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National security adviser designate W. Anthony Lake tends his farm in Worthington.

## Tony Lake goes to Washington

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**L**ast May, while W. Anthony Lake and other unopposed candidates were re-elected to Worthington's Planning Board, he was engaged in a far more competitive contest, coaching presidential candidate Bill Clinton on international affairs. During Clinton's campaign, Lake was a telephone, fax and jet ride away from the candidate, helping him fix positions, draft speeches and even prepare for the presidential debates. Last week, Lake was picked by Clinton to be his national security adviser.

In that capacity, he will be a senior adviser to the president on foreign-policy and national-security issues. The incumbent national security adviser is Brent Scowcroft. Other holders of the position have included Henry Kissinger and Zbigniew Brzezinski.

In an interview earlier this month before he was named, Lake said he was in contact with Clinton's transition team and that he was receiving about 20 resumes each day from people looking for work with the new administration. The job-seekers have reason to be hungry, Lake noted. It's been 12 years since a lot of talented Democrats have had their hand in helping to run the country.

Lake's new position will overshadow the two jobs he now holds running his farm and teaching as Five College professor of international relations, based at Mount Holyoke College. Before the season's first snowfall this month, Lake, decked out in coveralls and boots, cleaned farm machinery so it could be sheltered in a large equipment barn.

### A lousy mechanic

He admits he's a lousy mechanic. He points to two bent teeth on the tedder that will have to be replaced before the next mowing season. Outside, beef cattle and horses idle in the middle fields of the family's 140-acre spread. Lake and his wife, Antonia, run the farm, getting help from others when they work each summer to put up 8,000 bales of hay, and during maple-sugaring season. The couple has three grown children.

Lake said he tends to the cattle before heading out to his classes, which this semester are at Smith and Mount Holyoke colleges. But he said it is Antonia Lake who takes on most of the farm's chores, including caring for the horses she boards and raises. This is the "good life" the couple sought after Lake left Washington, D.C., where he

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had worked as a top aide in the State Department during the Carter administration. "I'm better at foreign policy than farming, but I like farming better," Lake said.

Lake's career in international relations began with work as a Foreign Service officer in Vietnam, where he was stationed for two years during the early 1960s. In the Nixon administration, he served as a special assistant on Vietnam issues to Kissinger, but resigned after the invasion of Cambodia in 1970.

He advised Edmund Muskie during his unsuccessful presidential bid in 1972, and under Carter, Lake was director of foreign-policy planning. Even before Carter lost his bid for re-election, Lake, who is 53, says he had decided to leave Washington. For years, he and Antonia kept a farm in West Virginia where they raised beef cattle. But the couple moved to Worthington, having discovered the farm they now own while on a visit to relatives in the area.

Lake, who was educated at Harvard University, Cambridge University in England and Princeton University, where he received his Ph.D. in international relations, then landed his teaching position. Selectman Stephen Kulik of Worthington calls his friend Lake a good consultant. "Whether it's foreign policy or planning issues in town, he gives very sound judgment," Kulik said. "His whole outlook is what is practical, what makes common sense."

Kulik said he marvels at Lake's ability to handle several projects at once and to do them all well. On a recent Sunday, as the two sat watching a Washington Redskins football game on TV, Lake graded student papers, fielded phone calls from members of Clinton's transition team and then made plans to grease his tractor.

Nancy Brenner, a Planning Board member, said that when someone brings a proposal to the panel, it is usually Lake who has the most questions and comments. He headed an effort to change Worthington's zoning laws to include cluster development as a way to preserve open space — a task he took on while on sabbatical from teaching. The move was defeated by Town Meeting voters, some of whom said they felt the changes would make it too

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easy for land developers to carve up the town. Lake admits to a few tactical errors by the ad hoc committee, but it is likely the proposal, now modified, will be presented again.

About a year ago, Lake joined Clinton's campaign as a consultant on foreign policy. Although the working relationship began as a temporary one, Lake said as the campaign progressed, he became more impressed with Clinton's abilities — and became more committed to his candidacy. Lake said Clinton is both nice and

tough. He predicts the Arkansas governor will be an effective president because he thinks in new ways, and draws knowledgeable people to his cause. "Everywhere he goes, he collects friends," Lake said.

The people who run government in D.C. aren't so different from those who run Worthington, he says — though the stakes are higher. Washington can be a tough place to work, he says, but no tougher than a day's efforts elsewhere. "There's no higher pressure than getting the last bale of hay in before the rain begins to fall."