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This is easy too. Talk to people you meet in class, go to the library, at Trim...Just smile and talk to people. Friends are easy to make here, almost without trying.

I am a commuter, and I'm afraid I'll be segregated on campus from the resident students.

WRONG. It's simple to get involved. You can belong to any residence hall by paying dorm dues enabling you to attend their parties, intramural sports, etc.

Everyone's telling me to get involved outside the classroom. I don't know where to start.

Simple. Start Sunday at the Student Activities Fair. Get a feel for the different organizations, meet some members, and see what's right for you. There are more than forty to choose from - so don't feel pressured to rush your decision. The Student activities office will always help when you decide what to join.

My roommate hangs Frank Zappa posters all over our room - what should I do. (This is a true story)

Don't panic. Don't try to change roommates right away. Try to talk to them to see if maybe you can agree on an arrangement where you don't have to see them 24 hours a day. (i.e. the closet, inside the bathroom, in the hall.) If you want to loose control, talk to someone - your R.A., R.D., advisor, friend.

There is always someone to talk to.

School administrators and professors intimidate me. How do I talk to them?

Everyone on campus has office hours, and you'll find the administrators extremely helpful, even anxious to help. If you ever feel alone, find someone.

INSIDE: WHO'S WHO AT BABSON

By Brian G. Carr
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Orientation Weekend.


I was trying to act as cool as possible when suddenly my most vivid nightmare walked through the door.

The 200-pound All-American everything. He played soccer, hockey, lacrosse, rugby, frisbee golf; knew Twix-Kwos-Dee; fought Thomas Hanns; drank Tequila for breakfast; and his sole purpose in college was to jump out of third floor windows in incoming freshmen to make his statement of life.

Flashing by definition poems to get to the bar, this bulldozer was rampaneous, obnoxious, facetious, pretentious, superficial, and malicious. And he was after me.

I knew he would approach me at this, my first Babson party, with hordes of beer and a sanctimonious mission: to send my mind into inchoherent levels of drunkenness and drop me off in Boston Common without even a leash clinch.

As my self confidence level was approaching nil all day to begin with, I immediately plastered myself to the wall on the opposite side of the room, and began to slowly slither toward the door to escape his wrath.

Alas, to no avail.

His Lyte Alizado voice granted something to the effect of “Hey, where are you going, run away??”

Soon the entire population of Tokyo had nothing else to do but watch this Goliath in cutoffs rip myself, Allaha from the Little Rascals, to shreds.

I began to shrink inch by inch.

He put his beer down and walked behind the bar.

“What are you drinking?” he said.

This was it. He was going to get me drunk.

Tomorrow morning I'd wake up stark naked and totally humiliated in some Boston jail.

“I don't drink,” I said, wishing I had stuck to those Karate lessons in seventh grade.

He laughed. “Everybody drinks—can’t survive without it once in a while. C'mon, you're wasting money, you want Bud or Miller?”


In a last ditch effort before succumbing to the power of peer pressure, I was able to chrip, “Hey ‘bout a Coke?”

The nightmare bulksiter slowly shook his head. I was now three inches tall.

“Hey, this is Babson. You better learn early that we don't drink Coke around here.” I died as he reached underneath the bar.

“We drink Pepsi,” he said as he handed me the can.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Welcome to Camp BABO!

Camp BABO - a place where parents send their children for four years (usually; though some people are on the extended plan) to have fun, keep you off the streets, get you out of the house and hopefully you'll even get an education.

If you've come here for any of the above reasons then you're at the right place. College is what you make of it. You can spend four years here and have a couch potato and watch the tube all day long, play any of the sport teams (intramural and intercollegiate), get involved in any of the countless organizations on campus (such as the Free Press), or if you can handle it do some of the above and study on occasion and you'll do OK.

As far as education goes you get out of it what you put into it. If you go to only half your classes, do only half your homework, and barely get by with a 6.0 (Babson works on a 12 point scale not a 4 point) then you'll only have half an education. Getting good grades here is not very difficult. If you just go to all your classes and do all your homework (so, it's not that much) you'll make deans list for four years straight. Sounds impossible? Not really.

Let's analyze this from a Babson point of view: It's going to cost you about $14,000 to come to school this year. That's $7,000 a semester. Which is $1,750 per course or $70 for each hour in your class. So for each class you blow off that's $70 you've just thrown away. How about that for incentive?
The people here are really cool. If you ever have a question or a problem there are many places you can go. I suggest starting with your academic advisor since that's what they're trained for. If they can't help you they will tell you who can.

Now for the fun part of college. Your going to be hearing student complaints about the new alcohol policy but I wouldn't worry about it. When it comes to partying Babson students will always find a way. There are fraternities, sororities, dom parties, floor parties, room parties, knight parties, Frosh-Cele parties and so on. About 20% of the campus is greek, 90% drink budwiser and 100% party.

Marc H. Bell
Editor-de-Chief, Babson Free Press

Opportunities at Babson

Not too many years ago, in conjunction with a popular off-Broadway show, one saw lots of people in New York wearing buttons or T-shirts saying "Don't bother me—I can't cope!" It was an idea that struck some sympathetic undercurrents for a while in Manhattan, but it did not develop at Babson. What strikes us each year as we greet new freshmen is the relative absence of uncertainty and bewilderment one sees with freshmen on many other campuses. It is in contrast the air of readiness, enthusiasm, and assurance that you generally present, Babson is a rewarding place for professors, administrators, and one hopes to work because of the special spirit among students here.

If I have one piece of early advice for you—and in some cases, your parents—don’t be too early. It’s easier for inexperienced freshmen to specify how you are going to plan your elective courses or what you will choose as a major.

Yes, you do want to seek breadth—within liberal arts as well as management. Yes, you want to follow some areas in enough depth to get the challenge and experience of working with subjects at an advanced level. Yes, you ought to feel relaxed enough about grades so that you go for some courses which you know represent areas of personal need for development, rather than already half-developed areas of strength.

But careers in management and success and happiness in life do not depend nearly as much as all of us who offer advice seem to indicate on specific courses chosen or specific majors taken. As you get to know the courses, look at them in the mix of instructors’ backgrounds and teaching styles you can get exposed to as at the course outlines. Learning in college comes from working with different kinds of people as much as it does from different subject matter. And look to for opportunities to build your knowledge and skills outside class, by participation in sports, in campus professional and social events, in things that Boston and other colleges in the area have to offer.

As you are here, we will also be doing more to help you understand opportunities to supplement what you are doing at Babson with study or work opportunities in other settings. That is not the pattern for everyone, but for many students a semester or year overseas or on a business internship has been a valuable part of their total experience.

Welcome, and good luck in getting started at Babson. We are glad to have you as part of one of Babson’s best-ever entering classes and as active participants in the life of the College for the years ahead.

William R. Dill
President, Babson College

STUDENT GOVERNMENT 101

As you are getting ready to start the school year please keep in mind that RA’s and RD’s just want school work to be done. You will have plenty of free time and now is the time to decide what you will do with it. We are sure that many of you were involved in extracurricular activities in high school and would like you to continue this involvement here on campus.

For those who are interested in becoming a great, push for the fall semester will be in the near future for both the fraternities and sororities. (Without specifics, get in touch with those presidents)

On Sunday, there will be a carnival on the Quad. This carnival will feature most of the organizations and clubs as well as seeking members. Therefore, the information that will be available. Sunday is invaluable and makes attending the carnival a must.

For those of you who love sports but are not involved with a variety team, be sure to check out the intramurals. (Your RA’s and RD’s should be able to provide you with details.)

You are very money hungry or in debt from your summer vacation may be interested in finding a part-time job. John Dissmore, VP Licensing can provide you with the necessary information.

And for all of you who wish to be involved with Student Government. Attend the carnival. Elections for Residential Hall Representatives will be held Tuesday.

Babson students need some recreation. Good luck with the new semester—but more importantly, have fun!

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ORIENTATION COMMITTEE: BEHIND THE SCENES

by Jay L. Fischler
Managing Editor

"Hi there, Anderson, okay, here's your packet, you'll be meeting with your advisor in group 34, is the library on the second floor." After moving into your new home, this is the first contact for new students here at Babson. This is just the first of many activities under the banner of Orientation.

Student advisors are the most visible part of orientation, Holley Belch, Assistant to the Vice-President of Student Affairs, describes the advisor's role as two-fold, "Initially, they are here to orient new students academically and socially, basically to make them feel comfortable." Part of the job is to help students in course selection and meeting people during the first few days, Holley Belch went on to say, "Beyond that, in the first month or two they keep in contact to make sure that everything is going well. During the second semester students become more independent, though advisors are still around to help with problems and other issues."

Student advisors arrived at Babson on Monday to begin their training which lasted straight through Thursday. This year there are 53 student advisors for 50 groups with three fully trained alternates as back-up. Of these 53 advisors, 25 are returning from last year with a few advisors in their third year, applications to become advisors numbered 110 for the 28 remaining spots.

All of the advisors underwent a rigorous selection process, including the returning advisors. All of last year's advisors were evaluated by their student groups a few weeks into the semester, just as this year's advisors will be similarly evaluated. Following these evaluations they meet individually with Holley Belch to discuss any problems or special situations as well as any insights they have gained.

The student advisors help guide the new students through the many events planned to introduce them to others, make them feel comfortable and keep them entertained. These events would not be possible without cooperation of the entire campus, from Media Services, providing sound and other equipment, to Buildings and Grounds, for the facilities and tables, etc., to Public Safety, helping with the coordination of the events. Most of all, these events would not be possible without the planning and research of the Orientation Committee.

In addition to Holley Belch, the director of the orientation committee, there are eight students, each responsible for a specific event while still putting in a full effort for the entire orientation. The committee has been meeting since early last Spring including meetings over the summer to plan the program for orientation. The committee organized all of the events with the other departments on campus as well as making all of the entertainers who will be appearing on campus.

Anne Hastings is the coordinator for the computer live-in program, where rooms are arranged for commuter students during orientation, so they may fully participate in the activities. Suzie Yellafi is the coordinator for the check-in for new students in Hampshires Plaza, where students receive their registration materials and arrange to meet their advisors.

Amy Sutherland is the coordinator for the Academic Orientation, where course offerings, requirements and majors will be discussed.

Wendy Ware is the coordinator for the Treasure Hunt, a new event designed so that students will learn their way around campus in their groups. All participants will receive prizes with special awards going to the winners. Stephen Wholey is the coordinator for Cabaret Night, an evening of music and comedy with three local comedians and a DJ to help mix it up once the laughter dies down. Diane Yollie is the coordinator for the Carnival/Student Activities fair, where new students can find out about the many interesting organizations on campus (including one that publishes a newspaper every week), in an atmosphere of music, food and fun.

During Carnival there will also be a faculty/staff picnic where students can talk to professors and administrators about the coming year. Jennifer Widerkehr is the coordinator for the Volunteer Program, where employees of the college help with activities such as registration, sign-in, helping with the baggage team and general information around campus. Jacqueline Giordano is the coordinator for the Parents Orientation Program, which introduces parents to the Babson community and gives them insights into life at Babson.

One of the other main events during orientation is Playfair, a new game concept with trained facilitators, it is non-stop games for two hours. "At first (the students) thought it was just another event, then after they really liked it," said Stephen Wholey, a member of the orientation committee, who was a student advisor last year. "I think it's a great way to meet people, but last year people would just be walking down campus when they saw someone they met at Playfair and start walking like a duck. I know people who still have nicknames from that night."

Some of the other events include the Drive-In Movie, a great way to spend an evening outdoors, the Discovery Tour into Boston, and the Hippo's, a true tradition here at Babson, definitely not to be missed.

The Orientation Committee has gone to great lengths so new students will enjoy their first few days on campus and look forward to the next four years. Welcome to the campus, here's to good times now and good days ahead.

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This section will be continued next week.
Interview with Gregg Malatestà, R.A. South

By Christine Scarpino
Features Editor

Why did you decide to become an R.A.? Was it the cat in tuition?

No, so it wasn't the money. I did it to keep my mind occupied, to hold a responsibility and keep me going with things. I enjoy meeting people and getting to know them personally. But the most important reason is the satisfaction I receive to help people out and knowing they can rely on me. I want to be reliable. Even if it's just to give someone food.

How do you perceive yourself as an R.A.?

What I don't want to do is have them get the wrong impression, an R.A. being a strict enforcer of school policy and regulations; someone who is mean and unapproachable. I want to be a friend who will be there when needed. I don't want them to think I simply am a rule enforcer. I am going to make the freshmen comfortable, I want them to come to me anytime.

Like an open-door policy?

Exactly. I want to be their friend. Some people will come in with the wrong impression of what an R.A. is. I'm just glad a stereotypically strict R.A. isn't the idea here at Babson.

Where are you living?

South basement, room 4. This was my first choice. I want to be here. I'm excited. I chose this because I used to live here freshman year, and although I was displaced as a sophomore, I still hung around here. Now that I'm a junior, I'm still glad to be back.

How long have you been here this summer?

Since last Tuesday. We've gone through a lot of training sessions which have been pretty official. But, they've accomplished their goal. The whole staff came together as friends. At first people didn't really know each other, so this was important to us.

What were some of the things you did?

One night we went to a Red Sox game. It was a blast. We also have an outward bound project. This really brought the group closer, we were put in situations that forced us to work together and rely on each other. Some of the other things we did, the most formal workshops were Alcohol/Drug Education, Community Service Workshop, and Brining the different Ethnic groups together. Oh, another event we had was a Residential Life vs. Bubo Police force baseball game. That was vital to get to know them for emergency situations.

Ron and Val (Ron Hammond, Residential Life Assistant Director and Valerie Caso, Director of Residential Life) have done everything. They organized it, worked with us, and made it successful. They did a great job.

Did they physically participate in the activities?

They've done everything with us. They sent out for food for us - McDonald's D'Angelo's, Chinese. They even went bowling with us. They've been great!

Tell me about your style of leadership.

Well as you know there are always the people to raise their hands and voice their opinion freely. But, I'm the type to sit back, listen to the facts, and then decide how to act. That's my style. I'm not slow, but I just like to absorb avertion before jumping the gun. I think that's the best policy.

Was there a conflict of different styles during orientation? If so would it be a disadvantage this semester?

Of course styles were different, everyone is different in handling things. But, Ron and Val accept this. The outward bound project showed me that my style performed well. Instead of reacting quickly, I'm a thinker. It's more organized.

How do you plan on handling the basement?

Well, first of all, most of my friends are living down there. But I still want to earn their respect. I hope they don't take me for granted. My friends know I'll do anything for them and that I'm here for them. I respect them and I want them to respect me.

What about the freshmen?

When the freshmen arrive I want to approach them as soon as possible and meet them. The time will come to get to know them better, but right now, I want to help them get settled, mostly their parents and make them feel secure about their rooms and their situation. I want to be as visible as possible. My goal is to get to know the freshmen this week, so I can introduce them and help them meet the upperclassmen arriving on Saturday.

What is your role at orientation besides within the dorm?

I'll be going around the activities. I want to make appearances. Ron and Val told us to do this, but I wanted to anyway.

So you'll be quite visible to the freshmen this week? Oh definitely! I'll be around for whatever they need. To answer questions on classes, directions and that type of thing. What exactly is the difference between an R.A. and an R.D. (Residential Director) besides the room title? Well, we sort of all work together. But the R.D.'s have a lot more paperwork, that's for sure. But seriously, they have more responsibility as far as official coverage, they are responsible for the whole Residential Hall as opposed to the R.A. who covers a hall. But we'll all be helping one another out.

For those who haven't seen the basement last year - you're lucky. This year it looks incredible. Have you received pressure to keep it that way?

Tuesday morning I walked in, ready to get settled and saw the condition of the hall. I was in shock. I couldn't believe it! I immediately ran into "Red" (of B and G). Hi Rod, how are you? - was my greeting. The first thing he said to me was, "You see R.A. down here this year? Well, you better keep this place clean or Ron and Val are going to come down on you. I said - Oh okay, I hope you've had a nice summer too. - Nice, huh?

So I went to get my keys at Residential Life and saw Ron who said - Hi, what do you think of the new carpet? I said I liked it - and he said me - it better stays that way.

This mind you, is within my first 2 hours of arrival. The next day I heard it again from Dean Ellis.

I think the pressure is definitely on me and the condition of South. So that was a little run-in about dorm damages. We'll see what happens to me this year.

You sound really psyched, besides the pressures of "new carpeting", for this year. Yeah. Everything really seems cool. Since it's my first year, I know I'm going to make some mistakes, but that's the only way you are going to learn. Residential Life is certainly making me questioning on any ridiculous pressure to always do the right thing. But now everyone is friends, so that we are all going to help each other out. I'm definitely motivated, I'm psyched... This year is going to be a challenge.
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