Excellent Entrepreneurs

By Robert Conrad
New Editor

Leslie Wexner, Chairman and President of The Limited and John Merritt, Chairman of Van Kampen Merritt Holdings Corporation will be the latest inductees into the Academy of Distinguished Entrepreneurs next month.

Merritt is no stranger to Babson. Before graduating in 1961, he and two classmates started their own laundry business on campus to help defray the cost of his education.

After graduation, Merritt found employment with Drexel and Company as a municipal bond analyst. Shortly thereafter, he was promoted at Drexel and seven years later Merritt joined the firm of Butcher and Singer where he was a partner in charge of creating the first state insured bond fund.

Merritt was eager to undertake new ventures and consequently he joined Robert Van Kampen in 1980, where he served as president. Merritt was responsible for the underwriting and marketing of the firm. Van Kampen Merritt is a specialized investment banking firm that markets investment products for individual clients, along with providing financing for corporate, institutional and municipal customers.

In 1984, Van Kampen Merritt was acquired by Xerox for $150 million. Since that time, John Merritt has been responsible for the launching of the Xerox Life, a fixed income and variable annuity provider with assets

A Look at the Statistics That Surround Us

Big Three suffer devastating losses


Yearly net income in millions

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SOURCE: Company reports

Changing the World

Much needed renovations finally begin on globe.

By Claire Coustas
Staff Writer

Five years of hard work and dedication are finally starting to pay off for members of The Future Of The Globe Committee, as improvements were made to the sphere during spring break. Measuring 28 feet in diameter and weighing over 41 tons, the Globe is considered a significant part of Babson's heritage, and is the largest revolving globe in the world.

Sandblasting of the Globe's surface began during Spring break, in order to minimize disruption to the student body. The Globe's completion is expected by the Fall. Further restoration of the Map and Globe museum is anticipated in time for the College's 75th Anniversary Celebration in 1994. Plans for the restoration of the Globe have gone through some major adjustments during the five years of preparations. During the initial stages members of the committee suggested building a glass enclosure around the globe in order to protect it from the elements; however, this suggestion proved much too costly.

Totaling in at more than $600,000. Professor Larry Melle along with David Carson (Director of Planning), Chris Linsenfelter (Chairman of the Map & Globe Committee), and Ed Adelman (Director of Buildings and Grounds), analyzed possible alternative ways of restoring the Globe.

De Lorme Mapping Co., located in Freeport, Maine, provided a solution to the problems faced by the committee. Vinyl panels, ranging in shape from trapezoids to rectangles, will soon replace the old rusty steel tiles of the Globe. Vinyl was chosen as the material for this project since it less susceptible to the harsh New England weather.

Committee members faced another problem when trying to determine how to place the vinyl panels on the Globe. A strong adhesive was needed to keep the panels in place; however, this adhesive needed to be easily pealed off in case of an error during placement. The committee turned to 3M Corporation for help.

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Tom Lapointe congratulates Sal Salvatori, who officially begins his term as Student Government president this week (see related story, page two).

Photo by C.B. Rice

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Admissions intern information session:
Wednesday, April 8 at 6:00 p.m. in Mustard Hall.
Call Jan Zriebiec at X5077 with any questions.

Presidential Address
By Ahmad Aslam
Staff Writer.

Gerald "Sal" Salvatori, in his first presidential address, announced the goals which he and his executive board would like to achieve. These goals aim first at solving the problem of the courses listed in the handbook not being offered at registration. He also expressed the desire to increase student involvement in SCA and in Babson life as a whole. Salvatori also stated the desire to make headway on the effort to bring cable TV to Babson.

President Salvatori spoke about other problems currently facing students, the foremost being that people are not heavily involved in campus life. Salvatori intimated, "Whenever there is a rumor, the entire campus knows about it, but when we spend a couple thousand dollars and many hours planning an event or a candidates' night or elections, it appears that people are uninformed. We need a change of mindset."

Salvatori continued that in order to achieve this change, he needs help from all students: "Almost all of the students here were over-involved in high school. They were captains of sports teams, presidents of clubs, involved in student government, and in their hometown communities. Then, they get to Babson and probably about 20% get involved."

Salvatori praised the former board: "we have an immense amount of respect for the old executive board, and in particular Tom "Ceed" Lapointe."

Entrepreneurs
Continued from page one of over $30 billion. Presently the company is part of Xerox Financial Services, and John Merritt is the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer.

While Merritt was working for Drexel, Leslie Wexner founded The Limited, Inc. From one store with sales of $160,000, Wexner has constructed a network of 4,000 U.S. stores with annual sales of $4.3 billion.

Employing 72,000 employees, the Limited's businesses include Limited Stores, Lerner New York, Lane Bryant, Victoria's Secret and Abercrombie and Fitch among others.

Mr. Wexner is a hands on manager and works closely with his managers. Eighty percent of the company's employees own stock in the company.

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

The Office of Financial Aid has received information about several scholarships for which information on these and other scholarships can be obtained at the office, located in the basement of the Administration Building. The Transportation Clubs of New England offers scholarships of $1,000 and $500 to those interested in traffic management or related fields. The application deadline is April 10, 1992. Applications and more information can be obtained by calling Kathy Dalton at 444-7007.

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OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID

The New England Human Resource Association is offering a $2500 Scholarship to a current Babson junior interested in a career in Human Resource Management. Interested students should have their name with George Covino in the Office of Financial Aid, 4401.

BABSON STUDENT TRAFFIC COURT

Babson undergraduate students are allowed to appeal their parking tickets at the Traffic Court. The traffic court sessions for spring 1992 will be held on Monday and Tuesday at 6:00 pm, in Tavern Hall, Room 203, on the following dates: Monday, April 6 Monday, April 20 Additional sessions may be added to the above list. Contact Public Safety for more information.

MCPE PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENTS

The MCPE Project deadline will be held on Thursday, April 2, in West Hall 203 at 4:00 pm. All interested MCPE Project members are to sign up for interviews. Don’t miss a great opportunity to get practical experience.

ACADEMIC ADVISORS’ FALL REGISTRATION

Success in finding your way through the undergraduate curriculum. General academic sessions will be available prior to each fall course registration date. Dean Dragon and Mrs. O’Hara will be available to help with general academic problems. Students are encouraged to attend the individual advisor sessions offered. You do not need an appointment and you may sign up at any time between 4:30 and 5:30 pm in Babson Hall, room 203 on the date appropriate to your registration period.

PEER EDUCATOR PROGRAM SCHEDULE

The Peer Educators will be giving presentations on the following dates:

Body in Balance: March 31, 8:00 pm, Park Manor North Stressbusters: April 1, 7:00 pm, Irondale University Stressbusters: April 8, 7:00 pm, Park Manor North Stressbusters: April 15, 7:00 pm, Bryant Stressbusters: April 22, 7:00 pm, Chestnut Dinner at 8:00 pm, Park Manor North Date and Audience: May 1, 7:00 pm, Bryant Date and Audience: May 6, 7:00 pm, Chestnut Date and Audience: May 13, 7:00 pm, Bryant Date and Audience: May 20, 7:00 pm, Chestnut Date and Audience: May 27, 7:00 pm, Bryant Date and Audience: June 3, 7:00 pm, Bryant Date and Audience: June 10, 7:00 pm, Bryant Date and Audience: June 17, 7:00 pm, Bryant Date and Audience: June 24, 7:00 pm, Bryant Date and Audience: June 31, 7:00 pm, Bryant Date and Audience: July 8, 7:00 pm, Bryant Date and Audience: July 15, 7:00 pm, Bryant Date and Audience: July 22, 7:00 pm, Bryant Date and Audience: July 29, 7:00 pm, Bryant Date and Audience: August 5, 7:00 pm, Bryant Date and Audience: August 12, 7:00 pm, Bryant Date and Audience: August 19, 7:00 pm, Bryant Date and Audience: August 26, 7:00 pm, Bryant Date and Audience: September 2, 7:00 pm, Bryant Date and Audience: September 9, 7:00 pm, Bryant Date and Audience: September 16, 7:00 pm, Bryant Date and Audience: September 23, 7:00 pm, Bryant Date and Audience: September 30, 7:00 pm, Bryant Date and Audience: October 7, 7:00 pm, Bryant Date and Audience: October 14, 7:00 pm, Bryant

Please submit announcements to Box 140 on or before the Monday prior to publication.
**Business**

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**Quote of the Week**

"Take sides. Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim. Silence encourages the tormentor, never the tormented."

Elie Wiesel

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**A Focus on Student Business**

**Totally Original Garments & Apparel**

By Michael P. Sepso  
Business Editor

The entrepreneurial spirit at Babson is perhaps most often exhibited in the actions of student entrepreneurs who run campus businesses. One of the most impressive displays of this spirit can be seen in a **freshman** who has the initiative to take on an **entrepreneurial** venture. So, with this in mind, it’s hats off to **Kevin McCurdy** a freshman who has begun his own campus business, **Totally Original Garments & Apparel (TOGA)**. McCurdy has been selling Babson hats and leather varsity jackets for less than three weeks, but it already promises to be a very successful venture.

McCurdy imports his hats and jackets from a manufacturer in Canada. McCurdy himself hales from Mississauga, a town just outside of Toronto. TOGA’s unique hat design is unprecedented in the U.S., McCurdy says. The hats come in two styles, a dark green and brown suede bill and a white with green suede bill. "Babson" is inscribed across the front of the hats and either "Babson" or "Babson Park MA" is inscribed in smaller letters on the back. The most unique feature is the adjustable leather strap on the back of the hat that has a metal snap on one side. The hats sell for $22 or two for $40. TOGA also sells all leather varsity jackets. The dark green jackets have Babson inscribed across the back, year of graduation on the sleeve and a babson crest on the chest. They sell for $250. McCurdy says that in Canada, most university students wear samples to be made for these schools for this reason.

Depending on the arrangements he makes with the bookstores at these schools, McCurdy says he may retain his products through students at the schools whom he knows personally.

To contact McCurdy, you can call him at 68902.

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**Charm and Douglass Finalists Named**

By Michael P. Sepso  
Business Editor

The Center for Entrepreneurial Studies has announced the finalists for the 1992 Philip Charm and Douglass Foundation Business Plan Competitions. The selected students for the Philip Charm prize are: Amy Palman and Anna Tecco for Montross School; Michael Bernaweg and Michelle Swartz for Round the Clock Support, Inc.; Caroline Drinkuth and David Selman for Sew Simple, Inc. and Lars Lembrecht and Daniel Sears for Storage Relief, Inc.

The Philip Charm Prize is a cash award of $5,000 which will be presented to the undergraduate team submitting the most feasible business plan for starting a new venture. The prize was established in 1984 by Leslie Charm (Babson 94) in honor of his father, Philip Charm, an accomplished and energetic entrepreneur.

Presentations by the finalists will take place during Family Weekend on Friday, April 3, from 2:15 to 6:00 in Tomaaso 202. The judging panel, consisting of the year this year are: Richard Kimball, Principal, The Bigelow Company, Inc.; Frank O’neal, President of Filtration Technology Inc.; Edward Marram, President of GeoCenters and Allyn Woodward, Executive Vice President of Silicon Valley.
Term Limitations May Prove to Do More Harm Than Good

By Mark W. Underwood
Staff Writer

When was the last time you bounced a check? Last month? Last year? Or maybe you're a check bouncing fiend, like the 250+ Congressmen who bounced checks over a period of three years. As a law abiding citizen you were probably penalized for your wrongdoing. Certainly your bank gave you a monetary penalty, or if your offense was extreme enough, you may have even had criminal charges brought against you. Unfortunately, many of your Congressmen will come away from this fiasco unscathed. Since when did Congress exempt itself from the laws which it created? Stupid question, I suppose.

Having become more interested, and more importantly, aware of how despicable the Democratically run House is, many people have been calling for some serious governmental reform. I wholeheartedly agree with those who advocate reform in Congress, but I question the proposed means of change. There has been a resurgence in the movement to limit the terms of our legislators. Like the President and many of our nation's governors, legislators would only be permitted to serve for a limited period of time. Although it would be tempting to see Ted Kennedy and Joe Biden remount to the real world, where people have to work to make a living, I feel that the qualifications for term limits that have been presented are basically unsound.

One of the more prominent reasons to limit terms is if the electorate was more aware of what was going on in the political arena, then term limits would be unnecessary.

That would allow challengers a fair shot at a seat in Congress. Under the present system, incumbents re-election campaigns are usually more heavily funded than their opponents are, thus giving the incumbents the upper hand at winning the vote of the electorate. It is a terrible shame that most voters cast their votes solely on whose name they hear the most. In such an ideal situation, where candidates are elected based on the issues and not on who has the best mud-slinging campaign commercial, legislatures would not have to play as important a role. If you wish to make the playing field level, though, why not eliminate the big money behind the campaigns: the PAC's. If the electorate was more aware of what was going on in the political arena, then limts would be unnecessary.

Another reason that has been stated supporting the idea of limiting the terms of our legislators is that we would be able to get fresh, new blood in Congress. I like the idea of getting some new minds in Congress, but I don't like the idea of forcing out some of the old minds. Face the facts, good, experienced lawmakers like Arlen Specter and Orrin Hatch could provide a lot of valuable insight to the new, inexperienced Congressmen. Without quality leadership an organization, whether a business or a legislative body, will not prosper. Imposing term limits, would, in effect, replace experience with incompetence. Granted there are legislators who have been in Congress for many years who are wasted space, or even detrimental, like Ted Kennedy, but you must consider those who are still relatively young. These are the men who we cannot afford to dispose.

One final argument that I have heard for imposing term limits is a purely political one. Many Republicans feel that by having term limits, more Republicans would get into Congress, which is probably true. The only problem is, once you get a good Republican in Congress, he or she is out in a fairly short time. The only reason the President can only serve two terms is because the Republicans in the early 1960's wished to limit the term of the Democratically dominated presidency, that is, they didn't want a Roosevelt repeat. Unfortunately, when the Republicans get a good President into office, like Reagan, he could only serve two terms. Just think, if the president's term wasn't limited, Ronald Reagan could still be our president. What a beautiful thing that would be. This same thing would happen in Congress if term limits were imposed.

In closing, I urge you to take a close, hard look at term limits before you jump to any conclusions. There is nothing more detrimental to a democracy than an uninformed mass of people making decisions without fully considering the consequences of their actions. Maybe it is not Congress that needs all of the reform, maybe the American voter could use a good dose of it also.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of the Babson Free Press or as a whole.

Biogen CEO Stevens Speaks

By Brendan B. Blair
Staff Writer

On Wednesday afternoon the Houck Executive Series presented James L. Vincent, the Chairman of the Board and CEO of Biogen, Mr. Vincent, a graduate of Duke University and the Wharton Graduate School, has spent his life building high-tech businesses. He is presently the head of Biogen, one of the most profitable developers of synthetic materials.

Mr. Vincent opened his lecture by paralleling Biogen's future with the exploitation of Christopher Columbus. He stated that Biogen doesn't know where they are going. When they get there, they won't know where they will be, and when the return they won't know where they will have been. He urged the audience, however, to push forward, to take intelligent risks and have little fear of failure.

Mr. Vincent then said that in today's world the major form of business has changed greatly from the big corporations in the early part of the century to small, entrepreneurial built businesses. The introduction of computers and computer networks have been among the fundamental changes brought upon by entrepreneurs. In the past five to seven years biology has completely turned the pharmaceutical industry upside down. Currently there are approximately 10,000 biotechnical companies which create synthetic goods for the health care industry as well as for the agricultural industry and other suppliers. Today there are fifteen Biotech drugs that have received the Food and Drug Administration's approval and there are some one hundred and twenty five other synthetic drugs that await approval. For 1991 the total revenue brought about by these drugs reached two billion dollars and a forecast for the end of this decade shows a total revenue of fifty billion dollars.

In conclusion Vincent stated that the "age of the Blue and White collar worker will soon change to the "Gold collar" worker, who will be a product increasing growth of technology, which will place an emphasis on entrepreneurs with leadership skills. He stated that today's opportunity environment is great. In order to make it in our world you must use integrity, hard work and, as always, a little bit of luck.
A Prescription to Cure the Ailing Legal System: Individual Responsibility

By James R. Auger
Editor-in-Chief

The liability crisis should be made a front-burner issue by Rep-

publicans in the presiden-
tial race. It is no secret that this is one of the largest problems facing our courts and the legal profession. The crisis has reached the level of a full-blown crisis, and it is critical that we address it head-on.

The causes of the crisis can be traced back to several factors, including:

1. Increased costs for defending against lawsuits:

   - Medical malpractice lawsuits have skyrocketed in recent years, leading to higher insurance premiums and increased costs for hospitals and physicians.
   - Product liability lawsuits have also increased, leading to higher product prices and reduced innovation.

2. Changes in the legal system:

   - The legal system has become more adversarial, with judges and juries becoming more willing to award punitive damages.
   - The “settlement” culture has also contributed to the crisis, with plaintiffs seeking to “settle out of court” rather than go to trial.

3. Changes in the economy:

   - The economic downturn has led to increased personal bankruptcies and foreclosures, leading to increased demand for legal services.
   - The rising cost of healthcare has also contributed to the crisis, with plaintiffs seeking to hold healthcare providers responsible for medical errors.

The crisis is a serious problem that requires a comprehensive solution. We must work together to address the root causes of the crisis and develop strategies to mitigate its effects.

Solutions:

1. Limiting punitive damages:

   - The current legal system allows for the award of punitive damages, which can be天文地大...

2. Reforming tort law:

   - We must reform tort law to make it more predictable and fair for all parties involved.

3. Encouraging alternative dispute resolution:

   - More cases should be resolved through mediation, arbitration, and other forms of alternative dispute resolution.

4. Reducing frivolous lawsuits:

   - We must work to reduce the number of frivolous lawsuits, which are a major contributor to the crisis.

5. Improving legal education:

   - We must work to improve the quality of legal education, ensuring that future lawyers are better prepared to handle the challenges of the legal profession.

In conclusion, the crisis facing the legal system is a serious problem that requires a comprehensive solution. We must work together to address the root causes of the crisis and develop strategies to mitigate its effects. Only then can we ensure a fair and just legal system for all Americans.

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Alumni Representative

Voting will take place April 7. Also voting for the Thomas Kennedy Award will take place at the same time. Good luck to all the candidates.
Babson Free Press

Greetings once again to our readers and admirers. We again have the honor of discussing this week, as this is one of the last opportunities to al ready have 16 oz. beers for $1.25, and b) enjoy the great atmosphere and camaraderie that Babson has to offer. This issue, in particular, includes a thoughtful piece regarding the current political climate and the need for open dialogue and respectful discourse.

**Student Activities:** In the Babson community, we are subjected to a good, hands-on simulation of the "real world." In this process, we are taught the practical aspects of business and leadership, including the importance of maintaining a balance between personal and professional life.

**Staff Changes:** Last week, our office underwent some changes as some staff members moved on. We would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude and appreciation for their contributions to the newspaper.

**In Our View Too...**

I must admit, I have never had so much trouble with writing an editorial as I have with this one. For two years, I have spout out editorials like they were nothing, just saying whatever was on my mind. This one should be different because it’s my final editorial, and I need to get it right. But the pressure is on, and the words just won't come. I think I need to take this personally, as the question I raise people, not to the every individual contained therein.

The Pub: Graduation is less than two months away; take advantage of it.
Letters to the Editor
We Need More Diversity

Dear Editor,

Several weeks ago, Mr. Underwood was kind enough to share with us the perils of having a diverse outlook. He felt that it threatened our academic freedom, limited our freedom of speech, and prevented us from achieving the "high academic standards" that we are apparently pursuing in this country. Finally, Mark felt that it is rather silly to incorporate any type of multiculturalism into the curricula when one could learn far more from simply associating with someone from Bolivia.

Well, it certainly would be nice if we were such an academically-stimulated bunch that we never needed the chance to expand our horizons by embarking on any type of enrichment. I'm sorry if this offends some of you, but I believe that the people who actually are quite active and involved are the people who seem to be most concerned about multiculturalism.

The idea that we are not interested in learning about people from Bolivia is absurd. We are not just talking about Bolivians, but about people from all over the world. The idea that we are not interested in learning about Bolivian culture is not true. We are interested. We want to learn about the culture, the language, the art, the music, and the history. We want to understand their way of life.

Mark, you mentioned that the multiculturalism poses any real threats to the students here. I don't believe so, and I think if you gave it some thought, you might agree. The multiculturalism here is not just about the students, it's about the institution as a whole. It's about creating a diverse and inclusive community that celebrates diversity.

Sincerely,
Uday Gupta

Feedback Needed

Dear Editor:

We are a TQM group studying customer service provided by the Information Technology Services Division (ITSD). One of our first recommendations has been to create a mechanism for collecting feedback from the Babson Community. We are interested in service provided by the computer center, library, media, museum, and telephone company.

We would appreciate your suggestions and comments at the help desk, extension 4357. Your feedback will help us to provide better service.

For additional information, contact Chris Lingamfelter at x4231.

Sincerely,

ITSD TQM Group Members: Jane Cloran, Pat Laughran, Art Levi, Chris Lingamfelter, Donna Murphy, Bill O'Donnell, and Marion Woodard.

More Letters to the Editor on page 19!

Photo Essay

This Week's Question: What issues should the new SGA executive board address?

Sona Bhatt
Management, '92

"Babson should try to allocate our tuition in ways that the students can not only look good but feel good. [Ha, Ha]."

Kristen Baratta
Marketing, '95

"I would like to see the new SGA Board try to release the students of Babson from the shackles of Student Affairs and make this campus a fun place to live."

Rob Conrad, '93

"Try harder to increase spirit and get the students more involved."

Arthur Theophilopoulos, '92

"The executive board should focus on reducing the cost of housing. I can see more people moving off campus next year."
Features

If it’s happening, it’s here!

Thirty Minutes With a New Face - Asst. Dean Karen Melino

By Ahmad Aalam
Staff Writer

Last Friday I spent some time with our new Assistant Dean of Student Affairs, Karen Melino. She has recently joined Babson College from the University of Miami where she worked for six years. Ms. Melino’s interest in the field of student affairs and activities began during her four years at Colby College where she was also Head Resident and Vice President of her class. She changed her major at the graduate school of University of Vermont to higher education and administration from her undergraduate major of Psychology and Biology.

At Babson, as in her previous job, part of her responsibility is to help, guide, and counsel students. She announced that if students have any questions and concerns or need and want to talk to anybody, they are more than welcome to visit her office any time.

Ms. Melino said she is there for students and they should not hesitate to discuss their problems with her.

When I asked Asst. Dean Melino what the most interesting thing she found at Babson was, she said that it was interesting to see how many different countries are represented at Babson. This college has as much of a diverse student population as the University of Miami, which is a much larger school. She was indeed delighted to find out that although this is a business school, a lot of emphasis is given to liberal arts which is necessary in the larger scheme of things.

Karen Melino liked the fact that at Babson, emphasis is given on students rather than research. In her eyes, the beauty of a small school is that everybody knows everybody.

"Students see a new face just dropped in to say hello. It was fun," she continued. "students have a lot more to gain as faculty and administration take more interest in students. It is easy to catch a student's problem and help him or her before it is too late -- nothing like it."

During my informal talk with Ms. Melino, I found out she has vast experience in student affairs, including residential life and student activities. Keeping this in mind, I inquired as to which group in the past she has enjoyed working with the most and would continue to devote more time to. Asst. Dean Melino answered that she had loved all her previous appointments and the reason for her being in the Dean's office was partially because she wanted to be in touch with all walks of life.

"It doesn’t matter which position I hold, it is the quality of interaction with the students that is important," she considers herself lucky because very few people like her can claim that they had enjoyed all their past jobs and positions.

She believes that everybody having some problems and therefore likes the students who use their talent to its maximum extent in order to perform something special and extra-ordinary.

She advised students to take advantage of these four college years. In her eyes, students have exceptional opportunities of which they should take advantage. Her message to students is that in this safe environment they should take risk and experiment with what they might not be able to do in the real world and attempt those things which students may not know where else to try. She wants the Babson population to find out their strengths and open their minds.

To quote her, "Don’t cheat yourself. Make the best out of these four incredible years."

Movie Preview: My Cousin Vinny

Special to the Free Press
From 20th Century Fox

There have been many courtroom dramas that have glorified the great American legal system. My Cousin Vinny isn’t one of them.

At first glance, lawyer Vincent Gambini (Joe Pesci) has a lot in common with the crusading lawyer heroes of the past. He’s defending two innocent boys accused of murder in a small-town Southern courtroom and as a street-wise Easterner light-years from his home turf, he doesn’t exactly have the odds in his favor. But Vinny may not be the only trial for the job.

First of all, he has never tried a murder case before. In fact, as he explains to his nervous clients, it’s his “first day into the trial process” altogether. Translation: he’s never been in a courtroom before.

That’s hardly surprising, considering that he just passed the bar exam six weeks ago, and it wasn’t even his first try. ("Six time is the charm.") But there’s an up side to all this - he’s never lost a case!

Anyway, he’s family. And for two poor New Yorkers a long way from home, Vinny is the only hope they’ve got.

Dale Launer says he got the idea for My Cousin Vinny when he learned from a friend who was working for his bar exam results that you could keep taking the exam if you flunked, and the one candidate had tried thirteen times before passing. "It struck me as funny," says Launer. "Imagine that you’ve been erroneously arrested for murder and you learn that the only lawyer you can get is the guy you’ve bombed the bar thirteen times."

Because the film is set in the deep South, featuring four New Yorkers, the filmmakers made a special effort to avoid cultural stereotyping. "This is simply a case of mistaken identity," says screenwriter Jack Lynn. "No one, not the Northerners, not the Southerners, are the bad guys. They’re all just culturally different from each other."

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The General’s Corner

By Bill Chisholm
Staff Writer

Isn’t it nice to be away from that hot weather, hav- ing to worry about sunburns, tides, and drinking binges? Yes, I am thrilled to be back in the snow, classes, and the job search. No really, why are you laughing?

My spring break was interesting, how about yours? OK, I know you’ve heard the damn rumor so here is how I really got my concussion and black eye. I was walking in the snow in the way that only men can, lost my balance on the marble floor and slammed my head into the toilet. Not exactly the most manly way to earn a few scars, is it? But then again, I guess it is a rather fitting injury for such a violent act. The real tragedy is that I was sober at the time. Maybe that should tell you something. OK, I get the picture, I will give up sobriety for the rest of Lent. Thank you for listening. And another thing, why do they call it a black eye when it’s really purple and red?

Actually, being in Cancun made me realize how absurd the baboon’s anti-keg rules are. This was my second time down there, and I was witness to funnels, tequila slammers, drinking contests, happy hours, and beer to go in bars. And yet, to all of that, I didn’t see one fight, one person puking, or any of the evils that the neo-prohibitionists in America like to associate with this type of activity. The Baboon administration is solely to blame for this hysteria about alcohol, of course. That is a terrible country to automatically assume alcohol is evil because some people can’t handle it, rather than asking individuals to take the outlandish step of taking responsibility for their own actions. Obviously, alcohol has an effect on one’s behavior (many of us wouldn’t drink it if it didn’t), but there is no reason to limit the use of careful people because a select few can handle themselves.

Some people are poor drivers, but we don’t ban cars. Common sense trends are taking over the youth of America, and it is one of the reasons why incidents like drunk driving are on the decline. There is no reason that a suite full of 21-year olds should not be able to have a keg any time they want as long as they handle themselves responsibly. Baboon’s keg is just a quick-fix solution to the real problem that exists with people blaming everyone else or everything else for their own inability to handle situations.

I can’t believe it! Babson College has raised tuition again. It’s just unbelievable. Who would have ever expected such an unprecedented event would take place at our beloved institution? But you should be comforted though, the 5.8% increase is the lowest in recent history. How remote or everything else for their own disability to handle situations.

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Lacrosse: New Season, Coach, Attitude, And Style Pay Off

By Roy Simmons
Contributing Writer

The whole year, the lacrosse team has been quietly going about its business of preparing themselves physically and mentally for the ’92 season. The renewed fervor for the game is filled by first year coaches John Stephens and David St. Germaine. They have driven the Beavers to work hard, hours to reach their ECAC Championship goal.

This team is made up of many of last year’s players, along with a remarkably solid freshman class. Returning at attack are PJ Yeatman, Tooho Sohn, and Taylor Babineau along with freshman scoring threat Josh Shaffer and freshman utility man Matt Terrell. Yeatman is already Babson’s all-time leading scorer and point man. Returning at midfield are veteran leaders Eric Deshan, Pete Keiser, Micky Thompson, Jim Castrataro, Chris Marshall, and Steve Wiidais. Joining this talented group of upperclassmen are Shawn Feely, and Miguel Triax (switched over from attack for the 92 campaign), along with freshman Josh Connell. Games will be won or lost at the midfield. This group’s speed and stick skills will give them an edge over most of the opponents who challenge them.

The team returned north to Philadelphia to face Swarthmore, a team with a very rich lacrosse tradition and success in the 80’s with four trips to the NCAA tourney.

Having lost Thompson to a shoulder injury and Feely, who was unable to attend, the coaches had to use their leadership talents to the fullest by shuffling players and by using a game plan to compensate for loss of legs. Swarthmore jumped out to a 3-0 lead with three excellent plays on Babson’s goalie, Dexter Babich. After a time out to settle the troops, coaches St. Germaine and Stephens sent their players back in with instilled confidence in their abilities and they responded with great hustle to close the gap at 4-3. The teams exchanged goals to end the half at 5-4, but it was evident to the spectators that Babson’s coaching staff and aggressive play was starting to wear on Swarthmore as they began to take control. The coaches felt it too and encouraged the men that 10 minutes of real intense hustle could take control. The captains took charge as co-captains Yeatman and Keiser got hot shooting off of great passing. Babson took a 5-4 lead and never looked back. Huge play by all of the defense, especially Babich, who came up big in clutch moments. Garvin, Wiidais, Deshan, and Muller also made stellar plays at defense when it seemed that Swarthmore might get back in it with a rally to close the gap to 9-8. With great performance by Marshall, Lewelle, Whitfield, and Castrataro, Babson was able to control the middle of the field to seal Swarthmore’s fate. The clock expired as Shaffer held the ball and protected it from the Swarthmore team. The victorious Beavers charged the field in jubilation with a big win. Intense effort by all on the team and game day coaching were the keys to the victory and those lessons may be what takes this team to the ECAC tourney. Up coming games include a battle with perennial power Bowdoin on Saturday, March 28 (possibly at Babson, depending on conditions at Bowdoin) and the team’s first game of the season at Babson’s home game on Tuesday, March 31. Come show your support as you did for hoops, soccer, and lacrosse. They need it, and after the work they’ve put in, they deserve it.

Sign Up For Spring Intramurals

In case you haven’t noticed, fall and winter intramurals have gone very well this year. Maple Manor won the volleyball tournament, Coleman Hall trounced Pietz in floor hockey, and Moraski knocked off basketball. Now that spring is here, softball, sand volleyball, flag football, ice hockey, and other sports are getting into gear. Want to get involved? The leagues vary between men’s and women’s only, and co-ed. * No time for a varsity sport? Intramural participation is the way to go. It’s great exercise, a lot of fun, and it doesn’t take up much time. Questions?

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By Chris Bignell
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There are less than ten games remaining in every team's schedule, but not all of the playoff berths have been claimed. After a mid-season slump and a scare of not making the playoffs, the Pittsburgh Penguins are 9-1-1 in their last seven games and are tied for third in the Patrick Division with the New Jersey Devils. Mario Lemieux and Kevin Stevens are leading the way offensively. During this seven-game stretch, they have 16 and 12 points, respectively. Once again, they are the top two scorers in the league surpassing Wayne Gretzky and Brett Hull. The New York Islanders and Philadelphia Flyers have been left at the bottom of the divisions, 10 points behind the final spot and, for all intents and purposes, will not make the playoffs. The playoff picture right now in this division has the leading New York Rangers against the Devils and the second-place Washington Capitals against the Pens. Even though they haven't technically clinched the division title, the Rangers are 9 points ahead of the Caps and have showed no signs of letting up. They are 5-0-1 in their last 6 games.

The Adams Division playoff picture is almost all sorted out. Even though they have a 1-3-1 record in their last 5 games, it was enough for their Montreal Canadiens to clinch the Adams title. Montreal's leader is without a doubt goaltender Patrick Roy. He has played in 63 of Montreal's 75 games and has a record of 36-19-7, and he leads the league with a 2.27 goals against average. In order for Montreal to do well in the playoffs, he'll have to continue playing well. The Bruins and the Buffalo Sabres have also clinched playoff spots in the Adams. The Hartford Whalers are in the running, but haven't technically clinched yet, but they are 12 points ahead of the Quebec Nordiques, who are in the running as well. Even with their five game unbeaten streak, the Nordies didn't make the playoffs. If the season were over, Montreal would play Hartford, and the Bruins would play the Sabres. There shouldn't be any change in this picture between now and the end of the season.

Three of the four playoff spots have been clinched in the Norris Division by the Detroit Red Wings, the Chicago Black Hawks, and the St. Louis Blues. The leaders on these teams are Steve Yzerman, Jeremy Roenick, and Brett Hull, respectively. All will have to play well if their team is to go very far. The final playoff spot is being battled for by the Minnesota North Stars and the Toronto Maple Leafs. Before Christmas, the Leafs were as much as 15 points behind the Stars. After making some trades, including the biggest one in league history, they have fought back and are only 4 points behind. Doug Gilmore and Glenn Anderson have worked extremely well together since the trade in January and are the top two scorers on the team. The recent additions of Canadian Olympic Kent Manderville and US Olympian Joe Sacco has also proved beneficial. The Leafs have made it interesting but I don't think they will catch the Stars who also have a game in hand. The playoff picture in this division has the Wings against the Stars, and Chicago against St. Louis. If the Leafs do manage to clinch the final spot, then they will play the Wings instead.

A few weeks ago, it was impossible to tell who would make the playoffs in the Smythe Division. It has now opened up a bit and it is easier to predict who will make it. The Vancouver Canucks came out flying at the beginning of the season and will remain on top of the division until the end; they clinched the title early in the week. The Canucks are a young team and don't have much experience in the playoffs. Center Trevor Linden and right change leading the team offensively, and veteran goalie Kirk McLean has to play as well as he has all year if the Canucks are to go far. The LA Kings have clinched the second playoff spot. They are led by Wayne Gretzky and Luc Robitaille. They will have to just be themselves in order for the Kings to move on in the playoffs. The final two playoff berths will most likely go to the Edmonton Oilers and the Winnipeg Jets. The Calgary Flames are just six points behind the fourth place Jets, but they have been playing poorly over the past few weeks with only one win in their last six games. The Flames have one of the worst divisional records in the league. With mainly Smythe Division opponents remaining in their schedule, it doesn't look as though they will be able to catch up. If the regular season was over, the Canucks would play the Jets, and the Kings would play the Oilers.

Awards

Men's Basketball:

Jim Pierrakos, senior, forward, was selected by the region's 56 head coaches and sports information directors as the 1992 ECAC/Holiday Inn Division III New England Men's Basketball Player of the Year. He averaged 16.5 points and 9.4 rebounds a game, to finish fourth on the all-time scoring list with 1,597 points, and first in career rebounding (936) and free throws made (419). He was named CAC Player of the Year, CAC All-Conference (First Team), All-New England Team, ECAC Division III All-American (First Team), and ECAC All-Star (First Team).

Erik Dellasanta, junior, forward, was named to the CAC All-Conference (First Team), and Bob Fuller, senior, guard, and Matt Miller, junior, forward, were named to the CAC All-Conference (Second Team).

Serge DeBar, coach, was named NABC Division III New England Coach of the Year.

Women's Basketball:

Betsy Willgos, junior, guard, was selected as New 8 Player of the Year, along with New 8 All-Conference and ECAC Division III All-Star (Second Team).

Michele Merten, freshman, forward, was named New 8 Rookie of the Year and selected as New 8 All-Conference.

Hockey:

Mark Kuryak, junior, goalie, was selected as ECAC Tournament M.V.P. and named as an ECAC All-Star (First Team).
Beavers Get Hot In Florida

By Channy
Contributing Writer

The Basseon Baseball team, behind the inspirational leadership of Coach Frank "Zim" Millerick, kicked off the season in fine fashion as they went 6-0 on their southern trip to Florida. The Beavers played well during their stint including impressive wins over Skidmore and Framingham State.

Unfortunately it couldn't be the last the Beavers see of the playing field for a while as they were greeted rudely by the frigid northeastern weather.

After six weeks of being cooped up in the Pavilion, the Beavers were hungry for a real game-a real opponent. Sunday, Babson opened up with Skidmore College a scrappy bunch of mullets. The focal points were quieted for the first four innings as they left seven runners stranded. Babson found themselves down by six runs going into the fifth, but that didn't last long as they broke the ice by scoring their first four runs of the season. "Gerbil" Ryan started off the inning with a single, which was followed with walks by Tony "Sneaky" Caste and Dave "Digger" DiCangi to load the bases. After the next batter was retired Tully "Bear" Cunningham hit a ground ball with two outs to the shortstop who promptly threw the ball past the first baseman and into the outfield allowing three runs to score. Babson scored another on another error on Jeff "Sammy" Cookson's groundout to the pitcher. This proved to be the break Babson needed as they scored eight runs in the next three innings on big hits by "Digger" and Miguel "Spanky" Miranda to take the commanding 12-6 lead into the bottom of the eighth. But as usual things would not be easy for the Beavers as Brian "Copertone" Jones, who had gotten stronger in the middle innings. Ryan finally began to tire and was replaced by Mike "Touchy" Fehily. The Beavers couldn't hold their lead as walks and singles Skidmore hits helped Skidmore tie the game up 12 apiece in the bottom of the ninth. Skidmore, who had been talking trash all game, finally began to械 the Beavers decided they had enough. In the top of the tenth, Caste walked Greg "Dono" Keenan single and Sedge "Conway" Saunders drove a ball into the gap for a triple to drive in Caste and Keenan. Tully then drove in Saunders with an error.

Skidmore got two in the tenth but it wasn't enough as Fehily and the Beavers held on for the 15-14 win. Derik "Spaz" Ross had the hot bat for the Beavers as he went 4 for 6 at the plate. The first year player, who also made the backup go for the first time, also batted seven strong innings.

On Tuesday, the Beavers played Trinity of Illinois and Bob Babcock dominated the entire game with a 7-0 win. In the first inning on Babcock's hits by Caste, "Digger", Saunders, Ryan, and Miranda. The Beavers cruised to a 14-3 victory behind the strong pitching of Jeff "Teen Wolf" Goule and Rob "Pearl Jam" Stack. Derik Ross continues his hitting pace going 4 for 4 on the day. Wednesday pitched the rival Framingham State against the Killer Beavers. There was no love loss as these two enemies squared off. Bob jumped out to an early 1-0 lead but Framingham tied it up in the third. In the fifth the Beavers scored three runs with Ramon Padilla hitting a two run home run. Babcock plated two with a double. The Beavers exploded for seven more runs in the seventh to put them up 11-1. Mike in "Bats" finally stymied the St. bulls and giving up only 1 unearned run. The win pushed his record to 2-0. Ross had three hits. Ryan two and Saunderes and Keenan had three RBIs each.

Thursday, the Beavers played an improved Pitchburg State but they were no match for Babson as the Beavers won 6-1 being the strong pitching of Rob "Steamer" Curley who pitched 7 innings of No Run baseball. "Crazy" Ray Daynes came in for relief and put the nail in the coffin for the Beavers. Keenan had three hits while "Digger" added two for the Beavers.

Friday the Beavers swept U Mass Boston winning 8-3 and 7-2. Slack got the win in the first game while Jeff Goule won the second game with 3-2. Ryan had three hits in the first game while Keenan, Saunders, and Babcock had two RBIs each and Larry "Troll" Vaffe went 2 for 2 in the second. The wins move the Beavers to 6-0. Hopefully, weather permitting the Beavers will play a double header against Husson Saturday.

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Mar. 26 Thu. @Bentley 3:00
Mar. 28 Sat. Husson (2) 12:00
Mar. 30 Mon. W.P.I.* 3:00
Apr. 1 Wed. Framingham State 3:00
Apr. 2 Thu. Suffolk 3:00

Men's Lacrosse:
Mar. 28 Sat. Bowdoin 1:00
Mar. 31 Tue. M.I.T. 3:00

Men's Tennis:
Mar. 30 Mon. Bentley 3:00
Mar. 31 Tue. Brandeis 3:00
Apr. 2 Thu. Bryant 3:00

Softball:
Mar. 27 Fri. Wheaton* 3:30
Mar. 31 Tue. Brandeis* 3:30
Apr. 2 Thu. Smith* 4:00

Women's Lacrosse:
Mar. 31 Tue. Boston University 8:00
Apr. 2 Thu. Wellesley* 4:00

Men's Golf:
Apr. 2 Thu. St. Anselm/Bentley 12:00

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* - New 8 Conference Game
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Baseball Preseason National League Predictions

By Marc Kurchner
Contributing Writer

In the last issue, we took a peak at the American League. This week we’ll swing over to the senior circuit.

In the National League East, the Mets are the odds on favorite. Although there are still holes in their defense, with the off-season additions of Bobby Bonilla, Bret Saberhagen, Bill Pecota, Willie Randolph, and Eddie Murray, the Mets should have no problem winning the weak Eastern Division. The Cub should come in second, but they will give the Mets a run for their money. With Sandberg signed, and a young pitching staff ready for prime time, the Cubs can’t be counted out. The Cardinals will come in third, even though they acquired Andres Galarraga. Their pitching is okay, but their entire line-up is weak. The Pirates, last year’s Eastern Division Champions, will come in a distant third. The management has been cleaning house of big contracts. This is a rebuilding year. The Phillies and Expos will round out the bottom two, but the Expos may surprise some people with a close to .500 showing.

The Western Division will be one very exciting race. The Reds, Braves, and Dodgers will battle it out all season long. However, it looks as if the Reds will take this division. Their lineup, top to bottom, is solid and they arguably have the best rotation in baseball. If Dibble goes out for the season, the Reds may also. The Braves will come in second but perhaps by two games. They also have a tough lineup with an excellent rotation, but their bullpen is suspect and it’s very hard to see a team repeat in this tough division. The Dodgers, with Eric Davis and a revitalized Orel Hershiser, will come in third, perhaps one game behind the Braves. Their infield is weak, but their outfield is awesome. Don’t count out Lasorda. He always has a trick or two up his sleeve. The Padres will come in fourth. Fred McGriff is due for a big year, but the team is not. The Astros will come in fifth, just because the young team may pull out some wins. The Giants will come in sixth. They have no pitching and Will Clark. They will be lucky to win 50 games this year. As of now, it looks like the Mets versus the Reds in the playoffs, but the Braves and Dodgers still may squabble in. As of now, I see a Reds-Redsox 1992 World Series with the same result as 1975. But in less games; Reds in six.
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A “Useless” Opinion

Dear Editor:

Every week I look into the paper, hoping to find some reflection of the spectrum of campus opinion. Instead, it’s the same people pushing the same tired targets; the real “diversity” we need here is in the paper—not everyone at Babson is as intolerant, mindlessly right-wing, and downright ignorant as the Free Press suggests. In the past two weeks, we’ve learned that those “can’t be pro-business” if he supports women’s and gay rights and that we shouldn’t have “useless” courses like “I’m not making this up.”

Post World War II Japan.

The Babson I know is not the place reflected in the paper. Most students are thoughtful, tolerant, able to accept change in the workplace and world yes, it does matter that Chairman is an outdated term, and aware that education means more than narrow training in business. I hope that someday the paper becomes an outlet for real controversy that includes more than one side, guys. And something we can be proud of, not cringe at.

The fault here lies not just with those at the paper—as at least they take the effort to put one out. It’s all the other students, who, while supposedly learning to be “risk takers,” seem content to let one small bunch of zealots do their thinking for them.

Sincerely,

Martin Tropp
Professor of Useless Stuff

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Dear Editor:

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