sets out and I would like to start something new with all those of you who have ever felt that something is missing in the chain of their entrepreneurial lives. Have you ever felt like you had an idea, but were missing the resources to explore it? Or maybe, you were missing motivation? Or, you just did not have anybody to listen to it and give you a few suggestions?

Babson has always been famous for its entrepreneurial spirit, but who do you turn to if you have an idea for an off-campus or an after-graduation business? You turn to The Idea Exchange in the Free Press.

Everybody just returned from a long holiday. Most of us have had some sort of a thought or contact with a real business. Give wings to your ideas as they are fresh. Write to your newspaper whatever you have in your entrepreneurial mind. For example, you know that somewhere on the other side of the globe condoms are better and cheaper. Why not find somebody who can take the idea and develop it on the American side? You needed somebody to motivate you—write us. Read the article "Hot Tips," in this issue for the best growing businesses in the States and around the world.

I hope to see your first replies by the end of this week.

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Japanese Economy after the Banking Crisis

By Emre Gunalp
Staff Writer

Until 1995, Japanese banks had a good reputation due to large assets they had on their balance sheet. Most of the Japanese banks were ranked in the top ten among the multinational banks in terms of assets. Their financial statements not only were known as very strong but also looked hard to manipulate. However, it was discovered that the financials of the Japanese banks were easy to manipulate. The operating profits were the one most manipulated (See Exhibits).

Unfortunately, 1995 was an extremely bad year for the Japanese economy. The collapse of the banking industry hit the economy so severely that the interest rates fell down almost to zero. There are many speculations about the reasons behind the collapse of the Japanese banks. Perhaps the most astonishing one is the huge amount of loans lent to Japan's mafia, which had not been received by the lender institutions. This is only a speculation at the moment, but further information will be revealed by the ministry of finance. Now, there is financial turmoil caused by the collapsed financial institutions. The government is trying to bail out the bankrupt banks or mortgage lenders, to which both the banks and the agricultural cooperatives have lent heavily. In order to help them, the taxes are supposed to be increased. Therefore, taxpayers are very furious due to their payment for the bad loans of banks. In the first phase of a rescue plan, $6.5 billion of public money has to be generated by increasing the taxes and reducing the government spending in Japan's contemporary fiscal policy. In the second phase of the program, a new institution will buy the assets of banks which is worth about 6.8 trillion Japanese yen. This acquisition will occur by raising new loans from the banks or from co-operatives. If the value of the old assets covers the cost of the new loans, there will be no burden on the taxpayers. However, the finance ministry reported that the L.2 trillion Japanese yen of the old assets are irrecoverable. This basically means that the taxes have to be increased.

Although the situation of the banking industry looks bitter when viewed from outside, it is, in fact, much better condition than any other sector of the economy. This is because commercial banks borrow money from the Central Bank of Japan with almost zero percent interest, and then lend them at much higher interest rates. This situation can be observed in the wide spread between the bid and ask rates in the money market. In addition, the Japanese banks have been benefiting from huge tax breaks. Over past three years, they have saved more than 50% of corporate taxes that they had to otherwise pay. In order to save taxes, the banks had to prove that they had given out bad loans which could not be collected. Thus, in 1991, they created a body called Co-operative Credit Purchasing Company (CCPC) for this purpose. Many banks started to sell loans to CCPCs (See Exhibit). In fact, they were selling the loans to mark-ups. However, these loans appeared to be bad loans on the financials and so they enjoyed the tax breaks. By last September, Japanese banks had sold loans with a total face value of almost 3 trillion Japanese yen of the CCPCs, which in return paid 4.5 trillion Japanese yen for them. This means that they saved 2.9 trillion of tax payments which were supposed to be paid to the government. Although the banking industry collapsed in 1995, it is obvious that it can easily recover itself by lending money with higher interest rates and by enjoying the tax breaks. In fact, most of the damage is done to the other sectors. Taxes are increased and might continue to increase in order to bail out the banks. The increase of taxes will reduce the consumption and so the production will decline. Therefore, the projected GDP of Japan does not look promising for 1996.

Perhaps the most important issue damaging the economy is the distrust among the financial institutions. Since the public no longer trusts the Japanese banks, the money creation in the economy will be much harder due to the reduction in savings, checking and other accounts. Therefore, the Central Bank of Japan will have to borrow from other central banks in order to increase the money supply in the economy. For instance, the Fed lent large amounts of money to the Central Bank of Japan. The consequences of this situation can be clearly observed in the Japanese yen, which is being traded in the $105/$107 range. I believe that is

"In fact, they were selling the loans to themselves."
If a Spring Break Vacation was included in your Babson tuition, where would you go?
Compiled by Hermilio Granados

Lisa St. Pierre (Class of '99) - "On a cruise in the Caribbean Sea."

Luis Arce (Class of '96) - "Around the world in 80 days."

Kai Diao (Class of '96) - "Look for the most expensive trip, get the tickets... then get a refund."

Steve Ridgeway (Class of '96) - "Konrad's House"

Julia Tutela, Tracy Hayes, Connie Goon (Class of '97) - "We'd go to Disney World"

Babson Beaver (Class of '00) - "On the Spirit Cruise!! Go Babson!!"
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Over the river and through the woods
- Catch a hayride to the skating rink from the Pub
  8:15 pm
- Skating at the Babson Rec. Center
  9:30 pm – 11:00 pm
- Warm-up with hot coco and cider in front of the Pub fire
  8:00 pm – 12:00 am

Friday Feb 9
- Babson Hockey vs. St. Anselm
  7:00 pm
- Snow Ball
  8:30 pm (Buses leave from Sollister)

Saturday Feb 10
- Ski Nashoba Valley
  9:30 am (Buses leave from Sollister)
- SURF's 3rd annual Winter Carnival
  9:00 pm PepsiCo Pavilion

Sunday Feb 11
- Sex Therapy with CAB & Comedian, Kevin Hughes
  7:00 pm Knight Auditorium
Opinions

CAB, Communism, and a Little Confusion in my Mind

By Shiv Singh
Staff Writer

So SGA and CAB are merging. When I first heard of it, something in American history crossed my mind. It was from my high school history textbook, the Sherman Antitrust Act. Anyone remember that? It sprang to life with a new meaning when I read that, hopefully the new merger would eliminate a "competition problem between CAB and SGA." Then, as I read on,

"...everyone is around to make money and the easiest way to do that is to eliminate the competition...."

something else crossed my mind. This time a single word is what scared me...communism.

I am aware the CAB, SGA merger is a wonderful initiative on both sides and I am also confident that the merger will benefit Babson College in the future. That is not the issue that is bothering me. I am concerning myself with truths in American history and communism where one body controlled everything in a society. I see it prevalent in America but as I seem to notice it simply takes on a newer, more congenial definitions.

Let's talk business. The number of mergers have increased dramatically in the last three or four years, matching the merger frenzy of the mid-eighties. Both large and small companies create vertical and horizontal combinations to get better grips on their industries. Our most renowned savior example would be that of Microsoft who seems to follow the policy that if you can't beat them then buy 'em. Pity that the government had the gun to stop that from working in the case of Intel. The point is that everyone is around to make money and the easiest way to do that is to eliminate the competition...

He Said: The Danger Zone

By Steve Giove
Staff Writer

Well, how could I start my column this week without making mention of my fellow staff writer's obviously outrageous column last week? Viktoria? Honey? Baby? What is going on in that little deranged mind of yours? Now, let me try to understand this. Your column is entitled Feminist Forum, correct? What did last week's column have to do with feminism? It was said in an editorial about four or five issues back that you were a ranting, raving lunatic, and at the time, took your side by saying that it was important for someone to create a little controversy and present an alternate side to otherwise dull topics. But now, I wonder if you had me on the hook. That editorial was indeed correct. All of last week's column was just ranting and raving. You totally deviated from your topic and you offered no solutions or even a decisive opinion. You just complained like an irate bitch.

"You just complained like an irate bitch...."

"that what you intend to offer your readers? Complaints? Honey, hearing you complain is the last thing I want to do.

The difference between our columns is simple - mine gives validity while yours possesses power. By using your "pen name" you have all the power in the world to say whatever you want. I honestly wish I had the courage. That was indeed correct.

Tips for men:
1. Compliment her on how she looks.
2. Plan a date with your woman, several days in advance so she won't get anything else and give her a hug.
3. Give her twenty minutes of quality time and attention a day - that means no TV.
4. Display a little affection in public - it won't kill you.

Tips for women:
1. Don't say "I told you so."
2. Don't make a big deal out of it if he gets lost driving.
3. If he forgets to pick something up, tell him "It's OK." Would you still get it?
4. When he withdraws, try not to make him feel guilty.
5. Let him know that you enjoy having sex with him.

She Said: Feminist

By Viktoria Seekret
Staff Writer

In light of last week's 90210, though normally I don't watch such television flicks, I thought I'd give my opinion on the subject. After all, I give my opinion on everything else. While I admit the show did have some good points, I believe I can cover all sides better than you. While the show did have some good points, I believe I can cover all sides better than you.

You see, there is only one side, as far as I'm concerned. It is about lying to your girlfriend, and all there is to it. The man had the choice when he decided not to wear a condom. And as for the girls, they can only rely on a healthy lifestyle of food, exercise, and pills that will take care of all the unwanted pregnancies for the rest of time.

This of course does not mean that I believe abortion should be a substitute for birth control. That is simply irresponsible. I think most women who have an abortion learn the lesson, too, and they don't make the same mistake twice. After all, it is the most pleasant experience, enough to have you not have any person for the rest of her life.

But it is far better to end it than have an unwanted child who may not be part of a decent life, especially if you grew up not knowing a father or a teenage mom. Of course, there are the pregnancies caused by the childbearing age who are comfortably married and have an unplanned pregnancy merely take it as an unexpected surprise and welcome the new baby into their lives. They are not so sure she should get any child support...

"...if a woman decides to keep a child, I'm not so sure she should get any child support..."

On the other hand, if a woman decides to keep a child, I'm not so sure she should get any child support, if her boyfriend doesn't want the child. Of course, obviously irresponsible. I think most women who have an abortion learn the lesson, too, and they don't make the same mistake twice. After all, it is the most pleasant experience, enough to have you not have any person for the rest of her life.

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Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your tendency to jump to conclusions will result in an awkward Valentines Day if you aren't careful. You may find yourself making an offhanded comment that the person you are confronting assumes you think is amusing. By not jumping to conclusions, you will have a new friendship, and your dignity.

Pisces (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): An early Valentine will make it's presence known this weekend in order to shock you before Valentines Day. Try not to be too overwhelmed. You'll enjoy this early gift. You may have the best early Valentine weekend ever.

Aries (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): Going away for this Valentine Day will provide you with many memories to look back on. Whether it be only a day or a romantic get-away weekend, it will be very relaxing and enable you to focus on something extra special to wear.

Taurus (Apr. 20-May 20): If you're not careful, you may end up with too many admirers on this Valentine's Day. Your overly friendly nature is going to cause tensions to arise between some of your admirers. It's time to stop being so flirtatious. Just be yourself; it will save a lot of bad feeling on February 14th.

Gemini (May 21-Jun. 20): Don't put too much effort into planning your Valentine's Day or you will be very disappointed. This February 14th, less is better and you can enjoy yourself. Someone special will appreciate your non-aggressive behavior and reward you nicely.

Cancer (Jun. 21-Jul. 22): All of the horror past Valentine's Days will be amended this year. Your extremely bad luck is about to end, as a special surprise will arrive on your doorstep at some point on this Valentine's Day.

Leo (Jul 23-Aug. 22): The Valentine admirer you've been waiting for will make his or her presence known to you during Valentines Day. You will be shocked by who he or she is, you'll enjoy the rest of the day and have a much better admirer.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sep. 22): You will receive a very disturbing phone call this Valentines Day. Don't let this news get you down, or you'll bring down a lot of people around you too. Many people are looking to you for support, so put on that smile, and you'll find that Valentines Day can be bright!

Libra (Sep. 23-Oct. 22): This Valentine's Day will be start off slowly, but don't worry, because the evening will be one of the very high changes for you. Make sure to take lots of pictures to remember this day, because those pictures may come in very handy in the near future. Something extra special to wear.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Take the time this Valentine Day to show some of your close friends your appreciation for them. Whether it be sending them a card or treating them to dinner, your friends will really appreciate the attention you're giving them.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): A friend finding your support during this Valentine's week. He or she will be finding all of the love and romance that surrounds you. You will make your friendship grow stronger.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Invest in many cards before this Valentine's Day. You will be shocked by how many people shower you with cards to show you how much you mean to them. Sending them one in return will be the perfect touch!

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Staff Profile: Christine Rykaert
By Ross Sanger
Production Manager

Christine Rykaert, Babson's International Academic Coordinator, proudly announced, "I am the ultimate in-between character. Her self-identification is not far from the truth; her daily routine includes bridging the gap between students who wish to either leave or arrive to/from international destinations, and the administration. The need for the position became apparent to this avid classical guitarist when the school decided to integrate domestic and international students. This decision left an opportunity for someone to come in and coordinate the study abroad programs. That someone was Christine Rykaert who has 'tried to make it [the study abroad application process] as painless as possible' for the past two and a half years.

Today, under Rykaert's persistent guidance, Babson College has eleven carefully selected options for students who wish to gain an international perspective. Students can go to France, Monaco, Japan, England (Manchester), Germany, and three locations in either Latin America or Australia. Students must have a reasonable level of confidence in dealing with new situations, a skill that can be valuable for a number of applications. Besides, Rykaert points out, "any employer will realize that this person [the study abroad participant] challenges themselves first-hand." The cross-cultural importance is also strong enough for inclusion in the "new" study abroad handout. Each school program on the list was chosen for program quality and has been visited and recommended by a Babson Faculty member.

Participation in any

International Academic Coordinator has tried to include. By choosing a Babson sponsored program, the student will be assured that the school they are considering meets Babson Faculty and Decision Making Body standards. Each school program on the list is chosen for program quality and has been visited and recommended by a Babson Faculty member.

Campus Calendar
Friday, February 9, 1996
8:30am Snowball Dance at the Nettium
Sharon
Saturday, February 10, 1996
4:40pm Men's Hoop vs. WPI
9:00pm SURFS Winter Carnival
Sunday, February 11, 1996
7:00pm Sex Therapy with CAB comedian Kevin Hughes at Knight Auditorium
Monday, February 12, 1996
9:30am Job Shadows at the OCS conference room
4:40pm Thirty minutes to a better organization, Student Activity
5:00pm International OCS conference room
Wednesday, February 13, 1996
6:00pm Lifestyle Seminar, Trim 201-2

Professor Profile: Jinny Soybel
By Chris Keenan
Features Editor

This week, the professor profile focuses on someone from the Accounting Department. This is professor Jinny Soybel. Professor Soybel comes to Babson from the Dartmouth College's Tuck School of Business. This is Professor Soybel's first year at Babson College. At the Tuck School, Professor Soybel taught graduate students in accounting. When she was hired at Dartmouth, she was told that she would be teaching both graduate and undergraduate students. However, before he headed her seven years of service to Dartmouth, the undergraduate course was dropped. This disappointed Prof. Soybel. Another problem with Dartmouth was that there was only one other accounting faculty member. This provided her with a disadvantage when it came to research. Prof. Soybel "loves teaching," but she missed interacting with other people in the accounting field. Prof. Soybel stated that Dartmouth was "as isolated as the perception."

Professor Soybel has had a connection to Babson for more than just this year. She has known Professors Bob Turano and Joanne Williams for over twelve years. Professor Soybel has also known Professor CJ McNair for a number of years; they both attended the same graduate program at Columbia University. Knowing that Babson had a large Accounting Department entered her to join the faculty here. Another factor which led her to Babson was that she could teach both graduate and undergraduates. This is exactly what she wanted to do. Babson also provided her with a much more "exciting research environment."

The aspect of Babson that Prof. Soybel finds the most interesting is that we have as many liberal arts professors as we do business. This intrigues her because as an undergraduate, U.S. history was her major. The cluster program gives her an opportunity to teach both liberal arts and business, and this is something that she is interested in getting more involved in as she gains experience at Babson. Prof. Soybel has found that the faculty and students have offered her "overwhelming support." While she was looking into Babson, she was warned that students here have very high expectations for professors. So far she has found these expectations to be high, yet not unreasonable. She just asks that "students give as much as they ask.

When asked about what she does not like about Babson, she states that it is not Babson's fault, but she has noticed. Prof. Soybel, does not like not being orientated to her surroundings. Another down point is that her daughter's vacation does not come with her, so those trips to Florida to see Spring Training together are a thing of the past. When asked about her future plans at Babson, she says that she hopes to get more involved in the school. She is currently developing courses around company reports, and to finish "unpacking boxes."
The Greek Tradition

By James Craig
Contributing Writer

Perhaps it is my imagination, but from what I have seen and heard, it would appear that the Greek community at Babson has suffered greatly. Why? Is it the harshing from the administration that has brought it down? Is it the lack of interest? Or are the brothers and sisters of the fraternities and sororities on campus realizing that they are fighting a losing battle against authority with no teeth? Personally, I think it is a combination of all three.

The Greek tradition at Babson has been the bane of the administration's existence since day one. The results have been disastrous. Those who have disapproved of the fraternities and sororities on this campus, Zeta Beta Tau, Greeks also face strict regulations and are not properly recognized for their philanthropic activities. Last semester, Babson's Greek Council was asked to be on the agenda for the administration and their children in the spirit of the holiday season. There was an actual meeting on the organization on the campus, and for all the hard work that was put into a special event, not one administrator took advantage of the occasion. Why can't the administrators be as open-minded as Kristin Triller? Why do they fear a few Greek letters that they cannot even read?

Hand in hand with the latter, is the fact that Greek organizations have not sparked the interest of the Babson students. All are to blame for this dilemma. Firstly, the administration is little to provide a flexible Rush system. Secondly, the students themselves are to blame for not grabbing the bull by the horns and realizing what a terrific experience they are missing out on. Lastly, the brothers and sisters of each fraternity and sorority are to blame for not using every resource possible in their individual organizations to create the best Rush calendar possible. I also know everyone has the same interpretation of Greek life—"All they do is sit around, drink beer and smoke cigarettes, and shave their shoes!" WRONG! Every Greek organization has so much to offer than is realized. Scholaristic aptitude is a key to the success of the Greeks. The organizations sponsor events and activities such as educational activities, lectures, parties, and social gatherings and sororities are a key to the success of the Greeks. The organizations sponsor events and activities such as educational activities, lectures, parties, and social gatherings.

Leadership is a very important skill learned from being involved in Greek life. Each organization is governed by their respective members. The ability to learn the position in a fraternity or sorority is important abilities that will last a lifetime.

All Greek organizations participate in philanthropic activities. From Tau Kappa Epsilon's annual Blood Drive to the Red Cross, every organization does its part to support worthy causes.

Yes, there is also a social aspect to fraternities and sororities. The point of these social functions is to bring us together as a society as the Babson community and sororities. The point of these social functions is to bring us together as a society as the Babson community and sororities. The point of these social functions is to bring us together as a society as the Babson community and sororities. The point of these social functions is to bring us together as a society as the Babson community and sororities. The point of these social functions is to bring us together as a society as the Babson community and sororities. The point of these social functions is to bring us together as a society as the Babson community and sororities. The point of these social functions is to bring us together as a society as the Babson community and sororities. The point of these social functions is to bring us together as a society as the Babson community and sororities. The point of these social functions is to bring us together as a society as the Babson community and sororities. The point of these social functions is to bring us together as a society as the Babson community and sororities. The point of these social functions is to bring us together as a society as the Babson community and sororities. The point of these social functions is to bring us together as a society as the Babson community and sororities. The point of these social functions is to bring us together as a society as the Babson community and sororities. The point of these social functions is to bring us together as a society as the Babson community and sororities. The point of these social functions is to bring us together as a society as the Babson community and sororities. The point of these social functions is to bring us together as a society as the Babson community and sororities. The point of these social functions is to bring us together as a society as the Babson community and sororities. The point of these social functions is to bring us together as a society as the Babson community and sororities. The point of these social functions is to bring us together as a society as the Babson community and sororities. The point of these social functions is to bring us together as a society as the Babson community and sororities. The point of these social functions is to bring us together as a society as the Babson community and sororities. The point of these social functions is to bring us together as a society as the Babson community and sororities. The point of these social functions is to bring us together as a society as the Babson community and sororities. The point of these social functions is to bring us together as a society as the Babson community and sororities. The point of these social functions is to bring us together as a society as the Babson community and sororities. The point of these social functions is to bring us together as a society as the Babson community and sororities. The point of these social functions is to bring us together as a society as the Babson community and sororities. The point of these social functions is to bring us together as a society as the Babson community and sororities. The point of these social functions is to bring us together as a society as the Babson community and sororities. The point of these social functions is to bring us together as a society as the Babson community and sororities. The point of these social functions is to bring us together as a society as the Babson community and sororities. The point of these social functions is to bring us together as a society as the Babson community and sororities. The point of these social functions is to bring us together as a society as the Babson community and sororities. The point of these social functions is to bring us together as a society as the Babson community and sororities. The point of these social functions is to bring us together as a society as the Babson community and sororities. The point of these social functions is to bring us together as a society as the Babson community and sororities. The point of these social functions is to bring us together as a society as the Babson community and sororities.
Community Service

By Nicole Jensen
Contributing Writer

Spring Break is only five weeks away. While many people are looking forward to spending their time lying on a sunny beach, a small group of Babson students and faculty will be catching rays another way, while building homes. This year twenty-nine students and four staff members will depart Babson for a twenty-two hour bus ride to Greenville, South Carolina. They have given up their chance to go to a warm, sunny tropical island in order to wake up at the crack of dawn to build a home for seven hours a day. Most may read this and think that these people are delirious, but Habitat for Humanity depends upon these members of the Babson Community and many other people like them. Dan Trafton, a Babson senior to make decent shelter a matter of conscience and action. This is a very lofty goal for one organization to fulfill. Habitat’s aim is to give people the boost they need to become self-sufficient. Habitat homes are not free; the families who live in them donate at least 300 hours of labor and repay an interest-free loan provided by Habitat. The Babson College Habitat for Humanity members will soon be asking for the support of the entire Babson Community. In order to get to South Carolina they need to raise close to $10,000 for transportation, lodging, and a donation to Habitat. Be on the lookout for Habibucks 50/50 raffle tickets that will benefit Habitat for Humanity and you too can be part of the effort to help eliminate poverty housing.

Melrose Place

By Michelle McLaughlin
Staff Writer

A special two hour episode started this week off with a BANG. There was plenty of back-stabbing, murder, and high-speed car chasing to keep viewers interested. Jane is setting up her own business in Jake’s garage much to Jo’s dismay. Jane thinks she can make a go of the business even if everyone is a critic. Jake and Jane’s romance is starting to bloom and they go on a double date with Allison and Billy. A rivalry is starting between Amanda and Sydney when Sydney puts the moves on Bobby. However, she only did that because Peter promised to pay her to help break up Bobby and Amanda. But good old Sydney ruined the plan by telling Bobby the truth. Peter is sleeping with Bobby’s lawyer. Is it only because he likes her, or because he is using her to get closer to Bobby? Michael saves Kimberly from Vic, her crazed fan, in a car chase that ends with Michael googling Kimberly from her car as Vic dies in a burning car. Towards the end of the episode, Kimberly and Michael hook up. Allison opens her home to Brooke who is still stalking Billy. Brooke says she is broke and is milking her sad story for all it’s worth. Allison manages to help Brooke keep her job. Brooke decides to get drunk and wait for Billy in their old apartment. However, Billy is not buying because he is becoming romantically involved with Allison again.

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"I CAN" Has Done What It Set Out To Do

By James Carter
Contributing Writer

"I CAN" FOUNDATION is a non-governmental organization that provides education and workforce readiness training to communities in the United States. The "I CAN" Foundation was established in 1991 to help young people in South Africa understand the changes happening in their country and to provide them with the skills needed to succeed in the workforce. The organization has a motto, "No Fear of the Future," which reflects its commitment to empowering young people to overcome challenges and achieve their goals.

The "I CAN" Foundation works to equip young people with the knowledge and skills they need to succeed in a changing world. Through its education and training programs, the organization helps young people gain the skills they need to succeed in the workforce. The "I CAN" Foundation also provides support to families and communities, helping them to overcome the challenges they face.

The "I CAN" Foundation has made a significant impact in the lives of young people. By providing them with the tools they need to succeed, the organization has helped to break the cycle of poverty and inequality. The "I CAN" Foundation is a shining example of what can be accomplished when people come together to support one another and make a difference in the world.

Jubilee Nothing To Be Joyous About

By Kevin Black
Staff Writer

The second group that sang was the Silver Leaf Gospel Singers, directed by Randy Green. They came out strongly, but surely. Even though they were old in age, they were powerful in spirit. They sang to their hearts' desire songs like "My God Called This Morning," which uplifted the spirit by the fact that God is still good. Other songs included: "So Many Days," "Working on a Building," "Don't You Know," "I Once Was Lost In Sin.

They hit the crowd with a nostalgic feeling and a Temptations/Motown appeal. Smooth and relaxing sounds helped vary the tone of the group. Future and past were in one context at the same moment.

The Reverence Gospel Ensemble, directed by Dennis Montgomery III, stood out in center stage. A totally opposite sound from the previous group, they were young and exuberant. Each song they sang, brought with it such sliding and jumping that even James Brown would be in awe. On the other hand, their vocal power was weak in some songs they sang, and they were extremely extroverted. This choir lacked in power, they could make up with spirit.

There was a brief ten-minute intermission in order to wait for the famous New Jersey Mass Choir, directed by Donnie Harper. According to Gospel fanatic, James Carter, "The NJ Mass Choir was my sole purpose for attending this event." As they walked to their spots, the tension increased as the crowd waited. They talked to themselves, explaining to the congregation that 2012 was the year they began, they sang well. However, they did not follow the schedule which was creative, but not necessary. Then they made the crowd participate which was different. They sang "Ooh Child" and then the crowd joined in a sing along. The concert felt more like a camp-out.

After the sing-along, Donnie Harper introduced each individual to the crowd, but he barely knew their names...odd, since he was the director. They ended with "Try Jesus." Everyone thought that it was over since he said it was going to be the last song. Unprofessionally, he decided to begin another song as people were leaving.

The Jubilee inspired me to a point, but the last choir upset me with its free-styling efforts. I would attend it again if the entire New Jersey Mass Choir was there and followed the schedule. Gospel junkie, Adrian McCoy, was disappointed by the entire night. "I really hate to hear the NJ Mass Choir; they were very disappointing...I'm glad I didn't have to pay the entry fee!"...Just in case you were wondering...I'm not the one who is always against the wastefulness that it was going to be the performance of a life-time.

Black Facts

Howard University founded in 1867
Pickney Benton Stewart Pinchback In black tradition elected to a full six-year term in the U.S. Senate, 1875
Mordecai W. Johnson Ist black president of Howard University, 1872
Wallace D. Ford (W. Faust Muhammad) founded the Nation of Islam, 1930
Marion Wright Eedelman founder of the Children's Defense Fund, 1973
Johnnetta B. Cole Ist black woman president of Spelman College, Apr. 1987
Doug Wilder Ist black to be elected Governor in Virginia, 1989
John H. Johnson published the following periodicals: Negro Digest, 1947
Ebony Magazine, Nov. 1945
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Ebony Fashion Show, 1958
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Karma: A Book of Intrigue and Deception

By David Chua
Arts & Entertainment Editor

The publication of The Godfather in the early 1970s, Mario Puzo's epic tale of the Sicilian Mafia, confirmed the commercial viability of the organized crime genre. Thus, as the mystery of the Mafia slowly unraveled amidst numerous arrests and deportations at the hands of the Feds, and numerous other outfits rose to take their place, ambitious authors documented their tales of evil to the ever hungry public. The Japanese Yakuza, Chinese Triads, Colombian drug cartels, and a myriad of ethnic street gangs have all been subjects in the rapidly expanding gangster genre.

In Karma, Mitchell Smith takes the reader on a journey through the macabre world of the Indian Mafia. Unlike their ethnic counterparts, the Indians haven't received as much exposure, at least for their treachery and deceit when he witnesses a tragic death. Though married to a beautiful socialite, Scott fell before temptation and on his route to his mistress, visited the construction site of one of his projects when he caught a glimpse of a girl falling from the top of the building. As punishment for his infidelity (bad karma), this event kicked off a chain-reaction of double crosses, false aliases, and murder. The Raos, a prominent family, which uses a construction company as a front, is determined to leave nothing to chance, manipulating everything with cold calculation. Ironically, their efforts to deter the hero, actually lead him to become more curious and subsequently more angry. Unlike their counterparts, the Raos worship the Dark Lady, Kali. As part of a tradition of shaktas, those that believe in the lady powers (Durga, the Mother Earth, etc.), that has lasted for over two thousand years, their devotion lies in appeasing the goddess of Darkness.

The book covers similar territory that was explored in Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom. The deluded villains believe they have found a holy grail of knowledge to fulfill and accomplish their tasks with chilling ferocity. In order to assist in their efforts, the Raos employ a Pathan assassin, a tribesman from Afghanistan. The Dono, a savage, Pushes-speaking killer, finds that the strength and agility he acquired from roaming his native mountain ranges has honed his vili skills, which he brilliantly displays. As a result, the first half of the novel boasts a remarkable tale of intrigue and deception.

Unfortunately, the second half is hardly discernible from any other "action" novel, as the hero, against overwhelming odds, manages to defeat his enemies in a rather bland shoot 'em up fashion. The only grandiose accomplishment of the latter half of the book is the blossoming relationship between Scott and Ram Das, an aging Hindu that has also become the target of the Raos' wrath. In an almost childlike, foreign manner, the old man guides his young protégé to become a strong companion into the rater mystifying world of Indian culture.

By the close of the novel, the reader has been plunged through a number of events concerning cultural differences, racism, and morality. While, disappointed with the manner in which the novel ended, I strongly appreciated the insight into a culture that I had seldom been exposed to before. If I was impressed more with the cache of information that the author does not hard to see why they are rather flimsy writing style. Though he attempted to impart a certain sense of atmosphere—good descriptions of the environment, the end result was one of veracity and somewhat brashly, because if you are a fan of the gangster genre, then this book is definitely for you, if only for the unique ethnicity of the characters.

Piece of Mind 1995 Re-Issue

By Natalie Vlahovic
Staff Writer

"What?" you say. You thought Iron Maiden was through after releasing that brilliant epic composition known as Seventh Son of a Seventh Son (No Prayer For the Dying and Fear of the Dark do not count). It's unfortunately every Maiden fan's worst nightmare. Yet another Bruce Dickinson, vocal god, has finally decided to abdicate his throne. (First Rh Halford of Judas Priest, then the introduduction of Maiden...what next?) The Maiden of Iron reasonably decided to release a new album by the name of The X Factor, with some random schmo vocalists to whom I'm sure do not even open my mind, really. Oh well, at least we can all revel in the glory of now being able to buy the old iron maiden reissues of practically the entire Maiden discography, each complete with a bonus CD containing b-sides and rarities.

Piece of Mind was as brilliant then as it is now, a fantastically self-contained journey into the depths of the metallic abyss, the way true metal is supposed to be played. Even songs a classic, every riff encapsulating a seed power, every song a grand monument that has for more than a decade stood the test of time and trends.

From the very first note of the very first song, "Where Eagles Dare," one is in a trance, unable to break the vocal radio-friendly bits, such as the pre-chorus "...flyin' Boots On," comparable to Queensey's happier moments. Other grandiose moments are pure metal at its finest.

The bonus CD contains b-sides off of the singles for "Flight of Icarus" and "The Trooper" respectively. They are indistinguishable good songs, but it is impossible to know if they were previously used as b-sides. These are slightly happier in name, which really in the context of the sort of atmosphere Iron Maiden is best at creating. Alas, we shall learn to keep the good elsewhere, as was the devoured fakes that we are.

In a day and age where true metal is replaced with trends (i.e. Pantera), Iron Maiden have always persevered, creating music for music's sake and for themselves, rather than for radio airplay. In a country like the US, where the word "metal" is more vulgar than the word "fuck", it is wonderful to see an entirely re-released catalogue of Iron Maiden. Even then rather than, say, a Green Day back catalogue (shudder). Maybe it was their talent or their lyrical and musical intelligence that placed them on such a high throne, but it was a bit more than that. It was also their integrity, something that most bands in the US lack (i.e. Pantera...hey—did all you know that they were once a high-haired, glam band making albums called Metal Magic and Peace Metal? Sure they shouldn't)
Blessed Event Rocks Roger's Pub

By Kris Concepcion
Staff Writer

Adjectives for the Babson campus run the gamut from drab to conservative to, my personal favorite, "The J.Crew Ad Incarnate." Around here, indie kids, with their requisite piercings, combat boots and ripped clothing, are the exception rather than the rule. Naturally, someone like Andrew Stocklan, a senior with brilliantly dyed blonde hair and a leather wardrobe, stands out in this land of conservatism. However, what's been more significant is that his band, Blessed Event, have been stand-outs themselves in the crowded arena of Boston's alternative music scene.

Blessed Event was created by Andrew and his brother last year. The crew's been pulled together from friends of friends and friends of friends, and recently it has been taking the Boston underground by storm. Having already headlined shows at Boston's Holy Trinity of Live Venues: Mama Ken, the Middle East Restaurant and I.T. The Bear's, Blessed Event appears to have turned their name into a self-fulfilling prophecy by building a crowd that's remarkably strong for an outfit that's only been around for five months. Most recently, last Thursday, Blessed Event played at Roger's Pub, providing Babson with a welcome glimpse of Boston's hottest band.

When asked to comment on the secrets of their success, Andrew was quick to credit the skills and songwriting talents of his brother and their lead guitarist, Taka, a veteran of the LA indie scene. Composing music that swings between the hardcore influences of Helmet and the softer side of Alice and Chains, Stocklan points to these two bands with great Blessed Event sound that was apparently unique in the Boston community, chowed with pop-punk bands riding the Weezer-Green Day bandwagon.

Child Prodigy Transcends the Genre

By David Chuen
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Most child prodigies usually begin their careers in brilliant fashion, astonishing other mere mortals that can merely stand aside and applaud. Unfortunately, like shooting stars, as age catches up with them, most prodigies find their vocalis of angelic voices provide an excellent atmosphere, through which the violin works its magic. Still, there are some of the tracks on the album. While the playing is unquestionably peaceful, the sound sometimes borders on the territory of Muzak. In other places, one can help but notice the somewhat cheesy, Andrew Lloyd Webber-type, dramatic effects that are too slickly manufactured. Still, Vanessa-Mae is very young and for a debut album, The Violin Player is a tremendous achievement. All the small inconsistencies and flaws can be overlooked with the anticipation that her next album will surely achieve perfection. In the meantime, rush out to stores for this one. Simply, the freshest music out there today.

When she was twelve, she became the youngest member ever to join the London Mozart Players in the Mozart Bicentenary and embarked on her first international tour. From 1990-

92, she recorded three classical CDs that included violin concertos by Mozart, Beethoven and Tchaikovsky among others.

In October 1990, a twelve-year-old violinist, Vanessa, released her first album entitled The Violin Player. This stunning album that mixes the classical sounds of the violin with fusion, techno and rock 'n roll stunned critics and delighted fans alike with its fresh sound. She followed this album with a series of videos of various tracks. Dressed in skinny, sexy outfits and twirling about against majestic natural landscapes, Vanessa captured the minds and hearts of the pop audience. The Violin Player shot straight to the number one slot on the British music charts and she began touring before sold-out audiences.

The Violin Player begins with a turbo-charged, violin version of Johann Sebastian Bach's classic "Toccata and Fugue in D minor." After brilliantly showing off her technical ability, the classic sounds give way to thundering drums and screaming guitars. Vanessa is able to perfectly fuse her electric violin with the rock 'n roll beat in a fabulous interplay between the old and the new. To further the effect, electric vocals echo, horns screech and the beat smoothly switches to the Caribbean sounds of bongo drums. Truly stunning.

In other tracks, including "Red Hot," which Vanessa co-wrote, her playing pulls at the heart strings in a folk fashion. "Equita Mockingbird," which starts with hand claps and strumming acoustic guitar, quickly captures the listener with an emotional melody that evokes feelings of sadness and tranquillity. The background guitar—

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Sports

Athlete of the Week:

Sean Condon

This week's Athlete of the Week is Sean Condon, the senior Marketing/EPF major from Kingston, Massachusetts. He has been a vital part of the Babson Hockey squad for four years. Taking over the starting goaltender position at the start of his sophomore year, he has been the backbone of Babson's defense for the last three seasons, as well as backup in his first season.

When asked about the season from a team perspective, Sean feels the team is doing very well. He feels the team is in good shape with regards to postseason chances, provided slippage like the AIC game do not repeat themselves. In his opinion, the upperclassmen on the team have provided strong leadership, and the younger players are beginning to step up and feel good about themselves as contributing members to the team's success.

Concerning future expectations, Sean mentioned that the team goals are to win the ECAC East Playoffs (which they will qualify for by winning a complete Hockey East regular season), and to advance to the NCAA tournament. Sean feels good things will come for the team if they work hard. "Who works harder is what it will come down to in the playoffs" is Sean's opinion about playoff success. Finally, he is looking forward to the remainder of the season, and feels that if the team reaches its peak now, they will be in good position to make a deep post season run.

Babson Blows Suffolk Out By 50

By David Onorato Sports Editor

The Babson College men's basketball team played Suffolk University in a Wednesday night, Babson's Second Annual Green Day. Playing before the biggest crowd of the year, the Beavers roused to a commanding lead and would never look back, extending their record to an impressive 15-5.

The game turned into a blow-out in a matter of minutes, and by half-time Babson led by more than thirty points. The second half was a repeat of the first, as the Beavers breathed past Suffolk to a dominant 100-50 victory. This game provided Babson with a chance to showcase their young talent. Brian Dowd, Kevin Kowalski, James Gaul, and Jon Hall all received considerable minutes off the bench. The game also marked the return of Freshman Doug Sandborn who has missed most of the season with a broken wrist.

Last Thursday the Springfield Pride came to Babson's Wbur, 8-2 in the extra period to take a key CAC victory. Michael Kingsley scored 37 points for Babson.

Babson, after 20 games, the Beavers are 15-5 with a record of 8-2 in the CAC. They face Western New England this Saturday, and will finish their regular season on Saturday, April 13, at Springfield. With four games remaining until the CAC tournament, the Beavers are in a strong position for one of the top two seeds. As for the "Big Show," it is far too early to tell.
Swim Team Swims Past Bentley and UMass Dartmouth

By Chris Dickinson
Contributing Writer

On Tuesday Night at a packed Morse Swimming Center, the Men’s and Women’s Swim Teams were victorious with scores of 93-51 and 126-92. The men improved their record to 2-1 and the women picked up their 5th victory of the year. It was a special night for the seniors, as they were honored by their teammates with a touching pre-meet flower giving ceremony. Members of the class of 1996 honored were Steve Bodio, Mike Conlon, Rob Lay, Lisa McNeal, Gwen Olinski, Marianne Sullivan, and manager Mark Dadalo.

Once the meet got under way, time was under the control of the referee. On the men’s side, Babson displayed its dominance by opening the meet with two straight events won by Jimmy Boyer in the 200 Medley Relay, Ivan Rodriguez, Brian Bloom, Rob Uveling and Diego Alcata took first with a time of 1:36.40. Steve Bodio, Michael Conlon, and Matt Flamant in second, and Joe Nappi, Rob Lay, Matt Meyers, and Jesus Bravo-Mendez in third. In the 1000 yard freestyle, Freshman Dariel Larrigue and sophomore Ruy Merriam combined for a 2-1-2 finish. Babson continued its torrid pace.

Jennifer Williams opened the meet with a close victory by a mere seventeen-hundredths of a second. The exciting finish pumped up the women, and they never looked back. Not to be outdone by the men’s team, Sara Harris, Julie Byrne and Marianne Sullivan took first, second, and third in the 1000 Freestyle. The three ladies later repeated in the 500 Freestyle.

Larrigue finished in second and third. In the final relay, the team of Adamo Dobigs, Chevance, Harris and Stearn took first, and the team of Wendy Burns, Miller, Angie Dunn, and Eve Anderson took third.

Last Saturday, the men and women’s team took on UMass-Dartmouth. The men won 122-93, and the women won by the score of 122-108. For the men, the meet came down to the final event, the 200 Free Relay. The team of Nicole Coote, Laetitia Chevance, Sara Harris, and Christine Stearn took first to clinch the victory.

For the men, the team of Joe Nguyen, Brian Bloom, Mike Conlon and Diego Alcata won the 200 Medley Relay. Other individual winners for the men were 100 Free, First place, 50 Free, First place, 100 IM First place, and 200 IM First place.

The women’s team won the 200 Medley Relay. Other individual winners for the women were 50 Free, Second place, 200 Free, Second place, 100 Back, Second place, and 100 Breast, Second place.

The two teams will be on each other’s tails as the season moves along.

On Wednesday night the men’s and women’s teams will compete at the frenetic pace.

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Hockey Rebounds at the North Pole

By Jeff Patterson
Staff Writer

The Babson Ice Hockey team experienced its ups and downs over the previous weekend. First was an extremely disappointing, awful 4-1 tie against AIC on Friday. What is especially disappointing is that a tie is the lowest scoring tie that can be scored. One of AIC is a team Babson should beat in their sleep, but this was simply a bad night all around.

Players and fans agreed this particular contest was a disaster that absolutely, positively cannot be repeated if they want to earn an NCAA bid.

Moving on, the weekend did produce a positive event.

"...you will probably be as fearful for your health to go there as I was."-

Drawing motivation from the evening before, the team defeated UCONN 5-4 on Saturday night. This evening saw the team overcome the system- less, hard-working, tough-to- scout Huskies and their outdoor home rink, which is to be forever documented in history. Everyone wants to know why it should be called the North Pole, any plausible reasoning is probably as fearful for your health to go there as I was.

Getting to the game, extremely devoted followers, who braved the elements (it would have been bad enough on a normal night, let alone one when the temperature hovered around zero degrees) followed UCONN continued to work, and eventually tied the game at 4 with most of the scoring coming in the third. Babson would not be denied. The Huskies were called for a late goaltender interference penalty, and Jerry Ambrosh drove one home on a power play with David Woodward assisting. David has made a tremendous case for himself all season long for All-American Honors. Babson played solid defense at the end, and held on for the 3-4 win at the North Pole. Also playing well on Saturday were Dave Boisse, Matt San George, and John Pierce. Continuing to practice hard are Bothan Przygocki and Chad Colotti.代

The Babson Hockey team will be at home the next two weekends.

San Angelina, featuring the Bianculli brothers, comes in for a 7PM visit on Friday. The New England College Pilgrims visit Saturday afternoon, with face-off at 4PM.

Saturday, February 18 first appeared as an average game on the Babson schedule. However, the home finale will be crucial, as the opposition, Connecticut College, is off to a surprising stringing 13-3-1 start. Finally, (really this time) Holy Cross visits Saturday.

--Players and fans agreed this particular contest was a disaster that absolutely, positively cannot be repeated if they want to earn an NCAA bid.

The regular season winds down to Championship Week the games are played to the hilt, the crowd is loud, the games are tight, the defending conference champs heat up. Bubble teams will fight with all of their will to reach the NCAA tournament and be assured to be playing for a number one seed. After Championship Week comes the selection night which will bring out a lot of people, more than the Super Bowl on its own! Once the sixty-four teams are all placed into their regions, the true madness begins. Upsets, blow-outs, dunk, throws, throw- downs, buzzer beaters, heroes, goats, noise, and more noise! I cannot wait. I will be a basketball junkie and all of this is just fine by me.

There are many other exactly like me hidden behind the doors last night in front of a glowing television set and in one month you will wonder where those two hours have gone. All I have to say is Thank God that Spring Break shelters most of the madness because my Taxes and intermediate Accounting textbooks would certainly be collecting some dust! Hmmm. I wonder if I could find a day in March to schedule the week of Spring Break is a college basketball fan. Now that is crazy!

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