

FROM THE BOSTON COLLEGE EAGLES LOCKER ROOM

Hegarty enjoys second NCAA title

The Boston College Eagles may have missed out on the 2009 tournament, but it was a different story this season. The big 5-0 win over the Wisconsin Badgers added a second Frozen Four NCAA Championship to the resume of John Hegarty, who was named Director of Hockey Operations at Boston College in August 2001. The West Roxbury, Mass., native talked with THN about the amazing experience.

THN: How does it feel to be the NCAA Champions again?

JH: It's outstanding. Each year is different; I don't think you can compare one to the other. It's a different group of kids, and to see them start each year with the dream of winning a national championship and to go through the growth and maturation process and having it come true, and seeing it for them is the fun part.

THN: Describe the atmosphere in the dressing room after the win.

JH: The excitement, the overall joy...the guys are all jumping up and down. This year we had a really special group of seniors who were outstanding leaders and really brought the under-

classmen along. Everyone is excited...dancing, singing, it's everything you'd think winning is...and more.

THN: What does a victory like this do for the school?

JH: What has been created here, regardless of the wins or losses speaks for



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itself. The wins definitely validate it to the casual observer, but it's more of the culture at BC and the wins are a bonus on top of that. It's more about the trip and watching the young guys come along. When we went to the White House

in 2008 George Bush said, "The days were long, but the years were short," you think you have all this time here and that our season is so long, but watching the guys go from freshman to senior year...the four years go by so quickly.

THN: Why is the Blademaster your machine of choice?

JH: When I came here in 1994 the machine was here. I was a rookie then, and the Blademaster guys did a great job...they came over, gave me some pointers and really helped me come along. Their machine never gives us any problems; it goes along well with our portable system, so no complaints at all. It does the job and the players are happy.

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ON THE FROZEN FOUR NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP!

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