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## Student Dies In Car Accident

### *Two Other Students Hospitalized*

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One student was killed and two others were hospitalized in a car accident last Monday.

Jennifer Obernesser '98 was killed when the car she was traveling in rolled over several times and struck a guard rail on Interstate 93 in Concord, New Hampshire.

It is believed that the car, a Toyota Four Runner driven by Alice Yamada '98, rolled over when Yamada tried to avoid a car that cut in front of them. The accident is still under investigation.

Rescue crews removed Obernesser and Yamada from the car within twenty minutes. Eric Kennedy '98, the third occupant, was thrown from the vehicle. All three were transported to

the Concord Hospital for treatment. Nursing Supervisor Greg Kraft told *The Concord Monitor* that "There were some attempts to resuscitate [Obernesser] at the scene but she was pronounced dead soon after she got here."

Kennedy was placed in the hospital's intensive care unit, with a fractured femur, fractured vertebrae in the back and neck, and lung contusions. Yamada was treated for injuries to her hand, and held for observation. Kennedy is no longer in intensive care, and Yamada has been discharged.

Yamada's mother has flown in from Japan to be with her, and Kennedy's parents have flown in from Hawaii. It is not known when either student plans on returning to Trinity.

Obernesser and Ya-



Jennifer Obernesser '98.

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mada were wearing seat belts, but it has not been determined if Kennedy was.

A memorial service for Obernesser was held on Saturday, February 25 at the Lady of Assumption Church in Woodbridge, CT. Approximately 25 students attended the ceremony. In addition, a Catholic Mass remembering Obernesser will be held on March 12 in the Trinity Chapel.

Benjamin Zwirn '97, spoke of Obernesser, say-

ing, "She always had a smile on her face. She was always there if you needed someone to talk to... She was a good person at heart."

All three students were members of the Trinity College Ski Team and were on a private ski trip, not a ski team outing.

This is the second death of a ski team member in 13 months. Nicole Martin '96 died last January in a collision with another skier at a ski team practice.

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