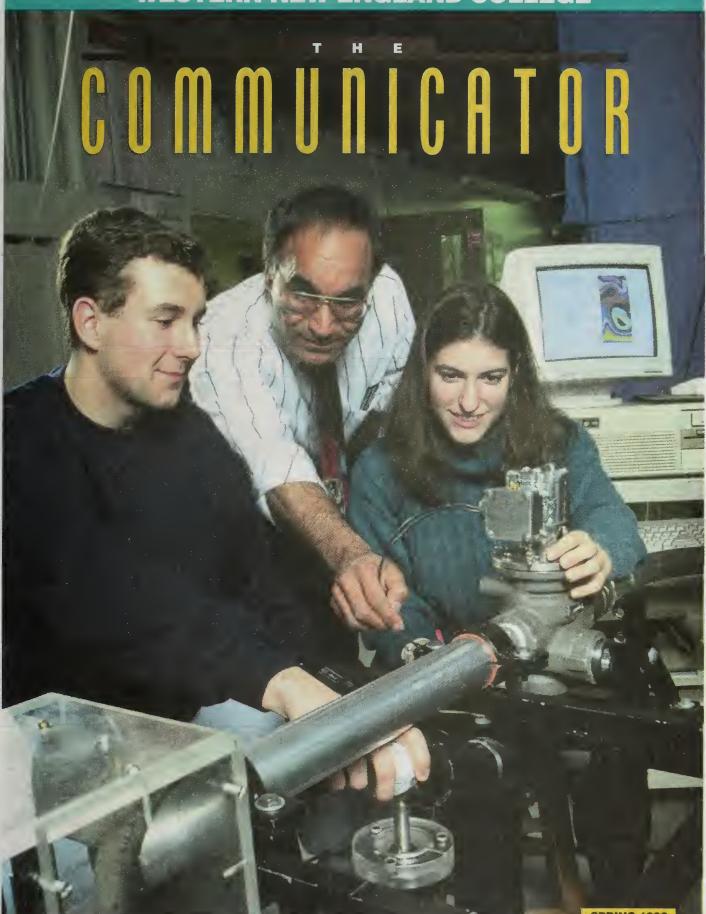
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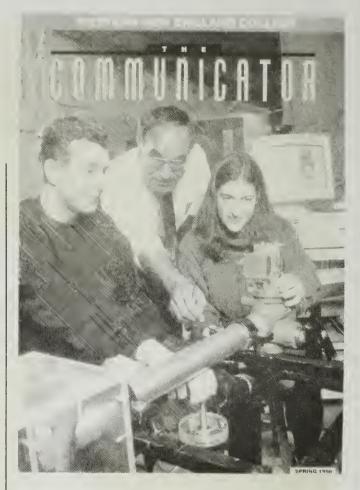
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Golf anyone? Jason Malek '96 and Heather White '98 with Professor Mohammad Khosrowjerdi (center) in the Mechanical Engineering Laboratory demonstrate a machine that tests golf balls. Mechanical engineering student Todd Link (not pictured) is perfecting this machine as part of his senior project for Spalding Sports Worldwide.

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## ENGINEERS PROVIDE STRUCTURE AT WNEC

Below is the third in a series of four features, one on each of the schools at WNEC. The next issue will include a feature on the School of Law.

"People who work together are going to have disagreements, but in the School of Engineering, there is a remarkable understanding and degree of belief in the mission of the school. We're all here for the same reason."

- Stephen Crist

The faculty members in the School of Engineering are very committed to educating young engineers and making sure they work with industry and get hands-on experience before they graduate.

At any given time, in the laboratories in Sleith Hall, there is plenty of activity. Students are busy working on projects that range from simulating a manufacturing line for a major toy company to working on advanced airplane propulsion or advanced helicopter designs for major aircraft companies to researching implant materials for sutures and prosthetic devices.

Even in their freshman year, engineering majors can test the different fields of engineering through the College Success Skills course. Many professors are also working to integrate the majors of industrial engineering, mechanical engineering, and electrical engineering, so that students in these different majors can experiment together on plastics processing in an interdisciplinary laboratory.

With all this going on, Stephen Crist, dean of the School of Engineering, is taking measures to make sure that the School of Engineering stays on top. For the past year, Dean Crist has been involved with organizing an Engineering Advisory Council, made up of 13 practicing engineers in the local area. Says Dr. Crist, "I'm very optimistic about this group. They represent many local companies, and their purpose is to learn all they can about the School of Engineering and suggest ideas and ways to better the school and its programs. So far, the council has met twice and in its last meeting during the fall, it focused on the area of career planning for engineering students.

Dean Crist came to WNEC five years ago from West Virginia Institute of Technology, where he was chair of electrical engineering. Before that, for 12 years, he was on the faculty at Clarkson University in New York. At the time he left, he was executive officer of the electrical engineering department, which had more than 900 undergraduate EE students. In 1982, he received the campuswide teaching award at Clarkson.

Along with his duties as dean, Dr. Crist also teaches one course a year. He has taught electronics, circuits, and this past fall, he taught a physics course. He earned his bachelor's degree at Renssalaer Polytechnic Institute and his master's and Ph.D. at Arizona State University, all in electrical engineering.

Dr. Crist lives in Wales, MA, with his wife, Pat, who is a teacher in the Longmeadow School System. Their son, Tim, is a junior electrical engineering major at WNEC, and their daughter, Joy, is a sophomore in high school

"The atmosphere at WNEC is extremely pro-undergraduate student and I really like that," says Dean Crist. "I tell prospective students that we may not have the name recognition that some institutions may have, but we have to meet the same high standards for accreditation. And I'm realizing more and more that our name is spreading, through our talented graduates, and through our expert faculty members who really care about their students."

The following five faculty members are just a few in the School of Engineering who are bringing students together with industry and giving them experience working on state-of-the-art projects and programs.

### Eric Haffner, Associate Professor of Industrial Engineering

"WNEC is a place where I can make a good contribution to students' education."

- Eric Haffner

An associate professor of industrial engineering, Dr. Haffner and his colleagues are big on partnering with industry to provide the best education possible for their engineering students. In one of his lab courses, students simulate real manufacturing facilities and work with actual companies. Dr. Haffner says, "For a recent senior project, one of my students used computer simulation to design and analyze a manufacturing line at Milton Bradley. He helped to improve the line for making the game called 'Trouble.' The new manufacturing line has improved productivity and reduced costs."



Stephen Crist, dean of the School of Engineering.

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In March 1995, Dr. Haffner published an article in *Industrial Engineering* with his colleague, John Maleyeff, also an associate professor of industrial engineering at WNEC. Their article, entitled "Industry and Academic Partnerships," was about WNEC's particular partnerships with industry to improve engineering education. They wrote, "WNEC's industrial partnerships include facility tours, class and laboratory projects, curriculum development, assistance in writing grant proposals, evaluation and training with regard to new equipment, and equipment donations."

Eric Haffner began teaching at Western New England College in 1979. He commutes from Northborough, MA, since his wife, Brenda Gardner, works in Boston. They have two children, Jessica, 5, and Lauren, 2. Dr. Haffner earned his bachelor's degree at Keene State College, a master's degree at Illinois Institute of Technology, and a master's and Ph.D. at the University of Massachusetts.

In discussing the innovations in Engineering Design Graphics, a course he teaches for freshman students, Professor Haffner says, "We work in three different areas in the class. The first involves traditional pencil and paper sketching. The second utilizes AutoCAD, where we use the computer to generate drawings. The two methods when combined create a greater understanding or visualization of spatial relationships. The third part of the course involves design activities. These can be really challenging, as many first year students have a tough time with open-ended design problems where there are many correct solutions."

For Dr. Haffner, the students are his favorite part of being at the College. He adds, "The size is a real benefit also. Before coming to WNEC, I taught at a much bigger college and everyone was a stranger. At WNEC, I pride myself on knowing all my students' names. There is a real sense of community here."

### Walter Presz, Jr., Professor of Mechanical Engineering

Like Professor Haffner, Dr. Walter Presz is also someone who really knows how to combine industry and teaching so that all of his students get a real glimpse of life outside the classroom. Dr. Presz has been teaching at Western New England College for 14 years. A professor of mechanical engineering, he came from industry, with 16 years at Pratt & Whitney Aircraft to be exact.

A registered professional engineer, Professor Presz earned his bachelor's degree at Lowell Technological Institute, his master's degree at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and his Ph.D. at the University of Connecticut. Along with teaching, he runs his own consulting company called FloDesign, Inc. Dr. Presz explains, "Through the company, I get many projects for my students to work on."

His success in industry is easily seen by the number of projects that he and his students are constantly working on for big corporations such as Stage Three Technology, Sikorsky Aircraft, Pratt & Whitney Aircraft, United Technology Research Center, Anfil Corporation, TRAC, Carrier, Otis Elevator, Braun, and Black and Decker.

His teaching success can be measured by the many students and alumni who think of him as one of their favorite professors, and by the many teaching awards he has won. In 1990, during Honors Convocation at WNEC, Dr. Presz was awarded the Sears-Roebuck Foundation Teaching Excellence and Campus Leadership Award. During the same year, he also received the AT&T Outstanding Engineer Professor in New England award. Recently. he was honored with the 1995 Distinguished Engineer of the Year Award, sponsored by the Engineering Society of Western Massachusetts. The plaque read, "For your numerous contributions to the areas of compressible flow and turbo machinery, for your many innovations and inventions, and for your success in providing a rigorous yet practical education for our students."

Dr. Presz and his students have recently designed and built four displays focusing on jet aircraft propulsion that are currently on exhibit at the Science and Technology Center, Indonesia. Dr. Presz explains, "The project came about through Pratt & Whitney Aircraft. There is a new wave of museum displays which are interactive and designed to be educational for all age levels. Pratt & Whitney wanted a jet aircraft propulsion display that was educational and technically correct. They needed an expert in propulsion who was also an educator, and so they came to me."

The four displays they completed during the summer through December of 1995, are entitled "Pressure-Energy-Propulsion Exhibit Cluster" and include a Drag Display, showing how streamlining can reduce drag forces; a Lift Display, showing how airfoils, or streamline shapes can generate lift forces while reducing drag forces; a Propulsion Display, showing how gas turbine engines are used in aircraft propulsion; and an F16 Flight Simulation, where a turbofan aircraft flight is simulated through computer control of a 1/10 scale model F16 aircraft.

Currently, Professor Presz says he and his students are on the cutting edge of product design and prototyping, which involve building models and testing them. They accomplish this through computer design and stereolithography fabrication, which is computer fabrication. Adds Dr. Presz, "Typically, seniors working on their final projects are involved here."

Dr. Presz and his students do a lot of work on new products for Pratt & Whitney. Says Dr. Presz, "I already have 20 patents and 10 are pending. Many of these are from work done for Pratt & Whitney/United Technologies. My students work on everything with me."

Dr. Presz, who lives in Wilbraham, MA, with his wife, Beverly, teaches all levels of mechanical engineering from the College Success Skills course for freshman to graduate level courses. He has three sons, Walter III, Edmond, and Thomas, who is currently studying at WNEC for his MBA degree.



Freshman students Michael Conti and Cherri Bak go over a design problem with Professor Eric Haffner (standing).



Professor Presz at the Drag Display that he and students designed for Pratt and Whitney Aircraft for exhibition in the Science and Technology Center in Indonesia.

Dr. Presz was a senior project advisor for a student last year who designed an inexpensive wind tunnel that can be used in high schools. That project is currently in the demonstrating stage.

Other big projects in which Dr. Presz and his students are currently involved include: working on a jet engine noise suppressor for Gulf Stream aircraft; more museum displays for a local company called TRAC, Inc., which is interested in marketing these displays nationally; advanced helicopter designs for Sikorsky Aircraft; and advanced airplane propulsion for Pratt & Whitney Aircraft.

### James Masi, Professor of **Electrical Engineering**

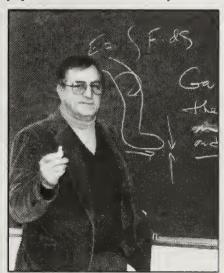
"I love to teach bioengineering courses because they are very people-oriented. I say to my students, 'If there isn't a person at the end of your engineering, it isn't worth anything."

— James Masi

Dr. Masi considers himself a teacher above everything else, and, like Dr. Presz, his popularity with his students and the many awards he has won are evidence of how well he's doing his job. He has taught at the College for more than 15 years. He won the Teaching Excellence Award in 1994. He's also won the Distinguished Engineer Award from The Engineering Society of Western Massachusetts in 1994 and the AT&T Award for Teaching and Research Excellence in 1987.

Dr. Masi is also most proud of his family. He and his wife, Patricia, have six children, five of whom attended Western New England College: James III graduated in 1987, Louis in 1988, Terése in 1992, Stephen in 1993, and Cathy, who is currently a senior. Their other son, Ed, entered the Navy.

A professor of electrical engineering, Dr. Masi earned his bachelor's degree in physics at Fairfield University, his master's in physics at C.W. Post College of Long Island University, and his Ph.D. in applied science (materials science) at the University of Delaware. Some of the courses he teaches include material science courses in electrical engineering and bioengineering, electron devices, optics and electromagnetics, bioengineering and medical devices, and biomechanics. He continually works on projects with his students. Currently he is



Dr. James Masi, professor of electrical engineering.

researching implant materials for sutures and prosthetic devices and new polymers and plastics for controlled release in the body.

Professor Masi also continues research on electro-optic and magneto-optic devices and crystal growth for high density data storage. He says, "I just came off an Air Force research fellowship at Rome Labs in Bedford, MA, where I worked on this and I'm still at it."

Last year, Dr. Masi went on sabbatical and worked for part of the year with the Navy doing research on advanced composites for low frequency magnetic shielding.

For Dr. Masi, the best part of his job at WNEC is the students. "They are delightful to work with. They are honest, always willing to learn, and very open with me." He adds, "The faculty here, along with everyone in the School of Engineering, are the most competent group of people I've ever worked with. We're all friends. We worry for each other, help each other. It's great!" Dr. Masi came to WNEC for the personal environment. "Students can access you, you can access students, and they don't have to access a graduate student to get to you."

### Richard Grabiec, Jr., **Assistant Dean of the School of** Engineering

Richard Grabiec keeps very busy these days making sure freshman engineering majors are successful as students and gain a real understanding of the different types of engineering offered at the College.

Dean Grabiec has been at Western New England College for nearly 30 years. He and his wife, Carol, live in Chicopee, MA. They have two children, a son, Richard, and a daughter, Lisa, a 1990 graduate of WNEC with a bachelor of science in business administration.

As associate professor of industrial engineering and assistant dean of the School of Engineering, Dean Grabiec does many tasks. One of his favorite, however, is teaching and coordinating the College Success Skills course for freshman engineering majors.

Dean Grabiec explains, "We first introduced the course into the curriculum in 1989 with two objectives: to enhance each student's opportunity to succeed in engineering by providing skills necessary to succeed in the classroom, and to provide an opportunity to become involved in the practice of

engineering as a freshman.'

During the first part of the College Success Skills course, freshman students learn basic skills such as study skills, goal setting, time management, stress management, testtaking strategies, and health values. The second part of the course then focuses on the practice of engineering with "Engineering Encounters."

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Through these "Engineering Encounters," students do a two-week project in each of the departments (mechanical, electrical, industrial, and bioengineering) for a total of eight weeks. Explains Dean Grabiec, "Each department is responsible for developing and implementing the encounter for the students. This involves all the faculty and even senior engineering students, who work as project leaders as part of their Project Preparation course."

Students work in groups of four. "This teaches them teamwork, which is so important in manufacturing today," adds Dr. Grabiec.

Also each student must maintain an engineering log book of each activity, and write a technical memo explaining each encounter and the results. Dr. Grabiec can't say enough about the benefits of this course for students, "They learn teamwork, get hands-on experience in engineering, work with many faculty members and upperclassmen, and enhance their communication skills. It's a great combination that really works. The retention rate improved significantly after the implementation of the course."

Dean Grabiec, who received his bachelor's, master's and Ph.D. from the University of Massachusetts, has made many presentations, along with his colleagues, to professional organizations at regional and national conferences about the Success Skills course and its format. Adds Dean Grabiec, "It's a real tribute to the College to have such a successful program in place. The ability to work closely with the students in this environment is really what teaching is all about. I love this place!"



Richard Grabiec, assistant dean of the School of Engineering, and associate professor of industrial engineering.

### John Maleyeff, Associate Professor of Industrial Engineering

Professor John Maleyeff has a new respect and love for the people of Denmark, where he and his family recently spent a year while he was consulting for LEGO as part of his sabbatical from the College. Dr. Maleyeff, associate professor of industrial engineering, his wife, Emily, his son, Alex, 5, and daughter, Lara, 1 1/2, travelled to Denmark in August 1994, and returned home in June 1995.

Dr. Maleyeff said that when it came time to look for projects for his sabbatical, he knew he wanted to practice his profession in industry, but he also wanted to see if he could do that in Europe. "I wanted to get a sense of engineers and how they were trained in Europe and I wanted to live in Europe," adds Dr. Maleyeff.

LEGO is headquartered in Billund, Denmark, and after doing some research and making some calls, Professor Maleyeff was accepted by LEGO to act as an internal consultant during his sabbatical. He was placed in a group in LEGO Engineering that was in charge of quality assurance. Says Dr. Maleyeff, "This group explained to me the different problems they wanted to address relating to quality." Based on meetings with this group, Dr. Maleyeff developed plans for the year that included three projects:

- Analyzing product quality from the customer's viewpoint;
- Restructuring the system for designing and packaging the pre-packed bags;
- Using state-of-the-art statistical methods for choosing outside suppliers.

The last two projects mentioned are being implemented currently and Dr. Maleyeff and LEGO felt his work was very successful.

On living in Denmark, Professor Maleyeff explains, "Life is easier and simpler there.

They have a generous social system with government supported healthcare, pensions, subsidies for childcare, and the work week is 37 hours." Dr. Maleyeff says he had to get used to getting home from work every day at 3:30 p.m.

Since taxes are high, and most families have only one car, many people ride bikes to work. "I rode a bike myself to work every day. It was a little more than a mile. The winter was very cold with heavy winds, but there is little snow, so most people can ride their bikes all winter."

"My family made many, many friends in Denmark, and we still keep in touch," adds Dr. Maleyeff. "The people in our town were very warm and friendly. They treat children well. Most companies, including stores, banks, even post offices, have play areas for children." They travelled to Holland, Germany, Sweden, and Norway while in Europe. "It's a trip we won't forget," concludes Dr. Maleyeff.

Professor Maleyeff earned his bachelor's degree at East Stroudsburg State College, and his M.S. and Ph.D. at the University of Massachusetts. Over the last two years, Professor Maleyeff also has been working on developing a new Integrated Manufacturing and Controls Laboratory based around a plastic extrusion machine. He, along with John Farris, assistant professor of mechanical engineering at WNEC, and Kourosh Rahnamai, associate professor of electrical engineering at WNEC, wrote a matching equipment grant to the National Science Foundation in 1993. Their main goals were to establish an interdisciplinary laboratory, combining industrial, mechanical, and electrical engineering, and also to get involved in plastics processing.

They received the grant in the spring of 1994, purchased equipment during the 1994-95 academic year, and then this past September, the new Integrated Manufacturing and Controls Laboratory was opened for students. Says Professor Maleyeff, "We set up the laboratory very quickly, and it's working great. All three departments use the lab and the other professors and I are in the process of developing activities that are interdisciplinary."

Dr. Maleyeff has taught at WNEC since 1987. He teaches industrial engineering courses with a quality control/production control focus. He says of WNEC, "I feel we are unique in our focus on undergraduate education. We really teach. Also, I have a lot of freedom here to adjust the curriculum as the world changes. That's important to me, along with the many opportunities to interact with local industries."



Kourosh Rahnamai, associate professor of electrical engineering, John Farris, assistant professor of mechanical engineering, and John Maleyeff, associate professor of industrial engineering, in the new Integrated Manufacturing and Controls Laboratory on the second floor of Sleith Hall.

## WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

The following is an update of alumni who are past winners of the Marston Engineering Award, The ASME Book Award, or the Wellen G. Davison Award.

Eunhwa Lenehan (1983 winner of the Marston Engineering Award) is living in Leominster, MA, with her husband and four-year-old son, and is expecting another child soon. She and her husband both work at Digital in the networking group. Eunhwa designs Application Specific Integrated Circuits (ASICs).

A 1983 graduate of WNEC with a major in electrical engineering, she says, "I started out at Digital as a manufacturing engineer. I wanted to eventually end up in a design group. So whenever the opportunity arose, I accepted jobs. I went from manufacturing engineering to module design and then to ASIC design."

Eunhwa says of WNEC, "I liked the small class size, which provided individual attention if I needed it. My favorite professors were Dr. Musiak and Dr. Masi."

Steven Payer (1984 winner of the Marston Engineering Award) is a senior project engineer for General Motors (GM) Small Car Group at the GM Tech Center in Warren, MI. He says, "My current assignment involves developing and releasing vehicle body exterior components including deck lids, tail lamps, and associated hardware. I'm also pursuing a master's degree in counseling (a second field of interest) from Oakland University in Rochester, MI." Steven lives in Royal Oak, MI, a suburb of Detroit.

After graduating from WNEC in 1984 with a major in mechanical engineering, Steven worked for General Motors in the following locations: Lansing, MI (Oldsmobile Division), Mesa, AZ, and recently at the GM Tech Center. Steven remembers the teamwork encouraged at WNEC, "It's a critical



Steven Payer '84 is a senior project engineer for General Motors Small Car Group at the GM Tech Center in Warren, MI.

component in today's business environment," he adds. His favorite professors included Dr. Masi, Dr. Davison, Dr. Dini, and Dr. Khosrowjerdi.

Anne (Bazan) Jany (1985 winner of the Marston Engineering Award) is living in Toulouse, France, and is employed at Airbus Industrie as an aircraft manufacturer. She is married with two children, Brian, 3, and Benjamin, 1.

At Airbus Industrie, Anne is the Extended Twin Range Operations (ETOPS) program manager. She says, "In this job, I'm responsible for all activities surrounding ETOPS, which concern twin engine aircraft which are flown over water and land routes where a diversion airport is more than 60 minutes away if the plane was flown on only one engine. A typical ETOPS route is a transatlantic flight, i.e. New York to Paris. I'm involved in certification, aircraft design assessment and improvement, and customer support. I've met and dealt with people worldwide and have travelled significantly."

After graduating from WNEC in 1985, with a degree in mechanical engineering, Anne went to work for GE Aircraft Engines in Lynn, MA. There she completed their Engineering Development Program and their ABC Program, and finished as a turbine design engineer, prior to joining Airbus Industrie. Adds Anne, "I completed a master's degree in mechanical engineering at Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1988, the same year I joined Airbus Industrie. Before becoming ETOPS program manager, I worked as a power plant product support engineer."

Anne says that WNEC gave her a solid fundamental background. "It also gave me a good opportunity to develop through extracurricular activities such as peer advisors, and the Student ASME section." She has kept in touch with the College through her father, Professor Henry Bazan. For Anne, what made WNEC special was the "small personal classes, individual help from professors, and the opportunity to participate in activities outside the classroom."



Anne (Bazan) Jany '85 is living in Toulouse, France, and working at Airbus Industrie.



Steve Schreiner '86 with his wife, Helen, son, Philip, 3 1/2, and daughter, Marina, 5 months.

Steve Schreiner (1986 winner of the Marston Engineering Award) is a research fellow in radiology and radiological sciences at The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. He lives in Ellicott City, MD, with his wife, Helen, and two children, Philip and Marina.

After graduating from WNEC in 1986 with a degree in electrical engineering, Steve went to work for Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, a division of Tenneco, Inc. in Houston, TX. He says, "My work involved automating natural gas compressor stations throughout the midwestern and southern states. The work was challenging and I enjoyed meeting and working with so many good people. However, after three years in Houston, I decided to pursue a career in teaching. I attended graduate school at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN, and received my Ph.D. in biomedical engineering in 1994. After a short fellowship in Neurosurgery at Vanderbilt, I moved to Baltimore, MD, where I currently live.'

As a research fellow, Steve's research involves the study and development of image-guided, minimally-invasive procedures. He explains, "My main interests lie in image and signal processing, instrumentation, and in the problem of assessing the accuracy of surgical guidance systems." His fellowship ends in 1996 and Steve is currently searching for a faculty position for the fall term.

Steve adds, "I am fortunate to have a very supportive family which made a career change possible. I met my wife, Helen, in Houston. She encouraged me to pursue my interests and enabled me to return to graduate school. She has remained one hundred percent supportive throughout my training. I gain perspective on life from my son and daughter."

Steve says that his education from WNEC provided him with the basic skills needed to be a good engineer and researcher. "My goal

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in teaching is to provide the same kind of individual attention to my students as I received at WNEC." He has kept in touch with several professors over the years, including Dr. Marilyn Pelosi, Dr. Richard Pelosi, and Dr. James Masi. He says, "Since I have family in Springfield, I have been able to return to campus several times and have seen many positive changes that have occurred over the past ten years. WNEC has a great environment for learning and I have many close friendships that began there."

Frank "Chip" Dyer (1987 Marston Engineering Award winner) is an electrical design engineer at Otis Elevator in Bloomfield, CT. He's been with United Technologies for six years, the past two at Otis, and four years at Hamilton Standard. Chip lives in Enfield, CT, with his wife, Donna Sissick, a 1989 graduate of WNEC.

Chip graduated from WNEC in 1987 with a degree in electrical engineering and in 1989 with a Master of Science in Electrical Engineering. In 1989, he began working at Hamilton Standard on the Advanced Tactical Fighter Jet Fuel Control. He transferred to Otis in 1993, where he has been doing design and reliability work in the Service Engineering Department.

"Graduating from WNEC made me a 'well rounded' person. The interpersonal skills I learned and extracurricular activities I was involved in helped me very much," says Chip, who attends Homecoming at WNEC every year. He also keeps in touch with some of his professors and has taught some engineering courses at WNEC as well. He adds, "I liked the close relationships between faculty and students the most."

**Douglas Morris** (1988 winner of the Marston Engineering Award) is a senior marketing engineer, flow products, for

Frank Dyer '87/G'89 is an electrical design engineer at Otis Elevator in Bloomfield, CT.

Rosemount, Inc. in Eden Prairie, MN. He lives in Northfield, MN, with his wife, Teresa, and daughter. Hannah.

After graduating from WNEC in 1988 with a degree in mechanical engineering, Doug spent five years as a naval officer trained in nuclear power, then moved to Minnesota, got married, and started to work for Rosemount, Inc. He says, "I'm also working on my MBA in finance/marketing at the Carlson School of Business at the University of Minnesota."

Doug says of WNEC, "The College established me with a strong technical background. I liked the small college environment. My favorite professors include Dr. Davison and Dr. Presz."

Andrew Sargent (1989 winner of the Marston Engineering Award) is employed at the Naval Undersea Warfare Center in London, CT, as an electronics engineer. He lives in East Hartford, CT, with his wife, Kristie, and daughter, Ashleigh, 1 1/2 years old.

A 1989 graduate of WNEC with a degree in electrical engineering, Andrew says, "I was recruited on the WNEC campus by the Naval Undersea Warfare Center and have been there ever since. My education at WNEC and the on-campus recruiting program got me my job and my career." He adds, "I liked the personal attention at WNEC. My favorite professors were Dr. Musiak and Dr. Masi."

Tom Moriarty (1993 winner of the Marston Engineering Award) is living in Satellite Beach, FL. He is the engineering officer on a Coast Guard cutter (CGC Confidence) homeported in Port Canaveral, FL. He says, "My wife, Martha, and two kids, Samantha and Nathan, are enjoying the sunshine, beach, and Disney World."

Tom, who graduated from WNEC in 1993 with a mechanical engineering degree, explains, "I attended WNEC as an active duty Coast Guard officer assigned to earn a degree following an assignment as an assistant engineering officer on a Coast Guard cutter



Douglas Morris '88 is a senior marketing engineer in Eden Prairie, MN.



Tom Moriarty '93 and his wife, Martha, daughter, Samantha, 6, and son Nathan, 4.

homeported in Key West, FL. Assignment as a naval engineer aboard a cutter was a natural career path for me."

By earning a BSME, says Tom, "I have greatly increased my professional credibility, increased the quality and quantity of meaningful engineering changes within the Coast Guard, and have enhanced my future once I retire from active duty."

Tom's favorite parts of WNEC were the experienced faculty and staff and their accessibility. His favorite professors were Dr. Khosrowjerdi, Dr. Presz, and Dr. Azar.

Carlos Dias (1994 winner of the Marston Engineering Award) is employed at United Technologies Hamilton Standard Division. He is married and living in Springfield, MA.

Carlos, an electrical engineering major, got the job at Hamilton Standard by interviewing on-campus at WNEC. He says graduating from WNEC "gave me the ability to think logically and to solve problems." Carlos is currently taking courses toward an MSEE at WNEC. He adds, "I love the fact that the College is small which allows interaction between professors and students. All the professors at WNEC are professional and really care about what they are doing."

Dan Grandmont won the ASME Book award in 1984 for placing first in the Student Papers competition at the University of Hartford. He then went on to compete at the Old Guard Contest in New Orleans with his



Dan Grandmont '84 lives in Claremont, NH. He is a production superintendent for Tambrands, Inc.

project mentor, Dr. Said Dini. He placed third nationally.

Currently, Dan, his wife, Alice, and their two sons, Kyle, 6, and Drew, 5, live in Claremont, NH. Dan is a production superintendent for Tambrands, Inc.

After graduation in 1984, with a degree in mechanical engineering, Dan worked for Milton Bradley for several years in its Advanced Research and Development department designing toys. Explains Dan, "Then Alice and I got married and moved to Ft. Lauderdale, FL. I worked for Lundy Technical Center as a manufacturing engineering manager, and became chairman of the Broward County section of the ASME. We made 'Chaff' used by the Air Force and Navy as countermeasures to keep missiles from shooting our jets. After about eight years and two kids, the Defense situation and Hurricane Andrew gave us a boost back up north where I started working as an engineer for Tambrands.'

Dan feels his education from WNEC has opened doors to good jobs that have each been a great learning experience. "The fact that I attended a 'Northeastern' engineering school has been very beneficial."

Dan adds, "The engineering school at WNEC was tough and taught me discipline and gave me confidence. My best professors were Dr. Dini and Henry Sundberg, whom I fought with constantly. I didn't realize how much I learned from him until years after I graduated."

Robert Gousy (1986 winner of the ASME Book Award) is living in the South Bay area of Los Angeles, CA, with his wife, Tammie, and two children, Jason, 7, and Allison, 3. He has been working for Hughes Space and Communications (HSC) for the last nine years. HSC builds satellites for commercial and government applications. Says Robert, "I was fortunate to be selected among the many candidates for aerospace positions in the mid 1980s, and I have survived periods of corporate downsizing through hard work and a little luck. I have had a variety of responsibilities including mechanical design, propulsion, structure integration and test. I have had the opportunity to travel to various domestic and international satellite launch sites."

Robert graduated from WNEC in 1986 with a degree in mechanical engineering. He says that his education helped him to prepare for working in industry. "I was trained to complete multiple tasks within prescribed schedules, some of which had to be completed in a team environment,"

For Robert, "The most enjoyable aspect of the College was the people of the School of Engineering, including students and faculty. I liked the fact that the school was small enough that faculty members got a chance to know the students. Professors always had an interest in



Robert Gousy '86 inspects a small rocket engine being prepared for test. He works at Hughes Space and Communications.

my progress. I remember especially my faculty advisor, Dr. Karplus, and my senior project advisor, Dr. Presz. I worked hard to complete various mechanical engineering laboratory reports, but it was those exercises that I learned the most from and had a few laughs in the process."

Michael Lescarbeau (1993 winner of the Wellen G. Davison Award) designs HVAC and plumbing systems for Robert W. Hall Consulting Engineers, Inc., in Agawam, MA. He lives in Chicopee, MA, with his wife, Rebecca.

Six months after graduating from WNEC in 1993 with a mechanical engineering degree, Michael secured the position at Robert W. Hall Consulting Engineers. He says, "My boss is familiar with WNEC's engineering program. We have another WNEC graduate on the engineering staff also." Michael agrees that he liked having small classes at WNEC. "The professors knew who you were and cared about your progress." Michael adds, "All of the computer projects required for classes and labs helped prepare me for my career. All jobs at our company are designed using computers."

## **Student Focus**

Senior mechanical engineering majors Stephen Bergeron and Aaron Trzeciak are busy this semester working on their senior design projects. Their project advisor is Dr. Presz and both are very impressed with their professor. Says Steve, "He's a real role model. We're always finding out that he's working on something new. It amazes us."

Steve's project is entitled "Development of Design Procedures for Lobed-Slotted Nozzles." He explains that he started last semester working on a design for an over-thewing exhaust for a jet fighter using lobed-slotted nozzles.

Steve's project is being sponsored by Pratt & Whitney Aircraft in Florida. He says, "I finished most of that project last semester and I already wrote my final report and presented it. This semester, I'm still working on lobed-slotted nozzles but I'm trying to come up with a design for an exhaust system for a Blackhawk helicopter for Sikorsky Aircraft."

Aaron's Senior Project is entitled "Investigation into Flight Effects on Mixer-Ejector Suppressors." These suppressors go on the back of jet engines to lower the noise level.

Aaron's project is sponsored by Pratt & Whitney and FloDesign, which is Dr. Presz's consulting company.

Aaron explains, "My project involves doing design curves and mathematical models to find out what we should see as results and then testing to compare."

Both worked for Professor Presz last summer and fall helping him to design and build museum exhibits for Pratt & Whitney Aircraft, that are now being displayed in Indonesia. (See Dr. Presz feature on page 2.) Steve designed, helped fabricate and build the Drag Display. Likewise, Aaron did the same with the Lift Display. They worked on two of the four exhibits.

Both Steve and Aaron are from West Brookfield, MA. After they graduate this May, they have different plans. Aaron hopes to find a job in the New England area while Steve plans to move to the Phoenix, AZ, area and find work there. No matter where they go, however, both feel that they have received an excellent education at WNEC. Says Steve, "I've gotten some great work experience here, thanks to Dr. Presz, and I know that will mean a lot when it comes to getting a full-time job after graduating." Aaron adds, "My classes have been great. Dr. Presz and other engineering professors bring so much experience into the classroom. I've learned so much more than just what is in a textbook and I've been able to apply it to real work experience."



Last summer, seniors Stephen Bergeron and Aaron Trzeciak worked on several displays focusing on jet aircraft propulsion that are currently on exhibit at the Science and Technology Center, Indonesia.

## **WNEC Opens Downtown Campus**

Western New England College has expanded its campus to downtown Springfield and in doing so fulfills the same need that propelled the founding of the College in 1919. WNEC has opened a five classroom facility on the mezzanine level of Baystate West in the heart of downtown Springfield to provide quality education and convenience to the local business workforce.

"The College left to make way for a flourishing downtown and is now coming back to its roots to participate in the new era of development," said Dr. Beverly Miller, president of the College. "The revitalization of Springfield is very important to us, and our expansion in downtown will allow us to provide for the educational needs of those in this community."

This semester, the College is offering classes downtown at 7:30 a.m., noontime, and early evenings to accommodate the schedules of working professionals. Classes are geared to part-time students who wish to pursue an undergraduate or master's degree.

The new facility includes two 30-seat classrooms and two 24-seat classrooms, and a large media room for seminars and workshops which can seat up to 70 people. The facility also has a state-of-the-art media console which includes surround sound, cassette and CD play capabilities. Notebook Laptop computers are also available for students.

William Campanella, former associate director of admissions at the College, is the administrative director for the downtown campus. He explains, "One of my key responsibilities here is to market the academic programs and facilities not only to prospective

students but to the downtown business community."

Laura Surridge and Kimberly McGowan, employees at Health New England, are currently enrolled in a noontime accounting class at the downtown campus. Both agree that the convenience of the campus and the MBA program are the main reasons they decided to take classes. "I've been wanting to go back to school, but didn't want to run to night classes and then have to rush home. The lunchtime class clinched it for me," said Kimberly.

Laura, a graduate of Western New England College School of Law, said, "I always wanted to get my MBA, but I found it hard to juggle the responsibilities of work, family, and school. But this lunchtime class allows me to come home from work, take care of my family (including 16-month-old Samantha) and realize the goal of getting my MBA."

Russell Fanelli, professor of management at WNEC, commutes to the downtown campus to teach an Organizational Behavior and Theory course, offered at 7:30 a.m. He says, "At this early morning hour, all of the students have a busy work day ahead of them. We're working together to find the teaching method that will work best for them, to find the best approach to get them up and active at that hour."

The downtown campus offers 15 week sessions concurrent with the main campus calendar, in addition to an 11 week spring session beginning in early April. Feel free to stop in and take a look at the facilities. Any alumni working in the downtown area who are interested in a tour of the downtown facility or in applying for the MBA program can call the downtown campus at (413) 733-9632.



WNEC's new Downtown Campus opened with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on January 9, 1996. Dr. Beverly Miller, president of the College, and Springfield Mayor Michael Albano did the honors! In the background are left to right: Jane Albert, Dr. Christopher Oberg, and Professor Anil Gulati.

## **Dr. Miller Resigns**

This past November, the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of Western New England College accepted Dr. Beverly Miller's resignation as president with extreme regret. The resignation becomes effective upon the selection and availability of her successor to assume the duties of the office.

### African American History Month 1996

Lawrence Otis Graham, author of *Member of the Club*, spoke on "Being Invisible in the '90s, Change or Stagnation" on the evening of February 20, as part of African American History Month.

A graduate of Princeton University and Harvard Law School, Graham is the author of ten non-fiction books and many stories on race relations and diversity for *The New York Times, Essence, and Newsday*. Graham will be portrayed by actor Denzel Washington in the up-coming film *Invisible Man* which recounts Graham's experiences working undercover as a busboy at the Greenwich Country Club.

### 1995-96 Human Relations Program Continues

Dr. Mary Frances Berry, the chair of the U.S. Civil Rights Commission, spoke on "Civil Rights: A Divisive or Uniting Issue?" at the College on the evening of February 5. Her presentation was part of the 1995-96 Arthur and Rebecca Marshall Human Relations and Human Issues Lectures, entitled "50th Anniversary of the United Nations: Uniting Nations and Peoples . . . A Reality or a Dream?"

Dr. Berry is an educator and author whose most recent book, *The Politics of Parenthood*, has received great acclaim. She has had faculty appointments at Central Michigan University, Eastern Michigan University, and the University of Michigan. She was recently named one of "America's Women of the Century" by the Sienna College Research Institute and the Women's Hall of Fame.

## Who's Who Among Students

The following 22 Western New England College students were chosen to be included in the 1995 edition of Who's Who Among Students In American Universities and Colleges: Arda Akoglu, Miriam Andrews, Kristin Blake, Tashima Bowe, Jodi Briggs, Meredith Bronson, Sarah Burke, Kimberly Capasso, Elizabeth Cleaves, Elizabeth Couchon, Martha Ferraioli, David Friedman, Kristin Lake-Piano, Daniel McLaughlin, Tracy Mooney, Jennifer Paquin, Lisa Pedro, Jennifer Roy, Leanne Roy, Gina Sepe, Patricia Sierra, and Heather Toyen.

## Welcome Dr. Thomas Bila

Dr. Thomas Bila is the new director of development at the College. He began in February and is very impressed with the people he's met so far including students, parents, alumni, faculty, staff, and administrators.

Dr. Bila relocated to Springfield from Rockford, IL, where he was executive director of the Rockford Memorial Development Foundation. Since 1988, in this position, he directed all fund-raising and advancement activities for Rockford Health System's five corporations.

Born in the Detroit, MI, area, Dr. Bila received his bachelor's degree in Spanish/ sociology, his master's in curriculum and instruction, and his second master's in organization and educational administration, all from the University of Detroit. He earned his Ph.D. at Southern Illinois University—Carbondale in 1991.

Dr. Bila began teaching Spanish at the University of Detroit Jesuit High School and Academy. He explains, "As it was a private school, the teachers did a little bit of every-



Dr. Thomas Bila, the new director of development at the College.

thing. I did fund raising with students, parents, and alumni, and as time went by, I realized that I enjoyed fund raising more than teaching."

In 1983, Dr. Bila moved to Erie, PA, to start a fund-raising program at a secondary school there. After two years, he moved to

become the director of annual and special gifts at Southern Illinois University Foundation in Carbondale, IL.

Two years later, he was invited to apply for the position of executive director of Rockford Memorial Hospital Foundation. Says Dr. Bila, "We did very well at the hospital, raising more than \$2 million a year, but I missed being in education. What drew me to Western New England College was the faculty members and how much they care for their students." Being a former educator, Dr. Bila identified with the faculty at WNEC "who seem to love to teach."

Although Dr. Bila is still settling in, he says that over the next year, the Office of Development plans to work on several projects including: developing specific goals and objectives in directing the campaign for the Endowment Fund for Student Financial Aid; supporting the Alumni Association and strengthening their national networking efforts; cultivating potential supporters of the College; and building on our background of excellence and getting the entire College community involved in spreading our message. Dr. Bila is sincerely proud to be here at Western New England College.

## Management Association Honors Professor Bazan with Plans for Endowed Scholarship

"The Management Association is proud to announce its commitment to raise \$10,000 over a four-year period toward the creation of an endowed scholarship to be named in honor of Professor Henry J. Bazan," announced Meredith Bronson, president of the College's Management Association, at a meeting on February 1. Representing the Management Association, she also presented a check for \$5,500 toward the scholarship endowment to Ken Rickson '75, chair of the Alumni Association Fund Committee and Thomas Hastings, director of alumni affairs.

A senior government major from Enfield, CT, Meredith feels the scholarship is a great idea. "It's students helping students. In the

future, we'll be able to help students who might not otherwise be able to attend WNEC. It's also a wonderful way to remember and honor Professor Bazan, before and after he retires."

After the announcement, 1975 alumnus Ken Rickson addressed the group, "I can't think of a more fitting way to honor Professor Bazan. He is a passionate, dedicated, enthusiastic faculty member and Management Association advisor. You're lucky to have him here. This is a wonderful thing you're doing. I know that other alumni will support you in this effort.

On behalf of the Alumni Association, you have our deep gratitude and appreciation."

Professor Bazan thanked everyone in the Management Association for the honor. He added, "I hope that all alumni and students will remember the good times and educational experience they gained while at WNEC and will proudly contribute to this very special scholarship." Professor Bazan has been teaching at WNEC for 32 years and has been the faculty advisor of the Management Association for 18 years. In the past he helped students bring football to WNEC and coached it for ten years and also was the prime mover in bringing Army and Air Force ROTC to the campus in 1977 and 1980.

Over the years, the Management Association has raised \$4,500 to bring the Golden Bear statue to campus, donated \$4,000 to dedicate Professor Bazan's office in Churchill Hall, and purchased two \$1,000 bricks for the Alumni Healthful Living Center.

The Management Association is also working with the Alumni Association to encourage interested alumni to contribute to this endowed scholarship. Tom Hastings, director of alumni affairs, thanked all the members of the Management Association for getting involved in this tribute to Professor Bazan. He adds, "I know that alumni who remember him and the College fondly will support this effort." Please send contributions to the Office of Alumni Affairs, Western New England College, Springfield, MA 01119, or call 782-1327 or (800) 962-6592.



Meredith Bronson, president of the Management Association (right) presents a check to Ken Rickson '75, chair of the Alumni Association Fund Committee (left) and Tom Hastings, director of alumni affairs (center left), toward an endowed scholarship in honor of Professor Henry Bazan (center, right).

## WNEC Wrestlers/Coach Grab Honors

Western New England College senior wrestlers Bill Simpson and Jesse Morrison were named NCAA Division III All-Americans after their impressive performances at the National Wrestling Championships held at Cortland State in New York on March 2-3. The Golden Bears finished the tournament in 15th place out of 62 competing schools.

Simpson, out of Enrico Fermi High School in Enfield, CT, finished third in the Nationals. He qualified for the tournament by winning the 158-pound weight class in the New England Championships. Morrison, a product of Quabbin Regional High and New Braintree, MA, finished fifth in the Nationals. He finished second in the 126-pound weight class at the New England Championships.

WNEC coach Pete Maldonado, who guided the Golden Bears to a 21-3-1 dual-meet record this season and a fifth-place finish in the New England's, was named National Rookie Coach of the Year at the conclusion of the National Championships.

The men's and women's bowling teams also shined this winter. The men's team easily outpaced WPI for the men's title, while the women rolled UMass-Lowell for their championship.

Freshman Pete Fowler of Milford, CT, made a big splash his rookie year, leading the league with a 198 average. Freshman

Rich Goetz, of N. Kingstown, RI, was close behind with a 197 average. The women's team squad was led by junior Carey Kenyon of Chelmsford, MA, with a 180 average.

The men's basketball team struggled to a 5-20 record this year. Senior Jason Spann led the Golden Bears, averaging 13.4 points per game and 6.5 rebounds. Senior Anthony Evans also had a strong season, averaging 12.7 points per contest.

The women's team finished the year with a 5-20 mark, missing the playoffs for the first time in the last three years. Eileen Monaghan, a junior from Chicopee, MA, led the team in scoring with a 13.5 average. Transfer Eartha Harrington, a sophomore from Brooklyn, NY, joined the team at the semester break and averaged 12.8 points and 6.5 rebounds down the stretch.

The ice hockey team finished with a 9-14-1 record for coach Mike Badger. It was a year of near-misses for the Golden Bears, losing seven games by two goals or less, and one in overtime. Senior Ryan Bertrand, from East Haven, CT, ended his collegiate career as just the fifth player in school history to record 100 career points. He finished this season with 20 goals and 15 assists. Senior Brian McNulty also had a good year, finishing with nine goals and 19 assists.

## SPRING 1996 SCHEDULES

#### BASEBALL

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Date	Opponent	Site	# Game	es Time
Sun., Mar. 24	Anna Maria College	H	1 (9)	1:00 p.m.
Wed., Mar. 27	U. S. Coast Guard Academy	A	1 (9)	3:00 p.m.
Thur., Mar. 28	Fitchhurg State College	H	1 (9)	3:30 p.m.
Sat., Mar. 30	Bahson College	A	2 (7)	12:00 p.m.
Wed., Apr. 3	Amherst College	A	1 (9)	3:00 p.m.
Thur., Apr. 4	North Adams State College	A	1 (9)	3:00 p.m.
Sat., Apr. 6	Worcester Polytechnic Inst.	H	2 (7)	12:00 p.m.
Mon., Apr. 8	Western Connecticut State	H	1 (9)	3:30 p.m.
Thur., Apr. 11	Springfield College	H	1 (9)	3:30 p.m.
Sat., Apr. 13	Clark University	A	2 (7)	12:00 p.m.
Tue., Apr. 16	U.S. Coast Guard Academy	H	1 (9)	3:00 p.m.
Thur., Apr. 18	Norwich University	A	2(7)	2:00 p.m.
Sat., Apr. 20	Mass, Institute of Technology	H	2 (7)	12:00 p.m.
Sun., Apr. 21	Westfield State College	H	1 (9)	1:00 p.m.
Mon., Apr. 22	Springfield College	A	1 (9)	3:30 p.m.
Wed., Apr. 24	Alhertus Magnus College	H	1 (9)	4:00 p.m.
Thur., Apr. 25	CAC Tournament	TBA		
Fri., Apr. 26	CAC Tournament	H	1 (9)	3:00 p.m.
Sat., Apr. 27	CAC Tournament	Н	2 (7)	12:00 p.m.
Sun., Apr. 28	Southern Vermont College	H	2 (7)	12:00 p.m.
Mon., Apr. 29	Nichols College	H	1 (9)	3:30 p.m.
Wed., May 1	Framingham State College	A	1 (9)	3:00 p.m.

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Sat., Mar. 30-	Manhattanville Invitational	Α	2 (7)	11:00 a.m.
Sun., Mar. 31	W/Elmira College & Hunter Co	llege		
Tue., Apr. 2	Fitchburg State College	Н	1(7)	4:00 p.m.
Thur., Apr. 4	Worcester State College	A	1(7)	4:00 p.m.
Sat., Apr. 6	U.S. Coast Guard Academy	Н	2 (7)	10:30 a.m.
Tue., Apr. 9	Clark University	H	1(7)	3:00 p.m.
Wed., Apr 10	Smith College	H	1(7)	4:00 p.m.
Thur., Apr. 11	New Hampshire College	Н	2 (7)	3:00 p.m.
Sat., Apr. 13	Norwich University	Α	2 (7)	12:00 p.m.
Tue., Apr. 16	Roger Williams College	A	2 (7)	4:00 p.m.
Thur., Apr. 18	Albertus Magnus College	A	2 (7)	3:30 p.m.
Sat., Apr. 20	Amherst College	Н	2(7)	1:00 p.m.
Sun., Apr. 21	U.S. Merchant Marine Acad.	H	2 (7)	1:00 p.m.
Tue., Apr. 23	St. Joseph College (CT)	A	2 (7)	3:30 p.m.
Wed., Apr. 24	Anna Maria College	A	1(7)	4:00 p.m.
Thur., Apr. 25	Elms College	A	2(7)	3:00 p.m.
Sat., Apr. 27	GNAC Tournament	TBA		
Tue., Apr. 30	Framingham State College	Н	1(7)	3:00 p.m.

#### LACROSSE

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Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Thur., Mar. 28	Wheaton College	Α	4:00 p.m.
Sat., Mar. 30	Mass. Maritime Academy	H	1:00 p.m.
Mon., Apr. 1	Nichols College	Н	3:30 p.m.
Thur., Apr. 4	Curry College	H	4:00 p.m.
Sat., Apr. 6	Norwich University	Α	1:00 p.m.
Mon., Apr. 8	Gordon College	Н	3:30 p.m.
Tue., Apr. 9	Roger Williams College	H	4:00 p.m.
Sat., Apr.13	Mass. Institute of Technology	A	11:00 a.m.
Sun., Apr. 14	Bahson College	H	1:00 p.m.
Γue., Apr.16	Wesleyan University	A	3:30 p.m.
Thur., Apr. 18	Eastern Connecticut State	Н	4:00 p.m.
Sat., Apr. 20	Clark University	A	1:00 p.m.
Sun., Apr. 21	University of New England	Н	2:00 p.m.
Sat., Apr. 27	Endicott College	A	12:30 p.m.
Mon., Apr. 29	UMass-Boston	A	3:00 p.m.
Wed., May 1	Amherst College	H	4:00 p.m.
Thur., May 2	Assumption College	H	3:30 p.m.

	TENNIS		
Sat., Mar. 23	Wentworth Inst. of Tech.	Α	1:00 p.m.
Thur., Mar. 28	Gordon College	H	3:30 p.m.
Thur., Apr. 4	Western Connecticut State	H	3:30 p.m.
Tue., Apr. 9	Worcester Polytechnic Inst.	A	4:00 p.m.
Thur., Apr. 11	Curry College	Α	3:00 p.m.
Sat., Apr. 13	CAC Tournament	TBA	
Sun., Apr. 14	UMass-Boston	A	1:00 p.m.
Wed., Apr. 17	Nichols College	Н	3:30 p.m.
Sat., Apr. 20	Albertus Magnus College	Н	1:00 p.m.
Tue., Apr. 23	American Internat'l College	Α	3:00 p.m.
Thur., Apr. 25	Springfield College	Α	3:00 p.m.
Sat., Apr. 27	Clark University	Н	1:00 p.m.
Tue., Apr. 30	Worcester State College	Н	3:30 p.m.
Wed., May 1	UMass-Boston	A	3:30 p.m.

## DATES TO NOTE

May 3-10	Final examinations	
	Classes end Residence halls close at 7 p.m.	
May 18	Commencement	
September 3	Deferred Registration Day	
October 5	Homecoming '96	
November 1-3	Parents' Weekend	
November 27– December 1	Thanksgiving Recess	
December 14-20	Final Examinations	

#### **ALUMNI-IN-ADMISSIONS NEWS**

## Special Focus: New Jersey Alumni-in-Admissions Volunteers

The College is very happy to have 24 Alumni-in-Admissions volunteers covering college fairs in New Jersey. We pay tribute to them for their hard work on behalf of WNEC. But for most of our volunteers, they don't think of it as work.

Diane Miele '83, for instance, who was recruited into the program at a New Jersey alumni brunch in 1991, says, "It's a great way to be involved with WNEC again since I had been very active as an undergraduate." She feels that having been so active on campus while in school helps her relate to the students and their parents at college fairs.

Diane explains one of her best experiences, "I attended a fair at my *alma mater*, Parsippany Hills High School. That was a lot of fun because I met some of my old teachers and advisors and even took a quick tour through the school." Diane lives in Morris Plains and is an administrative assistant at AT&T in Morristown.

Another alumnus having fun volunteering is Michael DiGiaimo '84. He said that his favorite part of the program is the students. "I enjoy meeting the young people and seeing their enthusiasm. Surprisingly, the students seem genuinely more interested in the curriculum than the social life at the school," he laughs.

Michael, vice president at Quality Repro Centers, Inc. in Hackensack, NJ, was also very active in the Healthful Living Center campaign. He solicited financial support from alumni in North and Central New Jersey. He lives in Bloomingdale with his wife, Janice, and two sons, Marc, 3, and Matthew, 10 months.



Michael DiGiaimo '84, Alumni-in-Admissions volunteer in New Jersey, with his two sons, Matthew, 10 months, and Marc, 3.

Carol Magnotta-Laird '79 is a busy mother of three, Tommy, 11, Christopher, 9, and Courtney, 5. She lives with her husband, Tom, and children in Wanaque and works part-time. Yet she still makes time to visit college fairs at high schools in her area. "I enjoyed my four years at WNEC and I like to let future students know about it first hand," she says.

With the help of these and other New Jersey volunteers, Western New England College can boast that 80 undergraduate students from New Jersey registered this year. Alumni-in-Admissions Advisory Board members are putting out a call for several more volunteers. "We would love to have more volunteers throughout New Jersey, particularly in the Lawrence, Nutley, Springfield, and Vineland areas and other southern New Jersey locations."

Special thanks to all our New Jersey volunteers: Scott Anderson '78, Lee Bongiolatti '69, Fred Brody '72, Martin Cameron '84, Rich Cassata '80, Mike DiGiaimo '84, Jack Flaherty '88, Burt Gitlin '76, Mike Grimaldi '81, Chris '89 & Kris '88 La Delfa, Gail Maddox '83, Carol Magnotta-Laird '79, Greg Mechaber '88, Diane Miele

'83, Tracey Roff-Miele '83, Scott Mosher '91, Rich Mullen '92, Joe Steward '78, Brooks Townsend '56, and Walt Weissman '71.

If you are a WNEC alumnus/alumna in New Jersey or anywhere in the country and would like to become an Alumni-in-Admissions Volunteer, call Gwen Majercak at (800) 962-6592 or e-mail at alumwnec@wnec.edu.

## Alumni-in-Admissions Update

Alumni volunteers continue to be active in recruiting new students for the College. This past fall, 74 alumni represented Western New England College at approximately 70 fairs in twelve different states. In addition, 10 new alumni volunteers were trained by Admissions staff and veteran alumni. These alumni volunteers have helped the College maintain a presence in areas where the Admissions staff could not visit.

As a result of talking to an Alumni-in-Admissions volunteer at a college fair, one young man recently flew all the way to WNEC from Michigan to have a tour of the campus and to meet with an Admissions counselor. This story is one of many where alumni are helping to recruit students. The College salutes our Alumni-in-Admissions volunteers and thanks them for their hard work and dedication.

The following alumni volunteers assisted with recruitment during the Fall season:

Connecticut: Andrea Cesan, Fred & Terri Clark, Barbi Collins, Teri Couch, Polly Demirjian, Cynthia Drachenberg, Maurice Edwards, Dave Ernst, Dale Facey, Anne Van Geldern, Christine Nicholson, Maura O'Sullivan, Heather Scarpo, and Christine Wypy.

Delaware: Michele Coøke

Florida: Debra Kashdan Hallow, Bill Hayes, Fran Oney, and Bill Smith.

**Georgia:** Jef Boutin, John Lynch, Pat Ross, and Cavle Sargent.

Maryland: Liz Harrington, Marc Nicole, and Lisa Rico.

Massachusetts: Claudia Amore, David Hoey, Kurt Jahrling, David Keaney, Kathy Lamourine, Bill & Karen Lindsay, Kathy Marden, Melanie Otero, Steve & Kathleen Perry, Marie Robertson, Nory Santiago, Larry Tokarz, and Michael Zanin.

New Hampshire: Michael Garrish

New Jersey: Lee Bongiolatti, Rich Cassata, Mike Digiaimo, Mike Grimaldi, Chris & Kris LaDelfa, Carol Laird, Greg Mechaber, Diane Miele, and Brooks Townsend.

New York: Vinny & Dianne Amuso, Mark Avers, Bill Cornelius, Tim Cusack, Tim Davis, Cindy DiFilippo, Karen Ferone, Chris Ferone, Chris Frering, Sharon Gigante, Cindy Sullivan, Mary Tokarz, Lee Uvanni, and Anthony Vincinguerra.

Pennsylvania: Bill & Monica Canfield

Rhode Island: Marilyn Gorman

Virginia: Steve & Belinda Cawley and Anthony Miele.



Florida alumni and friends gathered with administrators recently in Melbourne Beach, FL. Left to right: Robert Davich '70, Karl Vester L'38, Barry & Betsy Craun (daughter and son-in-law of the Vesters), Violet Vester '39, Florence Augustus (Violet's sister), Gary '82 and Sandra Higgins, Thomas Bila, director of development, Beverly Miller, president of the College, and Judith Brissette, vice president for administration and planning.



Dr. Beverly Miller, president of the College, talks with Samantha Lopenzo '91 at a get-together in Orlando, FL, on February 13, 1996.

## The National Alumni Association

In the successful capital campaign for the Alumni Healthful Living Center, alumni came together to help the College meet the Kresge Challenge. The stage is now being set to bring alumni together on a national level to help the College and its students by supporting the Western New England College Endowment Fund for Student Financial Aid.

Alumni continue to support the College by participating in its Alumni-in-Admissions



Mike Susco '70, chair of the Alumni Association's National Committee, says, "The Alumni Association is positioning itself for the 21st century by creating more value added for the alumni body, while setting the stage nationally to become a major contributor to the WNEC Endowment Fund for Student Financial Aid."

program and the Alumni Career Networking program. The College is now hoping to tap into its talented alumni base around the country to muster support for the Endowment through a national movement. Recently, national committee members of the Alumni Association revised the by-laws and constitution.

The Alumni Association's mission statement reads, "The mission of the Alumni Association of Western New England College shall be to communicate with and bring value to the alumni body and to support actively and financially the goals of the College as detailed



Kim Mac Leod '73, a trustee at the College and national committee member of the Alumni Association, was on campus recently speaking to students during a marketing class in Sleith Hall. Kim is vice president and publisher of FamilyFun Magazine.

in its mission statement," and communicating with alumni is the first goal.

National committee members include alumni from around the country. They are committed to helping the Alumni Association attain its goals. These members include: Chairman Michael Susco '70, Westwood MA; co-chairman Peter Stone '70/G'78. Longmeadow, MA: Edward Anastasi '89. Boston, MA; Neville Bogle '75/G'81, East Longmeadow, MA; Thomas Burton '70, Suffield, CT; Robert Bruno, Sr. '69, Altamont, NY; Debra Clemens '77, Encinitas, CA; Russell Duade '74, Cincinnati, OH; Marilyn Gorman '88, Warwick, RI: Thomas Gruppioni '77, North Attleboro, MA; Henry Hayes, Jr. '70, Deerfield, IL; John Kilroy '85 and Barbara Kilroy '87, Barnstable, MA; Everett Ladd '63, Arlington, VA; Alfred LaRiviere '51, Ludlow, MA; Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Lindsay '78, Cumberland, RI: Kenneth Mac Leod '77, Benicia, CA; Kim Mac Leod '73, Norwalk, CT; William Masi '77, Naples, FL; Raymond Meyers '51/G'64, Springfield, MA; Amelia Neils '78, East Longmeadow, MA; Kenneth Rickson '75, Wilbraham, MA; Joseph Romeo '83, Hartsdale, NY; Roy Scott, Holyoke, MA; Evan Simpson '61, Agawam, MA; Michael Serafino '77, Feeding Hills, MA; Luke Smith '47, East Longmeadow, MA; Mark Vecchiarelli '72, Somers, CT; and Richard Vilardo '72, Rockville, MD.

If you'd like to help the College gather alumni in your area to support the Endowment Fund for Student Financial Aid, call Alumni Affairs at (413) 782-1327 or (800) 962-6592.

## **ALUMNI FOCUS**

## William Russell '87

It has been a rewarding journey for William Russell since graduating from Western New England College in 1987. After receiving a Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering, Bill began working at General Electric (GE) in Pittsfield, MA. Through the Edison Engineering Program, he continued his education in mechanical engineering and earned a master's degree from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 1990.

Says Bill, "I have been fortunate enough to participate in the growth of a significant Army technology: from a research project to the single largest active Army development program today." Along the way, Bill was able to ride out the sale of GE Aerospace to Martin Marietta and the merger with Lockheed. During these transitions, Bill explains, "I grew from an entry level engineer, to design engineer, to Product Development Technology (PDT) team leader, to the manager of a

26-engineer design organization." In 1994, Bill was recognized as Martin Marietta Defense Systems' "Engineer of the Year."

Bill, his wife, Tammy, and their two children, Benjamin, 4, and Hannah, 2, live in Lee, MA, where Tammy has recently started a polar fleece outerwear business. Bill is still working at what is now called Lockheed Martin Defense Systems and is currently enrolled in the MBA program at UMass.

"I received an excellent undergraduate education at WNEC," adds Bill. "I was able to fill my tool box with the fundamental engineering skills necessary to apply to real world problems. Some of my fondest memories at WNEC involve my work in the ME laboratory. In particular, I truly enjoyed working for and learning from



William Russell '87 with his wife, Tammy, and two children, Benjamin, 4, and Hannah, 2.

Professor Presz. He gave me the opportunity to work on a research project that resulted in both ASME (American Society of Mechanical Engineers) and AIAA (American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics) recognition. Dr. Presz taught me how to become a successful engineer."

## **Alumni Career Network** in Action

More than 100 alumni volunteers and enthusiastic seniors and juniors gathered on campus for the first networking event of the new year on January 31. The evening saw students and alumni making contacts and discussing a variety of career options and job search strategies.

William Sheehan '66, district manager for the Social Security Administration, commented, "I thought the informal structure was helpful for the students... A wonderful evening for all." The event began with a brief welcome from Cari Carpenter, the internship & employer relations administrator at the College and co-coordinator of the Alumni Career Network. She thanked the many students who had helped spread the news of the event around campus as well as the career counselors and staff in the Office of Career and Human Resources.

Ted Anastasi '89, the Alumni Association Service Committee chair and operations manager at Fidelity Investments, gave a brief presentation on the importance of networking and opened the floor for questions and comments. Many alumni had advice to share and one student remarked, "Alumni shared important ideas and information on what needs to be done to prepare oneself for the job market." The remaining time was left for one-on-one networking.

Sally Poole '78/G' 82, area manager for Pizza Hut, Inc., stated that the event exceeded her expectations and she enjoyed the interaction with the students the most. Other alumni commented on the large turnout and that they made beneficial contacts. Students had similar kind words for the alumni. Many appreciated being able to speak with alumni from various fields and noted how friendly and helpful they were. Perhaps one student's evaluation summed up the evening, "I like the feeling I got upon leaving. I've gained confidence in myself and my job search."

If you would like to become involved as an Alumni Career Network volunteer or have information on job opportunities, please contact Gwen Majercak, assistant director of alumni affairs, at (800) 962-6592, or Cari Carpenter at (413) 782-1217. The Alumni Career Network is available to all alumni and students of Western New England College.

### ALUMNI-TO-ALUMNI NETWORKING EVENT

JUNE 18, 1996 5:30 P.M. TO 7:30 P.M. Mark your calendars and join us at the Springfield downtown campus in Baystate West.

RSVP: Alumni Office (413) 782-1327 or (800) 962-6592

Thanks to the following alumni who attended the Alumni Career Networking event at the College on January 31, 1996:

Edward Anastasi '89 Donald Anderson '80 Donna Berthiaume '81 Karen Brantl '95 Kevin Brassard '83 Thomas Burton '70 Christopher Carando '86 John Chriscola '94 Peter Cullinan '71/G'77 Youssef Fadel G'87 Anne Falcon '92 Jeffrey Fisk '94 Roger Harris '82 Nancy Hathaway '87 Laurie Heroux '95 Tom Herrala '68 Albert Kasper '78

Francis LaBelle '77 Nicholas LaPier '89 Keith Lippert '91 Heather Lippert '91 R. Samuel McGuire '93 Bob Nell '82 Sally Poole '78/G'82 William Sheehan '66 Christine Soverow '85 Michael Soverow '95 Fred Thomas '79 John Turgeon '83 Keith Walker '82 Denice Ware '87 Darrell Weldon '83 Paul Yacovone '91/G'95



Ted Anastasi '89, Service Committee Chair of the Alumni Association, offers career advice to Kara Phillips '96 at the Alumni Career Network event held at WNEC on January 31, 1996.



Thomas R. Burton '70 (right), trustee of the College and Alumni Career Network volunteer, shares his experiences in the fields of accounting and banking with a student at the networking event on January 31.



Denice Ware '87 answers questions about her career and the job search process at the Alumni Career Network event on campus during January.

## The Network Needs You

Alumni Career Network volunteers are needed. You can get involved even if you have little spare time to offer. Three ways you can participate include:

- Talking or meeting with students or graduates individually.
- Attending group panel discussions or networking events.
- Hosting an on-site visit by a student at your work-place.

Approximately 80 percent of our graduates go to work full-time within six months of graduation. Some of the major industries that they are entering include: manufacturing, insurance, high-tech services, communications, health and social services, retail/wholesale, public accounting, utilities, and banking. We've also had several recent inquiries for alumnic contacts involved in environmental fields.

For a brochure on how you can become an Alumni Career Network volunteer, complete and return the form below or call Gwen Majercak, assistant director of alumni affairs, at (800) 962-6592.

I'm very interested in volunteerin more information.	g for the Alumni Caree	er Network program. Plea	ise send m
Name	(	Class year	
Address			
City	State	Zip	
Day Phone	_ Evening phone		
Return form to Gwen Majercak, O 1215 Wilbraham Road, Springfie			l College,

We're still recruiting volunteers for Class Correspondents, so if you're interested call Deborah Porter Savoie at (413) 782-1545.

#### DID YOU KNOW ...

You can contact several Class Correspondents through the Internet now. Their e-mail addresses are below their names, or just e-mail the alumni office at alumwnec@wnec.edu

## **1961** 35th Reunion Oct. 5, 1996

Class Correspondent:
Denise Crawford
136 Meadow Road
East Longmeadow, MA 01028

Roy Alonzo (MBA) is a food service management professor at the University of New Hampshire Thompson School of Applied Science. He had a book published in November 1995 entitled *The Upstart Guide to Owning and Managing a Restaurant*.

#### 1962

Roger Frasca (BSME) retired on his 55th birthday in August 1995 from the Douglas Aircraft Company in Long Beach, CA. Roger spent his entire 33-year career at Douglas, in acoustics engineering. During the last 10 years, he managed acoustic activities for the USAFC-17 Cargo Transport Aircraft. He writes, "In November 1995, the Defense Department awarded the McDonnell Douglas Corporation an \$18 billion contract to manufacture an additional 80 aircraft."

#### 1964

Wayne Konrad (BSME) of South Hadley, MA, has been named sales manager at Chicopee Industrial Contractors, a rigging and millwright company in Chicopee, MA. He was previously facilities manager at Digital Equipment Corporation in Westfield, MA.

#### **1966** 30th Reunion Oct. 5, 1996

Class Correspondent: Theodore Dernago, Jr. 697 College Highway Southwick, MA 01077 (413) 569-6863

#### 1968

Class Correspondent: Ronald Bettini 1200 Southampton Drive Port Orange, FL 32119-2496

#### 1969

Class Correspondent: Janet Johnson 131 Coolidge Ave. Ste. 215 Watertown, MA 02172-2847 (617) 924-0037

#### 1970

Class Correspondent: Guy Lithwin 78 Norman Avenue Pittsfield, MA 01201 (413) 445-5573

Edward Warner (BS) has been promoted to product marketing manager for Crawler Dozers at Komatsu America International Company. He will relocate to the Lincolnshire, IL, office from Columbus, OH. Ed has been with Komatsu for more than 11 years with the position of district marketing manager/mining-aggregate specialist Northern Region for the past three years.

#### **1971** 25th Reunion Oct. 5, 1996

Class Correspondent: Thomas E. Rokosz 2815 Clubhouse Drive Plant City, FL 33567 (813) 754-2228

Nicholas Fagioli (BA) was recently awarded the 1995 New Jersey Clean Communities Award for Streets and Highways. The award was presented to Nick for the work he and his parolees have done in Hackensack, NJ. Nick is an intensive supervision parole officer in New Jersey.

Thomas Řokosz (BSBA), your class correspondent, writes, "This year marks our 25th year since graduation. Anyone interested in organizing a reunion committee to plan activities around Homecoming on October 5, please contact me."

#### 1973

Peter Falk (MBA) writes, "I was recently re-elected to my fourth term on the Enfield, CT, Town Council, which is the governing body of our community. I have also been chosen by our eleven member Council to be the Deputy Mayor. It's a position of responsibility and respect, which I take very seriously.

"We have a Council/Manager form of Government, where the Council sets

policy and the manager runs the town. As an elected official, I do not get paid for my time, but spend many hours per week attending meetings and listening to constituent concerns. Many people would find this type of community service beyond their scope in life, but I find it very challenging and rewarding. I like working with people of all types."

John O'Connor (BSBA) has been elected president of the Western Massachusetts Veterans Service Agents Association. He lives in Easthampton, MA

#### 1974

Class Correspondent: Michele Cooke 11 Dasher Avenue Bear, DE 19701

John Kazmarski (MBA) is director of public works in Enfield, CT. Before coming to Enfield, he was the town engineer and director of public works in Orange, CT, and he was director of public works in Bloomfield, CT, for 18 years.

Jeffrey Pringle (BSBA) of Foxboro, MA, has been named the new director of the Berkshire Visiting Nurse Association and vice president of home health at Berkshire Medical Center. Jeffrey has worked in home health services for more than 20 years. He was most recently employed as executive director of the Greater Medford Visiting Nurse Association.

Gary Smith (MBA), president and chief executive officer of the Ridgefield Bank, Ridgefield, CT, has been elected by his peers to serve as the Connecticut Banking Association's first vice chairman. He will fill the position through October 1, 1996, and is then expected to be appointed chairman of the association's board for the next year. Gary, a Ridgefield resident, is the current president of the Ridgefield Chamber of Commerce and is a trustee for the Keeler Tavern Museum.

#### 1975

John Polaski (BSBA) has been elected vice president of human resources at BHBA Cast Products Company. His responsibilities include the Bristol, Virginia, Chatham, and Springfield plants.

Theodore (Ted) Williams (MBA) is a senior contract administrator at Los Alamos National Laboratory in Los Alamos, NM.

## **1976** 20th Reunion Oct. 5, 1996

Class Correspondent: John S. Bonatakis 19 Kimberly Circle Longmeadow, MA 01106

Dave Bareiss (BSEE) of East Longmeadow, MA, was named assistant vice president of systems and communications at Farm Credit Financial Partners, Inc. (FPI) of Agawam, MA. He is currently managing the roll-out of communications hardware and systems across FPI's

eight-state region. Prior to this promotion, he was the manager of microcomputer systems.

Rheo Brouillard (BSBA) was named president and chief executive officer of The Savings Institute, Willimantic, CT. Before this appointment, he was executive vice president and a director of New London Trust, FSB, Rheo is first vice president of the Northeastern Connecticut Chamber of Commerce, president of the Quinebaug Valley Community College Foundation, a member of the board of the Northeastern Connecticut Community Development Corp., president of Three Rows Development Inc., and a member of the Danielson Revitalization Task Force and the Brooklyn Board of Fire Commissioners

Richard Griswold (MBA), senior vice president of information and services at Utica Mutual Insurance Company, has been elected to the Elmira College Board of Trustees. An Elmira, NY, native, Richard was previously employed at Aetna Life & Casualty. He is a member of The Planning Forum, an international society for strategic management and planning, and serves on the editorial advisory board of Financial Industry Forum, a British magazine of planning and management. Richard was named to Marquette's Who's Who in Finance & Industry. He lives in Whitesboro,

#### 1977

Class Correspondent: Patricia (Reale) Serafino 37 Pleasant Valley Road Feeding Hills, MA 01030 Phone: (413) 789-2032



Randy Cail '77 was appointed vice president of purchasing for Harvey Industries in Waltham, MA.

Randy Cail (BA) was appointed vice president of purchasing for Harvey Industries in Waltham, MA. His responsibilities include negotiations, materials management for all divisions and building upon the company's relationships with its numerous suppliers. Randy began working for the company in 1978. He lives in Andover, MA, with his wife and daughter.

E. "Al" Jamgochian (BSBA), owner of A&L Remodelers of Feeding

## **HOMECOMING 1996**

October 5, 1996

Save the date. How about joining us in planning the event? Contact the Alumni Office at (413) 782-1327 or (800) 962-6592.

Hills, MA, has been selected as the Remodeler of the Year by the Home Builders Association of Massachusetts. Al was chosen from a pool of more than 2,000 eligible members statewide to receive this prestigious award. Since he joined the Home Builders Association of Western Massachusetts four years ago, he has distinguished himself in his service to this local association and the community in which he works and lives. He currently serves as a builder director on the association's Board of Directors. Al and his wife, Linda, live in Feeding Hills, MA.. They have two children, Jennifer and Carrie.

Kevin Kelly (BA) of West Roxbury, MA, was named vice president for enrollment services at Dean College. He will oversee the admissions and financial aid areas at the college. He previously served as the dean of admissions at Northeastern University.

#### 1978

John Gilfoil, CLU, ChFC (BSBA) was recently elected president of the Massachusetts Association of Life Underwriters (MALU). John, whose one-year term began July 1, is an agent of the Paul Steffen Agency of Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co. in Springfield, MA. He is a past president of the Springfield Association of Life Underwriters. In addition to being a past president of the Wilbraham Rotary Club, John is a Paul Harris Fellow of the Rotary Foundation. He lives in Wilbraham, MA.

Lawrence Harvazinski (BSBA) recently started his own CPA firm: Harvazinski & Montanye in the Albany, NY, area. The firm will provide a variety of financial services including audit, tax preps, and financial and tax planning.

Howard Moffatt, Jr. (BA) received a master of divinity degree from Denver Conservative Baptist Seminary in Denver. He lives in Woodland Park, CO, with his wife, Heidi, and their children, Jessica and Paul. Howard is currently pastor of Highview Baptist Church in Woodland Park, and also a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Air Force Reserves in Colorado Springs.

#### 1979

Class Correspondents: Esthela Bergeron 163 Pearl Street Holyoke, MA 01040 Mary (Laymond) Harvazinski 420 Pinkster Lane Slingerlands, NY 12159

Andrew Cobb (BS) has joined Allied Signal Engines Division in Phoenix, AZ, as supervisor of commercial engines structures component design and analysis.

Mary (Laymond) Harvazinski (BSEM) writes, "Vacation time will be coming up soon and my husband, Larry '78 (BSBA), and I are planning our sixth annual summer vacation with other WNEC alumni. Robert Stein (BSBA) and Elaine (Goff) Stein '81 (BA), Dave Marini '78 (BSBA) and

his wife, Liz, Carolyn (Stravinskas) Hwang (BSBA) and her husband, Dale, and another area couple, along with our 12 children all under 10 years old, will be heading to Wildwood Crest. Each family takes a turn planning the surprise trip (no easy task as at one point we lived in five different states). We cook, barbecue, golf, swim, and a few brave souls have gone parasailing. We've even been known to order \$200 worth of Chinese takeout. We owe it all to Bob and Elaine Stein for getting it started. Thanks!"

Cornelius Mahoney (MBA), president and CEO of Woronoco Savings Bank in Westfield, MA, has been elected second vice chairman of America's Community Bankers, a national association which represents savings and community financial institutions throughout the United States. His election follows the recent completion of his term as chairman of The Massachusetts Bankers' Association.

Allen Vyce (BS) writes, "I've been working at General Dynamics/
Lockheed in Fort Worth, TX, for twelve plus years, with many different assignments and challenges during this time. I'm finally getting serious about getting an MBA, and have started again at the University of Dallas. I stay busy running, and have run three marathons over the past three years."

#### 1980

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John Ferreira (BA) '83 (JD) recently e-mailed class correspondent Chris Lauria. He has recently remarried and is a partner at the law firm of Reed Smith Shaw and McClay in Pittsburgh, PA. John also mentioned that John Michalenko (BA) and his wife live nearby and make up the local Pittsburgh WNEC alumni population. John M. is a career counselor at Carnegie-Mellon University.

Tim Keogh (BA) recently e-mailed class correspondent Chris Lauria. Tim is a management consultant who has returned to Greenwich, CT, after living in Australia, New Zealand, Malaysia, and Singapore. He's been accepted to the University of Chicago's executive MBA program.

Chris (Meimaris) Lauria (BSBA) and her husband, Thomas, of Norfolk, MA, announce the birth of their daughter, Alexis Anastasia, on November 17, 1995, weighing 7 pounds, 3 ounces. Grandparents are George and Tasia Meimaris of Wayland and the late Anthony and Ethel Lauria of East Boston, MA.

Alan Rothstein (MSA) was named to serve a three-year term on the thirteen-member board of governors of the Connecticut Society of Certified Public Accountants (CSCPA). Alan is the managing partner of the Avon

certified public accounting firm of Rothstein and Company, CPAs. He has served the society as chair or member of committees on public relations, personal financial planning, relations with banks and other financial institutions, and management of an accounting practice.

The Rev. Bruce White (MBA) was recently installed as the new pastor at the historic First Congregational Church in Woburn, MA. He was featured in December 1995 in an article in the Daily Times Chronicle, Woburn, MA.

#### 1981

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Class Correspondent: Lynn (Schneider) McCreary 927 Pamela Lane Lawrence, KS 66049

Michael Mishol (BSBA) and his wife, Julienne, announce the birth of their son, Michael Joseph, on October 18, 1995, weighing 7 pounds, 8 ounces. Their daughter, Jackie, is 3. Michael is employed at ESPN, Bristol, CT.

Peter O'Brien (BSBA) is assistant branch manager of the Queensbury Office of Evergreen Bank, N.A., in Glens Falls, NY. Peter has been with Evergreen since June of 1986. Most recently he was a consumer loan underwriter in the Loan Originations Department. He lives in Granville, NY, with his wife, Ann, and two children, Gregory and Megan.

Richard Tynan (BA) and his wife, Erin, proudly announce the birth of twin sons, Sean and Patrick, born June 2, 1995, in Manchester, CT. Sean was 7 pounds, 12 ounces, and Patrick was 6 pounds, 10 ounces. Richard writes, "Mother and sons are healthy and happy. I recently received valuable advice from attorney Polly Orenstein '82 (BA) '85 (JD) on surviving the arrival of twins. However, no amount of advice prepares you for this journey!"

#### 1982

Class Correspondents: Mary (Przybylowicz) Waldron 54 Sycamore Street Brockton, MA 02401 (508) 586-0394

Michael Ardolino (BSBA) married Maria DeAngelis recently.

Ray Fezzi (BA) writes, "It's great to hear about fellow alumni in *The Communicator*. I've resided in St. Louis, MO, for the past 12 years with my wife, Nancy, son Justin, 7, and daughter, Janna, 3. In addition to recently becoming a guest lecturer at Fontbonne College, I am an associate professor of field instruction in social work at Washington University and St. Louis University. I have a private practice in counseling and am employed as an inpatient therapist at Hyland Center in St. Louis.

Sally (Brzys) Hietanen (BSBA) and her husband, Paul, welcomed their first child, a son, Nicholas Edward, on September 11, 1995. Nicholas weighed 8 pounds, 5 1/2 ounces and was 20 inches long. Sally was manager of technical projects for the National Spa & Pool Institute (NSPI) and will be assuming a new position with NSPI following maternity leave. Paul is director of finance for ICF Kaiser International, Inc.,—The Consulting Group. The Hietanens live in Annandale, VA.

David Long (BSBA) recently wrote to class correspondent Mary Waldron. He writes, "Greetings from New Mexico. I am now a Major in the Army assigned to Fort Bliss, in El Paso, TX. After graduation, I went through the Armor school at Fort Knox, KY, to learn how to drive tanks, and then on the Fort Rucker, AL, to learn to fly helicopters. Since then I have been assigned to just about every attack helicopter and air cavalry unit from here to Germany and Korea.

"I met my wife, Judy, while in a training assignment in Fort Irwin, CA. We've been married almost seven years and have a four-year-old son, David, Jr. We moved from Colorado Springs, CO, back in October to a small town outside of El Paso, TX, called Santa Teresa, NM. . . I managed to earn a master's degree in systems management from the University of Denver in 1992.

"I have only run into a few other WNEC-ites over the years. Joe Bassani '84 (BA) and I were assigned to the same Battalion in Korea during 1992. He is now a Captain in the Aviation Branch."

Timothy Mazzer (BSME) has joined the Berkshire Plastics Network (BPN) as the executive director. He most recently was with Lockheed Martin Defense Systems of Pittsfield as manager of business development-Land Combat Programs. Timothy will direct operations of the network including marketing and educational services provided to members of the BPN. He lives in Pittsfield, MA, with his wife, Ellen, and two children.

Mary (Przybylowicz) Waldron (BA) has been hired by Brockton, MA, Mayor Jack Yunits as his chief administrative aide. Mary was the municipal grants coordinator for the state Executive Office of Communities and Development. She and her husband, John, have a 21-month-old daughter, Casey. They live in Brockton.

#### 1983

Class Correspondent: Lee Ann Harvey 60 Tracy Drive Agawam, MA 01001-2148 (413) 786-6151

Rebecca (Weaver) Browne (BSBA) has acquired a new job at Uniphase Telecommunications Products Inc. in Bloomfield, CT. She also participates in the Foreign Exchange High School Student Program. Rebecca married Dennis Browne in May 1984 and has one daughter, Jessica, born November 2, 1985. She received her MBA in 1994 from R.P.I.

Barry Christman (MBA), vice president of Gagliarducci Construction Company and owner of Christman Real Estate and Development, both of Springfield, was elected president of the Hone Builders Association of Western Massachusetts for the organization's new fiscal year which began July 1, 1995. Barry has been an active member of the association for more than seven years, and has filled many leadership roles. He and his wife, Linda, live in Wilbraham, MA, with their three-month-old son, Joseph, and Barry's 12-year-old son, Michael.

Gregory Kanteres (MBA) has been appointed manufacturing technologist at Monsanto. He is a senior engineering specialist at the Indian Orchard, MA, plant. The appointment was made in recognition of his many contributions to the Indian Orchard plant and Monsanto in the areas of development and implementation of manufacturing processes and facilities. The Monsanto Manufacturing Technologist Program is intended to recognize individuals with a record of significant achievement and to attract, retain, and support the development of people who have an interest in technical work. Nominations for the program are submitted to and approved by the worldwide Monsanto Manufacturing Leadership Council. Greg began his career with Monsanto in 1979. He and his wife, Janice, have two children, Gregory, 6, and Nicholas, 7.



John J. Turgeon '83 speaks about interviewing skills with an interested group of seniors and juniors at the Alumni Career Network event held on campus in January.

John Turgeon (BSBA) of Enfield, CT, was recently reappointed as chairman of relations with colleges and universities for the Connecticut Society of Certified Public Accountants for its 1995-96 fiscal year. John is director of human relations for the Hartford, CT, office of Price Waterhouse and a member of the American Institute of CPAs, the Society of Human Resource Management, the Human Resource Association of Central Connecticut, and the Training Advisory Committee for Inroads of Greater Hartford, Inc.

#### 1984

Class Correspondent:
Patricia Dimauro-Prunty
8 English Way
Pleasant Valley, NY 12569

Steve Belden (BSEE) and Anne (Tagliareni) Belden '85 (BSBA) are proud to announce the birth of their first

child, Scott Russell, on January 19, 1996. He weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces. The Beldens live in North Billerica, MA

Alex Corl (BSBA) writes, "I am a business assurance manager at Coopers & Lybrand in Hartford, CT, where I have been since graduating from WNEC. On November 27, 1995, my wife, Jane, and I welcomed into the world our first child, Ryan Alexander Corl. What a wonderful Christmas present. Everyone is doing fine."

Karen (Cyr) Suschana (BSBA) and her husband, Steve, announce the birth of their second child, Elizabeth Ann, January 7, 1996. She weighed 8 pounds, 7 ounces. Her sister, Katherine, is two years old. Karen recently put her professional career at CIGNA on hold to become a "stay-at-home mom." Karen and Steve, along with another couple, opened a Gold's Gym in West Springfield, MA, last year.

#### 1985

Class Correspondent: Charlene (Downes) Metcalf 50 Armstrong Road Enfield, CT 06082

Thomas Caliento (BSBA) '91 (MBA) has been hired as business administrator for the Mohawk Trail Regional School District. Thomas has been financial analyst for Springfield, MA. He was also a loan officer for Ludlow Savings Bank and BayBank Valley Trust Co.

Diane (MacDonald) Condon (BSBA) writes, "I gave birth to my second child, a daughter, Alexa Nicole, on August 16, 1995. She joins her 3-year-old brother, Jerry, at home. I am a full-time, stay-at-home mom and wouldn't have it any other way."

Rudy D'Agostino (BSBA) recently joined Meyers Brothers & Adeletti, Certified Public Accountants as a manager of accounting and business advisory services. He was a former audit and business assurance manager with Coopers & Lybrand.

Elizabeth (Barton) Griffin (BSE) and her husband, Patrick, announce the birth of their son, Michael, born May 23, 1995, and "growing a mile a minute." Beth is a biomedical engineer/investigator with the U.S. Food & Drug Administration and a Lieutenant in the U.S. Naval Reserve. The Griffins live in Mansfield, MA.

Anne (Bazan) Jany (BSME) announces the birth of her second child, Benjamin, born April 15, 1995. He was welcomed by his brother, Brian, 2 1/2. Benjamin and Brian are the grandsons of Professor Henry Bazan in the School of Business at WNEC.

Stephen Keating (BSBA) '94 (MBA) married Kristin Bibeau recently. Stephen is employed by the U.S. Postal Service. His wife is manager of financial reporting systems for Otis Elevator, a division of United Technologies, in Farmington, CT.

Charlene (Downes) Metcalf (BSBA) and her husband, Steve Metcalf '86 (BSBA) announce the birth of their second child, Michael Downes, born September 28, 1995. Michael has a brother, Patrick, 3.

Patricia (Zdebski) Tremblay (BSBA) and her husband, Bob, announce the birth of their third child, Michael Alexander, born November 17, 1995. Michael has a brother, Robert, 4, and a sister, Julie, 2.

#### 1986

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Class Correspondent: Debra Lans 721 Cove Road #5 Stamford, CT 06902 (203) 351-8356 (days)

Pierre Beauchamp (BSBA) of Wilbraham, MA, was recently named general sales manager at Central Chevrolet of West Springfield, MA. He was formerly the dealership's used car sales manager.

Theresa Bulgajewski (BSBA) married Michael Lesco on June 10, 1995. Theresa is employed by MetraHealth Insurance Company of Hartford, CT. Michael is employed by Hamilton Standard Space Systems of Windsor, CT. They live in Enfield, CT.

Denise Jaworski (BSBA) '90 (MSA), vice president and controller of Country Bank for Savings, graduated from the National School of Banking sponsored by America's Community Bankers at Fairfield University in Fairfield, CT. Denise was recognized for graduating with honors and had the distinction of being first in her class with the highest grade point average. She is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Denise and her husband, Stephen, and children, Dan and Wendy, live in Ware, MA.

#### 1987

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Joseph Bonfitto (BA) '91 (JD) is currently working as an associate attorney at the firm of Hegarty, Marien, Battista & Hodge in Springfield, MA. Joseph is a lifelong resident of Agawam, MA, and a member of the Massachusetts Bar Association and the Hampden County Bar Association.

Paula (Rivard) Boudreau (BSEE) writes, "My husband, Eric, and I had our second daughter on April 28, 1995. We named her Kayla Marie. Our first daughter, Nicole Chantal, is now 3. We have a house out in Leominster, MA. I'm working part-time at Hanscom AFB, MA, in the Intelligence and Information Warfare Division."

Ellen Cormier (BA) was appointed as a trustee of the corporation of the W.L. Gilbert Trust Corporation. Ellen, an attorney, has a private practice in Winsted, CT. She is a member of the Connecticut Bar, the Sports Lawyers Association, and the American Society of Notaries.

Angela Derouin (MBA) of Westfield, MA, was appointed human resources officer at SIS Bank. She was previously employed by Digital Equipment Corporation.

Chip Dyer (BSEE) '89 (MSEE), your class correspondent, writes, "Just a reminder: Our eighth annual white water raft trip is Saturday, May 11, 1996. The trip is on the Hudson River in Upper New York.

Karen Flynn (BSBA) has been hired by ESPN as a programmer analyst in the management information systems department. She will be responsible for providing systems support in various business areas within ESPN. Prior to joining ESPN, Karen served as a programmer analyst for Travelers in Hartford, CT, for eight years. She lives in Southington, CT, and her hobby is bodybuilding. She competes and is a personal trainer. In 1995, she won second place in the ANBC Natural Tristate Bodybuilding Championships.

Randy Guillen (BSBA) married Kristin Andringa recently. Randy is an associate claims consultant in the settlement unit of Paul Revere Insurance Group in Worcester, MA. Kristin is a disability claims representative for Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Co. in Springfield, MA.

Dawn (Crede) Murphy (BSBA) and John Murphy '86 (BSBA) joyfully announce the arrival of their daughter, Caroline Grace, born December 6, 1995, weighing 5 pounds, 10 ounces. John is currently an investment director at Aeltus, Inc. in Hartford, CT, and Dawn is a pharmaceutical representative for Hoechst Marion Roussel, Inc. in the Hartford area.

Douglas Roncarati, Jr. (BA), of South Deerfield, MA, has been accepted for graduate studies at Antioch New England Graduate School in Keene, NH. He is pursuing a Master of Science degree in environmental studies with a specialization in environmental biology.

Lynn (Hadley) Shields (MBA) has been named vice president at Cape Cod Hospital, in charge of all matters relating to nursing staff administration.

Corinne (Point) Zeidner (BSBA) and her husband, John Zeidner (BSBA) announce the birth of their first child, Kelly Nicole, born December 20, 1995. They also just moved into their new home in Font Mill, SC.

#### 1988

Class Correspondents: Marilyn Gorman 21 Cedar Pond Dr. Apt. 3 Warwick, RI 02886

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Karen Garneau (BSBA) married Mark Trzcinski June 17, 1995. Karen is an accountant at Sheptoff, Reuber and Co., P.C. Mark is a self-employed painting contractor. They live in East Hampton, CT.

Lt. Matt Coughlin (BSME) is presently attending the Naval Post Graduate School in Monterey, CA. After WNEC, he joined the Navy and began flight training, receiving his wings in 1990. He has presently accumulated over I,000 hours of flight time in the SH-60 helicopter. Upon graduation from graduate school he will be assigned to Naval Air Station North Island in San Diego, CA.

Marilyn Gorman (BSBA) has been promoted to senior marketing specialist at Metropolitan Property and Casualty Insurance Company in Warwick, RI. She works in the Creative Marketing Services division of Corporate Marketing, specializing in advertising and promotion. Marilyn has also been elected to serve as president-elect of the Southeastern New England Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America.

Tom Manley (BS) and Jean (Doherty) Manley (BSBA) are happy to announce the birth of their second child, Stephanie Marie, born May 26, 1995. Their son, Thomas, is four years old. Tom works as a software engineer for Lockheed Martin in Hudson, NH. Jean works as a senior programmer for American International Group.

Doug Morris (BSME) writes, "I left the Navy as a lieutenant in 1993 and since have been employed by Rosemount, Inc. in the Twin Cities. I married my wife, Teresa, in 1993 and have a daughter, Hannah, born in August 1995. Presently, I'm working on my MBA at Carlson School of Business at the University of Minnesota."

Amy (Kevelson) Nolan (BSBA) and her husband, Kevin, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Kathryn Victoria, born November 29, 1995, weighing 8 pounds, 9 ounces. The Nolans live in Acworth, GA.

Kerrin (Sloan) Nugent (BSBA) writes, "My husband, Rich, and I had our first child, a daughter named Haylee Kathleen, born August I, 1995. We live in North Attleboro, MA. I am looking forward to my new job as a full-time mom to Haylee."

Diane Poole (BSBA) '94 (MBA) was appointed to the position of vice president of finance for the Holyoke V.N.A. Diane has extensive experience in financial reporting and profit planning analysis, in both the banking and health care industries. In her previous position as director of finance with the Holyoke V.N.A., Diane was instrumental in the analysis and restructuring of the Finance and Computer Services Department.

Russell Stratton (BSBA) married Mary McMahon recently. Russell is a customer service manager for Richco Products in Springfield, MA. His wife attends Westfield State College and is employed by People's Savings Bank in Holyoke, MA.

#### 1989

Class Correspondent: Lisa Bozenhard P.O. Box 2192 Westfield, MA 01086-2192

Patrizia Alvaro (BSBA) recently married Joaquin Verde. Patrizia is a lead sales associate for Filene's Department Store in Holyoke, MA. Her husband is employed by Hannoush Jewelers in West Springfield, MA.

David Baird (BSIE) '95 (MSEM) was promoted to manufacturing superintendent at Ludlow Textiles Company, Inc. in Ludlow, MA. He lives in Belchertown, MA, and joined Ludlow Textiles in 1989.

Marie Barney (MBA) of Lunenburg, MA, has been named senior vice president of patient care services for HealthAlliance. Most recently, Marie was vice president of patient care services. She served as director of nursing, concentrating on maternal child health and perioperative services, for both HealthAlliance and Leominster Hospital.

Lisa (Pepper) Bousquet (BSBA) and her husband, Dan, announce the birth of their daughter, Amy Imelda, born August 19, 1995. Amy weighed 8 pounds, 5 1/2 ounces. The Bousquets live in West Springfield, MA.

Bernice (Lord) Cardaropoli (BSBA) is a member of the Board of Directors of the Easthampton Chamber of Commerce and co-chairperson of the Easthampton Fall Festival and Trade Show Committee.

Darlene Frappier (BA) recently married Steven Tousignant (BSEE). Darlene is a special education teacher of deaf children at Maple Road Elementary School in West Milford, NJ. Steven is a cellular engineer for AT&T Bell Laboratories in Whippany, NJ.

Joel Kendrick (BSBA) of South Hadley, MA, married Kelli Wilbur of West Springfield, MA, at the Fatham Social Club in West Springfield on July 22, 1995. Joel's brother, Matt Kendrick '90 (BA) served as best man, and Jim Winston '90 (BA) was an usher. Joel and his new bride have relocated to Phoenix, AZ.

Donald Linhares, Jr. (BA) joined Dickinson Direct's information technology team. Donald, senior database specialist, comes to Dickinson Direct from Shawmut Bank in New Bedford, MA, where as consumer loan officer he performed database work. He lives in South Dartmouth, MA.

Christopher Lovering (BSBA) is engaged to Kathryn Ciolkos. Christopher is employed by Enterprise Rent-A-Car of Enfield, CT. His fiance is employed by Enterprise Rent-A-Car of Windsor. They plan an April 1996 wedding.

Mary (Delnickas) Sterling (BSBA) and Jeff Sterling (BSBA) became the proud parents of their first child, Jonathan Tyler, October 18, 1994. Mary is a product manager for the DMC Corporation in South Kearny, NJ. Jeff is a systems consultant for Intermec Corp. in Fairfield, NJ.

#### 1990

Class Correspondents: Heidi Jones 23 Hospital Avenue, Apt. A Danbury, CT 06810 Audrey McDonald 58 West Main Street Warren, MA 01083

Joe Albano (BSBA) and his wife, Brenda, own and operate Northeast Chimney Sweeps in the Woburn-Winchester, MA, area. They were

recently featured in the Woburn Advocate.

Richard Kulaszewski (BSBA) is engaged to Sherrie Stevens. Richard works for the Corporate Securities Group Inc., Delray Beach, FL. Sherrie works for Cats Gymnastics, Boca Raton, FL.

Christina Lopes (BA) married Paul Orszulak recently. Christina is employed by Tambrands, Inc. in Palmer, MA. Her husband is employed by Source Two in Bondsville, MA.

Joelle Marquis (BSBA) was named to the new position of manager of personnel and administrative services at Big Y Foods, Inc., Springfield, MA. She is responsible for managing compensation administration, personnel record keeping, policy development, legal compliance, and payroll and benefits functions. Joelle most recently worked as human resources manager. She is an adjunct faculty member at WNEC and lives with her husband, Kenneth, in Stafford, CT.

Cmdr. Michael McCarthy (MBA) has retired from the Navy Supply Corps. Since 1993, he has been business financial manager for the Unmanned Aerial Vehicles Joint Project Office of the corps. His career began with his commission as an ensign in the Supply Corps through the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps in 1974.

Richard Stanio (BSBA) is engaged to Kara Newcombe. Richard is employed by Phoenix Home Life Insurance Company in Enfield, CT. Kara is a Title I reading teacher in the Westfield, MA, School System. A November 1996 wedding is planned.

Jim Winston (BA) is the store manager of Waldenbooks at the Eastfield Mall in Springfield, MA.

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## C L A S S N O T E S

#### 1991

#### 5th Reunion Oct. 5, 1996

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Robert Allessio (MBA) was elected vice president for marketing and distribution services at Berkshire Gas. Prior to this promotion, he served as director of marketing and distribution. He first joined Berkshire Gas in 1985. Robert has five children and lives in Dalton, MA, with his wife, Colleen.

Kelly Bakis (MBA) and Jeff LaCross were married September 30, 1995, and went to Hawaii for their honeymoon. Kelly is employed by Siemens Rolm Communications and lives in Connecticut. Theodore Chnura III (BSBA) married Rachel Bogacz recently. Theodore is employed by Marois Construction of South Hadley, MA. His wife is a veterinary technician for Spruce Hill Veterinary Clinic in Springfield, MA.

Jennifer Cote (BA) moved to Boston where she started graduate school at Boston University in Psychology/Public Health in January 1996

Judith Eldredge (MBA) of Beverly, MA, has been appointed director of rehabilitation at the Shaughnessy-Kaplan Rehabilitation Hospital (SKRH). In her new position, Judith will be responsible for all inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation programs. She has been employed at SKRH since 1992 as director of outpatient therapy services and previously worked at Braintree Hospital.

Ann Emrich (BSBA) of Enfield, CT, has been promoted to director of human resources-manufacturing at LEGO Systems, Inc. In her new role, she will provide human resources consulting support for the production, logistics, and quality departments.

Dan Gregory (MSSM) recently moved to Huntsville, AL.

Dr. Eric Hillson (MBA) has received a \$20,000 award from the Drug Information Journal for his work on a lag-adjusted statistical model for postmarketing surveillance of adverse drug events. His research was completed at the University of Georgia where he received a second master's degree in statistics and a doctoral degree in behavioral pharmacy. Currently, Eric is an assistant professor of pharmacy practice at the Bouve College of Pharmacy and Health Services, Northeastern University, Boston, MA.

Anne-Marie (Coffin) Jacobs (BSBA) married Michael Jacobs (BSBA) in June 1993. Their son, Benjamin, was born January 6, 1995. They are buying a home in Cromwell, CT. Michael works for LEGO as a senior micro-computer technician and is a volunteer firefighter and EMT with

Cromwell's Fire Department. Anne-Marie has worked as a case manager for Allmerica Financial in Glastonbury, CT, for the last four years,

Noelle (Haller) Landry (BSBA) has been awarded the professional insurance designation Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter (CPCU) by the American Institute for CPCU. Noelle is a commercial account manager in the underwriting department of the St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company. She and her husband, Paul Landry (BSBA) live in West Des Moines, IA.

Sandra Matoian (BSW) married Kenneth Heard on June 17, 1995. Sandra is employed by Child and Family Agency of South Eastern Connecticut, New London. Her husband is studying for his master's degree in psychology at Connecticut College. They live in New London, CT.

Caroline McKenney (MBA) has been hired as director of program management for the Rainier Company of Princeton, an industry-leading

## In Memoriam

Myron W. Zimmerman '29 (BSBA) died recently, at age 90. He lived in Longmeadow, MA, and was the owner of the former M.W. Zimmerman Electric Supply Co. in Springfield from 1938 to 1982. He was a board member of Musicordia, and was active with the Springfield Science Museum. He also was in the Anti-Defamation League, the Springfield Jewish Federation, B'nai B'rith, the Esoteric Masonic Lodge, and the Forest Park Zoological Society. He leaves bis wife, Fannie (Rotberg), two daughters, Dorothy Zimmerman-Blount and Carol Zimmerman Brown, a sister. six grandchildren, and six greatgrandchildren.

Abraham D. Simons '31 died February 21, 1996, at age 92. He lived in Longmeadow, MA.

James F. Duggan '34 (BSBA) died July 28, 1995 at age 86. He was the display advertising manager for the former Springfield *Daity News* and retired in 1970. James was president of the New England Newspaper Advertising Executives Association, a director of the Springfield Advertising Club and former president of the Springfield Better Business Bureau. He lived in Springfield for many years until moving to Ludlow, MA. He leaves his wife, Grace (Flynn), two nieces, and a sister-in-law. His son, James F. Jr., died earlier.

William H. Sleith '44 (Engr. Mgt.), a retired industrialist and major Western New England College benefactor, died February 29, 1996, at age 86. He became a corporator of the College in 1958, a trustee in 1964, and left the board as trustee-emeritus in 1995. In 1973, the College dedicated William H. Sleith Hall to him for his generous

donation to the building campaign. He received an bonorary degree in 1980. He and his wife, the late Iona (McGowan) Sleitb, owned and operated the former Iona Manufacturing Co. from 1947 until their retirement in 1970. He held the patent for the world's first portable food mixer. He leaves a brother, Ernest, a sister, Bess, three grandcbildren, and nieces and nephews.



William H. Sleith '44/H'80 at the Dedlcation of Sleith Hall in 1973.

James B. Kelley '49 (BS) died July 5, 1995, at age 84. He lived in Reynoldsburg, OH.

Francis Murphy '52 (BSBA) died January 21, 1996, at age 74. He lived in Springfield and was the retired founder and executive vice president of Dual Manufacturing & Engineering Inc. in Holyoke, MA. Francis was an honorary trustee of Peoples Bank in Holyoke and a member of the Rotary Club, the Red Cross, and the Purchasing Agents Association of Holyoke. He leaves his wife, Eileen (Casey), a son, Daniel, two daughters, Anne Kellner and Kathleen Lockwood, a brother, three sisters, and 11 grandchildren.

Robert Godfrey '56 (BSBA) died November 1, 1995. He lived in Gardner, MA. Joseph C. Gavin '57 (Law) of Holyoke, MA, died recently.

Richard E. Taylor '60 (BA) of West Barnstable, MA, died October 22, 1995, after being injured in a motorcycle accident. He was 52 years old. A vice president of C.P. Payson Co. in Springfield for many years, be also worked at the Crosby Yacht Yard in Osterville, MA. He was the manager of Rhode Island Refrigeration Co. at the time of his death. He leaves his wife, Jacqueline (Laplante), a son, Todd, bis father, Philip Taylor, a brother, a grandchild, and nieces and nephews.

John M. Gloster '61 (BBA) '63 (MBA) of Marshfield, MA, died November 27, 1995, at age 63. An accountant and grand knight of the Myles Standish Knights of Columbus Council in Marshfield, and a lay minister of Our Lady of the Assumption Church, John suffered with heart problems for several years and was unable to work for five years. A member of the Marshfield Council on Aging, he delivered for Meals on Wheels for a time and was a member of the Marshfield 60+ Club and the Golden Agers. He most recently was an accountant for Modern Electroplating in Boston, He leaves his wife, Veronica 'Vera" (Rybski), a son, John, two daughters, Maureen Jenson and Michelle Gloster, his mother, Mary Rose (LaPointe) Gloster, a sister, and four grandchildren.

Bertrand L. McTeague '64 (BSBA), president of McTeague & Company, New London, CT, died December 16, 1995, at age 60. He was a member of the Board of Trustees of Western New England College. He also served on the boards of directors of

Lydall Inc. in Manchester, CT, ACMAT Corp. in Hartford, and Sage-Allen Co. of Hartford. He was a member of the Hartford Society of Financial Analysts, past president of Connecticut Investment Bankers Association, a corporator of the Institute of Living, and a member of the Hartford Club. He leaves bis wife, Mary (Fabrykiewicz), a son, Brendan, two daughters, Ali and Kitty, and three brothers.



Bertrand McTeague '64, a member of the Board of Trustees at the College

Frank L. Rideout '66 (BSBA) died February 14, 1996, at age 57. He lived in Blandford, MA, and was an employee of O'Leary Co. of Southampton, MA. He was previously a 30-year sales and service manager for New England Container Co. of Chicopee, MA. He leaves his wife, Pamela (Perkins), a son, Ethan, a daughter, Alison Spencer, his parents, Amos and Betty (Merrow) Rideout, a brother, a stepson, and four grandchildren.

advertising and marketing agency. Caroline lives in Orange, MA, and prior to joining Rainier, was director of marketing for the UMass Cancer Center, and vice president of marketing at Holyoke Hospital.

Michael Murphy (BSLE) was promoted to sergeant in the Brookline Police Department. He joined the Brookline, MA, police force in 1989 as a patrol officer.

Christopher Neufeld (BA) writes, "Hi everyone. Well, 1'm in the middle of my third year living and working in Japan. 1've been teaching and working on some photo projects that 1 hope to have published by 1997. If anyone is thinking of traveling to the land of the rising sun or wants some information on Japan, please feel free to drop me a line. 1'd love to hear from you. My address is: C.J. Neufeld, 4F Hata Bldg., 2-10-3 Toride City, Toride, Ibaraki 302 Japan. Take care and hope to hear from you soon."

Thomas Presnal (BSEE) married Marie Maggi recently. Thomas is

employed by AARON Environmental in Waterbury, CT. Marie is employed by Inter-All Corp. in Granby, MA.

Alicia Swatson (BSBA) started a new job at Wexford Underwriters Management in San Francisco, CA. She moved to California in June 1995.

James Vaglica (BSLE) was promoted to sergeant in the Waltham Police Department. A Waltham native, James joined the force in 1985.

Amy Wilk (BSBA) married David Macca on June 17, 1995. Amy is a coordinator at MasterCard International in Manhattan, NY. David is a project manager at P.J. Mechanical Corp. in Manhattan. They live in Dobbs Ferry, NY.

Paul Yacovone (BSBA) '95 (MBA) writes, "I finally finished by MBA at Western New England College, while still working for Hershey Chocolate U.S.A. My wife, Tammie, is still working on her MBA at WNEC, while working for Dairy Mart in the Human Resources Department."

#### 1992

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William Agnew (BSBA) was named manager of Con-Way Central Express's new Bellows Falls, VT, service center. William joined the company in 1994 as a freight operations supervisor at the company's Springfield, MA, service center. He is currently relocating to Londonderry, VT.

Gretchen Braun (BSIE) is attending graduate school part-time at Northeastern University in Boston, MA, for her master's in engineering management. She is still employed at Energy Research Group, Inc.

Peter Bright (BSLE) was appointed as the Canton, MA, police chief in December 1995. He has been a sergeant in Canton for the past 13 years. He and his wife, Roberta, have three daughters.

Christine Deeb (BSBA) writes, "I am the director of INTRAX English Institute at Bryant College. INTRAX is an intensive English as a Second Language Program that teaches students as well as professionals the English language. The institute runs every four weeks in which students stay from one month to one year. I review all applications, prepare the budget, prepare the student visa paperwork, recruit, do the housing and food service, etc. I am able to meet students from all over the world. We have two other language institutes, one in California and another in Pennsylvania. The main office is in San Francisco and I might be out there in March for training. It is new and exciting."

Chris Dowd (BA) writes, "Gina (Gelineau) (BSW) and l will be celebrating our first anniversary on April 8. We finally moved into our new home over the Columbus Day weekend. This spring l plan on starting my Certificate of Advanced Graduate Standings Degree in education

E. Patrick Henry '67 (BSBA) of Greenfield, MA, died November 25, 1995, at age 60. He was a state auditor for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for several years and before that, worked as an internal auditor for the University of Massachusetts in Amherst. He leaves his wife, Elizabeth (Nadeau), three daughters, Lynn Hall, Susan Manson, and Michelle Rose, two brothers, and a grandson.

Josef Skrzypek '71 (BSEE) of Westwood, CA, and formerly of Springfield, MA, died October 13, 1995, at home after an illness. He was 48 years old. An associate professor in the computer science department of the School of Engineering and Applied Science at the University of California at Los Angeles, he had a research and teaching interest in vision, computational neuroscience, and artificial intelligence. Josef was a visiting scholar for a Brazilian government-sponsored lecture tour on "Neural Networks and Vision" in 1991, and was the keynote speaker at the Australian Conference on Neural Networks in 1990. He leaves a son, Joshua, his parents, Mayer and Anna Skrzypek, and three sisters.

Raymond Whitney, Jr. '75 (BSLE) of Ludlow, MA, died September 1, 1995, at age 49, after a long illness. He was a longtime police officer and former director of the Springfield, MA, Police Academy. He joined the Ludlow Police Department in 1969. He was also an instructor at American International College, the Western Massachusetts Law Enforcement Academy in Springfield, and Holyoke Community College. He leaves his wife, Patricia (McCullough), a son, Michael, a daughter, Meghan, his father, retired District Fire Chief Raymond E.

Whitney, and his stepmother, Dorothy (Harris), a brother, three sisters, nephews and nieces.

Clifford I. Green '78 (BSBA) of Springfield, MA, died December 1, 1995, at age 66. He was a draftsman for Northeast Utilities and retired in 1993. He served with the Air Force during the Korean Conflict. He leaves three brothers, Lee, Melvin, and Louis.

Ann V. Woloszyn '78 (BSBA) of Springfield, MA, died October 3, 1995, at age 45. She was an accountant for the former Della Construction Co. in Enfield, CT, retiring in 1990. She leaves a son, Christopher, and a sister, Nancy Nolan.

Norman A. Simard, Jr. '79 (BSLE) of Westport, NY, formerly of South Hadley, MA, died October 23, 1995, at age 51. He was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran, serving for six years. Norman was district manager for American Frozen Foods Inc. in Burlington, VT. He previously had been director of security for the former Albert Steiger Co. in Springfield, MA, and also for the former Wang Laboratories in Holyoke, MA. He leaves his parents, Norman A. Simard, Sr. and Helen (Belanger), his wife, Mona (Deslauriers), a son, Christopher, two daughters, Danielle Brassard and Michelle Simard, a brother, and a grandchild.

Heide A. (Wheeler) Sambor '80 (BSBA) '83 (MBA) of Wilbraham, MA, died August 17, 1995, at the age of 37. She was a programmer analyst for Travelers Insurance Co. in Springfield, MA. She leaves her husband, Michael, her parents, Robert and Adelheid (Lohmann) Wheeler, and a sister.

Stephen J. Zeitler '90 (BSBA), an account executive at Shur Air Ltd. in Stamford, CT, died recently, at age 28.

He lived in Fairfield, CT, and leaves his wife, Wendy-Sloane (Zaitchik), his father, Andrew Prusak, his mother, Evelyn Carty Zeitler Prusak, two brothers, and a sister.

Francis Anthony Sanvicente
Agana '95 (BA) of South Hadley, MA,
died October 12, 1995, at age 24, after a
long illness. He was a writer, disc
jockey, and assistant promotion director
for local colleges. He leaves his parents
Dr. Rudegelio and Dr. Aurora
(Sanvicente) Agana, two sisters,
Rhodora and Luz, and his grandfather,
lgnacio Agano.

William L. Christensen, a professor in the School of Business at WNEC from 1980 until 1989, died November 15, 1995, at age 64. He lived in Murrells Inlet, SC. He taught advertising, marketing, and economics at WNEC. Before that, he had a career in corporate advertising and was associated with Ciba Geigy in White Plains, NY, American Cyanamid in Somerville, NJ, and Johnson and Johnson in New Brunswick, NJ, He leaves his wife, Ann Violet Christensen, three sons, Gary Farrington, William Christensen, and Erik Christensen, three daughters, Maureen Farrington, Patricia Christensen Januzzi, and Carol Christensen, five grandchildren, and a brother.

Joseph J. Deliso, of Springfield, MA, a generous benefactor of Western New England College, died February 23, 1996, at age 86. The Joseph J. Deliso, Sr. Administration Building at WNEC was dedicated in 1989. Joseph was chairman of HBA Cast Products Co. and owner of Deliso Construction Co. He was instrumental in the founding and development of Springfield Technical Community

College. He was director of the former Security National Bank, Package Machinery Corp., and Springfield Television Broadcasting Corp. (now Channel 22). He served most recently on the city's Parks Commission Board, and was a dedicated supporter of the Boys Club and many other organizations. He leaves his second wife, Eva (Hassiotis), two sons, Clement and Joseph, two daughters, Virginia Govoni and Rosalie Newsome, four brothers, three sisters, 11 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.



Joseph J. Deliso, a generous benefactor of the College.

Harold E. Heye, a 22-year history professor at Western New England College, died December 8, 1995, at age 70. He lived in Longmeadow, MA, and had retired in 1986. He also taught at Wellesley College, Wesleyan University, and American International College. He received his master's and Ph.D. in modern European history from Yale University. He leaves his wife, Ellen (Doms), two sons, Richard and Christopher, two daughters, Jennifer and Constance, and three grandchildren.

administration. I graduated in May with a master's of secondary education. Gina has been promoted again in the Department of Social Services. She plans on going to graduate school."

Amy Kruger (BA) completed her MA in Clinical Psychology and was recruited for a job in a long-term nursing facility in Pittsfield, MA, as a social worker. She is involved in family work, care planning, and development of an Alzheimer's Unit.

Patricia LaBanca (BA) has joined the faculty at Mt Greylock Regional High School, Williamstown, MA. She will work in a one-to-one situation with a seventh-grade student. Her experience includes being a pre-school teacher, a faculty assistant at WNEC, and a behavior program specialist at the May Institute.

John Larson (BA) was recently promoted to First Lieutenant New York State National Guard. His duties include being tow platoon leader. He was also promoted in the Justice Department to senior corrections officer. He lives in Scotia. NY.

Karen (Sullivan) Liberi (BSE) has almost finished her first master's degree in biomechanics from the University of Delaware. She is also completing a second master's degree in physical therapy from the University of Delaware and plans to be finished in July. Karen married Victor Liberi on August 19, 1995. She met Victor, an athletic trainer, at graduate school.

Karen Manherz (BSE) writes, "I'm still finishing my MS in Plastics Engineering. All I have to do is type my thesis and I should get my diploma in June. I've been looking for a full-time job doing something in this field. My thesis entailed growing cells on different types of biodegradable plastics to eventually be used for tissue engineering. They're using it primarily for skin grafting. I haven't had a job in a year and have been relaxing. I am no way near to getting married and haven't had a boyfriend since last May. After seven years of serious relationships, it's a nice change! I hope everyone is doing well and plans to go to the 5th year reunion in '97. I'll try to make it."

Lauren Sutula (BSME) completed a master's degree in biomedical

engineering in June 1994 from Dartmouth College. She is a biomedical research engineer at Dartmouth. Her research involves artificial joint replacement. Lauren conducts research, gives presentations to orthopedic surgeons, and writes papers about the findings. Lauren married Brian Bargmann on October 28, 1995, in Hanover, NH. They live in Lyme, NH. Brian is an environmental research engineer at Dartmouth.

Angie Testori (BA) began a new job as a graphic designer at A.M. Marketing in Chicopee, MA, in January. She previously worked as a reporter and photographer at The Register. In her free time, Angie is working to establish herself as a freelance writer and photographer. Her "big break" came last fall when she sold a feature story and three photographs to Soap Opera Update magazine. For this assignment, Angie covered the annual "ABC All-Star Softball Game," which benefits the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Western and Central Massachusetts. Her work appeared in the October 3, 1995 issue of the magazine.

Peggy Thieriot (MBA) '94 (MSA) of Worcester, MA, has joined the firm of Jones, Camp & Associates as a staff accountant.

#### 1993

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John Bassi (BA) writes, "I got engaged back on Labor Day weekend to Erin Flynn, a 'nice Irish girl' who I've known since the third grade. We will be married in July 1996 in Pittsfield, MA. Erin teaches nursery school and I am a clinical therapist on an inpatient psychiatric unit."

Ross Bullock (BSBA) of Ware, MA, has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force upon

graduation from Officer Training School at Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, AL.

Raymond Jennings
III (BSEE), of Peekskill,
NY, is engaged to
Veronica Carnes.
Raymond is enrolled in a
master's degree program
at Manhattan College
and is a senior software
engineer at Physicians'
Online. Veronica is a
certified public
accountant for Coopers
& Lybrand. A July 1996
wedding is planned.

Karen Klisiewicz (BSBA) is one of three directors of the Shooting Star Dance Center in Agawam, MA. She began dancing at the age of four. She is trained in all forms of dance and teaches students of all levels.

Jennifer McLeod (BSW) is engaged to Scott Pierce '95 (BSBA). Jennifer is employed as a child-care counselor for the Children's Study Home in Springfield, MA. Scott is pursuing a degree in turf management at the University of Massachusetts and is employed by the Longmeadow Country Club in Longmeadow, MA. The wedding is planned for May 25, 1996.

Lori Mission (MBA) was named senior consultant in the financial services division at Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Co. of Springfield, MA. She lives in West

Springfield.

Dina Salzano (BSBA) has joined the staff of Gawiser Associates, Inc., a computer consulting firm in Fairfield, CT, as a programmer/analyst. Dina specializes in business information collection and management for major clients throughout the state and metro-New York. She will work on project development and service for client accounts. Before joining Gawiser Associates, she was in quality assurance and technical support for MECA Software. Dina lives in Branford, CT.

Louis Scungio (BSBA) joined Meyers Brothers & Adeletti, Certified Public Accountants as an accountant in the tax department. He has over five years in the accounting field and specializes in individual and small business tax issues.

Gail Wright (MBA) has been named School Department business manager in Shrewsbury, MA. Previously, Gail was a senior contract administrator with Raytheon Co. in Sudbury, MA, serving in that position since 1987. She has been an adjunct professor in the business department of Middlesex Community College since 1990.

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William Banz (BSBA) married JoAnn Volk on July 29, 1995. William is employed by Word Computer Support Inc. He is also a volunteer firefighter with the Shaker Road Fire Department in Loudonville, NY. JoAnn works for Grace Fellowship Church. They live in Loudonville.

Cindy DiFilippo (BA), your class correspondent, writes, "Hi everyone. I've been very busy lately with Alumni-in-Admissions college fairs. I've also been planning my wedding, set for June 30, 1996, when Christopher Elomaa '95 (BSME) and I will be married in Ardsley, NY, We will be living in New London County, CT, where Chris currently lives. He is an engineer at

Computer Science Corporation, I am a teacher's aide at Concord Road Elementary School, but will be looking for work in the New London County area shortly. I will let everyone know my new address and phone number when I move in July. I hope to hear from many of you soon. Good luck with all your dreams and goals!"

Dominique Kampf (BSW) married Andrew Simoneaux July 7, 1995. Dominique is a paraprofessional for the Colorado Springs School District. Andrew, an Army veteran, is a mechanic. They live in Colorado Springs, CO.

Eric Newton (MBA) of Northampton, MA, has been promoted to accounting department manager at the Pro Corp. in Florence, MA. He joined the firm as a senior accountant four years ago. He was previously managing accountant at C.T. Male Associates in Greenfield. MA.

Kristan (Flemings) Novelli (BSW) and Richard Novelli '93 (BSCJ) were married September 17, 1994, in Clarksville, TN, a few days before Rich, an MP in the Army, was deployed to Haiti for four months. Kristan and Rich reaffirmed their vows April 9, 1995, in Kingston, NY. They were living in Clarksville, TN, where Rich was stationed at Ft. Campbell and Kristan was a case manager for court involved youth. In December 1995, the Novellis planned to move to Ft. Shafter, Hawaii, for three years.

Michael Reopell (MBA) was promoted to director of alumni/development information services at Williams College, Williamstown, MA. Michael has been at Williams since 1987. His responsibilities include oversight of computer support services, purchase, installation and maintenance of hardware and software, and staff training.

Stephen Zajchowski (BA) is working as a manager at Wal-Mart in Ware, MA.

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K. Aaron Bailey (BSCJ) was hired as a patrolman for the Brunswick, ME, Police Department. Aaron is scheduled to attend the Maine Criminal Justice Academy in April 1996. He lives in Brunswick.

Stacey Speich (BSBA) writes, "I am in graduate school at SUNY Albany, Albany, NY, studying regional planning. I work part-time for the City of Albany Department of Housing and Community Development. I will also begin working with the NYS Rural Housing Coalition as a paid intern for the spring semester."

Melissa Wojcik (BA) has been named news bureau assistant at American International College in Springfield, MA. As news bureau assistant, Melissa is responsible for facilitating media relations, producing the inhouse newsletter, and other publications, and assisting in the College advertising. She lives in Agawam, MA.



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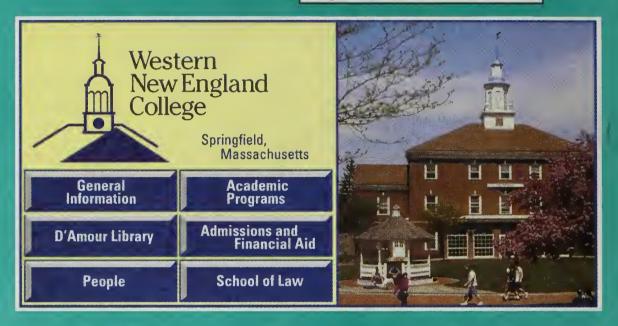
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