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Huddle Up!

As we close out another season, I find myself raking leaves a little earlier than usual! We finished our season at 4-6 and missed our goals for the year. We were a very erratic football team early in the year. We ended up on the losing end of a couple of one point games (to two alums!!). We also won a thriller by one point in overtime! The Empire Eight is a great Conference; you can't make mistakes and expect to win. Overall we improved as we matured and a lot of players gained valuable experience. We said goodbye to twenty seniors as we burned the "Old Shore" before our last game.

Some highlights of the '05 season include Chris Sharpe (Derry, N.H.) emerging at the QB spot. We inserted him into the lineup the fifth game of the season and he did some great things for our offense. He ran for 250 yards in a win against Hartwick. Donald Clayton (Manchester, Conn.), our senior fullback, finished the year strong after suffering some early season injuries. Andrew Jackson (Pennsville, N.J.) had an outstanding freshman year filling in at FB for Clayton.

On defense, Andrew Madigan (New Britain, Conn.), our junior captain and inside linebacker, led the team in tackles. Lucas Maciarello (Stillwater, N.Y.) tied the school record for interceptions in a single game and did a solid job for us at free safety. Tom Shruhan (Plymouth, Mass.) also finished his career with an outstanding senior season.

We are all looking forward to our **Football Reunion April 28 - 29, 2006**. The committee is busy working on planning an exciting weekend. Our reunions keep getting bigger and everybody has a great time seeing old friends. Events will include a Friday golf outing and evening social, as well as a Saturday brunch. Other events are in the planning stage. Please call if you have suggestions. Rooms are now available at our host hotel, the Springfield Holiday Inn, as well as the Marriott and Hilton Garden Inn, under the name "Springfield College Football Reunion." We recommend that you book your rooms now, as there is a large convention in town that weekend and rooms are guaranteed to sell out quickly. We've had great turnouts at our reunions in the past and we are looking forward to seeing everybody in April.

It will be great to see everybody in April. If you haven't been back in a while you'll be amazed at all the positive things that have happened on campus! This past fall we practiced on a new "Field Turf" field that is outstanding. Many more positive projects are coming in the very near future. I look forward to seeing you in April!

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