

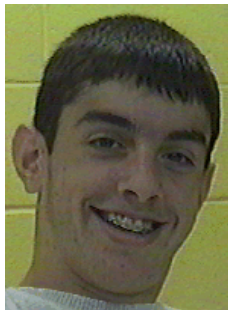
# The Living Room Times

All the Nose that's fit to print... Weekly!

272nd overall edition — Thirteenth regular weekly edition of 1995-1996 season

Tuesday, January 16, 1996

## Sudden change: Males lead Stigliano takes first place as Colpitts bombs



The theme of Friday's 50-point geometry "quest" for males in Mr. Ruggiero's fourth-period class was "Target: Colpitts."

The Stigman hit the bullseye.

And consequently, for the first time all year long, Sara Colpitts is *not* the "class genius." I repeat: Colpitts is *not* in the lead in the geometry Battle of the Sexes. She has been ousted, replaced by "Great Male Hope" and new "class genius" Todd Stigliano.

Stigs, who was included in *The Hartford Courant* Friday morning on the list of All-Academic Fall Athletes, proved his academic skills during the day Friday by being the only student in the class to get 100% on the Chapter Six "quest"—worth 50 points, more than a normal quiz but less than a normal test—while many others struggled to get a passing grade.

(Continued on page 5)



Above: "Todd Stigliano, on this day, turned into a man," Mr. Ruggiero announced after the Stigmeister's stunning upset of former 'class genius' Sara Colpitts.

## Old Man Winter keeps piling it on

### Winter Storm Herb adds more snow to storm-weary east after blizzard

*Associated Press*

A storm stretching from the South to New England served up a dangerous mix of snow and freezing rain Friday, heaping more misery on Easterners still stuck in the slush from the Blizzard of '96.

The storm made roads and runways slippery and closed schools and offices in much of the East, which saw 1½ to 3 feet of snow in the blizzard on Sunday and Monday.

In Pittsburgh, two buses collided head-on on a snow-covered

(Continued on page 6)



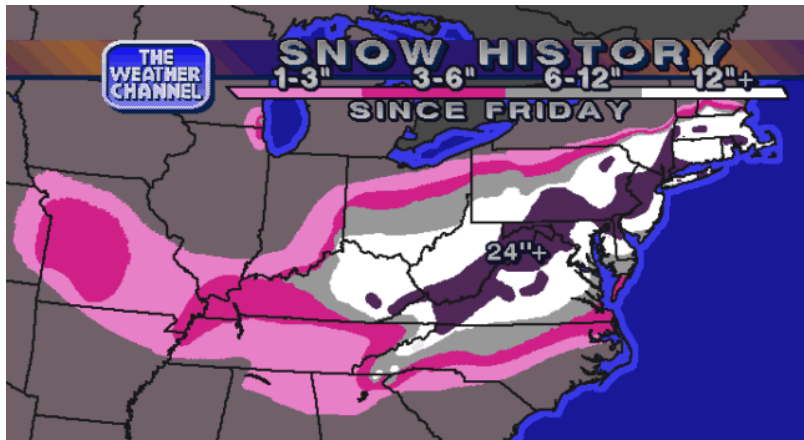
Above: A school bus covered with snow Friday afternoon at Newington High during Storm Herb.

# BLOSSARD OF '96

## A LOOK BACK IN PICTURES



**A PHOTOGRAPHIC  
LOOK BACK AT BLIZZARD  
GINGER**



# BLIZZARD OF '96 LATE SHOW TOP TEN

*The Living Room Times* would like to make a special edition filled with Top Ten lists in the next few weeks, but we need your help!

*If you would like to contribute a Top Ten list to this special edition of the Times, please give your list to chief editor Brendan Loy and he will include it!*

## TOP TEN BLIZZARD OF '96 SAFETY TIPS

(as presented by Mark McKuen,  
*CBS This Morning Weatherman*)

10. Eat plenty of rock salt
9. Fill your snow blower with jet fuel and ride the bastard to Palm Beach
8. Clear snow off driveway with just one scalding hot cup of McDonald's coffee
7. Two words:  
Duraflame underpants
6. Always have plenty of kindling, like the *Late Show Book of Top 10 Lists*, only \$16 at bookstores everywhere.
5. Drink a jug of anti-freeze, crawl under the couch and sleep until July
4. No matter how bad the blizzard, don't let yourself get talked into doing lame comedy segment
3. For current weather updates, call Al Roker at home at 212-975-6401
2. If you absolutely must go out and kill people, wear a warm black cap and Isotoner gloves
1. Flannel condoms from L. L. Bean

## TOP TEN DOORMEN PET PEEVES DURING THE BLIZZARD

(Presented by NYC Doormen)

10. Hard to give cabbies the finger with mittens on
9. Giants fans who throw snowballs at you
8. When the snow is blowing so hard you have to wear pants
7. Local punks stealing my hat for their snowman
6. The fire hydrants are all buried so the dogs use me
5. Frozen knobs
4. Snow or no snow, they make me wear this stupid freakin' uniform
3. When Geraldo makes me break the icicles off his moustache
2. People who ask, "Can you hail me a hooker?"
1. When you ask Letterman for a tip, he says, "Stay out of the cold."

## TOP TEN GOOD THINGS ABOUT SHOVELING SNOW

(Presented by NYC shovelers)

10. A heart attack means you get to ride in an ambulance with all the sirens going
9. By New York law, you can eat anything that ends up in your shovel
8. Sometimes, when nobody's looking, I "write" my name in the snow
7. The city gives you a free subway token for every mob informant you dig up
6. Big tips from the hookers when you clear off their stretch of the sidewalk
5. One hour shoveling equals two hours of the Buttmaster
4. It's a good opportunity to reflect on the futility and meaninglessness of life
3. You get to wear Isotoner gloves, just like The Juice
2. It's fun to "accidentally" cover Trump's limo with snow
1. Frankly, chicks dig guys with big shovels

# Stigs leads “Battle of the Sexes”



Above: It was “Target: Colpitts” Friday, as illustrated by this target with Colpitts in the center, a Christmas gift to Mr. Ruggiero from Brendan Loy, a former “Battle” contender.



Above: Todd Stigliano (left) holds up his lucky plastic toy shoe before the quest. Brendan Loy (right), who dropped out of the running with an 88%, holds up his shoe in the background.



Above: Mr. Ruggiero shows Sara Colpitts her corrected test, with an usually low score of 88%



Above: Stigman celebrates after Mr. Ruggiero announced that he, Todd, “turned into a man.”

“SUPER SIX”	<u>Chap. 4</u> <u>quizzes</u>	<u>Chap. 4</u> <u>test</u>	<u>Chap. 5</u> <u>quizzes</u>	<u>Chap. 5</u> <u>test</u>	<u>Chap. 6</u> <u>quest</u>	<u>Home-</u> <u>work</u>	<u>TOTAL</u> <u>GRAD</u> <u>E</u>
<b>Todd Stigliano</b> male	66/70 94.29%	96/100 96%	68/70 97.14%	98/100 98%	50/50 100%	24/24 100%	402/414 97.10%
<b>Sara Colpitts</b> female	70/70 100%	95/100 95%	70/70 100%	98/100 98%	44/50 88%	24/24 100%	401/414 96.86%
<b>Brendan Loy</b> male	66/70 94.29%	96/100 96%	69/70 98.57%	98/100 98%	44/50 88%	24/24 100%	397/414 95.89%
<b>Claudio Gualtieri</b> male	70/70 100%	88/100 88%	69/70 98.57%	98/100 98%	40/50 80%	24/24 100%	389/414 93.96%
<b>Chris Banach</b> male	70/70 100%	91/100 91%	64/70 91.43%	90/100 90%	39/50 78%	24/24 100%	378/414 91.30%
<b>Jaimie Kwassman</b> female	64/70 91.43%	92/100 92%	62/70 88.57%	88/100 88%	48/50 96%	24/24 100%	378/414 91.30%

(Continued from page 1)

“Ladies and gentlemen, I’d like to announce a special set of circumstances. Todd Stigliano, on this day, turned into a man,” Mr. Ruggiero announced after he corrected the Stigman’s perfect ‘quest’ score. “From a boy into man.”

In the process of becoming a man, Stigs helped all his fellow men. He got 100% on the 50-point quest, while female leader and former class genius Sara Colpitts got 44/50 for an 88% and a B+, her lowest score of the term. Stigliano had been behind Colpitts by five points, and since he beat her by six points on the quest, he took a one-point lead.

Overshadowed by Stigliano’s success on Friday was Brendan Loy’s failure. Loy, like Colpitts, got an 88% on the quest. Before Friday, he had been one point ahead of Stigliano and four behind Colpitts. He is now five points back of the Stigman, and still four behind Colpitts, and he has dropped from second place to third.

Before Friday’s quest, Loy’s one-point lead over Stigliano had caused controversy about the fact that the Stigman was the “Great Male Hope” rather than Loy. But Mr. Ruggiero refused to give Loy the title, and the Stigman proved Friday that Ruggiero’s choice was justified.

Below Loy, former “Great Male Hope” and “G-Man” Claudio Gualtieri hurt his average with an 80%, a 40/50. But he stayed in fourth place.

Chris Banach, previously alone in fifth place, continued to drop Friday. He got a 78%, continuing a sudden fall from grace. Banach had a 95.12% average on the first four quizzes and tests of the term, including two perfect quizzes, but on the most recent three quizzes and tests, he has averaged only 88.33%.

Capitalizing on Banach’s slide Friday was Jaimie Kwassman, who moved into a tie for fifth place with an excellent score of 4 8/50—96%—believed to be the second-best score in the class, behind the Stigman’s perfect quest.

(Continued on page 8)

# East coast hit by another snowstorm

*(Continued from page 1)*

highway, killing one person and injuring at least 52. Washington's Dulles International Airport closed after a jet skidded while taxiing. No one was hurt.

In North Carolina, where up to 5 inches of snow fell in some areas, wind destroyed three homes and damaged at least a dozen others on Emerald Isle. No one was injured because the homes were unoccupied. One house had a wind speed indicator that was stuck at its top reading -- 100 mph.

"The wind direction indicator they had blew away," said Dan Bartholf of the National Weather Service.

For many, the wonder over winter's power was wearing thin.

"I thought it would be like living in a little Christmas card up here," said Helene Kirschbaum, a bookstore owner who moved to Concord, N.H., a year ago from New York. "Instead it's like a white hell."

Eight inches of snow fell in Fayetteville, W.Va., where Ralph Winter said he'd had enough of winter already.

"It was fun in the beginning. The kids like it because they can get out and play," he said. But "I'm a school principal so I've been off work for quite a while now. I'm getting cabin fever."

In Washington, federal workers shouted and shoved one another on packed subway platforms Thursday. There were reports of fistfights breaking out as crowded trains moved on a reduced schedule using fewer cars, and would-be riders waited hours to make the trip home Thursday night.

The streets were slushy but relatively quiet Friday as

the federal government called off work again because of the snow.

In New York City, people ducking into a Manhattan subway station were wet and grouchy. "Don't even ask," one woman snapped.

"I'm fed up, it's true, but what can we do?" said Fran Carr, an accountant from Brooklyn. "Transportation is the worst. Buses where I live still are not on their regular routes. I had to walk 40 minutes to the subway this morning and nothing's plowed. You have to walk in the gutter."

Above ground, the sentiment was the same.

"It stinks," said Luis Ramirez, who works at a parking lot. "You see this sidewalk? You know how long I spent shoveling it? Now I got to do it again."

Tempers have been flaring.

"People have become kind of primitive," said Lyn Day, a psychologist in Roanoke, Va. "They're getting ugly in public right now. My husband said he saw two people fighting over a carton of milk in the grocery store."

In Charlottesville, Va., two teenagers were charged with misdemeanors after shoveling snow onto a car that had stolen a parking space they had spent hours clearing.

Still, many people didn't let the weather get in their way.

"I'm a dedicated employee," said Marriott Corp. worker Michael Olzewski as he trudged through inches of newly fallen snow on his way to refill vending machines in Baltimore. "I just want to do what I have to do and get home."

## Storms delay midterm exams at NHS Snowy winter means late openings, early dismissals, snow days

Newington has only had three snow days this winter—less than many other towns, including Bristol with 7—but the snowy weather has forced teachers to constantly change lesson plans and schedules, caused midterms to be postponed by one full week, and is threatening to cut into April Vacation.

Newington Schools have had two one-hour delays, one 90-minute delay, one 12:15 early dismissal, one 12:50 early dismissal, and three school cancellations. Five consecutive weeks of school have been shortened by some combination of delays, dismissals, and closings.

The delays and early dismissals have caused problems for many teachers on an individual basis, because of days where classes have been on a shortened schedule. But the more widespread problems are caused by closings.

The third school closing in Newington forced the high

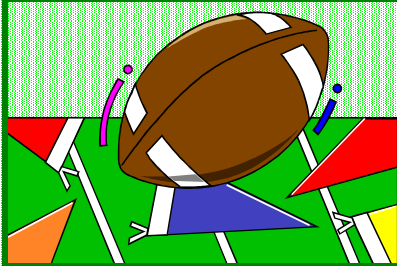
school to delay midterms by one full week. The exams will start next Thursday rather than this Thursday.

"We have a whole extra week to study!" Mary Belizzi proclaimed when the postponement was announced.

But although most students are happy about the midterm change and the snow days, the winter schedule changes are causing major problems for teachers. Many have had to change their lesson plans and schedules.

Even the "Battle of the Sexes" has been affected. If the midterms had not been delayed, the contest would be over already, with Todd Stigliano the winner. But because of the postponement, there will be time for one more quiz, so the "Battle" is not over.

And snow days are no longer necessarily a good thing for Newington students. Since cancellations have to be made up at the end of the year, and only five days in June are allotted for snow makeup, April Vacation will be shortened if there are more than two more snow days.



# NFL Playoffs

AFC Championship Game:  
Steelers 20, Colts 16

NFC Championship Game:  
Cowboys 38, Packers 27

## It's midnight for Cinderella Colts Indy's Aaron Bailey can't quite hang on to victory



*Associated Press*  
**PITTSBURGH** -- This time, the Pittsburgh Steelers didn't fall 3 yards short on the final play. This time, they survived by inches.

As everyone in Three Rivers Stadium seemed to hold their breath, on a play that appeared to last forever, Indianapolis receiver Aaron Bailey failed to hold on to Jim Harbaugh's looping pass as

time expired.

The ball was tipped, rolled across Bailey's chest, down his left arm and onto the turf. And the Steelers mobbed each other in the middle of the field, jubilation mixing with relief.

A year of anguish was over as the Steelers headed for their first Super Bowl since 1980 after a 20-16 victory over the Colts, ending Indianapolis' miracle run. Barely.

"I saw everything in slow motion," Bailey said. "I saw the ball in slow motion. I saw me jump in slow motion. I came down in slow motion. I fought for the ball in slow motion.

"It hit the ground. I am not going to argue with it."

A year ago, the Steelers drove to the San Diego 3 where, on the last play, Neil O'Donnell's pass fell incomplete. Pittsburgh lived with those demons for 12 months.

One of the defenders on the final critical pass Sunday thought they'd have another year of heartache as the play unfolded.

"I thought he caught it," said cornerback Willie

*(Continued on page 9)*

## Another Super Bowl for Dallas Cowboys in familiar territory after 38-27 title game win



*Associated Press*  
**IRVING, Texas** -- They're back, with Barry this time.

Emmitt Smith ran for 150 yards and three touchdowns, and Troy Aikman and Michael Irvin combined for two scores as the Cowboys beat the Packers 38-27 to make it back to the Super Bowl for the third

time in four years.

The heat was also a factor in wearing down a Green Bay defense used to much more frigid temperatures. It was 78 degrees at game time, 94 degrees higher than it was that fabled day at Lambeau Field in 1967 when Vince Lombardi's Packers beat Tom Landry's Cowboys to go to the second Super Bowl.

Some of the stars of that Ice Bowl game were on hand for the coin toss in this one -- Ray Nitschke, Bart Starr and Willie Davis for the Packers and Leroy Jordan and Bob Hayes for the Cowboys.

But it was the stars of today who made the difference -- the Cowboys' "triplets," who put the Cowboys into the NFC's title game against the Pittsburgh Steelers in two weeks, the third time those two will have met in the game.

Pittsburgh won both previous meetings, in 1976 and 1978, and each team will be seeking its fifth Super Bowl victory -- only San Francisco has as many.

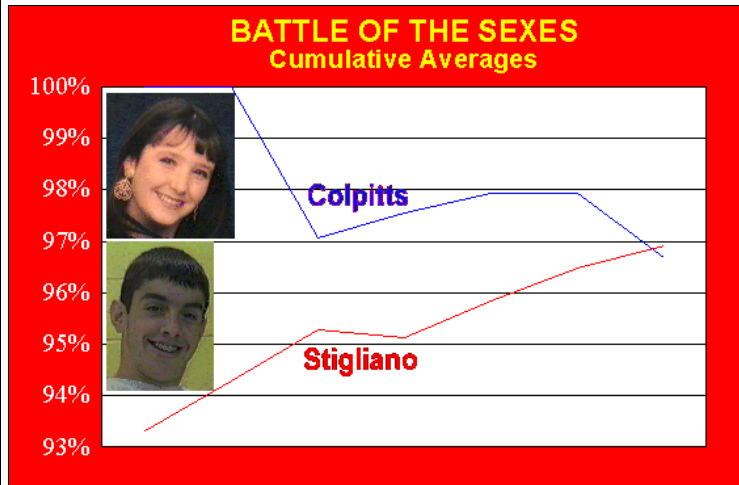
The Cowboys also will be looking for their third title in four years.

Landry coached both those games against Pittsburgh,

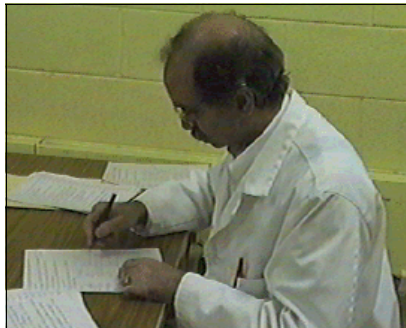
*(Continued on page 9)*

# Now it's Colpitts who needs comeback

## Suddenly trails Stigliano in Ruggiero's "Battle of the Sexes"



*Above:* A chart showing Todd Stigliano's stunning comeback in the second term "Battle of the Sexes" against Sara Colpitts. The chart illustrates each student's cumulative average after each quiz and test, not including homework. The chart shows total averages, not the student's grade on each individual quiz or test.



*Above:* Mr. Ruggiero corrects Brendan Loy's Chapter Six quest, a 44/50 for an 88%.



*Above:* Sara Colpitts after getting an 88% on the Chapter Six quest.



*Above:* Stigs sits in his lucky seat, facing opposite everyone else in the class.

*(Continued from page 5)*

But Kwassman, Banach, Gualtieri, and even Loy no longer have much of a chance, if any, to win the Battle of the Sexes.

It's a two-person race: Todd vs. Sara, with one quiz to go.

Before Friday, the Stigman had not been less than two points behind Colpitts during the entire Battle, and that was after the very first quiz of the term. Coming into Friday's quest, he was five behind. Suddenly, he's one point ahead.

"It's an honor," Stigs said when Loy asked him in an interview how it felt to take over the top spot in the Battle from "former class genius Colpitts."

When asked whether his takeover was inevitable, Stigs said, "Not necessarily, but I had one of those distinct feelings today, because [Colpitts] was not confident at all, and I was there."

Meanwhile, as Stigs was relishing his victory, Colpitts did not have any particular reaction to her sudden fall. She repeatedly said "I don't care" about the whole Battle.

Colpitts stated that her goal is to get an A+ average, not to win the Battle, and since her average is 96.86%—which rounds up to 97%, and an A+—she is not upset.

Before the quest, the Stigman was not totally confident.

"I don't know. It's going to be kind of rough," he said. "But I've got my shoe! I've got my shoe!" he added, pointing to his lucky green plastic toy shoe.

Afterward, he reinforced the importance of the shoe, telling Brendan Loy, "Brendan, it's the shoe!" after learning he had gotten 100%.

"You, Miss Colpitts, are the target," Mr. Ruggiero said before the quest, pointing to a cardboard target in the front of the room with a picture of Colpitts in the bullseye.

After passing out the quests, Ruggiero told males: "And as usual, go for the 'pitts."

Stigs will have to keep following that advice, because the Battle is not over yet. There is one quiz left in the term, tentatively scheduled for next Monday, January 22nd, and Colpitts would only need to beat Stigliano by one point to tie, or two to win.



## Steelers avoid deja vu with win over Colts

*(Continued from page 7)*

Williams, who was in the pack in the corner of the end zone. "I was in disbelief. It was sick. I can't explain what I felt.

"I kept looking at the referee and finally he signaled incomplete."

That signal touched off a mob scene on the field as nearly the entire team gathered to hug and slap hands, while surrounded by cameras and microphones.

"This erases last year," defensive end Ray Seals said, "because this time we finished it."

Added running back Bam Morris, whose 1-yard surge provided the winning touchdown with 1:34 remaining: "Today we said we would not be denied. We've been saying for 30 weeks that if it came down to one play, we had to get it done. And we got it done."



*Above: Players fight for the ball on the last play of the game.*

## Camby recovering from collapse

AMHERST, Mass. (AP) -- With coaches and family voicing relief, Massachusetts center Marcus Camby said Monday he felt fully recovered from collapsing at a game the day before and hopes to play soon.

Camby, the star of the Minutemen's No. 1 basketball team, said he felt "100 percent" about 24 hours after passing out before a game at St. Bonaventure.

*(Continued on page 10)*

## Cowboys to Cheeseheads: Forget about it

*(Continued from page 7)*

while Jimmy Johnson was Dallas' coach in the back-to-back Super Bowl triumphs of 1993-94.

Switzer, in his first year as coach of Dallas, lost to the 49ers in the NFC championship game last year.

Aikman was 21 of 33 for 251 yards and Irvin caught seven for 100 yards and 2- and 4-yard TDs.

But it was Smith's 5-yard touchdown run 2:36 put the Cowboys ahead for good at the end of a 90-yard drive in a shootout in which bad blood between the two teams led to a plethora of penalties. It was the fifth and final lead change in a game that stayed close for three quarters.

Then Larry Brown, picked on all day by the Packers, made another big play, an interception after the Packers seemed ready to go ahead again in a game in which the lead changed hands five times. That set up a 16-yard TD run by Smith that put the Cowboys up by 10.

But while the Cowboys dominated, it took a while to put away the Packers and Brett Favre.

Favre, the league's MVP, came out so pumped up in his first championship game that he missed his first six passes. But his seventh was a 73-yard touchdown strike to Robert Brooks 21 seconds after Dallas had taken a 14-3 lead late in the first quarter.

And his second completion was also a touchdown, 24 yards to Keith Jackson early in the second quarter. Favre finished 21 of 39 for 307 yards.

But in the end, the Dallas offense, and perhaps the warm weather, finally gave the Cowboys their sixth straight win over the Packers.

Dallas had two drives of 90 yards or more, including a 99-yarder at the end of the first half. And it controlled the ball for all but seven minutes of the first half and for 38:56 in the game.



*Above: Dallas's Emmitt Smith runs in a fourth-quarter touchdown.*

# Marcus Camby recovering from collapse

*(Continued from page 9)*

"I'm fine, I feel great," Camby said upon leaving Olean (N.Y.) General Hospital for a flight to Massachusetts. "I'm anxious to get back on the court."

Camby was flown to the University of Massachusetts Medical Center in Worcester, where he was carried off a helicopter on a stretcher -- a standard practice with air ambulances. Camby was admitted for further tests.

His sister, Mia Camby, said he planned to return to the Amherst campus.

"The family is relieved right now," she added.

Massachusetts coach John Calipari said doctors told him Camby's life was never in danger. That news, he said, was "like winning the Final Four."

After a brief visit with Camby's doctors Monday, Calipari said a heart problem had been ruled out. The coach said Camby was taking cough medicine to fight a cough and felt lightheaded before collapsing.

His mother, Janice Camby of Hartford, Conn., said he may have gone too long without eating.

His teammates were also headed back to campus to prepare for their next game Wednesday against Rhode Island. It wasn't clear if Camby would play.

Massachusetts (14-0) beat St. Bonaventure 65-52 on

Sunday without Camby, who collapsed in a hallway outside the locker room just before the game. The 6-foot-11 junior had just finished pregame warmups.

However, Camby's heart never stopped beating and he never stopped breathing.

He was accompanied to the hospital by Calipari. The 21-year-old center underwent more tests before being released. Calipari intended to stay by Camby's side during his return, said school spokesman Scott McConnell.

Camby is averaging 20.9 points and 7.5 rebounds a game. He has been touted as a potential NBA lottery pick when he decides to turn professional.

"With Marcus right now, I think our team knows their well-being is more important than any game," Calipari said. "Before I left, we said a prayer, and I looked at all of them and said, 'Look guys, if this was any member of our team, I'd be going to the hospital with you.'"

Two years ago, Massachusetts guard Michael Williams collapsed during a game at Cincinnati. Tests revealed no cardiac problems, and he was cleared to play two weeks later.

Just last week, Massachusetts swimmer Greg Menton had a heart attack and died during a meet at Dartmouth.