

Personal Plan for Roberta Sinclair

1. In five to ten years, I hope to have completed graduate school with a degree in Sport Administration. Ideally I would like to be working as a high school athletic director in either a private or public school setting. I realize that in five years I may not have the experience to be an athletic director. I would possibly look to attain a position as an assistant to a high school or college athletic director or teach in the time being. My second career choice would be to work in the recreation field in the parks and recreation or camp setting. It is also my goal to be a high school softball and middle school basketball coach.
2. My goal now is to attain a paid internship in the summer of 2003, following my senior year at UNH, with my major city of choice being Boston. I would like to work in the athletic director's office at any of the numerous colleges and universities in the Boston area. This could include Northeastern University, Boston College, Boston University or Tufts University. Another option I am considering is interning at a YMCA or recreation center in the Boston area. Any experiences gained in areas similar to the ones I am looking into would be greatly valued and useful in the future. I would pursue internships learned through the Sport Studies Department or through personal contacts. For living, I would first look into housing at any colleges and universities in the Boston area. Another option would be to find an apartment by looking at classified advertisements or through friends/contacts I know living in the Boston area. My final option would be to live in an apartment in Durham and commute to Boston daily.
3. Being a college student with virtually no experience in the sport industry, the internships made available to me will most likely be unpaid. I would still look for an internship in the same areas listed in #2, but my living plan would be different. Boston is still my first city of choice and I would again look for student housing or apartments at any of the area colleges and universities. I would also look into staying with family friends if the opportunity arose. Since my internship is unpaid, I would look for an evening job waitressing, or a job in retail if the internship is not

everyday. My parents are very supportive and understand the requirements and experience I must meet. If needed, they would help me financially in whatever way they could.

4. Within my first two years of graduating from UNH, I would look to enter graduate school and attain a degree in Athletic Administration. I am not concerned about going a long distance to graduate school. My focus is attending the best graduate school with my choice of concentration. Graduate Schools I know of now with distinguished Sport Studies programs are UMASS Amherst, Springfield College. Springfield College is also has a distinguished Recreation program. The cost of graduate school is obviously a factor. Therefore, I may be limited to looking into scholarships, grants, and loans that would help lessen my financial burden. I would also look to secure a graduate assistantship, through opportunities learned through the Sport Studies department or personal contacts. If a graduate assistantship is not available, I would look into taking night classes while working days for 1-2 years after college to be able to afford graduate school. UNH is another option I am also considering because of its program and in-state tuition.
5. If I end up working in a non-sports job after graduation I would look to volunteer or get a part-time job as an assistant in the athletic department of a local high school or college in the area. I would also look into being a volunteer soccer, basketball or softball coach a local middle school or high school. Taking a volunteer position at a YMCA or recreation center is another option. By volunteering in such areas, I am able to have my skills and work ethic be seen by my employer. If a paid position should become available in any of these situations, I would hopefully already have an advantage. I will also be able to develop contacts for future job prospects.