

Students criticized for campaign

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Some sixth graders at Lederle Middle School wrote letters to a government agency in Newfoundland opposing Canada's seal hunt, only to have their ideas tagged foul and their teacher called a brash fool.

After reading an article in their Junior Scholastic magazine, the Southfield studies class discussed the plight of baby seals with teacher Steve Goldberg. The magazine story explained that baby seals were being killed for food and fur coats.

Appalled by the slaughtering, the students began a grass roots letter-writing campaign to express their opinions.

Sixty-nine pupils wrote to St. John's Tourist Commission and Convention Bureau in St. John's, Newfoundland. Only one letter favored the seal hunt.

A few months later, Goldberg received a letter from the commission manager John Tessier, stating that the "small children were subjected to a blanket brainwashing session."

Tessier explained in his letter that the massive seal herd consumes more fish than is caught in the commercial fishery. That is frightening because the seal herd is actually growing, he said. He enclosed brochures discussing Newfoundland's reasoning for hunting seals.

Pacheco paces NF soccer squad

Debbie Pacheco, a middle forward on North Farmington's girls' soccer team, scored three goals last Wednesday to lead her team past city-rival Farmington Harrison, 6-1. Pacheco, a senior, has scored 21 of North's 41 goals this season.

Susan Pacheco added two goals and an assist, and Kathy Cole had one goal against Harrison. In other recent games, North defeated Livonia Franklin (5-1) and Livonia Churchill (4-0). Coach Mark Hoerner's Raiders, now 8-1 this season, play next on Wednesday (May 31) at Farmington High. The game has a 3:45 p.m. start.

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