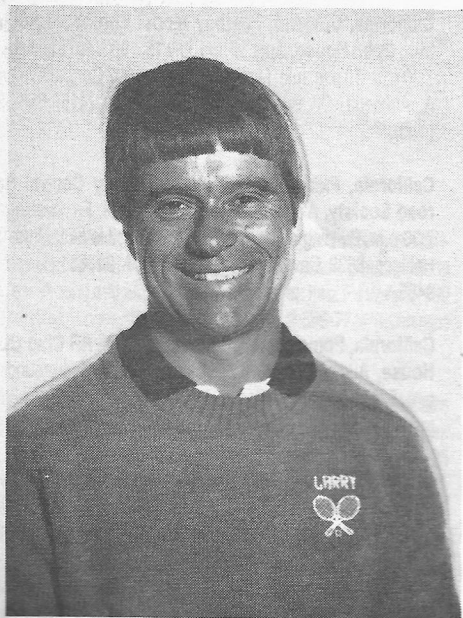


# MMR 95, Larry Nyce

personality profile/**Tom Madden**



**L**arry Nyce, who lives in Gaithersburg, Md., with his wife, Jane, and daughter, Ilene, is Master Model Railroader No. 95. Larry is 46 and is employed at the American University in

Washington, D.C., where he teaches physical education and coaches the men's and women's tennis teams.

Larry stumbled upon a hobby shop when he was 11 years old and vividly remembers his first kit—a Varney box-car. His current layout is his sixth, but only the second that he considers worthwhile. He models the Rio Grande Southern in HO<sub>n3</sub> and the Montezuma Lumber Company in HO. The layout is E-shaped, with walk-around control, in an 11 x 22-foot room. Larry has been in model railroading for 35 years, but feels that the last 10 have been the most important. “I joined a model railroad club in 1972 and up to that time, I thought I had a neat snap-track layout. After 3 months in the club, I tore up the layout and began hand laying a new one. My skills improved tremendously from that point.”

Larry earned his first Achievement Certificates in 1975. Since then he's won awards in Mid-East Region conventions in many categories. He's had articles and photographs published in the GAZETTE, MODEL RAILROADER, RAILROAD MODEL CRAFTSMAN and

**MAINLINE MODELER.** He's a past president of the Rockville Society of Model Engineers, was superintendent of the Dixie Division of the MER and is currently on the Board of Directors of the MER. He was also layout tour chairman for the 1982 NMRA national convention in Washington, D.C. Larry has acquired Achievement Certificates for cars, structures, scenery, civil engineering, electrical engineering, association, volunteer and author.

Larry says: “There's no question my skills and knowledge improved when I joined the NMRA and learned of the Achievement Program. It provided an attainable goal. It wasn't easy, but it was rewarding, and many of the results are there to see on the layout.

“The hobby has meant a lot to me. I've made some lasting friendships, have gotten to see places I might not normally have visited and enjoy the satisfaction of model railroading as a release from the pressures of daily living. When you've been in the hobby 35 years, you can appreciate the changes and the important part the NMRA has played. I owe it a lot.” ⊗