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BY SUSAN BICKELHAUPT AND MAUREEN DEZELL



HARMONIOUS TRIO — Leonard Ziskin (left), president of the Anti-Defamation League, and Jon Green (center), director of basketball development for the Boston Celtics, present Leonard Harmon (right) to Michael Jordan Friday at the FleetCenter. Team Harmon's annual anti-hatred rally featuring 10,000 teen-agers and members of all 15 Boston pro sports teams will take place Nov. 12 at the FleetCenter.

Determined to beat bigotry

10,000 Team Harmony youths convene for FleetCenter rally

By Gloria Negri
GLOBE STAFF

Roaring their pledge to the rafters of the FleetCenter, 10,000 middle and high school students from around the state yesterday recommitted themselves to fighting bigotry at the third annual Team Harmony event of the Anti-Defamation League of New England.

The students, representing 370 schools and 185 municipalities, have been taking part in programs of the league's A World of Difference Institute, an anti-bias education and training project started 11 years ago.

With oratory skills reminiscent of her father, Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., Rev. Bernice A. King, the keynote speaker, called Team Harmony "a wonderful event" and much needed, "because in 1996 racism is still with us. We still have to recognize the fact that we live in a segregated society . . . The tragedy is that the forces of good sit back and say nothing."

Rev. King was joined by other speakers and members of Boston's major sports teams, who presented trophies to students.

Those students inspired many, like 18-year-old Sarah Payne, a student at Monsignor Ryan Memorial High School in Dorchester, to work even harder in the cause of diversity.

"This really touched me in my heart because it showed me that there are people in this world who are not selfish and are willing to do everything to make a difference," Payne said. "It showed that they care about us as adolescents, about what we think and feel. They open us up to make a change and showed that they support us."

"I learned today that if we don't know deep inside us that we want to make a change for others, no one can tell you to do it. It has to come from inside. I've felt this all along, but now I feel it even more because I've seen here that other people are trying to do it, too. As Rev. Bernice King said, it's in our hands to make the change. I found her talk spiritual."

Five student teams received 1996 Blue Cross and Blue Shield Team Harmony III Awards. The teams were

from Bartlett Middle School, Lowell; BMC Durfee High School, Fall River; Duxbury Jr.-Sr. High School; Manchester (N.H.) Central High School; and Tisbury School.

Youth groups from Dorchester Temple Baptist Church, Bruce Wall Ministries of Boston and Grace Chapel in Lexington were honored with the Lewis/Jennings Award for having "crossed the barriers of race, religion and ethnic backgrounds to come together . . . and make a difference in the lives of others."

This year, the teen-agers traveled to a small town in Tennessee to help rebuild a church destroyed by arson.

The award honors the friendship between the late Boston Celtics captain Reggie Lewis, who died in 1993 at age 27, and Celtics' coach Jon Jennings. At the time of the Los Angeles riots, the two men decided to do something about race relations in America.

At the same time, Leonard Zakim, executive director of ADL of New England, was planning a youth program to approach the same problem, and the three joined forces to bring about Team Harmony.

Yesterday, Zakim told the exuberant youngsters that although "adults have made some progress" in fighting bigotry, "that is not good enough. And when racial tensions and hate crimes are increasing in your schools, all we are doing here is not good enough. . . . You're here because our failure to interrupt and stop those who hate, to stop those who tell or laugh at ethnic jokes, to stop those who perpetuate or silently witness hate crimes, or to stop those who scrawl swastikas and racist graffiti in our schools and communities means that you or we must do better. For despite what some of us do, that is not good enough."

Later, Rev. King said that while the roots of racism in society were still too deep-seated to be immediately cured, an event such as Team Harmony was "a beginning. If nothing else, seeds have been planted, and hopefully those seeds will be watered and there will be something to flow from it."

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MULTI-PART HARMONY – Middle and high school students recommitting themselves to fighting bigotry release balloons yesterday at the FleetCenter during the third annual Team Harmony event of the Anti-Defamation League of New England. B3.



KEYNOTER: The Rev. Bernice A. King, daughter of the late civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., speaks at yesterday's Team Harmony event at the FleetCenter.

Staff photo by Patricia Whelan

Bay State youths are teaming up to combat hatred

By LAUREN BECKHAM

New England middle and high school students slammed hatred and bigotry and stood up for diversity at the World of Difference, a third annual Team Harmony event yesterday at the FleetCenter.

Racism is alive and well and it's time we kill that beast, said keynote speaker the Rev. Bernice A. King, daughter of slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. "It only takes one person to start it, so let's get it started."

Team Harmony, the brainchild of Jon Denman, director of basketball development for the Boston Celtics, and the late Colbie Reggie, brought together Boston's professional sports teams, coaches and students to fight prejudice.

Three award-winning students were presented trophies for their outstanding anti-prejudice projects.

William, 16, said he achieved tolerance in his school and Jessica Cohen, 16, a junior at Duxbury Senior High School, which received an award. "It finally paid off."

Leonard Zakim, executive director of New England's Anti-Defamation League, praised the students for their efforts.



GETTING THE MESSAGE: Lowell Catholic High School students Tiffany Imes, left, and Chen McNeil cheer the keynote address by the Rev. Bernice A. King.

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Heather Shafer, 17, a senior at Taunton High School, said the event was "awesome."

"It was very moving," she said. "The sad thing is, once the event is over, it's going to be different."

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OUT OF SYNC FOR HARMONY

There was a little *dishar-*mony over Mayor **Tom Menino's** appearance at yesterday's **Team Harmony** event.

Our arena moles said Hizzoner got huffy when the rally didn't start on time and fled the FleetCenter before picking up his World of Difference Award!

And to further endear himself to Harmony honchos, Menino refused to enter through the VIP security entrance and demanded to drive the mayormobile up the elephant ramp. *Well!*

Menino's spokeswoman **Jacque Goddard** said her boss arrived at 10:20 a.m., 10 minutes before he was asked to speak and "there were four kids in the stands."

"The mayor was asked to return at 11 a.m. when the event got rolling, but he couldn't," she said. "He had appointments at 11 and 11:30, so it was 'Sorry, folks.'"

Goddard said Menino left his youth adviser, **Sister Jean Gribaudo**, behind to represent the city. Which, knowing Sister Jean, made A World of Difference!

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Youths, stars celebrate racial harmony

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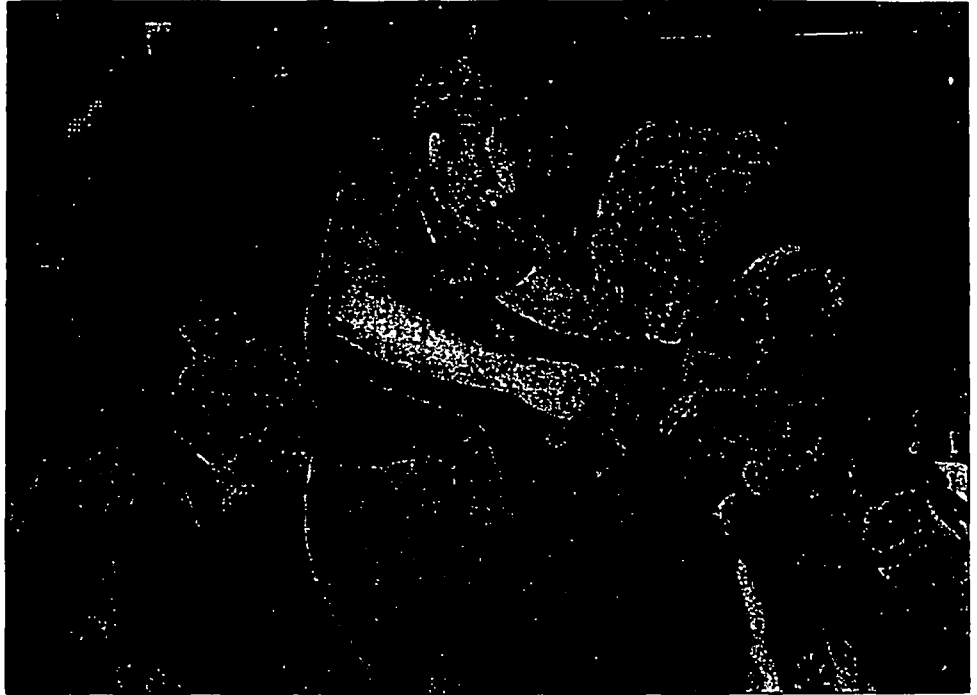
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Durfee High School student Sylvia Amorim, seated left, watches as classmates Carina Mederos, center, and Sotheavy Soer, right, dance to the music on Tuesday during festivities at A World of Difference Institute's Team Harmony III gathering at the FleetCenter in Boston.

Even students from a more diverse background thought the rally was beneficial.

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Organizers say the third annual event is the biggest of its kind in the country.

Other sponsors included Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Massachusetts, and Boston's five professional sports teams: the Celtics, Red Sox, Patriots, and Bruins, and Revolution.

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Cape students celebrate diversity at Team Harmony

By GWENN FRISS
STAFF WRITER

BOSTON — About 300 students from a dozen Cape and islands schools are among the 12,000 teenagers who will gather tomorrow to celebrate diversity and rally against hatred and bigotry.

Team Harmony III, at Boston's Fleet Center, is part entertainment, part education. Teens get to meet sports heroes from Boston's five professional sports teams and listen to music videos. They will also talk about racism, gender equity, religious freedom, homophobia and other equality issues.

The idea to bring young people together for an annual harmony rally came almost four years ago from then Celtics basketball coach

Jon Jennings and the late Celtics captain Reggie Lewis. The men had grown to be close friends.

"Reggie was this black kid from inner city Baltimore and here I am a white kid from rural Indiana," Jennings said Friday. "But what we found out was that we really had a lot in common, regardless of our skin color and where we grew up."

Disturbed by race rioting in Los Angeles, the men started talking about how they could use their friendship and their ties to professional sports to reach out to teens.

Lewis died in the summer of 1993 before Team Harmony became a reality. Still pursuing their dream, Jennings started working with the Anti-Defamation League. Six thousand teens attended the first annual rally in the fall of 1994.

"The idea, really, was to create a dialogue," said Jennings, who is now the Celtics' director of basketball development. "It was both of our beliefs that unless we address bigotry directly and openly and with a frank discussion, we're not going to make any progress against it."

Involvement in Team Harmony has nearly doubled since it started and this year, for the first time, schools from Rhode Island and New Hampshire are joining. Jennings said discussions are ongoing about making it a national event next year in Washington, D.C.

Tomorrow's guest speaker is the Rev. Bernice A. King, the youngest child of Coretta Scott King and the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. There will be a "bucket parade" to

LOCAL PARTICIPANTS

■ As of Nov. 5, these local schools were participating in Team Harmony III: Bourne High, Falmouth High, Cape Cod Regional Technical High, Upper Cape Cod Regional Vocational Technical School, Barnstable Middle School, Martha's Vineyard Regional High, Oak Bluffs Middle School, Nauset Regional Middle School, Provincetown High School, Tisbury School, Dennis-Yarmouth High, Nathaniel H. Wixon Middle School, Wareham High and Middle schools.

collect donations for the five churches in Jackson, Tenn., destroyed in racially motivated church burnings.

Athletes from the Celtics, Bruins, Red Sox, Patriots and the New England Revolution will be on hand to meet students and give awards. The Blue Cross and Blue Shield Team Harmony Awards will go to five schools that have devel-

oped innovative student-basements to fight prejudice. They will also be a Reggie Lewis/Jon Jennings Award for young adults who mirror the special relationship between Lewis and Jennings had.

Jennings said he is encouraged to see many students coming to Team Harmony year after year and bringing new classmates with them.

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Local students attend anti-bigotry event

Students from Foxboro's High and Ahern schools and Franklin's Horace Mann and Tri-County Regional High schools attended A World of Difference Institute's Team Harmony III event. More than 10,000 students attended, taking a stand against hatred and bigotry. All five of Boston's professional teams, middle and high school teachers and Rev. Bernice King attended this annual event devoted to

educating students and faculty about eradicating racism, anti-Semitism, prejudice and all forms of discrimination. Members from all of Boston's sports teams: the Celtics, Bruins, Red Sox, New England Patriots and New England Revolution attended. A collection was taken for five churches in Jackson, Tenn. which were destroyed in the racially motivated church burnings.

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Bartlett students rewarded for fighting racism, bigotry

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By DEBORAH STRASZHEIM
Sun Staff

LOWELL — Students at Bartlett Middle School wanted to fight racism, one person at a time. That's why they spent a day last year serving city residents plates of different ethnic food, performing skits about civil rights leaders and playing ethnic music.

Today, their efforts will be recognized. The Bartlett School is one of five in the state to receive a "Team Harmony" Award from Blue Cross/Blue Shield, honoring schools for their efforts in fighting bigotry and prejudice.

Awards will be presented at the Anti-Defamation League's Team Harmony III Event at the Fleet Center in Boston. Sponsors expect more than 10,000 teachers and students to attend.

The Rev. Bernice A. King, youngest child of Coretta Scott King and the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., will speak at the event. Others expected to speak include Boston Celtics Rick Rox and Dino Radja, New England Patriot Curtis Martin and Olympic basketball star Cheryl Swoopes.

"We're very excited," Bartlett School Principal Jackie Travers

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said. Twenty-five students and four teachers from the school will attend.

Eighth-grader Leakhena Levin, 15, believes she and her classmates are making a difference in their neighborhood and city.

"Most fights (outside of

school) are about race," she says.

"Like, sometimes, when I walk home with my friends someone will yell (an ethnic slur) from the window."

Last spring, Levin was among the students serving ethnic food for "Make A Difference Day" to teach others to appreciate different cultures.

"We got to know people," she said. "We made friends."

Her classmate, Stephen Darigo, 13, acted in a skit about Rosa Parks, playing the role of a bus driver.

"We were trying to show people that you should treat people the way you would want to be treated," he said.

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Westford students learn racial slurs are no joke

By KIM LACHANCE
Sun Staff

WESTFORD — Josh Ryder, 17, used to think racial jokes were funny.

The Westford Academy junior and 900 of his peers yesterday raised their voices and pledged to never again laugh at or spread racial, ethnic or sexist jokes as part of the school's yearlong effort to combat bigotry.

"Now I know the old 'sticks and stones,' rhyme is wrong," Ryder said. "Names do hurt and words can be weapons."

Ryder echoed the message

that Lenny Zakim, director of the New England Anti-Defamation League, shared with the entire school in a passionate speech earlier in the day.

Zakim choked with emotion as he urged the youths to speak out and take action against any forms prejudice they might experience in their everyday lives.

He reminded them of the horrors of the Holocaust. "Hateful words can cause atrocities like this," he said in disgust.

"You must remember that eleven million people died as a result of what started as racial

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Westford Academy students hear about some of the serious consequences of bigotry during a visit from Leonard Zakim yesterday. Zakim heads the New England Anti-Defamation League.

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jokes and put downs."

Freshman Adam Forest, 14, won't soon forget.

He said Zakim's words reminded him of times when he was the target of racial slurs.

"I'm French," he said. "And I've been made fun of for that. People don't realize what a few jokes can do. It hurts."

The freshman also said students at the Academy need to appreciate each other's differences instead of putting them down.

"We can make a difference if we just use our voices in more positive ways," he said, scanning the predominantly white

crowd of students jammed in the school gymnasium.

Kristen Ablondie, 16, agreed.

"Students here don't trust other students anymore," she said. "We have to take a stand and make it known that racial slurs aren't okay anymore. I hear them in the hallway, at my locker and I'm tired of it."

Junior Sheela Mudholker, 16, said she knows the battle against discrimination won't be won overnight. But she has a simple plan to do her part.

"It's not that hard," she said to a group of her friends. "Just think twice about what you say about people before you open your mouth."

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Lowell High Spindles show choir draws full house

AMESBURY — *Steppin' Out with the Spindles*, a dinner-theater performance to benefit the award-winning Lowell High show choir this past weekend, drew a full house at the Amesbury Playhouse.

The musical program featuring 35 current student musicians was enhanced with solo numbers performed by Lowell Mayor Bud Caulfield (Highland Players) and Jack Keefe (maestro of St. Patrick's Annual Variety Show).

Also lending their talent as solo performers were Spindles' choreographer Stefanie Warsnip, senior Audrey Crawford and junior Steve Walsh, freshmen Jen Melnicki and Danielle Sullivan; as well as Spindles' alumni Jill Sousa and Dan Viera.

In addition to Sousa and Viera, Spindles alumni Jen Armstrong, Alison Bernier, Scott Blanchette, Phil Ilchuk, Kelly Ogden, and Meredith Rosenquist were on hand to perform a special number from 1995-96 show choir competition.

Completing the Spindles cast last weekend were seniors Justin Adams, Ryan Balakin and Michael Dodge; juniors Marissa Fortin, Erin Hadley, Joe Motard, Jay Roberge, Little Star Laz, Jeanne Suttie, Christyn Toomey, Angela Turgeon, Jason Warner and Bethany Welcome; sophomores Kerry Blanchette, Amy Bureau, Andrea Crawford, Charles Nadeau, Amy Ouellette, David Robbins and Cassandra Tzimas; freshmen Melinda Boisvert, Heather Delp, Lauren Dery; Amy Gavriel, John Georges, Keri Jalbert, Joanna

Kolodziej, Sophin Phorn, Cidvedka Rivera, Wallace Sheppard III and Andrea Tremblay.

TEAM HARMONY III: A large number of students from Lowell will participate in the A World of Difference Institute's third annual Team Harmony III from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12, at the Fleet Center in Boston.

Team Harmony III will unite more than 10,000 middle and high school students and teachers, and all five of Boston's professional sports teams in a powerful celebration of diversity and rally against hatred and bigotry.

The event, which will feature a keynote address by the Rev. Bernice King, daughter of the late Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., is devoted to educating students and faculty about eradicating racism, anti-Semitism, prejudice and all forms of discrimination. There will be live entertainment.

Five New England schools will be recognized with Blue Cross-Blue Shield Team Harmony Awards for the development of innovative student-based anti-prejudice programs. There will be a collection of donations for five churches destroyed in racially-motivated burnings.

All public and private middle and high schools have been encouraged to send "teams" of up to 25 students and five staff. Free tickets are available by calling (800) 63-UNITY.

— RICHARD P. COOK



WATER BREAK: Lowell High swim team members, from left, breaststroker Deanna Hamel and butterflyer Tricia Leyland enjoy the 1996 Merrimack Valley Conference Diving Championships at the Lowell High School pool.

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'World of Difference' fete at the Fleet

BOSTON — The FleetCenter will come alive November 12, when more than 10,000 middle and high school students and teachers, all five of Boston's professional sports teams, and Reverend Bernice King come together to celebrate A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE INSTITUTE'S third annual Team Harmony event.

Team Harmony III will unite young people from across Massachusetts and New England for a powerful celebration of diversity and rally against hatred and bigotry. Team Harmony III is an event devoted to educating students and faculty about eradicating racism, anti-Semitism, prejudice and all forms of discrimination. The largest event of its kind in the nation, Team Harmony III will be held at the FleetCenter in Boston on Tuesday, Nov. 12, 1996 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Team Harmony III promises to captivate its audience and empower young people to make a difference in their schools, communities and lives. Highlights of the event include:

- Keynote speaker, nationally renowned orator, Reverend Bernice King;
- appearances by stars from all of Boston's sports teams: the Celtics, Bruins, Red Sox, Patriots and Revolution;
- The Blue Cross and Blue Shield Team Harmony Awards, presented by the Boston athletes, to five schools for the development

of innovative student-based anti-prejudice programs;

- A special Reggie Lewis/Jon Jennings award for outstanding young adults who mirror the special relationship that Lewis and Jennings once had - one that knew no racial boundaries;

- "Bucket Parade" - a collection of donations for five churches in Jackson, Tennessee, which were destroyed in the racially motivated church burnings; and

- Local and national live musicians and entertainers.

Rev. Bernice King, daughter of the late Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., will be the keynote speaker and is expected to deliver a powerful motivational speech to the students. Rev. King is the pastor of Greater Rising Star Baptist Church in Atlanta, GA, where she oversees the Youth and Women's Ministry.

"At a time when racial polarization in America has received much attention, our purpose is to equip students and teachers with effective strategies and tools to promote respect for our differences, and to understand that every person can make a difference in the fight against hatred and violence," said Leonard Zakim, Executive Director of the Anti-Defamation League of New England. "The message of Team Harmony will be heard loud and clear by thousands of students from more than 400 schools throughout Massachusetts and

New England. Hundreds of schools, which are now part of our network are implementing programs in their schools."

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Massachusetts is the primary sponsor of Team Harmony III, along with Fleet Bank, Garelick Farms, Partners HealthCare System, and dozens of corporate and community organizations. "Team Harmony is a dynamic program which has grown tremendously over the last three years," said William VanFaasen, President and Chief Executive Officer of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Massachusetts. "The first Team Harmony event drew 6,000 school children and teachers and now this year we expect over 10,000. It's heartening to think of all those people spreading attitudes of tolerance and respect for people of all races, cultures and beliefs in schools and communities throughout New England. We are proud to be a part of this vital effort to enhance the health and quality of life in the communities we serve."

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Anti-Defamation League of New England, Jon Jennings, Director of Basketball Development of the Boston Celtics, and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Massachusetts. Team Harmony was developed and implemented to augment the on-going work of the Anti-Defamation League's national anti-bias program, the A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE Institute. The Institute is designed to end discrimination, primarily through teacher and student training workshops. For the past three years, the A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE Institute has held an annual spring Youth Congress for nearly 1,000 middle and high school students and teachers from across Massachusetts. The Youth Congress is a day long series of workshops designed to help students and faculty design programs and activities for their schools aimed at ending racism, bigotry and hatred.

The Team Harmony Event concept grew out of the friendship between Jon Jennings and former Boston

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Celtics Captain, the late Reggie Lewis. Jennings and Lewis wanted to help young people end the many forms of anti-bias that lead to much of the violence in schools. The multi-media event, a unique combination of entertainment, education and inspiration, was based on the philosophy of a "team" effort to overcome bigotry in our communities and driven by a belief in giving youth a chance to make a difference.

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Tutorial sessions expanded to all subjects

Mr. Ken Najjar, of the math department, announces that the evening tutoring sessions have expanded from math into other areas of study. Computer labs will be open, term paper preparation will be discussed and other academic areas offered for tutorials. These sessions run from 6-8 p.m. Students may contact Mr. Najjar directly if interested and parents may contact the personable professor through the high school office at 897-8891.

Tough break for Angela Gardner who saw varsity football action against Littleton and intercepted a pass. In the closing seconds of the game, Angela suffered a separated shoulder and will probably miss most of the rest of the season. Nice gesture by Tigertown players and fans who waited after the game until an ambulance could be brought in to take the plucky sophomore to the hospital. Angie has been joined in the bruised or broken department this fall, by Jessica Windwalker, Jesse Hallett, John Erb and Lucas Trombley.

The latter is a recent newcomer to Tigertown from the beautiful maritime province of New Brunswick.

Faculty members are looking forward to "Spirit Days" which traditionally precede the Thanksgiving holiday break. Each class decorates a section of the MHS building, engages in spirit competition and partakes in a school-wide rally leading to the Thanksgiving grid clash against Lunenburg on Alumni Field at 10 a.m.

Net Day/YMCA Conference Highlight MHS Week

The first marking term is history, the Fall sports season is winding down and Halloween has come and gone. A highly successful Net Day/YMCA Conference marked recent MHS events.

YMCA Conference

The local high school was rewarded for their excellence in video taping last spring's state wide YMCA Conference by being selected to host this regional gathering that set the guidelines for the statewide session to be held in Boston. More than 100 well scrubbed students from throughout the area listened to several speakers, including Congressman Marty Meehan. The proceedings were videotaped by the experienced WAVM crew, who will do the same in Boston. The guests were effusive in their praise of their Tigertown hosts and the professionalism shown by the local media magicians.

The video-tape staff included: Matt Pomfret, Sarah Clark, Brian Cushing and Lynn Gilfeather while radio staffing included: Chris



Johnson, Nick Huston, Angela Gardner, Jay Griffin, Paul Rando and Mike Geldart.

Radio programming was presented by: Lauren Palazzolo, Melanie Adams, Scott Milon, Donald Blaikie, Kevin Iannarelli, Erik Daniluk, Erin Murphy, Melissa Petersen, Kevin Wells and the ubiquitous Garrett Wlsuri.

Nice job by a great crew. Congratulations to all.

Net Day

Net Day brought forth a host of community members, of all ages. Students, teachers, residents and friends demonstrated to the media and guests the great reach now available in our increasing computer age. MHS is a well wired facility and was chosen as a regional center for the state-wide Net Day activities.

Angela Marzilli, Ben Thorburn and Jay Griffin were on hand from the high school while fifth-grader, Patrick McDonald showed a quick adaptation. Representing the school community were the dynamic duo of Patricia Brennan and Judy Wing along with Jack "Cad Lab" Kendra, Mike Stevens, Principal Don Cranston, Ellen Holloway, Ken Avery, Dr. Elsa Wasserman, Superintendent Dr. Don Kennedy and Dave Griffin.

Great experience as Maynard demonstrates that they are building their own bridge to the 21st Century.

Heartbreaker

A heartbreaking end to the 1996 field hockey season as the locals missed by a point of making the district playoffs. The Black and Orange fought hard against Nashoba in their last game, but a negated goal and a few bad bounces spelled doom for the locals.

This club deserved better as they proved to be excellent representatives of the school and community. Led by co-captains Katrina Taft and Katie McCarthy the team included: Cindy

Saulnier, Angela Marzilli, Lynn Gilfeather, Sarah Clark, Laura Pratt, Amanda Murphy, Julie Pippert, Vicki Pyne, Chrissy Cavicchi, Nicole Gosselin, Luz Diaz, Jessica Urkhart, Caroline DeRobert, Caitly Corrigan, Beth Joki, Melissa Trakimas, Kerry McGee, Candice Gardner, Sheena Stewart, Morgan Barger, Allison Dalby and ace scorekeeper Michelle Nys.

November Events

Librarian, Linda Gilberti will be coordinating two important November events up on Tiger Drive. On Nov. 7 a group of Japanese students from the Bunsai Gakuen School in Lincoln will visit MHS. They will attend classes with host students and get a taste of an American high school. These young men and women from Japan are attending the Bunsai Gakuen School in nearby Lincoln to study English. This will be the second year students have visited us and it gives them a look at our culture and an opportunity to brush up on their English. Host students include: Christine Gleason, Jen Chapelle, Amanda Burgess, Andy DeMars, Liz Ruzich, Potak Lam, Nakema Howard, Katie McCarthy, Mandie Allen, Rachel Kapelle, Sarah Clark, Ryan O'Camp, Matt Loomer and Kate Farrell.

On Nov. 12, Mrs. Gilberti, along with other chaperons, will accompany a delegation of students to Team Harmony Events at the Fleet Center in Boston. This event has grown each year and provides students of different backgrounds and various regions of the Commonwealth a chance to get together and share ideas. Representing Tigertown will be: Adam Hartwell, Andy DeMars, Nathan Hunter, Liz Rusich, Jordon Burgess, Merlin Carafella, Jen Chapell, B.J. Finizia, Amanda Burgess, Ryan O'Campo, Kate Farrell, Nakema Howard, Christine Gleason, Liz Westgate, Katie McCarthy, Mandie Allen and Sarah Clark.

Student Notes

Nice job by the following freshman class members in making their Autumn Dance such a success. Class President George-Allen West, Chris Derby, Sarah Bouchard, Ryan Mehigan, Charlene Wesley, Ben Stevens, Anne Bouchard, Mandy Pyne and Kelly Richardson. Music was provided by Gary Jutkiewicz while faculty member John "Mr. Art" Flynn facilitated the event from his office as class advisor.

This is the latest in a series of articles about happenings at Maynard High School (MHS) by faculty member Bob Coan.

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Kids rally against racism

10,000 bring
a fervor for
equality to
FleetCenter

By Christopher Cheney

BOSTON — In an atmosphere that was part civil rights rally and part rock concert, close to 10,000 students from across New England converged in the FleetCenter yesterday to take a stand against prejudice and racism.

"This whole racial thing is nothing new," the Rev. Bernice King told a gripped audience. "It's been going on since the beginning of time. The difference is we have a chance to do something about it."

Team Harmony III featured a keynote address by King, the daughter of slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr., live and taped musical acts, award ceremonies hosted by local professional athletes, and repeated calls for students to embrace a positive attitude toward others.

More than a dozen MetroWest communities participated.

The rally was organized by the Anti-Defamation League of New England, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Massachusetts and the Boston Celtics.

The Team Harmony event concept grew out of the friendship between Jon Jennings, the Celtics' director of basketball development, and Reggie Lewis, the Celtics star who died in 1993.

During a brief address, Jennings told students he and Lewis conceived the youth rally against racism in response to the riots that followed the Rodney King verdict in Los Angeles in 1992.

"I think it's stupid that we have this (the other people being killed) ..."
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NEWS PHOTO BY KEN MCGAGH

Students from the Walsh Middle School in Framingham applaud during the A World of Difference Institute's "Team Harmony III" rally yesterday at the FleetCenter in Boston.

Teen-agers rally against racism

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tolerance between them," said Craig Goulet, a ninth-grader at Horace Mann High School. "I think it's sad that people are taking steps to correct that."

Eighth-grader Stuart Ferguson of Franklin's Horace Mann Middle School had this to say about racial intolerance: "I don't understand the concept of segregating people because of the color of their skin. I don't get it. I don't like it."

"People need to learn it's not just the color of your skin," said Ayer High School junior Liz Pearl. "Just because everybody might be purple on the outside, they're the same color on the inside."

Pearl was one of 25 members of Ayer High School's Human Rights Squad at the event. The squad is a student organization that tries to make students aware of discrimination and trains them in conflict resolution and peer mediation.

Squad member Kelly Aponte said she and her classmates take fighting prejudice seriously.

"I thought it was important to stand up for other people," she said. "I'll do whatever it takes. Even if I had to risk my life for someone, I would do it."

Team Harmony III had the backing of nearly 50 area businesses, including Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Massachusetts, Fleet Bank, Garelick Farms, Partners HealthCare System Inc., ITT Sheraton Foundation, Reebok Foundation and the Red Sox, Celtics, Bruins and Patriots.

The all-star cast of sponsors attracted top musical acts such as Peter Wolf, Voices in Blue and a special video production by Boyz II Men.

Barry Tatelman of Jordan's Furniture said sponsoring Team Harmony events for the past three years has been a good investment for the company he runs with his brother Eliot. "I just think getting kids together that are good kids is important. It's important to let them know they're doing the right thing," he said.

School officials and students said they hope the lessons learned at Team Harmony III can be brought back to the classroom.

"We look to the participants to give us feedback on issues of racial intolerance and programs to address intolerance we can try here," Tri-



NEWS PHOTO BY KEN MCGAGH

From left, New England Patriots Adam Vinatieri and Curtis Martin address the audience at yesterday's Team Harmony rally in Boston.

School Principal Peter Rickard said. "The kids who came back last year were really pumped up."

"I want to make a difference in the way young people treat each other and stop bigotry and racism," said Michael Hurvitz, an eighth-grader at Framingham's Walsh Middle School.

Horace Mann seventh-grader Ed

teen Lettner said her hopes for harmony go beyond school grounds.

"I'm here today because I think it matters who we are, we're all the same people, and we should be judged by who we are and not by how we look," she said. "I think the people who come to Team Harmony III are going to be the seeds of hope for the country."

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Whitewater, quitting smoking and tasty cookies

AHS NOTES

By Craig Berard



The senior class will go whitewater rafting for their senior class trip. The trip will be on May 28 and 29 following Senior Sing-Out.

The junior class will start to collect class dues in December. This is an attempt to ease the burden of the cost by expanding the time you have to pay.

Forty-eight Peer Support members, 24 from each the high and middle school, will attend the annual World of Difference Team Harmony event on Nov. 12 at the Fleet Center in Boston. Approximately 8,000 students from 250 schools will attend the all-day conference to fight racism, discrimination, and prejudice. The keynote speaker will be Rev. Bernice King, daughter of Martin Luther King Jr.

Graduation is scheduled for Sunday, June 1, but it could be moved to

Saturday, May 31. Recently, the School Committee gave principal Gerald Schrock permission to explore this possibility including taking a poll of class members and parents.

The ceremony would still be at 2 p.m., allowing seniors to sleep in from the dinner dance the night before. The suggestion was made to allow family coming from long distances to have an additional day (Sunday) to get home.

The senior class made \$1,500 on the Halloween Dance last Friday night, Nov. 1. The best overall costume award went to Wes Barry, who was dressed as Mozart. He won \$20.

Other prizes for the best costumes went to Joe LaValley as The Crow (scariest — \$15), and Travis McKinney as a corpse (most original — \$15). The best group award went to Joe and his ladies, consisting of Todd Millette, Matt Manter, Elle Nikas, Jo Bikel, Ryan Pepe, Peter March, and Mike Blanchette. They received \$5 each.

Senior Kate Stabile was presented with the Superintendent's Award at the Tuesday night, November 5 School Committee meeting. Stabile, who is the top ranked student academically in the Class of 1997, is assistant editor of the yearbook, secretary of the National Honor Society, and a member of the Drama Club.

All four classes have picked themes and are busy preparing for the Color Day rally. The juniors elected include Kerin Tardiff, Valerie McCarter, and Travis McKinney as co-chairpersons. Seniors interested in participating in Color Day should see Jim Suggs or Tori Fuller.

Wonder about those Culture Club notices in the bulletin? This new organization has been formed by new world language teacher Denise Minnard-Mahoney.

Mahoney is continuing a program she started at the middle school to expose students to local culture. Two or three times a year she will take interested students on a Saturday field trip. Tomorrow, Nov. 9, they'll go to Harvard Square and the Fogg Art Museum.

Seniors who want their names printed on their yearbooks must pay

their class dues by Nov. 22. Class dues will be collected in Room 122 from November 20-22. There will be other dues collection periods in January and March. All dues must be paid by March 14 or a late fee will be assessed.

Did you know you could buy a fresh, warm cookie every morning at AHS? You'll find them periods 2, 3 and 4 in the Hole in the Wall Store off the cafeteria.

The Otis Spunkmeyer cookies are baked every morning by Ryan Smerdon or Shilo Nikkas in an oven provided by Otis Spunkmeyer, Inc. Smerdon said they usually sell out fourth period.

Sick of smokers in the rest rooms? Are you a smoker trying to quit? The Peer Leaders are trying to find some solutions to tobacco issues in school.

As a result, they are inviting representatives from Pentucket, Triton, Georgetown, an Newburyport to a forum at AHS from 11:30 to 1:30 on Nov. 18. The forum will be facilitated by Cheryl Yates of the Massachusetts Prevention Center and Lynn Ricketts of the Tobacco Education Council.

Craig Berard is a student at Amesbury High School.

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PLYMOUTH SOUTH

The cosmetology department is off to a great start in their second year of service. The Southside Styles Salon offers all services of cosmetology and has hours open to the public Monday, Wednesday and Friday taking appointments from 7:45 to 11. The students held a car wash to raise money for a trip to the New England Beauty Expo at the Bayside Expo Center in Boston. The purpose of the trip is to further educate students in all areas of cosmetology.

The Plymouth South Chapter of VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America) is holding a craft fair on Saturday, Nov. 16, from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., to be held at Plymouth South High School. Crafters are still needed and can call South, ext. 1111.

The senior class held its Octoberfest on Oct. 11. This celebration of fun and class unity included a whipped cream pie toss in which teachers, Mr. Levy, Mr. Kelley, Mr. Hanna and Mrs. Briggs, were targets. Excess food was donated to Plymouth Area Coalition for the Homeless.

The Green Circle Program, which brings high school students into the elementary schools, is back in full swing. Several members of PRIDE (Peace Respect, Integrity, Diversity and Equality) have been trained to teach tolerance to Grade 2 students. This month, Tim Harrington and Erin Dyer (both Plymouth South sophomores) are teaching Mrs. Carlson's class at South Elementary.

On Oct. 29, the technical studies department held its annual advisory committee meeting dinner. A nautical theme with a fantastic seafood buffet set the stage for some outstanding presentation: by VICA and DECA officers and members. Sen. Therese Murray was the featured speaker and spoke of her experiences during a recent visit to Russia. Steven Strauch was awarded the Outstanding Advisory Member award for 1995-1996. He is a participant in the electrical advisory group. A raffle was held to benefit VICA and DECA. The *Spirit of Boston* cruise raffle for two was won by Beth Ann Orchard.

Twenty-two members of Plymouth South PRIDE, along with 12 students from PCIS will be attending the third annual World of Difference Team Harmony event on Nov. 12 at the Fletcher Center. This event is sponsored by the Anti-Defamation League and gives students the tools to combat prejudice and promote the value of respecting diversity.

Plymouth South High School is looking forward to the opening of its new career center. Plymouth South would appreciate any informational materials from local businesses, as well as any input regarding possible career presentations for students. Anyone wishing to volunteer at the career center should contact the guidance office at 224-7512. The center hopes to open after the Christmas holidays.

CASPAR Alcohol Education Training for elementary teachers was held Oct. 24 at Plymouth South. This training consists of elementary classroom teachers providing quality health education to elementary school students.

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Thousands of teens rally against prejudice

By Lauren Wiley
The Patriot Ledger

BOSTON — Thousands of teenagers packed the FleetCenter yesterday because they share a dream of a world where differences are admired, not despised.

Athletes and activists energized the more than 8,700 students from across Massachusetts and New England who gathered as part of Team Harmony III.

The event began three years ago out of a partnership among the Anti-Defamation League, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Massachusetts, and Jon Jennings, the director of basketball development for the Boston Celtics.

This year, their cheers shook the rafters of the sports stadium and echoed throughout the nation because the event was carried live on cable and the Internet.

The rally began with a video of Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech. The keynote speaker was King's daughter, Bernice, an assistant pastor at a Baptist church in Atlanta.

King apologized to the students for their parents' failure to teach them about the civil rights movement. He urged the students to respect and embrace differences in others, and to confront racism instead of denying it is a problem.

The athlete called attention to the incidents last year, and their decision to fight back, which has united the students in Sharon, he said.

But senior Natalie Gamburd said racial and ethnic stereotypes are still prevalent in Sharon schools, as well as in other communities.

Gamburd is the president of SCHAR, the Student Coalition Against Hatred and Racism. Members of SCHAR and the African American and Asian clubs were among the 43 Sharon High School and Sharon Middle School students at the rally.

"This is a great event. It really gets your adrenalin pumping," Gamburd said, but added that other programs, such as the state Youth Congress in May, are more effective in implementing change.

Other students agreed that the goal of the event is simply to motivate young people to take action. Not all communities have student organizations to fight prejudice, and others are just beginning to work for unity in their schools.

Archbishop Williams High School in Braintree has a relatively new diversity program, and the group's members said they are still struggling to win the respect of

Sharon

"We've slid back and lost some ground. We have created divisions and separations in our minds," she said. "Now, we must unlearn our opinions and our prejudices."

During the rally, the Defamation League's A World of Difference Institute recognized students who have stood up to discrimination and struggled to reverse prejudices.

"Adults have made some progress, but that is not good enough. We're here to learn from you, to honor you," said Leonard Zakim, the league's New England regional director.

Sharon was featured in the opening ceremonies as a past winner of the Team Harmony awards for battling discrimination.

This year's recipients included students from Norwood Junior High School, Whitman Middle School and Duxbury Junior-Senior High School.

Sharon High School sophomore and football player Andre Whitlow was called to the stage to talk about the anti-Semitism that the town's athletic teams have faced at local competitions.

"We're just starting out. There's a lot of work to be done," said junior Katie O'Donnell, one of the 14 group members who went to the event to energize their program.

Teachers and parents at the rally said they were impressed by the teenagers' passion and their courage in speaking out.

"It's a great building event. It pulls students together and empowers them because they see what other people are doing," said Weymouth High School biology teacher Judith Corbett.

Corbett is a faculty adviser for the school's anti-violence program Paws for Peace, a name that refers to the Weymouth's athletic teams, the Wildcats.

Corbett and 46 other Weymouth public school students and staff showed their spirit at the Boston rally.

Junior Matt Selines shouted and cheered as loud as he could against racism and violence and in support of unity and understanding.

He said he hoped the participants heard the words of the speakers and will spread their messages when they return to their communities.

"This will make a difference, but only if people take it to heart," he said.

Students honored for fighting prejudice

DUXBURY — Eleven Duxbury Junior-Senior High School students have been honored for their efforts to promote diversity among their peers.

The Anti-Defamation League presented a Team Harmony Award to the students during a rally held Tuesday at the Fleet Center in Boston. More than 8,700 students from across New England attended the event.

Duxbury students were recognized for holding multi-cultural assemblies for Black History Month, for becoming trained as peer educators and mediators, for supporting a child from Belize, and for working with inner-city children as part of the

Duxbury

Salvation Army's after-school program.

Kathleen Dunn, the Duxbury faculty member working with students in their efforts, said the school has been represented at the conference for the past three years.

"Each year we've gotten closer (to winning)," Dunn said. "This is a very positive thing — to be recognized for helping teach others not to be prejudiced."

Dunn said more than 50 Duxbury students in grades 7 through 12 attended the rally Tuesday.

"Each year we've gone, there have been more kids," she said. "The first year, we took a car to Braintree and took the T to Boston. The second year, we took a bus that was half-full. This year, we had two busloads and won an award. It is a great honor to be part of this presentation."

The students who accepted the award were Robin Meuleman, Lydia Grinnell, Dawn Fleming, Hannah Feldman, Christina Rogers, Megan Kasamatic, Shelia Dillon, Satina Rogers, Mark Cabana, LaRhonna Gordon and Rebecca Green.

The World of Difference program began three years ago, the product of a partnership between the Anti-Defamation League, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Massachusetts, and Jon Jennings, the director of basketball development for the Boston Celtics.

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Students from the Whitman Middle School and Sharon High School also attended. Sharon was featured in the opening ceremonies as a past recipient of the Team Harmony Award.

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SEEKONK SCHOOL DAYS

TEAM

FREE TECHNOLOGY: Seekonk Middle School has joined the AT&T Learning Network Learning Points Program to give community members the chance to provide its students with a better education through technology.

Through the program, Seekonk Middle School will earn Learning Points every time people who have signed up for the program make qualifying AT&T telephone calls from their home phones. The school can redeem Learning Points for an array of technology products, including the latest computer hard-

ware, software and classroom instructional materials.

Relatives, friends and alumni can support the school, even if they live in another state. There are no receipts to collect, no labels to save, and people earn Learning Points for the school simply by talking on their telephones, without cost to the school or local taxpayers, said Principal Peter P. Andreozzi.

Each household that signs up to support Seekonk Middle School, formally Seekonk Intermediate School, will automatically contribute 500 bonus Learning Points to the school; five additional points are accumulated for every dollar they spend on AT&T residential telephone calls. To participate, AT&T residential telephone service customers can call 1-800-354-8800 and provide the school's Learning Points school account number, which is 00626944.

AT&T True Rewards Platinum, Gold and Silver members can also donate their True Rewards points to support the school. Each True Rewards point donated is equal to 10 Learning Points for the school.

Through the Learning Network, AT&T has made a \$150 million commitment to help put all the nation's accredited public and private elementary schools on the Information Superhighway by the year 2000.

SHIRT SALE: The parents organizations at Martin and Aitken Schools are sponsoring a Seekonk character map shirt sale. The shirt, designed exclusively for and available only through the Seekonk schools, depicts prominent Seekonk landmarks, town buildings and historical points of interest along with some sponsoring businesses.

T-shirts, sweatshirts and canvas tote bags, screened on both sides in six colors, are available. All proceeds will benefit the two schools involved. To place an order, call Liz Goodhart of the Aitken PTA at 336-6881 or Karen McKenna of the Martin PTA at 336-3168.

HARMONY EVENT: Chris Ambrose and Michael Callaghan, sophomores at Tri-County Regional Vocational Technical High School,

Franklin, was part of a 30-member Tri-County delegation that attended the "A World of Difference Team Harmony III" event yesterday at the Fleet Center in Boston. Teams from public and private schools throughout the state participated, and the membership of each team aimed at reflecting diversity in gender, ethnicity, race, religion and interests.

The Team Harmony III event featured a keynote address by the Rev. Bernice King, daughter of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The event also recognized student-based anti-prejudice programs; interactive student discussion on prejudice issues; national celebrities; community leaders and inspirational speakers; presentation by current players from Boston's five professional sports teams: Boston Celtics, New England Patriots, Boston Red Sox, Boston Bruins and New England Revolution; presentations by Olympic athletes; and music.

Ambrose and Callaghan were among 30 Tri-County students who attended, accompanied by staff members Barbara Renzoni, academic coordinator, and instructors Liz Carey, Laurie Phipps, Joseph Genna and Ted Barrett.

PEOPLE TO PEOPLE: Seekonk High School junior Alina Skonieczny, a member of People to People International, attended its 12th Worldwide Conference in Newport Beach, Calif., recently. People to People International is an organization started by President Eisenhower to promote friendship among people from all nations. Twenty-one countries were represented through the 500 adults and 58 students present at the gathering.

Alina acted as the governor of her workshop groups at the conference and also attended a luncheon that honored the late Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and the late Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin as individuals who have advanced the cause of international understanding. Accepting the Eisenhower Medallion on behalf of the slain leaders were Sadat's widow and Rabin's son. Also at that time, Alina was acknowledged as one of only four Youth Conference Scholarship recipients.

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Students to join harmony program

By Susan Pawlak-Seaman
Standard-Times staff writer

Hundreds of Southeastern Massachusetts students will join thousands of their peers statewide Tuesday to stand in unity against hatred and bigotry at Team Harmony III.

Team Harmony, to be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the FleetCenter in Boston, is sponsored by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Massachusetts and run through the Anti-Defamation League's "World of Difference Institute."

Organizers said the program — which features inspirational speakers and role model professional athletes — will bring together 10,000 middle and high school students to celebrate diversity and rally against discrimination.

Nearly two dozen area schools will be participating in the event.

This year's keynote speaker will be the Rev. Bernice King, daughter of the late Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Rev. King is the pastor of the Greater Rising Star Baptist Church in Atlanta, where she oversees the

Youth and Women's Ministry.

"At a time when racial polarization in America has received much attention, our purpose is to equip students and teachers with effective strategies and tools to promote respect for our differences," said Leonard Zakim, the Anti-Defamation League's executive director. The message, he said, "is that every person can make a difference in the fight against hatred and violence."

Local educators say it is a message they definitely want their students to hear.

"It's very important for our students to be exposed to students of different backgrounds," said Andre Charbonneau, a religion teacher at Bishop Stang High School in North Dartmouth.

"We have pretty much a homogeneous community at Stang and they need to see real diversity."

Mr. Charbonneau said that's one of the reason why Stang three years ago established its Diversity Club; he serves as the group's adviser.

"We have about 20 members and

14 of them are going" to Team Harmony, he said. "We meet once a week and every week we have one of the students speak about the background of their ancestors.

"I'm sure we'll incorporate what we do (at Team Harmony) into our future talks. We're really looking forward to hearing Rev. King's daughter," Mr. Charbonneau said.

Alcides Pina, a guidance counselor at Wareham High School, said 25 members of the WHS Multicultural Club, which he advises, will travel to Team Harmony.

Mr. Pina said Team Harmony "is a great opportunity for the students" to get to know and appreciate their peers across the commonwealth.

As of the latest available listing, other Southeastern Massachusetts

schools sending students and teachers to Team Harmony include Bourne High School and Upper Cape Cod Regional Technical School in Bourne, which also serves Marion and Wareham; Dartmouth High School; Durfee High School, and the Lord, Kuss and Talbot middle schools, all in Fall River; Free-town-Lakeville's Austin Middle School; Old Rochester Regional junior and senior high schools; Old Colony Regional Voc-Tech in Rochester; Westport High School; Wareham Middle School; Middleboro High School and Memorial Junior High School; New Bedford High School, Keith and Roosevelt junior high schools, and the Center for Health and Human Services, all in New Bedford.

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Youths, athletes celebrate racial harmony

BOSTON (AP) — For Raena Dowkins, just mingling with students from other cultures gave her a new perspective.

"Our school is mostly Caucasian," said the 16-year-old from Falmouth High School. "Being here watching everybody makes me realize how many ethnic jokes are directed at other people and how it hurts."

Dowkins was among thousands of Massachusetts school children who rattled the beams of the new FleetCenter on Tuesday in a loud rally for racial harmony.

"Team Harmony III," sponsored by the Anti-Defamation League, brought students from more than 300 schools together in a festival atmosphere with professional athletes, musicians, and inspirational speakers.

The message was clear: There is no place for racism.

Team Harmony began four years ago as a dream of the late Celtics star Reggie Lewis and his friend Jon Jennings, the Celtics' director of basketball development.

Jennings said after the Los Angeles riots, it became his and Lewis' idea to take their friendship one step farther.

Team Harmony was born, and it's been growing every year, with 10,000 children in attendance Tuesday.

"We are using our relationship as a model, giving the students something to take back to their schools," said Jennings.

The keynote speaker was the Rev. Bernice King, daughter of the late Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Her speech was followed by a pledge of racial harmony by the school children, then a moment



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Students dance to music at the Team Harmony III gathering at the Fleet Center Tuesday.

of reflection and hand holding.

"It was great because it was entertaining," said Alkeia Conerley, of South High in Worcester. "We met Asians and whites, and it was really good when we all held hands."

Even students from a more diverse background thought the rally was beneficial.

"Some kids need a day like today," said Karina Tineda, of Whittier Regional Vocational Tech High School, in Haverhill. Tineda was with a group from Whittier, called The Multicultural Club.

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Springfield renews quest for racial understanding

Racial harmony, despite the decades-long efforts of government and private citizens alike, remains an unrealized dream in America — a dream that is shared by good people of every race, yet fades in the harsh light of daily reality.

Can it be captured and made real, to transform the lives of all — meaning every American — who are burdened by racial mistrust?

There is real hope that it can, and Springfield is one place where the process has begun.

Last Thursday at the Rebecca Johnson School, the Conflict Management Group of Cambridge, an organization highly experienced in finding common ground in the midst of discord, introduced itself and its plans to "bring people together" to deal with the city's racial problems.

It was hired through contributions from more than 40 businesses with the support of clergy, politicians, educators, minority and civic groups, law enforcement agencies and ordinary citizens of all races.

The effort was initiated by the Citizens for Effective Community Policing, a group formed a few years ago by Springfield Central.

People hold key

A first step will be canvassing a cross-section of residents for ideas and attitudes on racial issues.

Early next year, it is hoped that a weekend retreat combining viewpoints from across the racial and economic spectrum will produce a plan for reaching — as a community with varied interests but a single purpose — toward that elusive goal.

Springfield can succeed, but only if the effort is joined by — and indeed, belongs to — the people.

It cannot be imposed by government, ordered by authorities or orchestrated by civil leaders and activists.

Human attitudes cannot be shaped by laws or enforced by police.

The movement toward racial harmony must begin and grow in homes and classrooms, restaurants and malls, in parks and on street corners and in every other place where people meet.

It must begin with communication and progress to understanding among different cultures, beliefs and income levels.

Until it does, Springfield will not, cannot, flourish anew.

Those truths were made clear to the Thursday night gathering, as was the CMG admonition that progress will be slow at times, and hobbled by racial incidents and disputes such as the city has experienced in recent weeks.

Violence that erupted a month ago between the police and youths drawn to a crowded social event at the Nubian Athletic Club.

That storm of rocks, bottles, nightsticks and epithets was a symptom of the chronic illness that has crippled relations between races in this and other communities across the nation.

Many young blacks and Hispanics don't respect the police. The police don't understand the youths. Whites fear minorities. Minorities resent majorities. No group shows respect toward another. There is no communication. No one understands how another group feels or thinks.

We don't know each other. We haven't learned how to talk, or to listen.

It's time we did.

Springfield is far from alone in its struggle to find answers. Nor is it lacking in support among the young people of Massachusetts.

This past week, 10,000 middle and high school students, including nearly 200 representing schools in eight Western Massachusetts communities, filled the FleetCenter in Boston to promote good will and understanding among youths of all races.

That 3-year-old program, called Team Harmony, was the idea of the late Boston Celtics guard Reggie Lewis and Celtics assistant coach John Jennings. The annual gathering is a pep rally of sorts — a mingling of youthful hopes and feelings and a cheer-leading kind of encouragement of the premise that people are indeed created equal.

Chronic problems

But as Team Harmony progresses in Massachusetts, and as the CMG program gains energy in Springfield, the old problems persist across the nation.

Racial mistrust, so evident during and after the first O.J. Simpson trial, is being stirred again by the civil court action now taking place.

California's repudiation of affirmative action on Election Day has deepened the suspicions of every race seeking its place at the national economic table.

The blame for protests in Pittsburgh and rioting in St. Petersburg, Fla., over the past two weeks, like the violence that erupted in prior years in Los Angeles, Miami, New York City and Boston, does not lie with the separate incidents that ignited it.

Instead, the source is the vast molten pool of suspicion, fear and hate lying just below the mantle of civilized society, waiting to erupt.

Only a cooperative grassroots effort can ease the pressure, drain away the toxic residues left by generations of misunderstanding.

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Taunton students turn journalists at Team Harmony

Annual FleetCenter event fights racism, anti-Semitism and hatred

By ALLISON BOWIE CHERRY
Gazette Staff Writer

TAUNTON — The younger folks will get the scoop this time.

Hundreds of teenagers will be journalists for the day as they follow their peers to fight racism, anti-Semitism and hatred of all types during A World of Difference Institute's Team Harmony III Event.

Students reporters will seek out the who's, what's, when's, where's and why's at the all-day, all-teen get-together at the FleetCenter in Boston. The ballyhoo will take place Tuesday, Nov. 12, from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Before tapping their sources and polishing their prose, teens in the Student Reporter program will be treated to a journalistic jam session on the how-to's of the trade with reporters and editors at *The Boston Globe*.

The students will trail about 10,000 high schoolers who will gather at the FleetCenter to discuss problems and strategize solutions.

Taunton area students Heather Shafer, Kim Falconero, Nicole Rodrigues, Laurie Beloli and Sarah Carr are among those who

signed on for the reporters' program.

A World of Difference Institute is the Anti-Defamation League's award-winning program to combat violence and hatred among teenagers. The Team Harmony Foundation was co-founded by Leonard P. Zakim, the Anti-Defamation League's New England regional office, Boston Celtics basketball director Jon Jennings and the team's late captain, Reggie Lewis.

Members of all four of Boston's professional sports teams — the Celtics, Bruins, New England Patriots and Red Sox — have provided financial support for and participated in every Team Harmony event.

Special guest speaker for Team Harmony III will be Rev. Bernice A. King, daughter of Coretta Scott King and the late Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. A former law clerk in juvenile courts in Fulton County, Georgia, the younger Rev. King is assistant pastor at Greater Rising Star Baptist Church in Atlanta, where she oversees ministries for youth and women.

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Kids find Harmony at FleetCenter event

BOSTON (AP) — Thousands of Massachusetts school children tested the beams of the new FleetCenter on Tuesday in a rally for racial harmony.

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Students join hands to denounce bigotry



Cambridge students dance and sing during yesterday's Team Harmony gathering.

By Winston W. Wiley
Telegram & Gazette Staff

BOSTON — Kara L. Wolanski is fed up, and anyone within earshot of the FleetCenter yesterday knows it.

The 17-year-old from Worcester's South High School joined thousands of others from more than 400 middle and high schools across New England — including Worcester's South, North and Burncoat high schools — in raising their voices against racism, bigotry and hatred.

"Team Harmony III," sponsored by the Anti Defamation League, brought the students together in a festive atmosphere with professional athletes, musicians, and inspirational speakers.

"I thought it was great. I was moved. I was inspired," said Wolanski, who attended with about 15 other South students. Wolanski acted as both a participant and a reporter for her school newspaper, The Apricot Times.

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King told the students the key to racial harmony rested in their hands, but it would not be easy.

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"You'll have to risk some things, but the reward will be great," she said. "If you don't do it, who in the world will?"

Alekeia Conerley, another South High student, said the rally was not only entertaining, but it gave stu-

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Wolanski said the racial climate at South is not perfect, but neither does the school have a serious race problem. South High students who attended were mostly peer leaders and peer mediators who can take what they learned back to the student body.

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'FED UP'

Leonard Zakim, executive director of the Anti-Defamation League of New England, led the gathering in a pledge in which the students shouted that they were "fed up" with racism, anti-Semitism, bigotry and hatred.

"At a time when racial polarization in America has received much attention, our purpose is to equip students and teachers with effective strategies and tools to promote respect for our differences, and to understand that every person can make a difference in the fight against hatred and violence," Zakim said.

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The Associated Press and Edward T. McHugh of the Telegram & Gazette staff contributed to this report.



Kara Wolanski

Conte, Drury students plan to make a difference

They were among 10,000 students at Fleet Center for event on tolerance, inclusion, multiculturalism

By EILEEN E. FLYNN
North Adams Transcript

NORTH ADAMS — When 36 students from Conte Middle School and Drury High School boarded the yellow school bus at 6:15 Tuesday morning, the world was still shrouded in darkness. Multi-culturalism, tolerance and inclusion issues were pushed to the backs of their groggy minds in favor of sleep.

But when the young people ar-

rived at the Fleet Center in Boston to participate in Team Harmony III with 10,000 other students, a surge of excitement awakened them to the matter at hand — how they would begin to make a difference.

The ride back to North Adams provided a completely different mood. The stimulated teens were brimming with ideas on how they would create better schools for themselves and their peers.

Representing such groups as

Unity, SPIRIT (Students Promoting Individualism, Respect, Inclusion and Tolerance) and JABOP (Just a Bunch of People), the students had dealt extensively with such difficult issues as sexuality, race, culture and violence. Some are even trained in peer mediation or violence prevention.

The students' efforts, coupled with a year-long multicultural course for teachers, have made headway at the middle and high school level.

Though met with preconceived opinions about JABOP, a gay-straight student alliance, group member Jennifer Charon reported a changing climate for students who may wish to "come out" and declare their homosexuality. "One teacher said we were promoting homosexuality," Charon said. "That's not what we're about. We want people to accept differences. Being gay is not a bad thing. Being gay is a natural thing."

Sarah Sawyer, a Drury freshman who has just completed a training session in violence prevention, said she hopes more students get involved to promote inclusion. "Instead of one voice speaking, it will be a choir," she predicted. "If they join in groups, they can make their voice heard."

Sawyer's sentiments echoed those of Leonard Zakim, the New England Regional director of the Anti-Defamation League. Zakim led the thousands gathered at Team Harmony III in a denunciation of bigotry and discrimination when he asked the students to repeat the following declarations: "I have to speak out, but I feel so alone. No one wants to get involved. But why should we put up with this? Violence and anti-Semitism are unacceptable to me."

Zakim drew a standing ovation when he commanded, "Get up, stand up and speak up. You don't have to be Dr. (Martin Luther) King to change things. You just have to be the best person you can be."

"Let us reject the idea that it's not your business to get involved."

Stefanie, a Conte 8th grader, said the day made her aware of

how ethnic jokes might offend people. She vowed to be more sensitive of that fact in the future.

As Mary Lou Accetta, director of Inclusion and Curriculum, summed up, "Some of it is just getting to know people as people."

Accetta believed the trip succeeded just by exposing students to the thousands of other teens

facing similar problems.

High school students from Medway, taking a break from the festivities at the Fleet Center, said in their predominantly white high school, students have struggled with recurring violence.

"The school is realizing they have to change and they look to us," said 17-year-old Amanda Reding.

That adult leaders turned to students to shape the future gave North Adams teens a sense of pride. As Charon concluded "Today promoted what we stand for; it's kind of a big pep rally for us."

Students will be invited to discuss the Team Harmony project with teachers, administrators and classmates this week.



Eileen E. Flynn/North Adams Transcript

Sara Dunn, a Drury High School junior, addresses a crowd of over 10,000 students in the place of Lynn Harris-Lewis, the widow of Celtics player Reggie Lewis. Dunn read the introduction for the Reggie Lewis and Jon Jennings Award at the Fleet Center in Boston Tuesday. Celtics Director Jon Jennings and emcee Sharon Giltai look on.

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Proud of students at Team Harmony

We were proud to see students from North Adams vow to make a difference in fighting for tolerance, inclusion and multiculturalism.

And we were interested in part of the message — that adults bear the blame for not doing enough to end racism, bigotry and anti-Semitism, and that the problems are being laid in the lap of the youths of this country.

Three dozen students from Conte Middle School and Drury High School traveled Tuesday to the Fleet Center in Boston for Team Harmony III.

The goal for Team Harmony, which augments the Anti-Defamation League's A-World of Difference Institute — as explained by North Adams Transcript reporter Eileen E. Flynn, who accompanied the North Adams students to the event — is to gather young people and educate them on how to combat prejudice and discrimination. Her stories are in today's edition of the newspaper.

The keynote speaker, the Rev. Bernice A. King, a daughter of the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., did not hesitate in laying the blame for creating divisions and separations in the society. She asked the adults in the audience with the students to apologize for allowing human relations to deteriorate and not following up on the progress of the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s.

King is right on about the fact the problems of bigotry, racism and intolerance in society come from the adults who haven't done enough to end them. It is a shared responsibility.

And without the adults taking part as the followup to the Civil Rights Movement, the divisions in people's minds are allowed to creep right back into the society. That is how intolerance and other unacceptable attitudes make their way right down to the children and surface in schools.

Although people bristle whenever instances of racism or bigotry or homophobia are pointed out, the reality is that this is a problem that

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basis. Racist attitudes are learned from adults and adults must be the ones to start teaching their children better.

This cannot be left to the schools, though the schools can play a role in fighting these plagues.

This cannot be left to the churches and synagogues, though they can play a role in teaching harmony.

This cannot be left to the politicians, though they can lead by example and continue to pass and support legislation that addresses discrimination.

This can be left most importantly to the adults to teach their children the value of diversity and acceptance of others.

Because we've been waiting far too long for that already, we are putting our faith in students like those from Conte and Drury who are taking it upon themselves to make things right.

It is students like these who may well end up leading the adults.

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Rev. Bernice King: We have created divisions ... adults must promise to work harder

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Martin Luther King Jr.'s daughter speaker at Team Harmony

By EILEEN E. FLYNN
North Adams Transcript

BOSTON — Over 10,000 middle and high school students could barely contain their enthusiasm as they filed into the Fleet Center Tuesday morning for the

third annual Team Harmony celebration.

The brainchild of the late Boston Celtics star Reggie Lewis and his friend, the current Celtics' Director of Basketball Development, Jon Jennings, Team Harmony serves to aug-

ment the work of the Anti-Defamation League's A World of Difference Institute.

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ination. Students from Drury High School and Conte Middle School in North Adams were among the participants.

This year, students were treated to several celebrity speakers including players from the Boston Celtics, New England Patriots, Boston Bruins and New England Revolution and musical acts featuring Peter Wolf, formerly of the J. Geils band.

But the Rev. Bernice A. King, the youngest child of Mrs. Coretta Scott King and the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., gave the most memorable performance Tuesday.

As the keynote speaker, King set the tone for the day. During and after her speech, representatives from the Anti-Defamation League who were seated in the audience whispered to each other, "She's perfect for this" and "That was right on."

The Rev. King serves as the assistant pastor of Greater Rising Star Baptist Church in Atlanta, Ga. where she oversees the Youth and Women's Ministry. King took the podium, grinned and greeted the students with a bellowing, "What's up?" The audience roared with delight.

After a brief acknowledgement of Team Harmony, King cut to the core of her message.

"We have created divisions and separations in our minds to keep us distant and away from the people on the other side of the road who look a little different from us, who act a little different from us, who dress a little different from us," she charged. "Because of this, we live in a very frustrating society."

King then asked the audience members who were 30 years and older to apologize for allowing human relations to deteriorate and for failing to discuss the progress made during the 1960s. "We gave you a world where we neglect to teach you about the Civil Rights Movement," she said, instructing the adults to repeat the following: "I'm sorry. I promise to do better from this point on."

King urged for the nation's varied racial groups to join to-

gether to celebrate a shared culture. "We must look at all things if we're to support our culture together. We have to begin a process of examination of our hearts, our attitudes, our mentalities. We're here to get to that next level. Racism is still alive and well. Bigotry is still alive and well. And it's time that we kill that beast. The people who want to combat racism must be willing to stand up, stand out, never shut up until this thing is dead — even if it means losing our lives in the process!"

King closed her address by telling the students the answers to society's problems are in their hands. "If you don't do it, I don't know who in the world is going to do it."

Later in the program, a local student seized a spur of the moment opportunity to address the crowd of thousands.

Sara Dunn, a Drury High School junior who writes for the school's newspaper, took over in the absence of Lynn Harris-Lewis, the widow of Reggie Lewis, when the woman had to leave because of time constraints. Mrs. Lewis was scheduled to announce the recipients of the Reggie Lewis and Jon Jennings Team Work Award. When she realized she would have to leave, she turned to Dunn and asked her to perform the honors.

Dunn drew cheers from her classmates seated in an upper section of the arena when she approached the microphone to introduce the Rev. Bruce Wall, copastor of the Dorchester Temple Baptist Church and the Rev. Mary Mitchener, Minister of Grace Chapel in Lexington. The ministers were recognized for their work to rebuild a black church in Tennessee that had fallen victim to arson.

Primary sponsors for Team Harmony III were Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Massachusetts, Fleet Bank, Garelick Farms, Partners Health Care System, Inc., ITT Sheraton Foundation, Reebok Foundation, Teresa and H. John Heinz, III Foundation, NYNEX and The Abbey Group made up of the Boston Celtics, Red Sox, Bruins, New England Patriots and New England Revolution.

Many other sponsors contributed.

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Another King continues crusade against racism



Daughter of slain civil rights leader speaks at Team Harmony Event in Boston

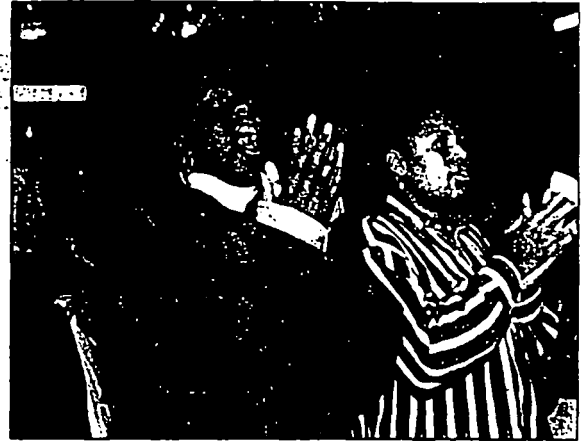
By Toviah Lazamoff
TAB Staff Writer

The boyhood experiences of her father the late Rev. Martin Luther King could not have been more different than the childhood of his daughter Bernice. The racism that scarred his early memories were strangely absent during her years in a mostly white school.

"I was a shy child. I didn't say much," King said. So she doesn't know what inspired her as a young adult to continue her father's passionate struggle to eradicate racism and violence in America.

"Maybe it's the things I witnessed by way of history or observation. I think some of my father's spirit came and awakened me," she said.

As an assistant pastor at Greater Rising Star Baptist Church in Atlanta, she works with teenage girls and speaks out against racism



Rev. Bernice A. King (left) of Atlanta was the featured speaker at the third annual Team Harmony event at the Fleet Center in Boston last week. She was introduced by two students, including Wellesley High School sophomore Alissa Tufias (below). Wellesley Middle School students were among the 10,000 students from all over New England who attended Team Harmony III (above).



Last week she brought her message to Boston, where she was the featured speaker at the third annual Team Harmony Event sponsored by the Anti-Defamation League of New England, the Boston Celtics and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Massachusetts.

The event, inspired in part by the late Celtics team captain Reggie Lewis, brought together 10,000 teens from all over New England for a day-long rally against racism at the Fleet Center on Nov. 12. It was first held in November 1994, when 6,000 students gathered at the Boston Garden. In attendance this year were students from Boston, Brookline, Cambridge, Framingham, Natick, Newton, Wellesley and Weston.

"You're here because of our failure to stop those who hate," Leonard Zakim, director of the Anti-Defamation League, told the cheering crowd. "Today we urge you to make the right kind of difference. You don't

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have to be Dr. King to make a difference. You just have to be the best person you can be," Zakim said.

King also spoke of the failure of her generation to continue the civil rights movement of the 1960s so that the problem of racism was passed on to yet another generation.

"We can't blame you for the way you respond," King said. The racism teens see among their peers is a learned behavior from the adult world, she said.

"Racism is not new. What's different is that

we now have a chance to do it right," King said. "We can't do it unless we are willing to come out of denial."

"We must be willing to confront bigotry and racism," King said. She urged students to speak up when they witnessed racist events.

Racism is not always an overt act, she said. In part it is about the way people think about others. It's about how invested we are in the things that separate people rather than those that bring them together, she said.

To start, teens need to ask themselves, "Do you really want to deal with this?" King said. "Today we've come together to say we must embrace difference." □

Wellesley students seek harmony

By Thom Aspinall

Staff Reporter

Over 500 Wellesley High School students gathered in the gymnasium for a special assembly on Wednesday night to hear a keynote address by Rev. Bernice King, daughter of the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The assembly was held in the gymnasium of the school, which is located at 1000 Washington Street in Wellesley.

King, who is a member of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, spoke to the students about the importance of unity and harmony in a diverse society.

She said that she was inspired by the students' desire to create a more inclusive and harmonious community.

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Alissa Tobias said she was honored to be one of two high school students that introduced

King to the assembly. She said that King's message was powerful and inspiring.

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10,000 youths, sports stars celebrate racial harmony at Boston rally

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Buckingham, Brown and Nichols School students of Cambridge dance and sing to the music Tuesday during festivities at A World of Difference Institute's Team Harmony III gathering at the FleetCenter in Boston. (AP Photo)

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A local student's view

SEVERAL STUDENTS from the Attleboro area attended Tuesday's Team Harmony event in Boston. Here are the views of Garrett Patteson, a King Philip Regional High School student.

On Tuesday, Nov. 12, over 10,000 students and teachers from throughout Massachusetts converged at the Fleet Center in Boston for a common cause: the fight against racism and intolerance.

The event was Team Harmony III, a celebration of diversity organized by A World of Difference Institute for the last three years. Speakers included Rev. Bernice King, daughter of Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.; members of the New England Patriots and the Boston Celtics; and representatives from the Anti-Defamation League, an organization devoted to the eradication of anti-semitism.

The enthusiasm of thousands of teenagers in the Fleet

Center is support of the gathering was both powerful and encouraging. While listening to the music of Voices in Blue and the Disciples, the Team Harmony III participants danced together, putting aside all racial and cultural barriers in support of diversity.

The sheer power that Team Harmony III brought about in resistance against hatred deeply affected me as both a student reporter for the event and as a concerned citizen. This power cannot be limited to one day of the year for only those students who take an active role in the fight against hatred and racism, however. The refusal to accept intolerance must be embraced by the entire community if real change is to come about.

With the realization of the horrors of racism and the courage to stop it, we can avoid the tragedies that this shameful aspect of society causes.

Garrett Patteson

Team Harmony III

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Abington High School

Amesbury

Amesbury High School

Amesbury Middle School

Amherst

Amherst Regional Junior High School

Andover

Andover West Middle School

Greater Lawrence Technical School

St. Augustine School

Arlington

Arlington Catholic High School

Ashburnham

Oakmont Regional High School

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Belmont Hill School

Chenery Middle School

Beverly

Briscoe Middle School

Memorial Middle School

Glen Urquhart School

Billerica

Shawsheen Technical High School

Boston

ABCD University School

B.H.A. Youth on the Rise

Bay Cove Academy

Boston College High School

Boston High School

Boston Latin Academy

Brighton High School

CAPAY Institute for Asian Amer. Studies

Charlestown High School

Dearborn Middle School

Donald McKay Middle School

Dorchester High School

East Boston High School

East Boston High School-Hope

East Boston High School-FACTS

Edwards Middle School

English High School

Fenway Middle College High School

George Lewis Middle School of Visual and Performing Arts

Grover Cleveland Middle School

Horace Mann School for the Deaf

John W. McCormack Middle School

John D. O'Bryant School of Math & Science

Madison Park Technical Vocational School

McKinley Technical High School

Monsignor Ryan Memorial High School

Nativity Preparatory School

Oliver H. Perry School Boston

Our Lady of Lourdes

R.G. Shaw Middle School

Seaport Campus at New England

St. Margaret's School

St. Patricks Grammer School

Taft Middle School

The National Conference of Christians and Jews

William Barton Rogers Middle School

Woodrow Wilson Middle School

YMCA of Greater Boston Allston/Brighton

Bourne

Bourne High School

Upper Cape Cod Regional Technical School

Braintree

Archbishop Williams High School

Braintree High School

East Middle School

Massasoit School, Inc.

South Middle School

Bridgewater

Bridgewater Raynam Regional HS

Williams Junior High

Laliberte Junior High School

Brockton

Brockton High School

Network High School

North Jr. High

South Junior High

Brookline

The Park School

Burlington

Burlington High School

Byfield

Triton Regional High School

Cambridge

Agassiz School

Boston Archdiocesan Choir School

Buckingham, Browne & Nichols

Cambridge Rindge and Latin High School

Farr Academy

Magic Me

North Cambridge Catholic High School

Peabody School

Robert F. Kennedy School

Watson House School

Canton

Blue Hills Regional Technical High School

Canton High School

Jewish Family and Children's Service

Carver

Carver High School

Charlestown

Charlestown High School

Seaport Campus at New England Historic Seaport

Charlton

Bay Path Regional Voc. Tech. High School

Chicopee

Bellamy Middle School

Chicopee Comprehensive High School

Chicopee High School

Fairview Middle School

St. Stanislaus School

Clarksburg

Clarksburg Elementary School

North Berkshire School Union

Clinton

Clinton High School

Clinton Middle School

Cohasset

Cohasset Jr/Sr High School

Concord

Concord - Carlisle High School

Concord Middle School

Dalton

Nessacus Middle School

Wahconah Regional High School

Danvers

Danvers High School

Dunn Middle School

Dartmouth

Bishop Stang High School

Dartmouth High School

Dedham

Noble and Greenough School

Dennis

Nathaniel H. Wixon Middle School

Dracut

Englesby Junior High School

Duxbury

Duxbury Jr./Sr. High School

East Bridgewater

East Bridgewater High School

Easton

Oliver Ames High School

Southeastern Regional Vocational High

Everett

Everett High School

Parlin Jr. High

Pope John XXIII High School

Fall River

B.M.C. Durfee High School

Henry Lord Middle School

Matthew J. Kuss Middle School

Talbot Middle School

Falmouth

Falmouth High School

Fitchburg

B.F. Brown Middle School

Fitchburg High School

Memorial Middle School

Montachusett Regional Voc. Tech.

R.E. Brown Middle School

Reingold Elementary

Florida

Gabriel Abbott Memorial

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Ahern Middle School

Foxboro High School

Framingham

Framingham High School

Joseph P. Keefe Regional Voc. Tech.

Walsh Middle School

Franklin

Horace Mann Middle School

Tri-County Regional High School

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Gloucester High School

O'Maley Middle School

Granville

Granville Village School

Greenfield

Greenfield High School

Greenfield Middle School

Hadley

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Hamilton

Pingree School

Hampton, NH

Hampton Academy Junior High

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Hanover Middle School

Hanson

Indian Head Middle School

Harwich

Cape Cod Regional Technical High School

Haverhill

Caleb Dustin Hunking Middle School

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Whitier Vocational Technical High School

Hingham

Derby Academy

Hingham High School

Hingham Middle School

Notre Dame Academy

Holbrook

Holbrook Jr.-Sr. High School

Hollis

Hollis/Brookline High School

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Hudson High School

Hull

Hull High School

Hull Jr High School

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Lexington

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Littleton Jr. Sr. High School

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Wang Middle School

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Lunenburg High School

Turkey Hill Middle

Lynn

Lynn English High School

St. Mary's Regional High School

Malden

Malden Catholic High School

Malden High School

Malden Middle School

Sacred Hearts Parish School-Cheverus

Manchester, NH

Manchester Central High

Marblehead

Cohen Hillel Academy

Marblehead Community Charter School

Marblehead High School

Marblehead Middle School

Marlboro

Advocates Community Counseling - Project H.E.A.R.T.

Assabet Valley Regional Vocational HS

Wayside School

Marlborough High School

Marshfield

Marshfield High School

Marstons Mills

Barnstable Middle School at Marstons Mills

Mattapoisett

Old Rochester High School

Old Rochester Regional Jr High School

Maynard

Maynard High School

Medford

Medford High School

Medford Voc.- Tech. HS

Roberts Middle School

Medway

Medway High School

Melrose

Melrose High School

Melrose Middle School

Merrimac

Commonworks High School

Methuen

Collaborative Alternative School

Comprehensive Grammar School

Donald P. Timony Middle School

Methuen High School

Tenney Middle School

The Presentation of Mary Academy School

Middleboro

Memorial Junior High School

Middleboro High School

Middleton

North Shore Technical High School

Milford

Milford High School

Milton

Pierce Middle School

Monson

Monson Jr / Sr High School

Natick

Eliot Montessori School

Natick High School

Walnut Hill School

Needham

St. Sebastian's Country Day School

The Rashi School

New Bedford

CHHS Inc. - Educational Talent Search
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North Adams

Drury High School
Silvio Conte Middle School

North Andover

North Andover High School

North Attleboro

North Attleboro High School

North Easton

Oliver Ames High School

North Quincy

Atlantic Middle School

Northborough

Algonquin Regional High School
Northborough Middle School

Northhampton

New Directions School

Norton

Norton Middle School

Norwell

Norwell High School

Norwood

Norwood Junior High
Norwood Senior High School

Oak Bluffs

Marthas Vineyard Regional High School
Oak Bluffs School

Orange

R.C. Mahar Regional School

Orleans

Nauset Regional Middle School

Peabody

Peabody High School
Peabody Veterans Memorial HS

Pembroke

Silver Lake Jr. High School

Plymouth

Plymouth Community Intermediate School
Plymouth North High School
Plymouth South High School (P.R.I.D.E.)

Provincetown

Provincetown High School

Quincy

Atlantic Middle School

Broad Meadows Middle School

North Quincy High School

Randolph

Randolph Jr./Sr. High School

Raynham

LaLiberte Jr. High

Reading

A.W. Coolidge Middle School
Memorial High School

Rehoboth

Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School

Revere

Revere High School

Rochester

Old Colony Regional Vocational HS

Rockport

Rockport High School
Rockport Middle School

Saugus

Saugus High School

Scituate

Gates Intermediate School

Sharon

Sharon High School

Somerset

Somerset Junior High School

Somerville

John F. Kennedy School
Next Wave Alternative Jr. High School
Short Stop Community Agency
Winter Hill Community School

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Frontier Regional School

South Hadley

South Hadley High School

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Knox Trail Jr. High School/Student Council

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West Springfield High School

Stoneham

Stoneham High School
O'Donnell Middle School

Stoughton

Stoughton High School

Sudbury

Lincoln Sudbury Regional High School

Swampscott

Swampscott High School

Taunton

Bristol Plymouth Regional Tech.

Cohannet Middle School

J. L. Mulcahey Middle School

John F. Parker Middle School

Martin Middle School

Taunton High School

Tewksbury

Tewksbury High School

Tisbury

Tisbury School

North Middlesex Regional High School

Townsend

Greater Lowell Regional Voc. Tech. School

Tyngsboro

Tyngsboro High School

Wakefield

Galvin Middle School

Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational School

Wakefield High School

Walpole

Bird Middle School

Eleanor N. Johnson Middle School

Longview Farm- New England Home for Little Wanderers

Norfolk County Agricultural School

Waltham

Waltham High School

Waltham Vocational High School

Wareham

Wareham High School

Wareham Middle School

Watertown

Watertown High School

Watertown Middle School Watertown

Wellesley

Dana Hall School

Wellesley High School

Wellesley Middle School

Wenham

Peaceful Community Partnership

West Bridgewater

West Bridgewater Middle Senior High School

Westford

Westford Academy

Weston

The Rivers School

Weston Middle School

Westport

Westport High School

Westwood

Thurston Middle School

Westwood High School

Weymouth

Abigail Adams Intermediate School

South Intermediate School

Weymouth High School/Vo-Tech High School

Weymouth Junior High

Whitman

Whitman Hanson Regional High School

Whitman Middle School

Wilbraham

Wilbraham & Monson Academy

Wilmington

West Intermediate

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Murdock Middle High School

Winchester

Winchester High School

Woburn

Kennedy Middle School

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North High School

South High Community

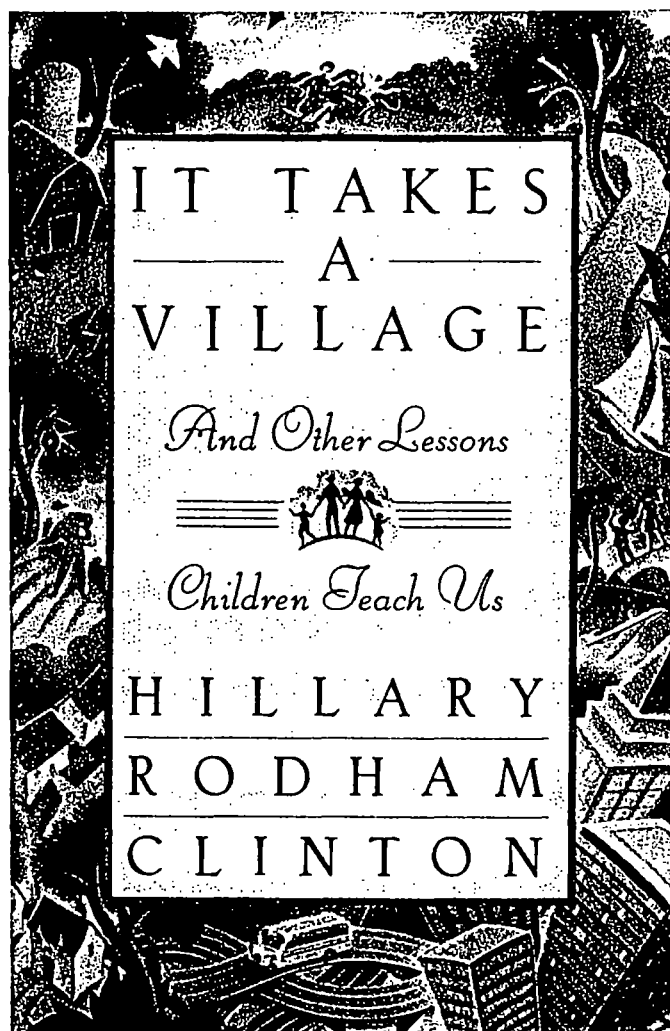
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Peaceful Community Partnership

King Philip Regional High School



After the Team Harmony event in 1994, many students wrote about the positive messages they received. ‘Since the event, I want to do all that I can to stop racism,’ one of them wrote. ‘I want everyone to live in peace and harmony, where there is no hatred and no violence. I don’t care that some of my friends are black, white, Chinese, Vietnamese, or Portuguese.’ ”



Team Harmony IV Confirmation Form Change of Date to December 9, 1997

Please sign and return with your Registration Packet!

School Name: _____

School City/Town: _____

Faculty Coordinator Name: _____

Dear Team Harmony Faculty Coordinator:

We are pleased to inform you that the First Lady, Hillary Rodham Clinton, will now be a part of this year's Team Harmony IV event! In order to accommodate the First Lady's schedule, the date of the event has been changed from Tuesday, November 25, 1997 to Tuesday, December 9, 1997 from 10:00 AM to 1:30 PM.

As participants in Team Harmony IV, we would like to confirm that your school has requested seating for the number of people stated above. However, in order for your registration to be complete, we are requesting that you fill out the following information to verify your participation at the event on **December 9, 1997. In order to attend Team Harmony IV on December 9, 1997, this form MUST be completed and faxed to us at 617-536-6409 (or mailed to the address below).** Once this form is received, we will mail your event tickets and other event materials including transportation information.

Please be aware that with the participation of the First Lady, Team Harmony IV will begin promptly at 10:00 AM. You will need to be checked-in and in your seats by this time. Check-in starts at 8:30 AM. Please plan accordingly!!

To be completed and signed by the Team Coordinator and the School Principal (or authorized school designee):

Our school's/organization's team, as stated above, will be attending Team Harmony IV on Tuesday, December 9, 1997 from 10:00 AM to 1:30 PM. We acknowledge that the date of Team Harmony IV has been changed from Tuesday, November 25, 1997 to Tuesday, December 9, 1997. By signing this document, we are granting permission for all permission forms dated for the November 25, 1997 event to be in affect for the new date, December 9, 1997. We will be responsible for notifying each attendees parent or guardian of this date change.

Signature of Faculty/Team Coordinator

Date

Signature of Principal or Authorized School Designee

Date

MAIL or FAX This Entire Form *with your Registration Forms* to:

Team Harmony IV c/o The Rendon Group, 33 Union St., 5th Floor, Boston, MA 02108

FAX: 617-536-6409

We MUST receive this completed form by November 14, 1997 for your school to be registered!!

Official Registration Packet

The Team Harmony Foundation, Fleet Bank
and Anti-Defamation League

Invite you to join us at

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DATE CHANGE:
December 9, 1997
Registration extended through
November 14, 1997

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TEAM HARMONY FOUNDATION



Team Harmony IV

November 25, 1997

FleetCenter

Boston, Massachusetts

10:00 AM to 1:30 PM

Find out how you can take the initiative to combat prejudice
and promote the value of respecting diversity
in your school and community.

Together we can make a difference !

**New Registration &
Ticketing
Process!**

ADL BACKGROUND

The Anti-Defamation League (ADL) is one of the nation's oldest and most respected civil rights and human relations organizations. Since its founding in 1913, the League has been at the forefront of the worldwide struggle against anti-Semitism, racism and all forms of bigotry. Through education, advocacy and community outreach programs designed to counteract hatred, ADL builds bridges of understanding among diverse groups.

A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE Institute is ADL's award-winning anti-bias education and training program founded to combat prejudice and promote the value of respecting diversity. Created here as a statewide campaign, the project aimed to help address racial, religious and ethnic tensions. This grass-roots project has evolved into a national Institute offering programming in 29 U.S. cities, as well as overseas.

TEAM HARMONY IV AGENDA

8:30 AM - 9:45 AM
10:00 AM - 1:30 PM
1:35 PM

Check-in and Seating
Team Harmony IV Event
Departure

Who Should ATTEND ?

All New England public, private and parochial school students, grades 7-11, and faculty are invited to attend. Schools should send a "team" of students and faculty—one faculty member for every five students—with a maximum of 25 students and 5 staff per school. The school's team should reflect diversity in gender, ethnicity, race, religion, interest, etc....



Thousands come together in Harmony at Team Harmony III, November 12, 1996.



Supporting a Winning Team
Leonard Zakim and Jon Jennings, Co-Founders of the Team Harmony Foundation present Michael Jordan, Captain of the World Champion Chicago Bulls with a Team Harmony t-shirt.

TEAM HARMONY BACKGROUND

Several years ago, former Boston Celtics' Captain Reggie Lewis and former Celtics' Assistant Coach/Scouting Coordinator Jon Jennings wanted to create an event which would help young people realize that regardless of their backgrounds, they needed to learn to respect each other's differences. After Reggie's tragic death at the age of 27, Jon joined forces with Leonard Zakim, Executive Director of the Anti-Defamation League of New England and Rick Rendon, Senior Partner of The Rendon Group. Together, they developed the Team Harmony

concept as a testimony to Jennings' friendship with Lewis.

Team Harmony was also developed to augment the ongoing work of the Anti-Defamation League's national anti-bias program, the A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE® Institute. The Institute is designed to end discrimination, primarily through teacher and student training workshops.

This multimedia event is a unique combination of entertainment, education, interactive dialogue, and inspiration based on a philosophy of a "team" effort to

overcome bigotry in our communities and driven by a belief in giving young people a chance to make a difference.

Over 30,000 students and faculty from across Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Rhode Island have attended Team Harmony events. Thousands of additional students have benefited from the programs which attendees have developed and implemented in their schools and communities. Attendance at Team Harmony IV will continue to empower and encourage youth to affect change.

NEW TICKETING & REGISTRATION PROCESS

Step 1

Team Registration Form

Complete the enclosed **Team Registration Form**. This form must include the names of all students and staff attending from your school/organization. Once completed, FAX form to (617) 536-6409 or mail to The Rendon Group. Team Forms must be postmarked by **Friday, October 31, 1997**.

Step 2

Participant Permission Form

Please copy and distribute a **Participant Permission Form** to each participant. All three signatures are required for students to attend! *Please Note: Staff are also required to complete forms.* Forms for all team members should be in one package to The Rendon Group. Forms must be postmarked by **Friday, October 31, 1997**.

Step 3

Event Tickets are Mailed

Once we receive your **Team Registration Form** and *all* **Participant Permission Forms**, event tickets will be mailed to you along with additional event information. Tickets will be assigned as registration packets are received. **The earlier you register the better your team's seats will be.**

Step 4

When you arrive at the event ...

Registration 8:30 AM to 9:45 AM

One Staff/Faculty representative from your school/organization should check-in while all other team members proceed to their seats. See information sheet mailed with tickets for more details.

OTHER ENCLOSED FORMS

Student Reporter Form

We are looking for a student reporter from each participating school. Student reporters will cover Team Harmony IV from their own perspective and write stories which will be featured in their local and school newspapers. Please encourage a responsible student to assume this important role. Forms must be received by **Friday, October 17, 1997** to qualify.

Fleet/Team Harmony Awards Application

If your school has implemented creative and innovative programs which directly deal with the issues of combating bigotry, racism, anti-Semitism and other forms of hatred, we encourage you to apply for this award. Five schools will be honored with the Fleet/Team Harmony Award at Team Harmony IV. Only applications received by **Friday, October 17, 1997** will be considered.

Lewis/ Jennings Award Nomination Form

If you know of young people from different racial, ethnic and/or religious backgrounds who have worked together as a team to implement change or combat bigotry, please nominate them using the enclosed form. All nominations must be received by **Friday, October 17, 1997** to be considered.

INFORMATION

Tickets:

Admittance to Team Harmony IV is *by ticket only*. Tickets will be mailed to you as soon as all registration materials are received. Anyone planning to attend must register. Students may only attend the event as part of a school's or organization's team.

Cost:

There is no fee to attend.

Food:

Lunch will be provided.

Dress:

Participants should dress as they would to attend school.

Location:

FleetCenter, Causeway Street, Boston, MA. The FleetCenter is located off Route 93, North Station exit. (North Station MBTA Stop).

Transportation & Parking:

Participants must provide their own transportation. Participants from the Greater Boston area are strongly urged to use the MBTA. The FleetCenter is located at the MBTA's "North Station" stop, accessible on the MBTA's Green, Orange and Commuter Rail Lines.

Individual passenger cars are discouraged. Parking is not provided.

Buses and vans must be registered on your Team Registration Form! Due to specific regulations in the City of Boston and limited bus parking, this information must be provided in advance or we will be unable to accommodate your bus. If you have school bus parking questions, please call (617) 536-6033.

NEW Ticketing and Registration Policy

Thank You Team Harmony Sponsors



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SEND FORMS TO:

Team Harmony IV Event
c/o The Rendon Group
33 Union Street, 5th Floor
Boston, MA 02108
FAX: (617) 536-6409

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family watch
Team Harmony IV LIVE
on...

**New England
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QUESTIONS?

Call: 1-800-63-UNITY

REMEMBER:

Register Early!!
The earlier you register
the better your seats will
be!

Team Harmony-Participant Permission Form

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Team Harmony is an event sponsored by the Team Harmony Foundation, Fleet Bank, Anti-Defamation League (ADL) and numerous other corporate and community sponsors. This multimedia event is a unique combination of entertainment, education, interactive dialogue, and inspiration based on a philosophy of a "team" effort to overcome bigotry in our communities and driven by the belief in giving young people a chance to make a difference. If you need additional information about this event, please contact your student's faculty advisor. In order to attend the event, this form **MUST** be completed and returned to the Team Coordinator. **THANK YOU!**

Participant's Name: _____

Faculty Coordinator: _____

Name of School or Community Organization: _____

School/Organization Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone #: _____ School Phone #: _____

(Please Check One) I am a... ☐ Staff Member ☐ Parent/Chaperone ☐ Student in Grade _____

Do you need: wheelchair access, sign language interpretation, or other services? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please explain: _____

Participant Sign Off

Must be completed by all participants in the event (students and faculty):

I hereby agree to participate in the Team Harmony IV Event on November 25, 1997 at the FleetCenter in Boston, MA. I understand that I am to attend all proceedings that are part of this event. I acknowledge that it is my responsibility to inform my teachers/supervisor of my absence from class due to this event. By signing this, I am granting my permission to be photographed on film or video tape.

Signature of Participant

Date

Parent/Guardian Sign-off

To be completed for all participants under age 18.

I hereby grant permission for the individual named above to attend the Team Harmony IV Event on Tuesday, November 25, 1997 at the FleetCenter. By signing this document I am granting permission for the individual named above to be photographed on film or video tape, for use in any Team Harmony Foundation and/or ADL promotional, fund-raising, or educational materials. I am also granting my permission for the individual to travel to the event with a school or organization chaperone.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

School Sign-Off

Must be completed for all students.

The person named above has permission to participate in this school sanctioned activity and to be excused from all classes on Tuesday, November 25, 1997 to attend the Team Harmony IV Event. The school shall be responsible for all transportation involved in bringing the person named above to and from the Event.

Signature of Principal
or Authorized School Designee

Date

Note to Faculty/Staff Coordinator:

Copy and distribute this form to each member of your Team for completion. Remember event tickets will not be issued until all forms are received. Mail all Participant Permission Forms by Friday, October 31, 1997 to:

Team Harmony IV Event, c/o The Rendon Group, Inc., 33 Union Street, 5th Floor, Boston, MA 02108
or FAX: 617-536-6409

Fleet Bank Team Harmony IV Awards Application

Fleet Bank is proud to recognize young people who are working to combat prejudice and promote respect for all persons. In fact, we know that from the neighborhood to the nation—our ability to cultivate diverse perspectives will have a profound affect on all our futures. And it begins not institutionally, but individually classmate to classmate, colleague to colleague. For that reason, we present the Fleet Bank Team Harmony Awards. In this way, we recognize some of the remarkable individuals who make these principles a way of life:

Criteria:

Team Harmony IV will once again be honoring 5 student teams who have made a difference in their schools by their work in combating prejudice and promoting respect for diversity. All middle and high-school students from public, private or parochial schools in New England are eligible to apply to be a *Fleet Bank Team Harmony IV* Award winner.

To be an award recipient, the diversity work in your school should be in accordance with the goals of A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE Institute.

These goals are:

- To provide an understanding of prejudice and discrimination and the harms they inflict upon individuals and society;
- To recognize our own and others' biases and to take personal responsibility for combatting prejudice and discrimination;
- To challenge the stereotypes and biases which inhibit intergroup understanding;
- To provide techniques for combatting prejudice and discrimination; and
- To identify factors in the school environment which promote intergroup understanding and student successes.

Directions:

School staff need to complete the information below and the application on the reverse side. Please reproduce copies of the reverse side for each activity which is part of your action plan. All activities completed since *Team Harmony III* (November 12, 1996) and all activities planned through June of 1998 should be included.

Additionally, please provide the following information in narrative form on a separate sheet of paper:

1. What was the impetus behind developing your diversity program? (e.g. student, staff, media, bias incident, etc.)
2. What is the profile of your school community?

School Name: _____

School Address: _____

Telephone: _____ FAX: _____

Faculty Contact: _____ Home Telephone: _____

Student Team (Include names and grades): _____

Please submit all applications to:
Fleet Bank Team Harmony IV Awards,
c/o The Rendon Group, Inc., 33 Union Street, 5th Floor, Boston, MA 02108
or FAX all sheets to (617) 536-6409

Deadline for consideration is Friday, October 17, 1997

Fleet Bank Team Harmony IV Awards Activity Description Sheet

Please reproduce this document for each activity you wish to submit for consideration.

Name of School: _____

Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

For each activity please provide the following information:

Name of Activity: _____

Description of Activity: _____

Date(s) of Activity: _____

Planners of Activity: *(Indicate student, faculty, combined effort, etc.)* _____

Is this Activity... *(Please indicate all that apply)*

A. Being held for the first time? _____

B. An annual event? _____

If yes, what year did it begin? _____

C. Other? _____

D. Curriculum based? _____

E. Non-classroom? _____

Which students participate in the activity *(e.g. all grades, clubs, etc.)*? _____

Please Submit to:

Fleet Bank Team Harmony IV Awards, c/o The Rendon Group, Inc., 33 Union Street, 5th Floor, Boston, MA 02108
or FAX all sheets to (617) 536-6409

Questions? Call 1-800-63-UNITY

Lewis/Jennings Award Nomination Form

Created to honor young people who cross the barriers of race, religion and ethnic backgrounds to come together for a common purpose and make a difference in the lives of others.

BACKGROUND

The Lewis/Jennings Award was created to honor the friendship which existed between Reggie Lewis, former Boston Celtic's Captain and Jon Jennings, former Celtic's Assistant Coach. These two men were of different backgrounds and races, but became friends. After the race riots in Los Angeles, Reggie Lewis, a black man from urban Baltimore, Maryland and Jon Jennings, a white man from rural Richmond, Indiana, discussed the race relations in the United States and decided to do something about it. Their combined dream was to create an event to bring together youth to face the issues of bigotry, prejudice and hatred. Tragically, Reggie Lewis died at the age of 27, before this dream could come into existence. Jon Jennings, as a tribute to his friend, continued their dream in the Team Harmony Event. The Lewis/Jennings Award honors those young people from different ethnic, racial and/or religious backgrounds who work together as a team to implement change or combat bigotry.

NOMINATIONS

We encourage you to nominate two or more young people who have worked together as a team to implement change in their communities. These youth should be from different racial, ethnic and/or religious backgrounds.

Your Name: _____

Your Organization/School: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Work Phone#: _____ Home Phone#: _____

I nominate the following young people who are from diverse backgrounds and have come together to make a difference in the lives of others...*(please list names, ages, and grades of the nominees)*

In paragraph form on a separate sheet of paper please indicate the following:

1. The background of each individual (racial, religious, cultural, geographic, gender, etc.).
2. How these young people came together to work toward a common goal.
3. What project/program these young people worked on together.
4. Why you think these young people should be honored at *Team Harmony IV* with this award.

Please submit all award nominations to:

Lewis/Jennings Award, c/o The Rendon Group, Inc., 33 Union Street, 5th Floor, Boston, MA 02108
or FAX to: 617-536-6409.

If you have questions please call 1-800-63-UNITY.

Nominations Must be received by Friday, October 17, 1997 to be considered.

Team Harmony IV-Team Registration Form

Complete this form by listing the name and grade level of all students and staff attending the *Team Harmony IV Event* at the FleetCenter on Tuesday, November 25, 1997.

Mail completed Team Registration Form to:

Team Harmony IV Event, c/o The Rendon Group, Inc., 33 Union Street, 5th Floor, Boston, MA 02108
or FAX to 617-536-6409.

Registration forms must be postmarked by Friday, October 31, 1997.

School Name: _____

School Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

School Phone #: _____ School Fax #: _____

Staff Contact: _____ Home Phone #: _____

We will be traveling by (please check one): ☐ bus ☐ van ☐ MBTA.

Type or Print Team Member Names: Please indicate staff members' names on STAFF lines and students on other lines.

1. STAFF _____

2. _____ Grade: _____

3. _____ Grade: _____

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25. STAFF _____

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30. _____ Grade: _____

Remember- There Must Be One Staff Member/Adult For Every 5 Students!

Team Harmony IV Student Reporter Form

Hold The Presses!!!

We invite you to be a Student Reporter for Team Harmony IV at the FleetCenter in Boston, Massachusetts on Tuesday, November 25, 1997. As a student reporter, you will write a story about Team Harmony IV from your perspective for your local and school newspapers. Schools are limited to one student reporter.

Student Reporters must attend the Team Harmony IV Event. Please obtain permission from your Team Harmony Faculty Coordinator and complete the information below.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Student Reporter's Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City/Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: (Home) _____ (School) _____

Your Age: _____ Your Grade: _____

Student Reporter's Signature: _____

Name of School: _____

Name of Faculty Coordinator: _____

Telephone: (Home) _____ (School) _____

Faculty Coordinator's Signature: _____

Thank you for volunteering to be a **Team Harmony IV Student Reporter**. You will be notified of a pre-event Student Reporter Briefing Session (time and place to be announced). Don't forget to bring a pad of paper and a pencil (and a camera, if you like) to Team Harmony IV.

After receiving this form we will send you the name, address and phone number of the editor of your local paper. We will contact the editor on your behalf and explain to him/her that you would like to write a news story about Team Harmony IV. We ask that you then call the editor to discuss your story. Questions can be submitted by e-mail to: Lauren@Rasky.com or by Fax to: 617-742-6880 or call: (617) 742-7077.

To participate in this program, this form must be faxed to (617) 742-6880 no later than Friday, October 17, 1997.

STAND UP AND BE COUNTED

I've had enough.
I'm so tired of racial fights in
high school, swastikas,
and skin heads spreading
their racist propaganda.

I have to speak out,
but I feel so alone.
No one wants to get involved,
but why should we
put up with this?
Racism is unacceptable.

I don't have to put up with this.
I only have one voice,
but if enough of us speak out,
together we can stop the hate.



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Belmont High School

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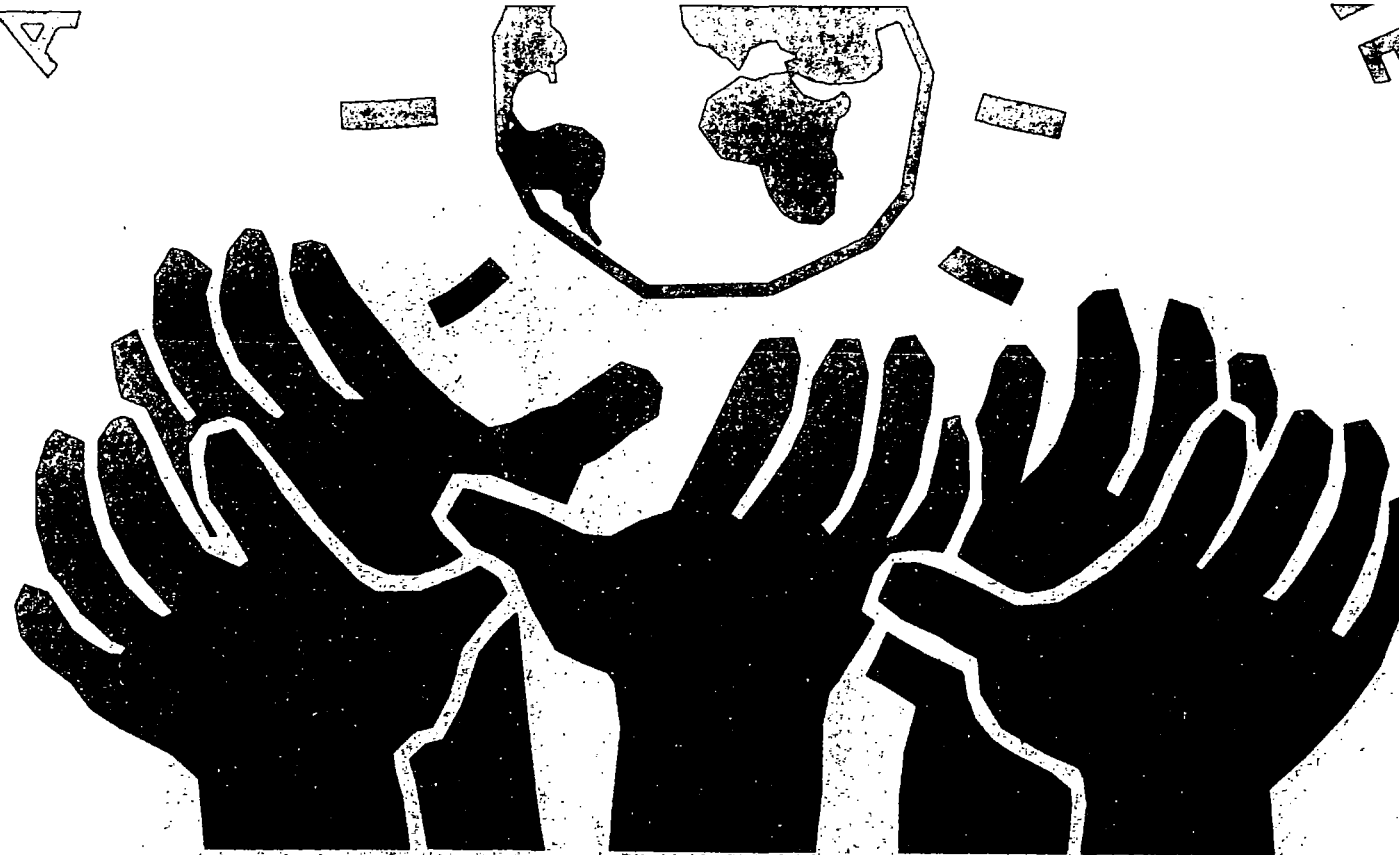
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Medfield High School

By voicing ideas, she became an integral part of the decision-making process.

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THE WORLD OF DIFFERENCE INSTITUTE
cited these ten teachers from Massachusetts, Rhode Island and
Vermont for their efforts promoting respect for diversity.

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10 students who have found a better way

By Gloria Negri
GLOBE STAFF

At 17 Derik Abelson, coping with physical and cognitive disabilities, hardly realized the power of his actions when he first spoke out against the taunting he endured — students mocking and mimicking his uncertain gait and speech — in the Ayer High School cafeteria.

So deep was his hurt, Abelson felt he could not let the taunts go unreported, hoping he would save another student the same pain.

He spoke to school principal Don K. Parker, who suggested he make fellow students aware of his hurt feelings. Two other students, Jason Kidder and Lisa Venema, helped him organize his talks before different grade levels, talks that galvanized his school community.

Abelson is one of 10 Massachusetts students who will be honored tonight by the Anti-Defamation League's A World of Difference. Institute for their courage and commitment "in demonstrating exemplary

They will receive the Golden "You Can Make a Difference" award at the league's downtown office.

In all cases the winners have been outspoken and, at times, taken controversial stands against discrimination in many areas including race, religion, and sexual preference.

At Ayer High School, so much were students moved that this year's graduating class has dedicated its yearbook to Abelson, breaking the tradition of naming a teacher or another adult for the honor. "I'm very happy and proud," Abelson, a ninth grader at Ayer High, said recently.

"It wasn't easy for Derik to face the entire school and share his message with them," said special education teacher Diane A. Hobbs, "but he knew that even if his message reached only a handful of students, it would make a great difference for people with disabilities."

The handful of his former tormenters have now joined his host of admirers, whose view of Abelson is summed up in the feelings of two seniors, William Justice and Charles



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KAITLIN McGAW
Organized meeting

even if you have obstacles to face in life, if you are determined, you can



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DERIK ABELSON
Took action on own

overcome them," said Justice. Naimann said that when Abelson spoke

to students about his feelings having been hurt, "he made us all talk and act differently in a positive way."

The awards ceremony is one of a series of events leading to the Anti-Defamation League's Team Harmony Event in November.

"By taking a strong stand against anti-Semitism, racism, homophobia and other forms of bigotry and prejudice in their schools and communities, these special teens have clearly chosen the 'road less traveled by,' said Leonard Zakim, executive director of the Anti-Defamation League's New England Region, and Harold W. Schwartz, its chairman of the board.

The award winners will each receive a US savings bond valued at \$1,000, a cash award of \$250, plus another \$250 for the charity of their choice. The award money was made possible through a foundation named in honor of the late Irene and Jack Golden of Kingston. The Goldenes spent their lifetimes promoting social justice, civil rights, and racial and religious harmony. For his charity, Derik Abelson chose Boy Scout

Troop No. 823 for the Handicapped of which he is a member. Belmont High School Senior Kaitlin McGaw, 18, of Belmont, selected ANYTOWN New England, a youth leadership development and diversity education program of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, where she trained. Not many who know McGaw were surprised to hear she had won a humanitarian award, except, perhaps, herself. "I guess I've always been known as kind of a freedom fighter," said McGaw, who enters Harvard College in September.

It was her time spent at ANYTOWN, McGaw said, "that changed my life and committed me to social service."

McGaw has been the leader fighting several racial incidents Belmont and in school. Last November she organized a racial harmony gathering that 900 attended. One year, McGaw used the skills she learned at ANYTOWN to teach empathy and inclusion at her alma mater elementary school. "This is the age when kids still haven't learned about hatred," she said.

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8 also honored for upholding respect for diversity

Aside from Derik Abelson of Ayer and Kaitlin McGaw of Belmont, eight others will be honored with Golden Awards for their work promoting respect for diversity. They are:

• **Evon Burroughs**, 16, a star athlete, who is co-president of the Diversity Club at Rivers School in Weston. He has been outspoken in support of fellow students who might have been discriminated against, not only because of race and gender, but also for sexual orientation. His charity is Children's Services of Roxbury.

• **Sarah Burke**, 18, who lobbied for the formation of a Gay/Straight Alliance at Natick High School, an effort that resulted in a \$1,225 Safe Schools grant to Natick High from

the State Department of Education. Her charity is the Foundation for Children with AIDS.

• **Jennifer Brundige**, 13, an 8th grader at Broad Meadows Middle School in Quincy, led a letter-writing campaign to raise funds to build a school in Pakistan in memory of Iqbal Masih, who was sold into slave labor in Pakistan by his family at age four. He was later honored with a humanitarian award in Boston and visited the Quincy school. Jennifer's charity is Iqbal's school.

• **Heather Ingerson**, 17, of Amesbury High School, who started workshops at the high and middle schools in Amesbury on human diversity. She is preparing public service announcements for cable television to foster dialogue between parents and

teen-agers. Her charity is the Strongest Link AIDS Services in Essex County.

• **Nirva Kapasi**, 18, of Ashland High School, who inspired creation of the school's International Club. As its president, she has organized tolerance training sessions and sponsored a National Conference of Christian and Jews program that trains high school students to teach tolerance to elementary students. Her charity is Project Teamwork, a national initiative to reduce violence and prejudice.

• **Susana Kwong**, 15, of Brighton High School, cited for her community service activities, particularly with the homeless, and for making those activities part of the Latinos-in-Action student club of which she is vice-

president. Her charity is the Sidney Borum Jr. Health Center in Boston.

• **Sarah Melvoin**, 17, of the Winsor School in Boston, who initiated a Human Relations Forum there to discuss prejudice. Now, all controversial issues are discussed at the forum. Her charity is the Southern Poverty Law Center in Montgomery, Ala.

• **Diana Rubin**, 16, of Methuen High School, founder of the Violence Awareness Committee there and a peer mediator. As such, school officials said, she has been a key factor in maintaining a peaceful environment at the school. She is also a founding member of the school's AIDS Action Committee. Her charity is Safe Havens, a peer assistance program at school.

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They are spreading intolerance – of bias

Students gather at Brandeis workshop

By John Milne
GLOBE STAFF

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By Gloria Negri
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With artists' hands and sensitive souls, Payne and 11 other students have put their images of a world without prejudice on paper with magic marker, water colors and acrylic paint to win places on the 1997 calendar of the Anti-Defamation League's World of Difference Institute.

The World of Difference Institute received more than 12,000 entries from students in grades K through 12 in 54 schools around the state for the calendar contest, now in its 10th year, said Sherry Cherwin, the Anti-Defamation League's special-project coordinator. This year's calendar project is funded by the Sheraton Foundation.

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"I had always been taught at home to treat everyone the same way," said Fleming, a junior at North Shore Technical High School in Middleton. "I hope my drawing will help people accept others as they are."

Fleming and her classmates have been inspired to promote tolerance by their art teacher, Gina Bianco, who has donated her time and talent to the World of Difference Institute.

Art teachers say the calendar contest is not only an outlet for the artistic talents of their students, but that it also gives the students an opportunity to informally discuss prejudice

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Fleishman. "One person can make a difference," Fleishman told the students. They were urged, for example, to challenge and not to tolerate discrimination. In the cafeteria incident, students learned how they might offer support to a shunned classmate, calm him down and talk to other students afterward.

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Teachers and youth workers discuss how to prevent bias

WALTHAM – In small groups and casual dress, 20 Massachusetts schoolteachers and three youth workers gave up part of their summer vacation last week to gather at Brandeis University to talk about ways to erase prejudice in a world often too eager to ignore it.

"Each of us has a responsibility to stop anti-Semitism, racism, prejudice and discrimination in the same way we would stop a child from reaching for a pot of boiling water on the stove," said Sandra B. Fleishman, project director of A World of Difference Institute of the Anti-Defamation League, as she opened the institute's 10th annual summer session for teachers.

The institute is an anti-bias education and training project started by the New England ADL 11 years ago. Since it began its summer program 10 years ago, it has trained 25,000 Massachusetts schoolteachers.

The summer session is one of a series of events leading to the ADL's Team Harmony Event in November.

Nationwide, more than 230,000 teachers have been trained and more than 10 million public, private and parochial school students have been reached by the institute program, Fleishman said.

From around the state last week, participants at Brandeis included African-Americans, whites, Hispanics and Asians. They or their schools paid \$250 to take the course.

The institute has touched many schools and workplaces. Jan Krause, an institute "facilitator," has for several years been training teachers and administrators in Worcester's public schools. "The idea is to take a proactive approach to prevent incidences of bias before they occur," said facilitator Barbara Holland. That is why Gerald P. Casey, program manager of the youth program of the Boston Housing Authority, enrolled in the summer program.

"Within our 22 housing developments," he said, "we're using youth as our tool" to fight racial bias. "All



Eleven teachers were cited in May for promoting respect for diversity. Front row: Michael Delman, Southborough; Pauline Bixby, Orange; Maureen Spaight, East Providence, R.I.; Joseph Sammon, Medford. Standing: Marcia Butman and Corrinna Holloway of Lexington; Claire Ogelsby, Putney, Vt.; Janyce Lee, Brookline; Sherry Isbiter, Methuen; Louise Freedman, Newton. Not shown: Denise Messina, Springfield.

you have to do is visit a project and you'll see black and white children playing together. It's the adults who have the problem."

In the fall, Casey said, the BHA will start diversity

clubs in its projects, using A World of Difference to train its staff.

Clara Hicks, a black retired principal of the Mason-Rice Elementary School in Newton Center, has worked

to foster respect for cultural diversity during her 41 years as a schoolteacher. Her career began in rural Alabama and included a year in London as assistant principal at a school for American dependents.

"I took this program as a learner and now would like to become a facilitator," Hicks said. "This institute has given us the chance to share ideas around very sensitive topics as we build trust. The workshops leave you with thought-provoking ideas. Role-playing is more valuable than a list of how-to's."

"For the first two days of the institute, the agenda included role-playing examples of prejudice, such as insensitive acts against people of different races or cultures, of a different sexual preference or for whom English is a second language. Some gave firsthand experiences.

"Once we've raised our personal awareness, we can apply what we've learned to our students," said Carla Yamashiro, an institute staffer who used to teach school.

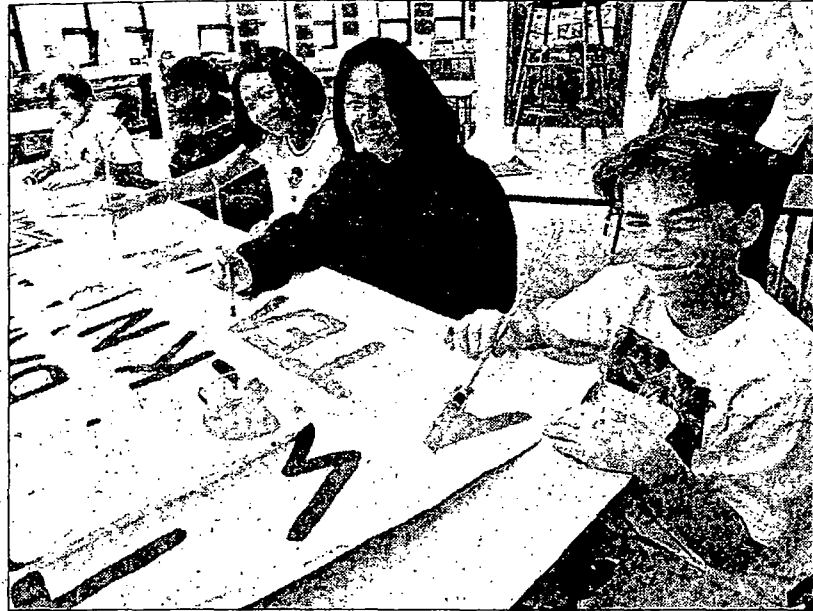
"We all carry a lot of baggage around with us and until we discover it, we can't deal with it," said Holland.

For one participant, the workshop on "white privilege" struck a chord.

"Because I am a white, Protestant male, I haven't been a victim of prejudice," said David Herbert, a teacher at Westford Academy, a public school in Westford. "Hearing people here talk of what it really means to be a victim of prejudice has taught me a lot." Herbert won an award for his diversity program at the school. The program was especially meaningful to JoAnn Carlotto, a head teacher of the Greater Lawrence Educational Collaborative, an alternative school in Methuen. "A lot of the 'isms' we're dealing with here, I see at school," Carlotto said. "Our students are so insecure, anyone who is different threatens their own identities. We have to get them to value themselves, so they can value others. teach them to affirm diversity instead of fighting it."

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Bartlett Middle School students, from left, Chris Floyd, Mariama Willie-Bonglo, Linda Lakmany, Lekhena Levin and Stephen Darrigo.

In Danvers, a fruitful effort

By Gloria Negri
GLOBE STAFF

In the summer of 1994, the Danvers community was stunned when racial, anti-Semitic and sexist

performance. The graffiti incident and Team Harmony have inspired the kids to work with the committee and the Police Department to implement an action plan for Danvers High School.

State House kickoff time

Sylvia Stevens-Edouard, Blue Cross director of community relations, checks out Jon Jennings' World of Difference tie at a State House ceremony on April 1 kicking off World of Difference Week at which Lt. Gov. Paul Cellucci read Gov. William F. Weld's proclamation.



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A Medford teacher is honored

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graffiti was spray-painted on the windows and walls of an elementary school in town. Two Danvers High School students, ages 14 and 16, were charged with vandalism. Although local schools had been working with students to instill respect for cultural and racial diversity, the incident prompted school officials to turn to the New England office of the nationwide Anti-Defamation League for help.

For the past 11 years, the League has run an anti-bias education and training project known as The World of Difference Institute. And Danvers is one of many school districts, including Boston, that have approached the Boston-based Institute for guidance in developing student programs that foster tolerance.

"We identified that we had a problem and realized nothing would really make a difference unless we introduced diversity into the curriculum of every kid," said Kevin Fahey, director of sociocultural studies for the Danvers school system. And that's precisely what Danvers did, Fahey says. After both teachers and students took refresher classes in tolerance given by Institute staff, (the Jewish Federation of the North Shore helped pay for the training), Danvers middle and high school students formed peer leader groups among volunteers.

These groups began to organize events to promote diversity. One such event will take place Nov. 4, when students at Danvers High School present, with the support of a townwide committee, "Terézin, Children of the Holocaust," a play about a Nazi concentration camp for children in Czechoslovakia. "Putting on the play is a direct result of the kids' involvement with Team Harmony," Fahey said.

"This group of kids went to the town-wide committee, which agreed to raise funds for this professional

The plan appears to be working. "We haven't had any repeats of the incidents on the scale of what we had," said Theodore H. Butler, faculty adviser for the World of Difference Institute programs in Danvers schools. "The positive impact is that somehow groups of kids have taken ownership of the problem."

On Nov. 12, Danvers students will be among 14,000 students from 450 schools in Massachusetts attending an annual event at the FleetCenter called "Team Harmony." The event will honor the work of students statewide who have been fighting bigotry and hopefully serve to inspire other student efforts.

Each year, more and more schools have taken on the Team Harmony mission by holding special events during the year to encourage others to act against prejudice of all kinds. Many others who already had anti-bias programs in effect have dovetailed them with the ADL's.

For example:

■ In Boston, more than 30 middle and high schools have taken part in ADL programs. Officials say such projects help students understand they belong to a diverse community.

■ At Lowell's Bartlett Middle School, students started a multicultural chorus, which hopes to perform at next month's FleetCenter event. Bartlett, a school that describes itself as 63 percent minority, also held its own World of Difference day.

■ At North Attleborough High School several years ago, the Student Awareness Club, an ADL program participant, raised money to sandblast a swastika off Town Hall, said principal Wilson Whitty.

Worcester schools have made a commitment, by making it mandatory for all teachers and staff to take three sessions of ADL-sponsored training, according to Ann Meserve, a school advisor at Worcester's Burncoat Senior High School.

By Jerry Taylor
GLOBE STAFF

The catalyst for change, Joseph Sammon said, came in October 1992 in Medford High School's enrollment in SEED, or "Seeking Equity in Educational Diversity," an effort by the state Education Department to add multicultural dimensions across the public school curriculum.

Then came the December 1992 brawl between black and white students at Medford High School, resulting in 15 arrests and provoking remedial steps, from hiring the school's first black guidance counselor to setting up a conflict resolution program with two dozen students trained as mediators.

Last month, Sammon, an English teacher, won a \$500 incentive award from the Anti-Defamation League's World of Difference Institute, one of 11 teachers in New England - four from the NorthWest area - to be honored. Medford High is the only school in New England to have faculty members recognized three years in a row by the institute, whose stated goal is to "create an atmosphere in our schools which fights prejudice and targets diversity as a strength."

"Some students were adamantly opposed to reading black authors," Sammon said in an interview at Medford High, which has 1,400 students, 16 percent of them black, Latino or Asian. "We live in a different world today, a global village. It's important for our students to be aware of what people are reading in Japan and South America and China. There's no such thing any longer as English lit per se."

Roy Belson, Medford's school superintendent, said: "We're thrilled we have outstanding people who do these things and we're committed to keeping it going."

Sammon, rather than lecture, has students discuss readings them-

selves.

He has them create posters or videos reflecting their research into, say, marriage traditions in several cultures, or write personal narratives based on such works as Julius Lester's "To Be a Slave," an anthology of accounts by slaves in the United States.

"They had to write narratives from the perspective of the middle passage or the auction block or escape along the Underground Railroad," Sammon said.

"They picked up the vernacular of slaves. Some of their narratives were more poignant than those of the slaves themselves."

All his students - three classes of seniors and one of sophomores - eventually get to share their narratives and other writings by reading them aloud. He has found that getting students to work in teams makes a difference, too.

"It's almost as if I'm a salesman with a great product," Sammon said.

"Students motivate themselves because they teach each other. They come to class prepared. That's why working in groups is so important."

Sammon is quick to credit Margaret Kane, with whom he collaborated in creating the curriculum for their senior English classes. He praises the contributions of David Moriarty, language arts director for the Medford school system, and Moriarty's predecessor, the late Leah Caliri-Clark.

Kane shared the 1995 World of Difference award with Ramon Finner, a Medford High social studies teacher. The 1994 award winner was Diane Abramson, an American literature teacher at Medford High.

And Sammon predicts that Medford High's 1997 award winner will be Maureen Mann, the psychology teacher who originated the Common Ground unit that Sammon has helped to present to the community.



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are asked to select a stranger among their classmates and write their impressions of the other student. Then they question friends of the student and the student himself or herself, to write a more accurate profile.

"I assign this to all my seniors," Sammon said. "They learn about stereotypes. Nine times out of 10, the stereotype students write is different from the reality."

Just as Sammon shares the lime-light with colleagues, his students seem in awe of him.

"He remembers what it's like to be a kid, his classes are friendly and informal," said Stephanie DiVito, the 1996 valedictorian whose address at graduation Wednesday evening in Hormel Stadium reflected gleanings from Sammon's classes. The teacher helped polish the speech.

"The United States is not composed solely of white Anglo-Saxon Protestants," DiVito, headed for Syracuse University, wrote. "We here at MHS have already had the privilege and good fortune of learning that lesson - a lesson which all too many learn much too late."

The 300 members of the class of 1996 dedicated their yearbook to

DiVito and the other four students in his advanced placement English class this year gave him a Mont Blanc pen. He had the five to his house for a farewell barbecue. DiVito and the other four - Amanda Poverchuk, Deirdre Owens, Laurie Thurrott and Chris Bruno - wrote tributes to Sammon on a card they gave him.

"Few people have influenced my life the way you have," Bruno said. Owens said: "I love a class where I can give my opinion, extensively." Poverchuk said: "You are an absolutely fabulous teacher. I will never forget what you taught me about life, people and literature."

Sammon, 50, was born in Newport News, Va., the eldest of five children and the only one to attend college. His father was a production manager at Arthur D. Little, the Cambridge-based consulting firm; his mother, a homemaker.

After graduating from Medford High in 1964, he entered Boston State College, earning a bachelor's degree in 1968. That fall he joined the Medford High faculty.

"I'm lucky I selected a career I truly love," he said. His other pursuits include restoring his parents' Greek Revival home in which he lives, gardening, cooking, skiing and traveling, with a trip planned this summer to Hawaii and Tahiti. But his vocation and avocation are one.

"Teaching is allowing students to have the experience of discovery, not just acquiring a lot of facts to be regurgitated on a test," Sammon said. "I don't give tests per se. Everything is analysis. It's all writing. I often begin a class by asking students for things they'd like to discuss from their readings the night before."

"Teaching today is so much more than subject matter. You're required to take students to new heights. In many cases you're required to

The Class of '96: Among Many, One Gallery of Achievers



Her mix: academics, activism, arts

Lauren Young
School: Medfield High
Destination: Harvard

If there's any doubt that the life of a high school senior can be very taxing, examine the life of Lauren Young.

A National Merit finalist, Young is in the top 10 percent of her class, despite having carried a rigorous course load of honor courses throughout her high school career.

She is editor of the high school literary magazine, a volunteer tutor in math and Latin, and a member of the National Honor Society, Students Against Driving Drunk, Spanish honor society, Students Against Racism and the track team, as well as a former member of the cross-country and soccer teams.

She participated in the national language arts Olympiad, scored maxima cum laude on the national Latin exam, and was nominated as a Tandy Technology Scholar in math and science. She is also a member of a youth advisory committee that relays the needs and opinions of local young people to the town's governing members.

Young was also one of four students selected to serve on a committee that revamped Medfield

High School's class ranking system. On that committee, Young "took a leadership role right from the start," wrote guidance counselor Martin Salka in Young's college recommendation. "By voicing penetrating ideas and initiating a variety of topics, she became an integral part of the decision-making process."

Out of the classroom, Young's passion is dancing. She began studying dance when she was 4 years old, and for the past 14 years has competed nationally in several types of dance, including tap, jazz and ballet in duos, trios and solos. She estimates that she spends at least three hours in dance training each day, even throughout the school year.

Not surprisingly, balancing these diverse activities is no easy task.

"Although many people have told me to slow down and focus on one thing, I think I've done pretty well with everything," Young says. "I just have a lot of different interests."

At Harvard she plans to study pre-medicine, and hopes to become a surgeon.



'One busy kind of guy' eyes political arena

James Valerio

School: Marlborough High School

Destination: Trinity College

As a starting offensive guard and defensive end for the varsity football team – not to mention golfer, cheerleader and former basketball player – Valerio is most definitely an athlete.

But he is also referred to as "one of the strongest tenor voices I've ever had" and "a wonderful singer and wonderful entertainer" by the head of the high school music department.

Sound like a contradiction? Not for this teen-ager, who says he feels equally at home on a gridiron or in a performance hall.

Originally, Valerio, a dyed-in-the-wool athlete, was by no means a willing participant in the world of music. As he recalls it, during his sophomore year, "a friend dragged me down to this music course, where I sat wearing my football shirt, staring down at my number, not singing and not thinking about anything." But by the second day, "I fell in love with it."

Thus launched a high school career as athlete-singer that branched into show choir, mixed chorus, a cappella choir, church choir and drama club, and that eventually won him the lead roles in two school musicals. This year, Valerio also won a spot in the district and all-state choruses.

"When Jim found that he could sing, he just continued to explore it," said Jane Toohey, the city's music coordinator who is based in the high school. "He realized the potential of his voice, and it became another avenue for him to vent his energies."

For Valerio, those avenues are many. There are few groups, clubs, teams, organizations or committees at Marlborough High in which Valerio has not been involved. The list includes student council, science club, yearbook committee, prom committee, student advisory committee and peer relations club. And when the cheerleading coach was recruiting male cheerleaders, Valerio was one of the first male students to join the squad.

Guidance department chairman Bob Berardino says: "Jim is one busy kind of guy."

"It's an old saying, but you really get out of high school what you put into it," Valerio said. "I loved Marlborough High School, and I got so much out of it because I know I put so much into it. You get tenfold back what you put in."

At Trinity, Valerio plans to study political science, and has considered a career in politics. His experience at a weeklong Boys State conference last year may foreshadow his future employment path. At the conference, which was sponsored by the American Legion, Valerio was elected governor from among 700 student delegates.

"I want a job where I'm involved working with people," Valerio said. "Maybe politics will turn out to be where that happens."

Text by Globe correspondent Sacha Pfeiffer

Injuries point way to career

Tracey Apone

School: Millis High School

Destination: University of Connecticut

Tracey Apone is no stranger to the pulls, tears and breaks that frequently plague athletes.

A varsity tennis and soccer player at Millis High School, Apone has ripped ligaments and a lingering cartilage injury in one knee. She also has Osgood-Schlatter disease, which causes a build-up of bone and cartilage near joints such as knees and elbows. Perhaps ironically, then, it's a knee injury that Apone credits with helping define her career path – allied medicine and physical therapy.

"I've had a lot of injuries, so I've spent the better part of my life in physical therapy," explains Apone, who expects to play Division I tennis at the University of Connecticut this fall. "I want a job that lets me incorporate sports with working with people and being able to help people."

Apone, whom her guidance counselor, Tammy Heathcote, calls "an exceptional student" and "an all-around awesome kid," began playing tennis as soon as she could walk. She credits sports with teaching her leadership and fitness skills, and providing her with overall enjoyment and improved self-esteem.

Apone made the varsity tennis team in the eighth grade and, as a freshman, was named the squad's Unsung Hero and Most Improved Player. As a junior, she was voted Most Valuable Player and named to the Tri-Valley League All-Star team. She was elected team captain her senior year.

As a high school soccer player, Apone was similarly successful, earning her first varsity letter as a sophomore and serving as captain as a senior.

"Sports have had such a major impact on my life that I definitely want to continue that in some way, shape or form in my professional career," Apone said.

Off the playing field, Apone has served as a peer leader and a "big sister" to an elementary school student, and has volunteered for the Millis Ecumenical Food Pantry, since she was a freshman. She is involved in peer education, Students Against Drunk Driving, Girls State, prom committee, spirit week committee, yearbook committee, Amnesty International and International Red Cross.



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Bringing diversity to the forefront

Nirva Kapasi

School: Ashland High

Destination: Boston University

Thanks to Nirva Kapasi, "diversity" is more than just a buzzword at Ashland High School.

As president of Ashland High's International Club for the past two years, Kapasi has worked doggedly to make students, faculty and staff at the high school – where the student body is only 10 percent minority – be aware and appreciative of ethnic and cultural diversity in their midst.

One of Kapasi's first projects as president was to establish an annual flag-raising ceremony at the high school to pay tribute to the native countries of foreign-born students. Twenty-two flags from nations as varied as Zaire, Iran and Peru now hang from the school's cafeteria ceiling as constant visual reminders of the student body's rich cultural heritage.

"Nirva's pride in her own ethnic background has been an inspiration to other students," said International Club adviser Connie Mannal, who calls Kapasi "a born leader" and credits her with transforming the once-lackluster club into a student organization that examines – and celebrates – multiculturalism.

A first-generation American (her parents moved to the United States from India 25 years ago), Kapasi actively nurtures her own ethnic heritage as a member of an Indian cultural dancing group that performs throughout the state.

Kapasi also helped



A 'little Fred Astaire' is on fast track to college

Jorge Martinez

School: Hudson High School

Destination: To be determined

Jorge Martinez' guidance counselor has nicknamed him "a little Fred Astaire."

Whether he is dancing the cha-cha, samba, tarantella, salsa, tango, rumba or flamenco, "Jorge projects something phenomenal," said counselor Dennis Frias, who recruited Martinez to dance for the high school's International Club last year.

A native of Puerto Rico, Martinez arrived in the United States when he was 5. He says he's loved to dance since he was young, but hadn't received formal instruction until last year, in preparation for an International Club cultural festival. Before long, he revealed himself to be a natural rugcutter.

"To find someone who doesn't have training to learn this quickly is just very, very rare," said Frias, who added that, largely due to Martinez, dancing at Hudson High School is now "chic."

"Jorge has sort of broken a taboo of boys dancing, and it's been wonderful," said Frias, who also serves as an adviser to the International Club and National Honor Society. "Now a lot of other boys want to dance."

Martinez is modest about his role as a pioneer of sorts:

"A lot of people, when they think of music and drama and dance, don't think of sports," said Martinez, who played football his freshman and senior years. "From that aspect, I've sort of broken the mold."

"I like being on the stage, I like to perform," explained Martinez, who has achieved a black belt in karate. He hastened to add, however, that his stage presence does not translate into off-stage cockiness. "It starts on the stage and ends on the stage," he said. "When I'm off, it's just regular old me."

But even "regular old me" is an impressive member of Hudson High's senior class.

In addition to his dancing, Martinez balances a rigorous academic course



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load with a busy schedule of athletics, part-time work and extracurricular activities that include drama society, choral society, peer leadership and environmental club. In addition, he serves as senior class president.

He plans to study architecture in college, although he is waiting to receive financial aid news before he chooses which school he will attend.

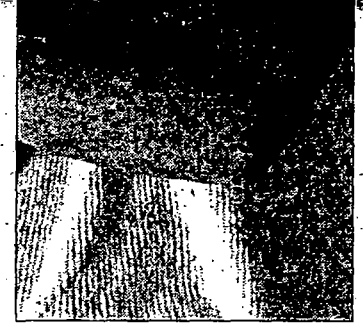
ance intended to remind students that diversity is "more than just a black-white issue," she said, and helped organized tolerance training sessions in Ashland's public elementary schools. She also organized trips to the National Conference of Christians and Jews, held in Boston, and to New York, where club members visited the United Nations buildings and Ellis Island.

Her efforts have not gone unnoticed. Last month, Kapasi received one of the Anti-Defamation League's "You Can Make a Difference" awards, which honor individuals who promote diversity.

Understanding different cultures "helps show how much we owe to the people who brought us here and how thankful we should be," said Kapasi, a self-professed lover of cultures and foreign languages who exudes enthusiasm as she speaks. "Even little clubs like ours and surveys and questions and just talking make people think and be aware of everything around them, of the big picture, of the broader point of view."

Kapasi is also a member of the peer leadership council, student council, the advisory council to the School Committee, the principal's council, academic decathlon and the softball team. In addition, she is secretary of the debate club and president of the local National Honor Society.

Kapasi, who has chosen to attend Boston University largely because of the school's heterogeneous student body, hopes to become a physician.



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TEAM HARMONY IV FACT SHEET

- DATE:** Tuesday, December 9, 1997
- TIME:** 10:00 AM to 1:30 PM
- LOCATION:** FleetCenter, Boston, MA
- AUDIENCE:** An estimated 10,000 middle and high schools students from over 400 schools in Massachusetts and the live New England Cable News viewers.
- PURPOSE:** To educate, motivate and mobilize students to fight hatred and bigotry in their schools and communities through the production of a three hour program. To recognize students for innovative racial harmony programs that they have developed. To accomplish all of this in an entertaining and interactive format.

PARTIAL LISTING OF PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS:

Speakers:

Hillary Rodham Clinton, First Lady of the United States
Jon Jennings, Team Harmony Co-Founder and current White House Fellow
Leonard Zakim, Team Harmony Co-Founder and Executive Director, Anti-Defamation League of New England
Shirley Mayo, A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE Institute
Barry & Eliot, Jordan's Furniture
Donna Harris Lewis, Reggie Lewis Foundation President

Masters of Ceremony/Entertainers:

Billy Costa, WXKS Kiss 108 FM
The Cast of MTV's "The Real World" Boston
Blessid Union of Souls
Power Praise
Lawrence High Girl's Ensemble
Wang Center, Young At Arts Program
Voices N Blue
Ray Greene & Universal Language

Athletes:

Sheryl Swoopes, WNBA
Sam Gash, Patriots
Dee Brown, Celtics
Cam Neely, Former Bruin
Boston Bruins Players
New England Revolution Players



On December 13, 1994, an historic event occurred in Boston, Massachusetts. For the first time in a major city's history, four professional sports teams came together and jointly sponsored an event. At this first **Team Harmony Event**, the Boston Celtics, New England Patriots, Boston Red Sox, and Boston Bruins joined 6,000 middle and high school students and teachers from 300 schools in taking a stand against hatred and bigotry. Each year the **Team Harmony Event** grows. In its second year, **Team Harmony II** brought 10,000 middle and high school students from over 350 schools to the FleetCenter for a four hour program on combating bigotry and promoting harmony. **Team Harmony III** once again drew over 10,000 students and faculty to the FleetCenter with approximately 400 schools from Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Rhode Island represented. In addition to those present, the audience included the entire viewing area of New England Cable News which televised **Team Harmony III** live.

Several years ago, former Boston Celtics' Captain Reggie Lewis and former Celtics' Assistant Coach/Scouting Coordinator and current White House Fellow Jon Jennings were in the planning stages of an event to help young people realize that regardless of their backgrounds, they needed to learn to respect each other's differences. Jennings and Lewis wanted to help young people end the prejudice, hatred, anti-Semitism, racism and bigotry that had been leading to much of the violence in schools. After Lewis' tragic death at the age of 27, Jennings joined forces with Leonard Zakim, Executive Director of the Anti-Defamation League of New England. Along with the A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE[®] Institute, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Massachusetts, and Boston's four professional sports teams, they developed the **Team Harmony** concept as testimony to Jennings' friendship with Lewis. The multimedia event, a unique combination of entertainment, education, interactive dialogue, and inspiration is based on a philosophy of a "team" effort to overcome bigotry in our communities and driven by a belief in giving young people a chance to make a difference.

Team Harmony was also developed and implemented to augment the ongoing work of the Anti-Defamation League's national anti-bias program, the A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE® Institute. The Institute is designed to end discrimination, primarily through teacher and student training workshops.

In the event's first three years, **Team Harmony** has attracted appearances from well-known sports stars, entertainers, community leaders and political figures. Sports stars at **Team Harmony** have included: Drew Bledsoe, Curtis Martin, Willie McGinest, Chris Slade, Andre Tippett, and Adam Vinatieri of the New England Patriots; Dana Barros, Dee Brown, M.L. Carr, Rick Fox, Eric Montross, Dino Radja, and Dominique Wilkins of the Boston Celtics; Tim Lincecum and Mo Vaughn of the Boston Red Sox; Ted Donato, Trent McCleary, Shawn McEachern, Jeff Odgers and Don Sweeney of the Boston Bruins; and Jon Delbrido and Peter Woodring of the New England Revolution. The event has also included television and radio personalities; Sharon Gitau from MTV's *Real World*; John Sencio and Bill Bellamy from MTV; Billy Costa, Ed McMann and June Knight of Kiss 108-FM; and Willie Maye of WILD-AM. The numerous musical presentations have included Peter Wolf, "Vicious", jazz musician George Howard, "Voices N Blue", "Fat Bag", the Boston-based, "Monster Mike Band", "Unique Approach" and "Universal Language." Community and political leaders such as Donna Harris Lewis, President of the Reggie Lewis Foundation, Reverend Derek Barber King, nephew of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Congressman Joseph Kennedy and Boston's Mayor Thomas Menino have also participated in the **Team Harmony** Events. **Team Harmony III** included a keynote address by Reverend Bernice King, daughter of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Most notably, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton mentioned Team Harmony in her book *It Takes A Village* as an example of an effective approach "to promoting affirmative living" because of its involvement of "the entire village".

The overwhelming success of the **Team Harmony** event has contributed to its tremendous growth. Through the **Team Harmony Foundation** and the A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE® Institute there is now a network of thousands of middle and high school students and their teachers that is working to end prejudice and discrimination in over 600 Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Rhode Island schools.