Dear Friends & Family,

I am writing to inform you of a unique event that I am participating in at Boston College. Hoops for Hope is a 3-on-3 basketball tournament benefiting the V Foundation for cancer research. The V Foundation was created by the celebrated basketball coach Jimmy Valvano, who lost his courageous and inspiring battle to cancer in 1993.

Cancer is a disease that affects us all, no matter what our ethnicity, age, gender or class. We all know someone who has lost their life to cancer, and although we may have been powerless to save those people, this is our chance to contribute to the fight against this devastating disease. As a tournament participant, I am dedicated to maximizing the fundraising and awareness aspects of this inspirational event.

With that spirit in mind, I need your help. Please join my team in the fight against cancer as we remember the incredible strength and leadership of Jimmy Valvano in an event of camaraderie and hope. Hoops for Hope has set a goal to raise $30,000 for the V foundation. I am asking you to help sponsor our team with a financial contribution of any amount you feel would be appropriate. All funds raised will go directly to the V Foundation.

I thank you very much for helping us make the future brighter for all those courageously waging the fight against cancer. Together we can make the difference.

With Warmest Regards,

Checks can be written to Boston College – Hoops for Hope and mailed to:
Boston College – Volunteer and Service Learning Center
McElroy Commons, Room 114
140 Commonwealth Ave.
Chestnut Hill, MA  02467

Please include my name in writing somewhere on your donation (memo on checks, or a separate piece of paper with cash) and send all donations before April 1st, 2006.