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On the Road to Killingworth: Boston B.A.E.F. Fellows Get-Together(s)

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For a Belgian student/researcher, among the wide diversity of American cities, Boston, Massachusetts, is usually seen as a pretty attractive city because of its history, its location, sometimes its European(ish) atmosphere and architecture, and above all its thriving academic life. In fact, there are so many universities and colleges (almost a hundred) as well as so many students (around 500,000 students, *i.e.* one tenth of the population of the greater Boston) that most of the B.A.E.F. fellows in Boston don't-need to-know the other fellows. Indeed, that was the case in 2005-2006. At least, it demonstrates how little chauvinistic Belgian students are. Yet, get-together occasions were to come eventually. Prof. Boulaep and Mrs. Boulpaep's invitation for the traditional Easter Monday lunch in April 2005 brought together, for the first time in the year, eleven Bostonian fellows in an exciting road trip to Killingworth. Shortly following the trip to Connecticut, they all got together at John Harvard's Brew House in Cambridge and, a few months later, they organized at the same place a welcome get-together for the incoming B.A.E.F. fellows... To sum up this short story, food and beers, these are the tricks to treat Belgians.

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