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## **Linkage**

**An Email Newsletter for SLTP Alumni & Staff**  
*SLTP ~ helping student leaders change the world.*

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### **... coming home ...**

There's something special about coming home - a place where you can kick off your shoes and relax, knowing that you are in the company of family - no judgments just acceptance.

That's the feeling you'll get at the ReEnergizer Conference. This special place is where student leaders and difference makers of all shapes and sizes are coming together for an encouraging time of professional development and fun.

You'll join hundreds of people just like you from all around our region to make new friends, connect with old ones, learn together and be inspired by leading speakers and performers.

Whether you've attended SLTP or not, if you are interested in making a difference, this is a conference where you'll know you belong the moment you arrive!

Come with your whole group - not only will your mind be renewed with practical leadership strategies, but your heart will be re-energized as well.

Please don't be left out . . . if you have not registered for the REE and you would still like to join us - - **call** (800-600-PACE) and/or **tap** to me today!

Visit the website if you need a registration form . . .

[The ReEnergizer](#)

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### **SLTP Web links**

There are several SLTP Websites and quite a few more in the planning stages that will be available soon. Additionally there are websites available on a *members only* basis for SMD Chapters with many more planned.

<> [sltp2002](#)

*This is the general information site for the entire SLTP - - here you will find information relating to the REE, CLI, OTS, LTC, ALC, ACT as well as the background of our program and the 2002 staff.*

<> [SMD website](#)

*This is the general information site for  
Students Making Differences  
the SLTP Alumni Service Network.*

<> [The ReEnergizer](#)

*This is the general information site for the REE Conference.*

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**Blowing smoke**

Next time you are near someone who is smoking and they say, "everybody's doing it," here's the real deal according to the latest study by the University of Michigan.

<> smoking among teens has decreased since 1996 by as much as 6.4%

<> student awareness of the risks associated with smoking has increased by as much as 9% since 1995

<> 70 to 81 percent of teens disapprove of people who smoke one or more packs of cigarette a day

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**Bringing out the best in your group . . .**

One of the biggest hurdles for student groups to clear is dealing with *Norming*. As groups begin to settle into their operating patterns and everyone's role becomes established - - that's when individual members struggle with their identity. That is to say, individuals struggle with learning to be themselves within the group.

Proactive leaders can respond to this struggle. You can . . .

- 1) Affirm uniqueness - - - one of the important tasks of leadership is to help others discover what they are best at doing.
- 2) Avoid comparisons - - - just as it is unfair to compare a younger sister to her older sister, it is unfair to compare a younger member to an older member.
- 3) Put their interests first - - - what is it that they are seeking from the group, determine what they believe is "in it for them."
- 4) Nudge and prod - - - encouragement is a good thing.

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**REE bring alongs . . .**

Bring along the photos you took at camp. Sharing those pictures is an important part of the REE.

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**Campership Grants**

The 2002 Campership Grants will be distributed to eligible schools next week at the REE. Schools become eligible for Grants (scholarships) through participation (as soon as there have been 10 delegates from a school). Eligibility to participate in the Grant Program is also dependent upon participation in the REE.

There will be a special table at the REE during Registration and Lunch to distribute the Grant Information Packets which be available for advisers or their designee.

Included in the packet will be the new criteria for grant distribution (deadlines and amounts) and the new account forms.

Last summer over \$5,000 in grants were distributed by SLTP to eligible schools to assist or reward student leaders.

This summer we are proud to announce that we are increasing the amount so the final grant total to be in excess of \$6000.

Grant packets will only be available at the REE.

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### **The Student Leader of the Year 2001-2002**

The Student Leader of the Year Award will be announced and presented at the ReEnergizer Conference. And while it is too late to apply for the award this year - - please keep in mind that every graduate of SLTP is eligible for this prestigious award through their junior year in college.

And this is a good time to remind everyone that SLTP should be included on your co-curricular resume under the title - Supplementary Education. Other programs that fit that category include : RYLA, HOBY, YLC, Presidential Classroom, Outward Bound, and any other programs not required or part of the normal school program.

And it is also a good time to remind everyone to apply for EVERY scholarship that you can. Every penny you earn in scholarship dollars is one less penny you will need in loans.

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### **Another bring along . . .**

Please bring along toiletry articles (soap, shampoo, toothpaste, etc.) to the REE.

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### **Times & stuff . . .**

Parking for the conference will be in the two lots located behind the Dining Hall. There will be signs posted. The street opposite to Davis Hall (where all of our classes were held) leads to the parking lots.

The Activity Fair (15 - 20 incredible information sites) will open at 8:15.

Registration will begin at 8:15 and conclude at 9:05.

The REE will conclude at 3:00.

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### **Registration**

Registration will take place at the Dining Hall. The process is organized alphabetically by school. As you arrive go to the appropriate table (read the signs) for check in.

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### **Adviser and Parent programs**

Special sessions for advisers and for parents have been prepared.

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### **SLTP Store**

The Store will be open during the Activity Fair. All of the SLTP paraphrenalia including the *Energize Me!* video program, the *Whatever* shirts, etc., will be available. In addition there will be a new special long sleeved teeshirt (\$15) for sale!

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### **Camp videos . . .**

As mentioned before, the camp videos will be distributed at the REE during the Activity Fair.

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## Happy Halloween

*Hope that all your treats are BOO-tiful.*

*Love,  
Fitz*

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## Early Bird Deadline . . .

October 31 was the deadline for the first early bird applications for next summer's ALCs and LTCs.

We have received over twenty applications!

The second Early Bird opportunity will be distributed at the REE.

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## SMD welcome . . .

The Alumni Service network of Students Making Differences continues to grow and grow - - our most recent addition is a chapter at Boston University.

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when I was just a wee wee tot - - they took me to the camp I sought .*

***The ReEnergizer Leadership Conference***

*November 24, 2001*

*Nichols College*

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## The 2002 SLTP Conference Schedule

at

*Nichols College in Dudley, Massachusetts*

*Where leaders learn HOW to make a difference!*

*The ReEnergizer Conference - Saturday, November 24*

*LTC's - - July 9 - 13; July 23 - 27; July 30 - Aug 3; Aug 6 - 10*

*ALC's - - July 10 - 13; July 31 - Aug 3; Aug 7 - 10*

*Collegiate Initiative - - January TBA*

*Officer Training Seminar - - July 1 - 2*

*Adviser Certification - - July 31 - Aug 3*

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