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Noll Named A-M CEO, Chairman

Richard A. Noll, formerly vice president of Strategic Planning Associates (SPA), has been named Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Adams-Millis.

Noll is a graduate of Penn State University where he earned a bachelor of science degree in business administration. He earned his MBA from Carnegie-Mellon University in Pittsburgh.

Previously he has worked extensively with various divisions of Sara Lee Corporation including Knit Products, Hosiery, Socks and Personal Products-Europe.

George Burfeind will continue as Adams-Millis President and will be responsible for the sales, marketing and merchandising efforts within the division, according to John Piazza, CEO of Sara Lee Hosiery.

"With his experience in the sock industry, George will provide us with the leadership we need to pursue our future aggressive sales and marketing efforts," Piazza said.

Reporting to Noll will be, in addition to Burfeind, Dick Porter, Vice President of Operations, Jim Hall, Vice President of Administration, and Fred Johnson, Vice President of Human Resources.

"Adams-Millis has made great improvements this year in which we all take great pride," Piazza added. "I am confident this new team will further accelerate our sales and business growth."

Better Quality Saves \$288,000

When the call went out to improve quality, employees certainly answered the call.

"The result was beyond our expectations," said Mike Mabe, Director of Quality Control. "We had no idea that the employee response would be anything like it has been."

Employees produced 72,000 dozens fewer off grades during the second quarter than in the first quarter of the 1992 fiscal year, Mabe noted. It marked a 2 percent improvement -- from 8.9 percent down to 6.9 percent.

"That is a very significant improvement," he said. "That is the equivalent of three days production in the Kernersville Finishing operations. In terms of money, it's a savings of about \$288,000."

Mabe said the total production during both the first and

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Linda Leach, left, and Shirley Peak greet runner at finish line.

Our Name Is Adams-Millis

Since arriving I have observed some confusion concerning our identity and name. Let me clarify this issue.

We sell in many markets. We sell Hanes; we sell Jockey; we sell to Gap, etc. We have a broad customer base to which we sell multiple brands. We will always sell in multiple markets. However, we need to think of ourselves as one company. This focus will allow us to work as one team, and thereby become the world's leading socks company.

Our name is Adams-Millis. Internally, we will no longer be split along multiple company names such as Adams-Millis, Silver Knit or Drexel. Externally, we will still continue to identify ourselves as Hanes, Adams-

Millis or Silver Knit as the marketplace demands. We will change our internal reporting and implement some organizational changes to reinforce our single identity as Adams-Millis.

In the short time that I have been here, I have been very impressed with the caliber of our employees. We have the people to build a strong organization; with teamwork, Adams-Millis can easily become the best sock company in the world.

Rich Noll
Chief Executive Officer

A-M Volunteers Cheer Special Olympians To Victory

The speed and strength were not "world class" but the effort displayed certainly was. Every athlete was a winner and the volunteers were too.

The event was the High Point Special Olympics on April 24 which saw about 40 Adams-Millis employees assisting with the event. The volunteers joined others to help conduct the event serving as timers, judges, "coaches," presenters, "cheerleaders" and filled other duties

as well at the High Point Athletic Complex.

"The effort they give is tremendous," said Greg Trollinger, who worked as a volunteer at the event for the first time this year. "They may not be fast but they all do the best they can. They really put all their effort into it. If those of us who are in better shape would put as much effort into our jobs or whatever we do, we would all be better

off."

Then Trollinger added, "I'm reminded too of what I have and I'm thankful."

About 400 special olympians of all ages competed in the event which included track and field events and special activities designed so that all special olympians, even those confined to wheel chairs, could participate.

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Olympics Trip Was A Dream Come True

For Mary Ann Cherry the number "6" and the Olympics will always go together. On February 6 the number 6 became her lucky number.

She and her husband, Bob, were able to see the winter olympics "up close and personal" by winning a contest sponsored by High Point radio station MAGic.

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Mary Ann Cherry talks with a French policeman in the alpine village of Val d'Isere during her trip to the 1992 Winter Olympics.

Mount Airy Tallies Million Safe Hours

Employees in the Adams-Millis knitting and finishing plant in Mount Airy have reached a major milestone in their safety effort -- One Million Safe Working Hours.

The plant's employees were honored March 26 at the 42nd annual Safety Awards Presentation and Dinner of the Greater Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with the N.C. Department of Labor.

"Everybody really has worked for this," explained Plant Manager Dennis Hodges. "It was a goal they had set and they met it."

"Safety is a big concern for everybody and they are really proud of this," Hodges added. "Safety is not the flavor of the month or something like that. It's a long term thing that everybody has to be involved with all the time."

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