

THE SUPERSTITIONS OF THE C.C WOMEN'S SOCCER TEAM

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It is now Tuesday, the 24th of September, the time is 1:50 p.m., and I still have to write my analysis!! THAT IS SCAREY!! But this is my introduction and so I will concentrate only on this for now.

I must say this project has been HELL!! I have been in this friggin' computer room for almost 30 hours straight now, and that is not including the time it will take to write and type up my analysis! All of my friends think I am insane to be doing this much typing. A few have even sworn never to take this class.

So I'm sorry if I've given "Introduction to Folklore I" a bad name. However, I can honestly say that I am really psyched about this project and I've been busting my ass to make it my best. It's been hard but rewarding work and I've tried to explain that to my friends. In my opinion this whole course has been AWESOME! And I'm not just saying that to kiss up to the teacher, or to sweet talk her into an "A". (Although it never hurts to try!)

No, but seriously, back to my introduction. I had alot of fun interviewing the girls on the team, and as I know I've said a hundred times already--or at least it seems that way to me--they were all extremely helpful and more than happy to be interviewed.

My only wish is that the team could have been more serious about their superstitious because that seems like it would have made the collecting process more interesting and more exciting. I mean everyone was the same. They were all just semi-believers. But I'll get more into that later.

I think the best part about the whole project was listening to the interviews again, and then trying to transcribe them. There was a heck of alot of information on only 45 minutes of tape, and either it was pertinent to my genre, or so funny, that I just couldn't bring myself to leave much of anything out. And so that's why it took me so long to type it all up. Plus, I enjoyed the challenge of trying to describe the personality of each player in less than one page. That was tough!

But I have no regrets and I'm glad I finally settled on this genre. It's been hard and challenging work, yes, but I've been getting really good feelings about it. And I don't believe any of my effort has gone to waste. I must say, however, that if I ever get this done it will truly be an accomplishment! How proud I will feel! When can we send this baby into the publishers??? It'll be a bestseller I'm sure!!

I would like to make a few last finishing comments. First, you are an excellent professor, and that was my sole reason for taking this course. I enjoyed "Black Women Writer's" so much that I couldn't wait to take another course with you, and "Folklore" was the only one I had room for. Unfortunately, I never took the time to thank you last year, so I will do it now. Thanks for making "Black Women Writer's" a fascinating class! It was by far the best block of the year!

I'd also like to thank you for making me want to learn. Your encouragement and positive attitude in class have made whatever you

teach exciting for me, and not many professors have that ability. Your dedication and enthusiasm have been inspirational for me. I am in awe of your intelligence and dynamic personality, and I feel I can learn so much more from you. You can rest assured that you haven't seen the last of me yet!!

I strongly recommend you to my friends, as well. I still owe Ginger Morgan a big thanks for recommending your class to me last year. She gives you much high praise herself.

Well, enough of that. I'm sorry to get so sidetracked. I just wanted to let you know how successful you are at what you do, and that I appreciate everything you've done for me, whether you realize it or not.

As sappy as all that stuff above may sound, I am really trying to be sincere. I would love for you to take my compliments to heart, Adrienne, so please do. (But don't let your head swell, missy!) Just keep on doing what you do in your own special way and don't change a thing!

I have felt alot of positive energy coming from you towards my project, and everyone else's as well, and that is a big motivation factor for me. Thus, I will respect whatever grade I receive, and will take any and all criticism contructively. I worked long and hard on this project and took it very seriously.

I guess finally I'd like to thank my mother and my Curious George doll, and Julie Marcus for breaking my concentration and getting on my

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nerves while she and I were down here in the computer room beating our brains out and typing our hands off to get our papers in on time...without them this project would not have been possible...oh...I'm so touched....I don't know what else to write. Please excuse me while I stop writing long enough to blow my nose. Thank you so much!!! I love you all!!!

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NAME OF INTERVIEWER: Jennifer Hickman

YEAR AT C.C.: Sophomore

ADDRESS AT C.C.: 312 Lommis x246

RELIGION: (non-practicing)

BIRTHDATE: 03/18/66 AGE: 19 RACE: White HOMETOWN: Houston, Texas

SOCIO-ECONOMIC BACKGROUND: Middle

YEARS PLAYED SOCCER: This year
would have been my ninth had I
not hurt my knee!

My mother and step-father are practicing Presbyterians, and my father and step-mother are practicing Babtists. I believe that they are all non-superstitious.

Where shall I begin? I feel like I've told a little bit about myself in each of my interviewee descriptions, and if you read them all together at once you will come up with my personality, as well as all of theirs. All I can say is that I love writing about myself and my friends, because only then do I feel like I have any kind of control over them.

As I have said several times in the following pages, I am often a very loud and obnoxious person. But that's because I love being the center of attention. I also have a reputation of being gross and disgusting. I'm the girl who will do or say anything. And I know I like being this way because of the shock effect that I get from a group, when I say what nobody else will say but what everyone else is thinking. Joan Rivers is the same way--gross, disgusting, and oh, so rude--but alot of people really enjoy that! Plus, I think that her mocking the stars makes them seem less perfect and godly, and a little more human and down-to-earth like the rest of us.

Humor is the key to everything for me. In general, it's a way of looking at life. Nothing is ever that bad, (like this project!), if you

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look at the humorous side. I try to always be happy and in good spirits so that I can help cheer others up. That is one thing I can't stand to see, a sad and depressed friend.

Humor helps to break the ice in new and unfamiliar situations, and eases those that are insecure, like myself. I just love being silly and frivolous, loud and obnoxious, or gross and disgusting, whatever it takes to make others laugh. Good moods are so much fun!

Away from my humor, which is a hard place to get, I can be serious and sensitive. As much as I enjoy being the center of attention, I also enjoy going off on my own sometimes, especially to write. It's funny though because whenever I become quiet and serious, people immediately say, "What's wrong?" And much of the time there may be something which is upsetting me, but sometimes I just have a lot of things on my mind. And I enjoy pondering lush thoughts or way-out ideas.

I know people who don't know me may think I'm a little on the weird and crazy side. And still others may see me as only a punk jock. But there's a lot more to me than that, and my close friends know that. I like to think of myself as a funny, caring and thoughtful person, who is responsible, creative, and intelligent and who has a hell of a head on her shoulders. But then again, maybe I'm flattering myself too much here and am only a conceited witch!

NAME OR INTERVIEWEE: Christa Boyd YEAR AT C.C.: Sophomore
ADDRESS AT C.C.: 416 Bemis x215 BIRTHDATE: 01/04/66 AGE: 19
RELIGION: Catholic (semi-practicing) RACE: White
HOMETOWN: Dallas, Texas (though she grew up in Raleigh, N.C.)
SOCIO-ECONOMIC BACKGROUND: Middle YEARS PLAYED SOCCER: 10
Parents are semi-practicing Catholics and non-superstitious.

Christa is one of my very best friends and also my ex-roommate. She and I had alot of fun together last year, and we still have loads of fun when we're together this year.

We drove our wingmates insane several times last year, especially late at night because we loved being loud, obnoxious, rowdy, and rambunctious. In short, we are just plain juvenile and immature when together.

Christa was on the team last year, but played very little due to injuries. And this year she is not playing, due to various reasons. However, she still hangs around the soccer crowd much of the time, and is our biggest fan.

As for her personality, (when she's not being obnoxious with me), Christa is a very intelligent and humorous person. She is always making people laugh and is a great story teller. And she can imitate people like you wouldn't believe!

She can also be shy and ~~soft~~^{soft}spoken sometimes, and often gets moody. Though don't we all? But I love her to death anyhow just because she is always there for me when I need her.

ME: Are you superstitious or religious?

C: To some extent.

ME: To some extent?

C: Yes.

ME: Like how much?

C: Mmmm...I'd say...I don't know... medium.

ME: O.K....Um...you are religious? (I look at her) Or semi.
Do you have any superstitions for getting ready for soccer
games, or....

C: Well, sometimes I'll eat a certain meal before I play,
or...wear a certain of socks, like lucky socks, or shoes.

ME: O.K. Do you do this for every game?

C: No.

ME: No?

C : Just when, like, you're on a roll.

ME: O.K. When you're on a roll. O.K. Where did you pick up the
ritual or superstition?

C: I don't know. I can't remember.

ME: You just started doing it?

C: Yeah.

ME: That's like me. I can't remember where I picked up mine.
Ummm...Why do you think it works?

C: Well, maybe it doesn't work. I mean, (laughing) I mean
it's just something that makes you feel better.

ME: Do you think you play better because of the superstition?
Just because of the fact that it makes you feel better...or
more confident?

C: Mmmmm...It's possible...cause I mean sometimes you have a

shitty game. (We both start laughing.)

ME: You don't have anything that you wear every game though?...I mean cause like one year I wore a bandana every game. That was my lucky bandana.

C: Every game?...Well, there's like certain songs I might listen to before every game, during the season.

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[Christa had something else to add.]

C: Well, you know how the referees usually ask you to take off your jewelry? (In soccer, players are not allowed to wear jewelry during a game.) Well, I refuse to take off my cross.

ME: O.K. So it's a...well, I can't call it a charm, she'll get mad at me...so it's a...what would you call it?

C: It's a religious medal.

ME: A religious medal...she always wears it. But that's like a lucky medal...I mean you know...if you didn't wear it, you wouldn't play good. Right? God would not be watching you. (We both laugh.)

C: God's always watching me.

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Elvira Gulch

NAME OF INTERVIEWEE: Elvira Gulch YEAR AT C.C.: Sophomore
ADDRESS AT C.C.: Loomis RELIGION: Episcopal (non-practicing)
BIRTHDATE: 06/27/66 AGE: 19 RACE: White HOMETOWN: Kentucky
SOCIO-ECONOMIC BACKGROUND: Middle YEARS PLAYED SOCCER: 15

Elvira is a returning player this year, having an excellent season last year and being named "Rookie of the Year", along with myself. She played on a boys' varsity team in high school and because of it, is one tough and aggressive player. She is looking very good so far, and I predict she will have another very strong and successful season.

As for her personality, Elvira is also a tough individual. She seems to me to be a very independent and self-driven person, and doesn't let what anyone else thinks get to her. In other words, she is secure and confident with herself, and usually very cool and aloof. I don't think I've ever seen Elvira get really upset, or flabbergasted, over anything.

In general, I think everyone on the team likes Elvira and enjoys her off-the-wall personality. I say off-the-wall because she can be very zany and unpredictable. We have a lot of fun together, as we are both hyper people, and we both have the wild and crazy reputation on the team. Though I think Elvira is probably more deviant in her crazy ways, and not quite as loud and obnoxious as me.

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ME: Um...Do you have any superstitions, such as, you know, ah, special shoes or socks you like to wear, or a special charm, or anything special like that?

E: Um...I don't eat.

ME: You don't eat??? (I am in total disbelief because I get faint if I don't eat, especially before a game. I need all the energy I can get, and I really believe in eating a lot of carbohydrates before a game.) You really don't eat before a game?? I didn't know that.

E: I don't.

ME: Do you eat at all? Like if we have a 1:00 game, do you eat breakfast?

E: I eat just very little.

ME: Wow. O.K. Do you feel that you are a superstitious person?

E: No.

ME: Not at all?

E: Well, maybe a little.

ME: A little. (I say this in a soft tone of voice and Elvira laughs.) O.K. Um...How many years have you played soccer?

E: Fifteen.

ME: Whew! That's alot!

E: Yeah...Yeah it is. (She laughs)

ME: When did you first start picking up your not eating ritual?

E: In high school.

ME: In high school?

E: Yeah. Freshman year.

ME: Did you get it from other people...or just started doing it?

E: Yeah, [to latter question], just cause I played better when I was hungry.

ME: When you were hungry? (I laugh) Hungry for the ball. That's a good theory. Um..I can't play if I don't eat, I like, get really faint.

E: I feel really full. [If she does eat]

ME: Wow. O.K. Um...has it ever failed or, I mean, not worked? Have you ever gotten faint..or felt sick?

E: Yeah. (We both laugh)

ME: Alot?

E: No.

ME: Huh. (I'm still kind of in a state of disbelief) Um...do you feel that you play better?

E: Yeah.

ME: Feel more confident?

E: Yeah.

ME: Alot more confident? And if you don't do it you'll screw up?

E: Ah-huh. (Yes)

ME: Um...I guess no one else knows about this superstition, except me, for now. (Elvira laughs) Wow. Neat! O.K. And you don't have any special number? Or anything else?

E: Two.

ME: You like number two?

E: Yeah. [However, Elvira did not get that numbet this year.]

ME: You don't wear any charms? Any article of clothing--socks, undershirt?

E: I tuck my, this side in...of my shirt.

ME: On your left side?

E: Yeah.

ME: O.K. And...I guess that's all I have to ask you.

E: I have my favorite shoes, too.

ME: (Gasp!) What shoes do you wear? You wear Patrick's, don't you? [Patrick are a French brand of soccer shoes.]

E: Yeah. I wear my Patrick Stabils indoors, and then I wear my Beckenbaurs out. [Beckenbaur Spezials are a brand of turf shoes made by Adidas.]

ME: O.K.

E: I hate to wear cleats. [Cleats are soccer shoes which have anywhere from eight to fifteen large, and rather long, molded or screw-in, cleats on the bottom of the shoe. They are for outdoor play, such as in grass or mud. Turf shoes can be worn indoors or outdoors, though they are designed more for hard, dry surfaces, like astro-turf. Turf shoes usually have many, many small nubs which cover the entire sole of the shoe.]

ME: I hate cleats, too. [Mainly because my ankles are weak and it is easy to twist your ankle in cleats, because unless you are in thick, plush grass, cleats are very unstable shoes. Walking in cleats on cement, is like walking on stilts!]

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NAME OF INTERVIEWEE: Cheryl Bartels YEAR AT C.C.: Sophomore
ADDRESS AT C.C.: 431 Mathias x279 RELIGION: Catholic (practicing)
BIRTHDATE: 05/28/66 AGE: 19 RACE: White HOMETOWN: St. Louis, MO.
SOCIO-ECONOMIC BACKGROUND: Middle YEARS PLAYING SOCCER: 11
Mother is practicing Catholic. Father is not religious. Neither are
superstitious.

Cheryl, or Gus as I affectionately call her, is another of my best buddies. She is, as another good friend of mine would say, "the cutest thing on this earth." And that is almost entirely true.

She is rather old-fashioned, and very Mid-western, but then again she is from St. Louis. But I have nothing against that and I really do like her style. She is a little on the conservative side, but she was also quick to adapt to my craziness, obnoxiousness, and obsceneties, accepting me the way I was. Thus, she is alot of fun to be around.

I respect her a hell of alot, both on and off the field, and have gone to her quite often for advice. She is a level-headed and pretty reasonable person. But she can also be very stubborn, and comes down too hard on herself many times, especially out on the soccer field. But this is where I look up to her the most because she is a truly remarkable player, and very knowledgeable in the game of soccer.

She is a three time member of the Junior Women's National Team, and is an alternate for this year's National Women's Team (the Olympic team). And I am very proud to be able to play with her. She has taught me so much, and is my star role model in soccer.

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Ann Cernicek

NAME OF INTERVIEWEE: Ann Cernicek YEAR AT C.C.: Sophomore
ADDRESS AT C.C.: 431 Mathias x279 RELIGION: Catholic (practicing)
BIRTHDATE: 09/15/66 AGE: 19 RACE: White HOMETOWN: Los Alamos, N.M.
SOCIO-ECONOMIC BACKGROUND: Middle YEARS PLAYING SOCCER: 10
Parents are practicing Catholics and no more superstitious then she is.

Annie is another very good friend of mine, who I enjoy very much. She matured a great deal last year, as we (several of the Freshmen) could not stand her at the beginning of last year, and yet we all ended up being very good friends. She is a sweet person and extremely loveable, reminding me of a big, clumsy puppy-dog.

On the field Ann is powerful, especially near the goal, because she has a shot like a bullet! She is a little clumsy sometimes, as she has kind of a lanky frame, but she has improved alot since last season and because of that was named "Most Improved" last year. At the rate she is improving, Ann is soon going to be more than deadly to the opposing team's defense, and she could well become one of the top fowards in the nation in the near future.

Ann and Cheryl gave me the best interview of all by far, and I was very impressed with some of Ann's comments. She is a smart girl and I really respected what she had to day. She is such a fun person and I love her dearly.

ME: O.K. girls. First question: Do you have any superstitions, Ann? Uh..anything you can think of like a, you know, a, I don't know...a color, a number, shoes, socks...I have a bunch listed here...shorts, charm, jewelry, article of clothing...

A: Sort of. (Cheryl laughs)

ME: Well, explain dear.

A: Well, you know, I mean...there's...

ME: O.K.

A: ..I really like wearing number ten but, you know, sometimes I don't get to.

ME: Do you have that number this year?

A: Yes.

ME: Do you?

C: I gave it to her.

ME: Oh, that's right. You had it last year. O.K. [Cheryl had it last year.]

A: And...I like to have my socks rolled down.

ME: O.K.

A: I don't like 'em up.

ME: You never wear them up do you?

A: No...and...I like to keep my cross on.

ME: O.K. Do you wear it for every game?

A: Um...as long as...I...if I don't get told to take it off, I like to leave it on.

ME: O.K. Just to make sure God is with you.

A: That's right.

ME: Right there. [I point to my neck where a cross would be if I had one on.] O.K. Cheryl?

C: Mmmmm. (She is shy at first and giggles.)

ME: Speak up! (I laugh)

C: Yes. Ummm...well, I have my necklace that I wear until gametime, but then I take it off cause I don't want it broken.

ME: Oh. O.K.

C: And there's certain ball handling skills I like to do before each game...you know, like juggling, [a skill where you bounce the ball off of any part of your body, except your arms, continuously, without letting it touch the ground], certain things. I like my shirt tucked in, and socks don't matter.

ME: Any, like, number? You don't care about your number do you?

C: I like eighteen because it has a, you know, more of a sentimental reason than superstitious.

ME: Allright. Um...do you feel you are superstitious? (I look at Ann.) To a...a...you know, like semi, alot?

A: There's somethings that I could be superstitious about, but I'm not and average superstitionist.

ME: O.K.

C: You always wonder if you...like, if you wouldn't do something, if it would effect your game, so you're afraid not to do it.

A: That's right.

ME: Yeah.

C: Like...you know, I like to get dressed real early before the games, and, you know, walk around in the uniform for awhile, let it get adjusted and stuff like that.

A: And it's just like I have to eat a couple of things...

C: Yeah...if you dress at the last minute, I feel like I was rushed and maybe that's why I didn't...

ME: You feel not psyched...

C: Yeah.

ME: ...not psyched up enough.

A: I like to, yeah, to just walk around, I mean not get right (she snaps her fingers to emphasize "right") into the warm-up.

ME: Ah-huh. (In agreeance)

A: ...cause there's like a mental barrier that you need to surpass before you can get into the....(warm-up or game)

C: Yeah, like...yeah. (Agrees with Ann.) Like in high school, we used to listen to a tape on the way out to the game.

ME: Certain songs?

A & C: Yes. Yeah.

ME: Certain songs. O.K. Um...O.K. Where did you pick up your habits, or superstitions? Just by yourself...

C: Yeah.

ME: ..or did you see somebody else do them?

C: No. It was all by myself.

A: It was all by myself, too.

ME: Something that worked and you just started doing it...

A: Right.

ME: ..from then on. O.K. Um...why do you think it works?

A: I don't know if it does work. It...I think it's...alot psychological.

ME: Ah-huh. (Again in agreeance)

A: It's just having something to say, well, that you can..ah.. shall we say..attribute, you know, what's happening to it.

ME: Makes you feel more confident?

A: Yeah. I think it's...you know...very psychological.

ME: Like if you didn't do it and you lost, you'd be like, "If I had done this, we would have won!"

A: Exactly. Ah-huh.

ME: Yes. Um...(Ann looks at Cheryl but whispers to me, "Do you have lucky underwear?" and I laugh.) Do you have lucky underwear Cheryl?

C: Don't ask me that! (Embarrassed and laughing)

ME: Do you??

C: I'm not telling. [Cheryl doesn't want you to hear this on tape, Adrienne]

A: Cheryl does.

C: I do.

ME: O.K. Cheryl is now professing that she wears lucky underwear. Well, that's, that's a big superstition. You wear it every game? Same pair?

C: Not if we have three games in the same day, or the same... three days in a row!

ME: Three days in a row? I'm glad.

C: I try to wear it to the most important game.

ME: It might work if you wore it three days in a row cause you'd smell. (We laugh)

A: So will it be Santa Barbara or Berkeley? [We played both teams last week, losing to Santa Barbara, 1-0, and beating Berkeley, 2-1, in overtime. We beat Santa Barbara last year, but lost to Berkeley twice. This interview took place before the games though.]

ME: Berkeley, cause we lost...<to them last year>

C: Yeah.

ME: Good. [Because Berkeley was the more important team to beat and because we needed all the good luck we could grab!]
O.K. And finally, I guess you feel you play better...do you feel you play better when you've done this...certain ritual?

C: I do. I feel like it's just...just like Ann said, the "psychological edge." (Ann joins in.)

A: Mm-muh. (Yes)

ME: O.K.

C: And I mean, it's a BIG part of the game!

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Mary Smith

NAME OF INTERVIEWEE: Mary Smith

YEAR AT C.C.: Junior

ADDRESS AT C.C.: Bemis

RELIGION: Lutheran (semi-practicing)

BIRTHDATE: 06/13/65

AGE: 20

RACE: White

HOMETOWN: Kentucky

SOCIO-ECONOMIC BACKGROUND: Middle

YEARS PLAYING SOCCER: 10

Parents are practicing Lutherans and non-superstitious.

The one thing which immediately comes to mind when I think of Mary is the way that she plays. She has a very quick, and sort of spastic style of play. Nothing she does seems to have a plan behind it. It just seems to be spur of the moment, and because of this unpredictability, Mary is quite a deceptive player. Now, I know that I often compare myself to people on the team, but Mary and I do play alot alike. We are both tremendous hustlers, and we do tend to go only one speed--FAST! And both of us get down on ourselves when we screw up.

I also found out this year that Mary and I have alot in common. She enjoys spending her free time either by herself in her room--reading, studying, writing, or listening to music; or with close friends--talking and studying, etc. She doesn't party much at all either. And I like doing the same kinds of things. I like being with people and being the center of attention, but not all the time. Sometimes you just have to have your own space, and get away from the crowd.

Anyways, Mary is basically shy and soft-spoken. But I think this is because she is a very trusting and kind person. She's also really down-to-earth. I like her alot though, and enjoy doing things with her because she is a very easy person to be around.

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ME: Do you have any superstitions or past superstitions, anything you've done that you believe will help you win in soccer?

MA: Oh gosh. (Answers in a huge sigh, as if she's very old and tired, and has to think way back. It's a tough question and we both laugh.) I used to have a pair of socks.

ME: O.K. Did you, like, wear them for every game?

MA: Ah-huh.

ME: Always, huh?

MA: In high school.

ME: In high school?

MA: And part of my freshman year.

ME: Were they like undersocks? I mean socks you wore under your other ones?

MA: Under my other ones, yeah.

ME: Why did you quit wearing them?

MA: They wore out. (She says while laughing and I laugh ,too.)

ME: Well, you didn't get another pair?

MA: You can't replace 'em!

ME: Oh, O.K. That's true. Well, I mean you could have picked up another...another superstition.

MA: No, I haven't.

ME: O.K. Um...are you, do you feel that you are very superstitious?.....I mean, are you, you know, could you rate yourself kinda medium....

MA: Um...(thinks)..no, not really.

ME: Not at all?

MA: Well, a little probably, but...

ME: Umm...where did you pick up this habit with the socks?

MA:(long pause) Oh gosh. I don't know. I just played well with 'em.

ME: And so you wore them.

MA: Yeah. So I'd wear 'em...or like...like there used to be things in warm-up I used to do, too.

ME: Certain warm-ups?

MA: Yeah.

ME: To get yourself psyched?

MA: Yeah.

ME: O.K. Um... did you wear the socks, like, because they made you feel more confident, when you played?

MA: No, I just thought if I didn't wear them then if something went wrong...

ME: It just made you feel safer?

MA: Yeah.

ME: ...and if you didn't wear them and you lost, you would be like, "We could have won if I'd worn those socks."

MA: Yeah. But I didn't always believe that.

ME: Oh, you didn't? O.K.

MA: No. Just...you know how it is...IF-fy.

ME: Well, does anyone...did anyone know about this superstition when you did it?

MA: No. (Says this with an "are you kidding" tone of voice.)

ME: Just your own personal thing. O.K. (We both laugh)

*** END OF INTERVIEW ***

GENRE: Jennifer Hickman

Debbie Dumas

NAME OF INTERVIEWEE: Debbie Dumas

YEAR AT C.C.: Freshman

ADDRESS AT C.C.: 219 Mathias x264

RELIGION: (non-practicing)

BIRTHDATE: 06/07/67 AGE: 18 RACE: White HOMETOWN: Auburn, WA.

SOCIO-ECONOMIC BACKGROUND: Middle

YEARS PLAYING SOCCER: 12

Parents are not religious and non-superstitious.

Debbie is a funny gal. She came up to stay with us last spring, as a soccer recruit, and would you believe we lost her at a frat party the night before the day she was to leave? Well, it turned out that she had met some guy (need I say more?) and she didn't show up until about 3 a.m. the next morning! But boy were we worried!! We knew our behinds would have been in hot water, if she hadn't showed up again.

That little story will always be an all time favorite, and it just goes to show that Debbie is a tad bit boy crazy, and not the least bit shy. She can talk your ears off, though she is really intelligent and very nice, too.

She's a fun person to go out with, and a little bit crazy, but that's why I enjoy talking to her. And she's not bad on the field either. A very versatile player, Debbie can play anywhere and is what you might call a utitliy player.

She always has high spirits and is always in a happy mood, too, and that is a crucial attitude to have on a team, because the team as a whole can never afford to get down. Someone must always cheer the team on, and I think Debbie is that type of person.

ME: Do you consider yourself superstitious?

DEB: Not really

ME: Not really.

DEB: Not particularly.

ME: Not particularly. O.K. Do you have any special, ah, rituals, like, or things you like...a special number, shoes, charm?

DEB: I have to have my left shoe double knotted. (She laughs)

ME: Nu-huh! (In disbelief)

DEB: Yes way. It has to be double knotted, or I won't play good, and then I have a lucky bra.

ME: A lucky bra. She has a lucky bra.

DEB: It's white even. It's white.

ME: I am amazed. O.K. Would you wear this bra, like if you had three games in the same day, would you wear it for every game? Just to be curious.

DEB: I don't know. It depends how sweaty I got.

ME: O.K. I'm just wondering. Where did you, when did you start doing this. Like, I mean, wearing your lucky bra?

DEB: Oh, probably about two years ago.

ME: So you've had this bra for two years?

DEB: Yeah. I haven't grown too much have I? (She laughs)

ME: No, not that. It's just...I mean, my bras, you know, wear out.

DEB: Oh. I had one before but then I got a new one. So like it goes on when I get a different one, like two years ago I started one.

ME: O.K. Do you like feel...um..scared, or, you know, do you

not feel psyched if you don't do these little things, like the shoe and the bra, if you don't wear the bra?

DEB: I don't know, sometimes yes...

ME: O.K.

DEB: ...and sometimes no. Sometimes I don't notice it.

ME: Does it usually...O.K. You don't notice it. So...um.. I guess you don't really realize if it works everytime. It's just kind of the thing to do.

DEB: It's there. Yeah.

ME: It's there. O.K...um...do you feel more confident...I guess I just asked you that...or do you feel you play better? No?

DEB: Sometimes yes, sometimes no. (Mumbles something else)

ME: O.K.

DEB: When I'm not pumped up for a game sometimes I look more towards my luck.

ME: Uh-huh. Hopefully it'll help.

DEB: Yeah. It'll help! (Very emphatically) My little lucky bra will help. (We laugh)

ME: O.K. Come on bra!!! (We really laugh) Um...does anyone know about these superstitions now, besides me?

DEB: No. Nobody besides you.

ME: I won't tell anyone.

DEB: I think my Mom and Dad might know.

ME: O.K. Oh, about your lucky bra??...."Honey, have you got your lucky bra on?"...."Yeah, Mom." (Me imitating Debbie and her concerned mother--again we laugh)

*** END OF INTERVIEW ***

GENRE: Superstitions

Cathy Hutchings

NAME OF INTERVIEWEE: Cathy Hutchings YEAR AT C.C.: Freshman

ADDRESS AT C.C.: 246 Mathias x266 RELIGION: Lutheran (practicing)

BIRTHDATE: 12/19/66 AGE: 18 RACE: White HOMETOWN: Simi Valley, CA.

SOCIO-ECONOMIC BACKGROUND: Middle YEARS PLAYED SOCCER: 11

Parents are practicing Lutherans and non-superstitious.

Cathy is rather quiet and soft-spoken at first, but once you get to know her she talks alot, and is a sneaky little devil, too. She is a young one, and it seems that like most of the freshmen, she has so much to learn, in order to be "cool" like the rest of us upperclassmen. But then what do I know, I'm only a peon sophomore?

Cathy has a grin like a little kid though, and she really is cute and likeable. But how is she on the field? I haven't gotten to see her in any tough action yet, as she is our second string goalkeeper and hasn't gotten to play much, so I really don't know for sure. However, she looks good in practice, though it's the experience that will make her great, and how will she get experience if she never gets to play??

I enjoyed interviewing her, as she had alot of interesting things to tell me, even though she hasn't seen much playing time this year. I just hope that she doesn't let that get her down, because she's got alot of other things going for her.

ME: Do you feel that you are superstitious?

CA: I don't feel I am.

ME: Not, not..you know, you're not a little, or semi, or alot?

CA: Possibly just a little bit.

ME: A little bit. O.K. Do you have any special things that you like to do, like special shoes, tie your shoes specially, or...or undersocks, undershirt?

CA: O.K. Well, in like soccer-wise?

ME: Uh-huh. Yeah. When you're in the goal. You know, what kind of stuff do you do?

CA: Well, I always...I always tuck , I always do the same thing but I don't count it superstition, but I always so the same thing. I always tuck my shirt into my shorts.

ME: O.K. The undershirt?

CA: Yeah.

ME: O.K.

CA: And...um..I put my socks on perfectly before the game.

ME: O.K. So kind of mental. You like, you know, you put everything on and get yourself psyched.

CA: Yeah. And if they aren't then I re-do them.

ME: O.K.

CA: Um...(long pause)..um, let me think...I generally warm up the same type of way...

ME: O.K.

CA: But not all the time. If Janine [our other goalkeeper] wants to do something different, than I will <too>.

ME: Mm-mmh.

CA: Um...during penalty kicks...

ME: Oooh, that's a big superstition.

CA: Um...O.K., like if somebody, if there's a penalty called and it's a penalty kick, then I instantly walk the other way.
[A penalty kick is awarded for direct fouls in a game, such as tripping, within the goal box. The goal box is a space approximately fifteen yards by thirty yards in front of the goal. When a penalty kick is awarded, a player from the opposing team gets a free shot at the goal, the penalty spot being ten to twelve yards directly in front of the goal.]

ME: You mean towards the goal?

CA: Away from the goal.

ME: Oh, O.K.

CA: Like sideways, toward the corner kick. And I walk over there and I untie my shoes...I fix my socks, cause they're probably messed up...

ME: Uh-huh.

CA: ...and I fix my socks, fix my knee pads, tie my shoes again...

ME: O.K.

CA: ...both..both legs, take off my gloves and put them on again.

ME: Just to get everything perfect?

CA: Yeah.

ME: Is this kind of like, do you think, mental preparation? Your mental preparation?

CA: Ah...it's for me...sort of. But it's mostly to make the other person wait. [The kicker]

ME: O.K. That's good. Kind of psyche them out?

CA: Yeah.

ME: O.K. Do you like...

CA: But I always do it.

ME: You always, do you not, you don't look at them like, you know, like in Victory, [a movie about soccer during WWII, where a team made up from the Allied countries had to play a German team], how..um...what's his face [the goalkeeper, who was played by Sylvester Stallone], like "Mmmaah," (an "eat shit and die" sounding groan) gave him a glare?

CA: No, I don't look at them. [The kicker]

ME: O.K.

CA: I don't. I...then when the..when the referee says, "Are you ready?", I tell him, "No".

ME: And make them wait some...

CA: And make 'em wait longer.

ME: Really? I've never had anyone do that.

CA: And then...(she laughs at my comment)

ME: That's..that's tough for a kicker...[mentally]

CA: It works. It's worked.

ME: I believe it.

CA: And...um..and then..then the ref, you know, will give me a little bit more time, and say, "Are you ready?", and then I'll say, "Yes". And then...and then...it just...and then that's when...

ME: You go ahead and go. O.K...um...do you feel that you play better because of any of these..these things? I mean if you didn't do 'em, would you feel like you'd left something out?

CA: Ah...

ME: Would you not feel as confident?

CA: O.K...um...if I do these things...makes me feel like I play better?

ME: Yeah. I mean, you know, do they make you mentally prepared and more confident?

CA: Um....

ME: If you didn't do them, and say you lost, would you be like, I just, you know, I didn't...

CA: I don't think I would...

ME: ..or if somebody scored on you.

CA: I would instantly...like O.K. in a penalty kick, if I didn't do that stuff, ah...and they scored, I would think, ah...that maybe I probably did..didn't make them wait long enough.

ME: Ah-huh. You didn't...

CA: But I don't think I would blame it on not pulling my socks up.

ME: O.K. It's...it's not...so it's more mental, not really superstition?

CA: Yeah.

ME: O.K. Um...let's see...do you feel like it works to do this?

CA: I feel...I think it does.

ME: Just cause, in terms of psyching out the..the kicker?

CA: Yeah.

ME: O.K. And when did you..when did you start doing this stuff...when you, you know..pulling your socks up?

CA: When I started getting really, ah, competitive in soccer, and that was about 9th grade.

ME: And in the goal? Did you start playing...<at that time, too.>

CA: Yeah.

ME: O.K. In the goal...allright. Um...last question: Does anybody else know about this superstition? Or do you just, you know..you don't, you just do this in private...do you do it in private?

CA: Oh, I don't know if anybody knows these...my coach noticed it. [In high school]

ME: But I mean if..if, you know, it's just to yourself. You don't say, you know, "I've got to have my lucky charm. Where is my lucky charm??"

CA: No. I don't say..I don't do that.

ME: O.K. It's...O.K.

CA: But I have a lucky shirt, (I gasp in surprise), that I bring to games.

ME: Do you wear it, or you just put it on, or what?

CA: I just bring it to games in a bag.

ME: O.K. So it's kind of your lucky charm shirt?

CA: Yeah.

ME: Lucky charm shirt. (I say that to myself and laugh.)

CA: This is (she is holding the shirt)...my coach gave me this shirt.

ME: O.K. Do you ever play in it?

CA: No.

ME: It's a goalie shirt? But you don't play in it.

CA: I sleep in it.

ME: O.K.

*** END OF INTERVIEW ***

Julie Bartos

NAME OF INTERVIEWEE: Julie Bartos YEAR AT C.C.: Junior
ADDRESS AT C.C.: 158 Mathias x260 RELIGION: Lutheran (practicing)
BIRTHDATE: 07/18/65 AGE: 20 RACE: White HOMETOWN: Colo. Sprgs., CO.
SOCIO-ECONOMIC BACKGROUND: Middle YEARS PLAYED SOCCER: 13

Parents are practicing Lutherans and semi-superstitious. (Julie says they wouldn't confess to it.)

I like Julie alot, and have always felt kind of close to her, like a sister. She is an extremely nice person and very sensitive, maybe even hyper-sensitive. So the team has to be careful not to pick on her too much cause sometimes it really does get to her, even though we're only teasing most of the time. But it's hard not to pick on her, because Julie is a gullible person. I always call her a sucker when we can get her to believe something totally outrageous.

I think she is only gullible because she is very trusting, and maybe a little insecure, too. But I know we all have a few insecurities, here and there, and that there is nothing unusual about that.

Julie does seem more superstitious than the average person, although I'm not really sure why. Maybe she is more able to believe because of her extreme sense of trust, who knows?

Julie is also an intense soccer player and very dedicated, too. She is tough and aggressive, and always gives 100%, and I respect that. She never quits, or gives up, and that is something we can all learn from.

ME: Do you consider yourself superstitious?

JU: Yes.

ME: Very? Or...

JU: No.

ME: Just kind of medium?

JU: So-so.

ME: So-so. O.K. Do you have any special superstition, or ritual, you use for winning, like, you know, your socks? You said you had socks.

JU: Um...I've had a pair of socks for about 5 years that I wear, and they're like brown now [from being worn so many times-- they were originally white]. And..um..I also have a lucky hair tie thing. It's, like, stretched out about this big (motions with her hands and laughs).

ME: Do you still wear it?

JU: I..I can't wear it anymore because it's too stretched out, and..uh..um.....(long pause)..I think that's it.

ME: Do you, you don't have, like, any other clothing, or jewelry, or charm...

JU: Ah...

ME: ..or number?

JU: I always try to wear my sun [a gold charm on her necklace, which looks like a smiling sun]. But ...(she laughs)

ME: Your lucky sun.

JU: And number three is my lucky number, but Sheila Jack has that this year. [Sheila is a senior on the team, and our starting center forward.]

ME: Do you feel more confident when you wear this..or these socks?

JU: Ah-huh. (She laughs)

ME: Do they, do you feel like they make you play better?

JU: Yeah.

ME: If you didn't wear 'em what would you..would you feel like?

JU: I'd probably just change my whole attitude, like, and have a bad attitude.

ME: Wouldn't feel as...you'd feel kinda wimpy?

JU: Yeah.

ME: O.K. Super socks! (We laugh) Um...when did you start doing this...did you start wearing them?

JU: Um...in high school.

ME: Did you pick it up from somebody else, or just...

JU: No..just..they..I guess I just started playing...I started playing my best in high school, and that's when I...

ME: With those socks?

JU: I thought maybe it was with the socks. (She laughs)

ME: O.K. The magic socks.

JU: I used to have a lucky wrist band, too, that I...(laughs).. what? [The humor of the "magic socks" comment just now hits her.]

ME: What happened to it?

JU: Um...it was matched to our other team colors, and so...

ME: From high school?

JU: Yeah.

ME: Oh, wow.

JU: ...so I don't do it anymore.

ME: Um...why do you think it works? The socks? Why do you think the socks work?

JU: I think it just gives you some kind of security, or something.

ME: O.K. More confidence?

JU: Makes you more confident. Yeah.

ME: More psychologically prepared?

JU: Ah-huh. (laughs)

ME: Um...I guess..has it ever failed?

JU: Mmmm...once in a while. (laughs)

ME: Well, if it does..does it..um..in terms of fail, does it..do you play worse? I mean even if the team loses, do you still play well?

JU: Um...usually I do...oh...I do O.K., but it just...um...I don't know how to say it...my attitude is just...

ME: O.K.

JU: ..I don't know...

ME: ...still..still good with the socks?

JU: Yeah, ah-huh.

ME: O.K.

JU: It's not the socks fault.

ME: O.K. And..um..does...I guess finally, does anyone else know about these lucky socks, besides me now?

JU: My mom (she laughs), cause she tells me to throw them away, and I say, "No".

ME: (As Julie)...."No, they're my lucky socks!" Um...O.K. Then..uh..anything else to add?

JU: Um...I can't do it anymore, but like in high school..um...

always right before..we always had games in the afternoon, and I'd come home from shool and my mom would give me a baked potato.

ME: Special meal!

JU: And I would just eat a baked potato, like an apple.

ME: Oh, that's cool. That's a good carbo source, too.

JU: But now I know it doesn't do any good, because it takes you a day to get the energy out of it. But it would always make me feel better.

ME: That's true. You feel..still...yeah, back to the feeling better. Um..O.K...um...any other..ah..like special songs, or...what did somebody else mention? (to myself)

JU: Um...there was one song..um..it..it was called, "Summer of '69", I think.

ME: By?

JU: ..can't remember who it's by.

ME: It's not one..it's not what's his face? [Bryan Adams has a hit song out right now, by that same name.]

JU: No. It's an old one. It's kinda older.

ME: An older version?

JU: And a..and a friend and I...it seemed we had this...we'd always go and sit before our games in high school and turn on this song. And in the middle of the song, they'd have this little chant, and it goes,"GO GO, GO TEAM GO!" And we'd always just, like, yell that real loud and we'd always get real psyched...

ME: I've heard that. (The song)

JU: ..and that was our song. So...now we have this weird banana cheer. (She laughs. The banana cheer is the team cheer I started last year. Julie's just being sarcastic here.)

ME: Oh, shut-up! (She laughs again) What about, finally, a

warm-up? Any special type of warm-up that you feel you have to do before you play? Or is it just whatever the team's doing?

JU: I always have my little set things. I have, like, a little set thing that I always do.

ME: Pattern?

JU: Yeah. I always have to do it in order, and I hate it if we so it out of order cause...

ME: O.K....feel like breaking the....

JU: Yeah.

ME: ...breaking the taboo. O.K. Allright.

*** END OF INTERVIEW ***

GENRE: Superstitions

Jennifer Murphree

NAME OF INTERVIEWEE: Jennifer Murphree YEAR AT C.C.: Freshman
ADDRESS AT C.C.: 238 Mathias x266 RELIGION: Methodist (practicing)
BIRTHDATE: 10/29/66 AGE: 18 RACE: White HOMETOWN: Denver, CO.
SOCIO-ECONOMIC BACKGROUND: Upper middle YEARS PLAYED SOCCER: 11
Parents are religious abd non-superstitious.

I have only known Jennifer for about 5 weeks. We were in a temporary room together at the beginning of the block, except that we were rarely in the room together at the same time. However, I have been able to pick up that she is a very intelligent, creative and artistic individual, as well as a little shy and naive. (I've already corrupted her with some of my obscenities.) She is also extremely cute and nice, and easy to get along with.

As for on the field, Jennifer is a quick little fart, (I feel so old and decrepit, especially with my lame knee!), and a tough player. She can't weigh more than a 110 lbs., which is sometimes a disadvantage because you can really get knocked around by the cows out there, but she is still aggressive and hard to keep an eye on. Thus, in a year or two and with a few lbs. added on, Jennifer will be a hell of a player.

I enjoyed interviewing her, as she was very sincere and easy to talk to. Though I must confess everyone on the team was pleasant about being interviewed, and all were very eager to help me out.

ME: Do you consider yourself superstitious?

JE: Slightly.

ME: Slightly. O.K. Um...do you have any special superstitions, or any little rituals that you do before a game, you know, to help you win?

JE: Um..I have a pair of pink socks I like to wear.

ME: Do you wear them for every game?

JE: I try to. But I can't always cause they're dirty, or something.

ME: O.K. Do you feel...um...when you have these socks on do you play better? Do you feel more confident?

JE: Um...um..I try to keep very mild cause if I don't have them on, then I don't want to get psyched out.

ME: Yeah. Psych yourself....O.K. That's a good attitude. Um..any, like your jewelry? What about your jewelry, or charms?

JE: Um...I like to keep it on, if they let me. And if they don't, I like to put my rings on a long chain and wear them so the refs can't see them. (She laughs)

ME: O.K. All your rings, or just, like your senior...

JE: Just..just my class ring.

ME: Just your class ring. O.K. Um...when did you start doing this..these little, like the pink socks? (She laughs) I mean you didn't...

JE: Through high school.

ME: Did you pick them up from other people, or did you just start doing them yourself?

JE: Just started doing them myself.

ME: Just cause it worked, kinda worked, and you felt more secure?

JE: Mm-mmh. (Yes)

ME: Um...why do you think it works? Why do you think...

JE: Cause it..for the socks mainly cause they're comfortable.
(I laugh and then she laughs)

ME: That's good. Makes you feel better. [Physically]

JE: So I like them when they're on, and so I just started wearing them alot.

ME: That's true. O.K. Um...do you feel like you play better or, you know, just more confident, just cause they're more comfortable? Or do you really..I mean, is there a feeling you get when you're wearing them...like, if you didn't wear them and you lost...

JE: Would I feel guilty?

ME: Would you feel like, "If I'd had the socks on..."

JE: Um...sometimes I think it might have something to do with it, but I don't usually point to it.

ME: O.K. Try to keep your fears and superstitions low, quiet...

JE: I try to so it doesn't matter, or bother me too much.

ME: ...not to worry about it. O.K.

JE: I have something else. I always like...I always think I play better when I'm on the fan's left side of the field. So if the stands are facing the field, I always feel like I'm playing better when they're on their left side.

ME: Hm...wait a minute. Um...how do...explain that?

JE: O.K. If I was facing west, I'd feel like I was playing better on the south side. [Assuming the field runs north/south]

ME: Oh, O.K. Wait a minute...let me see...that's facing that way <west>...you feel better on the south side, which is that way, [I'm saying all of this while motioning with my hands], so that they're on your left? [The fans]

JE: ...shooting on the south goal.

ME: So that they're...but...

JE: So they're on my left when I'm going toward goal.

ME: O.K. That's when you feel better. O.K. Well, that's interesting. [Whew! That took forever for me to understand. Jennifer then told me that her high school statistics proved that this was true, that she did score more when the fans were on the left.]

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[Jennifer had something else to add]

JE: In 1978, a girl's mother gave her a key before a big game, and we won the game. And that girl, at the end of her senior year, gave the key to a junior, and it's been passed down for eight years.

ME: Ever since?

JE: Ever since.

ME: And..um...um...

JE: That player...

ME: ...the..the charm..the key was a lucky charm of the mother that gave it. Right?

JE: Ah-huh.

ME: So, it originally was a lucky charm. Um...do you...

JE: The girl that has it, has to wear it in the game somehow. And so they usually taped it to their shinguard.

ME: O.K. Do you feel..um...does..is...does...has your team been pretty successful in the last...

JE: With the key?

ME: Yeah.

JE: Um...

ME: Have you had pretty good seasons?

JE: It's been up and down, so it's hard to tell. But this last year, I wore it. I was the first foward to ever wear it, and I wore it and we took 2nd in state, and that's the highest we've ever been.

ME: O.K.

JE: So..

ME: Could be.

JE: It has been passed down to defenders, and I was the first foward, cause there weren't any defender seniors...

ME: Last year. Allright. Well, then that's it. Thank you!

*** END OF INTERVIEW ***

GENRE: Superstitions

Liza Grant

NAME OF INTERVIEWEE: Liza Grant

YEAR AT C.C.: Senior

ADDRESS AT C.C.: 223 E. Yampa 471-7938

HOMETOWN: Denver, CO.

RELIGION: Episcopal (semi-practicing) BIRTHDATE: 11/25/63 AGE: 21

SOCIO-ECONOMIC BACKGROUND: Upper-middle RACE: White

YEARS PLAYED SOCCER: 11

Parents are practicing Episcopalians, and not really superstitious.

Liza is one of three team captains this year, which right away says alot for me. She is a good leader and good at pushing her teammates to their limits, that is to say getting the best out of them in terms of skill and concentration. She herself is a very dedicated and excellent player, and was an All-American last season. Sometimes on the field she may be a little too serious, or militant, but off the field you can always humor her. Thus, we call her "the General" on the field.

I really look up to Liza and have a great deal of respect for her, both on and off of the field. So it's always been easy for me to approach her with any problems I may have, and to ask for her advice.

She is an intelligent, sensible, reasonable, and responsible person, as well as fun-loving and good-natured. I enjoy her personality very much and her friendship, too.

Sharon Hoag

NAME OF INTERVIEWEE: Sharon Hoag	YEAR AT C.C.: Senior
ADDRESS AT C.C.: 223 E. Yampa 471-7938	HOMETOWN: Los Gatos, CA.
RELIGION: Athiest BIRTHDATE: 04/07/63	AGE: 22 RACE: White
SOCIO-ECONOMIC BACKGROUND: Upper-middle	YEARS PLAYED SOCCER: 6
Parents are not religious or superstitious.	

Sharon is the second of three team captains, though compared to Liza, she is more of a silent leader. She is the type of person who does not say anything, unless it's something really good to say, and has alot of meaning behind it. (It's tough trying to describe Sharon and I am having difficulty finding the right words.)

She is very intelligent, though you might not know that at first because she is so quiet. But she listens to everything intently and misses nothing. I guess you could say she reminds me of an eagle --smooth, graceful, and silent as it moves, but also very attentive and watchful, seeing everything.

And that is exactly how she is on the field. She is our sweeper, which is the last line of defense before the goalkeeper, and one of the best I've ever seen. She knows the field and position of her teammates at all times, like the back of her hand. And again, she looks very deceiving on the field. There's no flashiness and no showing off. She just gets the job done, and a job well done at that.

She's as solid as a rock, and even harder to get past. She keeps our defense in line, too, and communicates well, as a leader should. I know the team will miss her greatly when she graduates this year.

ME: Do you feel that you are supersitious? I mean just kinda... on...

LI: Yeah, in some areas.

ME: Some? A...well, like....

LI: I mean...

ME: ..in the...what areas? (My hands are up in the air, in a questioning position, and I am shrugging my shoulders.)

LI: In a specific...?

ME: Yeah.

LI: Um...some of the clothes I wear.

ME: Oh really? For...O.K....mmmm. (I laugh) No wonder she always wears the same....No-no, I'm just kidding, I'M JUST KIDDING!! (Liza and Sharon laugh)

SH: She seems to be boring.

LI: No, that's because I only have blue things in my wardrobe. So it ~~looks~~^{looks} like I'm wearing the same thing. (We're all laughing now)

ME: What about in soccer? Like athletic...<superstitions>?

LI: Um...I'm superstitious about...well...as..as soon as the season gets going, if we've been playing well, and I've been...then I'll do the same thing over again.

ME: O.K. You pick up certain habits.

LI: Mm-mmh.

ME: Towards what you win.

LI: Yeah.

ME: Um...if you could rate yourself..um..like a, you know..semi, a little...a scale from 1-10. How superstitious would you be?

LI: A...probably about...5 or 6.

ME: O.K. How about you Sharon?

SH: I'm not superstitious at all. (She laughs)

ME: O.K. You don't have any... no superstitions for soccer, or anything? Not really?

SH: No.

ME: None that you can think of. O.K. Um...what are your superstitious habits. What kind of stuff do you do? Um... you know...things in the past, too.

LI: Um...yeah...the way..um...the way that I warm up.

ME: Do you go through a certain pattern?

LI: Yeah. You know, just the way that I'll get ready for a game.

ME: This is just individual. Not with the team, right?

LI: Yeah. That's individual

ME: O.K. Um...do you have any...like, certain clothes that you must wear to the game, like certain socks, or lucky underwear?

SH: Cheryl's lucky underwear. (She already knows about this and laughs)

LI: I have lucky underwear.

ME: Do you?

LI: Um..no, it's not..it's not underwear, but a...

ME: It's a jock strap! (We all laugh again)

LI: No, actually the bra has something to do with it.

ME: Lucky bra?

LI: Yeah.

ME: Debbie has a lucky bra. Don't tell her I told you. (We

laugh again, for the millionth time!)

LI: Well...no...I don't know that it's a lucky...I..now..I mean this year, now, I have...I have to wear a jog bra. But I always think I feel I play better with them that way in a jog bra.

ME: Really? Have you ever played without it? I mean, this year, we've only had 2 games, you know. (This last sentence is said mainly to myself.)

LI: No, but I mean last year I didn't...I would practice with a jog bra sometimes, but I wouldn't ever..I wouldn't play with it. But this year I've gotta play with it. But now it doesn't...I mean..a..it...that's never been a real big superstition.

ME: O.K. Um...

SH: I guess Liza wouldn't have the support problem. (She laughs)

ME: Oooooooh! (I laugh as Liza gets shot down) Oooooooh!

LI: Bruce [our athletic trainer] has already told me that. He said I need more support in back than I do in front, with this thing. [Liza has to wear a special neck pad to keep her head from snapping all the way back.]

ME: That's awful. He's so mean! (We all laugh because Bruce is just a big old bear--tough on the outside, but super nice on the inside.) O.K. What about, like, um... any special number, or shoes, or like, you don't wear..no you don't....I guess you don't wear any jewelry?

LI: Nu-huh. (No)

ME: Nope. Do you have a certain pair of shoes that you always like to wear?

LI: Um...no..it's just whatever shoes I'm really most comfortable with.

ME: What you need at the time?

LI: Yeah.

ME: O.K. And number. Do you feel superstitious about a number?

LI: No, but I like...I mean, I like my number, whenever. I just assume have my number

ME: What number are you?

LI: Eleven.

ME: Have you had that every year you've played?

LI: I had that number all the way through high school.

ME: It's a good number. [I just love the number eleven] O.K. Um...I guess..I.. Sharon says she has no superstitions. You don't have any that you can think of? None?

SH: No...I don't have anything...called superstitions..I call comfort.

ME: Mental preparation. [She joins in] O.K.

SH: ...you know, everything to do before practice..er..before a game.

ME: You have to warm-up, right?

SH: Right. I like to do the same thing every game.

ME: Pre-game meal? [I just throw this in] Yeah.

SH: Just mental.

ME: O.K. Um...I guess for Liza.. I'll direct this towards her. Do you feel that you play better because of your superstition? Once you've picked it up? And if you feel better, why?

LI: I think I do feel as if I play better.

ME: Do you feel confident, more confident, if you've done it? I mean, if you have your lucky bra on? (I laugh)

LI: Um... I know..I think..I think about it more before the game than, you know, if, as soon as I get out there. And I...

I've played then, you know, as soon as I get out there, I'm dressed, and it just doesn't make any difference. Or, you know...or I'll think about it afterwards, you know, or when I'm getting dressed some other time. But when I get out on the field, I don't think it makes any difference. I was either ready to go, or I wasn't.

ME: O.K. In terms of mental. Have you ever had a superstition before where if you didn't wear it and you lost a game, you looked back and said, "If I had done that we would have won." Or is that not...

LI: Um...yeah..I..I mean, I think..I think about it a little bit..."Oh well, if I did this then maybe I could", but...and I don't.. I don't really blame it...

ME: You're not adamant about it?

LI: No, I don't blame it on that.

ME: O.K.

SH: Do you..ah..I'll ask a question...(she laughs)

ME: Go ahead. Fine.

SH: You always used to say that, you know, if Halladie was at the game, you know, you were gonna lose, cause...whenever Halladie was there you'd lose. Did that ever affect you?

ME: Who is this?

LI: Well, whenever Halladie...my, you know, Halladie, my oldest sister from San Francisco...she came to...um...when we went our for...when I was playing with the women's amateur team, we went out there and played, and she came and watched, and we lost. She came to a game in Denver sometime, and we lost. And then we went out to California, when we played Stanford, the year..my sophomore year. She came to that game, and we lost. But when we played Santa Clara the next day and she wasn't there, and we won. And...

ME: Was she at any of, at the Berkeley game? When we played Berkeley? [We lost to Berkeley twice last year.]

LI: Ah...no. She was at the Santa Barbara tournament [where we played Berkeley].

ME: Ooooooh! [I say that because it was a tough tournament for our team, and we sure didn't need any bad luck around!!]

LI: But...but we won both of those first games. But...ahm... she was at the Berkeley game and we lost. But I told...I told my Mom that if...I told her we lost..if we lost..um ...I said..she said something..she was coming down for Tuesday's and Thursday's game. And...

ME: Oh, this week [against the California teams].

LI: Yeah, and she..I said, "Well, we'll have to see about Thursday's". [Halladie was there Tuesday, and we lost to Santa Barbara, 1-0, and she wasn't there Thursday, and we beat Berkeley, 2-1 !] So...

ME: Ahhh...(I am feeling sorry for her sister and I laugh). I wonder if she could watch and you not know about it? I wonder if you'd still....

LI: I..I mean it probably doesn't have much to do with it, but...

ME: Have you ever won when she's been at a game?

LI: Oh, yeah.

ME: O.K.

LI: We've played against D.U. and Metro, and she's been there and stuff.

SH: Do you play as well with her there?

LI: Ahhh...I don't..well.....

SH: Or does she distract you every once in a while?

LI: No, she doesn't distract me.

SH: ...just cause she's there?

LI: No. I mean that..that doesn't bother me.

ME: Mental concentration is up there. [For Liza] Nothing distracts <her>....

LI: ...cause I thought I played..I thought I played O.K. on Sat...on yesterday [against Univ. of MO./St. Louis], and they..I knew they were there.

ME: Huh! (I gasp) She was there yesterday??? [We lost to them, 1-0]

LI: Mm-mmh.

SH: Yeeaah! And we lost!!

ME: Aghhh! (I laugh) Give her the boot. Tell her not to come anymore! No. (I laugh again.)

LI: Maybe it's my Dad. (We're all laughing now) I mean, they never...they've never come to any games in the East..to any of my soccer games in the East, and we only lost 4 games in my 3 years there. (She laughs) [Liza went to a prep school in the East.]

*** END OF INTERVIEW ***

GENRE: Superstitions

Anna Shortt

NAME OF INTERVIEWEE: Anna Shortt

YEAR AT C.C.: Freshman

ADDRESS AT C.C.: 317 Slocum x309 RELIGION: Christian (practicing)

BIRTHDATE: 07/24/67 AGE: 18 RACE: White HOMETOWN: San Jose, CA.

SOCIO-ECONOMIC BACKGROUND: Middle YEARS PLAYED SOCCER: 10

Mother is non-practicing Catholic and superstitious, Father is practicing Lutheran and non-superstitious.

I have not known Anna for very long either, though to me she seems to be a very sincere and serious person. That's not to say she isn't nice or fun, she is both of these, though I just don't think she gets too carried away with anything. I mean she seems to be very in control of her emotions. But she also seems to be caring and thoughtful of others, especially her close friends.

She appears to be quite intense with her studies and with her soccer, and definitely not the type that enjoys going to frat parties every night. She is a good soccer player, well-liked by her teammates, and has already earned herself a starting position on the team, as an outside back (defense). But I know with a little more experience she will become even more powerful, as is true with any young college player.

ME: Do you consider yourself superstitious?

A: No.

ME: No...um..O.K...not at all? I mean, you know, if you scaled yourself on a 1-10 again....1?

A: It would probably be a 1 or a 2.

ME: 1 or 2. O.K. Um...go ahead and tell me what you just told me [we talked before the interview], your little...

A: Oh...um...sometime during the day, on a game day, I have to eat a banana because, I, just...do you wanna know why?

ME: Yeah, you can go ahead and tell me the reasons.

A: Um..basically because it started cause I needed potassium cause I get cramps alot. And then I just keep eating them because...well, you know...like, I'm Anna Banana, and it's just kinda funny, you know, I always get psyched, and it just reminds me of the game.

ME: O.K. Um...what about...what was the second thing? You told me...ah, you said....

A: Oh yeah. Every...right..right before the game starts I always pray.

ME: O.K.

A: And that's not really superstitious, but it's something that...

ME: Do you say a certain prayer, or do you just pray, and, you know, I mean, you don't say, like, do you say the Lord's Prayer? Or...

A: No...no, I just, whatever I'm feeling like, and I just kinda...

ME: O.K. Um...oh, tell me about your superstitions in high school, on your team.

A: Oh, my high school team was really superstitious. Um...at, there was this one girl, who would wear her gold necklace,

cause we had to take off all our jewelry. She would take her gold necklace and tie it to her drawstring of her shorts, and we all had to run around and touch her gold necklace before the game.

ME: Just touch it with your hand?

A: Yeah..yeah, touch it with your hand, and everybody had to do it, even the people who weren't playing. And then my coach always wore her 49'ers shirt. And...also there were two girls who would abstain from shaving their legs, the day of the game. And that's pretty much...those were our superstitions, and I guess they might have worked because we had a pretty good season, but it was kinda funny. (She laughs)

ME: O.K. So, in general, you could say they were good superstitions. You don't have any routine..nothing you, like a warm-up pattern, or anything you do to get, like, physically and mentally prepared?

A: Um...sometimes if I need extra mental preparation, I like to listen...I listen to this song by Marvin Gaye...

ME: Oh, O.K.

A: "Heard It Through The Grapevine."

ME: Good song!

A: There's a really good beat to it, and I don't know if it goes against the heartbeat, or with it, but it's very strong, and if you listen to it, not too loud, but if you just listen to it, it can get you really pumped.

ME: O.K.

A: So sometimes I listen to that.

ME: But...you, O.K., just sometimes, not before every game, or anything. Just when you...

A: No...at National Camp [this is where the best female players from around the nation, under the age of 19, try out for the National Youth Team] I listen to it for a...

ME: So certain times when you feel that you need an extra boost.

A: Yeah. (She laughs)

ME: O.K.

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[Anna had something else to add]

A: Um...my parents usually come to watch my games alot, and my mother is very superstitious. So..um..in Italy, they have this..routine, or this superstition, that whenever you see a white horse, it's good luck. But you have to make these hand gestures, as if you were licking a stamp, placing it on the envelope, and sealing it, and you have to do it three times, and that's supposed to be good luck. And so my Mom and Dad usually, always try to find a white horse before my games and before they would come to my games, and they would do that.

ME: If they didn't find a white horse, would any horse do? I just wondered, or did they...

A: Um...my Mom would stretch it, (she laughs) she'd go, "Oh, there's a white horse!" But sometimes it wouldn't be, but we'd all just act like it was. (She laughs again.)

ME: O.K. Well, if she saw a horse with a little white on it, would that count? (I laugh now.)

A: Um...stretching it a little far.

ME: Well, that's it. Thank you and, I guess, have a pleasant evening.

*** END OF INTERVIEW ***

GENRES: Superstitions

Honey Hogan

NAME OF INTERVIEWEE: Honey Hogan

YEAR AT C.C.: Freshman

ADDRESS AT C.C.: 304 Slocum x310 RELIGION: Methodist (non-practicing)

BIRTHDATE: 04/10/67 AGE: 18 RACE: White HOMETOWN: Dallas, Texas

SOCIO-ECONOMIC BACKGROUND: Middle YEARS PLAYING SOCCER: 6

Parents are not religious or superstitious.

Honey has had a place in my heart ever since I first met her. This was last February, when she and another soccer player (who very unfortunately was not accepted at C.C.) came up to visit the school and stayed with me, while my roommate was away. She is super cute and really nice. She is also a little shy, and I like to tease her about anything whenever possible. I mean what can you expect with a name like Honey? But I think she enjoys it, and she often gets me back.

I don't know that much about her otherwise, like what her interests are outside of soccer. On the field, however, she is a solid player, though she needs to get a little more aggressive. But hopefully this will come with experience.

She reminds me of Bambi because she has big green eyes, which make her look very wonderful, and she always wears her strawberry blond hair up in a pony tail almost on top of her head. And this reminds me of Bambi's little bob of a tail. She also seems very pure and innocent, like Bambi. But who knows what could be lurking behind those big, inquisitive eyes of hers? She's probably another nut like me, waiting to be released!!!

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ME: Honey, do you consider yourself superstitious?

H: No.

ME: No at all?

H: No.

ME: Do you have...um...any superstitions, or rituals that you do before the game to get ready, like lucky socks, lucky number, or charm, jewelry, article of clothing, shoes?

H: Twelve is my lucky number.

ME: Do you always wear it? Do you have it this year?

H: No.

ME: No?

H: So I don't know if it's lucky anymore.

ME: Well, it was.

H: It was?

ME: It was for awhile, it helped. [She played for a great club team during high school, the Dallas D'Feeters, and they won many titles.] Um...you don't have any oth...anything else?

H: I don't think so, cause you asked me that before and I couldn't find any, or think of any.

ME: Oh, that's O.K. I know...I..all I..very few people have superstitions on this team. We are a very non-superstitious team. (I laugh.)

H: End of interview, thank you. (She laughs.)

ME: Yeah, it is, that's about it. Um...oh, I guess if you don't want to add anything...um..do you have any...well, I will ask you this: Do you have any special warm-up routine, or any mental preparation that you go through before the game? That you have to...I mean any certain set of warm-ups that you have to do? Some people...have to go through certain patterns.

H: I never thought about it, really. I just...

ME: O.K. You just go out there and do it. Huh?

H: Do whatever.

ME: O.K. You don't have to sit and think for three hours before the game, or anything?

H: No. I always wanted to do that but I could never sit still for three hours to think about it! (We laugh)

ME: Hyper-active Queen!! O.K. Well, that's the end of interview number eleven. Thank you very much, Miss Hogan!

*** END OF INTERVIEW ***

GENRE: Superstitions

Michelle Bulger

NAME OF INTERVIEWEE: Michelle Bulger YEAR AT C.C.: Freshman
ADDRESS AT C.C.: 304 Slocum x310 RELIGION: Catholic (non-practicing)
BIRTHDATE: 03-01-67 AGE: 18 RACE: White HOMETOWN: Dallas, Texas
SOCIO-ECONOMIC BACKGROUND: Middle class YEARS PLAYED SOCCER: 14
Parents are non-practicing Catholics also, and non-superstitious.

Michelle, better known as Bulge, is one wild woman. And as some people would say, "a party animal." Though I'm not really sure if this is true. I like to think that she is alot like myself--fun and crazy, and obnoxious. She has a wonderful sense of humor, as is quite evident in the following interview, and I thoroughly enjoyed interviewing her. However, it was very hard for the two of us to be serious, so I'm not sure if anything in this interview is entirely true.

I do have alot of respect for Michelle on the field, and I am almost certain that all of our other teammates do, too, especially after the California games last week.

Michelle played superbly and saved us several times on defense, marking two of the best fowards in the nation. She did her job well, and I would even go so far as to say that she ate those two fowards for lunch. I like to compare her style of play to mine, too. She will do anything to get the ball on defense, and that includes sacrificing her body, which she did more than once last week. And I will do anything to get the ball into the net on offense, even sacrifice my body. So we are two wild and crazy women, both on and off the field.

ME: Do you feel you are a superstitious person?

MB: No.

ME: Not at all?

MB: No.

ME: Do you have any superstitions, or rituals. Like do you like to wear a certain pair of shoes, or socks, or a lucky charm, like a rabbit's foot, or any color, or number, you know, anything like that?

MB: Let me think...um...um...I have to wear with my socks down, when I play soccer.

ME: You have...you always do?

MB: Yes.

ME: You always...she always wears her socks down. Mmmmm....

MB: Superstition.

ME: That's..do you feel that is a superstition?

MB: Yes, I can't play with them up.

ME: Cause you can't...uh...um...have you ever lost with them down?

MB: Yes! (She says in disgust!)

ME: See..I guess she has..do you feel, ah, after, I mean you didn't think that when you lost, that the superstition was broken, or anything?

MB: No, I just figured it would've been worse if I would've worn 'em up. (She laughs and I join in.)

ME: Oh, O.K., that's a good way to look at it.

*** (At this point I had to turn the tape over) ***

MB: Should I tell them about the good luck charm I wear in my bra, Honey? (She and Honey are roommates, and she asks this question jokingly.)

ME: Yeah. (Honey laughs.)

MB: Is that on?? (To the tape recorder. She says this with her hand over her mouth in disbelief.)

ME: Tell me about that. (We're all laughing now. Michelle then kicks me in the shoulder.) What about...my shoulder is now ruined...um...when did you start wearing your socks down?

MB: Um...probably when I was in 3rd grade, 4th grade.

ME: When you first started almost? O.K. Um...do you feel more confident because you wear them down?

MB: Yes!

ME: You feel it makes you play better?

MB: Yes!

ME: And if you pulled them up you'd play shitty?

MB: Yes! (She laughs.)

ME: Hmmm. O.K....well, we're determined on that. Um...the last question...this...I didn't ask Honey this cause she really didn't have any superstitions, but she's gonna get pissed cause I didn't ask her this. But...ah...does anyone else, besides me now, know about this superstition?

H: Me. (She laughs)

MB: Honey does. (She laughs)

ME: Honey knows. Besides me and Honey. (I laugh now as well)...Honey and I...

MB: Well, see, actually I've never tried to play with 'em up.

ME: O.K.

MB: I knew better.

ME: You knew better?

MB: Yeah.

ME: You should try one day and see what happens.

H: Can I put a P.S. on mine, too, because I don't like wearing my socks up.

ME: You do?

H: I don't

ME: You don't. Oh, one note--Honey Hogan, who we interviewed before Michelle Bulger, does not like to wear her socks up either. But this could be a variation...

MB: It's like a...

ME: ..of style.

MB: ...I think this is "peer pressure." (Honey joins in.)

ME: This is peer pressure. They used to play on the same team in Dallas, and I think the whole team did this!!! (I laugh)

MB: They did. (She and Honey laugh)

ME: So, it's a carry-over from a..a..a later..earlier tradition.

MB: Yes.

ME: O.K. Well, I think that's the end of the interview.

MB: Is that it?? I want to answer more questions!!!

ME: That's it. Oh, you...O.K...um....

MB: I can make up stuff! (In a pleading tone of voice. We all laugh again.)

ME: I don't need made up stuff. Do you have any...you don't have any...you don't have a lucky underwear, or a lucky bra? A lucky pair...

MB: I only have one bra.

ME: O.K. (I laugh) Do you have a...um...

MB: I have my Patrick's...are good...like today...I won't wear any other shoes.

ME: What kind of shoes? You only wear Patrick cleats? Or...

MB: Yeah.

ME: ..you have turf shoes?

MB: I like just my Patrick cleats. They're lucky.

ME: O.K. What kind are they?

MB: Stabils.

ME: Stabils.

MB: But I can't wear them here. [Because they are not made for outdoor play in thick grass.]

ME: Turf room. [That's where she could wear them.]

MB: So it's kinda...that's why we lost yesterday, cause I didn't have 'em on. (She laughs. We had gotten beat by the Univ. of Missouri/St Louis, 1-0.)

ME: What did you wear?

MB: Somebody else's that left their's last year.

ME: Ooooh.

MB: They're Patricks, but they weren't Stabils.

ME: Mmmmm. You could wear Stabils. Except you slip. You really slip?

MB: I know but I pulled my groins when I slipped.

ME: Ooooooh, Ouch!! Spread, huh? You fell spread eagle. O.K. Anyways. O.K. Then I guess that's it.

MB: You want me to sing for you??? [She really doesn't want this interview to end!]

H: What about...(she mumbles something).

ME: You can sing.

MB: (To Honey) Oh, I know because I just never knew how to do it right. That's not one.

H: Madonna bracelets? [Michelle wears two rubber bracelets that look like something Madonna would wear.]

ME: Madonna bracelets! (I laugh)

MB: That's just because my friend gave them to me.

ME: O.K. Um....

H: I tried to get some good superstitions.

ME: That's O.K.

MB: What else?...superstitious about going on trips, cause something bad always happens whenever I go on trips.

ME: Really?

MB: Right Honey?

ME: What happened in Europe. [Their team went to play in Europe this past summer.]

MB: DF...a plane crashed at DFW [that terrible plane wreck at the Dallas/ Ft. Worth airport in August, where they would arrive later]. But that didn't really count. O.K.

ME: What...was that the..um..a day you came in?

MB: That was two days before we got in.

ME: Oh, really? Scarey! O.K. Well, I think we'll end it.....

MB: AND MY BEST FRIEND'S PILOT DAD...(she is shouting and laughing so hard now that you can't even understand her. She just doesn't wanna quit!!!!)

ME: We're going to end before Michelle makes up something...um..

MB: I'M NOT DONE YET!!!

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ME: GOODBYE!! (We're all laughing hysterically now.)

*** END OF INTERVIEW ***

The interviewing went quite well, and I really don't feel that I need to give too many explanations. I wrote down the interviews nearly word for word, hoping that this would give some insight into the repertoire of the C.C. women's soccer.

I interviewed 14 players, out of a possible 24, and I also considered myself as an interviewee. However, I did not actually interview myself on tape, as I did the others. But I considered my own beliefs and superstitions along with everyone else's, in the final analysis.

As much as I tried to make them conversational, the interviews were still set up in a fairly rigid, question-and-answer style. But I felt everyone did a good job of relaxing and being themselves, once they got used to the idea of being recorded.

For a recorder, I used my huge jam box, lugging it around campus to each interview. But it did the job quite well and I had no problems transcribing the interviews. My jam box has two, small, built in microphones, located on either side of the cassette tape compartment, just above the speakers. So I didn't have to worry about waving a microphone in anyone's face.

I tried to make the interviews go as smoothly as possible, interviewing each player separately, except for Liza and Sharon, and Cheryl and Ann, who I interviewed in pairs. I also interviewed each player in her own room, which I assume was a comfortable environment for them. The fact that I am a part of the soccer folklore group, "an insider", and good

friends with most of the girls made the interviewing very easy for me. And for the few freshmen I don't know very well yet, I just used a little of my humor and wonderful charm to finagle their superstitions out of them, whether they believe them to be superstitions or not.

Speaking of belief, most of the girls didn't take the subject of superstition too seriously, even though they gave me good interviews. In general, everyone kind of laughed, or at least smiled, when I told them what my project was on and asked to interview them. And a couple of the girls told me that they really didn't have any superstitions, and felt they were not worth interviewing. Yet, I ended up with at least two or three minutes of interview time on each of those two girls! It's amazing what you can get out of people when you take the time to listen.

The average time for each interview was about four and a half minutes. But Sharon and Liza's interview broke the norm and was almost nine minutes long!!

I hope this information helps to clarify any questions which might arise when reading the interviews. I felt they were wonderfully successful, whether they contain real superstitions or not.

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