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Home Depot Donates $5 Million

By Chris Keenan
Features Editor

On Friday, Babson College will announce that it has received a substantial financial gift of five million dollars. Arthur M. Blank, Co-Founder and Chief Operating Officer of Home Depot Inc. of Atlanta, gave the gift, in order to establish the "Home Depot Entrepreneurial Scholarship Fund." Arthur M. Blank is a 1963 graduate of Babson College, a member of the school’s Entrepreneurship Advisory Board, and the Academy of Distinguished Entrepreneurs.

According to Arthur M. Blank, "Babson is uniquely positioned, because of its top-rank entrepreneurship program and educates the type of entrepreneurial-spirited managers needed by businesses such as Home Depot."

Two million dollars of the donation were also allocated to an endowment for a three-fourths-year scholarship. The first three awards to be given out will be distributed in the fall of 1997 to members of the Class of 1997. Only those newly admitted students with financial need and a Home Depot store in their community will be eligible for the award. The focus of this scholarship will be on identifying minority students whose communities can benefit from entrepreneurial role models. The scholarship will not be the only award that these students will get. They will also receive an internship offer from their local Home Depot store during the summer. The applications for this scholarship will be available during the spring of 1997. This is when other on-going projects, such as the Lynn Hall renovation and the completion of Arthur M. Blank Center for Entrepreneurship will be completed.

"...the construction of the Arthur M. Blank Center for Entrepreneurship..."

According to President Glavin, "We are tremendously excited by Arthur Blank’s extraordinary investment in Babson. His gift will enable talented students to benefit from the well known teaching, research, and outreach activities the Center for Entrepreneurial Studies provides, in a facility designed for the support and advancement of entrepreneurship."

According to Thomas Kimmel, the negotiations for this gift have been ongoing for about three years. "It began with a visit with President Glavin and himself to Art [Arthur Blank] about three years ago." This gift is a result of the financial campaign, investing in Babson’s Vision: Educating Tomorrow’s Entrepreneurial Leaders. The goal of the campaign was to raise eighty million dollars by 1997. Since this new contribution puts the grand total at ninety-six million dollars, Babson has announced a new campaign goal of one hundred and fifteen million dollars by the same date.

Fire in Van Winkle: Curling Iron Suspected as Cause

By Ross Sanger
Production Manager

On Thursday, February 8, Van Winkle Hall was the site of a potentially dangerous fire. At that time, an unattended curling iron in C Tower room 207, started a blaze that provoked fellow dorm resident Chris Conception to contact Babson College Public Safety. Public Safety relayed the fire status to the Wellesley Fire Department, who arrived at the scene shortly after. Public Safety had learned of the situation at 2:47 PM. The dorm was evacuated af- ter an officer pulled the fire alarms in order to activate the system, and residents were asked to leave the dorm and wait outside. The dorm could be secured. A subsequent search of the rooms indicated that everything had been left safe.

According to Babson Public Safety Assistant Director Donna Superior, the specifics of the situation could have resulted in far more disorder then was experienced. She felt that the department did not overreact to their first genuine fire scare of the semester. Superior also felt that they were more organized than they could have been given the shift change that was in progress when the first notification was received. Typically, Superior indicated, an emergency during a shift change results in too many officers arriving on the scene simultaneously. In this case, Lieutenant Superior stated that the officers handled the situation very professionally. She further mentioned that some officers drove their personal cars to the scene, in order to assist.

Due to the quick response time of Public Safety and, consequently, the firefighters, the fire was contained to the room in which it had started. Although the fire had smoldered for only a short time, its growth was significant enough to warrant the use of the dorm’s second floor window. The smoke’s fumes became increasingly noticeable, even after the flames had been extinguished. The smoke also contributed to the room damage which was estimated to exceed $2,000.

Although the white smoke played a role in the damage, Associate Director of Public Safety Jack Deasy thought, "It was a good thing that it burned white smoke." His reasoning is that black smoke would be far more difficult to clean and distinguish. He notes that black smoke has the tendency to stain the walls and properties to which it is exposed. Due to the comparatively easy cleansing, the room has been scheduled to be released back to its occupants on February 16.

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Exchange Your Dinner

By Marie Collina
Staff Writer

Many Babson students find that their class schedule restricts them as to when they are able to eat dinner in Trimb dining hall. A common question these harried students ask themselves is, "Can I get to Trim before it closes, and still make my next group meeting on time?" Marriott, in their continued efforts to assist students, has taken a step to solve this problem. As of February 20, every student will be allowed to transfer one dinner meal credit to the Exchange between 6:30 and 8:30 PM.

Bob Gee, the Pub and evening manager of the Exchange states, "This was done for the students who need a more unrestricted dinner schedule. It is cheaper [for Marriott] to feed people at Trim, but we are trying to address this problem, which was brought to our attention through various surveys and a focus group that wanted to be able to eat later."

This new meal plan system is not without its limitations, however. Instead of closing at 6:45 PM, every weekday, as it does now, Trim will close fifteen minutes earlier, at 6:30 PM. No general consensus could be found among students as to how this earlier closing time will effect them.

In order to meet the expected increases in demand, Marriott plans on adding at least two more workers to the evening staff at the Exchange. Marriott’s long term plans for this new policy are, as of now, still uncertain. Mr. Gee did say, however, that this new meal transfer system would definitely remain in place until the end of the semester.

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Photos by Bob Graham

Babson Fails In "The Real World"

By Chris Keenan
Features Editor

Last semester, MTV was looking for a Babson student to be on the network's hit television show "The Real World." MTV chose to look for a student here at Babson, because not only will the participants live together in the same house and have their lives taped, they would also start up their own businesses and run it for the duration of the show. MTV said they were looking for a diverse 18-26 year old with a yearning for business, insinuating a Babson student.

Unfortunately, this did not seem to be a true reflection of the Babson student. MTV was actually looking for. The whole process of finding an entrepreneurial student actually started when MTV announced a national search for an "expert in the business field." MTV was referring to Melissa McMullin from Cranbrook High School, who has worked with Joe Mahoney from Babson College on projects in the past. According to Joe Mahoney, "We were not necessarily looking for someone from Babson College.

From the announcement in the November 2, 1999 issue of the Free Press, thirteen people picked up applications from Joe Mahoney. Of these thirty-six, twelve actually tuned in the five-to-ten-minute video that was required to become a candidate. This video would give MTV their first look at the interested student, in order to tell whether or not this person would be good for the show. In fact, when MTV had viewed these twelve tapes, they sent requests for additional information to two people on campus. These two people were Steve Givio, a junior, and sophomore Carolyn Weiss. This additional information consisted of a twelve page questionnaire which asked both students about a number of different topics. According to the decision letter that was later sent to both of these students, just receiving the questionnaire meant that the video brought the individual into the top 20% of the thousands of candidates that applied.

According to a source at MTV, they were "not looking for one particular criteria," and they choose the person who the Executive Producers think will "click." Also, according to this source at MTV, the Babson applicants were not differentiated from any other applicants. Thus, Babson video cassettes were put on the pile of the other 4,500 tapes that they received from around the country.

The show, which is being shot in Miami, will be broadcast on MTV sometime in July. The seven people that were selected are currently having their lives taped so millions of people can watch.

When Givio was asked if he was disappointed about not being chosen, he replied, "I am only disappointed that they sent the decision to school, so I did not know until I got back in January. I wasn't that disappointed because I tried last year. I was just happy that I made it that far."

Meal Transfer, No Problem

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offers a smaller scale version of the same menu items at Trim. Certain items such as Snapple and Ben & Jerry's ice cream will not be allowed as part of the $2.25 allotted for dinner transfers. Also, students will not be able to have dinner at Trim and then proceed to the Exchange later the same night for another late-night snack on their One Card. Other meal transfers during non-dinner times will continue to operate on the same system as they currently are (i.e., they will still have to be requested and handled on an individual basis).

Mr. Gee summed up the new meal transfer system by saying, "You have to expect that service maybe slower, because the exchange is not designed to handle as many people as Trim. We'll have to see what comes of it."

BABO Blotter

During the past week, Public Safety responded to 620 calls for service. During the same period, Period Safety Officers either towed, or attempted to tow, nine vehicles which were parked in Handicapped parking spaces or Medical areas on campus. Parking Violations in Handicapped and Medical areas have shown a marked increase over the last few weeks. Public Safety Officers will be giving extra attention to all Handicapped and Medical areas, violators are subject to receive a ticket ($50) and be towed.

Wednesday February 7, 1996
10:20 P.M. - Roger's Pub reported that they had in their possession an altered Babson One Card which had been used in the attempt to purchase alcohol. The matter has been referred to Campus Life.

Thursday February 8, 1996
5:01 P.M. - Fire alarm was received from Park Manor South, caused by candles from a birthday cake.
5:00 P.M. - Public Safety officers received additional information about a past hit and run, which occurred in the Brintnott Lot. The matter is currently under investigation.

Friday February 9, 1996
9:08 P.M. - As a result of a traffic stop for a stop sign violation, the driver of the motor vehicle was placed in promiscuous custody for being under the influence of alcohol.

Saturday February 10, 1996
2:05 A.M. - Public Safety officers responded to a call from the Park Manor's area about an illegal egg. Upon arrival, they observed a number of people carrying a leg. The leg was confiscated, and the matter is under investigation.

Sunday February 11, 1996
2:57 P.M. - BES and Public Safety officers responded to the ice risk. It was reported that a 3 1/2 year old had ingested a toxic substance. The child was transported to Newton-Wellesley Hospital with his father.

Announcements

• Second Annual Freshman Writing Contest: The Writing Center would like to announce the Second Annual Writing Contest. We feel that the fine writing being created in the freshman class should be recognized in the Babson Community. And, what better way to do this than by having a contest? So, First Year students, this is your chance to show Babson what you have. We ask you to submit one of your favorite essays, that you have written in any Freshman course, to our contest. Peer Consultants from the Writing Center will collect the essays, read them, and select a group of them for publication.

Submission requirements:
First Year students may submit essays from any liberal arts or management class, or their freshman English Composition class. Only one submission per student is allowed. Essays should be typed (double-spaced), proofread, and stapled. Each page should be numbered. Student's ID number should be in the upper right hand corner of every page.
A cover page must include the essay's title, the writers name and ID number, the student's address and phone number, and the name of the student's composition instructor.

Writers should keep a copy of their work, as submissions will not be returned. Maximum length of 4-6 pages.
Deadline: March 29 in the Writing Center, Horn 102 X4365
• SGA Elections
Individuals who intend to run as officers on next year's SGA Executive Board must have their signature sheets completed by Friday. New Sheets are available at the Info Booth.

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Announcing the Second Annual Freshman Writing Contest

Last year marked the first year that The Writing Center sponsored a writing contest. This year the contest is back and if you or are a Freshmen you are eligible. If you feel that you have the skill, the talent, and the guts, submit an essay. Last years winning submissions are available in the writing center, just drop on by. Any questions on requirements, see the announcements section of this issue, or call Amy at x4724.

Have fun, and keep on writing!

All Freshmen are asked to submit essays from any liberal arts or management class for consideration.
They Rated Florida State Above Babson?

Once again, I have chosen to begin my editorial by offering some insight to the few people who have written letters to the editor. While reading my comments and those of the people who have written letters, I ask you to think about one word in particular, pride. I believe that if you read each of the letters and this editorial while keeping pride in mind, everything will be very well understood. Who knows, you may even be enlightened and try and change the poems on this campus by yourself.

To start off, a "Very Concerned Student" believes that Babson has no social life. This student tries to blame Babson, SGA, and CAB. From one concerned student to another, the reason Babson has a so-so social life is due to the lack of pride among the students here. Using SGA, CAB, and even Babson as a scapegoat for the lack of social life on this campus is simply lame.

The second letter that I would like to address is from a Babson student, and a Free Press alumna. Andre Popov writes about how he is disgusted with the US News & World Reports undergraduate rankings. (Did you know that they rated Florida State above Babson?) He brings to light that a major Pennsylvania newspaper ranked Babson 5th among the undergraduate business schools. He concludes that the Pennsylvania newspaper that ranked Babson as being number 5 obtained the ranking from a survey of 100 human resource directors of Fortune 500 companies. Andre Popov has pride.

The final letter that I would like to mention is written by James Craig. James writes about his concerns with the way Greek organizations have been treated. James not only has pride as a member of a Greek organization but also shows pride in Babson student by addressing his concerns to the Babson community.

As you can see, very few students at Babson show little, if any pride. Let us look at this past year. The Olin Foundation has donated $10 million to help build and support the graduate school. The Reynolds Foundation has donated a large sum of money to put towards the development of a Campus Center. The ice hockey team has been the NCAA national champions. The swimming team is sending 43 students to the New England Championships. And now, exclusively from the Free Press, Home Depot has donated $7 million to put towards the development of the Entrepreneurial Studies Program.

Keeping all of that in mind, why shouldn't Babson students have pride in their school? The parents are proud. I know mine are. If more students were proud of Babson, and what the college has given us, then the social life would be better. We hear about schools like Florida State and how much fun the students are having. We hear about how great their parties are. What we don't hear is how students break forty windows in a weekend, or how students break into other students' cars. Those things are heard at Babson. Sure Florida State has great parties, and great athletic teams, but they don't have what Babson students have. They don't have our professors, they don't have our education, they don't have our Babson pride. Unfortunately, that is a thing of the past. What used to be a school that took pride in its name has now become a business school with no social life.

In the words of James Craig, I would like each "person at Babson, administration and students alike, to take these three things under advisement: consideration, respect, and realization." consider what Babson has and can offer you. Respect what Babson is and has been. And realize that nothing at Babson will improve without PRIDE.

Lawrence P. Ganti
Editor-in-Chief

You Make the Choice

Soon, the organization of the year will be voted on, and you will have to make a decision of whether the organization you feel deserves this distinction. First, I would like to give you some advice, don't vote for an organization just because organizations, them don't someone asks you to. This is like voting for Bill Clinton because he told you to do so, and that a thing of the past. Instead, vote for an organization you feel is a strong organization. By strong organization, I don't mean the organization who promotes themselves the best; rather vote for an organization you know makes a difference on campus, one that makes an impact.

Second, it is my feeling that if you do not know about any organization, then it is not your choice. Why should you vote for an organization that someone you know was good of if you know nothing about that organization. Let's look back at the race for President again. Many voters don't study politics, or don't know much about the record of people who are running for office, yet they vote, and it can definitely have bad results. In this election, organization of the year, the stakes might not be as great, but you are still attempting to recognize one organization for the work that they did during the year.

Some of you might be thinking that I am saying vote for the Free Press, when in fact I'm saying don't vote for the Free Press if you don't think it deserves the honor. Don't let anyone tell you how to vote. What you must do is sit down and think of what organization on campus did the most for you this year, it might be CAB for planning great events, or the Dance Ensemble, or the Babsonian. My message is simple, don't tell the student body to vote for, but tell you to take it seriously, think about what organization had an impact on you and then vote for them.

Overall, don't just be a passive participant in an election process, be an active one. Get involved, take your vote seriously, and vote what you think, not what you are told to think. I hope you take this advice for heart for the upcoming SGA elections, organization of the year elections, and the Presidential election.

Brent C. Larson
Managing Editor
Letter to the Editor:

James Craig expresses an important viewpoint of the Greek community at Babson in his article "The Greek Tradition" published in The Babson Free Press. The issue of how to improve the Greek image on campus is one that is not easily solved. I applaud Mr. Craig's initiative to take the time to explore this issue. It is apparent to me that he is interested in seeing a stronger Greek community that is recognized as such by the entire campus.

As another person who is interested in supporting a strong Greek community, I would like to offer some information that might prove helpful in this process. I would challenge Mr. Craig's assertion that "the Greek community has been in a state of crisis for a long time, and that its administration's existence since day one". In an era when some Northwestern schools have abolished their Greek systems (e.g. Colby College), the fact that Greek organizations are recognized on this campus speaks to the contrary. Babson's administration has even supported students who have struggled with membership numbers, faced financial difficulties, and confronted other challenges. The recent disbandment of Zeta Beta Theta was not due to a lack of college support, as Mr. Craig implies in his article. In fact, the college supported ZBT by selecting them as the sponsor for last Fall's Orientation Night in an effort to continue to utilize a fraternity tower even as their membership numbers diminished, and by working closely with the chapter leaders. Zeta Beta Tau's national office also decided to withdraw their chapter's recognition after attempting to work with the Babson chapter to resolve their differences over financial matters. After the national office withdrew their recognition, and the Babson fraternity could not challenge this decision or rebuild their chapter, Babson College withdrew their recognition of the group as well.

The college has made an effort to recognize the contributions of Greek organizations. Last year, Babson recognized the contributions of Sigma Phi Epsilon by inviting them to present the college's community service award. Theta Chi and Kappa Kappa Gamma have also worked with the college in recognition of their philanthropic contributions to the college community. The college has also worked to recognize each year with the presentation of the Greek organization awards during the college's campuswide awards ceremony. This Spring, the Office of Student Activities will sponsor a dinner awards ceremony to recognize the contributions of each fraternity and sorority.

Members of the college administration have made a sincere effort to be supportive of the efforts of Greek organizations. As recently as last year, the faculty and staff from each fraternity and sorority were invited to a meeting with staff from Athletics, Student Activities, Housing and Residential Programs, HRS Counseling Center, Health Services, and Campus Life to discuss how these departments could help to be even more supportive of Greek life. Last year, the college offered a formal dinner with Greek students, faculty, and staff to discuss the evening's theme of "Bridging the Gap" between these groups. In March, the college will sponsor the second Panhellean Women's Luncheon with sorority women and members of the faculty and staff at the college, and the Greek community is expected to be there.

Mr. Craig has raised an important topic in exploring how Greek life can be reestablished and further supported on campus. Babson is one of the few schools where all Greek members have the will there is a way to realize an important goal, and one that is beneficial to all Greek members. I know the Office of Student Activities Staff will be glad to be of assistance in this process.

- Patrick O'Day
Director of Student Activities

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Letter to the Editor:

Dear Adria, in your argument concerning the unnecessary prejudice we all seem to exhibit against Greek life, I will refer to my own experience, day by day, especially with the police brutality story. However, there is a fine line between justification and political correct extremism.

With respect to $IX's "not all Greeks are equal" marketing gimmick, no leader should take this advertising out of context. Although it was a rather foolish play to ensnare more members, I am sure that there were no malicious intentions behind it. After all, it was only a silly spoof of an even sillier Calvin Klein advertisement. On a deeper note, not all women are indeed, nor created equal, and I think you are debating yourself in thinking so. Do you believe that you would have had to have gone to Babson, you have had your grades fall below and your other achievements null? Because of your academic capabilities, you have an equal chance to succeed, but the unfortunate reality is that other women perhaps did not have the mental capacity to handle. (One girl from my old high school was was-hsted to this fine institution, for exemple.) My point is that we may have been born with different organs, but some people's brains function more adeptly than others. In this respect, we are definitely not equal. That is why some people have a #1 class rank, while I have a GPA barely above 3.0.

As far as Public Safety following the African-American student to his death, yes, that is a case of prejudice, but not all it really? I am white and of moderate race and have also received inane treatment from the staff at Babson. As the co-president of a club at Babson, I do not enjoy going to the Student Activities office to look for poster paper, and then asked, "Are you a student here?" by the secretary. Perhaps I do not personaslly a J. Crew ad (thank Satan), but that does not mean that one should infer that I do not attend Babson. Perhaps this instance isn't as strong as the one aforementioned, but it is still a slight case of ridiculous prejudice. Furthermore, unless it is a blatant case of racism or prejudice, we should not get ourselves carried away with potential acts of racism.

By running everything into a racial/prejudice issue unnecessarily, you are only perpetuating something that should not be taken so seriously, or should just be.

Natalie Vlahovic '98

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Letter to the Editor:

After spending numerous weekends in my years here at Babson, I have come to the conclusion that Babson could be more Heaven on Earth than just a place to drink, smoke, and party for social life. Except for the few athletic games, and various events that occur maybe once a month, participation in Greek activities on campus is the weekend's highlight and during the week is a chance to make the campus a great place to hang out on weekends, but instead, students are forced to head out of campus for their weekend enjoyment. CAB and the SGA have been able to put on some great events, but there are few and far between and it leaves many empty weekends.

Babson offers students who do not drink on campus, and believe me there are many, there is even less to do. The weekends that they have going on is down to three; drink in someone's room until Baby comes to break it up early (and they do), do more homework, or go off campus.

As a friend pointed out to me, the thing I like about campus is not going to change unless someone is killed driving home drunk after having to head off campus to find a half decent party that the campus police won't break up. Is this really what Babson is all about? Why wait for? It is beginning to seem that way.

I am not saying that I just want more drinking parties, but I really wish we could get more activities that all students would want to participate in. Now, I would like to be the first to admit that students on this campus are not as eager to participate in Greek life, but I think this may be a result from a lack of choices of events in which to attend.

For those students who do enjoy a good drinking party, they are living on the wrong campus at the moment. I know for a fact that Babson has been cracking down really hard on parties this semester and this is just leading to more people drinking and driving. I am not sure if Babo thinks they are doing everyone a favor by breaking up all the up parties until 11 pm, but what they need to realize is that most people aren't going to go until 10:30 pm and by the time they get there, the party is broken up.

I also think that one of the reasons that the Greek Life campaign is dying off is because they are unable to hold any social events. Who can blame people for not wanting to join the Babson Greek Life? They are killing the rest of the event and these activities are all Greek life exclusively, so it is not surprising that every group can claim that they had a party that lasted 1 1/2 hour session.

I think if Babo keeps up their current trend, no one will be on campus during the weekends next year and it is something we will be willing to tell people outside of campus.

- Not sure

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- A VERY Concerned Student
Letter to the Editor:

I find US News & World Report's undergraduate business rankings unacceptable. It completely undervalues the quality of our school. Especially when you consider that Florida State outranked us. (Geen, and I thought I caught the big fish, when I was accepted to Bahson.) 1. While some of the institutions mentioned have graduate business programs, they don't (don't) have undergraduate business programs, e.g. MIT. An operations management major available to students working for a certain b-school would be impartial? 3. Some fine school, which are highly regarded in the business community, e.g. Georgetown, Bahson College, NU, and the West Cost, etc. were ranked poorly. Admissions are extremely tough at those schools. Their newsletter departments boost some high profile professors. But then again a school like Florida State (God forbid, it's a good school, but not that good) outranked some of the top institutions because of its dubious reputation. Wasted reputation! Its football team's reputation? 4. A major Pennsylvania periodical newspaper ranked the following schools in the following order: 1. NYU, 2. Wharton, 3. Georgetown, 4. B.C., 5. Bahson College, 6. Carnegie Mellon.

The way I see it, the Greek organizations of the Bahson community are being made an example. Why is that? Is it because each fraternity and sorority are so neatly bound and intertwined that they are easy targets? Granted, some of the organizations are not as united as others, but the question still applies. The answer, however, seems to be out of first-year reach. By this point, some might be wondering what I am getting at. The Greek organizations would like each person at Bahson, administration and students alike, to take these three issues under advisement: consideration, respect, and realization. Alpha Kappa Psi has been without organizational space for six years. The loss of their previous space has been long forgotten by most, and the individuals that held responsible graduated at least two years ago. Part of life is to learn from the mistakes of others so that same mistakes do not happen again. Alpha Kappa Psi fraternity has been at Bahson the longest, and they deserve consideration more than they deserve a machete to cut through the jungle of red tape.

Why is consideration a party if there are more than fifteen percent of a room or tower? This rule is complete farce, and the Greek organizations are caught in the center. What this rule says is that the fraternities and sororities cannot hold their meetings in their designated suites, towers, or rooms for fear of a policy violation. No one can sit around and watch the Super Bowl with friends for fear of a violation. No one can sit in towers and suites just shooting the breeze for fear of a violation. This "rule" may effect all on this campus, but it is directly aimed at Greek organizations, which shows no respect for the privacy of the fraternities and sororities let alone anyone else. You know that broken window in the door leading into your dorm? Who did it? I suppose the only person who knows is the one who did it. Realize this—99.9 percent of the time—it was not a member of a Greek organization. They learn to respect their property. They do not want to see their own property damaged because they who pay for it. That is why they respect their surroundings and do not damage them. Realize where to point the finger and where not to.

People are people. Just because some choose to do different things with their lives does not mean that they have given up their "unalienable rights" to be treated differently. The only difference between Greeks and non-Greeks is the secrets that bind each individual organization which create the strengths between brothers and sisters. All that is desired by each fraternity and sorority is campus-wide equality, but I am beginning to think that there is no such thing as equality.

-James Craig

Letter to the Editor:

In response to Adrian McCoy's "Letter to the Community," the sisters of Sigma Kappa wish to clarify a few statements made by Miss McCoy. Apparently she has misinterpreted the meaning of our rush slogan "Not All Women are Created Equal." This slogan has been adopted from Calvin Klein's national advertising campaign. In addition this slogan has been adopted for rush by Sigma Kappa chapters at MIT and Boston University. Usage by these other organizations, on campuses much larger and more culturally diverse than Bahson, has not elicited such a response as Miss McCoy's. In "Letter to the Community," she questions why Sigma Kappa, a sorority, may use this slogan while she cannot. Using the slogan "Not All Blacks/ Jews/ minorities are created equal," suggests that Sigma Kappa is perfect if she is able to have an appropriate occasion to use it. In her article, Miss McCoy never actually states her exact viewpoint with the slogan, rather she hints at her point, which is that she claims that Sigma Kappa's rush slogan is racist. Sigma Kappa has never chosen the slogan to be racist or separatist, but rather has chosen it in a "tonque in cheek" manner to playfully suggest that Sigma Kappa's are unique. In fact, it is the diversity within our sisterhood that strengthens our sisterhood bond. Our rush slogan is true: Not all women are created equal. We come in all shapes, sizes, colors, intelligence and other characteristics. It is for these reasons that Sigma Kappa is so diverse. That is what makes us special. We are all different. We have sisters that have unique ethnic backgrounds: Guamanian, Indian, Armenian, and Filipine. We also have a variety of religious beliefs with Christians, Jews, and Atheists. What we are trying to say is that diversity is like the spice of life. If we were all equal, think of how dull this world would be.

That is why Sigma Kappa celebrates diversity rather than discourages it.

What has been omitted from Miss McCoy's article is the discussion of the words "All Women Students are Invited to Attend" written next to our rush slogan. A group that welcomes everyone in the rush process cannot be accused of racism. Miss McCoy has jumped to conclusions about our sorority before researching the history and meaning of being a Sigma Kappa. If, prior to publishing her article, she had approached any of our sisters with her concerns, we would have been able to settle this issue privately rather than in a misconstrued public forum. Adrian, if your still have concerns about what Sigma Kappa representatives, we ask you not to "Wake up!" but instead to "Get Up!" And meet the sisters of Sigma Kappa to see how diversity a sisterhood is.

-Julie Lundin and Tonía DeGregory

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-Letter from Thomas Jefferson to Dr. James Currie

Paris January 28, 1786

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Opinions

Witch-Hunts and Inquisitions Over Internet Porn

By Criş Conceanu
Webmaster

It has been a week and a day since President Clinton passed the Communications Decency Act (CDA) into law. May God have mercy on the Internet. Part of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, the CDA is an unwelcome change over how "obscene and indecent materials" are passed over the Internet. The CDA includes provisions for controlling harassing material, pornography and other issues that have struck a chord of unease in the "Silent Majority." While this might be interpreted as an act of bringing decency back to a society that has been malignantly characterized as fraud with morality and naivety, a closer look at the language of the CDA reveals that it sets a dangerous precedent for restricting freedom of speech.

I am no pillar of cyberporn. I don't have an inkling of graphic images. I abstain. But images exist, and they are a part of our culture.

I don't have a particular grudge against any race, creed or gender. So perhaps, the CDA doesn't apply to me personally. However, the fact that the act passed, with its ambiguous language and its wide range of effects on the Net, has me scared, very scared.

Abortion activists are already up in arms over the fact that the CDA has made it illegal to discuss methods of abortion over the Internet. Circulating or posting details on abortion devices and practices is now a crime with penalties to the tune of a $250,000 fine and up to two years in jail. This very aspect of the CDA absolutely strikes of the Puritan values that founded America. In this day of the resurgent Religious Right, it might not be surprising to make an argument that abortion should be banned, based solely on the religious values of a single segment of America, is to create a flawed issue. Having right-wing neo-Puritans outlaw the discussion of abortion as is happening with the American Jewboy to make the discussion of porn recipes illegal. Perhaps if the CDA merely sought to prosecute the authors of such indecent material, there wouldn't be as much of an uproar. However, the act also includes provisions for punishment, not only for those who would create, distribute, sexually explicit material, but those who would allow for it to be circulated, meaning that online services, academic campuses, and community bulletin boards are now vulnerable to charges of creating and distributing those who would engage in deviant behavior. This sort of Orwellian nightmare is what the CDA asks of our virtual landlords.

The act indicates an American trying to defend pornography. If nothing else, one of the main reasons why people look askance at the Net is its reputation for being a haven for pedophiles, terrorists and digital criminals. While the CDA is not the apparent mission of clearing these undesirable environments that they don't really need, it leaves the door wide open for the prosecution of other, more benign fringe groups. For anyone who would have thought that we were in a glorious day of witch-burnings and inquisitions, I'm sure that given a chance, most of us here would still like to have the freedom to view them.

The Danger Zone

By Steve Giove
Staff Writer

Well, as of this printing Valentine's Day will have been over by a day and you hope you all were able to experience it to your fullest. To those who did not have a "significant other" to enjoy the day with, I sympathize. Until yesterday, I have not had a "valentine" since my freshman year in high school. (I am presently a junior here.) For all the relationships I have been in, I have always had a curse of never having someone special for a holiday—not even a small one like Valentine's Day. But like I said, this year was my Valentine's day because I really feel good to be with someone you care about. This year's "valentine" was not a girlfriend nor have we quite reached being "in love" but it still felt good all the same.

For those of you were lucky enough to experience love this week, or anyone for that matter, I hope you took full advantage of it. I hope this week you saw the other person not as "that guy or girl who is always calling me," or the "old ball and chain" but as someone who cares about you or someone who will be there for you; someone who just makes you feel good and who is there for you no matter what. I have sometimes wondered how really someone affects you and then it hits you all at once.

While my date and I getting ready to enjoy the Snow Ball, a song came on the radio that summed everything up that I just mentioned above. It was Billy Joel's "She's a Woman. For those who you don't remember the words, let me give you a small part of it:

She's got a smile that heals me. I don't know what it is. But I have to laugh when she makes me laugh. She's got a way of talking. I don't know what it is. But it lifts me up when we are walking, anywhere. She comes to me when I'm feeling down, inspires me. Without a song she teaches me. And I get turned around.

I wish I had room to fill the whole song, but isn't it true? I think the best thing about that special someone is the things you just can't describe. The things that just make you feel warm inside and make you smile. Anyway, onto a totally different topic. I want to comment on Shiv Singh's article of the week ago about commercials. I don't think the SGA and CAB merger is an act of "communism." Being a member of the SGA House of Representatives, I have a little more insight to offer this opinion. I'll, I won't be very happy long run for this school, I felt it was indeed a good idea. I think this merger will provide more student newspapers, with better school events and planning, that studying this school desperately needs. Thank you to the Board of Directors for its active support towards its execution, I know they can be worked out and I did end up voting yes.

Shiv, you can't just read a Free Press article from two weeks ago and run with it, calling out communism at every turn. I realize your article was only an opinion, but I think you need to look more into what the SGA/CAB merger will do for us. Past the "politics" and see it for what it could be. Get the facts. There's more to know about this merger than you eluded. To have to sit through two very long, drawn out meetings for the last two Tuesday nights talking about and voting on this merger. These meetings are really mandatory and open forum anyone can attend. Where were you?

The nation will now turn its attention to the Iowa caucus, which will have already occurred by the time this column is published. Who do I think will emerge the victor from this battle? Well, I think that Bob Dole is probably a shoe-in for taking this one. After all, this is America's Heartland and we are talking about Bob Dole's old stomping grounds. As far as Forbes goes, I really don't care how he does in Iowa. If he can convince enough of the voters with his flat endorsement, he may actually stand a chance beating Golden Boy Dole. As for the other candidates, it's anyone's game. I'm definitely not able to pull second or third place here, I will believe that Bob Dole will come out on top.

Take It or Leave It

By Walter Zemrok
Staff Writer

Something very surprising has happened over the last week. Pat Buchanan won the Louisiana primary. It was to be expected and after all, only he and Phil Gramm campaigned there. The fact that people like those in the movie "Deliverance" live there may explain a small part of it. Those hillbillies sure do know how to support their candidates. Bob Dole should have thought his supporters were this loyal. It's true that this was not a major caucus in the country, but the fact that the media portrayed this win sure could quasi-get a few votes. Let's not forget...

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Forget... Buchanan also came first in the New Hampshire primary. (I guess those Eskimos sure know how to support their candidate too.)

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Opinions

Internet Censorship: Is It the Beginning of the End?

By Shiv Singh
Staff Writer

For forty-eight hours my parallel world came together to fight a modern evil, the battle between good and bad all over again. For forty-eight hours my world turned the globe turned the virtual color of the Internet in protest against the Telecommunications Reform bill that was being passed in Congress. Unfortunately, it seems that enough can never be done, for it has become a law that censors the Internet.

Think of its history has just been created, the final frontier has been reached, the government, or the system, (you can call it whatever you want), has successfully created laws for a world that wasn’t supposed to have any laws at all. In other words, freedom of expression, the freedom to express yourself in the way you want to.

What makes this environment, in which we can be anywhere in the world talking to someone at the click of a button so special, is the fact that we can do whatever we want. It transgresses all social, physical and moral barriers that we may have based on political perceptions. To be white, brown, black or orange is irrelevant because only what you perceive or what you decide to show is seen by the virtual world.

Mental boundaries concerning age old prejudices, and misconceptions based on stereotyped looks, are torn to pieces, because of the virtual world of cyberspace, the user himself can decide how he wants to look, what he wants to sound, and what he wants to sound like.

But this act that was recently passed in Congress is the first step in making this reality more "earthlike" with its prejudices, misconceptions and social boundaries.

So what causes this act to fail? It imposes sweeping restrictions on on-line speech and conduct, imposing fines of $250,000 and jail sentences of 10 years to anyone for whom makes to the campus with even higher public forum on-line. I wonder what "indecency" material means. The government has argued, and I am not sure if that argument is accurate, that the act protects children all over the world from exposure to gay and lesbian pornography. If that is the case, why not say "pornography" instead of indecent material, because in this effect gives the government a chance to prosecute anyone putting anything on the net that they don’t happen to like. More so, there really isn’t any need for a pornography ban, simply because there are programs available that blank out pornography pages.

"The US government is attempting to control something it does not own..." -

This legislation threatens the very existence of the Internet as a viable means of musical expression, education, and political discourse. Despite loud objections from civil liberties group for 10 years, it has gone through. It has already been deemed unconstitutional and it is in the courts at the moment. But even if it gets repealed, this whole issue serves as an indication of something more.

It reminds us of the imposing role of the "system" in our lives and its desire or maybe even political stance on censorship.

CAB and SGA: Is It for the Best

By Jeff Della Rovere
Contributing Writer

The merger between SGA and CAB has caused many individuals to wonder exactly what is in store for the Babson campus, socially and culturally. The articles that have graced the front page of this paper during the last two issues have heightened the Babson community’s awareness of a change in two important organizations. "What does the merger mean to the Babson campus?" "Are we still having the CAB?"

"It is true that the melding of these two organizations represents the history of trusts in America and their communist undertones."

Winter Weekend and Oktoberfest, "Is there still a CAB?" and many similar questions have been raised by students all over campus. To answer all of them could take up this entire paper. But one question in particular that was raised in one of last week's opinions articles, "CAB, Communism, and a little Confusion in my mind," sparked my personal interest: Is the [merger] here to stay, or is it just a blip in time?

I chose this question among all the others because it best summarizes the apprehensions expressed in all of the opinions raised in the community. Will we truly benefit from this merger of CAB and SGA? Will we lose anything?

The merger means to the Babson campus a way to provide better, cheaper products to its customers and that makes the CAB and SGA merger will allow for better social, cultural, educational, and political activities to happen here. Like my opinions counterpart stated in his article, it’s just good business.

But is a merger just a capitalist excuse to privatize community? Webster’s Dictionary defines communism as a system in which production and goods are available to everyone. Well, SGA members are elected by the student body and any student can join CAB, so I would argue that these two organizations are "communally owned." Moreover, CAB and SGA are now a "system" for the "production of social and cultural "goods," so the merger does have communist overtones. Once again, this is not to say that the assertions previously made are true. Similarly, though, I wish to do the "communist" results of this merger necessarily hurt those who receive SGA and CAB's services. The answer is again no. SGA will still represent the student body in its democratic fashion, allowing us to see something to do besides go to class and do work. Except now, these organizations will be able to help students with even greater power and efficiency.

I see that by answering the first two parts of this question raised in "CAB, Communism, and a little Confusion in my mind," the last part has also been answered: the merger is "ethically right." Though arguments have been made to create more to connect with trusts and communism, the merger gives CAB and SGA the chance to carry out their duties more effectively.

My topic for this week: should women be allowed the same draft requirements in the military as men? I use the word "allowed" because I believe we have the Godgiven right to defend our nation as men do. I admit that not all women have the same physical capabilities as men, but that is not an excuse to deny them. If anything, all men have the same intellectual abilities as women and if women could help defend our country in many, many ways, and if a woman wants to go on the front line, then so be it. And anyone who tries to deny a woman this right should be locked up with all the pro-lifers.

What are some of the pros and cons in the military - why not? Unless a heterosexual man is afraid that a homosexual will be more brave and be thuggish and spurn him when the times comes for war. And I believe that there are some more important questions here, like the other one I said.

This is the last time I play his game. Our columns shall coexist, and never mention one another again.

"This is the last time I play his game."

Feminist Forum

By Viktoria Seekert
Staff Writer

I'm feeling romantic, since it was Valentine's Day just yesterday, so I shall be kind to all living creatures, men, and even my dear Steve Giove. I cannot go on with my column without at least defending my honor once again to that wussy, oversensitive writer they call a man. That's right, any column in a feminist's point of view on life - be it men, women's rights, or school. Whatever I chose. I am not madly in love with even what I can hash. And I will not tolerate name-calling or mistakes identified from someone who I don't even know. Enough said. This is the last time I play his game. Our columns shall coexist, and never mention one another again.

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Valentine's Day: A Special Day of Love

By Nola Mount
Contributing Writer

Today, in 1996, it is safe to say years, nearly everyone has at least heard of Valentine's Day. Many people of all age groups look forward to this day, which falls on the fourteenth of February.

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February each year. However, it is pretty safe to say that not many people know too much about the origin of Valentine's Day.

According to the Academic Americana Encyclopedia, two saints have been given the name Saint Valentine. One was a Roman priest, while the other was a saint who was beheaded. Terri Marko.

It is not even certain, however, whether these two individuals were based on actual people, or whether they were the same person. Many feel that the true meaning of why we celebrate Valentine's Day is largely unknown. Valentine's Day has become a largely commercialized holiday, with millions of people buying roses, candy, and cuddly teddy bears for their loved ones.

As Valentine's Day approaches each year, I have found that people do not seem to care about the origin of the day, or even why we celebrate it. Perhaps one of my boyfriends' Valentines Day is a good excuse to get long-term roses, chocolates, and gifts from their boyfriends. Other things associated with Valentines Day have been sending cards with hearts on them, wearing excessive pink or red clothing, and confessing your love to that "special someone."

No matter how you celebrate it (or even if you celebrate it at all), Valentine's Day continues to be a special day that seems to speak only of love and sweetness. There is no doubt, in my mind, that even if the definite origin of the day is never truly agreed upon people will still continue to acknowledge this joyous day.

Professor Profile: Bob Ballenger

By Karen Valdepenas
Staff Writer

One of the newer professors here at Babson is Bob Ballenger. For those of you who don't know him, Professor Ballenger belongs to the Accounting and Information Systems department. He is also planning to teach the Graduate Accounting and Information Systems course in the near future.

Like many professors here at Babson, there is a story behind him. In this case, Prof. Ballenger has a unique story in regards to how he ended up here at Babson in the Accounting Department. He grew up in a small town in New York State and attended a small college called Washington State College. He majored in the natural sciences and mathematics. After graduating in 1976, he worked in the computer department and began to take business classes. He then worked in the family retail business for three years, but decided it was not for him. Soon after, Ballenger landed a job at Burroughs Corporation.

For all of you Babson procrastinators who missed out on your opportunity to win the cruise vacation, watch out! It is now official that College Marketing will be hosting Beach Bowl II as part of its Founder's Day festivities again this year. The event will take place in Knight Auditorium on Tuesday, April 23. The tremendously successful event is currently being completely enhanced and will likely be the biggest event of the year. It's never too early to start forming your teams and start studying for the event. The cash prize is sure to be around $800 again this year for the winner, who is allowed to choose your teammates wisely. Stay tuned for more information on how it becomes available and have a great President's Day Weekend.

Babson Christian Fellowship

By Tanus Hogopian
Contributing Writer

The Babson Christian Fellowship has been a very active organization on campus. In the fall, we had a singer grace our community with her powerful voice. Many people went to Roger's Pub to listen to Anna Houtz's pleasurable music.

We have also been involved with area churches and colleges. Some students attend Grace Chapel in the morning, an interdenominational church. Park Street Church in Boston offers a service on Sunday evenings. About two hundred

Beaver Fever: Fosc'le Touched Up

By G.B. Silvers
Staff Writer

Babson is known for its entrepreneurial spirit, yet the quantity of student run businesses has drastically declined over the past few years. Even some of the previously successful businesses have not shown dramatic activity over the past year. However, the success of the FTO program has created a smaller quantity of high quality businesses. As I reflect upon all of the student businesses I have witnessed, one new operation strikes me as truly entrepreneurial. The Fosc'le of Class B of '96 demonstrates entrepreneurship in the fullest extent of the business concept to the decoration of its location.

Upon entering the cafe for their grand opening on Sunday night, I was quite impressed to see the end result of creativity coupled with an extremely smart business. Even though I am a very positive person, it would be unfair to tell you that the Fosc'le was anything less than a dump when I lived in Park Manor North during my freshman year. Yes, A Touch of Class Cafe has transformed one of the least desirable areas on campus into the closest thing to a temporary campus center for socialization.

The decor and music in the cafe actually allow one to relax and escape from the everyday stress of Babson homework. The quality of the food items offered makes A Touch of Class Cafe an excellent choice for those late night study breaks. If you have not had the opportunity to try Babson's newest snack bar, then I highly recommend you get down to the basement of Park Manor North soon to see true entrepreneurial at work. I would like to congratulate the employees of the cafe and all of the other FTO students for their hard work to get their businesses off the ground.

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Roger's Pub's Late Night Menu

Monday - Tuesday - Wednesday - Friday
9:00 - 11:30 P.M.
Personal Pan Cheese and Pepperoni Pizzas - $2.60
Mozzarella Sticks - $3.25
Buffalo Wings - $2.95
Chicken Fingers - $3.75
Zucchini Sticks - $2.95
Jalapeno Poppers - $3.25
Hot Haggie - $3.25

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Dear Dean:

Dean of Students:

This question has stunned Emily Post and other leading gurus and gurus-es: Should men leave the seat on the "Romanso uniex" bopper up or down? This is a multifaceted quandary. Besides etiquette, shouldn't we also consider wear and tear on the hinges? Health? Safety? Equal opportunity? Who is best equipped to set the rules that govern uniex boppers at Babson?

Sincerely,
A. Woe-Behind

P.S. This conundrum is very confusing for European students. For example, WCX on British railway carriages have a notice above the bopper that reads "Gentleman raise the seat."

Dear Mr. Belvid:

Although I've never heard of a multifaceted quandary, I certainly applaud anyone's choice of safe sex. It's been yours since I've worn one of the darn things, but I'm sure this newer type is vastly superior compared to older models.

Anyways, the answer to your question is a very simple one. UP! There is simply less to clean with the seat in an upright position. The whole bigger and the change of hitting the rim is a lot less. If Emily Post wants to slip on a pair of my surgical gloves and hand flush a freshly discovered North Slavna, then maybe her opinion will be of some value to me. As far as the European students being confused by this new type of conundrum, I can't see why. I'm sure they slide on a relatively similar manner as the American variety.

Keep it up,
The Dean

Dear Captains of Cleanliness:

Why is it that coffee, America's million dollar lawsuit beverage, is able to circumnavigate my digestive system and end up in the toilet moments after its consumption? Does it have to do with the temperature, caffeine content, consistency, or that warm bucket of water I always keep my hands in?

Yours Truly,
Crappin' Crapacino

Dear Mr. Captains:

It sounds like you are describing a classic case of the "Screamin' Minis" to me. Coffee, as I'm sure that you are aware, is a drink made from the seeds of a tropical plant. What you probably don't realize is that it contains a substance that when in liquid form causes coffee to be more dense than other fluids. The end result is that sometimes it zigs when it should zag while going through your digestive system. Which way it'll go is (excuse the pun) a crapshoot. If it does bypass the urinary tract and enter the bowels, you're in trouble. I've found that cow abortion coffee (Decafed) contains less of this substance, so you can drink it without more confidence and save on your laundry bill at the same time.

Sincerely,
Tight Cheeks

Free Press Staff Quote of the Week

--"There have been more Knight events, and therefore more kegs on this campus, which is always a good thing."--

Central Source 2/15/96
The Club Scene in Boston

The Melrose Place Review
By Michelle McLaughlin
Staff Writer

This week’s Melrose Place got underway with a death. The Whitney, or Brooke, as she is finally dead after hitting her head on the side of the pool, while drunk. The show has never been a favorite since she became a nightmare for Billy, who proceeds to harrow the nightmares throughout the entire episode.

Allison seems to be the only one who truly misses Brooke, as she goes so far as to turn down Billy’s proposal to spend the night.

Central Source
By Rusty Moyer and Tim Dyer
Staff Writers

Hello again, Babson! It’s Rusty and I turning off after an extended vacation. After we realized that we really should get our feet wet for writing these articles we decided to get to work. Is anyone finding it challenging to get back into the swing of things? I know that I sure am. This semester puts me against 8:00 A.M. classes every Monday, Tuesday, and Friday. The moral of this story is that the class lottery stinks.

The main issue: do you think that athletes should be given priority in class selection? By athletes, I mean those who spend a lot of time and effort in additional, recreational activities that prevent a student from being able to attend classes at a certain time period due to practice or games. Now that we know that the athletes will mostly agree, and the non-athletes will disagree, but I would challenge you to analyze the question without an answer. Do you think that it is fair that a Babson athlete, in whatever sport it may be, has to be ten minutes late for a game because he or she had an awful托福 exam the day before? The only classes available cut into practice or game time? We all know that drop/add is virtually useless because nobody drops their courses for fear that they will not get the class they desire and will end up with a worse time or instructor than originally assigned. If you want to respond to this question you can. Or, if you have any remarks about this damn article you know how to find us. Send it to Box 140, Free Press, Attention Central Source.

I can’t agree more. That whole system is broken, I realize that we are participating in extra curricular activities, but does this mean that we should be punished for going to something before something positive to this otherwise dull campus. We could be like many on the MBA Faculty who sit and never play Sega sports every waking hour, but we prefer the real thing and our academic schedules have no effect on us. We have to drop thirty percent of the students on this campus are athletes, and this issue has never been addressed.

Hey SGA executives! If you want something to work on this year, try satisfying thirty percent of the campus instead of putting yourself on your back for your recent, useless merger.

Anyway, let’s focus on some brighter issues, such as the way the social life of this campus has begun to look up. There has been more Knight events, and there have been more students on this campus, which is always a good thing. The per-capita alcohol consumption (for 21+ students) has increased, and so has the amount of happy students in the last few weeks. Anyone that tried to go to a bar by going to not your back for your recent, useless merger.

The The Club Scene in Boston

The weekly Horoscope

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19): You've been getting your feet wet and are inspired by the new wave of tactics that you had stressed about these decisions in the last part. Don’t worry, your family will be very open to discussing your decisions.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23): People have been talking about your clothing tastes, but don’t let them get to you. While you’re sure, you should stand by the conservative Babson campus, it is going to get you noticed by someone special in the near future.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23): It is time to stop neglecting a close friend. You’ve been especially distant from someone close to you and if you are not careful that friend is going to look for his or her own horseradish.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don’t let other people bring you down this week. Everyone around you will be very stressed out and running to you for support. Stand your ground and explain to everyone that you have good luck because you live in the 16th. It could be a very depressing day if you don’t distance yourself from your own personal problems. Hiding in your room is getting to be an old act that needs to end. Taking advantage of what the campus has to offer is a great way to meet some people that most likely become your close friends.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20): Your desire to leave school will be very strong this year. However, in this will pass as you will get all the fun you can get out of riding your bike and you’ll be glad that you didn’t leave. After the 21st, you may face the most vivid and vivid days that will just add to your decision to stay in school.

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**Weekly World News**

By Skip

**The Dean of Desperates**

"Slow down you move too fast. You've lost your morning last, just cleaning up the old rest rooms." Well my apologies to Paul Simon with that last line, but this column describes the last decade of my life, to a to. It seems like just yesterday that I was a tobacco spitting, pick swingin', grave digger rockin' fools in their eternal headdy hье. But in '88 the ole boy put his tools down for the final time, bid the bone-yard adieu, and entered the world of academia. I was quickly placed in Pietz to fill in for the legendary "Chief" while he was on vacation and that when the proverbial current started to pick up a tad. I went from Pietz to Cantofield, then Keith, McCollough and finally Tompkins. From janitor to writer, and now advice columnist? Yeah, you heard right. Sorts surprised the hell out of me too. But if it's the will of the Press, who am I to say no? Humbly, I must admit that I'm more than qualified with the proper reading and stuff. The fact that I'm Irish is another plus. Granted, we'll never go down in history as the theater for liver donors, but our contributions in the fields of romantic art, music, and poetry are unparalleled. Just look at the last name of "Connolly" back to its ancient Gaelic roots and you'll find that it stands for "full of passion." Add that to the fact that I've been married to a nut for twenty years, and I've got the whole shahbag covered. But don't expect me to give up my regular column. Salaman Rushdie's got a better chance of opening up a bookstore in Bed-Stuy than I do of discontinuing the World Wide News. Anyways, the choice is yours. You can either write me or say sth and not try to turn you into a human carpet cleaner. It does get better than under the pencil sharper." Now we are off to Jigzi, China where an amazing panda boy has recently been discovered. This is simply another classic case of a couple of eagle-eyed parents having their kid crawl out from under their noses and be adopted by a pack of wild animals. Of course, the little tike's covered with black and white fur, has a human face, walks on all fours, grunts and eats bamboo shoot. Anyhow, he was discovered by Kiang Wai one day while out hunting. An excited Kiang brought the toddler back home to his wife Julia and daughter Kaibing and it was in the Wia village household that the panda boy started to relearn the ways of humanity. Word spread quickly of this genetic oddity and in no time the sinister Dr. Ha Minh was there to snatch the kid away from the arms of a loving family. We don't know at this given time if the child will ever be returned to the Wias, but based on China's complete disregard involving respect for human rights, it's extremely doubtful. Keep the faith.

The Dean

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**Community Service Corner**

By Nicole Jensen

Staff Writer

Most of us take volunteers for granted. We know of people who volunteer with the marching wheels flowers down the hospital corridor is a volunteer, as is the neighbor who rings our doorbell asking for a pledge for a Walk-A-Thon. We may even have done some volunteering of our own at one time or another, but mostly we give little thought to volunteers. We simply accept them as a natural part of American life.

For just a moment, imagine for a second, what would happen if tomorrow all volunteers left America went on strike. Of course, this is an unlikely prospect but what would be the commitment and consciousness of most American volunteers? But just for a second imagine, what would all volunteers do by volunteering to do a typical day in a typical American community?

Let's begin at your community hospital. In the lobby, the gift shop, run by volunteers, is closed. At the desk, there is no one to greet and direct visitors. On the upper floors things are worse. Not only are the candy striper gone, but those patients in need of blood transfusions are out of luck—without volunteer blood donors, the shortage would be felt immediately.

Down the street, at the home for the aged, it is even worse. No one is there to read to the blind, talk with the lonely, or wheel the chairs. Finally, church. Church is quiet too—no choir, no flowers, none to pass the collection plate. At the synagogues, much of the warmness and closeness is gone. Many museums are closed—without volunteers to guide, there is no one to run the programs. At the end of the day there is very little to do. No community soccer games—how could there be, without volunteer parents to coach, organize, and drive? No scout meetings—who would lead the troops? The alcoholic feeling tampons have no AA meeting to turn to. A sick, ten-year-old boy just died without ever seeing Disney World—there was no Make-A-Wish event to give him all the reg- rage out of control all over town because the volunteer fire department does not exist.

The point is clear. American civilization as we know it today depends on the efforts of volunteers. Trying to imagine living without the efforts of volunteers is truly a nightmare. (Adapted from Nationalism, R.H. Bowerk)

Here is just one small thing that you can do to be a VOLUNTEER: A seven year-old boy is dying of an inoperable brain tumor. He made a wish to the Children's Wish Foundation to get into the Guinness Book of World Records before he dies. To do this, he needs one million cards sent to him by August 15. You can send the greeting cards to Craig Slayter, 216 Children's Wish Foundation, 32 Perimeter Center East, Atlanta Georgia 30346.

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**Sigma Kappa Update**

By Tonya DeGregory Contributing Writer

Welcome back to Bahon! We have been here for three weeks, but this is the first issue I have had to write this column. Since we've returned to school, the Sigma Kappa sisters have started a service semester. A few weeks ago the sorority held the "Operation Heals Hawaii," where students donated Valentine's gifts to military personnel. The valentine cards and a purchase were mailed out to US soldiers in Bosnia to say thank you to everyone who contributed to our donations. As an example, please say thank you to the project coordinator, Caryl DuPuis. Nice work, MoonBeam.

In addition to working on community service, the sisters of Sigma Kappa have been involved in the winter season and execution. We have inherited enough marker frames from poster-making to give us all contact highs for at least two weeks. We've even mastered the art of "Thank you" making - anyone who went to our first rush party had the privilege of seeing the fruits of our labor. Kate Griffin, Julie Lundin, and Sangita Kehra - our rush party chairwomen - did a spectacular job using their creativity to make the events fun for everyone.

Over the past weekend, Sigma Kappa has had many reasons to celebrate. On Friday night, a May 1995 SK alumna, Katie Dunne, married her long-time Bahon boyfriend Edward Monahan. All the sisters who attended the wedding had a blast. One of the sisters even.For the bouquet. Looks like you're next, Gita!

On Saturday night, a handful of alumnae, sisters, and friends gathered to celebrate a much-anticipated holiday Birthday, Gita. I hope it was worth the wait.

On a final very important note for the Sigma Kappa update, congratulations to the enthusiastic Spring 1996 Pledge Class - Neil Brown, Ange Dufl, and Nola Monti! Good luck and be prepared for a semester of fun.

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**Notable Internships**

- T.J. Macz, a major retailer in Framingham (that recently acquired Marshall's), is looking for paid summer interns in accounting, finance, MIS, merchandising, and human resources. No detailed job descriptions are available yet, TJ. Macz has provided OCS with company brochures. Flyers describing the internship is posted in Internship Bulletin boards in Holdiver. Submit 2 OCS-approved resumes to OCS by noon, 2/16/96. General info session will be held at the OCS Conference. Open to all first-year, sophomores, and juniors.

- Baker Strategic Investments, LTD., a small hedge fund/managed money manager in Wellesley seeks unpaid interns to formulate investment concepts, conduct investment research, and perform valuation analysis. This is something worth doing, even if it's unpaid. Interns will gain in depth exposure to investments and research. Listing is filed under "Unpaid Internships" finance section in OCS. Own is a Bahon alum, and this opportunity is open to juniors, seniors, and MBAs.

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**Quote of the Week**

"The real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes, but in having new eyes." —Marcel Proust

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In light of Jocelyn Elder's visit to campus, do you think masturbation should be taught in schools?

Compiled by Hermilo Granados

Tanya Hagopian '97
"No way JOSE!!!"

Jose Garcia '97
"I really don't give a sh*t. People will still do as they please."

Bo Pryjmak '98
"YES! With hands-on experience."

Eugen Miltou '97
"Knowing my consulting expertise, I would advise her to speak with me first..."

Reginald Mbawulke '97
"I think it should be explained as an alternative but not taught as a process."

Kapil Agarwal '99
"No, if she thinks it is important she should teach it to everyone in the audience."

Todd Waxman '97
"Put your right hand in, put your right hand out, put your right hand in and shake it all about!!!"

Fernando Abitl
"Yes, in fact Babson should include in its P.E. requirements a course in masturbation 101."

Carrie Farrell & Angela Griffin
"No, let kids find out for themselves besides, what would be the exact teaching method."
Apple Computer, How the Mighty Have Fallen

By Daniel J. Keefe

Business Editor

The future of the great American computer ball, poor short steps away from total collapse. Apple Computer’s CEO, John Spindler, has fired the best sales people last quarter were in the millions, and the technological edge Apple once had exclusive prevails to, is now the playing field of Bill Gates. Windows ‘95 is the latest innovation in interface technology and is taking Microsoft and IBM ahead of everyone. By studying the financial ratios, as well as the articles and news stories on Apple recently, it is clear that Apple is in trouble. Apple has been, in fact, now more than ever, we can see a pattern of trouble that has been developing for years. This is a result of a long history of dropping the proverbial ball, poor management decisions, and CEOs who cared more about managing their own careers than managing the company. Of why has Apple fired its last three CEOs? An obvious question is, who was it that fired them? What did they do to, or not do, for the good of the company? Let us take a look at the evidence.

We start with Steve Jobs who took over the CEO position back in the early 80’s. The Macintosh Computer took America by storm in 1984. However, the Mac was underpowered and lacked expanded ability. This led to a drop in sales after just one year. Jobs was pressured to make the Macintosh into a more open design, but he fought it instead. Jobs was removed from daily operations (Business Week, 2/19/96). The product was later named iMac by John Sculley. His most obvious problem was indecisive leadership. Key decisions ended up being postponed, reversed and avoided. A drone project called Drama, was designated to tackle the problem using iMac and Microsoft on market share, but Sculley let the project die. This is a similar fiasco to the recent Betamax video tape came on the market. They kept their design exclusive. Their competitors thus were forced to come up with a similar but better if I f c n r t product. This product, that we know today as VHS, ended up becoming the standard for home video, despite in lesser quality. We can draw some interesting parallels here, where Sculley, as we knew, died out.

To add to Sculley’s decision making problems, he began involving himself into the technical aspects, thus neglecting the running of the business. He sank most of his time and energy into the first of the Newton handheld computer projects. The Newton Personal Digital Assistant was a technical and marketing disaster. While Sculley engrossed himself in Newton, the company was going down the tubes. On June 17, 1993, Apple fired Sculley.

The next CEO was Michael Spindler, who started his new job with 500,000 employees (Barron’s). This is not the way to win friends and influence people. Spindler lacked proper priorities and decision making talent as well. IBM and Apple conducted successful joint ventures, which produced the PowerPC chip for the usage of the two companies. Spindler since the joint operations were going well, Spindler was pleased, so pushed the merger talks forward with new vigor. The merger talks were proceeded, until Spindler started harasing the negotiators with extravagant pursuit demands, which began to collapse, and tension between Apple and IBM became strained. Apple bled huge amounts, just as IBM hit hit big with a burst in mainframe (computer networks) demand in late 1994. Merge talks came to an end hurriedly, quickly. Sculley dropped the ball again when Windows ‘95 hit the market, and other companies. Windows ‘95 was released later than had been announced. Spindler’s failure to properly manage its release with any new technology. There was one project, called Openpal, a new Mac operating system, but it fell ever, under behind. Apple’s market share shrank and 14 vice presidents either quit or were fired.

"Jobs was pressured to make the Macintosh into a more open design, but he fought it instead.

Small Businesses Killing Big Business on the Internet

By Daniel J. Keefe

Business Editor

Turn on that PC, surf that Net on down to the Cybermall, and go shopping in Europe, Asia, and South America in one afternoon. Sound impossible? Not anymore. The Internet is providing a level playing field for any-sized company to go global. Small companies around the world are competing with the giants of industry in cyberspace commerce.

In the business advertisement there has always been a key role in just about everyone’s marketing strategy. Now that the Internet is spreading so quickly, companies can reach the consumer faster and further than ever before. One of the key steps to get a company’s name out in the global market, but product name as well. Full catalogs with price listings and ordering information can be put in the internet ads. Another benefit of the Internet is instantaneous response. A sale on a product could be advertised and have orders placed for it on the same day. A survey conducted by Nielsen Media Research indicated that over 2.5 million people have already made purchases by way of computer. In addition, the ads or catalogs can be updated and changed rapidly, and at will.

Some of these benefits are allowing small businesses to compete with big, international companies. It used to be that companies had to expand and set up shop in the locations in which they wanted to do business. This is becoming a method of the past. Today, a small, four person company in the middle of nowhere can reach the same customers that a major company reaches. They can do so by setting up their stores or offices in every major city. This means a serious cost saving to the smaller companies. They can turn, equals bigger profits for the smaller over the larger companies.

The Internet is growing, and with it, new business opportunities. The size of the Internet’s membership increases at a rate of 186 per month (Nature’s Business, 1/96). New businesses and new subscribers are coming on-line each day. B2B, a directory service on the Net for example, has over 25,000 business listings. About three quarters of all Internet addresses currently on-line belong to commercial organizations. Along with their own business, many of their own addresses, Cybermalls are popping up as well. These are collective Internet stores that have come together under one address. This address is marketed by one party who charges each store a fee for inclusion in the Cybermall. There are over 350 Cybermalls currently in operation on the net(VB). The number of people who have access to this type of shopping experience is over 37 million (VB). If you do the math, this equals many potential customers viewing many products for sale.

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Capital Markets in Central Europe

By Emre Gumlup Yard

The fuss about high return on investments has forced financial institutions to dip into emerging markets, where growth and interest rates are substantially higher than the ones in the developed countries.

Central Europe, perhaps the most attractive region among the emerging markets, has potential natural resources such as oil, gas, and coal. Therefore, there are enormous amounts of direct foreign investments, in order to share profits from the uses of these natural resources and flourishing business activity. Capital markets and money markets, therefore, are important tools for financing these activities.

Poland. Last year, Poland borrowed $160 million by issuing Eurobonds. Although the finance minister, Grzegorz Kolodko, says that Poland might raise another $500 million, there is a little chance of a new Eurobonds emission. This is because the government is against financing its budget deficit abroad and wants to keep inflation under control. In addition, Poland wants to keep its positive outlook in the international financial markets. The T-bill rates are around 25%. However, they are not very liquid compared to other emerging countries, and this widens the spread between the ask and bid rates.

The Czech Republic. Due to the successful privatization program, the corporate bond market became very attractive to the foreign investors. These bonds are demanded primarily by foreign investors. Domestic investors are discouraged to invest in this market by a 25% tax rate on capital gains and interest earned. According to the Euromoney magazine, SPT Telecom, Skofin, Komercki Banka, and CHB look promising investments.

Hungary. Hungary could not get any investment rating from any prestigious international rating institutions, and now it has a difficult times selling bonds. The records show that the country has paid off its foreign debt, borrowed during the communist era. Currently, around 80% of Hungarian debt is payable to securities. In addition, due to the declining inflation, the capital market is declining.

Slovenia. Slovenia is preparing to sell its first Eurobond which will probably generate around $170 million. Slovenian can obtain the cheapest loans in the Central Europe, since the economy is stronger. Bulgaria. Last year, investors’ returns were 25% from Bulgarian Brady bonds. This is a very good return compared to other countries’ Brady bonds. For instance the JP Morgan’s Emerging Markets Bond Index had a return of 13%. However, Bulgaria has to strengthen its financial institutions and the illiquid debt market.

Romania. Among the all Central European countries, Romania looks like a very promising emerging economy. The privatization program started last summer, and investors still do not find the financial markets very attractive.

Economic Profile: France

By Albena Djongova

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France is a country that maintains an uncommon sense of national fraternity and pride. Its passion for intelligence and creativity, its devotion to style and manners—and appreciation of tradition—have made a lasting impression on the entire world.

Metropolitan France covers an area of 212,918 sq. mi., or four-fifths the size of Texas. It is the largest country in Western Europe, and its capital, Paris, is one of the world's loveliest cities. Paris is known as a center of intellectual, cultural, and artistic life. For centuries, it has attracted writers and painters from every corner of the earth. The capital is host to about 1.6 million American tourists each year.

Since prehistoric times, France has been a crossroads of trade, travel, and invasion. Three basic European stocks—Celtic, Latin, and Frankish—have blended to make up its population of 56 million (1980). French is the official language, one of five official languages at the United Nations and a common second language throughout the world.

France is the fourth largest Western industrialized economy. Its $790-billion GDP in 1989 was about one-fifth that of the United States. The country has substantial agricultural resources, a diversified modern industrial system, and a highly skilled labor force. France's workforce is engaged in agriculture (8%), industry and commerce (45%), and services (47%).

For the past two years, France has enjoyed an investment and export boom, enabling it to grow at an average rate of 4%. Keeping inflation under control has strengthened the country's competitiveness abroad. Areas of concern, however, especially unemployment (9.4% in 1985) and a moderate but stubborn trade deficit.

The most important areas of industrial production include steel and related products, aluminum, chemicals, and mechanical and electrical goods. France has been notably successful in developing dynamic telecommunications, aerospace, and weapons sectors.

The favorable climate, large tracts of fertile land, and the application of modern technology have combined to make France the leading agricultural producer in Western Europe. France is one of the world's leading producers and exporters of dairy products, wheat, and wine. France is also the second largest trading nation in Western Europe (after Germany). Trade with the EC accounts for 60% of total French trade.
By Jamie Donadio

Staff Writer

By virtue of the Maastricht Treaty, the European economic and monetary union is scheduled to be completed by January 1, 1999. This treaty is not, however, the only influence on the success, or failure, of an integrated Europe. The financial markets, in which interest and exchange rates are determined, will also play a major role in this process. The two are strongly correlated, as the markets will react in accordance with the progress of the union. Many people fear that the stringent guidelines that member countries must meet, as outlined in the Maastricht Treaty, will prevent many countries from participating in the union. This, in turn, can cause investors to lose confidence in the union and thus take their investments elsewhere, which can be disastrous for many countries. Currently, the markets are holding steady, but any signs of failure could change that in a matter of days. This is a critical time in Europe, as Germany and France are struggling to make this integration a reality.

According to a recent poll, 84% of Germans felt that EMU would not start on time, while 43% thought that the plan should be dropped altogether. Nearly two-thirds of the respondents stated that the Maastricht parameters are suitable and should not be loosened. With this in mind, the governments of both France and Germany announced a plethora of measures aimed at promoting the growth necessary to meet the Maastricht requirements. Both countries are on the borderline here. Many speculate that France will not be able to lower its budget deficit below the required 3% of GDP, while Germany is in danger of exceeding the 60% limit on the government debt to GDP ratio. Despite these initiatives, many still feel that the Maastricht guidelines will be difficult to attain. Growth in France and Germany is considered to be a crucial factor to increase investor's confidence in the EMU.

To illustrate the importance of the EMU in France, consider the recent support shown by Philippe Seguin, president of the French National Assembly. Once an anti-Maastricht campaigner, he is now a fervent supporter of the single currency. Last July, words

of warning were being issued by Seguin. He stated that a single currency would be followed by rising unemployment due to competitive devaluations in the currencies of countries outside of the union. Not too long ago, Seguin could be heard commenting on the "historic stupidity" of the Maastricht treaty. Only recently has he begun to campaign in favor of the EMU. Seguin is still not endorsing the treaty, but he feels that delaying the start of EMU, or softening some of the criteria for members, will not have the calamitous effect that many say it will. His proposal allows for the possibility that EMU could be postponed, and for a renegotiation of the Maastricht treaty. In spite of the uncertainty regarding a possible economic unification of Europe, the two big guns in Europe, Germany, and France, are fighting for its survival. They can only hope that the markets will remain stable as they attempt to bring EMU to life.

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Alanis Morissette “Wakes Up” UNH

By Kelly A. Grymcel
Photo Editor

Walking into University of New Hampshire’s 6500 seat Snively Arena for Monday’s Alanis Morissette concert was certainly a huge change from walking into the lame weekly Knight parties that we all flock to. The concert was a sold-out event, and all of the students were full of spirit—without having to be bribed with free beer or a weekend cruise. Hmm, what an idea: plan a real event and students will attend. Hint, hint, Babson.

The opening band, Loud Lucy, was mediocre, and was ill-received by the UNH crowd. Lucy performed for approximately an hour, and the crowd erupted when they finally exited the stage.

The gap between Lucy’s act and Alanis’ entrance scared an eternity (50 minutes to be exact), and this was my only complaint regarding the concert. However, once the lights had dimmed and the lasers began to fly, I had no reason to complain for the rest of the evening.

Alanis opened with “All I Really Want” and “Right Through You,” and then proceeded with various songs from her album Jagged Little Pill.

The quality of the music was comparable, if not better than that contained on the CD, and Alanis hit some high notes that would have made Mariah Carey and Whitney Houston hang their heads in shame.

She and her band also tested out some new material on the crowd, including a track with no title that had been written during a sound check. The lyrics and style was similar to that contained on the present album, but it was a nice change of pace to hear the unknown songs.

Alanis concluded the concert with the infamous “You Oughta Know” and “You Learn.” However, this concert began furiously stomping and banging on their seats, and Alanis relented with an encore presentation of the recently released “Ironic” and “Wake Up.”

In total, Alanis performed for about an hour and a half. While this may sound short, bear in mind that she was only working off one album, and did not artificially lengthen her concert with the notorious “everybody says hey” garbage. She was simply there to sing, and that she did.

Minor Threat-Complete Discography (1981-1983)

By Natalie Vlahovic
Staff Writer

People continue to listen to music poseur-pop like Green Day when there is stuff like this out there is completely beyond me...but we won’t get into that.

How stokey my CD player was back in 8th grade to have this fine orchestration of punk divinity bestowed upon it? As you all may or may not know, Fugazi’s legendary frontman, Ian MacKaye, was once the lead throat for Minor Threat, one of the many proliferating entities of the early 80’s DC hardcore scene. While many bands came and went, Minor Threat never off intensity of “Filler,” a misanthropic anthem about the intolerance of human stupidity and fickleness. Their most famous anthem, “Stiff Edge,” rages against the moron-like aspects of substance use and abuse. Another politically incorrect (read: refreshing) gem is the “Guilty of Being White,” a song about being held responsible for one’s ancestors’ inhuman crimes of yore. Other ditties of interest include a cover of Wire’s “1919,” as well as a rather cute version of the blue collar hommage “Good Guys Don’t Wear White.” All in all, Minor Threat displayed the sort of punk spirit and insight that punk bands now only dream of exulting.

To deviate slightly from the topic at hand, why not check out other MacKaye-related projects such as: the Teen Idles, Skewwhal, Egg Hunt, Embrace, Palehead (Ian, Al Jourgensen of Ministry, and Jello Biafra—one of the Dead Kennedys), and, of course, the mighty Fugazi. All of these projects boast of the impassioned fervor of Ian’s voice...

“...a song about being held responsible for one’s ancestors’ inhuman crimes of yore.”

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Group Home - Livin Proof

By Kevin Black
Staff Writer

In 1995, Group Home released their debut album, Livin' Proof, a Gang Starr Production. Melchi the Nutcracker and Lil' Day have been on the rap scene for a long time. They appeared on Gang Starr's most prolific album, Hard to Earn. After releasing the first single, "Supa Star," near the beginning of 1995, they have lived off of its success throughout the summer and fall.

As time passed, rap fans wanted to see more. Word of their new album spread throughout the East, even though they didn't release it. They acted like true veterans of the game by releasing a single called "Livin' Proof." Even though they may have been new to some rap fans, to the rap and hip-hop purists, Livin' Proof was a definite buy.

The single, "Livin' Proof," basically depicts the life of the rappers and how they are proof of their hard lives. In addition, "Livin' Proof" tells the story of the scene of the drug game and lifestyle that exists in America.

These two rappers complement each other like butter melting off bread. The Nutcracker comes off with a strong realistic type style, while the Nutcracker provides the voice of reason.

"...their tracks are mixed by the illmatic DJ Premier who has mixed for other artists such as Guru, AZ, D&D All-Stars, Das Efx, and the Gangstarr albums." -

QueenSryche - Rage For Order (1986)

By Natalie Vlahovic
Staff Writer

Ah, the '80's! What splendid they brought with their bubblegum prodigies Duran Duran! NOT! Call me a mozzarella cheeseball, but when I think of the '80's, bands like Agent Steel, Judas Priest, Fans Warning, and of course QueenSryche come to mind. Because of this 1980's cheese-nights, I know I must convince the people that there is indeed ingenuity and dexterity displayed in this timeless classic, Rage For Order. (Yes, it is even better than Mindcrime!)

Progressive metal bands seem to be spreading like wildfire in Europe (especially in Germany), just as punk bands are in the United States. Because of this huge progressive revival, it is definitely more than appropriate to review this pre-Mindcrime album, Rage For Order.

Rage starts off with those notoriously morose dirponible riffs of melody, and intropective end of things, from which more cardy-doony bands side away. Like all of their other high-pitched wail of Lord Geoff Tate on "Walk In The Shadows."

Youth are vivid examples of this, "The Killing Words" and "I Will Remember" cover the more introspective end of things, from which more cardy-doony bands side away. Like all of their other high-pitched wail of Lord Geoff Tate on "Walk In The Shadows."

Ministry - Filth Pig

By Daniel J. Keeffe
Business Editor

I believe that first impressions never do bands justice, and the new Ministry CD reinforces this belief. Their newest release, Filth Pig, is not what I would have expected or anticipated. I have followed Ministry throughout their various phases, most recently their hard-industrial-core phase, and am afraid that this phase has come to an end. This new release is good, but it is not Ministry as we know them.

As I reviewed the new songs, the first observation I made was that all the heroin AI - "The album was delayed due to AI blowing the bud巩 on smack." -

Jorgensen absorbed throughout the years, has finally mellowed end-of-the-world attitude, the same harsh vocals that AI Jorgensen is known for, and a stomping beat, but is very different in execution. I could only describe it as a mellow, watered down, digitalized version of what Ministry once was. No longer does Ministry play the wide industrial bands; conversely, they now hichhike on the highway of the fuzzy industrial lane.

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Offspring-Ignition (1992)

By Natalie Vlahovic Staff Writer

Yes, 'tis a pre-Smash album. No, the Offspring are not sell-outs. I don't care what anyone says. They write about something unique and have not compromised their style for that commercialism known as MTV's "alternative nation." If the Offspring can have their videos played practically without having to change their style, they deserve every red cent that they suck out of corny alternative-wusses who think they've "punched." The Offspring themselves probably claim that they are influenced by Iron Maiden (J). This is why, as a metalhead, I have immense respect for them.

Ignition is not quite as Maiden-influenced as 1994's Smash, but if one listens closely, one can detect bits of traditional metal in the music of that 1980's sugar-coated British entity. Diamond Head, submerging their album songs as "No Hero" and "Take It Like A Man." Even Dexter Hawk's voice is still a bit apocalyptic; it is not the usual staccato rasp in the style of a voice-boxing champion. The Alder of Gates Warning that with Tim What's-His-Name. No, this is a bit more pop punk albums. Ignition is taming those wistful, present candy-chronicles and hooks that

The Best of Rainbow (1976-1981)

By Natalie Vlahovic Staff Writer

We all know that Black Sabbath influenced modern metal bands like Metallica and so forth, but who influenced bands like Queen, Yes and other progressive rock bands? T. Rex/Rainbow Influence? Iron Maiden's early albums (Killers, Number of the Beast, etc.) literally echo Rainbow's material so blatantly that Rainbow themselves could sue. Rainbow has always possessed that progressive metal element of higher-pitched vocals, complete with rather pleasing sugary harmonies.

Through their career's various line-up changes, they have experienced the pleasure of many vocalists, like Joe Lynn Turner, Graham Bonnet, and the younger Ronnie James Dio. (Unfortunately, Ronnie James Dio began to sink into the depths of cheesiness by releasing his own slew of weak solo records, but that's irrelevant right now.)

Richie Blackmore, guitarist extraordinary, has a unique way of making rock music that cannot be compared to other classic rock artists. It has that same Black Sabbath sensuality taken to a more progressive extreme, as on the incredible songs, "Gates of Babylon" and "Kill the King." Nevertheless, most of "best" albums, radio-friendly bits are inevitable. "I Surrender" and "Can't Happen Here" reminded me of Cream more than I care to admit. Other songs like, "Long Live Rock 'N Roll" and "All Night Long" have a Deep Purple-tinged sound, which would appeal to many classic rock fans. Rainbow's songs do contain a bizarre sort of classic rock vibe, but not in the happy...

Lend Me Another Tenor

By Gris Concepcion

Webmaster

Last Friday, at the Wellesley Congregational Church, Lonnie Powell, a member of the MBA school's class of 1990, performed as a soloist in Henry Purcell's operas, Dido and Aeneas. Set in the aftermath of the mythical Trojan War, in the ancient city of Carthage, the tale is a low story that seems somewhat apt for the then impending Valentine's Day.Opera is not a strike a familiar chord in the minds of most Babson students. Our education in musical theatre has come courtesy of movie soundtracks and the occasional Bugs Bunny spoof. However, the struggle of balancing a dual life, trapped between the practicality of business and the pleasure of the soul, might be more familiar. Anyway, it's something Lonnie Powell has had to struggle with ever since he enrolled in the Babson MBA program. Returning gradually from the University of Indiana with a music degree and a stint with the university's Singing Hoosiers, Powell came to admit to himself that without an extraordinary amount of talent, a music degree was not going to be enough for his life. He took his MBA at Babson and settled down with his wife to build a temporary agency for software engineers in Boston's underdeveloped technological community.

When asked about the balancing act between business and art, he was quick to credit his wife for supporting him, especially at times when it seemed almost impossible to maintain the two distinct spheres of his life. Lately, he's been involved with The Mikado, Dido and Aeneas and is also rehearsing for a role in Lend Me A Tenor, the musical comedy that was performed by the Players last fall. Without his wife, he says that there wouldn't have been any way that he could have managed to pursue opera. He has likened his current pursuit to a second childhood, as his endeavors with musical theatre has added to his life. He encourages anyone to the balancing act he has performed, and it is sage advice from one who has been there and done that.

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**BASA: True To The Cause**

By James Carter
Contributing Writer

Under the umbrella of the AHAAN (Afro-American, Hispanic, Asian, Native American) program at Babson, BASA (Babson Asian Student Alliance) has been a group that has tried to promote Asian culture and diversity throughout the campus. It is not only student organizations such as Celebrate Asia, but also plans to get together with other members to promote bonding amongst themselves.

During Valencia, the President of BASA states, "We have taken trips into Boston to bowl and play pool, as well as a BASA basketball tournament." BASA boasts a membership of approximately sixty students. This is however, not limited to only Asians, as non-Asians who wish to immerse themselves in the Asian culture and peace are more than welcome to come to the meetings and activities as well.

In the introduction, he states that he hopes that "BASA could do more things for the entire campus like Celebrate Asia Night." On the other hand, he feels that "doing something like that is more difficult with the lack of an AHAAN coordinator."

He feels that the former AHAAN coordinator, Shanda Calhoun, was a liaison between the organizations under AHAAN and the administration. Valencia said, "She would help set things up and suggest ideas for activities that could be done on campus."

Also, he added that, "We lost a lot of direction when she left. It is a lot tougher now for them to connect with the administration for what they want to plan."

Nevertheless, this does not mean that BASA no longer puts on activities. They have made plans for a Chinese New Year dinner to take place on Monday, February 19, in Chinatown for all of the BASA members. If you are interested in BASA or any of its activities, you can contact Dennis Valentine, x6248. BASA meetings usually occur once a month. Room and time changes are given by E-mail.

**Chinese New Year: The Celebration Continues**

By Jackie Chan
Contributing Writer

For those rats out there who were born in 1972, I would like to extend a warm and hearty Happy New Year greeting. This will be the formal greeting for many Chinese this coming February 19 because in four more days they will be celebrating their New Year.

In China, the tradition continues. Days before the New Year every family gives their house a thorough cleaning, hoping to sweep away all the ill-fortune and bring in good luck. Doors and windows are usually repainted with red paint and are decorated with paper cut-outs and couplets. These activities symbolize happiness, wealth, longevity, and a satisfactory marriage for the coming year.

The Eve of the New Year is carefully observed. Supper is like a feast, with all members of the household coming together. One of the most popular dishes being served is called jiaozi, which are boiled dumplings. In Chinese, it is translated as "sleep together and have sons." After dinner, the whole family gets up and plays an assortment of games. At midnight, fireworks light up the sky, giving everyone a feeling of joy and excitement.

The next morning, children greet their parents and receive their presents, which take the form of cash. After the whole family is up, they will start out the door and begin to greet relatives and neighbors. According to legends, this is a great time for reconciliation—it is time to throw away old grudges.

For several more days, people continue to visit each other and gifts are exchanged. The celebration continues with lantern shows and folk dances which are held in the streets. The Lantern Festival marks the end of the New Year season and life once again becomes routine.

**A True Search For Soul**

By Adrian McCoy
Multi-Cultural Editor

This was a rather interesting event for the Babson community. This jazz trio gave a well-named performance. I never would have guessed music could be so interestingly new meaning to a familiar poem.

When I walked into Knight Auditorium an air of anticipation filled the room. Everyone was waiting to see who the Dreamkeepers were and what they had to offer. I did not know what to expect, and I was hoping that I had not set myself up for disappointment like had done the weekend before. I was hoping that this would not be worse than the Gospel Jubilees.

The ten minute video, which included an introduction to the performance, provided insight into the times that Langston Hughes lived and wrote about. It set the mood for the entire concert. What really interested me was the fact that all of the songs that were selected to be played with the poems were selected by Hughes himself.

Dreamkeepers did compose a few original tunes to go with certain poems. Also shown in this brief documentary were the different musicians that Hughes was associated with. These people influenced the mood of the time and provided insight into the times that Black Americans were living in. This is represented by the fact that the songs played with the poetry were picked by Hughes himself.

This trio was comprised of a pianist, soloist/narrator, and a wind synthesist. The gentlemen playing the wind synthesizer was renowned in the field of his instrument. He even wrote books used at music institutions on the use of this instrument.

Another aspect of the program that the wind synthesizer enhanced was that it allowed them to create new and interesting sounds that complemented and brought out the mood of the poetry. One such set of poetry included the "The Wizery Blues." The sound that was created was like that made out of a hollow tunnel. It was deep and sharp, not to mention the hint of an echo effect created by the movement of the foot pedal.

The vocalist, the leader of the group, was powerful. His baritone voice added a certain flair to the poetry of Langston Hughes. He is a renowned singer and continues to give voice lessons in his spare time. Whether he was singing or narrating, his voice added to the mood of the poem.

All in all, Dreamkeepers Concert: In Search of Soul, was an event worth attending. The turnout proved that it was worth seeing. There were entire classes and even off-campus people in attendance. Those in attendance truly enjoyed the performance.

**Kente: A Piece Of African Heritage**

Kente Cloth is a colorful hand-woven fabric which originates from the Asante people of Ghana in West Africa. Its history can be traced back to the 16th century when it is believed that two local hunters discovered the legendary African spider (Ananse) weaving a magnificent yellow and black web. The intricate of the weaving fascinated the hunters who spent days observing and learning the art of what to become kente weaving.

Proficient enough, they beat the bark of a "kyenkyen" tree into fiber. These fibers gave birth to the first Kente Cloth. In Ghana, royalties and distinguished personalities wear the Kente Cloth during solemn and formal occasions. In the U.S., the Kente Cloth is increasingly becoming a symbol of ethnicity and fashion for many African-Americans.

The high quality of the fabric is manifested in the beautiful, vibrant unique patterns and unusual color combinations. Many of these patterns often have a deeper meaning. Adinkra symbols are the most popular, most meaningful, and perhaps most difficult to weave. It should be noted, however, that the influence of fashion has resulted in symbols being woven for aesthetic purposes.

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Armenian Pride At Its Best

By Adrian McCoy
Multi-Cultural Editor

The Babson Armenian Club was chartered in January of 1994. The founding co-presidents are Tanya Hagopian and Rita Haladjian. They had a vision to establish a club that would cater to the needs of Babson’s Armenian population. This organization is classified as a social organization.

Tanya and Rita encourage anyone to join the Babson Armenian Club because they want people to know exactly what it means to be Armenian.

Although not very visible on Babson’s campus, the Armenian club is very active. Boston has a large population of Armenians. Therefore, Tanya and Rita help to promote events that are taking place in the Boston area that celebrate their Armenian culture and heritage.

The organization is most recent accomplishment is the network that was established with area colleges. They have formed an alliance with Bentley, Boston College, Boston University, Harvard, M.I.T., and Tufts. This “Armenian Council” will help to inform the Armenian population of these colleges of all events that are of interest to them.

When asked what places the Babson Armenian Club has for Babson, Tanya replied, “We want to make the Babson community aware of who and what the Armenian culture and heritage is.” She and Rita are very excited about creating an environment where Armenians can get together and be themselves.

Last semester, the Babson Armenian Club sponsored a dance that was held off campus. It was quite successful and a percentage of the proceeds were given to charity. This semester, nothing has been planned to date. However, a ski trip has been planned by the joint council for this weekend. Tanya and Rita are very excited about the event.

Be looking for the Babson Armenian club to become more visible throughout the coming semesters. They are a fairly new group and are on their way to achieving their goals.

For more information on this organization contact Tanya Hagopian at box #134 or Rita Haladjian at box 1441. They would really enjoy hearing from you and sharing information about the Armenian culture.

Black Facts

Richard Allen
* Organized the first Black African Methodist Episcopal Church.
* Albion Jones
* Organized the African Dissemination Episcopal Church.
* Jack Johnson
* The first world symbol of black athletic achievements. On December 26, 1908, he defeated Tommy Burns, the white heavy weight boxing champion of the world.
* Arturo Schomburg
* Co-founded the Negro Society for Historical Research in 1911.
* Jackie Robinson
* He became the first Black American major league baseball player in 1947.
* Shirley Chisholm
* She became the first black woman elected to Congress in 1968.
* The first black newspaper.
* The first major organization of the black intelligentsia. It was founded in 1897.

Oral Traditions Keep History Alive

By Leticia Stallworth
Staff Writer

Dr. Mamoudou Soumare helped to kick off Black History Month this week by speaking about African oral tradition. Many students attended the lecture, most because it was required. Whether there by force or by will, I am sure everyone learned something.

February is not only a month to celebrate the contributions of African Americans, but also a time to celebrate African culture.

In Africa, the family, the village, and the land is of great value. Marriage joins two families, but the whole village is viewed as one family. Food is symbolic and takes part in village and family life. The people celebrate before and after the harvest by having a festival in the communal theater.

Men, women, and children participate in the festival. Men under blankets energize the communal theater in a form of even puppet shows for the children. The festival at the communal theater is a form of their mutual celebration of community. The griot helps to keep this and other traditions alive.

The griot is the village storyteller, the person who passes down the African oral tradition. He is the historian, the entertainer, and the master of ceremonies at all the big festivals. The griot is very important to village history and tradition.

Eighty percent of the people cannot read or write, so tradition must be passed down orally. The male descendant of the griot goes to Griot School to learn how to be a griot who leads life at school, he learns stories and African tradition from the present griot. Memorization plays a major role in the life of a griot. A griot can tell a single story that is up to three hours long! He is the foundation of African tradition.

Celebrations in the Dogan are sacred. It is like a church, brought up into the village of real walls. There, the men visit with and learn from the Hogans, the Dogan priest. Women are not allowed in the Dogan, though their value is known.

The roles of women are portrayed on the pillars of the Dogan. The men are aware that they cannot live without women.

“[If you learn a boy, you learn only one person.”

“But if you learn a girl, you learn a whole family,” said Dr. Soumare.

Dr. Soumare stressed the importance of village and family life, and of knowing one’s self. People found themselves through their initiation into the community. The early part of life is spent going through six washings in order to be initiated into the village.

Marriages in the village are arranged. It is sacred; therefore, there is no divorce. There is no love, as in man and woman, there is only love in the sense of community. Soumare contrasted it with love in the cities, “Love in the cities is based on four things: table - house, vuitour - car, serger - gardens, backyard, and verwement - checking accounts.”

It is clear how much Soumare values village life from the way he speaks. He regrettably getting involved in the village.

Oral traditions have played an important role in African life. Without these memorization skills much of African history would be lost due to the lack of education in the current and present environments of the villages.

So, the next time you feel the need to judge someone from another country, take the time to get to know that person. Feel the culture before you are so quick to judge.
Men’s Hockey Steamrolls Granite State Visitors

By Jeff Patterson
Staff Writer

Two schools from New Hampshire, the Granite State, visited the Babson Recreation Center this past weekend. First came the Hawks of Saint Anselm College on Friday night. This contest proved to be rather intriguing right from the start, as former high school line-mates lined up against one another for the opening face-off. This was a nostalgic moment for those from Milton, Massachusetts, as the Bianculli brothers started for St. A., while Brett Pearstein was on Babson’s starting line. The contest started off evenly, as both teams came out to play, hustling and hitting throughout the first period’s early stages. Babson was able to work the puck into the Hawks’ zone, and some hard work provided the first goal. Brett Pearstein took a riocchette shot and pulled a tremendous move, wrapping it around goaltender Chris Devlin’s left pad, while keeping the puck around ice level. This goal gave Babson a 1-0 lead at the ten-minute mark of the first period. Let us not forget the work of Tim Harlock, Ryan Dyment, who assisted on the first goal.

Babson continued the solid play throughout much of the first and second periods. Paul Napolitano, who has been an outstanding player over the last few weeks, popped home the second goal, with Steve O’Leary and Joe Perryman picking up assists. However, a minor letdown allowed the visiting Hawks to creep back into the game. Babson did not let the Saint Anselm charger deter them from picking up the two points. The hosts outplayed the Hawks in the third period. Mike SanGeorge and Dave Weissman set up Joe Perryman for an early third period goal in front of the net, putting Babson up 3-1. The Hawks were soon flattened, as Babson controlled the third period. Mackie MacLeod turned in the play of the night with four and one-half minutes remaining. He took a pass around center ice, dashed down the right side boards, faced two Hawk defenders, and fired a beauty that beat Devlin as Babson’s fourth goal. The defensive corps also played well on Friday.

Saturday afternoon saw the New England College Pilgrims visit the Recreation Center. The Pilgrims are known to play a bit of a rough, but not too rough, game. Following a scoreless first period with Babson’s fourth goal, they are ready to make Babson give up the lead and make not and not take retaliatory penalties. Unfortunately, they did not share their result in a situation that made things more difficult than expected. The visiting Hawks played well in the third period, and not take retaliatory penalties. Unfortunately, they did not share their result in a situation that made things more difficult than expected.

The hosts steamedull the Hawks’... they really needed to be. However, although it was not enough, the Babson boys drifted away. Babson did eventually pull away from New England College with the score of 6-1. The final score was 6-1 to Babson.

With Saturday afternoon comes a stern test, as surprising Connecticut College, coached by former Boston Bruin Doug Roberts, visits the Rec Center at 4:00 P.M. When asked about his preview of the game, Professor Fertl remarked, “It’s a shame a game and there’s gonna be no one here to see it.” Professor Fertl added that the teams are down for the big contest.

And the next, and final regular season games, should be the most exciting of the entire regular season. The squad visits Colby on Friday, February 23, and Bowdoin on Saturday, February 24. These contests should determine who earns the fans. With the third goal, Babson’s hockey share will be at home for their last weekend this season. Holy Cross College comes in on Friday night at 7:00 P.M. to down them at all costs. You might see a surprise or two. Again, don’t tell me it’s too far away! We’ll be there with our weak, unattractive, cowardly excuse. Besides, Knight Auditorium can’t wait, you’ll still be here. No excuses are necessary.

Good news for all of you Red Sox fans. John Valentine, coming off his most productive career month, was honored on Saturday. He will be wearing No. 17. "The Red Sox, my favorite "coaches" list is there anyone more unlikable than Calhoun? Can we follow Calpurs route—light up and have some fun. Calpurs may seem like a Bobby Knight-type coach at times but he knows when he’s not a big fan of the Babber’s). I strongly believe that there are only three people on this campus, myself, Jonathan Lee, and Katie McCarthy. Hmmm... I wonder how they are doing. and I do Babson watched the Celts when they had a guy named Bird playing on the parquet. I know all of you UCONN fans must despise me, I respect my team, but Jim Calipari was my favorite “coaches” list is there anyone more unlikable than Calhoun? Can we follow Calpurs route—light up and have some fun. Calpurs may seem like a Bobby Knight-type coach at times but he knows when he’s not a big fan of the Babber’s."

Babson Gears Up For The CAC Tourney

By David Onorato
Sports Editor

The Babson men’s basketball team is winding down on yet another successful season. Going into last night’s game against Coast Guard (no result as of this printing) they had won three in a row and five of their last five. The Beavers stand at 17-5 with a guaranteed 10-2 record in the Constitution Athletic Conference. Babson has one remaining regular season game to be played this coming Saturday at Holy Cross. The CAC tournament will begin on Tuesday, February 20 with a home game at Stade. After blowing out Suffolk last Tuesday, the Beavers traveled to Springfield, the birthplace of basketball, to face Western New England College. The first half of this CAC match-up was quite competitive, as WNEC took the lead into the locker room. This lead did not last long in the second half, as Babson raced ahead and never looked back en route to their second consecutive win and ninth CAC victory of the season. Two days later, Babson played their final regular season home game against the Engineers of Worcester Poly Tech. There would be no competitive first half in this game as Babson started out early and then reared back behind the hot hand of Glenn Witkowski (see Athlete of the Week article). Babson would lead convincingly by a score of 56-38. Michael Kingsley, who has been coming off the bench, contributed 20 points to lead the scoring attack. Mark Giovino scored 12 points on 5 of 12 shooting. Also contributing to the Beavers in double figures. Babson eloped the 100 point mark yet again as they soundly beat WPI 104-80. During this game Glenn Witkowski added his name to the revered list of players with 1000 career points. Chances are very good that Babson will earn their second straight NCAA birth. For the first time, the winner of the CAC tournament will receive an automatic bid to the “Big Dance.” Babson has a victory over every team in the conference, so a CAC game is a must this weekend. If they lose in the finals of the CAC, their is a chance that they may have to go to the NCAA tournament like they did last year. If Babson "runs the table" and ends the season with a 22-5 record, a home game at Stade could result. Tuesday night, the first game of the post-season will be held at Stade. The return is expected to be on Saturday to be announced so come out and support your Beavers.

Sports Trivia Contest

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By David Onorato
Sports Editor

Congratulations to Joe Kafka, Brandon Beauvais, and Brian Roundtree for correctly answering Jim Bowman for last week’s quiz question. I can’t believe three people got that one right!

Can you name the current NBA player who hails from Murray State who led all of college in rebounding a few years back? Name his current NBA team also.

The first three callers to David at 4963 after 7:00 P.M. on Thursday with the correct answer will receive a free medium pizza and a coke from Domino’s.

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Athlete of the Week
Glenn Witoski
Men’s Basketball

By Mitchell Cohen
Staff Writer

The American League East is traditionally a solid division with big-name players and huge TV figures. In other words, there is always a tremendous amount of player turnover from one season to the next. This offseason was no exception, as all five teams have made significant changes on the field. As it stands right now, there are three clear favorites to claim the division title:

Baltimore: They signed Roberto Alomar, R.J. Sourhoff, Randy Myers, Mike Devereaux, and Roger McDowell. They also traded for David Wells (giving up the talented Curtis Goodwin) and Kent Mercker. Obviously, the Orioles have been extremely busy and they are the early front-runner. The rotation is strong with Mussina, Wells, Erickson, Mercker and either Rick Rzepka, Rocky Coppingier, or Jimmy Hayman. Hayman and Coppingier are both top prospects who should reach the majors this season. The lineup is well rounded, with Belle in the center of the power and defense. With Bonilla, Palmeiro, Anderson, Ripken, and Alomar, they have plenty of runs to work with. Two questions of the Orioles are: Are they really good enough to be the best team in the division? On the bright side, they still have what looks to be the most complete rotation, and have former sleeper Eddie Hands and the 1987 AL champs. If they can stay healthy, they’ll have a real shot. Boston: As stated last week, the Red Sox have probably the best roster in baseball this year. The biggest question is who will replace the veteran starters. However, the team defense is notably suspect with iron gloves (that would be the opposite of a gold glove) Vaughn, Canseco, Greenwell and Cordero. The pitching rotation of Clemens, Gordon, Wakefield, Sele and Moyer is above average, if everyone is healthy. The Sox’s weakness is their bullpen. Cleveland: They have the most improvement this year, but it’s a tough division to play in. Their lineup is weak with only Albert Belle and Omar Vizquel as probable starters. The rotation is not the best with Dave Stieb and Mel Thompson. Michigan and Bryant Richards in the 1000 point club. Witoski commented on his achievement, “On a personal level, this was the most memorable moment of my Michigan career and this year’s game in the NCAA tournament was the most memorable.”

The Selection Committee for Athlete of the Week did not have a hard time selecting this week’s athlete. Glenn Witoski, a 6’3” Senior shooting guard, scored his 1000th career point on Saturday in their win over W.P.I. Witoski, an athlete who seems to be everywhere on the court for Michigan, finished the game with 26 points, 11 rebounds and 7 assists. Witoski is a great all-around player for Michigan and a key contributor to the team’s success. His shooting ability is unmatched in the NCAA tournament. Glenn feels that the team’s chances of winning all are pretty “good.”

The intensity of the post-season has always been high, but this year’s game in the NCAA tournament was the most memorable.”

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"The only thing worse than having no talent, is having it on the disabled list..."