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## **BILL RILEY RETURNS TO HOCKEY EAST** *Former coach and official will assist in developing referees*

William Riley, Jr., best known for his 22 seasons as the head coach at UMass Lowell, has re-joined the Hockey East ranks as a special assistant to Supervisor of Officials Brendan Sheehy.

Riley's primary responsibility will be to review video tapes with on-ice officials and provide other counsel in helping the officials meet conference and NCAA expectations.

"We are thrilled to add Billy to our staff in this particular role," said Hockey East Commissioner Joe Bertagna. "His experience as both a referee and a Division I head coach gives him unique credibility for the job that has been created."

In his 22 years at Lowell, Riley compiled a record of 363-270-22, which included three NCAA Division-II championships and a second-place finish in Hockey East in 1986-87, when he steered the team to 20 league wins and was subsequently named Coach of the Year.

Before Lowell became a Division-I institution in 1983, Riley was a regular on the officiating circuit, racking up 12 years of experience, which included several Beanpots and ECAC championship games, as well as the 1976 NCAA championship game.

Riley was a three-year letterman at Boston University, helping the Terriers to a runner-up finish in the 1967 NCAA Tournament. Born and raised in Medford, Mass., Riley now lives in Chelmsford.

The Hockey East Association is a nine-team, Division-I men's college hockey conference, with offices based in Wakefield, Mass. Founded in 1983, the league recently celebrated its 20th anniversary season, and has won four NCAA championships in the past 12 years. The conference also sponsors a women's league, founded in 2001, which will feature eight Division-I programs in 2005-06.

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