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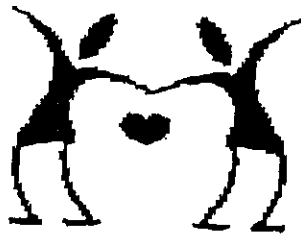
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## Musings from the Past



Our own Dr. Theresa Smith, Professor Emeritus, is heading up this new column for our monthly newsletter. She begins her new column with the following letter from a former NHA parent.

March 7, 2003

Dear Dr. Gehring:

As you are aware, this fall I enrolled my son, Brian Yahner, as a freshman at Durango High School.

Currently Brian has a grade point average of 3.5, while only taking one resource class, Algebra I. Although Brian is provided with learning accommodations, he was put into mainstream English within three weeks. According to the resource English teacher, he had never had a student who came to class every day prepared to work and take the class seriously as Brian!

The freshman counselor called me to inform me that when asked, Brian told her he hopes to attend M.I.T. upon graduation. While the counselor thought Brian's goal was a bit ambitious, what surprised her most was that she rarely had a freshman boy tell her that they wanted to attend college.

All of Brian's records from New Horizons were accepted at Durango; in fact, they were most impressed by their detail.

I must give credit where credit is due. While I knew Brian was bright and capable of great things, his success is mainly due to the educational and social tools he acquired at New Horizons Academy.

Brian started at New Horizons Academy when he was eight, after two miserable years in public school. I was losing the battle in regards to Brian's education and New Horizons provided Brian with the educational home he needed.

Again, thank you to you and all of your staff.

Best wishes for the school's continued success.

Sincerely,

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