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## Mentors in Violence Prevention program enlists athletes to combat violence against women

BY JEFF KANTROWITZ

On a slate-gray Tuesday in Roxbury, a steady drizzle is pelting Madison Park High School. David Kay, a twenty-something envoy from Northeastern's Center for the Study of Sport in Society, passes through the school's blue metal detectors and heads for a windowless fourth-floor classroom. There, eight freshmen, most of them African American, slouch at their desks beneath posters advocating sexual abstinence, racial tolerance, and violence prevention. One poster declares: "OUR TOLERANCE FOR VIOLENCE IS ZERO OR LESS!"

Dressed in a rugby shirt and slacks, Kay, a former Clark University basketball player, asks the students to close their eyes and imagine a woman they care about being raped or battered. Then he tells them to picture a person who could have stopped the violence but did nothing. The students open their eyes. "I felt like I wanted to kill him," one says softly. "I can't advocate that," Kay replies, "because we're a violence prevention

organization."

The key to stopping such abuse, Kay says, is to challenge negative stereotypes about women and make violence socially unacceptable. To reinforce these points, Kay, an outreach worker in Sport in Society's Mentors in Violence Prevention program, turns to a scenario in an MVP "playbook": A teenage couple is arguing in a school hallway, and the young man slams his girlfriend into a locker. Kay asks the students to mull options short of physically intervening—talking to the man or woman, now or later, or reporting the incident. Two of the students say they would seek out school officials. Kay asks if they wouldn't fear being called snitches. "Snitches get stitches," says one.

"Think about this stuff when you're out in the real world," Kay urges. "It's time men take action on this." The teenagers straggle out, some stopping to shake Kay's hand, others leaving in silence. "Spread the word," Kay says, optimistically, to one of them. "Yeah," comes the reply. "Spread the word."

But outside the classroom, will the lessons take? In halls patrolled by security guards, on streets where guns often settle arguments? Will the teens challenge one another's—and their own—treatment of women? Kay hopes the students will at least choose some response besides inaction. "We want [them] to do something," he says.

Athletes taking a stand on battering and rape isn't standard locker-room banter. That's one of the things the Mentors in Violence Prevention program is determined to change. Formed in 1993 with the idea of convincing young men to take responsibility for violence against women, MVP enlists former student-athletes to spread the word among college and high school students—athletes and nonathletes alike. Kay and his cohorts try to be role models to the students they counsel, telling them that abusing women does not prove manliness and is not worthy of respect. As former athletes, these ambassadors have status among young men and credibility among student-athletes, program directors say.

In four years, MVP has reached more than 14,000 college and high school students in Massachusetts and around the country. Though the program has recently expanded to include female counselors talking to young women, MVP's message remains the same: battering, rape, and sexual harassment are not women's problems. "This is a men's issue," says Jackson Katz, cocreator of MVP along with Byron Hurt, AS'93, a former Northeastern quarterback. "When it comes to men, let's not kid ourselves: there's a tiny fraction of men who have engaged these issues."

It's an uphill battle. The problem is getting worse, not better. Between two million and four million women in America, of every region, race, and socioeconomic status, are battered each year by their male partners, according to federal statistics. An average of four women are murdered every day by their husbands, "lovers," or exes. And the surgeon general has called battering the single leading cause of injury to women.

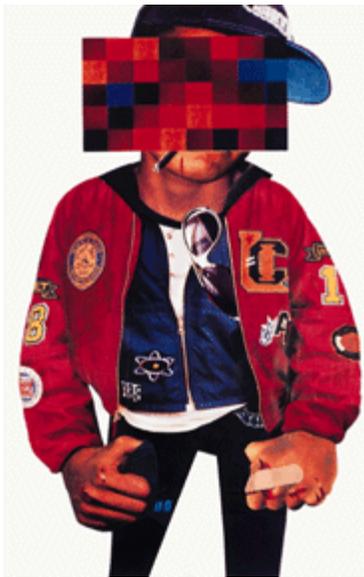


It's statistics like these that led Sport in Society director Richard Lapchick to create MVP. Funded in part by a \$350,000 start-up grant from the U.S. Department of Education and \$200,000 from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, the program initially focused on antiviolence campaigns at four Massachusetts universities, including Northeastern. From the start, MVP's target audience included not only athletes but fraternity members and residential students. Since then, the program's scope has expanded to high schools, other universities, and even the National Basketball Association. In conjunction with the College Football Association and the Liz Claiborne company, MVP developed a series of public-service announcements that were broadcast hundreds of times on television stations and stadium video screens last fall. Sport in Society used to rely more on star athletes like former Red Sox pitcher Luis Tiant and gold medalwinning Olympian Holly Metcalf. Now, MVP organizers enlist even middling former athletes, claiming that grassroots leadership-not star power-is key to the program's success.

Last fall, the University of Nebraska summoned MVP field workers to campus to counsel the school's football team, which has become notorious in recent years for a flurry of alleged misdeeds. In one case, Lawrence Phillips, the Cornhuskers' Heisman Trophy candidate, pleaded no contest to dragging a former girlfriend down a staircase and banging her head, for which he was convicted of misdemeanor assault and trespassing and sentenced to probation in 1995. Though especially egregious, the assault was far from the only example of male athletes abusing women. Regular incidents of alleged gender violence by high-profile collegiate and professional athletes have sparked intense media coverage and a feisty debate about whether athletes are more prone to violence than the general student population. If this is so, as some contend, the question arises whether it is appropriate to rely on athletes-even pacific ones-as moral teachers and exemplars.

MVP leaders respond that the transgressions of a few athletes shouldn't tarnish the reputations of all. Program director Don McPherson, himself formerly a star quarterback at Syracuse University who later played in the National Football League and Canadian Football League, says, "In any subculture and in any group, you're going to find people who are less than noble and not worthy of admiration." But that doesn't preclude other athletes from being true role models, he says.

Sport in Society views the violence of Phillips and other athletes not as an indictment of college athletics or sport in general, but as one part of a much larger societal epidemic. Center director Lapchick points to data indicating that the total number of reported violent incidents by athletes is relatively small. A landmark 1995 report by the Los Angeles Times documented 252 police incidents in one year involving 345 North American athletes; these included 77 allegations of violence against women. That's a small percentage of the total number of athletes in collegiate and professional sports and a smaller portion still of national statistics on gender violence. "It's a huge men's problem in this country," Lapchick says. Violence by athletes is singled out because athletes are so high-profile in American society, McPherson says. That prominence cuts both ways; it's what makes athletes good spokesmen for antiviolence efforts like MVP. "We try to put it in perspective and say athletes can be part of the solution rather than the problem," he says.



But not everyone agrees. Jeffrey Benedict, former research coordinator at Sport in Society, praises MVP for good intentions, but argues that holding up athletes as heroic role models for youth is based on a flawed premise: trying to make rich men who play sports and market sneakers for a living into moral leaders. "They live a lifestyle that is so foreign to most people, particularly youth," he says. Reports of drug use, sexual assault, and other crimes by athletes only compound their image problem. "The whole notion of using athletes as role models is suspect," he says.

Benedict, who is writing a book on athletes and sexual violence (Public Heroes, Private Felons: Athletes and Crimes Against Women, to be published by Northeastern University Press in October), also takes issue with statistics that make athletes' violence seem insignificant. He coauthored a study that found athletes disproportionately accused of sexual violence on American campuses. At ten Division I colleges and universities surveyed, male athletes represented 3.3 percent of student populations, yet were responsible for 19 percent of all sexual assault complaints before disciplinary boards. Benedict acknowledges that his sample size was small (sixty-nine cases in three years), but notes that his findings have been peer-reviewed. "I don't like to get caught up in arguing statistics," says Benedict, who left Sport in Society in 1996 and is working on a law degree at New England School of Law. "The center has repeatedly denied that there is any relevancy or importance to the research that we have done."

Lapchick, who holds a doctorate in international race relations, cautions that it is a "racially loaded leap" to use Benedict's limited Division I data to link athletes and gender violence. Many top basketball and football players are African American, and it would be easy to misconstrue a few high-profile offenders as evidence of a trend, observes Lapchick, formerly a civil rights and antiapartheid activist whose father brought the first black player into the NBA. Nevertheless, the perception that athletes are more violent remains widespread, he says. Journalists from across the country call him weekly seeking confirmation. "Athletes themselves believe it," Lapchick says.

Athletes aren't necessarily more violent than their peers, argues gender violence prevention expert Alan Berkowitz, a counseling center psychologist and psychology professor at Hobart and William Smith Colleges in Geneva, New York. But he believes athletes are at greater risk of committing violence because they get so much public attention and because their access to "opportunistic sex" with groupies can lead to coercion. Berkowitz adds that coaches often instill sexist attitudes by demeaning male players with feminine terms. Still, he believes programs like MVP have the potential to be effective because culturally similar peer educators-athletes addressing other athletes, for example, and men of color counseling fellow men of color-can convincingly deflate abusive male attitudes.

New York Times columnist Robert Lipsyte casts the Benedict/Lapchick debate in generational terms: the older Lapchick viewing sports as a forum for moral leadership and racial integration; the younger Benedict seeing sports as much more morally murky. Lipsyte praises Sport in Society as a "reformist group within sports" but, like Benedict, finds its reliance on athletes as role models problematic in the face of frequent, flagrant transgressions: "It's then hard to go the other way and say, 'Let's not point our fingers.' That's really the flaw in the center's argument." It isn't easy finding an alternative to idolizing or demonizing star athletes, Lipsyte says. "I don't know what a middle ground would be. In a better world, we would treat them for what they are: spectacular performers with [a] great work ethic."

Few would dispute the deification of star athletes in American popular culture. Yet athletes themselves chafe at the notion of a higher standard for behavior, Benedict says. Many of the players he has interviewed for his forthcoming book feel they are wrongly held up as role models. They're paid-albeit handsomely-to play ball and pitch products, not to be antiviolence spokesmen.

At Northeastern, athletes should be held to a high standard of integrity because they represent the university, says football coach Barry Gallup, the outgoing athletics director. No N.U. athletes have faced charges of gender violence during his four-year tenure as director. Still, "When you have four to five hundred student-athletes, you're occasionally going to have a problem," he says, adding that "if an athlete has a problem, it becomes a team issue."

At Northeastern and many other American universities, an athlete guilty of gender violence faces uncertain penalties, because punishment is meted out on a case-by-case basis. The National Collegiate Athletic Association has no established policies for dealing with athletes who batter, assault, or rape-its 900 member institutions prefer to retain autonomy in responding to athletes' infractions.

In practice, this means some players get punished for gender violence, while others quickly return to competition. For example, Lamont Riley, a basketball star at California State University, San Bernardino, rejoined his team a day after pleading guilty to a 1995 misdemeanor assault on his girlfriend, an attack the woman said fractured her skull and separated her shoulder. The National Consortium for Academics and Sports, an offshoot of the Sport in Society center, passed a nonbinding resolution last November calling on schools to ban from competition for at least a year athletes convicted of gender violence-either in the courts or in campus judicial proceedings.

The NCAA has taken a page from MVP's book-literally-and launched an educational program at 165 member campuses to promote educational, social, and sexual responsibility. About fifty campuses are added to the program yearly. In gender violence prevention workshops, modeled in part on MVP methods and equally laden with sports metaphors, student-athletes ponder sexist language and what constitutes



consent to sex.

The Bridgewater state college basketball team has just returned from a tournament victory in San Diego. A dozen or so fresh-faced players, clad in athletic shirts and savoring a 73 record for the season thus far, are gathered around a conference table of the Bridgewater, Massachusetts, campus for a kind of pep talk many have not heard before. McPherson, the MVP director, asks the team to imagine a woman-"somebody's mother, somebody's sister, somebody's daughter"-being whistled at, an action he compares to singling out a person because of her race. "I don't care what any woman tells you," he says. "No one likes to be gawked at and yelled at when they're walking down the street."

McPherson tells the players they can use their status as campus leaders to their advantage: if they speak out against gender violence, sexism, and racism, people will take their message seriously. "Understand this," he says. "If you do nothing, you're almost encouraging the behavior."

Down the hall from McPherson's group, MVP outreach educator Tom Penichter, a former Tufts University hockey player, is discussing gender sensitivity with a circle of burly wrestlers. He asks them to analyze the

language men use to demean women. If a man sleeps around, one student replies, he's called a stud; if a woman does this, she's called a slut.

But before they can hope to make antiviolence spokesmen out of these rank-and-file athletes, Penichter and McPherson must convince them of their leadership potential. One student says he doubts his classmates know he plays basketball. To this McPherson replies that athletes always stand out. "You walk like an athlete," he exclaims, smiling broadly at the skeptical student. "You talk like an athlete." The question is: Will they walk the path of nonviolence and talk the gospel of responsibility?

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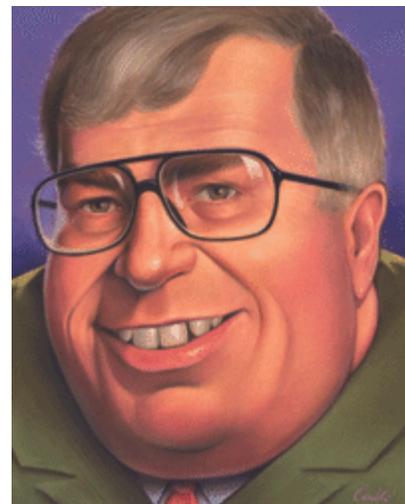
# Getting a handle on Eddie Andelman

BY DAN KENNEDY

It's a few minutes before airtime, and Eddie Andelman, MBA'62, is going over some final instructions with one of his producers.

"You got any of that holy music?" Andelman asks. The producer replies in the affirmative. Andelman runs down the list. A burst of "The Hallelujah Chorus"? Check. Hank Williams singing "Jambalaya"? Check.

Just before noon, Andelman slips into the broadcast booth. He's doing The A Team, the weekday noon-to-three p.m. show on WEEI Radio (AM 850), alone today: his partner, Dale Arnold, is off, and Boston Herald sportswriter Kevin Mannix, who'd been scheduled, is away on personal business. Not that it matters much to Andelman. In a few weeks the New England Patriots will be playing in the Super Bowl, and Andelman's on a roll.



Up comes the "holy music." Andelman, standing, headphones on, Diet Pepsi off to the side, leans into the microphone and offers a heartfelt invocation in his trademark nasal, working-class Boston accent.

"Do you honestly believe that the next four weeks are going to be among the best of your sports life?" he asks, stretching out "believe" so that it encompasses four syllables. The music swells. "Do you believe?" He's smiling now, a naughty boy's gap-toothed grin stretching across his face. "Put your hay-ands on the radio."

Whatever observations you could make about this performance, the first that might come to mind is: it worked. Following a dismal season in which they utterly failed to build on the progress they'd made the year before, the 199697 Patriots completely reversed direction and went all the way to the Super Bowl. And one of the first true believers was Eddie Andelman, who began the season uttering "jambalaya" as a code word/good-luck charm and ended it on the "Jambalaya Crusade," a week-long Winnebago tour to New Orleans.

Never mind that Andelman's mojo stopped working once the Patriots stepped onto the plastic turf of the Superdome. It was a hell of a season-and the perfect capstone to the sixtyish (he won't reveal his exact age) Andelman's broadcast career.

Oops. Did I say "career"? It's a word that makes Andelman quietly bristle. For he is, in fact, very different from the persona he projects on the air.

Eddie is a leather-lunged wise guy, crude and funny, the sort of fellow you might enjoy getting into a barroom argument with over whether John McNamara was a worse manager than Darrell Johnson or whether Cedric Maxwell was a better big-game player than Jo Jo White.

Edward George Andelman is a highly successful businessman who's made several fortunes in real estate and insurance, who does a lot of charity work, and who credits Northeastern University with starting him on the road to success.

"To this day broadcasting's never really been my career," says Andelman, who's surprisingly thoughtful and soft-spoken when not in front of a microphone. "It's taken up a lot of my time. But it really has not been what I would consider my career. Business has been my main career. I've never seen myself on television, I've never listened to myself on the radio. Never. I'm not an actor. I do what I do."

What Andelman has done, quite simply, was to invent sports radio.

It was 1969. Andelman and two of his buddies, insurance exec Jim McCarthy and lawyer Mark Witkin, were drinking at Patten's, a bar in downtown Boston, and doing what they were always doing: arguing about sports. As the oft-repeated legend has it, a radio executive heard them and suggested they take their act onto the airwaves. Sports Huddle debuted that summer on tiny WUNR, and made such a splash that it moved in 1970 to the big time, WBZ, which reaches a good portion of the eastern United States. (It moved around several more times, finally ending up on WEEI when that station switched to an all-sports format several years ago.)

Their show, broadcast Sunday evenings, was a revelation. Sports Huddle hit the air at a time of enormous social upheaval, and the antics of Andelman et al. probably caused more jaws to drop than, say, Howard Stern's do today, although in retrospect Sports Huddle seems rather tame. The anti-authority atmosphere of the 1960s had come to sports. In 1970, Jim Bouton's *Ball Four*, his scatological, scathingly funny memoir of his season with the Seattle Pilots, was a bestseller, forever changing attitudes toward the guys once known as "sports heroes." Sports Huddle rode the wave.

Though all three hosts were glib and knowledgeable, Andelman was the standout. "I think that he was probably one of the best in the business. He was a very witty guy," says McCarthy, who continues doing the now-Andelman-less Huddle with Witkin on Sunday evenings. "We spoke as many people thought. We had the opportunity to vent our feelings on the air, and I think in many cases people agreed with us."

Northeastern sociologist Jack Levin, a sports fan who is a student of talk radio—both as a frequent guest and as an avid listener—was among the regular Sports Huddle devotees during its early years. "It fit beautifully within the culture of the '70s," Levin says. "Sports heroes had clay feet, but so did politicians. The irreverence of the show was derived from the spirit of the times. But it wasn't just the sports. A lot of their talk wasn't even about sports. It was kind of like the working-class version of an encounter group, where people could express themselves and share together this interest in something that made them feel good and brought them closer together."

I, too, was a Sports Huddle fan in the early '70s. Once I actually summoned up the nerve to phone in. My mission: to suggest some ridiculous trade the Red Sox should make. I was convinced the Detroit Tigers were so eager for the services of now-obscure outfielder Joe Lahoud that they'd give up Denny McLain (who'd won thirty-one games just two years earlier) to get him. Andelman politely got me off the line, not wanting to subject a kid to the same mocking treatment that he was famous for administering to beer-fortified adult callers with similarly stupid ideas.

And that wasn't all. As a publicity stunt, Sports Huddle brought over from England a placekicker, dubbed "Super Foot," to revive the Patriots' fortunes. (He actually made the team.) Andelman tracked down Vicente Romo, a pitcher who'd disappeared from the Red Sox in midseason, in a Mexican barroom. Another time Andelman called Buckingham Palace and asked whether the queen could spare any guards for the Patriots.

In scheduling an interview with Andelman, I wasn't sure what to expect. Certainly no one can be "on" all the time, and I would have been surprised to encounter the wisecracking, boisterous Eddie of the airwaves. But neither did I expect the subdued, serious-minded Andelman, a man who appears to be more comfortable talking about the business of sports than about the action on the field.

No doubt it's got a lot to do with his priorities in life. Andelman grew up in Dorchester; his family later moved to Brookline, and he graduated from Brookline High School. As he remembers it, seriousness did

not come to him until he was faced with the prospect of making a living. He'd just earned his accounting degree from Boston University and had no idea of what he was going to do next.

"I didn't have great grades at BU," he says. "I had spent a lot of time in college, like many other kids, having a good time, playing poker all night, going out on beer-drinking binges, dating, and all that sort of business. And suddenly you graduate-I didn't have a penny in my pocket-and you ask, 'What am I going to do with the rest of my life?' And my father said, 'You ought to get serious, and go get yourself an MBA.' "

And so Andelman did, going to night school at Northeastern for three years, twelve months a year, doing his homework at a Huntington Avenue restaurant called the Lobster Claw (don't look; it's no longer there), learning the ins and outs of finance and business. "Without Northeastern, somebody like me at that time could have never gotten an MBA, could have never gotten very far," Andelman says. "I've always said that the difference between Harvard and Northeastern MBAs is that at Harvard they teach you how to fix a company that has \$500 million. At Northeastern they teach you how to make the first million, and I think that's more important."

Andelman's regard for Northeastern extends to other members of his family: his oldest son, David, will graduate this year with both an MBA and a law degree. (All three of Andelman's sons, David, Michael, and Daniel, earned their bachelor's degrees at Union College. David is the host, and proprietor, of The Phantom Gourmet, a food show seen on New England Cable News and heard on WBZ Radio. Michael owns Integrated Marketing Systems, a company that helps firms target the sixteen-to-twenty-six-year-old market. Daniel, the youngest, who just graduated, studied economics at Union and hosted his own radio show there.)

Andelman met his future wife, then Judi Rosenberg-known to Andelman's listeners as "The Fabulous Judi"-when he was in his early thirties and she was in her late twenties. "He sent me a letter of introduction telling me about himself," she laughs, comparing it to an early version of computer dating. They went out to dinner, but after that he would call her but never ask her out. She heard from a mutual acquaintance that he didn't think she'd go out with him. So the next time he called, she asked him out.



Judi Andelman, a social worker who teaches English to Russian immigrants and mediates disputes in the Salem small-claims court, attributes her husband's reticence to an attribute his listeners would have a hard time believing: shyness. "If you put a microphone in front of him, he just sparkles," she says. "But he's actually shy. You put him at a cocktail party, or any different milieu, and he finds it hard to find something to say."

Then, too, Eddie Andelman's reticence may have something to do with the controversies he's often found himself in. For when the mike is turned on, Andelman's not the least bit shy, bluntly articulating exactly what's on his mind.

Sometimes Andelman's mouth makes you want to stand up and cheer-as it did last October 1, when then Red Sox designated hitter Jose Canseco launched into a petulant outburst after the Sox fired his friend Kevin Kennedy as manager. Andelman told Canseco that what had happened to Kennedy paled compared with "real tragedies, where Raytheon lays off people." He then added that Canseco and some other players hadn't done right by the fans-causing Canseco to blow up. "Who are you to call me and speak to me that way in my home?" Canseco demanded. "How dare you beg me for time and then speak to me that way?" "I'm not begging," Andelman replied, by then his voice a shout, too. But Canseco was already off the line.

Other Andelman moments are more outrageous. There was the time a year and a half ago when, in a discussion of the alleged superiority of black athletes, Andelman asked, "When was the last time you saw a black man going for a penis enlargement?" ("That was taken out of context," Andelman insists. "Just before you go to a commercial break you try and give them a one-liner. I am wildly popular in the black

community. There's no one who helps them more.") There was the time in December 1994 when he asked a caller "if he ever pissed in a bathroom sink," and, on being told no, asked if he was "afraid to take risks." There was the time in November 1993 when Andelman, disgusted that a "major announcement" by the Red Sox turned out to be anything but, intoned, "We'll be back with more bullshit in a minute," a remark for which he apologized.

Andelman's business career has sometimes been controversial, too. Exhibit A: Foxboro Raceway, a troubled horse track located next to Foxboro Stadium, home of the Patriots. A group of investors led by Andelman purchased the track and surrounding property for \$9.6 million in 1976. Andelman and company struggled, with the track itself, run by another business entity, closing down some years ago. For years many Patriots fans have blamed Andelman for their having to park in a rutted, unpaved lot, a situation Andelman insists he has had nothing to do with. Finally, last May, Foxboro Stadium and Patriots owner Robert Kraft purchased the property for about \$16 million. Of course, Kraft no longer wants to play in Foxborough, so the parking lot seems likely to remain unpaved.

Given that Andelman no longer has any stake in the property, it's interesting to note he's still high on the location. A Boston Braves fan as a kid, he says his ultimate goal was to bring a National League baseball team to the site. Now he says Kraft should give up on his plans of building a football stadium in Boston and keep the Patriots right where they are, erecting a state-of-the-art facility where the racetrack is now, and then redeveloping the old stadium for some other use-possibly a new racetrack, possibly a gambling casino.

"It's a great place for it," he says. "You've got access to Providence, you've got access to Hartford, you've got access to Worcester. A stadium down there is not a bad thing. In Foxborough your water, your power, your roads, everything is already there. And I think that's what will happen." Indeed, with Kraft having to beat an embarrassing retreat from South Boston last winter, Foxborough is starting to look like one of the few places left where he can build.

Beyond broadcasting, Andelman is perhaps best known for the Hot Dog Safari, an annual fund-raiser for the Joey Fund, which pays for research into cystic fibrosis. Indeed, few Boston media personalities have done more for charity than Andelman. His activities for Northeastern have been more quiet, and Andelman says he wants to keep it that way-although he admits to being one of the original contributors to the Solomon track at N.U.'s Dedham campus.

As the British rock group EMF chugs through "Unbelievable," a mock basso profundo voice announces: "Two guys with nothing in common. About as opposite as you can get in every way. Andelman and Arnold. The A Team."

It's the day after the Super Bowl, and Dale and Eddie are offering a postmortem on the Patriots' 3521 loss to the Green Bay Packers.

Andelman: "If you'd just said 'jambalaya,' they would've won."

Arnold: "I'm not sure that would have helped Willie Clay make any of the three plays that he screwed up."

Andelman: "Anybody figure out Drew Bledsoe's passing percentage on plays after he gets hit? It's like .00001 percent. Now we've got all the bad stuff out of the way."

Arnold: "No, we're not done."

Arnold is right. Before the three-hour shift is up, he and his partner will be practically screaming at each other over whether the Packers-led by Desmond Howard, he of the backbreaking ninety-nine-yard kickoff return-came up short in the class department by shaking their butts in the Patriots' faces. Arnold is so angry at Howard that he's beside himself, and most of the callers are with him. Andelman insists it's no big deal, even insinuating at one point that Arnold's disdain for in-your-face black athletes borders on racism.

Earlier, Andelman explained it this way: "Dale is the good guy in the white hat. I'm the bad guy in the black hat." Retorts Arnold: "I think that's a crock and he knows it." Still, Arnold knows enough not to mess with a winning combination, even though he admits both men experienced some "discomfort" when they were first paired, a couple of years ago. Indeed, Arnold says their on-air disputes occasionally carry over into off-air arguments, admitting there was some "heated discussion" after the post-Super Bowl show. "I think we are legitimately different people," Arnold says. "But we have a very amicable relationship. I think he likes and respects me, and I like and respect him."

In December, Andelman signed a new three-year contract that will pay less than his previous salary of \$400,000, but which requires him to work fewer hours. He stopped doing Sports Huddle four years ago, giving him weekends off for the first time in his life (except during football season, when he does Eddie and . . . on WABU-TV, Channel 68, Sunday evenings.) He's thinner than he used to be, mainly because he now takes time to walk four to eight miles a day. He has no intention of fulfilling his wife's wish that he retire, but clearly his workaholic days are over. These are Eddie Andelman's easy years.

"Basically, I'm an entertainer," he says. "I enjoy sports, but I am not a get-a-lifer. I enjoy music, I enjoy the theater, I enjoy movies, I enjoy restaurants, I enjoy travel. My number-one pleasure in life, besides my children, is reading a couple of hours before I go to bed at night."

"I'm very thankful for what I've got. I'm not in the coal mines getting black lung. I've taken enormous chances. I've lived on the edge for years and years. But those days are past, and now, like most fathers, I'm living vicariously through my children."

*Dan Kennedy, LA'79, a staff writer for the Boston Phoenix, wrote about N.U. graduates Nat Hentoff and Dom Cerulli in the golden age of jazz in the September 1996 issue.*

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## President-Setting

Charles Fountain's [story on Northeastern's presidents](#) [March] was a refreshingly candid, true-to-life portrayal of the successes, failures, and controversies of the five leaders who navigated the university through its first century. As a journalism student and Northeastern News reporter in the 1970s, I was fortunate to know Asa Knowles and Kenneth Ryder, and to a much lesser extent, John Curry. Fountain's description of these presidents hit the nail squarely on the head. All of them were very fine men-though, like all of us humans, they had their unique traits, habits, and foibles.

**Paul Cioto, LA'77**  
**Nashua, New Hampshire**

## Cover Girl

I am the young lady on the cover and page twenty-seven of your January issue. I would like to thank my alma mater for making me both a cover girl and a centerfold at the age of fifty-three. The only thing that is slightly distressing is that (from the photo credits) I notice that I am also "archived" in a "special collection." My grandchildren might agree with you on that one. The young man next to me with the Ping-Pong paddle is Frank McCabe. I have been told that he took a year off to work and then graduated a year after me. He then went on to get a law degree. The blurred figure in the front of the picture with the plaid shirt is probably Paul Scherck. Paul is retired from the Air Force and living with his wife in California. They have three sons. I moved to Pensacola in 1968. For most of the time since, I have worked with my present employer, the Naval Aerospace Medical Research Laboratory. I am now the head of their computer department.



**Katherine Vogel, LA'66**  
**Pensacola, Florida**

## Rage Review

As a conservative and a Christian, I found the illustration accompanying the [March book review](#) to be about as distasteful as one could be. At the same time, I am not surprised that Northeastern would publish such an illustration in its magazine. The editors must have felt it was OK to take a southern preacher and stick him inside a heart with blood dripping out of it. It must be OK to take a Christian cross, write the word "hate" across it, and then have a swastika, machine gun, and desecrated flag of our republic behind it.

As for the review itself, I found many quantum jumps of logic in Jack Levin's appraisal of the book [Millennium Rage: Survivalists, White Supremacists, and the Doomsday Prophecy]. Professor Levin talks about a "counterculture" that is dangerous to American society. What's so dangerous about a different point of view? It seems to me that the people who in the 1960s said the government was fascist are the same ones who today say, "If you don't follow the program that has been devised for you, then it is you who is the 'hateful' one." The difference between then and now is that people like Bill Clinton have gone

from saying they hate America to running it. Professor Levin states that the Oklahoma City bombing, the Ruby Ridge shootings, and the tragedy at Waco might have a connection. Indeed they do have a common link-our government. Another link could be the Clinton administration; after all, these things happened on his watch.

Is it "crazy" or "paranoid" to be concerned about our government when we have seen them burn and knowingly kill members of a Christian sect in Waco, Texas? Should I, as a free resident of the United States, not ask questions about why my government framed a decorated Vietnam vet for selling a shotgun that had one inch cut off the end, and then killed his son, his wife, and the family dog? Should I not have doubts about what the government is telling us when one of its own Air Force generals, who is a world expert in explosives, writes a report that states there is no way that the federal building in Oklahoma was brought down by a truck bomb?

When I read books that try to convince me that a group of survivalists and militia members are a real threat to America's shrinking freedom, I must ask myself: who has killed more Americans through acts of domestic terror, people who support God, country, and the Constitution or the U.S. government? The answer, by the hundreds, is the government. So who is the "hateful" one?

**Eric Belanger, AS'96**  
**Lincoln, Massachusetts**

## **More Memories**

Compliments to the staff for a very good photo essay, "[Husky Hangouts](#)," in the January edition. Allow me to add three hangouts that were part of the lives of some N.U. students in the 1940s: (1) The on-campus "Husky Hut" (194344) was at the lower level of Richards Hall, adjacent to the bookstore. Seating and standing capacity was one-fourth of the in-school enrollment in the early '40s. For 200 skinny, poor, commuting-by-the-El young people, the Hut was a fun place. Low prices and good snacks. No beer or booze. (2) The Putnam Hotel, Bar and Grill Room (194649), at the corner of Gainsborough Street and Huntington Avenue, three or four stores up from the Lobster Claw, toward the "Y." The clubhouse for many returning World War II vets, it was a men's pub, semiclean, dark, smoky, ten cents a brew, twenty cents for top shelf, no food, and just enough light to study. We ran a "cuff" for beer and squared away our monthly tab on vets' checkday, the first of the month. I never heard a cross word, cuss word, or a serious disagreement at the Putnam. We were all happy to be back home with our pals, relaxing over a few frosty beers and able to get on with our education and lives. "Slim" and "Shorty" were the bartenders. (3) Alfred's Restaurant and Grill (194649) was located across Huntington Avenue from the Lobster Claw, just above the bowling alleys. The varsity basketball team would tip a few mugs of beer after victories only. Jim Douglas was our MC and we packed the joint every Saturday from 10 p.m. until midnight. We had many victories in basketball and many beers and laughs. Al and Tom were the bartenders. All of these hangouts, and others, were part of the campus life of N.U. students in the 1940s. We survived, studied, worked, worked, worked some more, and had many laughs.

**Francis Xavier "Inga" Walsh, BA'53**  
**Naples, Florida**

## **Inferiority Complex**

I was surprised to see the self-deprecating tone that seemed to lurk among the pages of the [March issue](#). The cover promised an uplifting issue about Northeastern's new president and the exciting future ahead, but the lead article [["Talk of the Gown"](#)] slammed the N.U. administration. I am not suggesting any

censure of opinion about where Northeastern could improve, but does it have to be the lead article? Not only did the placement of that article seem inappropriate, but the very next page was an appeal to contribute \$100 to the Centennial Campaign. After reading that negative article, who would want to have their name immortalized in brick on a campus that "would be a great place without the students"? The following E Line section seemed much more upbeat and positive, as did the article concerning the inauguration. But just when I was feeling good again about my old school, I read the title page of the "[Quadruple Huskies](#)" article that stated: "It's not done much, but these Huntington Avenue habitués saw something in N.U. that made them want to stick around." In an article that highlights the intense pride and loyalty some students have demonstrated over the years, is it necessary to begin on so negative a tone as "it's not done much"!

I received my master's in social anthropology at Northeastern just last year, and though my time at N.U. lasted only one and a half years, I grew to appreciate how well it held its own in a city of such academic giants as Harvard, MIT, and Boston College. The professors in my department were tirelessly committed not only to excellent instruction but also to quality research (two, Alan Klein and Jack Levin, contributed to the March issue). I came to N.U. knowing almost nothing about my subject, and in one and a half years I was confident in my field and headed to Oxford University for a doctorate. That was in no small part due to the faculty and staff at Northeastern. Just reading through the Classes section will speak to the hundreds of alumni who went on from Northeastern to excellence in their chosen fields. Perhaps Northeastern would cease to be "a place where students too often wear a hair shirt about where it is they go to school" (see the article "[Building a Foundation](#)") if more of those associated with the school would drop the self-deprecation and laud the quality and achievements of their university.

**Russell Leigh Sharman, MA'96**  
**Oxford, England**

## **Musical Interlude**

Being an avid, indisiplined history reader, I read with interest the article regarding Armenian folk music [November 1996, "[From the Field](#)"]. I am surprised that no mention is made of Dr. James Kay Sutherland (née Hagop Sarkisian), one of the most renowned oud players who also was famous for his academic accomplishments after his arrival in the Boston area in 1920. (He also spent time at the Hood rubber factory, where he stated that the work was "too fast for the body and too slow for the mind.") In 1921 he matriculated to the University of Iowa and emerged in 1926 with B.S. and M.D. degrees.

His book, *Adventures of an Armenian Boy* (Michigan Press, 1964), is rich in the history of the Armenian massacres as well as the music of Asia Minor. Analysis of the music, as well as illustrations of the scores, indicate a complete mastery of the nuances of the different forms of music that existed in the area. Songs such as "Song of the Orphans" and "Mentivar" literally leap from the pages in depicting the pain endured by the deported Armenians who perished in the desert beyond Aleppo. His depth of knowledge in describing the ghazel as similiar to the tocsin, as an extempore composition limited strictly to a selected mode, was made apparent to a laymen like myself. They differ in that while the tocsin is played on an instrument and has no words, the ghazel is sung to a one-stanza, four-line verse. It is the ghazel that the Mohammedan muezzins sing four times a day from the top of the minarets, improvising in the chosen mode and using prayer instead of poetry. The other riveting sections of the book deal with life in the Ottoman Empire as experienced by Sutherland from 1900 to 1920.

**John Olivieri, UC'64, UC'66, MBA'69**  
**Norfolk, Massachusetts**

## Hats Off

Hats off to Northeastern University Alumni Magazine for its excellent coverage of President Freeland's inauguration. On behalf of other alumni, I'd like to give a special thanks to those administrators, like Robert Culver and others, who have chosen to depart at this changing of the guard [March, "E Line"]. I have always been impressed at Northeastern's ability to both chart and implement its long-range plan. The physical transformation of the campus over the past ten years has irreversibly improved the institution. This success, and others, are due in part to the vision and skill of those who are now leaving. Best wishes to all those who are departing for new challenges.

**Steven Bushnell, PHD'92**  
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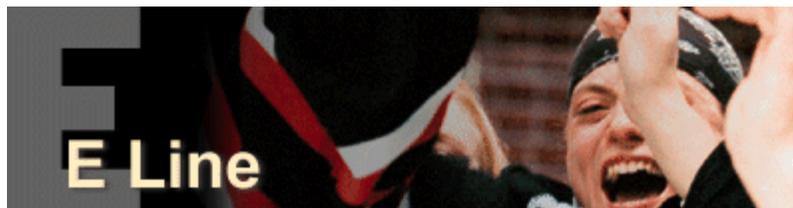
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## Champions Again

What a difference a year can make. Last March, the women's hockey program had reached an all-time low, recording its first-ever losing season and then learning it was slated for demotion from varsity to club status. One year later, the players stood at the pinnacle of their sport, capturing the unofficial national collegiate championship on their home ice.

The Eastern College Athletic Conference title, sealed with a 32 victory over New Hampshire at Matthews Arena on March 16, was the Huskies' third in school history and first since 1989. The championship performance—indeed, the past year—was a model for overcoming obstacles and adversity.

It began with the players, coaches, and alumni mounting an aggressive letter-writing campaign to convince athletics officials to keep the program a varsity sport. Then the team battled numerous injuries and illnesses throughout the season. And en route to capturing the ECAC title, the Huskies had to dispense of top-ranked and tournament favorite Brown University.

"This whole season has really showed the character of these players," coach Heather Linstad said. "And it was great to win it at home in front of a lot of people who were there for us when the program was in jeopardy."

The team, which finished the season with a school-record twenty-seven wins, doesn't plan to rest on its laurels. It returns twenty players from this year's championship team next winter, including freshman Hilary Witt, the ECAC Tournament Most Valuable Player. "I guess you could say things are looking up," Linstad said.

## Finding Ways to Renew N.U.

Computers stay on—unused—all weekend. Lights brighten empty rooms. Recruiters earn the same salary whether they bring in 1,000 hot young prospects or 100. Researchers keep the same percentage of grant money whether they lure \$1 million or \$1.

Where could there be a company so lacking in efficiency and profit motives? Right here on campus, business professor Harlan Platt recently told an audience of 100 during the thirty-third annual Robert D. Klein University Lecture.

Platt, a professor of finance, has made a career out of devising paths for rejuvenating companies, a process known as corporate renewal. He used the March 6 lecture to teach the basics of corporate renewal and to train his sights on a "company" his colleagues know intimately: Northeastern.

"The best can renew just as well as the worst," Platt said.

Like any good company that wants to be even better, Platt argued, the university can improve itself by trimming waste and offering incentives to employees. Bucking popular opinion, Platt said a corporate titan

like Disney's Michael Eisner deserves to earn \$200 million if he makes billions for the shareholders.

Platt challenged the university to let faculty members keep more of their grant money if they raise larger sums and to give undergraduate admissions staffers a bonus of twenty-five percent of their base salary if they can increase average SAT scores by five percent and enrollments by ten percent.

"No one is suffering, but God forbid anybody here makes any money," he said.

Platt devoted much of his talk to explaining the fundamentals of corporate renewal, which he acknowledged many equate with '90s "slash and burn" layoffs. But he said the realities are more nuanced: companies transforming themselves by assessing their strengths and weaknesses; turnaround managers identifying problems and fixing them, sometimes by purging executives; and crisis managers rebuilding companies on the brink of bankruptcy.

## Four Vie for Athletics Director Post

 resident Freeland this month is expected to name his choice for a new athletics director to succeed Barry Gallup, who is stepping down to concentrate full-time on his football coaching duties. Four candidates, whose names were forwarded to Freeland by a twelve-member search committee, are vying for the post. They are Thomas Brennan, director of intercollegiate athletics at San Jose State University; Vivian Fuller, director of intercollegiate athletics at Northeastern Illinois University; Ian McCaw, senior associate athletics director at Tulane University; and Frank McLaughlin, athletics director at Fordham University. Three internal candidates-special assistant to the president Irwin Cohen, senior associate athletics director Terry Condon, and business administrator Robert "Bo" Lyons-failed to make the slate of finalists.

**Update (5-13-97):** Ian McCaw has been named the new athletics director. [See story from May 15 Northeastern Voice.](#)

## To Russia, with Accounting Tips

 eeking to transform the way Russia does business, Northeastern has created at Moscow State University a clone of its nationally recognized graduate accounting program. The project brings together the universities and the Russian offices of the so-called Big Six American accounting firms.

From "Accounting Problems I" in the first quarter to "Operations Management" in the fourth, the programs of study in Boston and Moscow are virtually identical. William Kelly, director of the Graduate School of Professional Accounting, said Northeastern has shared reading lists, financial aid know-how, and an extensive network of Big Six contacts in the United States and abroad. "We were the behind-the-scenes consultant to this whole thing," Kelly said.

Twenty-two students enrolled in the new Moscow program last fall. Northeastern's Russia experiment dates to 1990, when a university delegation traveled to Moscow State University to establish an exchange agreement. Associate professor of human resources management Sheila Puffer, who was part of the delegation and has written extensively on Russian business, said a half-dozen Russian students have since earned graduate degrees at Northeastern. However, Puffer said, a lack of Russian skills and a fear of Moscow crime have so far deterred Northeastern business students from reciprocating.

## Sacco Named to Enowed Chair

 lbert Sacco, E'73, the chemical engineer who rose from Northeastern undergraduate to payload specialist on the space shuttle Columbia two decades later, is returning to his alma mater as the George A. Snell distinguished chair in engineering.

Sacco, chair of the chemical engineering department at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, is scheduled to join the N.U. faculty June 1. "I can't wait," Sacco said of his new position, endowed in part by a gift from Snell, one of Northeastern's biggest benefactors. "It's like a coming-home party for me."

Sacco, who has received large NASA research grants as a WPI professor, said he plans to form a major research lab linking Northeastern science departments, NASA, and private companies. "All of this is in the embryonic stage," he said. "It's very exciting. It's an opportunity for Northeastern to emerge as the commercial/technical center in the Northeast."

A forty-seven-year-old father of four, Sacco is a renowned researcher on carbon filament growth and the growth of zeolite crystals, whose many industrial applications include the extraction of gasoline from crude oil.

He lifted off aboard Columbia in October 1995 after two years of grueling training and six aborted takeoff attempts (see "The Happiest Astronaut on Earth," January 1996). His outlook was forever changed. "It's a very humbling experience," he said.

## Freeland Charts New Course

 eclaring that the university stands on strong financial footing, President Freeland, in a February report to the university, called on faculty and staff to join him in taking advantage of that fiscal security to capitalize on Northeastern's strengths.

"We have the opportunity, for the first time in some years, to set institutional goals we wish actively to pursue rather than seek ways to survive the next crisis," he said in the address to 900 faculty, staff, and students.

Freeland said the university's fiscal 1998 budget will feature an \$8.3 million hike in student financial aid next year—one of the largest increases in several years. The new financial aid dollars, coupled with a significantly higher tuition increase for freshmen than upperclassmen, is intended to sustain aid levels throughout a student's undergraduate career in an attempt to improve retention.

"This is the prudent thing to do, and it is also the right thing to do," Freeland said.

In an effort to increase the quality of the entering student body and to provide better services for those who matriculate, Freeland announced a plan to reduce the number of freshman enrollees, despite a growing applicant pool. In contrast to a freshman class of 2,975 this year, Freeland said he will target an entering class of 2,800 for next fall.

To accomplish this, Freeland said enrollments in engineering and business would be targeted for growth, while enrollments would slow in nursing, Bouvé College, criminal justice, and arts and sciences.

This "intensification strategy," he added, presents the university with three challenges: enrolling and graduating a student body appropriate to its mission and character; redesigning its educational offerings to reflect its purposes as a practice-oriented university; and focusing its scholarly work on technical and social progress.

## Take a Bow

**Denis Sullivan**, a professor of political science and an expert on the Middle East, has been appointed a special assistant to President Freeland. In his new role, Sullivan, who has taught at Northeastern since 1987, will be in charge of policy issues, agenda items, and a wide array of special projects in the president's office. Sullivan most recently served as special assistant to the vice provost for undergraduate education, where he coordinated implementation of the Academic Common Experience.

**Elias Manolakos**, associate professor of electrical and computer engineering and director of the Communications and Digital Signal Processing Center for Research and Graduate Studies, was elected a senior member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, the world's largest technical professional society.

**Peter Enrich**, a veteran social activist and associate professor of law, was elected to the Lexington, Massachusetts, Board of Selectmen, edging out three other contenders for an open seat. He joins Richard Canale, associate professor of cooperative education, who moonlights as chairman of the Lexington Planning Board.

**Bjorn Hansen**, a senior international business student, was named a first-team GTE Academic All-America after leading the Husky soccer team in scoring while maintaining a 3.85 grade-point average in the classroom. A native of Denmark, Hansen was the only New England athlete selected to the fifteen-member team.

**Richard Lapchick**, director of Northeastern's Center for the Study of Sport in Society, was named winner of the Aetna Foundation Voice of Conscience Award and will be honored at a luncheon in New York City in June. The award, which carries a \$25,000 prize to be given to the charity of the recipient's choice, is given annually to the person whose ideals best exemplify those of Arthur Ashe, the late tennis star and social activist.

**William Kneeland**, the university's comptroller for the past fifteen years, was promoted to interim senior vice president by President Freeland last month. He succeeds Robert Culver, who left Northeastern in April for a job in the private sector. Kneeland will oversee all budget and financial operations, human resources management, information services, and building services.

A group of N.U. undergraduate business administration students, coached by professor **Raymond Kinnunen**, won the inaugural Beanpot competition for business schools in February. Team members were **Benas Adomavicius, Patience Bowden, Heather Cockroft, Pablo d'Anglade, Dennis Ruggere, and Patricia Nestved**.

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## PRACTICALLY SPEAKING:

Don't send liberal arts to the back of the class. By Bill Kirtz

President Freeland is garnering well-deserved praise for insisting that Northeastern have a clear institutional goal, a salable and honorable way of defining itself. His aim to tie the university's signature co-op program more closely to relevant academic departments would bring more accountability to both. Professorial detachment from students' co-op jobs or indifference to employment after graduation is deplorable in an institution that prides itself on hands-on learning. Closer scrutiny of how instructors, co-op advisers, and placement personnel staffers cooperate to assure our grads' marketplace success is overdue.

But as they focus on Freeland's "practice-centered" educational ideal, as they carry out his call to create dual majors between the humanities and "practical" disciplines, deans and professors should not send liberal arts to the back of the class. Freeland's ideal curriculum will integrate co-op, professional education, and liberal learning.

That's as it should be. Northeastern will maintain its reputation for "education that works" only if such programs as music, history, and art are valued as vital parts of every college experience, and not as mere service spokes on the great utility wheel. We should make sure that the cornerstones of a liberal arts education aren't made subservient to "applied" programs. A university should produce new ideas and transmit lasting values. Because the humanities furnish and expand the mind, because they help people think critically about every aspect of our lives, they're as relevant as any course in the curriculum.

Let's not deem some fields less valuable just because classified ad pages aren't crammed with openings for, say, film curators, sculptors, or moral philosophers. The best practitioners in every profession are the best educated. On the job, they apply research skills, academic rigor, and high ethical standards learned in liberal arts courses. Narrowly educated graduates with only technical training lack the intellectual background to grow in analytical ability. While they may fit the requirements for a first job, they're as underprepared for a career as people with only theoretical knowledge.

For example, a recent survey finds a direct correlation between liberal arts experience and international business success, which rewards broadly educated executives sensitive to other cultures. Leaders in World Wide Web content development prefer designers with liberal arts backgrounds because their creative talents are more important than technical skills. America's newest media mogul, financial news provider Michael Bloomberg, is a former engineer who tells colleagues that technology matters less than a liberal arts background-that context matters more than expertise. The 4,000 companies founded by graduates and faculty of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology-a practical university with world-class humanities programs-tend to be knowledge-based, including many software and consulting firms, where a broad educational background is a necessity, not a frill.

To John Cipolla, who heads Northeastern's mechanical, industrial, and manufacturing engineering

department, that's not surprising. He calls the liberal arts essential for his students. "They're basically part of how you educate people well. Engineers are not automatons who never interact with other people," he says. "All students have a life outside" their profession, a life he thinks should include a background in art, music, and literature. Cipolla's own horizons expanded a generation ago at Brown University, where he did graduate work surrounded by humanities students. He says broad exposure to other fields is now more important than ever to engineering majors because they have to communicate better with outsiders. "No longer is the design engineer in one room, sales in another, and maintenance staff in a third," he says. "Engineers interact a lot with people in other fields-we're in close contact with clients, customers, and the community."

Mathews distinguished professor of physics Stephen Reucroft calls knowledge for knowledge's sake vital to progress. "The fundamentals useless to the man on the street 100 years later are the basis of what you're doing today. That's always been the way in science. You have to do basic research without immediate use. How do you know what's useful and what isn't? In England in the last century, Michael Faraday was playing with bits of wire and electrical magnetic fields. It seemed esoteric, and had no intrinsic use," but the eventual result was electricity. The ten-year Northeastern veteran, a particle physicist, finds that "the best scientists I've known know music, literature, art. Intelligent, bright, educated people are the ones who contribute."

Further undercutting the notion of narrowly focused practical training is the fact that many of our students change majors, and most will change careers. This is increasingly true as companies reinvent themselves and jettison people who don't do the same. In journalism, for example, which presumably would gain most-favored-department status under a "practical" plan, some of our best graduates end up in law, teaching, or politics. Sixty percent of Columbia Journalism School's class of 1962, which was chosen as much for professional dedication as for promise, aren't working newspeople today.

A good education helps people decide how to live their lives as well as how to make a living. It sparks intellectual curiosity and breadth. Our graduates daily face issues too important to be left to experts. Now that scientists can replicate sheep and monkeys, the possibility of dittoed humans makes discussion of the ethics of assisted reproduction vital not just to laboratory workers and philosophers but also to parents who might be able to order their children's attributes like pizza toppings. Religion writer Peter Steinfels notes that ethical thinking about human reproduction has lagged behind scientists' accomplishments. Liver transplants, the definition of death, carcinogen regulations-all have a powerful ethical component. What moral lines has President Clinton crossed in using the White House for fundraising? Useful citizens cull their education to draw their conclusions.

Freeland wisely cautions against programs becoming too "market-driven." If we focus more on placement than philosophy, departments could be unjustly condemned for not adhering to workplace realities. The reality is that the workplace often demands all facets of a well-rounded education. A recent example, one of many, of a clash between moral and business imperatives is detailed in internal documents from the Liggett tobacco company. Even while noting the need for safer cigarettes, industry researchers worked to woo smokers with increased nicotine levels. On the journalistic front, Esquire magazine removed a short story scheduled for last month's issue because its advertising department objected to the story's graphic descriptions of gay sex. Should the literary editor resign in protest? In making this dumb marketplace but perhaps smart ethical decision, he might have found philosophy courses more useful than proofreading.

Freeland opens a promising topic of discussion with his call for "practical" research that speaks to people in the field and not just a handful of experts, and for giving service to students and teaching equal status with scholarship. These comments are welcome to departments where practitioners have lost the tenure race for activities more useful to professionals than academics, and they should be pursued to their logical conclusion. Without vitiating traditional standards, our hiring system should be revamped to accommodate practitioners in fields where such qualifications are a teaching plus. Northeastern should adapt a professional track, letting these experts be judged, perhaps on a renewable contract basis, on teaching and professional performance. This would inject new blood and relevant experience and prepare our and other

institutions for the inevitable time when professors will be given terms, not lifetime job security.

As we reshape programs, though, we must respect traditional disciplines. Some scholars here may not be involved in practical and service activities vital to other fields. Their work should be valued. If we cut everything that doesn't have a financial payoff, we're not in education but in the education business. The university chorus doesn't pay its way. Neither do the many fine scholarly publications housed here. So what?

In his February speech to Northeastern's faculty and staff, the president urged us to "project even more strongly as an academic institution," noting that as co-op earnings cover an increasingly small part of tuition expenses, "we must compete on the basis of quality, not price." Of course, quality means excellence in every area. It means not sacrificing knowledge to vocation or vocation to knowledge. In every field, the best professionals are the best-educated professionals. The liberal arts give them the tools to keep on learning, to use research skills, academic rigor, and high standards throughout their career. The ability to follow various intellectual streams marks one of the differences between education and training. It informs every student's personal and professional vision. In a world growing ever more complicated, it's a necessity, not a luxury. In this real world, the narrowly trained graduate, not her liberally schooled counterpart, is the one living in an ivory tower of specialization without reflection. Battles between "practical" and "theoretical" education are simplistic evasions of complex problems. Joining these forces is the educated solution.

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## SOUNDS IMPORTANT:

A blanket approach to helping babies. By Linda J. Ferrier and Harriet J. Fell

Compared to other animals, human babies look incredibly vulnerable, yet are born with so many amazing skills, not least of which is their ability to tune in the world of sound immediately after birth. Sixteen years ago we, Linda Ferrier and Harriet Fell, met as a result of a Children's Hospital research study on the language development of normal and premature infants. At the time, Linda was part of the research team and Harriet had just delivered her daughter, Tova, at the Boston Lying-in Hospital. Tova was enlisted as a subject. There began our joint interest in the development of speech and communication in children. Linda visited Tova and Harriet every month for three years and collected samples of Tova's prespeech babbles and other behaviors.

After three years, the study ended. Later, Harriet, a professor of computer science at Northeastern, happened to wander past an office door that showed a computer-generated graphic of a cup of tea and a familiar name. Linda, by then, had joined N.U.'s department of speech-language pathology and audiology. We renewed our friendship over lunch at the Faculty Center and soon began collaborating on interdisciplinary projects, developing software for children with severe motor problems. We did some exciting work devising educational software that could be used with different interfaces such as a joystick, a keyboard, or voice. While the design and development went on in computer science software design classes, speech-pathology students field-tested the software with children at the Kennedy and Massachusetts Hospital Schools. Both groups of N.U. students made initial visits to the classrooms to ensure that the systems would meet real needs.

We felt then that some of the children using our systems could have benefited from earlier intervention, but neither suitable input devices nor software for very young children existed at the time. We turned our attention to designing an interface and communication system for infants with severe motor disabilities.

Infants, virtually as soon as they are born, are more interested in speech than other sounds. It appears that they come "prewired" to be language users. They are also able to discriminate among the sounds of all the different languages of the world, an ability which disappears by the end of the first year as their brains become neurologically dedicated to distinguishing the sounds of their native language.

At birth, the infant vocal tract is similar to that of other primates. The tongue is farther forward in the mouth than in adults, and the neck is relatively short. (Look at a baby or two—they don't have much neck to start with.) At this point, there are structural constraints on the infant's ability to make speech sounds. As the neck grows in length, the larynx and the tongue base descend, and the infant is able to use the oral space as a resonator. In their first three months, babies make mostly short vowel sounds. By six months they are beginning to explore consonants, and by the end of the first year they are making sounds composed of consonant-vowel sequences such as "mama" and "dada" that sound like adult words. In doing this, infants are learning important discriminatory, linguistic, and motor skills. They can amuse themselves by exploring the different sounds the vocal tract is capable of producing. Parents eagerly join

in these early vocal games by imitating their infants' sounds. By twelve months, most infants begin to use true words that mean something.

Unfortunately, some infants, such as those with severe cerebral palsy, are incapable of making these early sounds-even though they may have normal intelligence. These infants are deprived of what may be a critical stage in language development and perhaps important knowledge of the sound structure of the language. They are also left without an important tool for initiating social interaction. We sought to use technology to provide these infants a means of using whatever motor capabilities they have to produce and explore sound on their own. Infants incapable of vocalizing might activate recorded or electronic babbling sounds, as speaking infants do. They might also listen to music or environmental sounds such as a toilet flushing-a favorite sound of young children! We hoped they would eventually learn to control their body movements to activate switches, for communication, to affect their environment, to make choices, and, later, to produce words.

We needed sound and speech output and a soft, waterproof, noninvasive input device-some sort of pad or blanket that was sensitive to a child's movement. The system had to be simple to assemble and use if it was to have a place in the busy classroom or home. As scientists, we also wanted our system to collect data to document infants' learning. As we both like to sew, we considered constructing a pad ourselves, using our quilting skills to encase a collection of large pressure-sensitive switches. We learned about commercially available components from colleagues, however. We settled on using a Nintendo Power Pad (sold with a video game for teenagers) and an adapter (from Transfinite Systems) designed to transfer signals from the Nintendo device to a Macintosh computer. With the help of seed money from the Northeastern Research Scholarship Development Fund, we put together our prototype system and named it the "Baby Babble Blanket."

To prevent immobile children becoming bored with access to only one or two sounds, we included a total of twelve sounds, one of which played at random each time a switch was activated. We tested this product at the Boston College Campus School, which provides services to children with multiple handicaps. We began by selecting three developmentally delayed children who appeared to be constantly active: one rolled from side to side, one kicked constantly, and one flopped on his back and then sat up again. We entered sounds into the device that the teachers thought would be interesting to the children. At that time, our system was quite rudimentary and accepted only one sound per switch. We hypothesized that the children would increase their activity levels to hear the sounds. Interestingly, all three children reduced their levels of movement when placed on the blanket. We assumed that attention to sounds decreased their levels of stereotypic movements. Other children, whose normal activity levels were lower, showed an increase in switch activations when placed on the blanket.

With these encouraging results, we applied for funding from the federal Department of Education and were awarded two grants to test the prototype, and then to develop the system further and carry out more extensive field-testing. Again we used our working model of engaging computer science students to develop the code and speech-language pathology students to carry out field-testing in homes and classrooms. A great joy was the satisfaction our students got from working on real-life projects in a team format. We developed libraries of digitized sounds from which teachers and parents could select, as well as the capability of being able to record voices on the spot-everyday routines that parents and teachers say to children. We included early- and late-stage infant babbles and early words that most children use. The device was extended to activate battery-operated toys. We increased the sophistication of the data analysis to include easy-to-read graphs that teachers could interpret quickly.

We found that one five-month-old child, with hydrocephaly, club feet, and poor muscle tone, was able to switch from rolling his head in order to hear a recording of his mother's voice to raising his legs to do so-demonstrating an awareness of cause and effect. Another five-month-old, blind but with normal motor control, smiled, vocalized, and increased his level of activity when the blanket's sound was turned on, but cried when the sound was turned off-clear proof that he enjoyed it!

Our prototype had deficiencies, however. There were large spaces between switches where small babies might move to no effect. The switches in the Nintendo pad needed at least ten pounds of pressure to be activated; some of our infants were too light to consistently trigger them. Finally, teachers who wished to use the device in different locations needed a more portable system with fewer wires to come unplugged or for children to get tangled up in. We began to look for collaborators to help us with a new streamlined version. A serendipitous encounter with the president of Meeting the Challenge, an electronics manufacturer in Colorado Springs, Colorado (telephone 800-864-4264, e-mail <snd-explorer@mtc-inc.com>) moved us toward commercialization of the Baby Babble Blanket. Meeting the Challenge already had expertise in the manufacture of sound recording/producing technology in the form of "Pocket Coach," a device that prompts mentally retarded adults through a sequenced vocational task. Meeting the Challenge is now in the final stages of putting together a new, portable, more sensitive version of our product-renamed Sound Explorer. It became commercially available last month, at a cost of \$350.

We are still interested in baby babbles, but are now taking another tack. Our new product is an Early Vocalization Analyzer, a computer system that automatically analyzes recordings of infants. We hope it will act as a screening test to warn health professionals when an infant may be at risk for later communication problems. The next time you walk past a baby in a supermarket, analyze those interesting babbling noises yourself. They represent a major leap forward in development and an interesting window into the young child's abilities.

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## Striking Back

Pitcher Greg Montalbano returns to boost baseball team's prospects.

Pitcher Greg Montalbano is warming up at Cabot Gym during a preseason workout in March under the tutelage of baseball coach Neil McPhee. The tall left-hander works off the mound, throwing a variety of pitches before McPhee sends him to the track for some conditioning runs. Nothing unusual in that—except that it's his first authentic workout in more than a year. After a bout with cancer, Montalbano is back to boost the Huskies' chances for a successful season.

While preparing for his freshman season in early 1996, Montalbano noticed a lump in his groin. A doctor's checkup bore out his worst fears: he was diagnosed with testicular cancer. "I went to the doctor on Tuesday and had the surgery on Thursday," says Montalbano, a native of Westborough, Massachusetts. "It might not sound like it, but they say it's the cancer of choice. They told me there's a ninety percent chance of recovery and we caught it early. I figured I would be out for a little while, but not a whole year."

Even after the successful surgery, however, Montalbano's ordeal was not over. While he was recovering, doctors discovered suspicious-looking spots on his lungs which required chemotherapy. Montalbano lost twenty pounds from his six-foot-two-inch, 185-pound frame in the ensuing weeks, ending any chances of his participating in the 1996 baseball season. "When the doctors were looking at the CAT scan, they found two spots and told me what that meant. I immediately thought about baseball and that I wouldn't be able to play," he says. "I never took the attitude that the world was against me or anything. I figured that I was sick and I needed to get better. Once I got that through my mind, I concentrated on making myself better and hoped to get back into baseball eventually."

Montalbano stayed close to the Northeastern team, attending every home game and even finding the strength for an occasional workout. Because he was still eighteen at the time, he was able to join the Westborough American Legion baseball team during the summer, thus making his comeback sooner than anticipated. The biggest difference he noticed after his illness was his desire just to play, and to encourage others to do the same.

"I always loved to play baseball," says Montalbano, who played his high school ball at St. John's of Shrewsbury. "It was frustrating, though, to see some kids act like they didn't really want to be out there. I remember one day talking to some of the younger players in the outfield before a game. I told them, 'You might not always want to be out here, but you'd better take advantage of the fact that you can be. Someday, you might not be able to be out here, and you'll really miss it.' "

McPhee, now in his twelfth year as the Huskies' coach, is hoping Montalbano will be a major part of his pitching staff this season. "Greg has looked very good throughout our winter workouts," McPhee says. "He, Tim Bonehill, and John Burns definitely have the potential to be professional prospects. All they need is experience." The trio will join established starters Chris Zack and Matt McManus in the pitching rotation. That pair combined for seven wins last year, a disappointing season that saw the Huskies finish with eighteen wins and twenty-six losses.

While the pitching looks solid, offense will be the key to N.U.'s success this year. If the Huskies are to vie for the America East title, the bats will have to become more productive than they were last year. "Our biggest question mark is our ability to score runs," says McPhee, who led the Huskies to the National Collegiate Athletic Association tournament in 1994. "This lineup has the potential to be very dangerous. We have a lot of power, but we need to be more consistent. This should be an area that we're much improved in." Outfielder Jason Lewis, a junior who doubles as a cornerback for the football team, is slated to be the leadoff hitter. Senior shortstop Scott Bouchie and sophomore second baseman Kevin Kim occupy the next two spots, while senior first baseman Mike O'Donnell will hit cleanup. Catcher Patrick Mason, a senior and cocaptain, also will be counted on offensively.

N.U.'s bats warmed up during the team's spring-break trip to Fort Myers, Florida, in mid-March. The team went seven and one against a slate of northern teams that were also vacationing in Florida. McPhee's strategy differed from previous spring-break trips, when his team battled the southern powers like the University of Miami that perennially preside over the NCAA's top twenty-five. "When you play against [the southern] programs, you're at a tremendous disadvantage," McPhee explains. Those teams "have already played twenty-five to thirty games. They have great weather to play in-that's a fact of life. The experience you get playing against those teams can sometimes be outweighed by the discouragement of losing by lopsided scores. Playing northern teams should give us the opportunity to win some games as well as prepare for our season."

Despite the good start, the Huskies stumbled on their return home, getting off to a two and six start in conference play. With eight starters returning, though, N.U. has the material to contend for the title.

*-Paul Perillo*

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## MEN'S CREW

### Rolling on the river: Rowers set sights on national title

With six of eight crew members returning from last year's promising but aborted season, men's varsity crew coach Walter "Buzz" Congram thinks 1997 could be the year for Northeastern to win a national title. Adding to the team's incentive is the disappointing end to last season. As they approached the culmination of an extremely successful campaign, the Huskies were forced to withdraw from the International Rowing Association (IRA) meet, the U.S. national championships, and the Henley Royal Regatta in England when it was found that one rower was academically ineligible.

"We're still disappointed about last year," says Congram, who enters his twentieth season on Huntington Avenue. "But that's all behind us now. We have a lot of talent returning and we want to get back to where we were last year."

The optimism begins with the roster, which one might understandably confuse with the Associated Press All-America football team. Tim Wooge, a six-foot-seven-inch, 210-pound German, occupies the important stroke seat, accompanied by Ehren Frank (65, 210), Andrew Laurie (65, 210), Scott Fentress (6-3, 195), Grant Earl (68, 215), Chad Hardin (63, 195), Ian Coveny (64, 195), and, at the bow, Bill Plifka (511, 165).

"We're very big for a collegiate crew," says Congram. Beyond size, however, "the secret to our success is that we have a good feel for the boat. They row in a very relaxed manner-very efficient. There's no question we can be as fast or faster than we were last year."

Hardin, a junior in his last year of athletic eligibility, is unusual in that he arrived at Northeastern with no rowing experience and made the squad as a walk-on. "We are always looking for a kid like Chad. When a rower doesn't have any experience, he doesn't have any bad habits to break," Congram says. "Chad played

hockey in high school and rode freshman novice when he got here. He's been part of our varsity ever since, and is our spark plug. Chad is a very quiet guy; he leads more by example. He learned his technique very quickly and has been an inspiration to all of us."

Hardin and his teammates enjoyed a winter trip to Hawaii, where the Huskies captured ten races at the five-day Royal Hawaiian Challenge. N.U. defeated crews from Stanford University, Washington State University, and from Japan. The competition back east figures to be tougher, however. Defending national champion Princeton, Brown, Harvard, Navy, and Yale all pose a threat, Congram says. He is gearing his squad toward the Eastern Sprints at Lake Quinsigamond in central Massachusetts and to the IRA in Camden, New Jersey, which serves as the national championship this year.

- *Paul Perillo*

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## Hit or Myth

Separating fiction from fact in sizing up the national debt. By Paul Harrington

*The Truth about the National Debt: Five Myths and One Reality*, by Francis X. Cavanaugh, Harvard Business School Press, 172 pages, \$22.95

Political leaders in the United States have long been of two minds about the federal budget deficit and its result, the national debt. Condemning government deficits is a time-honored tactic in American politics sure to arouse the support of hardworking people who demand that government live within its means, just as they do. "Stop the deficits" was the battle cry of Franklin Roosevelt in the 1932 presidential race against Herbert Hoover. Yet deficit spending has been a mainstay of national economic policy for both Republican and Democratic administrations since the Great Depression. Roosevelt went on to oversee an enormous increase in federal spending that by 1945 had resulted in a federal debt double that of today's, in relative terms.

Longtime senior Treasury official Frank Cavanaugh, LA'54, brings forty years of federal debt management experience to examining the politics and economics of the national debt in *The Truth about the National Debt*. This timely volume examines the central elements of the national debt debate and finds them wanting in either economic theory or fact. More troubling, Cavanaugh sees much of the politics of federal debt policy based in an especially virulent brand of political cynicism that converts the fundamental creditworthiness of the nation into a political football to be kicked at the expedient moment by Democrat and Republican alike.

The warning cries of Warren Rudman and the late Paul Tsongas of the antideficit Concord Coalition, along with the campaign rhetoric of Ross Perot and sometimes Bill Clinton, and even the Zen master of debt creation, Ronald Reagan, have generated, according to Cavanaugh, a lot of political heat but little economic light—mostly because their interpretations of the problem of the debt have been flat-out wrong. The general view of the deficit is that like a family that fails to keep spending in line with income, the current national debt will burden future generations with reduced living standards.

This likening of the nation's money management to personal finances is a poor analogy indeed. The national debt represents not simply a liability but an asset as well. When the federal government borrows money to finance the deficit, it issues bonds. Those bonds are a liability to the U.S. government but an asset to people who hold them. National debt creates exactly as much wealth for bondholders as it does liabilities for the Treasury. The national debt is a burden to the next generation of Americans only if, as they inherit the liability of the debt, they fail to inherit the assets of U.S. government bonds. Yet since the overwhelming majority of government bonds are held by American interests, it is future generations of Americans who will inherit the assets of government bonds. Unlike most family mortgages, we owe the national debt to ourselves. Cavanaugh states it succinctly: "As any business executive should know, a liability that is offset by an asset of equal value should not be viewed as a burden."

While the intergenerational burden of the debt is the most widely articulated debt myth, its falsity is a point upon which virtually all economists agree. Not so with the remaining four myths Cavanaugh identifies, all of which generate considerable debate among economists.

The second debt myth, according to Cavanaugh, is that as the Treasury borrows an increasing proportion of the nation's available savings, upward pressure on demand for credit causes interest rates to rise. That higher cost of money would prevent private investors from borrowing. During the 1980s, real interest rates did increase with the growth of the federal deficit. But Cavanaugh maintains that other factors, including Federal Reserve money supply policy, have far more significant impacts on real interest rates than fiscal "crowding out," as this argument is called. Yet notable economists on both sides of the political fence believe that crowding out matters. Clearly, the economic jury is still out on this question.

Cavanaugh's third debt myth is that interest payments on the debt are becoming an unsustainable burden on the federal budget. Interest payments as a share of the annual federal budget have skyrocketed to keep pace with the relative increase in the size of the national debt. The result is that relatively fewer resources are available to meet critical national needs. By 1998, the annual outlay for net interest payments will exceed expenditures made by the entire Department of Defense. President Clinton and others have called for deficit reduction to try to limit the portion of federal spending devoted to debt service and thus retain the ability of Congress and the president to fund important programs.

Along with most economists, Cavanaugh argues that government interest payments by themselves do not have a substantial effect either on economy-wide demand for goods and services or on resource allocation. Although interest payments are a large and "uncontrollable" part of the federal budget that will cause Uncle Sam to feel a pinch in his spending purse, it's more a political problem than an economic one. The real economic consequences of interest payments are actually quite small. Debt service doesn't diminish aggregate demand, since tax payments used to finance debt service are themselves paid to bondholders as interest payments, which are then saved or spent like any other form of income. Consequently, interest on the debt has little practical meaning for most Americans because it is primarily an activity that transfers income from taxpayers to bondholders, who are often one and the same person.

What if taxpayers and bondholders are not the same person? Then, of course, a redistribution of resources occurs, making most Americans either winners or losers in the debt sweepstakes. Critics on the left and right have argued that large federal deficits contribute to growing gaps in the distribution of income in American society because they redistribute income from lower-income taxpayers to higher-income bondholders. Once again, Cavanaugh finds the conventional wisdom at odds with the facts. The investment firms, banks, and government agencies owning most of the federal debt hold it on behalf of middle America. In fact, he maintains, the distribution of interest payments is more equitable than the distribution of the tax burden.

The final myth Cavanaugh tackles is the concern that the United States is confronted with a growing dependence on foreign investors to finance American debt. In 1995, foreign nations held twenty-three percent of all Treasury securities. Thus our dependence on foreign borrowing means that instead of owing the debt to ourselves and thus simultaneously owning the asset and liability, increasingly we own the liability but the asset is held by a foreign nation. Yet Cavanaugh believes that this in itself poses no serious threat to the health of the American economy. He notes that only 1.6 percent of all American assets is held by foreign investors-hardly a threat to American sovereignty. Furthermore, foreign investment helps provide jobs for American workers.

So does Cavanaugh think an ever-increasing federal deficit is a benign accounting artifact cruelly manipulated by politicians for their own ends? The answer is a resounding no. He labors to dispel the myths of the debt so that he can get at the source of what he considers a root problem in both the American economy and American politics: too much government spending. Deficits develop because political leaders are unwilling to underwrite spending increases with tax increases. In Cavanaugh's view, as a nation we are purchasing more government than taxpayers are willing to finance. He readily admits

that he doesn't know how big government should be, but believes that its operating budget should be no larger than the amount that taxpayers are willing to fund directly through taxes.

The problem with the deficit is that it allows the political process to be unaccountable for its behavior. "Politicians should not have the pleasure of spending (getting votes) without the pain of taxing (losing votes)," Cavanaugh maintains. Moreover, he argues, we need to balance the budget to restore confidence in the government. Year after year of politicians damning budget deficits while voting for their continuation is a prime suspect for the growing skepticism that Americans have toward their political leadership.

The dust jacket of this book reveals the contentious nature of the debate that the author undertakes. While reviewers lavish praise on Cavanaugh, they are quick to note that they disagree with many of his ideas. I find myself in the same position. When Cavanaugh speaks from his experience in the Treasury, his writing and analysis are surefooted and insightful. When he drifts from his area of expertise and has to rely on the work of others as his sole source of information, his analysis weakens. Nonetheless, this is a highly informative and useful book that needed to be written. Cavanaugh asks the right questions about the deficit and the debt and provides important insights into their nature and their significance for the future well-being of the American economy.

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## Staging an American Classic

Nearly fifty years later, *Guys and Dolls* still resonates. By Meghan Irons

Nathan Detroit runs a floating crap game and is having difficulties settling down with his fiancée, Miss Adelaide, a woman he's dated for fourteen years. Sky Masterson is a high roller and Nathan's longtime friend. Always a gambler, he can't resist Nathan's bet to make a rendezvous with the saintly Sarah Brown, a street-side evangelist and determined soul saver.

Thus begins the Broadway classic *Guys and Dolls*, which is being revived at the Studio Theater in the Curry Student Center on May 15/17 and 21/24. Based on a story and shady characters by Damon Runyon, the show features an all-student cast and is a special treat for the N.U. theater department, which produces only one musical every two years because of their cost and difficulty.

"It's a great musical," says Del Lewis, chairman of the theater department and director of the show. "It's an American classic. It's a very witty show." Set in postWorld War II New York and subtitled "A musical fable of Broadway," *Guys and Dolls* is populated with colorful characters like Nicely-Nicely Johnson, Rusty Charlie, and Angie the Ox. "The Runyon characters all have a specific way of speaking which is strange and awkward to us," Lewis says. "It's a very colorful language."

The show was a huge hit upon opening on Broadway in 1950. It also scored big in its 1955 motion picture debut featuring Frank Sinatra and Marlon Brando. Frank Loesser's music and lyrics, in songs such as "Fugue for Tinhorns," "Follow the Fold," and "I'll Know," have lasted over time. "Everyone knows at least one of the songs from *Guys and Dolls*, whether they know it comes from *Guys and Dolls* or not," says Lewis, who is in his ninth year at Northeastern. "You hear music from *Guys and Dolls* all the time. People have taken it and reorchestrated it. The main reason is the characters are so colorful and so much fun."

No stranger to Broadway classics, Lewis has had an impressive run of his own in the theatrical world. His many performances include Chaim in *Fiddler on the Roof* in New York, Jacob in *The Rothschilds*, and a kleptomaniac in the film *Diary of a Mad Housewife*.

As a director of fifteen musicals, including four others at Northeastern—*Celebration*, *Working*, *Runaways*, and *The Threepenny Opera*—Lewis has never before directed *Guys and Dolls*. But he says it's a treat. "Discovering the script is always great fun. I've known this musical for a long time, but I've never appeared in it," he says. "The thrill of it is to get students to know it."

The process of learning a musical, Lewis believes, will help students develop a sense of team-building in a communal setting. Plus it gives them exposure to a play that never dies. "[This musical] has lasted and endured over the years," he says. "Every community theater has done it at least once. Everybody wants to do it occasionally. The style of the show and the athleticism still stand up."

Tickets to the show, which starts at 8 p.m., are \$10 (\$8 for Northeastern students) and are available at the N.U. Ticket Center, 105 Ell Building (telephone 617-373-2247).

**ART**

**Contemporary Spanish architectural drawings by Gines Sanchez Hevia** Through May 16, Ryder Hall lobby. Sanchez Hevia is principal architect of GSH Architects in Madrid, Spain. 373-2083.

**LECTURES**

**Economic Development in Inner-City Communities: The New Challenge for Urban Universities** May 6, 90 Snell Library, 11:45 a.m. With Joseph Warren, associate professor of African-American studies. 373-3148.

**In the Wake of O. J.: Some Lessons for Forensic Laboratories and Their Stakeholders** May 8, 130 Hurtig, 4 p.m. With Carl Matthew Selavka, director of forensic sciences, New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services. 373-2822.

**Women, Scholarship, and International Development Policies** May 8, Frost Lounge, 8 p.m. With Soheir Morsy, professor of anthropology and director of women's studies, Tufts University. 373-3148.

**Roy Wilkins and the Kansas City Call, 1923-1931** May 13, 37 Snell Library, 11:45 a.m. With Lewis Suggs, history professor, Clemson University. 373-3148.

**Education or Entertainment? Multimedia Software for High School World History Curriculum** May 16, 420 Classroom Building, 3 to 4:30 p.m. With Parker James, professor of history, Tufts University. 373-2660.

**Louis Tomkins Wright, M.D.: Equal Opportunity-No More, No Less! Race Vindication in Medicine** May 20, 90 Snell Library, 11:45 a.m. With Robert Hayden, lecturer in history and literature, University of Massachusetts Boston. 373-3148.

**Examination of Gender Roles in the Black Church, 1966-1979** May 27, 90 Snell Library, 11:45 a.m. With Irene Monroe, doctoral candidate at Harvard University Divinity School. 373-3148.

**MUSIC**

**New Directions in Computer Music** May 15, Curry Student Center ballroom, noon. Featuring associate professor of music Dennis Miller. 373-2671.

**N.U. Orchestra** May 19, Curry Student Center, 7:30 p.m. Program will include Beethoven's Symphony no. 5. 373-2442.

**Music for Wind Synthesizer and Piano** May 29, Curry Student Center ballroom, noon. With associate professor of music Bruce Ronkin and pianist Juanita Tsu. 373-2671.

**N.U. Concert Band's second annual alumni concert** May 31, Blackman Auditorium, 8 p.m. \$5; \$3 students and seniors. 373-2442.

**ETC.**

**Poetic Justice: A Women's Poetry Slam** May 9, Blackman Auditorium, 8 p.m. Featuring Boston-area poets. \$8 in advance; \$10 at the door; \$5 with student ID. 373-2247.

**Springfest 1997** May 12-16, various locations. Weeklong event features live concert, May 12, Krentzman Quad, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.; campus-wide egg hunt, May 13; fashion show, May 14, Curry Student Center West Addition, 7 p.m.; Springfest Quad Day, May 15, Krentzman Quad, 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.; dance party, May 16, Speare Hall, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. 373-4336.

**Family Day Cookout/Auction** May 17, noon, location to be announced. 373-3868.

**N.U. Alive!** May 17, Centennial Common, noon to 5 p.m. 373-4336.

**Black Graduates' Baccalaureate Ceremony** June 13, 6 to 8 p.m., N.U. African-American Institute. 373-4919.

**Commencement Ceremonies** June 14, FleetCenter, Boston, 10 a.m. Afternoon ceremony for University College and advanced degree candidates, 3:15 p.m.

## ALUMNI EVENTS

Call Joanne Murphy or Maureen Feeley, 373-3186.

**May:** Manhattan, N.U. Service Day, May 3, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call for locations. Sigma Epsilon Rho, trip and tour, May 4, time to be announced; seminar, May 8, Battery March campus, 6 p.m., initiation and scholarship, May 31, Hanscom Air Force Base (Enlisted Men's Club), 5 p.m. Nursing, reception in honor of National Nurses Week, May 8, Egan Center, 6 p.m. Rhode Island, golf tournament, May 12, Quidnesset Country Club, North Kingstown.

**June:** N.U. Night at the Pops, June 12, Symphony Hall, time to be announced. Greater Boston, fifth annual golf outing, June 16, Framingham Country Club, noon. Washington, D.C., Phantom of the Opera, June 19, Kennedy Center, time to be announced.

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## Alumni Association Views

### A ONCE-IN-A-100-YEAR OPPORTUNITY

Here's a birthday party coming up and you're all invited. It's a special birthday celebration for a centenarian familiar to every one of us. Northeastern University begins to commemorate its 100th birthday this fall.

The opening of the centennial celebration will coincide with Alumni Homecoming, running from October 15 to 19. As the university starts the celebration of its first century, those four days will be filled with more than twenty cultural, musical, social, academic, and athletic events-the likes of which have never been seen before at Northeastern.

To give you a complete picture of the festivities planned, a special section on centennial events appears on pages 1215 of this magazine. I think you will agree that there is enough variety for every alumnus to find something of interest. Highlights of the week include the Boston Pops concert at Matthews Arena on Wednesday, October 15, and the centennial alumni celebration in the Curry Student Center on Saturday, October 18. Most of the events are geared to bringing back N.U. graduates.

Many of you haven't been back to the campus since graduation. Now is the perfect opportunity to return to N.U. We want you to take part in the celebration and see your friends and classmates. We want you to see the impressive physical changes that have taken place, changes that won Northeastern the "Most Beautiful Urban Campus" award from the National Nursery Association. We want you to restore ties with alma mater.

The centennial celebration is an important milestone in the history of our university. In many ways, it's also an alumni celebration. Each of us participated in N.U.'s history in a personal way. No matter the graduation year, each of us took part in the university's 100-year journey to its place today as the preeminent cooperative education institution in the United States.

Since you helped Northeastern make history, why not take part in the celebration? You can meet with the current dean of your college; hear about academic and physical improvements; and discuss honors programs, increases in financial aid, overseas co-op positions, study abroad programs, and any number of other opportunities that Northeastern now offers its students. Students will be available as guides, and there's no better way to gain information about the university today than to speak with a current student and compare notes. Find out what has changed and what endures.

You can also learn about the many services and benefits available to alumni and the excitement of being involved with the university. Read the special centennial section in this magazine and return the accompanying registration form. This is a once-in-a-100-year opportunity. Don't miss it!

*-Deborah B. McConchie, BA'75, is president of the Alumni Association.*

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# Husky Tracks

## MAKING A DIFFERENCE--AND MONEY, TOO

Kermit the Frog was wrong: it is easy being green. Steven M. Rothstein, MBA'84, founded an environmental consulting firm, Environmental Futures, on Earth Day 1990 and quickly built it into a profitable concern with an impressive list of clients. "I get enormous satisfaction out of working in a field where I can make a difference while at the same time making money," says Rothstein, now the company president.

Environmental Futures, headquartered in downtown Boston, focuses mostly on companies in the energy and electric utility industries, applying its management consulting and communications skills to help clients with their sales and marketing, financial planning, mergers and acquisitions, and regulatory compliance. Clients range from small firms to some of the largest electric utilities in the country. What they all share, Rothstein says, is the belief that a healthy bottom line can coexist with a healthy environment. Environmental Futures itself was profitable from its first year. Now with twenty-five employees, the privately held company grosses a few million in annual revenues, he says. Ten percent of profits goes to environmental causes.

Rothstein became convinced that altruism could pay well in 1979, when he cofounded (with then-private citizen Joseph P. Kennedy II) Citizens Energy Corporation, a nonprofit oil company that bought and sold heating oil and used the profits to lower the heating bills of the poor and elderly in Massachusetts. When Kennedy was elected to Congress in 1986, Rothstein headed for state government. At age thirty-one, he served as assistant commissioner of the Massachusetts Department of Mental Retardation, supervising 10,600 employees and overseeing a \$300 million operating budget. "I went to Governor [Michael] Dukakis and said I wanted the hardest HR [human resources] challenge he had," Rothstein says.

Now forty years old, Rothstein credits his Northeastern MBA as much as his state government experience with preparing him to run Environmental Futures. "I use what I learned in the classroom every day," he says. "I wouldn't be doing what I do now without it." He completed the night program in three years rather than the usual four. He took his first accounting course ever at N.U.-"it was very scary," he says-and now teaches accounting seminars to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency employees in Boston. Teaching greens about another kind of green; it comes naturally to a guy convinced that "doing good and doing well are not mutually exclusive."

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**Kathleen (Walsh) Heffernan**, BB'21, is ninety-seven years old and living in Needham, Massachusetts. Her husband, Dr. Roy Heffernan, died four years ago. Kathleen stays busy by working out twice a week at the WellBridge Gym in Newton and by visiting her eight children, thirty-four grandchildren, and thirty-five great grandchildren. She went for a hot-air balloon ride in Worcester for her ninety-fifth birthday and plans to attend Golden Graduates Day in October.

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## 1930s

**Mildred M. McCarty**, BB'30, of Lenox, Massachusetts, received the Pittsfield Rotary Club's Service Above Self Award for 1996.

**Elliott L. Adelman**, BA'31, of Montebello, California, writes, "Mrs. Adelman and I just returned from an Elderhostel in Tucson, Arizona, where I encountered two other Northeasterners." He met Al Shain, E'51, and his wife, Elaine, of Brookline, Massachusetts, and Earl Stahl, BA'52, and his wife, Shirley, of Longmeadow, Massachusetts. "The Elderhostel topic was 'From Iberia to the Southwest: 500 Years of Jewish History,' and it dealt with the Spanish and Portuguese inquisitions," he states.

**Frederic E. Cobb**, BA'31, retired in 1962 after twenty years as a purchasing agent and cost accountant with New England Electric. These days, he spends six months in Florida and six months on Cape Cod.

**Calman Hoffman**, LC'31, of Lake Worth, Florida, wonders, "Are there any members of the class of '31 still alive?"

**Ahti W. Lans**, E'35, of Mashpee, Massachusetts, comments, "The N.U. football program sure has come a long way. We started interclass football in the early 1930s. So sad to hear that our first football captain, Brad Johnson, passed away."

**J. Clifford McGann**, E'37, retired in 1993 from the U.S. Corps of Engineers after thirty-four years. He was an ordnance specialist for the Navy during World War II. He and his wife celebrated their fifty-sixth anniversary on September 2, 1996. They have five daughters, a son, nine grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

**Robert W. Smith**, E'37, of Peabody, Massachusetts, was the president of the class of 1937. "I was disappointed that we could not have a class reunion in 1996 due to the lack of interest. I want to express my thanks, nevertheless, for all the cooperation I have had in former years with other reunions. Many thanks to Joanne Murphy and Jim Stoessel for their continued guidance," he says.

**M. O. "Red" Ricker**, E'39, of Hinsdale, Illinois, reports that he celebrated his eightieth birthday by publishing *Bedside Bonus Years*, a collection of essays by senior citizens on subjects ranging from nostalgia and humor to knowledge and philosophy. Readers can obtain a copy from 70-Plus Incorporated, P.O. Box 312, Hinsdale, IL 60522, at a discounted price (\$6 including postage). Says Ricker, "Writing has been my avocation for the past ten years, and a wonderful hobby it is. It can be pursued indoors or out, in sunny or in cloudy weather, with no equipment but pen and paper."

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## 1940s

**Bernard J. Gaffney**, E'40, of Stillwater, Minnesota, says he's "still active professionally" with Reaction Technology.

**Loring M. Thompson**, E'40, of Sun Lakes, Arizona, was a founding member of the Interfaith Council of Greater Sun Lakes, in 1993. She served as the council's secretary for the past three years.

**George F. Archambault Sr.**, L'41, of Bethesda, Maryland, received the U.S. surgeon general's medallion "for lifetime career efforts in creativity, imagination, and dedication that resulted in the high standards of pharmacy practice within the United States." He is only the sixth pharmacist to receive the award.

**Eva Monsein Schneiderman**, L'41, and her husband recently celebrated their fifty-fifth wedding anniversary. They spend six months in Florida and six months in Massachusetts.

**Norman S. Silsby**, E'42, of Newport News, Virginia, writes, "Looking forward to our fifty-fifth class reunion this year. Hope some still-active tennis players will attend-the Connors perhaps?"

**Edward P. Carpenter Jr.**, E'43, has lived in Florida the past ten years. "Playing golf several times a week, as well as tennis, until a recent hip replacement," he writes. "Otherwise, all is well."

**Joe Dias**, BA'45, notes, "As a former captain of the Northeastern football team of 1944, I was, along with my wife, invited by athletics director Barry Gallup to attend the captains' reunion at the New Hampshire football game. What an outstanding game, with victory from behind in the last few seconds. This topped off the treatment by Coach Gallup that included lunch and having our pictures taken. I had hoped to see former captains Dick Grey and Gale Foster, but as luck would have it, they were not able to make it. Maybe next year. Northeastern has played an important part in my life, not only for me personally but for my family. My son, Ronald J. Dias, who is now a vice president of the Teradyne Company and the general manager of its plant in Nashua, New Hampshire, received his master of science degree, and my granddaughter, Jennifer (Wheelden) Paine, received her bachelor's and master's degrees from Northeastern. My niece, Shelley Solari, will enter Northeastern in the fall to get her master's degree. Guess that's all for now, except to say Rose and I have celebrated our fifty-fifth wedding anniversary. We are both in our eighties and reasonably healthy."

**Alvin D. VanVessem**, ME'47, writes, "Served in the Army, 1943-46. Work on atomic bomb, 1944-46, at Los Alamos National Labs. Civilian employee, 1946-81. Retired in 1981."

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## 1950s

**Leo Gabriel**, E'50, writes that he would like to hear from classmates. His address is Rokach 13-A, K Mozkin, Israel 26376.

**Vincent H. Pulvirenti**, B'50, has retired to West Palm Beach, Florida. He is a former builder and land developer in Massachusetts and served as a Navy pilot in the South Pacific during World War II.

**Frances (Rotsin) Sales Binder**, BA'51, of Northbrook, Illinois, writes, "With great pleasure, I am announcing my engagement to Dr. Morris Binder. My classmates may remember following me to the elevator because, being pregnant, I had a precious key! I have retired from teaching and am running a jewelry business, and am looking forward to a new life after ten years of widowhood."

**Elmer L. Davis**, LC'52, BA'55, of Oceanside, California, retired from Rockwell International in 1987. He is a former president of the San Diego chapter of the National Contracts Management Association and still is active in the organization.

**David N. Blume**, LA'53, continues as assistant editor of Los Angeles Times Magazine. He will accompany his wife, folk singer Carolyn Hester, on their fourth annual European performance tour. Blume plays the piano.

**George J. Carpenter**, E'53, retired in 1992 after thirty-five years in the fiber optics field, then reentered it the following year as a self-employed consultant. "Enjoying it even more," he writes. He and Michaelle, his wife of forty-four years, have two sons, two daughters, two sons-in-law, and two grandchildren.

**Robert E. Simon**, LI'53, E'57, of Centerville, Massachusetts, is a retired civil engineer and assists science teachers and students at the Barnstable Middle School through Northeastern's Retirees Enhancing Science Education Through Experiments and Demonstrations (RESEED) program. "N.U. retired engineers should get involved. It's a great second career," he says.

**Lou Fram**, PAH'54, of Sherman Oaks, California, has owned a pharmacy in LaCrescenta for fifteen years. He was a member of AZO fraternity.

**Luther G. Fulton**, E'54, of East Weymouth, Massachusetts, retired as a captain in the Naval Air Reserve in a ceremony aboard the USS Constitution in September 1989. He says he plans to retire soon from GTE. "Our youngest daughter, Jane L. Fulton Whitsett, graduated summa cum laude from N.U. (Bouvé College) in June 1995," he notes.

**Melvin Norris**, BA'54, reports that he recently relocated his law office to 220 Boylston Street in Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts. He is First Circuit officer with the Federal Bar Association and is in the general practice of law.

**Leonard J. Bedard**, B'55, MBA'60, retired to Crawfordsville, Indiana.

**Fletcher Partridge**, BA'56, of Newark, Delaware, retired in 1991 from DuPont. He and his wife, Carole, have been married for thirty-nine years. He notes they enjoy their seven grandchildren, sailing, and traveling. He and Carole are helping raise two granddaughters at home.

**Louis Rudzinsky**, BA'56, writes, "Spending winters in Florida and summers in Revere, Massachusetts. My consulting and recruiting firm is very ably managed by my two oldest sons. Let's hear from you."

**Thomas E. Bickford**, E'57, of Columbus, Ohio, retired in 1995 as human resources director of an engineering consulting firm, then did human resources consulting for a year, and now works part-time as

the human resources director for EMH&T, an engineering firm in Gahanna, Ohio.

**Harold A. Swanson**, E'57, of Brockton, Massachusetts, retired from General Dynamics in March 1996 after thirty-three years. He held engineering specialist and supervisor positions at the Quincy Shipbuilding Division and Electric Boat Division in Newport, Rhode Island. He says he and his wife, Janet, plan to travel after she retires this spring.

**Angelo Voutselas**, BA'57, is the marketing manager of Para Trading Company, which exports electronics to Brazil. He is also chief executive of Chauncy Corporation, a business consulting firm.

**Pierce H. Deane**, BA'58, of Hingham, Massachusetts, retired in December 1996.

**Michael V. Leonard Jr.**, LA'59, of Woodland Hills, California, says, "Liberal arts and education alumni from the 1950s and 1960s will remember Professor Wallace Bishop from the history department. Professor Bishop had a great command of history, both U.S. and South American. He was a gifted storyteller. He was also a caring individual and had the world's greatest sense of humor. There was nothing more fascinating than listening to his version of the Revolutionary or Civil War. They were classes I actually looked forward to. Perhaps for all these reasons, I kept in touch with him. Every Christmas we've exchanged notes. I could always count on him for encouragement or laughs. Last September, I made a rare visit to Massachusetts and made sure I visited Professor Bishop in his Townsend home. It was the first time I had seen him since graduation more than thirty-seven years ago. He's in his eighties now and his memory might not be what it used to be, but he still has the same twinkle in his eyes and the same great sense of humor. He says his house is about 150 years old. He showed me some 'beachfront property' along a nearby river and gave me some tomatoes from his garden. His current political views-still very liberal-made our pizza lunch memorable. It was so nice to realize that while the whole world is changing, Professor Bishop is still the same."

**Steven E. Selman**, BA'59, of Westford, Massachusetts, retired as a colonel in the Army Reserve in 1992 and as chief EEO counselor from the Department of the Air Force in September 1996.

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## 1960s

**Ron Donnelly**, BA'60, lives in Sudbury, Massachusetts, with his wife, Bonnie. He wants to let his former track teammates know that he came out of a sixteen-year retirement to run the 100th Boston Marathon last year. "I was in Hopkinton at 5:30 a.m. and had the chance to meet people from all over the world. Though it took me five hours to finish, it didn't matter," he says. Donnelly is retired from Bull Worldwide Information Systems, but remains active through an association with Davox Corporation in Westford.

**Leo F. Peters**, E'60, ME'66, of Melrose, Massachusetts, notes that his third grandchild, Allison Heil, was born December 13.

**Raymond C. Trott**, E'60, of Irving, Texas, is president of the Radio Club of America, the oldest radio communications society in the world. He has been a member of the club for more than twenty years.

**Stanley J. Bura**, LA'61, of Salem, Massachusetts, reports that his daughter, Elaine, received a master's degree in finance from Northeastern last fall.

**Harriet E. Cohen**, LA'61, of San Diego, California, was widowed after thirty-one years of marriage. She is completing work on a master's degree in library and information while she manages a branch of the San Diego Public Library.

**Erik R. Hanner**, E'61, of Dallas, Texas, has been a franchise real estate manager for Little Caesar's Pizza for six years. His territory includes ten Sunbelt states and Puerto Rico. He also provides corporate real estate services through Erik Hanner & Associates for clients who require specialized site selection. He and his wife, Patricia, recently celebrated their twenty-sixth wedding anniversary. They've lived in Dallas since 1978 and have two granddaughters and a grandson. He says he'd like to hear from classmates who are in the area.

**Arthur L. Smith**, E'61, is employed by Pacific Architects & Engineers in Washington, D. C. He is now the project manager for Landstuhl Regional Army Medical Center in Landstuhl, Germany.

**Daniel J. Burchstead Jr.**, BA'62, is owner of York Sheet Metal and Winter Welding and Machine Company, both in York, Pennsylvania. He and his wife, Marie, live in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

**Jack A. Frisch**, LA'62, of Boynton Beach, Florida, is chairman of the board of governors of Florida Metropolitan University in Orlando. He was awarded an honorary doctor of business administration degree at the university's 1996 commencement.

**Clinton A. Booth**, E'63, of Centreville, Virginia, retired from the Army in 1990 and is a senior financial adviser in Alexandria. He and his wife, Carol, recently celebrated their thirty-fifth anniversary. They have three grandchildren.

**Normand A. Dube**, E'63, of Fairfield, Connecticut, fully retired in October. "Plan to do some volunteer work, lower my golf handicap, and travel. Why leave it all to the kids?" he writes.

**Richard W. Wheeler**, E'63, became a training group head last fall in the emulsion-coating technology unit of Eastman Kodak Company in Rochester, New York. He has been employed by Kodak for thirty-four years.

**Thomas H. Asselin**, E'64, of Atlanta, Georgia, is head of the construction and environmental law department at Peterson, Dillard, Young, Asselin & Powell, which has a national practice in the field of construction law.

**M. Barbara Schulze**, MEd'64, has retired after forty-six years with the Forsyth School for Dental Hygienists to a "more leisurely life in Mason, New Hampshire." Schulze is well-known to many Northeastern administrators, having served as a liaison between Forsyth and the university since the academic affiliation began in 1963.

**Virginia Close Bacon**, LA'65, of Portola Valley, California, would like to hear from friends. Her e-mail address is <vcbacon@ix.netcom.com>.

**Steven F. Clifford**, E'65, director of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Environmental Technology Laboratory in Boulder, Colorado, has been elected to the National Academy of Engineering, the highest professional distinction accorded an engineer. Clifford has published many papers in atmospheric optics, acoustics, and electromagnetism, with more than 120 titles to his credit. Five of his publications won the NOAA Outstanding Paper Award.

**Judith (Rosenthal) Feldman**, LA'65, of Canton, Massachusetts, is co-owner of Aerobic Patterns, a Needham-based dance and exercise company.

**Richard A. Giberti**, E'65, PHD'70, of Fairfield, Connecticut, is director of business development for Artisan Industries in Waltham, Massachusetts.

**George S. Katsarakes**, E'65, has been named executive vice president of Eagle Electric Manufacturing, a technological and market leader in wiring devices. He is a member of the newly created office of the president and is responsible for the company's manufacturing activities. He served previously as the company's vice president for operations.

**Bill Murphy**, BA'65, MBA'69, and Bob Baskin, a Northeastern engineering student in the '60s, have started an Internet company, IREN (Independent Real Estate Network). After thirty-four years of separation, the pair reunited last November at the Nu Epsilon Zeta seventy-fifth anniversary celebration. The company's Web address is <<http://www.irenet.com>> and the service is free to N.U. alumni.

**Elaine Brown**, LA'66, MS'72, of Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts, is a medical technologist at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston.

**Phillip M. Scanlan**, E'66, ME'74, of Basking Ridge, New Jersey, was married to Jane Redfern on January 1. She is a graduate of Tufts University and is a trustee of the school.

**Joel Barry Chase**, E'67, is senior project manager for the west parking garage at Logan International Airport in Boston.

**Robert E. Rubinstein**, MA'67, of Eugene, Oregon, is the originator and director of the Multi-Cultural Storytelling Festival, which received an award for "effective community work in the pursuit of justice" from Clergy and Laity Concerned. "This past October, I presented storytelling and teaching workshops and performed at Western Montana College in Dillon," he writes. "The people were very nice and the workshops over three days were a great success." Rubinstein is the author of *Hints for Teaching Success in Middle School*, published by Teacher Ideas Press in Colorado.

**Miguel C. Delapena**, UC'68, UC'70, writes, "After assignment to Hong Kong, Peru, Venezuela, Nicaragua, and Mexico, I plan to retire from the Foreign Service and return to Lincoln, Massachusetts. Beginning in August, I will teach and direct Enter International Markets, a consulting firm focusing on Asia and Latin America."

**Eileen Goldstein Eisner**, MEd'68, is the director of Theragraphics, a company that merges therapy with decor to assist individuals with Alzheimer's.

**George A. Lopez-Cepero**, E'68, ME'74, of Phoenix, Arizona, recently celebrated his nineteenth year at

the Arizona Department of Transportation, where he is a senior project manager responsible for team training and furthering the implementation of project management.

**James H. McGuinness Jr.**, BA'68, of West Newton, Massachusetts, was sworn in by Governor William Weld in October as a justice of the Natick division of the Massachusetts Trial Court.

**George L. Richman Jr.**, BA'68, was assigned by McDonnell Douglas as a supplier management consultant for the company's joint venture with Shanghai Aviation Industrial Corporation to build MD-90 passenger aircraft in Shanghai. He lives in Long Beach, California.

**Rose Marie (McDonnell) Salah**, LA'68, MPH'78, of Dedham, Massachusetts, is a coagulation marketing specialist for Instrumentation Laboratory. She does volunteer work for the Junior League of Boston.

**Arnold J. Canada**, BA'69, retired as a colonel from the Army at Fort Benning, Georgia, and is now an instructional designer and consultant for Synouus Financial. He and his family live in Columbus, Georgia.

**Carol Jean (Hunnicut) Flemming**, LA'69, of Phoenix, Arizona, received a bachelor's degree in biology from Northern Arizona University in August. She is a microvirologist at St. Joseph's Hospital.

**Ronald N. Millen**, E'69, of Baltimore, Maryland, is executive director of Chizuk Amlino Congregation in Baltimore.

**Richard A. Rosenberg**, E'69, is the new senior vice president for financial administrative services and a member of the management committee of Exxon Company USA.

**Gil Thibeau**, LC'69, UC'73, is team manager of the technical response group at National Semiconductor in Arlington, Texas.

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## 1970s

**Marlene S. Friedman**, ME'd'70, of Wayne, New Jersey, is a counselor with the Patterson, New Jersey, school system. She has two children, Garrett and Brooke, both in their twenties.

**Jeff Klein**, E'70, owns the Closet Specialist, which has offices in Savannah, Georgia, and Hilton Head Island, South Carolina. The Closet Specialist was named the 1996 Small Business of the Year by the Small Business Chamber of Savannah. The company designs and builds storage areas for residential, commercial, and institutional structures. Klein and his wife, Ann, have lived in Savannah since 1980.

**Nancy (Young) Kramer**, UC'70, of Hull, Massachusetts, is a gift shop manager/buyer for Carousel Station Gift Shop in Hull.

**Ralph W. LeGrow**, LA'70, and **Maryanne Roy LeGrow**, MA'73, live in Willington, Connecticut, with their three children. Ralph, a colonel in the Army, recently assumed command of headquarters, First ROTC BDE, at Fort Devens, Massachusetts. Maryanne is a doctoral candidate and graduate assistant in the department of education at the University of Connecticut.

**Carol (Roop) Nicoll**, LA'70, of Billerica, Massachusetts, is a generalist with Chelmsford Pediatrics.

**Bill O'Shea**, ME'70, is president for international regions and professional services for Lucent Industries. He is responsible for business development, revenue growth, and profitability in the Asia/Pacific and China, Caribbean and Latin America, and Europe, Middle East, and Africa regions.

**Kenneth J. DeLisa**, BA'71, is the development director at the Institute of Living, Hartford Hospital's mental health network. He lives in Wethersfield, Connecticut, with his wife, Christine, and their three children. DeLisa is an executive committee member of the Hartford Downtown Council and a member of the board of governors of the Hartford Club, the board of directors of the Wethersfield Visiting Nurses Association, and the Wethersfield Development Commission.

**Paul M. Lafkowitz**, PAH'71, of Scotch Plains, New Jersey, recently celebrated twenty-five years of marriage to his wife, Linda. They have three children, Marla, a junior at Hofstra University, Ian, a freshman at the University of Michigan, and Shawn, a high school freshman.

**Mary Ann Tricario**, LA'71, of Waban, Massachusetts, is the new director of the Emmanuel College library.

**Vincent Vitto**, MS'71, has been elected president and chief executive officer of the Charles Stark Draper Laboratory, an independent, not-for-profit laboratory engaged in applied research, engineering development, education, and technology transfer. Currently an assistant director of the MIT Lincoln Laboratory, he will assume his new post July 1.

**Judith Achorn Crater**, N'72, of Beverly, Massachusetts, received a bachelor of science degree from Endicott College last year. She is currently enrolled in a master's program at Springfield College's School of Human Services.

**Norm Judd**, BA'72, lives in Ascot, Berkshire, England, with his wife, Laurie, and son, Brian. They moved abroad when Judd was promoted to vice president of finance and MIS of Black & Decker's European Power Tools Group.

**Nancy A. Levy**, ME'd'72, of Sherborn, Massachusetts, is owner of the Sherborn-based Coaching Collaborative, a consulting business that helps clients manage their professional and personal lives, and head of the New England chapter of the International Coach Federation. She was featured in a December

1996 Boston Globe article.

**Dean G. Marcaurelle**, BB'72, says he's trying to locate classmate Barbara (Bruneau) Pike. His address is 1003 Lycoming Lane, Altoona, PA 16602.

**James H. Reeves**, LA'72, PHD'81, of Wilmington, North Carolina, is the lead author of ActivChemistry, a CD-ROM developed for Benjamin Cummings Publishing, a division of Addison Wesley Longman.

**Joanne E. Burrill**, BB'73, of South Hampton, New Hampshire, is a physical therapist for Mariner Health in Amesbury, Massachusetts. She says her hobbies are gardening and continuing education.

**Thomas F. Cruise**, CJ'73, of Whitman, Massachusetts, is a special agent with the Secret Service's Boston field office. His latest assignment was to South Africa with Vice President Al Gore. Cruise is married and has three children.

**Robert Kenny**, L'73, is an attorney specializing in tax audit defense, business formation, and estate planning in Lawrenceville, New Jersey. In January, he filed a suit in New Jersey challenging the state's hiring of what he calls "tax bounty hunters"-private-party audit, assessment, and collection agents who get paid a percentage of what they say a taxpayer owes. "It's a little like the police pocketing a percentage of the ticket revenue," he says. Kenny is a certified public accountant in New York and a member of the Massachusetts, Illinois, Michigan, and New Jersey bars, the United States Tax Court, and the federal district court for the northern district of Illinois.

**John E. Siipola**, UC'73, UC'76, recently moved from New Hampshire to Las Vegas, Nevada, to become president and chief executive officer of Las Vegas Golf and Tennis, a retail chain of fifty stores.

**Mark Vogel**, L'73, of Glenview, Illinois, is deputy chief of the organized crime section of the U.S. attorney's office for the northern district of Illinois. He also is the director of security for that office.

**Joseph N. Delgado**, Ed'74, MEd'79, is director of organizational diversity and affirmative action at the Boston Water and Sewer Commission. He was elected to the board of directors of the New England Minority Purchasing Council in February. Delgado, who lives in Jamaica Plain in Boston, is also active in the Boys and Girls Club of Roxbury and the Shelburne Recreation Center, where he tutors and counsels youth.

**Joel M. Fridovich**, AS'74, of New Rochelle, New York, earned a master's in social work from New York University in 1976 and a post-master's certificate in educational administration from the State University of New York at New Paltz last year. He is an administrator of an alternative high school and is married with three children.

**Mary (Wolkovich) Keville**, PAH'74, of Harvard, Massachusetts, is director of quality assurance at Coral Therapeutics.

**Richard LeBrun-Baker**, UC'74, graduated from the Massachusetts School of Law in Andover in May 1996 and has opened a law office in Lynnfield with his wife, Elisabeth. The firm concentrates in employment law.

**Glen R. Palmer**, E'74, is president of Palmer Group International, a business development and marketing consulting company with clients in environmental and power-generation industries. He lives in Hixson, Tennessee, with his wife and two children.

**Rosanna F. Demarco**, N'75, of Quincy, Massachusetts, earned a Ph.D. from Wayne State University in Detroit and is an assistant professor of nursing at Northeastern.

**Hazel (Howes) Lathrop**, UC'75, of Pembroke, Massachusetts, is a staff technician at Children's Hospital

in Boston. In anticipation of changing careers, she enrolled in a master's program in historical archaeology at UMassBoston.

**Elliott W. Worcester Jr.**, UC'75, is a lieutenant colonel in the Navy. He recently graduated from the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island.

**Douglas A. Catalano**, UC'76, UC'78, is president and chief operating officer of Peritus Software Services in Billerica, Massachusetts. He and his wife, Judith, and two daughters live in Cohasset.

**Lynn Miller Doyle**, BA'76, married Anthony Doyle in June 1995. They were expecting their first child in April. "I still have my own CPA practice, so the timing of the arrival of the baby was not planned," she comments.

**G. William Dunderdale**, UC'76, of Marshfield, Massachusetts, is director of security for Cablevision of Boston.

**Kate Clark Flora**, L'76, of Concord, Massachusetts, published *Death at the Wheel* in November. It's the third book in her Thea Kozak mystery series.

**R. Stephen Grumbach**, LA'76, of Poway, California, has left IBM in Maryland after fourteen years and is now corporate vice president, director of corporate procurement at Science Applications International in San Diego, California. "I am also continuing to establish, recruit, and employ co-op students from leading business schools around the country," he notes.

**James G. Kennedy**, BA'76, is director of the auditing and accounting group at Parent, McLaughlin & Nagle, an accounting and business consulting firm in Boston. He recently earned designation as a certified valuation analyst, an accreditation for certified public accountants who are qualified to provide business valuation services.

**Terri Orr**, MEd'76, of Waltham, Massachusetts, is assistant dean and director of admissions and financial aid at Harvard Medical School. "Greetings to professor Tom Harrington and the members of his 197576 college counseling practicum seminar group," she says. "Are any of you still sipping from your pottery wine goblet, made especially for each of the seven of us by our classmate?"

**David Solomon**, BPH'76, wrote and published *How to Win the Mortgage War: No Mortgage, No Debt in As Little As Two Years*. "The book is based on my experience of paying off the mortgage on my first house in only six years, and buying my second house for \$289,000 and paying off the mortgage in just two years," he says. His e-mail is <sirromds@tiac.net>.

**Thomas Cavanaugh**, PAH'77, MBA'86, is president of Acorn Environmental. He and his wife, Sandra, and three children live in Milton, Massachusetts.

**Lilyan Cuttler**, MEd'77, of Boston, is vice president of the investment sales group at the Codman Company, a diversified real estate company in Boston.

**Joyce A. Davies-Syvertsen**, Ed'77, says she is "happily married, two children, working for Brick Township (New Jersey) Schools, soon to bring computer technology into speech/languages services."

**Pamela Dembski-Hart**, PAH'77, is a health and safety consultant for Medsafe in Wayland, Massachusetts.

**Wayne H. Desberg**, LC'77, is plant manager for Owens Corning's insulation plant in Vise, Belgium.

**Maura Sweeney Doyle**, CJ'77, is clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court for Suffolk County in Massachusetts. She is the first woman to be appointed clerk in the court's 143-year history. Before joining

the SJC clerk's office in 1992 as an assistant clerk, she was a civil litigation attorney in private practice for eleven years and was an adjunct faculty member at Suffolk University Law School. She and her husband, Frank, live in Dorchester with their three children, Frank Jr., Jacqueline, and Matthew.

**Janet Greene**, N'77, of Salem, Massachusetts, is a staff nurse in the emergency unit at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. She is married and has two children.

**David L. Grey**, LA'77, of Wenham, Massachusetts, is president of Ipswich Savings Bank. He and his wife, Janet, have two daughters, Lindsay and Hannah.

**Karen J. O'Donnell**, LA'77, of Waltham, Massachusetts, is president of Volunteers and Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands.

**Donald E. Schwarz**, BA'77, is president and chief executive officer of Jewish Memorial Hospital and Rehabilitation Center in Boston. He began his career at Jewish Memorial twenty-two years ago as a Northeastern co-op student. Starting in the admissions office, he also worked as a utilization review coordinator, assistant administrator, and chief operating officer. He had been serving as the hospital's acting president.

**Sharon Wulf**, MBA'77, is president of Enterprise Systems in Framingham, Massachusetts. She wrote *Building Performance Values: A New Tool for Setting Goals and Planning Action in Groups*.

**Carl A. Borgioli**, UC'78, UC'80, of Revere, Massachusetts, is a detective sergeant in the Revere Police Department. He notes that he receives an additional twenty percent pay for having a bachelor's degree.

**Craig D. Forsyth**, MA'78, of Lexington, Massachusetts, notes his seventeen-year-old son, Brandon, placed eighth with his partner, Kerrie O'Donnell, in the ice dance competition at the World Junior Figure Skating Championships in Seoul, South Korea, in November.

**Laurel A. Gay**, PAH'78, of Hebron, Connecticut, reports that her husband, Bruce, is a television meteorologist on Channel 3 in Hartford, and that sons Brenden and David "are very interested in nature and marine sciences."

**Joanne (Lynch) Hood**, LA'78, GB'90, has moved to Flagstaff, Arizona, where she is assistant dean of the College of Engineering and Technology at Northern Arizona University.

**Steven Levine**, E'78, a certified kitchen and bathroom designer, won two awards in the National Kitchen & Bath Association's 1997 design competition.

**Carol (Lane) Shum**, PAH'78, of Lexington, Massachusetts, is an audit team leader for the U.S. Department of Labor.

**David H. Weil**, LA'78, of Del Mar, California, is curator of the Computer Museum of America at Coleman College in La Mesa. The Web address is <<http://www.computer-museum.org>>. His wife, **Faye Detsky-Weil**, LA'77, is a training database manager at Science Applications International Corporation. "Sons Benjamin, eleven, and Jonathan, eight, are growing like weeds in the California sun," they write.

**Mary Jane (Hsu) Yue**, MPH'78, of Edina, Minnesota, is a teaching specialist in hematology and laboratory medicine at the University of Minnesota.

**Barbara J. Lynch**, BB'79, MEd'91, of Medway, Massachusetts, teaches health to sophomores and seniors at Canton High School. "My family keeps me busy chasing the two cats and one dog, along with cross-country skiing and hiking," she comments.

**Michael J. O'Neill**, BA'79, recently moved from Massachusetts to Huntsville, Alabama, where he is the

controller for MEADS, a joint venture undertaken by Raytheon, Hughes Aircraft, Alenia, Siemens, and LFK.

**Brian Panarese**, BB'79, of Wakefield, Massachusetts, runs Body Elite, a professional fitness training company in Wakefield. "I have trained many local celebs, like Bill Costa of Kiss 108-FM," he says. "I recently trained Bill for a boxing match that was broadcast on the radio. In 1995 I traveled with two of the American Gladiators for a fitness show. We did two shows, one in Boston and one in California. I also do lectures on exercise and nutrition. I married in 1985 and have three children. I hope that a few of the lost tribe read this and contact me."

**William W. Sandow**, BA'79, of Shark River Hills, New Jersey, reports the birth of his daughter, Cassy Elizabeth, in March 1996. He is sales manager for New Jersey Title Insurance.

**Dror Seri**, E'79, ME'89, of Needham, Massachusetts, is the U.S. director of sales and marketing for Audiocodes Limited, which has offices in Massachusetts and California.

**Denise (Lynch) Vespa**, PAH'79, of East Bridgewater, Massachusetts, is a medical lab technician at South Shore Hospital in Weymouth.

**Rhodes T. Williams III**, BB'79, MEd'81, of Moreno Valley, California, was promoted last July from dean of students to assistant principal at Canyon Springs High School in Moreno Valley. He has worked in the school district since 1981.

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## 1980s

**Richard D. Arvedon**, L'80, of Mobile, Alabama, was expecting a new baby at the end of April.

**Anne (Robinson) Bena**, BB'80, is a physical therapist at Ellis Hospital in Schenectady, New York. She and her husband, Tom, live in Ballston Lake, New York, with their children, Emily and Trevor.

**David S. Boulanger**, MBA'80, of Andover, Massachusetts, is a management consultant for Price Waterhouse in Boston.

**Avis Bullard**, PAH'80, of Rochester, New York, is a method development chemist with Eastman Kodak. He earned a master's degree in clinical chemistry at Rochester Institute of Technology and is a mentor for 21st Century Learning Challenge in the Rochester City School District. He says his hobby is motorcycling.

**Nancy Dusek-Gomez**, L'80, lives in Springfield, Massachusetts. She was appointed presiding justice of the Ware District Court in October, after serving ten years as associate justice of the Springfield District Court.

**Steven J. Elliott**, BA'80, joined with Michael A. Alves to form a partnership, Alves & Elliott, at 151 Pearl Street in Boston. Elliott received certification as a tax specialist and a master of science in taxation degree with distinction from Bentley College in 1992. He went on to receive an advanced professional certificate in taxation from Bentley in 1995 and is currently enrolled in Bentley's personal financial planning program. He has been a seminar panel presenter for the Massachusetts Society of Certified Public Accountants and for Bentley's Division of Continuing and Professional Education. He and his wife, Mary, and children, Ellen and John, live in Westwood, Massachusetts.

**Mitch Gesner**, L'80, lives in Forestville, Sonoma County, California, with his wife, Diane, and daughter, Nalani. The couple are expecting a second child in June. Gesner, an attorney and family mediator, has his own practice in Santa Rosa called Children's Law & Mediation Center. He produces and hosts a talk radio show, Taking Care of Our Children, in which children and adults discuss a diverse range of issues and programs affecting young people.

**Glenn Irvine**, E'80, completed a tour as commanding officer of Mine Countermeasures Rotational Crew BRAVO, where he was captain of the USS Patriot of Sasebo, Japan, and of the USS Champion and USS Pioneer of Ingleside, Texas. He received his second Meritorious Service Medal for his performance during the tour. He's now an operations and plans officer of the U.S. South Atlantic Force in Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico.

**Dorayne Passler**, MPH'80, of Salem, New Hampshire, is a senior clinical research associate responsible for clinical trials at Medisense.

**Lisa Flaherty Shaw**, N'80, says she "is enjoying raising twin sons Owen and Douglas and daughter Madeline." She is still coordinating the cystic fibrosis clinic part-time at Valley Children's Hospital in Fresno, California.

**Ron Stover**, E'80, "is the proud father of a little baby girl," Emily Fabrizio, born on July 4. He works as a global marketing manager with Union Camp's chemical products division and lives in Greenwich, Connecticut. He can be reached by e-mail at <Ron\_Stover@ucamp.com>.

**Paul Tormey**, BA'80, is the manager of the Sheraton New Orleans Hotel. A former N.U. football player and president of Phi Gamma Pi fraternity, Tormey has worked for Sheraton for seventeen years, most recently as general manager of the Sheraton Stamford Hotel in Connecticut.

**Ernest E. Washington Jr.**, AS'80, of Mattapan, Massachusetts, writes, "A special tribute to N.U. affirmative action dean and director Ellen Jackson. Congratulations on her retirement."

**Shannon (Meloan) Balletto**, UC'81, is an assistant clinical administrator at Tufts University's School of Dental Medicine in Boston. Her husband, Bob, is chief executive officer of Georgetown Savings Bank. The couple live in Groveland, Massachusetts, with their children, Erica, Katie, Taylor, and Jordan.

**Rick Carey**, CJ'81, makes a business of destroying things. He recently founded Datasafe Shredding, which provides shredding services to companies and medical facilities in eastern New England. Based in Hanover, Massachusetts, the company makes use of a custom-built 33,000-pound Mack truck with a built-in shredding machine.

**Michael Chmura**, AS'81, and Susan Sutherland, UC'93, celebrated the birth of Evan Mitchell Chmura in October. The family lives in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

**Catherine (Babel) Collins**, PAH'81, of Norwood, Massachusetts, is a manager in the microbiology unit at Norwood Hospital.

**Alicia Donovan Fergus**, BB'81, has moved to Lansdale, Pennsylvania, with her husband, Mike, and four children. "I would love to hear from any of my classmates from the physical therapy class of '81," she writes.

**Sharon Gates**, N'81, of Brookline, Massachusetts, is a nurse practitioner in the musculoskeletal medicine unit at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston.

**Shawn F. S. McCormick**, AS'81, has opened his own law firm in Boston.

**John F. McNamara**, E'81, is senior vice president of Modern Continental Construction in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and chairman of the board of the Construction Industries of Massachusetts. He and his wife, Cathy, live in Scituate with their four children.

**Thomas M. Sommer**, E'81, of Groton, Massachusetts, has started an electrical engineering consulting firm, H. W. Engineering.

**Andrea (Pimental) Ashburn**, BB'82, and **John Ashburn**, E'88, of Norton, Massachusetts, welcomed a son, Dylan James, in November. Andrea is an engineering manager at NYNEX in Worcester and John is a field engineer at Point to Point Network Services in Methuen.

**Ronald J. Conti**, E'82, of Burlington, Massachusetts, writes, "Reading N.U. Magazine really keeps me informed about life at the campus. It always has such interesting stories."

**John T. Devlin**, AS'82, is a senior project manager at Xyvision of Wakefield, Massachusetts. He manages sites in the United States, Australia, Europe, and Brazil.

**Robin (Jenkins) Furze**, BB'82, of Fall River, Massachusetts, was married in 1994. She owns and operates an antique business in Bristol, Rhode Island.

**Mary Helen Gillespie**, AS'82, has been named vice president/executive editor of the Boston Herald's new media subsidiary. She was formerly the paper's business editor. Her e-mail address is <mhgillespie@jobfind.com>.

**Stephen Klein**, L'82, is chief fiscal officer of the Vermont legislature. "My family, Priscilla Fox, Elana, Jonathan, and I live in Montpelier, Vermont," he writes.

**Joseph A. Korostynski**, UC'82, of Knightdale, North Carolina, is controller of Fuji Cone, a division of

International Jensen.

**Hollington Lee**, AS'82, of Medford, Massachusetts, teaches science at Cambridge Rindge and Latin High School. "This is my third year and it is the most challenging job I've ever had," he says. He can be reached by e-mail at <hlscience@aol.com>.

**Kathryn (Fratello) Leva**, PAH'82, of Arlington, Massachusetts, works in blood transfusion services at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston.

**Carol Z. Matson**, N'82, MN'92, of Acton, Massachusetts, says she and her husband, Mark, "were blessed with the birth of a son in June."

**Cynthia (Friedman) Mellman**, PAH'82, of Tampa, Florida, received an MBA from George Washington University and is a marketing coordinator for Microsystems Technology. She and her husband, Mark, have a son, Aaron, born in September.

**Cynthia (Martinelli) Sambol**, BA'82, is living in central New Jersey with her husband, Eric, and two daughters, Drew and Brooke. Old friends can reach her by e-mail at <cynsam@aol.com>.

**James F. Stewart**, CJ'82, moved from Chicago to Kennebunk, Maine, after being transferred to the U.S. Customs Office of Investigations in Portland. He has a son, Sean Patrick, born on July 4, and has another child due this month.

**Richard D. Borruso**, MS'83, married Carolyn R. McCarty on February 6 in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands. They have four children, Cheri, Chris, Kyle, and Kathryn, and live in Holland, Ohio. Rick has been chief executive officer of Hospital Pharmacy Consultants since April 1991. His e-mail address is <m3000gtvr4@aol.com>.

**Michael A. Clifford**, E'83, of Roslindale, Massachusetts, works for the Atlantis Group in Newtonville. He has three-year-old twin sons.

**Beth Hassett-Sipple**, PAH'83, lives in Raleigh, North Carolina, with her husband, Steve Sipple, and their four children, Andrew, Kate, Jacob, and Ben. After working on air quality issues with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for eleven years, Beth resigned two years ago to stay home full-time with her family. She can be reached by e-mail at <sippleclan@aol.com>.

**Bruce Haywood**, E'83, of Morris Plains, New Jersey, says, "Hello to Howard, Heidi, Doug, Jeff, Andy, Pete, Ron, Jerry, and Leslie. Wishing you peace and happiness."

**Michael H. Krupa**, BA'83, of New York City, is a vice president in the real estate group at Salomon Brothers. He is involved in the structuring and distribution of real estate debt and equity securities.

**Mary Shiel L'Esperance**, BB'83, lives in Burrillville, Rhode Island, with her husband, Bob, and two sons, Daniel and Timothy. She is a physical therapist at Northern Rhode Island Collaborative, where she works with severely handicapped children.

**Lisa Strempek Pierce**, AS'83, is a trial attorney for Maryland Casualty Insurance in Boston. She married Daniel Pierce in 1993. Their daughter, K. C., was born in July. The family lives in Amesbury, Massachusetts.

**Jeff Spalter**, BA'83, is a supply, refining, and marketing financial coordinator at Exxon Company USA. He and his wife, Joanie, and sons, Ben and Dan, live in Kingwood, Texas.

**Karen A. Bilski**, PAH'84, of Taunton, Massachusetts, is coordinator of the blood bank donor room at New England Baptist Hospital in Boston.

**Lisa Metrano Cashman**, PAH'84, of Stoughton, Massachusetts, and her husband, Kevin, report they are renovating their 250-year-old antique cape house. They have a son, Kiel. Cashman has a master's degree in public health from Boston University and is the manager of lab installations at Meditech.

**Linda (Howard) Farnham**, PAH'84, of Medford, Massachusetts, writes that she received a kidney from her brother, David, in August 1994. "I am happy to say it was a successful transplant," she comments.

**Dale Keegan**, CJ'84, is a state trooper in Maine. He has been with the force for eleven years and is now a detective, specializing in polygraphs. "Hello to the class of '84. E-mail me sometime," he says.

**Susan (Boudrow) Lemire**, PAH'84, of Manchester, New Hampshire, is a senior technologist in the hematology lab at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston.

**David G. Marchione**, UC'84, of Woburn, Massachusetts, received a master's degree in health professions with a concentration in health-care administration in June.

**Stephen D. Rufo**, CJ'84, of Valley Park, Missouri, retired as a major from the Army after twenty-nine years of service. He was a member of a Navy underwater demolition team and an elite SEAL team.

**Annette Valles Sukkar**, PAH'84, of Wakefield, Massachusetts, is a senior technician at Melrose-Wakefield Hospital. She and her husband, **Nabil S. Sukkar**, E'82, E'84, have two children, Anissa and Amaritta.

**George Bishop**, E'85, was elected a selectman in the town of Dalton, Massachusetts.

**Mehrzad Boroujerdi**, MA'85, has been a professor in the political science department at Syracuse University since 1992. He is the author of *Iranian Intellectuals and the West: The Tormented Triumph of Nativism*, published by Syracuse University Press in 1996. He can be reached via the Web at <http://web.syr.edu/~mborouje/> or by e-mail at [mboroujerdi@maxwell.syr.edu](mailto:mboroujerdi@maxwell.syr.edu).

**Caroline A. Costello**, N'85, is assistant nurse manager of a pediatric hematology/oncology unit at Duke University Medical Center. She lives in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, with her husband, Rob Cataldo, and daughter, Brianna.

**Mia C. Mahedy**, E'85, writes, "Recently married a native Oregonian and, as a bonus, a two-and-a-half-year-old baby girl-a package deal. Also restoring an 1896 Victorian house in Portland."

**Christine Reagle Mellon**, AS'85, of Niagara Falls, New York, works for the Buffalo News reporting police news in Niagara Falls. She does volunteer work with Meals on Wheels and Catholic Charities Breast Feeding Peer Support. She and her husband, Robert, have two daughters, Samantha and Alannah. "I would love to hear from long-lost Northeastern friends and professors," she says. Her e-mail address is [rkm@acsu.buffalo.edu](mailto:rkm@acsu.buffalo.edu).

**Michael S. Milone**, E'85, and his wife, Maria, celebrated the birth of their first child, Christopher, in November. They live in Bedford, Massachusetts.

**Debra (Berman) Richards**, PAH'85, of Brockton, Massachusetts, is a blood bank supervisor at Brockton Hospital.

**Ken Simons**, BHD'85, of Sanford, Maine, earned a master's in physical therapy last September from the MGH Institute of Health Professions. He presented a paper, "Validity of Measuring Lumbar Flexion with an Inclinometer," at the 1997 American Physical Therapy Association combined sections meeting in Dallas, Texas.

**Yousef M. Alsufiani**, SET'86, and his wife, Mervat M. Khayat, became first-time parents with the birth

of Mahmoud in September. They live in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

**David P. Clay**, E'86, of Portland, Maine, is a registered professional engineer in Maine and is manager of Maine Controls in Portland.

**Walter Eykel**, CS'86, and his wife, Kellie, had a son, Sean Donovan, on January 17. His older brother is Evan Patrick. The family lives in Norton, Massachusetts.

**Nicholas G. Gasse**y, LC'86, of Woonsocket, Rhode Island, is a senior systems engineer for Motorola in Marlborough, Massachusetts.

**Jerry Healey** and **Ronda (Kuznitz) Healey**, both BA'86, celebrated their tenth anniversary in September. They live with their two sons, Brien and Colin, in Merrimack, New Hampshire. Jerry is a police officer and Ronda was on leave from teaching with a third child expected in April.

**Philip C. Reidy**, E'86, is married to **Jane B. Collinson**, AS'82. They live in Westwood, Massachusetts.

**Mary (Petrillo) Salvucci**, PAH'86, of North Easton, Massachusetts, is a medical technologist in the hematology lab at Quincy Hospital.

**Matthew H. DeFeo**, BA'87, of Millersville, Maryland, has a son, Patrick. A second child was due in April.

**Leonard J. Denenberg**, BA'87, of Rockland, Massachusetts, is vice president for finance and development at Care Matrix Corporation in Needham. He and his wife, Christina, have a son, Jacob, and a daughter, Katherine.

**Wendy L. Gerdes**, BA'87, lives on a sailboat in Seattle and is getting married in August. She works at Immunex Corporation as a telecommunications administrator.

**Karen Connors Haberbosch**, BB'87, writes, "Some of us from physical therapy '87 are planning a reunion in February 1998. Please send your current address to me at 2202 Taylor Drive, Center Valley, PA 18034, even if you don't know if you'll be able to attend."

**Janet M. Halloran**, UC'87, of Arlington, Massachusetts, is president-elect of the Boston chapter of the Women's Council of Realtors. She is a realtor with RE/MAX Premier Properties in Lexington and can be reached by e-mail at <jhall@juno.com>.

**Veronica Hobbs**, CJ'87, graduated from Boalt Hall School of Law at the University of California at Berkeley in 1990. She lives in Ohio and was recently promoted to senior attorney at Advocates for Basic Legal Equality. "I work mainly with victims of domestic violence," she writes. "I am also vice president of one of our county bar associations. I would love to hear from former classmates and would like to know if we are going to have a ten-year class reunion this year."

**Phil J. Minard**, BA'87, is a commercial delegate based in Lyon, France, with The Commercial Service, United States Commercial Delegation.

**Stephen A. Monks**, CJ'87, of San Antonio, Texas, was promoted to senior special agent for the U.S. Customs Service.

**John R. Parsons Jr.**, BA'87, and **Karen Parsons**, BA'88, live in Southborough, Massachusetts, with sons Jeffrey, Kyle, and Ryan.

**John J. Riccardi**, PAH'87, of Tampa, Florida, is vice president of pharmacy services for MP Totalcare Pharmacy.

**Rita L. (Mikaelian) Seraderian**, ME'87, was recently married.

**Gregory Sobel**, L'87, of Sudbury, Massachusetts, has returned to private practice after serving as environmental mediation program director for the Massachusetts Office of Dispute Resolution. He has recovered from last year's serious auto accident.

**Michael S. Cahill Jr.**, BA'88, of Bridgewater, Massachusetts, says July was a memorable month. He and his wife, Michelle, had a daughter, Caitlin Marie, and Michael passed the bar exam.

**Robert Caputo**, MBA'88, of Canton, Massachusetts, has been promoted to vice president of investment and trust marketing at Citizens Bank in Providence, Rhode Island.

**John F. Capuzzo Jr.**, BA'88, is chief accountant with ITT. He and his wife, Mary Ellen, welcomed a daughter, Jenna Mary, October 19. They moved last August to a new house in Pembroke, Massachusetts.

**Michael L. Cormack**, E'88, is a materials engineer at Intel in Hillsboro, Oregon.

**Andrew W. Fink**, UC'88, of Plymouth, Massachusetts, is a principal in the accounting firm O'Connor & Drew.

**Carmine Fresa**, PAH'88, of Guilford, Connecticut, is supervisor of the state lab at Corning Clinical Laboratory.

**Lorraine M. Hickey**, BHD'88, of Knoxville, Tennessee, married Bob Hill on July 14, 1990. They had their first child, Abigail Lorraine, on January 17. Hickey is a senior physical therapist, specializing in burn and wound care, at the University of Tennessee Medical Center.

**John McAdam Mott**, L'88, married Cristina Marciano of San Francisco in July 1995. They live in Washington, D.C. "I left the D.C. public defender service after seven years for work at the U.S. Department of Justice, civil rights division, criminal section, where I investigate and try police brutality and hate crime cases," he writes.

**Irene M. Palmigiano**, UC'88, is starting her eighth year in business as owner of I Copy, a full-service reprographics company, in Wellesley Hills, Massachusetts.

**David Pruyn**, CS'88, and his wife, Susan, have a daughter, Emily Christine, born on November 19. He is a systems engineer at Sun Microsystems in the Boston area sales office.

**Scot R. Rittenberg**, CJ'88, was recently promoted to the position of senior special agent for the U.S. Customs Service. He is assigned to the office of the resident agent in charge in Washington, D.C., and lives in Fairfax, Virginia.

**Jeff Schneider**, E'88, works at Buckhead Brokers Real Estate in Atlanta, Georgia.

**William Spracklin**, PAH'88, of McHenry, Illinois, works in product quality assurance at Abbott Laboratories.

**Erik Stangeby**, CJ'88, passes along congratulations to Scott DeFoe, CJ'88, on DeFoe's promotion to detective sergeant with the Los Angeles Police Department.

**Ricky E. Bagolie**, BA'89, of Clifton, New Jersey, graduated from Rutgers University School of Law in 1993. He is an associate with Horn, Schechtman & Hirsch in Jersey City, where he concentrates in workers' compensation, personal injury, and federal railroad law.

**Michael J. Capecci**, AS'89, of Brookline, Massachusetts, writes, "Our best to the class of '89 from the

Capeccis-Michael, Jonna, Brendan, Caitlyn, and one more expected in May."

**Michael J. Harding**, BA'89, of Dallas, Texas, earned an MBA from Indiana University in May 1996. He leads brand management at EDS Internet's New Media group. His e-mail is <mharding@newmedia.eds.co>.

**John C. Henwood**, BA'89, of New York City, is a bond trader with Chase Manhattan Bank's emerging markets group. He is married and has a son.

**John H. Hill III**, BA'89, and his wife, Sandra, announce the birth of a daughter, Madeleine Pembroke, on November 18. They live in New Orleans, but will move to Willow Grove, Pennsylvania, in June.

**Kathleen (Corcoran) Karlberg**, BB'89, and her husband, Mark, welcomed a daughter, Amy Kathlyn, in September. They live in Waterford, Connecticut.

**Dennis A. Kloc**, E'89, and his wife, Kathie Shaw-Kloc, celebrated the birth of a daughter, Lindsey Adele, in December. They live in Barrington, Rhode Island.

**Laurie (Fischer) Letendre**, PAH'89, and **Dean Letendre**, BA'89, celebrated the birth of a daughter, Danielle, last October. They also have a son, Justin, age three. "Everyone is well and happy living in Shelton, Connecticut," they say.

**Anne L. Martin-Segrini**, UC'89, of Newberry, Florida, sends greetings to AnnaLee Collins.

**Sheryl L. Randazzo**, AS'89, has opened her own law office in Huntington, New York. She concentrates her practice in wills, trusts, estate and long-term care planning, guardianships, Medicaid matters, and other areas of law affecting the needs and rights of elderly individuals.

**David T. Vena**, BA'89, lives in Ramsey, New Jersey, and is employed by Bay State Computer Group, where he is a national account manager.

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**Steve Broccoli**, E'90, received a master's degree in 1994 from Syracuse University and now lives in San Jose, California. His e-mail address is <steveb@smos.com>.

**Edward Collaku**, BA'90, and his wife are expecting a child in July. They live in Deer Park, New York.

**Allison Willis Irland**, AS'90, teaches high school math for the Peace Corps in Papua, New Guinea.

**Christian W. Kasparian**, SET'90, of Denville, New Jersey, is construction manager, East Coast, of 2Way Communications Systems.

**Matt Rosenthal**, BA'90, of Piscataway, New Jersey, announces the birth of a son, Jason Todd, on February 10. Friends are invited to view pictures on the Web at <<http://members.aol.com/amyroo>>.

**Peter Soule**, BA'90, is the coordinator of the disability/waiver division of John Hancock. He was awarded the John Hancock Corporate Award, the company's highest award, for lowering his division's review/processing time from twelve weeks to two days and for automating several functions that saved the company several hundred thousand dollars. He and his wife, Annmarie, live in Beverly, Massachusetts. Soule asks, "Mark Nolin, class of '91, where are you?"

**William M. Tarkulian**, MBA'90, of Lexington, Massachusetts, is the founder and president of Andover Business Solutions, a database consulting practice.

**Brenda Wolff**, N'90, and **Ken Wolff**, CS'90, of Tewksbury, Massachusetts, welcomed a son, Connor Phillip, on December 25. He joins a brother, Ryan.

**Daniel T. Barkowitz**, UC'91, of Winthrop, Massachusetts, is director of student financial aid at Lasell College in Newton.

**Maria Carles**, PAH'91, GB'94, of Cambridge, Massachusetts, is a doctoral candidate at Northeastern.

**Kathleen A. Haggan**, BA'91, writes, "Can't believe I've been out of Boston six years!" She worked as an accountant for five years after graduation, then quit after her son, Daniel, was born on Halloween in 1995. His sister, Nicole, is four years old.

**Stephen E. Kosche**, BA'91, and his wife, Ann, bought a house in Westborough, Massachusetts.

**Mark S. McDermott**, AS'91, moved back to Boston to attend Boston College Law School after working in Washington, D.C., since graduation.

**Mouris Saghir**, MPH'91, of Everett, Massachusetts, completed a doctorate this year and works in the clinical labs at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston.

**Jeffrey Schneider**, E'91, and **Dana (Kelley) Schneider**, AS'92, have moved back to the Boston area after living several years in Seattle, Washington, and a year in Westerly, Rhode Island. Jeff is a software engineering consultant for MIT Lincoln Labs. Dana is at home raising their daughter, Kasey Meghan. Their second child is due this month. E-mail is <[schneider@usa.pipeline.com](mailto:schneider@usa.pipeline.com)>.

**Peter A. Skamarycz**, MJ'91, of Southbridge, Massachusetts, welcomed a daughter, Julia, in April 1996.

**Adham Abu Taha**, MPH'91, is on leave as a lecturer from Al-Qud University in the West Bank.

**Kim Weist**, GB'91, was married to Edwin R. Piasecki in November. They live in Cherry Hill, New Jersey.

**Jim Been**, AS'92, acknowledges that he's not "taking advantage of his tremendous N.U. degree." That's because he's a bass player and vocalist for the Boston-based band Allison Engine. The group's debut CD, *Critical Distance*, was released last fall. Their Web page address is <<http://members.aol.com/nebands/ae.html>>. E-mail at <[jbeen@pilotsw.com](mailto:jbeen@pilotsw.com)>.

**Joan Marie Collins**, MA'92, of Needham, Massachusetts, is "busy ministering to the elderly and at church service and playing grandmother to nine grandchildren."

**Justin Davey**, PAH'92, of Norwood, Massachusetts, is a sensor scientist at Chiron Diagnostics (Cibacorning). He holds two research patents—one in the United States, the other in Europe.

**Rachel Grace**, BB'92, will soon be moving to a new home in Ashland, Massachusetts, with her fiancé, Henry Finke. She is a physical therapy supervisor at the Jewish Health Care Center in Worcester.

**Dwayne S. McGraw**, MA'92, of Carmel, Indiana, is an assistant actuary at Conseco, a financial services holding company in Carmel. "Hello to all math graduate students from '9192," he writes. "E-mail me at <[dsmcgraw@compuserve.com](mailto:dsmcgraw@compuserve.com)> or <[dsmcgraw@worldnet.att.net](mailto:dsmcgraw@worldnet.att.net)>."

**George K. Osgood III** and **Barbara A. Schnitger**, both E'92, were married last October. They live in Tuckahoe, New York. Schnitger is a senior structural engineer at Bettigole Andres Clark & Killam Associates. Osgood is an engineer with Grow Tunneling (Kiewit Construction). Both work in New York City.

**Lance D. Robbins**, CJ'92, MJ'93, of Columbia, Missouri, entered the Missouri Police Academy in January. "Still chasing the dream," he notes.

**Dina M. Tenaglia**, BA'92, of Hanover, Massachusetts, is engaged to Paul R. Mastrocola of Medford, Massachusetts. An August wedding is planned. She is a graduate of Fontbonne Academy in Milton, Massachusetts, and is a marketing director for HMH, a financial investment company in Boston. He is an assistant district attorney supervisor in the Middlesex County district attorney's office in Ayer.

**Ronald R. Woodard**, MEd'92, of Norfolk, Virginia, a former cadre member with the ROTC program at Northeastern, is an assistant director of distance learning at Saint Leo College. "Best wishes to all the former and current ROTC cadets at N.U.," he writes.

**James A. Bartel Jr.**, BA'93, and his wife, Beth, are expecting their first child in July. They live in Trumbull, Connecticut.

**Michael Brodsky** and **Betsy Sheinhait**, both BA'93, are engaged and may wed in November. Brodsky is a senior accountant with KPMG Peat Marwick in Stamford, Connecticut. Sheinhait is a senior trust accountant with Putnam Investments in Braintree, Massachusetts.

**Bethany Chaney**, MBA'93, of Washington, D.C, married Edmond Miller of Durham, North Carolina, in December. She is a program officer at the Local Initiatives Support Corporation, a national nonprofit community development financial and technical assistance intermediary. She is in charge of the rural community development training programs.

**AnneKatherine Friis**, AS'93, of Manhattan Beach, California, models with Ford Models in Los Angeles. She also manages the Encounter restaurant, designed by Disney. "It's the big spaceship-like building at Los Angeles International Airport," she says. "Anyone flying through LAX is welcome to stop in and say hello."

**Stephen Giordano**, CS'93, of Rockville, Maryland, won a silver medal in the pomse competition of Tae Kwan Do at the Pan American Games in Anaheim, California, last September. Five months later, he took

first place in pomse and sparring at the Maryland state championships in Baltimore. Pomse, or forms, is the compulsory section of the competition that features a choreographed series of kicks and punches. Giordano began studying Tae Kwan Do at Northeastern as a student of Bill Polk. He is a systems analyst for Atlantis on a contract with the National Cancer Institute. His wife, Shannon Dalton Giordano, works for Delphi International on a contract with the U.S. Information Agency. "We moved to the D.C. area from Boston for my graduate studies and are hoping to make it back one of these years," Shannon writes. "Tae Kwan Do and the job market will probably keep us here for awhile, but we do tend to spend all of our vacation coming home to Massachusetts."

**Leslie (Shuler) Juhn**, BPH'93, and **Gregory Juhn**, GB'93, were married May 4, 1996. They live in Arlington, Massachusetts.

**Tim Paradiso**, E'93, works for UnderWare, a computer software company. He works on a software product called AutoAlert, which notifies e-mail users when there is useful information in a database. He says, "I still live in Boston and visit the campus regularly. The new facilities are great. I play basketball at the [Marino Center] almost every night. Beyond that, I guess it wouldn't hurt to mention that I am 'terminally single.' " His e-mail address is <tparadiso@uw.com>.

**Kathleen Randall**, MBA'93, was married in September to Christopher Santeufemio. They live in Tyngsborough, Massachusetts.

**Matthew Salmon**, BPH'93, is director of rehabilitation services at Whitney Place in Natick, Massachusetts. He and his wife, Kim, live in Hopkinton, Massachusetts.

**Laura (Alukonis) Sawyer**, BPH'93, was married in August 1995 and is enrolled in a master's program in public health in Pennsylvania.

**Michael J. Scanlon**, GB'93, has accepted a position as director of operations and events at the World Arena, a 10,000-seat multipurpose arena scheduled to open next January in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Scanlon previously held positions at the University of New Hampshire Arena and the Worcester Centrum and was employed last summer by the Olympic Organizing Committee in Atlanta, Georgia. He says he would like to hear from old friends. Write him at World Arena, 1631 Mesa Avenue, Suite C, Colorado Springs, CO 80906.

**Rosemary Calabrese**, BPH'94, and **Rich Miller**, BPH'95, are engaged and planning an April 1998 wedding. They live on Long Island, New York. Calabrese is a physical therapist at Southside Hospital in Bayshore, New York. Miller is an athletic trainer for Orlin & Cohen Orthopedics in Rockville Center, New York.

**Juliet S. Frank**, UC'94, of Orlando, Florida, had a son, Reuben Ainsley, in June.

**Ronan W. Gannon**, MBA'94, lives in Kennett Square, Pennsylvania, with his wife and three children. He is a product manager for Accolate, an asthma drug, at Zeneca Pharmaceuticals.

**Kristen McCarthy**, AS'94, is working in television production at SportsChannel New England. She says congratulations to newlywed friend Marc Moschetto, AS'94, and his wife, Kate.

**Steven P. McNeil**, BA'94, worked for two years in Atlanta, Georgia, in public accounting. After a month-long vacation to Costa Rica, Belize, and Guatemala, he moved to New York City. He now works in the health-care group at Salomon Brothers. His e-mail address is <smcneil@sbi.com>.

**Clinton M. Morgani**, CJ'94, and **Holly L. (Martin) Morgani**, BA'94, are now living in Richmond, Virginia. Clint is a loss prevention agent with Circuit City at the company's corporate headquarters. Holly is at home with the couple's two daughters, Rachel, born in June 1994, and Jacqueline Amanda, born August 20.

**Kieran L. Ramsey**, CJ'94, of Laredo, Texas, and **Heather L. Graves**, BA'96, are engaged. No date has been set for the wedding, which will take place in Ireland. Graves recently moved to Texas, where she is the marketing director for ICSI.

**Kerry Duggento Swimm**, CS'94, of Marlborough, Massachusetts, married Erik Swimm on December 7. She works at Xyplex in Littleton, Massachusetts.

**Joseph Brady**, MS'95, is a residence director in the community development services office at the College of New Jersey, formerly Trenton State College.

**Jeffrey R. Guerriero**, AS'95, of Convent Station, New Jersey, is operations manager for Colavita USA & Ferrara Food USA.

**Brian Haywood**, E'95, and **Dawn Skorbut**, AS'95, were married in September in Boston.

**Cheryl Jauch**, BPH'95, of Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts, is a lab applications consultant for Meditech.

**Scott Oliver**, UC'95, is a systems administrator at American Alarm and Communications.

**Monica R. Scalpato**, AS'95, of Richmond, Virginia, is expecting to receive a master's degree in applied mathematics this month from the University of Virginia in Charlottesville.

**Amir Siddiki**, MBA'95, writes from Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, "I came back to Saudi Arabia in October 1995. Since then I have visited Boston once, last September. I really felt at home in Boston. I wish I could move back one day." He is an assistant manager with Citibank in its corporate banking group in Jeddah.

**Denny Stein**, L'95, has moved to Baltimore, Maryland.

**Jennifer L. Talavage**, ME'95, of Cambridge, Massachusetts, is an applications engineer at Teradyne.

**Larry Beard**, MBA'96, is senior vice president and general manager of the automobile systems group at P. L. Porter in Westfield, Indiana.

**Jill A. Cheatham**, BPH'96, of Riverdale, New Jersey, works at Thrift Drug in Montvale, New Jersey.

**Michael L. Daly**, MBA'96, MA'96, has joined Sharon Merrill Associates, Boston's only agency specializing in investor relations, as an account specialist. He is responsible for implementing corporate communications programs for SMA clients in such industries as high technology and manufacturing. Prior to joining SMA, Daly was a public relations and marketing manager for the FleetCenter in Boston.

**John P. Mancuso**, MBA'96, is manager of human resources advisory for Coopers & Lybrand in Boston. Lorna Riach, BPH'96, of St. Petersburg, Florida, is a reference lab technologist for Florida Blood Services.

**Barry A. Yaceshyn**, E'96, is an engineer at Weston & Sampson Engineers in Peabody, Massachusetts. He began working for the company in 1990 as a co-op student and joined the company full-time in 1993 as an engineering technician. He works in the firm's municipal wastewater group and is responsible for engineering design.