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## **NHTI Students Adopt an M.P.**

CONCORD — New Hampshire Technical Institute (NHTI)

Throughout the month of November, 2007, the NHTI Criminal Justice and Human Services Clubs collaborated with the Student Senate and the Campus Activities Board to support NHTI Criminal Justice major David Burris of Milford, a member of the NH National Guard who is presently serving in Iraq.

Specialist Burris is a N.H. Correctional Officer assigned to the 237th Military Police Company from New Hampshire, presently attached to the 1132nd Military Police Company, 95th MP Battalion, training Iraqi Police Officers.

Specialist Burris reached out to the NHTI community through the Criminal Justice Department, asking for help with his unit's secondary mission, which is to build community support through outreach to the Iraqi children. His unit distributes items to children when they enter towns within his patrol sector. They toss out individually wrapped hard candy, soft non-breakable stuffed animals and "beanie babies," soccer balls and other "nerf" type balls as they pass through each village.

Unfortunately the supply of such items is very low, and Burris asked the NHTI community to help collect more and ship them to him and his fellow military police officers. A campus-wide effort to honor his call for help was launched on October 30th.

The effort was a huge success, garnering many donations of toys and cash from local businesses as well as from members of the NHTI community. In all, a dozen boxes were shipped to Iraq containing over 100 pounds of candy, 130 "Beanie Babies," soccer balls, soccer uniforms, soft balls, nerf balls and flip flops for Burris and his comrades to give out to the kids.

Upon hearing of the shipment via email, Specialist Burris replied, "I don't know what to say! I guess, wow! That's amazing! I had no idea how big this would be. Please extend my thanks to everyone involved. We all appreciate the support. That will be a big help, especially the soccer stuff."

Burris is keeping up with his education by taking on-line courses at NHTI, and plans to return to the college in person in the fall of 2008.

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ATTACHMENTS: Photos by David Burris (and one of David Burris).

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