**Letter to the Editor**

**Stephanie Corner**

Well this is it, my last issue as Editor. After 20 issues, it’s finally time to say goodbye. I can’t believe it’s over.

Katie - Perfectionist. You truly have a gift that I noticed when you were assisting Amanda and Sue. You’re dedication and skill as a freshman was incredible. Your endurance as a sophomore was appreciated. I know I don’t need to wish you much luck in the future because you will do whatever you set your mind to. You were a refreshing presence on your way to becoming someone. Enjoy the second half of your HC years, they go by twice as fast as the first. Thank you.

Bill - Man of many hats. Thanks, Bill, for bringing your talents to the paper. Your knowledge and wisdom blew me away. I appreciate all those late hours you gave (editing News well past midnight). You have a niche in so many places, I’ll never be lost. Good luck with all your endeavours. You have the power to influence and no doubt in my mind, yo u will. Thank you.

Kate - My Boston fan. I feel giddy because we only got to work together for a semester! You were a refreshing presence on your way to becoming someone. (Sports needed a woman like you in here!) I knew you would be this good after one semester, I can imagine how excellent you’ll be after your second. Your personality is one that I seek in a friend and I know I’ve made a friend in you.

Doug - Welcome back. Doug, I’ve told you a million times how incredible you are. You have a way with words that amazes me constantly. I wish I had just one ounce of your talent. No matter where you end up, you’re going to blow everyone away. Bang Bang!! On another note... from the first day I met you my sophomore year to the little “huh” incident, I knew you were someone special. You’ve been there for me consistently in the past and I only hope you’ll be there for me consistently in the future. Thank you.

James - Senior. We’re both out of here, can you believe it? James, you are truly going to be missed. From the cat noises (OK, so I liked those) to the way you always handled things calmly, you were a wonderful person to work with. You were always dedicated to getting the job done. I always appreciated your efforts. See you senior weekend, my friend. Thank you.

Liz - We’ve been working together for two years, I almost forgot about that! You were always willing to do the little bit extra that others never wanted to do. You came in here and demonstrated your abilities on two levels: advertising and features. You were always above and beyond. I’m sorry to do this to your paper and I’m sure you’ll stick it with the second half of your HC career. Thank you.

Meghan and Pete - Ben Hughes’ last column thanked the photo editors for putting in pictures we can’t put in words. That always stuck with me and now, I want to thank you for your outstanding work. You had the advertising section flourish even further. Thank you for the extra time you put in and for the smiles you always had on your face. I’ll miss the little “girl” session you, me and Kate had, but remember, I’m far away. Thank you.

**The End.**

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**Sean Maloney**

As my final column of my term as Editor, I figured that I would write on something that is near and dear to my heart. It is the last time that I will be able to write about whatever I feel, so I should probably take advantage of the opportunity. So here it goes.

**Roger Clemens**

Sure this article is a bit late, but what better way is there to end my term than to discuss the finest baseball pitcher in the past twenty years? A five-time Cy Young Award winner, former American League MVP, former All-Stars, and then against the windy New York Mets, who were able to show so much competitive spirit that they completely wilted at the thought of facing that 97 mph heater being fired at them.

Aside from the criticism and cursing from many fans both in and outside of New York following two subpar outings against the upbeat Oakland A’s, Clemens proved what he is made of by venturing out to Seattle to throw a one-hitter against one of the most vaunted lineups in the game. Taking Alex Rodriguez’ header completely out of the game by coming up in and out of the very out. #22 set down the Mariners without much of a battle. A liner by Al Martin, one which just missed the confines of Tino Martinez’ mitt, was the only war-cry heard from the Lou Pinella-led Mariners.

However, it was the Mets game that will forever go down in the sports annals as one of the most memorable games of all time. With much controversy surrounding the eagerly-anticipated Clemens-Piazza match up resulting from the unintentional beaning of Piazza by Clemens in July (which was followed by Big Baby Mike’s “I don’t respect him anymore” childish comments),

The Rocket, all of which we detailed how underappreciated this man has been throughout his career. But this article will be concerned mainly with his postseason success of the year 2000. Baseball fans would be hard-pressed to name a pitcher who tossed back-to-back games at the level at which Clemens threw in the American League Championships Series versus the Seattle Mariners, and then against the whiny New York Mets, who should probably take advantage of the opportunity. So here it goes.

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Joe, thank you for your efforts. You never gave up and you always had a nice idea on how to improve. Thank you.

Karen - You were one of the most ambitious people I know. You dug advertising up from the grave (thank God!), wrote articles and added readability to this office that never went unappreciated. I know you’ll be successful in every aspect of your life. You are not only a hard worker but also a sweetheart! Thank you.

Dean Peterson, Prof. Vineberg, Richard Phelps, Jayne Ducharme – Thank you all for the hard work you have done. The advertising section flourished even further. Thank you for the extra time you put in and for the smiles you always had on your face. I’ll miss the little “girl” session you, me and Kate had, but remember, I’m far away. Thank you.

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Congratulations, Roger!

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I want to take one minute to thank everyone who had been involved with The Crusader for the past year, as all of you have worked so hard and made countless improvements to the paper. To all the editors, thank you. Katie, Bill, Andrew, Kara, Tim, Alicia, RaeJean, Kate, Doug, James, Meghan, Greg, Judy, Marisa, Liz, Nick, D., Erin, Kristen, Ryan, Nickole, you guys all did a tremendous job for the past year. I know there were some long nights in the paper, but thank you very much.

Stephanie, my buddy since first grade, thank you so much. I don’t believe it’s actually over, it was a lot of work, but we did it. It was a lot of fun to work with you, and I’ll always appreciate everything you have ever done for me. Thank you very much.

To the editors: The Homelessness Sleepout this past Wednesday night was a bogus attention grabber under the facade of solidarity. I saw it as a patronizing manifestation of what college kids think homeless people endure. Do they sleep in the middle of campus alongside of their friends and have virtually no chance of winning an award? I figure they can. But, I don’t find this sleepout to help in anyway or to create a feeling of solidarity. I find that sleeping outside of Hogan Campus Center is no more than a poor excuse for attention.

Sincerely, 

Marissa Angelosante ’02