The Millersville Conference Lives On

The conference has been highly acclaimed and will prove an important landmark in the fields of colonial America and Tudor-Stuart England. We are negotiating for publication of three separate volumes of essays delivered at the conference. Also furthering the goals of the conference, Drs. Bremer and Botelho are each teaching a matching course dealing with "The Worlds of John Winthrop" on their separate campuses. Each course focuses on the conference theme and uses the conference papers as texts. Students from each of these courses attended conference sessions in September. And while each of the classes is separate we have been able, with the help of grants from SSHE and CAPE, to link the two courses together by tele-conferencing so that they share a common electronic classroom that spans the state. Thus students at both sites can interact with each other and benefit from the insights of two professors. Furthermore, students in both the IUP and Millersville courses meet weekly in an electronic chat room where a different conference participant each week is a guest. Thus, students get to discuss the week's course topic with leading scholars such as Dr. John Morrill of Cambridge University and Dr. Laurel Ulrich of Harvard University. Thus the celebration of John Winthrop has been the occasion for integrating exciting new uses of technology into the classroom.
**The Passing of Robert Winthrop**

Anyone and everyone who knows of the Winthrop family history joins in mourning the passing of Robert Winthrop (1904-1999). For the past half century no one did more to preserve the heritage of the Winthrops than did Robert Winthrop. During the long period from 1948 to the 1980s, publication of the Winthrop papers was slowed by a variety of factors. Robert Winthrop and his brother Nathaniel continued to make sure that the project did not die, supporting it by their financial contributions and by their unflagging interest. Many are the letters in the Winthrop collection of the Massachusetts Historical Society which attest to this interest. After Nathaniel's passing, Robert assumed the primary responsibility of encouraging efforts to preserve and promote the heritage of Governor John Winthrop. His contribution of family papers in his possession to the Massachusetts Historical represented an important addition to the Winthrop Papers archives. As editor of the project I was fortunate to have the chance to correspond with Mr. Winthrop, to receive his encouragement, and to have other doors opened to me as I have continued to seek family papers. Those in Groton, England also have good reason to mourn the passing of Robert Winthrop, for his interest in the family heritage was not limited to books and papers. He was a valued friend of St Bartholomew's Church, the ancestral parish of the Winthrops, always there to contribute to needed repairs of the church fabric.

**Electronic Seminars**

In coming months visitors to the Winthrop Papers Web page will be able to join in discussions of papers posted for two electronic seminars reflecting different aspects of John Winthrop's world, one on puritanism and one on Atlantic history