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continued from front page Real estate taxes have sharply increased, with a 62% property tax hike in eight years. That is the highest tax rate on the North Shore. “We are in a huge deficit,” said Driscoll.

The first steps any elected chief has to face is the financial shape the city is in. Since mayors do not go into office right away, there is a lagging period, which is used to address the issues the city faces. Driscoll takes office the first Monday in January.

Other issues include, developing sound fiscal policies, stabilizing property taxes, insuring Salem residents are getting their money’s worth in city services, and the development of a first class senior center. Driscoll also wants to make Salem’s public school system better.

When asked if she had heard anything about the expansion of Salem State or the school’s purchasing of Rainbow Terrace, the apartments near central campus, Driscoll says, “Those are just rumors.”

“Rainbow Terrace has many maintenance problems,” said Driscoll. “Also, it is included in low income housing, we can’t displace family’s or residents.”

Driscoll wants to see Salem State College be an active part of Salem’s community, but just that, not it’s own community. She believes that a college’s relationship with a city is a complicated one- but in respects to Salem State’s bond with Salem, Massachusetts, Driscoll replies, “I feel we have a great relationship!” Driscoll said.

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Kim Driscoll and her family.

New RD Part of SSC Trend

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Jay Carey worked hard to get to where he is today. He transferred to Salem State College in 2001, a teenage father looking to make something of himself by taking “full advantage of every opportunity granted.”

As a student, Carey became involved in the African American Society, which later merged with other campus groups to become the Multicultural Students Association (MSA). At the same time he began acting as an orientation navigator and became the supervisor of intramural basketball. Within a year of transferring to Salem State, he was elected president of the Multicultural Students Association.

“All this campus activity allowed me to build relationships with very important people on campus,” says Carey, referring to Arthur T. Gerald, Associate Academic Dean, whom Carey refers to as a role model and mentor. “He said that I had the potential to do great things.”

Gerald was the reason that Carey applied for a position at Salem State after graduating. Eager to work in the learning center with Gerald, Carey expressed that enthusiasm. He was soon informed of an opening and quickly “applied, had an interview, and the rest is history,” as Carey puts it. Needless to say, he got the job.

Carey worked at the learning center for a year before learning about another open position; this time, for a position as resident director.

“I had always wanted the opportunity to work for Residence Life because of the versatility and competence that one gains in an RD position,” Carey says

Carey is part of a community, not only of Salem State College, but of former Salem State students who have returned to the college as faculty. SSC President Nancy Harrington is a Salem State alum-

nus, as is Lisa McFadden, Assistant Director of Development and supervisor of the annual fund phone-a-thon, a telemarketing campaign that raises money for the Salem State College Foundation. McFadden says that her experience as an SSC student has helped her during her employment at the college.

“As a fundraiser, the greatest advantage (of being a former student) is to be able to talk to alumni as one of them,” says McFadden, “not to close the deal, but to start the conversation. There’s a sort of camaraderie there.”

Unlike Carey, networking was not a tool utilized by McFadden in order to obtain her position at the college. Instead she applied for a full-time position for which she had seen a listing. She didn’t get the job, but was soon after offered a part-time position as the phone-a-thon supervisor. A year later she was offered the position as Assistant Director of Development.

Mary Miller, Director of Human Resources and Equal Opportunity, says that alumni are not prioritized over job-applicants who attended other colleges. She emphasizes that there may be advantages to hiring alumni, but that it heavily relies on the job they are applying for.

“It might be a benefit for some positions,” says Miller, “but for some positions it might not be, and for some it wouldn’t make a difference.”

Miller, who is not a Salem State graduate herself, says that a community of employees who were also graduates once formed an on-campus alumni group, but doesn’t know whether or not that group is still in existence.

Chris Fauske, the assistant dean of arts & sciences, is not a Salem State graduate and sees advantages on both sides of the issue. “If you’re an alumnus, you know a lot more about what the student experience is. That’s something you have to

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