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Message from the President

Recently, I made time to reflect on my ten years as President of Merrimack. Nostalgia set in as I wondered at how much we have to be thankful for, and how far our young college has come. The nostalgia soon retreated as I considered how far we can go, and the many hopes and dreams we all share for the college's future. I am more convinced than ever that the future of Merrimack College is very strong.

Again this year, we are anticipating a freshman class strong in numbers and academic potential. Applications also experienced a significant increase. Merrimack is the first choice of many potential students applying for admission to the Class of 2008. Our early action applications also experienced a significant increase. Merrimack is the first choice of these applicants, who come from 21 states and include many valedictorians.

Our students, freshmen to seniors, have had an outstanding year. Academically, in the classroom, and on the playing field, they are pushing themselves and reaching new heights. A group of civil engineering students won the New England Steel Bridge Competition and are preparing for the national competition; the Warriors women's basketball team won our first-ever Northeast-10 Conference and Regional titles, and traveled to the Elite Eight tournament in Missouri; and students used the winter semester break to volunteer in the Dominican Republic for the first time.

Our students are, and will always be, the strength and cornerstone of Merrimack College. They have heart, unflagging commitment, determination, and support for one another. I am extremely proud of each one of them. They truly make Merrimack College the strong, vibrant community that it is today.

Thanks to our students, as well as careful planning and fiscal restraint, we have reached a significant milestone in our evolution. We have invested millions of dollars in the college's facilities, technologies, human resources and more, while also increasing the endowment, a critical move for enhancing access for many students. The future looks bright, the pieces are in place, but we still have more work to do.

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In the near future, we need to significantly enhance McQuade Library, which celebrated its 35th year in 2003, to meet the growing academic demands of our students and to truly serve as the campus' intellectual center. We must continue to invest in our future by growing the college's endowment to provide critical resources such as scholarships, endowed faculty chairs, faculty development opportunities, and to continue to provide technology that enhances teaching and learning. We must also work to complete the renovations and improvements to the Voipe Athletic Center.

Addressing these issues will be challenging yet gratifying, because in the end we will have achieved our goal; securing the future of Merrimack College.

Merrimack will stand as an extraordinary Catholic, Augustinian institution of higher education, a premier liberal arts college with a superior academic curriculum, innovative interdisciplinary programs, strong co-operative education and career development programs, and so much more.

Your continued commitment to and belief in Merrimack College is crucial to our success. I invite you to come visit Merrimack and enjoy a little nostalgia yourself.

Richard J. Sutrandti President
Unique Undergrad Course Looks Beyond Traditional Medicine
By David Rattigan

An innovative class at Merrimack is teaching students to look beyond traditional medical treatment methods and introducing them to alternatives that include herbs, needles and touch. "Integrated Approaches to Sports Medicine," offered for just the second time, presents knowledge outside of the Western realm, from Chinese herbal therapy to acupuncture, chiropractic, massage therapy and more.

"Medical schools are beginning to introduce concepts of non-traditional medicine into their curricula," said Marcia Walsh, Ph.D., chair of the Biology/Allied Health Department. "But this is the only undergraduate program at Merrimack that offers this level of training and insight to students."

Dr. David Sollars, one of the class instructors, said this is another indicator of an evolution among medical practitioners, with more willingness to coordinate care using traditional and alternative treatments. That is a message he has espoused for many years, as a practitioner of acupuncture and homeopathy.

"One of the messages in this class is that times are changing," Sollars said. "The course is team-taught by members of the staff at First Health of Andover, Mass, a health and wellness center that offers complementary and alternative medicine treatments that include acupuncture, homeopathy, chiropractic, massage, Chinese herbal medicine, and other modalities. For eight years, First Health practitioners have served as guest lecturers in Merrimack's athletic training program. The course developed from that relationship."

"We realized we had an incredible resource close by," Walsh said. "We recognize their interest in education, and together with our desire to develop opportunities for students, it seemed like a great fit." She added, "This may really broaden the options for career development for students.

Sollars said that by presenting a hands-on class taught by practitioners in the field, they provide the students with a more complete understanding of different practices.

"We can present the research and trends in the industry, but also speak of the day-in, day-out experiences of those that perform the therapies," Sollars said. "We can give case studies, and students won't go beyond the literature."

That approach is appreciated by Ursula Gromek '04, a sports medicine major who took the class last semester. Like many of her classmates, she found herself more accepting of the techniques after she'd investigated and witnessed the methods and results. "It is useful knowledge," she said, noting that an athlete is the type of person that likes to use all of his or her options when it comes to rehabilitation. In a quest for swift and sure results, the athlete is traditionally open to modalities outside the norm.

"In the training room, if an athlete asks 'what do you think of this?' I can honestly tell them what I think," she said. "At least I know what it's about, and we can go from there."

From walking into Radio Shack or another appliance store and seeing his work displayed on the shelves, Poteat worked on early-stage optical transmission equipment, and designed the first video telephone on the consumer market. His team holds a patent on digital cable televisions, and perhaps most significantly, a patent on telephone technology that uses hardware, software and a display unit that will spell out the name of an incoming caller. That technology is part of the " Caller I.D." system.

In the early '80s, Poteat's team was working on the first "digital" telephone, which they felt would become a household item in the 1990s. They were wrong. Although most of the signal in a telephone line travels digitally, from telephone pole to handset, most still use the "analog" system created by Alexander Graham Bell. Poteat's job was to design what was called the "Calling Party ID." The patent he has now is used by those who modified the system to work in analog telephones, creating the "Caller I.D." so popular today. "We didn't realize how much people would like it," Poteat said. "We considered it a secondary feature at the time."

At New England Telephone in the late 1960s, O'Brien designed the nation's first 911 emergency call system. As part of that system, he developed the concept of "forced disconnect" (disconnects can discontinue an emergency call). O'Brien's designs were important in the history of long-distance calls. "I'd say I have developed and improved many different related components, like Caller ID, " he said. "I have perhaps 10 to 15 designs with patentable concepts and/or applications."

Poteat said Merrimack professors bring a real-world experience to students and faculty members, who hold patents on devices that may be found in your home. O'Brien, associate professor of electrical engineering, was a system designer and engineer on the first 911 project, and Bitler, associate professor of electrical engineering, whose circuit boards were important in the history of long-distance telephone technology - holds a patent on a "pre-disconnect" utilized by the CATV industry, which minimizes non-linear distortion in lasers.

While at Bell Laboratories, Poteat, now in his third year as an assistant professor, designed items such as cordless phones, speaker phones, digital cable systems, and remote controls. One of his specialties was to redesign products to make them affordable, a competitive imperative in the consumer electronics field.

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Bradley’s Work Reveals the Human Side of Math

By Julie Jackson Flynn

Beyond formulas and equations, there’s a personality to math that Professor of Mathematics Michael Bradley wants young middle school students to know about. Students at Sacred Heart School in Lawrence (Mass.) are serving as reviewers for his book, Pioneers in Math, which profiles 50 mathematicians. As they provide Bradley with valuable feedback, the students are also learning about the lives and personalities of mathematicians.

"Most people think mathematics is a collection of facts that have always been known," said Bradley. "That is not the case. Like any discipline, it has evolved and it’s been a human endeavor. It is ideas that people have discovered over time that have a real human aspect to mathematics. There are lots of interesting human stories and some compelling human dramas about discoveries in mathematics."

"In studying the lives of mathematicians, there is a theme about the importance of mentoring and having someone look out for you.

Recently, Bradley and several Merrimack faculty and students served as judges at the school’s math fair, which required pairs of students to read a chapter on the life of a man or woman who made a significant contribution to mathematics. The teams then prepared 5-10 minute poster presentations profiling the lives of the mathematicians.

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Dr. Michael Bradley, professor of mathematics, participated in judging the projects on mathematicians at Sacred Heart School in Lawrence, Mass.

College Work Experiences Help Prepare Students for Job Market

By Julie Jackson Flynn

Today’s students are acutely aware of the need to gain professional experience before graduation. Some of the most valuable learning experiences a student can have are internships and co-operative education. With the help of the Office of Career Services, students can gain professional exposure and experience at a business environment, develop a network of contacts that could carry them through their senior year, and possibly land them their “dream job” upon graduation.

During 2003 the Co-op office placed hundreds of students in career-related work experiences. This number predictably increases during the second semester through co-op and summer job workshops in tandem with students’ impending need to secure a summer job.

In addition, the college actively encourages students to seek out internships in all academic divisions because the benefits are enormous. According to Dr. Edward Popper, dean of the Girard School of Business, the best way for students to learn is to actually see how the concepts they’re learning in the classroom are practiced in the workplace and apply them.

This can help students in their professional development, but also allows students to make contacts with people in the industry. We’ve got several students on co-op now who have participated in the internship program and have been able to secure permanent jobs.

Businesses and organizations interested in offering co-operative education experience or internships to Merrimack students may contact the Co-operative Education office at 978-837-5481.
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Work Experiences...

"An internship allows students to see how the knowledge and skills they're acquiring can be applied in a real world setting."

One day during my internship I came home from work after sitting in court all day watching a mother get sent off to jail. Because of this experience, I've decided that instead of becoming a social worker, I'm going to get a master's in school counseling and become a guidance counselor. So the experience has benefited me in where I want to go and what I want to do.

YAS Faculty Fellowship Award Winners Present to Colleagues

By Julie Jackson Flynn

Two Merrimack College faculty members, Dr. Holly Berkovits, Chemistry, and Dr. Kerry Johnson, English, recently presented their research to more than 75 of their colleagues. The two were among several faculty members who were named recipients of the YAS Corporation Faculty Fellowship Award Program.

The program, funded by Mr. Rouzbeh Yassini, founder and CEO of YAS Broadband Ventures, LLC, seeks to promote theoretical, applied, or creative work of the highest caliber in the humanities and social sciences, in mathematics, the natural sciences, engineering, and in business and commerce by providing support to Merrimack College faculty members engaged in projects which have promise to significantly contribute to their fields of expertise. Mr. Yassini has also supported senior theses for faculty members for several years.

President Richard J. Santagati thanked Mr. Yassini for his support saying, "Because of your commitment and generosity, more than 125 students have had the opportunity to be recognized in their work. Mr. Yassini understands how important it is to develop new products that benefit society. His generosity has expanded the scope of thought and research for both our faculty and our students. Many individuals understand the intrinsic value of that, but don't put themselves behind it."

President Richard J. Santagati
Associate Professor of Biology Dr. Josephine Modica-Napolitano, Associate Professor of French Dr. Holly Johnson, Assistant Professor of Chemistry Dr. Holly Berkovits, Associate Professor of Accounting and Finance Dr. Jane Morton, Associate Professor of Management Patricia Sendall, Associate Professor of Political Science Dr. He Li, and Mr. Rouzbeh Yassini.

Dr. Johnson's research specializes in transcultural modernist literatures and Anglophone Caribbean literature. Johnson presented her research, "Vulnerable Figures: Landscape, Gender and Nation in Modernist Fiction." She focuses on four writers who use the representation of colonial landscape as a mode to subvert dominant, violent notions of the nation to establish a new post-colonial alternative to the idea of the nation.

"I feel fortunate to have received the Yassini Fellowship as it allowed me to complete my manuscript and submit it to a publisher. I simply could not have made the kind of progress I did without the fellowship, and I greatly appreciate Mr. Yassini's support," said Johnson.

Dr. Berkovits also presented her research findings which focus on elucidating the structure-function relationship of a particular class of protein referred to as the MyT1/NZE-1 class.

"The Yassini Fellowship was a real honor and a tremendous help. It has enabled me to establish a new research project that I have high hopes for. Mr. Yassini's generosity toward the students and faculty of Merrimack College is truly remarkable," said Berkovits.

Other YAS Faculty Fellowship Award winners who will present their research at a future date include:

Dr. Jane Morton, associate professor of accounting and finance, for her work on decision-making and ethics;
Patricia Sendall, associate professor/chair of management, for "Communities of Interest: The Next Phase in the Development of the E-Commerce Institute's Body of Knowledge;"
Dr. Josephine Modica-Napolitano, associate professor of biology, for "Investigating a Novel Mitochondrial Target for Cancer Therapeutics;" and
Dr. He Li, associate professor of political science, for "China's Path of Reforms."

Celebrating Merrimack's Authors

When Gina Vega, associate professor of management, started writing her book on teleworking, she considered it ironic since she had once resisted computers. Joseph Kelley, vice president of mission effectiveness, received six rejection letters from publishers before he had a positive response and published his book. Susanne Scholz, associate professor of religious studies, never planned to write her book -- it grew out of materials she pulled together to teach a course. Professor of Economics Jack Amerillo's book represents 15 years of work, and Kevin Saleem, director of media center, says that this book will probably be the last he writes since the next one will have many more photographs than words.

Those are the stories behind five of Merrimack's many authors who were recently celebrated for the 2003 publication of their books at a special gathering in the McQuade Library. The reception also honored the many faculty who have published journal articles in 2003.

"Our coming together in this way is a celebration of the accomplishments of Merrimack's many authors. It is not just a celebration of past works, but rather an invitation of our faculty's willingness to share their learning with others. It is a call to show that we put our thoughts out there and look for others to share with us. In that sharing, our faculty demonstrate to our students that they are doers of the word."

Many of the more than 50 authors in the Merrimack community, including several alumni, also attended and signed their books displayed at the event. The books and journal articles will remain in a special collection of publications by Merrimack authors past, present and future that will be housed in the reference room of the McQuade Library.

The five authors who published this year are (left to right): Dr. Susanne Scholz, "Biblical Studies Alternatively;" Dr. Jack Amarillo, "Postmodern Moments in Modern Economics;" Dr. Joseph Kelley, "Faith at Work: Seeking Hope in Times of Doubt;" Dr. Gina Vega, "Managing Teleworkers and Telecommuting Strategies;" and Kevin Saleem, "American Photographic Aesthetics in the Twentieth Century."

The event will be held annually. Alumni who have published books are asked to contact Barbara Lachance '71, director of McQuade Library.
Helping others move outside the self to consider the needs of others has always been at the core of Merrimack’s Augustinian mission. Taking that to heart, a group of nine students and three advisors, under the leadership of Rev. Rick Piatt, O.S.A., interim director of Campus Ministry, volunteered their time in the Dominican Republic for the second annual Alternative Winter Break. “The world has become a global village, and many of our students and neighbors in Lawrence (Mass.) hail from the Dominican Republic,” said Fr. Piatt. “We are providing opportunities and venues from which our students can make global connections. They can then take these experiences and incorporate them into their personal, spiritual and career choices.”

Recognizing that they are reaping the benefits of helping others on a global level and getting a fuller, more enriching education, students don’t need much convincing. Some of their projects included repairing damaged homes, service-learning trips, and establishing potential study-abroad programs at the Pontifical University of Santo Domingo.

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### Engineering Students Win N.E. Steel Bridge Competition

“Nothing is worty enough to make it happen,” said Matt Gillis, co-captain of Merrimack’s Steel Bridge team. “The world has become a global village, and many of our students and neighbors in Lawrence (Mass.) hail from the Dominican Republic,” said Fr. Piatt. “We are providing opportunities and venues from which our students can make global connections. They can then take these experiences and incorporate them into their personal, spiritual and career choices.”

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### Technology Expands Learning Beyond Classroom

Three years ago when business management major Russell Hubby ’04 was a first-year student, he took notes on a pad of paper. Not any more for incoming first-years. Today at Merrimack, many students bring laptops to class and are connected to the Blackboard management system that Hubby believes has no equivalent to the old pad of paper.

According to Patricia Sendall, associate professor of information systems, Blackboard is a 24/7, Web-based tool. First introduced at Merrimack in the Grand School of Business in fall 2002 along with the laptop initiative for business students, the program has expanded and been embraced by many faculty members and students.

“Students are the MTV generation and while they are academically on par with students from previous times, they have different learning styles,” said John Power, adjunct professor of communications.

Several classrooms, in Cushing Hall and Merridell Center, have recently been renovated and outfitted as smart classrooms, in addition to those in O’Reilly Hall.

Evidence of the enormous benefits of combining this Web-based tool with traditional teaching methods for both students and professor is demonstrable. All course materials, such as course schedule, assignments, and handouts, are posted and accessible to students from their dorm-room or off-campus.

### Students Bridging the Cultural Divide

By Julie Jackson Flynn

Fr. Piatt described passing a large cruise ship on the river with people waving to the Merrimack group in their boat, while not more than 200 yards up the river they saw homes that were so tightly packed together that a bicycle couldn’t fit between them. The sight of the impoverished children wading in filthy brown water amidst floating trash filled them with horror and outrage. “We want to take our experience and help Merrimack become more aware of what’s going on elsewhere in the world,” said Fr. Piatt.

“There were times when it was heart-wrenching. I came away with a sense that maybe in the future we can work out programs and can continually go down to help these people who have no voice,” said Keith Garofala ’06.

The group hopes to establish connections with the church in the Dominican Republic, take future break trips, and establish potential study-abroad programs at the Pontifical University of Santo Domingo.

### Steel Bridge

“The goal of the competition was to construct a bridge, which is about 30 feet long, as quickly as possible. There are a rigorous set of rules, which must be followed. The lightest bridge with the least deflection, the fastest construction time, and the least number of construction workers wins the competition.”

Students and faculty celebrate their win in the N.E. Steel Bridge Competition. Front left to right: Patrick Cole (Co-captain), Jesse Blanchette (Co-captain), Christopher Cole (Co-captain), Justin Lafemme (Back left to right: Technician Doug Therrien, Professor Anthony Deluzio, Richard Maloney, Jesse Fragachan, Meghan Miller, Jessica Goodell, Jeff Delenmontis, Paul Greco, John Klipfel, Matt Gillis. Missing from the photo are Elizabeth Covaron, Jean Hutton, Joe Tanney, and Professor David Winstead.

For more information on the Steel Bridge Competition, visit: [steelbridge.merrimack.edu](http://steelbridge.merrimack.edu)
Technology

Other features actually expand the learning process beyond the classroom. According to business major Pamela Zurakowski '04, "I like having both the on-line and in-classroom components. Professors can post articles they think we should read. We can cover topics that we might not cover in class. You can go on line at 2:00 a.m. and post a question on the message board. You don't have to rely exclusively on your professor for your answer. You can get it from your classmates."

Students post a question they may have and the professor is able to answer it once because all students can read the response. Russell Hubby likes the ability to interact with students on the message board. "You hear other people's view points, which can impact your views. You can access class notes, Powerpoint, and all that extra stuff that you wouldn't normally think about using," said Hubby. "English students use electronically-mediated discussion, like a chat room or discussion board, only in real-time," said Dean of Faculty for Liberal Arts Dr. Michael Rossi. "We find that more students participate in class because of the higher comfort level."

In Sendall's class, participation both in and out of class counts as part of the final grade. "Blackboard enables me to track the number of hits a student has as he or she visits areas of the Blackboard environment, including the discussion board," she said. Sendall recognizes the fact that the college doesn't want to lose the essence of Merrimack College. "One of our distinctive competences is the small classroom and intimacy that we provide our students," said Sendall. "It's important to maintain that while incorporating technology into the classroom."

The following is the Academic Convocation speech delivered by Dr. Joseph Kelley, vice president for mission effectiveness and director of the Center for Augustinian Study and Legacy.

September 17, 2003

My friends... I would like to discuss "Will and Grace." Not to your regret, or perhaps relief—the popular Thursday night sitcom on NBC. Rather the less popular, but to my mind, more compelling understanding of will and grace found in the Augustinian school of thought.

From the thirteenth to the seventeenth centuries a long, successful run by any production standards, the Augustinian friar is a man who taught at European universities distinguished themselves and their teaching by the emphasis they put on will and grace. From the middle ages, through out the renaissance and into the reformation Augustinianism developed and refined these two principles.

Will is our capacity to choose, to consider alternatives and make decisions. The Augustinians argued that will is superior to intellect, in that knowledge naturally seeks its fulfillment in love and service. What we learn and know is completed and enriched by love and service. What we learn and know is completed and enriched by love and service. What we learn and know is completed and enriched by love and service.

Grace, they maintained, is the gift of always leaving room in our thought and our choices for the unpredictable, the unanticipated; a gentle reluctance to foreclose intellectual endeavor or open intellectual endeavor or open. He wanted to relax during the hockey game.

Will and grace. These two principles distinguished the Augustinian school of old. If you will, and by your grace, I would like to show how these two principles continue to enrich and distinguish an Augustinian college like Merrimack today.

At the beginning of each academic year, my thoughts often turn to students of previous years. One in particular stands out in my memory. Giles Moffet arrived on Merrimack's campus in September 1975 from Montreal, Canada. He spoke English haltingly. He had traveled by bus from Montreal to Boston, and somehow arrived at Merrimack. I can still see him climbing up the front steps of Ash Centre with his duffel bag and what looked like a World War II vintage valise.

Giles played hockey for Merrimack from 1975 to 1979. He was the starting goalie for our 1978 National Championship team making 12 saves in the title game. He graduated with records for best career goals against average, and best season goals against average.

He was also a hard working, successful and intriguing student. He would often stop in my room in Ash Centre where I lived as a campus minister at the time. He loved to discuss philosophy and religion. In fact, he had himself worked out his own philosophy, a practical philosophy for playing hockey. Being a goalie in a highly competitive league was very stressful. Giles' philosophy emphasized relaxing and enjoying his talent. He would work exceptionally hard throughout long daily practices, constantly improving his skills as a goalie.

Come game day, however, he would quiet himself down and start to meditate a few hours before competition. He wanted to relax during the game and simply enjoy the exercise of his considerable athletic skill. He would not concentrate on winning, but on enjoying the game. It was like dancing. He used to say, "Comme un ballet"—like a ballet. His applied philosophy obviously worked. In 1991 Giles Moffet was inducted into the Merrimack Hall of Fame.

This remarkable young man used this Zen of hockey in his studies as well. He had the extra challenge of English as his second language. He studied hard each day, constantly improving his language, asking for help, attending as carefully to his courses as to his game.

Then, he would enjoy the fruits of his studying. He would invite me and others to read his papers, proud of his growing command of the language and his unique Franco-American flourish. He delighted in a growing ability to read the classics of English literature and wanted to discuss them. Without ever boasting, he shared his success in math and science by helping his classmates and classmates with their homework and lab assignments. His academic achievement, like his prowess on the ice, was less the result of fierce competitiveness, or a desire to beat others and win honor for himself. It was rather the fruit of hard work, of the mutual support among his teammates and classmates, and of the sheer enjoyment he took in learning. For Giles was like dancing. "Comme un ballet.

What had prepared this young man to do so well in college? Where did he get such quiet confidence at so young an age?
young an age? How had he come to
be a practicing philosopher of life
from my many conver
cussions with him over the years, I
slowly realized that he had been
loved into being who he was. I am
not speaking of romantic love, nor
the silly sentimentalism of sit-coms
or soap operas. As a boy and teenager, Giles
had parents, teachers and coaches
who saw his promise. By their many
loving choices made by his parents,
plato, teachers and mentors.

Rerrimack College is heir to
the Augustinian school of
thought. Our intellectual and
pedagogical traditions emerge from
the works of Giles of Rome and
his many successors throughout the
centuries. Our educational legacy reachs
even further back to the fourth and
century African Bishop, Augustine of Hippo. For it was
Augustine’s own emphasis on human
will and divine grace that provided
the medieval Augustinians with the
foundation for their school.

How do we today, in the twenty-
fourth century, continue this Augustinian
attention to will and grace? What
does will have to do with the acade-
my, or grace with education? Is not
also calls you as students to the exer-
cise your will in the world: this is the
mission of knowledge about and
research, method and information. Are
will and grace categories of
morality and religion, most useful
and best kept there?

The education of Giles
of Montpellier might help us understand how
Merrimack receives and in turn
develops Augustinian values. Giles
Moflet loved Merrimack College and his
years here, because we continued the kind of education and formation
he had known as a boy and adoles-
cent. Merrimack then and now
recognizes the jewel of your education
in the setting of an academic
community that affirms and challenges you to
excellence and achievement. Your
teachers here, your mentors, your coaches
love you again, not the limiting,
sentimental notions of love from
popular culture. Rather, the exacting,
challenging, and repeated affirmations
of your potential. Academic tough-
love, if you will.

Each day the members of our fac-
culty exercise their considerable intel-
lectual achievements and impressive
academic credentials for your good,
in your service. What they know from
study, research, writing and experi-
ence they, by their daily choice, share
with you for your well-being. In their
chosen vocation as teachers, their
knowledge naturally tends toward ful-
fillment in love and service.

Intellectual achievement shines all the
brighter in an Augustinian college or
deep understanding, for a more
inclusive hypothesis, for a new angle.
Graceful scholarship remains open to,
even expectant of the questions, the
debates that the challenges that our
leagues, our students, our classmates
may raise. In the Academy, grace can
mean a graceful openness to one
another, a reluctance to foreclose any
subject, a willingness always to enter
new, refreshing and unexpected
perspectives.

Every college and university has
its own culture. Each is about the
work of higher education, and so we
share many things in common, campus
to campus. Yet each campus
is its own world, with its own local
color, its own ways of understanding
education, of practicing pedagogy, of
being an academic community.

No doubt as you toured many
campuses before you made your choice
of a college at which to study—or to teach, you experienced these cultural differences
from campus to campus. Merrimack’s
Augustinian heritage invites us to
consider how these understandings of
will and grace distinguish and enrich
our academic culture.

Will and Grace - I’m speak-
ing now about those mis-
matched roommates on
NBC’s Thursday night - this Will
and this Grace struggle each week
with their choices, with their deci-
sions about relationships, and with
remaining open to the possibility of
happiness in a relationship with the
right person.

The sitcom’s story lines, however, continually undermine
that possibility. Jealousy, suspicion,
disappointment week by week fuel
the comic plots and undermine the
characters’ quest for perfect love.
Will and Grace, like us, live in a
less-than-perfect world.

Our academic community will
never completely achieve its
Augustinian ideal. Overbearing
competition will sometimes erode mutual
respect. American pragmatism and
career anxiety will sometimes fore-
close our openness to new learning
or to each other. Social ascendency
will sometimes overwhelm better
choices made for the good.

We will get frustrated if we strive to create a “perfect academic
community”, just as Will and Grace are
frustrated each week in their personal
pursuits.

Comic plots and quixotic quests
so often bedevil any campus. The
Augustinian will and grace can help us
get through and past such things. Our
Augustinian teachings of will and
grace can ensure a continual rena-
sance and a constant reformation of
our academic community.

Grace means that our scholarship, though
serious, should never be so set as to consider
any theory, or doctrine, or conclusion to be
complete or closed. There is always room for
improvement in expression, for deeper understanding,
for a more inclusive hypothesis, for a new angle.

Will and Grace - I’m speak-
ing now about those mis-
matched roommates on
NBC’s Thursday night - this Will

What of grace? This word has
relevance and meaning in
many religions. For St.
Augustine grace meant our free and
loving relationship with God, a God
who constantly opens our minds and
our hearts to unearned, unexpected,
unimagined possibilities for our lives.
Yet what is its application to study
and learning?

Perhaps this: our scholarship,
though serious, should never be so set
to as to consider any theory, or
discovery, or conclusion to be
completed or closed. There is always room for
improvement in expression, for
deeper understanding, for a more
inclusive hypothesis, for a new angle.
Graceful scholarship remains open to,
even expectant of the questions, the
debates that the challenges that our
leagues, our students, our classmates
may raise. In the Academy, grace can
mean a graceful openness to one
another, a reluctance to foreclose any
subject, a willingness always to enter
new, refreshing and unexpected
perspectives.

Every college and university has
its own culture. Each is about the
work of higher education, and so we
share many things in common, campus
to campus. Yet each campus
is its own world, with its own local
color, its own ways of understanding
education, of practicing pedagogy, of
being an academic community.

No doubt as you toured many
campuses before you made your choice
of a college at which to study—or to teach, you experienced these cultural differences
from campus to campus. Merrimack’s
Augustinian heritage invites us to
consider how these understandings of
will and grace distinguish and enrich
our academic culture.

Will and Grace - I’m speak-
ing now about those mis-
matched roommates on
NBC’s Thursday night - this Will
and this Grace struggle each week
with their choices, with their deci-
sions about relationships, and with
remaining open to the possibility of
happiness in a relationship with the
right person.

The sitcom’s story lines, however, continually undermine
that possibility. Jealousy, suspicion,
disappointment week by week fuel
the comic plots and undermine the
characters’ quest for perfect love.
Will and Grace, like us, live in a
less-than-perfect world.

Our academic community will
never completely achieve its
Augustinian ideal. Overbearing
competition will sometimes erode mutual
respect. American pragmatism and
career anxiety will sometimes fore-
close our openness to new learning
or to each other. Social ascendency
will sometimes overwhelm better
choices made for the good.

We will get frustrated if we strive to create a “perfect academic
community”, just as Will and Grace are
frustrated each week in their personal
pursuits.

Comic plots and quixotic quests
so often bedevil any campus. The
Augustinian will and grace can help us
get through and past such things. Our
Augustinian teachings of will and
grace can ensure a continual rena-
sance and a constant reformation of
our academic community.

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President Names New Dean, Science and Engineering

Russell F. Pinizzotto, Ph.D. was recently named Dean of the Faculty of Science and Engineering by President Richard J. Santagati. He also joins Merrimack as professor of physics. His major teaching responsibilities include materials science, astronomy and musical acoustics. His research areas include nanoparticle/DNA interactions, portable x-ray diffractometry, and semiconductor materials analysis. Russell F. Pinizzotto, Ph.D.

Second Bay State Poll results released

The Bay State Poll, a quarterly survey of Massachusetts residents, was the second conducted by the Center for Public Opinion Research at Merrimack College since its launch in fall 2003. Five hundred and one (501) randomly selected state residents over the age of eighteen were interviewed by telephone between January 28 and February 5, 2004. The margin of error for the survey is +/- 4.5%.

Poll Overview:
- More than half (54%) polled felt it was not worth going to war with Iraq.
- More than half (62%) polled didn't want to see George W. Bush re-elected to another term.
- Nearly half (46%) polled are very concerned about the size of the federal budget deficit.
- More than half (61%) polled would reduce the deficit, even if it means eliminating some of the tax cuts.
- About half (50%) polled agree that the tax cuts have helped the economy.

Views on President Bush Remain Steady

Would you like to see George W. Bush reelected to another term or not?

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Do you approve or disapprove of the way George W. Bush is handling his job as president?

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The War in Iraq

All in all, do you think it was worth going to war with Iraq or not?

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<td>54%</td>
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How would you say things are going for the US in its efforts to bring stability and order to Iraq?

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<th>Very Well</th>
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<td>35%</td>
<td>38%</td>
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In thinking about the war in Iraq are you more likely to focus on our success in capturing Saddam Hussein and liberating the Iraqi people, or doubts about the Bush administration's reasoning for going to war in the first place?

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<th>Neither/Both</th>
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TAX CUTS AND THE BUDGET DEFICIT

Do you think the recently passed federal tax cuts have...

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<td>Had no effect</td>
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<td>Hurt the economy</td>
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<td>12%</td>
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How concerned are you about the size of the federal budget deficit?

| 46%      | Very concerned |
| 41%      | Somewhat concerned |
| 7%       | Not very concerned |
| 5%       | Not concerned at all |
| 2%       | Don't Know |

Which of these ideas comes closest to your own position on this issue?

| 61%      | Reduce the deficit, even if it means eliminating some of the tax cuts |
| 27%      | Keep the tax cuts, even if it means increasing the budget deficit |
| 12%      | Other/Don't Know |

State Issues

At the state level on one, important issue facing Massachusetts is the legal status of homosexual couples. Which of the following proposals comes closest to your own position on this issue?

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<td>Recognize the union of homosexual couples in any way</td>
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<td>38%</td>
<td>43%</td>
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<td>37%</td>
<td>Recognize the marriage of homosexual couples</td>
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<td>5%</td>
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New Trustees Join College's Board

President Richard J. Santagati, on behalf of the college's Board of Trustees, has announced the appointment of four new trustees.

Rev. Paul W. Galetto, O.S.A., S.T.B. is president of St. Augustine Preparatory School in Richland, N.J. which he joined in 1996 as director of development and recruitment. Prior to that he taught languages and religion at St. Augustine Preparatory School from 1982 to 1986 and served as assistant administrator from 1988-1991. He served as secretary of the Board of Directors from 1988-1996. In addition, from 1994-1996 he was adjunct professor at Villanova University and from 1996-1997 he was adjunct professor at Catholic University of America. Also, he served as prior and associate pastor at St. Mary Parish from 1986-1988.

He has served on the Board of Directors of the Galetto Foundation since 1990 and for Malvern Prep since 2000. He was the regional representative for NCEA Northeast USA in Secondary Education from 1999-2002. He is author of a chapter in a book on Catholic education, several articles on the certification of religious teachers, and is author of the book, Building the Foundations of Faith. (NCEA, 1996). Additionally, he has been an adjunct professor at Seton Hall.

Rev. Galetto holds a B.A. in English from Villanova University and attended Bucknell University. He received a bachelor of Sacred Theology degree from The Gregorian University in Rome; an M.A. (Ed Ad) from Villanova University; and a Ph.D. (Ed Ad) from Catholic University.

Timothy Donovan '88 serves as the chief financial officer of The Beacon Companies and president of Beacon Residential Management. With more than 18 years of experience in real estate finance, financial reporting and financial management, Donovan is responsible for formulating and implementing financial strategies for The Beacon Companies. In addition, he is the president of the property management company and leads the day-to-day operations of the company's portfolio of 7,500+ apartment units located throughout the northeastern United States.

Prior to joining Beacon, Donovan served as vice president of finance from 1994 to 1998 with The Gatehouse Group, Inc. of Boston. From 1991 to 1994 he served as corporate controller at the Congress Realty Group of Companies. He is also a co-chairman of the St. Mary's Junior Senior High School Facilities Committee.
Parents Active at Merrimack
By David Rattigan

An active and enthusiastic group of parents is taking a larger role in the Merrimack community. The Parents’ Council, whose more than 100 members include parents of former and current students, has become a sounding board and voice for that constituency as it has raised its on-campus profile, and taken a more active role in career development and institutional advancement.

“They are very enthusiastic about the Merrimack education,” said Rev. George Morgan, O.S.A., “it’s who works with the council. In the Augustinian tradition, the Merrimack education develops the whole person. It’s about reason and passion, about intelligence and social responsibility. It’s about learning in community, and working with others, not against others. Parents find that very exciting, and find every way they can to promote that concept and to be of assistance.”

One way they do that is by participating at campus events such as Family Weekend or student orientation, and by making themselves available year-round to listen to the questions or concerns other parents may have about their children. Another is by supporting the Parents’ Fund through gifts or by volunteering their time at the annual Phone-a-thon. (The number of parents including parents of graduates, supporting the college with a personal annual gift is increasing dramatically.) A third is by assisting the Career Development Office at events such as the informational Career Resource Night held in March (co-sponsored with the Alumni Office), or by making themselves available for informational interviews, career panels, or other career networking activities.

“They have a lot of good experience to lend to both the administration and the students,” said Bill Gibelli (father of William Jr. ’00), who co-chairs the council with Tony Fragala ’54.

Fragala and Fragala are following the active tenures of both Bill and Maura Burke, and Jack and Hilda Meyrinh. Like their predecessors, they are excited to contribute to the college, because they support its mission. Father to Jim ’86 and Julie (Fragala) March ’92, Fragala has a long history with the college and is looking forward to his 50th reunion in June. In a recent letter to members of the Merrimack community, he shared observations from his own school days, when study took place in a cinder block building, and activities and church services in a quonset hut.

“It wasn’t about how it looked back then,” he wrote, “it was very definitely about the quality of the education... It is still about the quality.” For more about the Parents’ Council, contact Fr. Morgan at (978) 837-5316 or George Morgan@Merrimack.edu.

The following names were inadvertently omitted from the 2003 Honor Roll of Donors distributed in December 2003. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Friends of Merrimack Charter Club
Anne Ziaja
Charter Club
Josephine Friscella ’59
Adele Keohan ’85

Robert F. McCusker ’68 spent his entire career of 30 years with The Gillette Company, the first 13 years of which were in financial management, sales and marketing positions in Massachusetts. His last 17 years with Gillette were spent overseas in Australia, and in various General Manager positions in Asia and Europe. His last position was based in London as area vice president for Oral-B businesses in Eastern Europe, Middle East, Africa, and West Asia. He is a member of the Algonquin Club of Boston and Woods Hole Golf Club on Cape Cod. He is a member of the World Affairs Council in Boston. Additionally, he is president of Saccoresett Hills Association in West Falmouth, Mass., and vice president of Town Manor Club in Naples, Fla. He is a member of The Paulist Center in Boston, St. Elizabeth Seton in Falmouth, Mass., and St. Ann Parish in Naples, Fla.

He earned a B.A. in business administration/finance from Merrimack College and received an M.B.A. with high distinction from Babson College.

PHILANTHROPY AT MERRIMACK

Al Roker to Visit Merrimack College

Six-time Emmy award-winning and beloved weatherman for the Today Show Al Roker will visit Merrimack College on Sunday, October 29 to help raise scholarship funds for the college’s student. The event is sponsored by the Friends of Merrimack College and the Rogers Foundation.

Roker will bring his unparalleled ability to improvise and dish his legendary one-liners to inspire the achievement of excellence and to encourage individuals to operate to the best of their human potential. His candor, personal stories from his family life, and travels as America’s most famous weatherman will captivate those in attendance.

Roker conducts interview series, cooking segments, technology updates and has developed a continuing series for Today called ‘Today’s Dad’ featuring parenting tips for fathers. He is the host of the Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade, the Rose Bowl Parade and the Christmas tree lighting at Rockefeller Center. He has also hosted his own show on CNBC and was the host of MSNBC’s information quiz show, Remember This? He is committed community member and has been honored by numerous civic and charitable organizations. He is involved with a number of organizations including the Children’s Defense Fund and Read Across America. He is on the board of several organizations.

Tickets may be purchased through the Rogers Center for the Arts at 978-837-5355.
Women's Basketball Claims Two Titles

For the first time in Merrimack’s history, the women’s basketball team played in the Elite Eight of the NCAA Division II Championship. They headed into the tournament with a 30-3 record and a national ranking of No. 5. The Warriors claimed the Northeast Region title by defeating Bryant College, and claimed their first Northeast-10 Conference Tournament title by beating Bentley College for the third time in the season. The team won the Northeast-10 regular season championship and set a school record for wins this year. The Warriors hosted the eight-team, 2004 NCAA Northeast Regional Tournament in early March.

The Warriors were led by sophomore guard Joelle Martin who averaged a team-leading 14.5 points per game and was named to the Northeast-10 All-Conference First Team. Joining Martin in the backcourt was junior guard Jenny Smith, who earned All-Conference Second Team honors. Junior center Eileen Brosnihan was named the Most Outstanding Player in the Northeast Regional. Senior captains Christina Siragusa and Meghan Leary rounded out the starting five, which has been the same starting lineup for the Warriors in 62 of the past 63 games.

This year’s tremendous season full of outstanding accomplishments was truly a team effort from start to finish.

McInerney Earns Top Honors from Northeast-10

Ann McInerney, in her fifth year as Merrimack’s women’s basketball coach, was named the Northeast-10 Coach of the Year. She was also named the Region I (Northeast) Division II Coach of the Year by Russell Athletics and the Women’s Basketball Coaches Association. McInerney is the fifth coach in the 30-year history of the Warriors’ program. In her first year at Merrimack, McInerney led the Warriors to the finals of the Northeast-10 tournament marking the first playoff win for a Merrimack women’s basketball team. Since that time, the Warriors have appeared every year in the playoffs and won their first ever Northeast-10 title this year.

For more information about Coach McInerney, visit www.merrimack.edu/generator.php?id=301

Hall of Fame Inducts Ducharme and Vesey

Former softball player Kim (Page) Ducharme ’94 and former hockey player Jim Vesey ’88 were recently inducted into the Merrimack Athletic Hall of Fame, marking the first inductions since seven were installed in 1993.

As a senior, Ducharme was the starting pitcher for the 1994 softball team that captured the NCAA National Championship, one of two softball titles won in the history of the Merrimack softball program. A two-time All-America, Ducharme is the school’s all-time career leader in wins (77), ERA (0.87) and strikeouts (566) and ranks second in innings pitched (642). She finished an incredible career with a 77-15 record including a 22-1 mark in her senior year. Also tabbed a three-time Academic All-America, Ducharme graduated magna cum laude in 1994 with a degree in English. Today Ducharme coaches softball at Central Catholic High School in Lawrence, Mass., is married and has a one-year-old son.

Vesey is the all-time leading scorer in the storied history of the Merrimack hockey program. A three-time All-America, he finished a brilliant career in 1987-88. He captured the 1986 Hobey Baker/College Division award after leading the nation in scoring with 95 points on 40 goals and 55 assists. That total remains a Merrimack record, as does his 244-point total over four years, which includes 110 goals and 134 assists. A 1984 draft pick of the St. Louis Blues, Vesey led the state in scoring as a senior in high school in guiding Christopher Columbus to the state championship. Vesey is married with three children.

The Merrimack Athletic Hall of Fame currently has 34 members.

MEN’S BASKETBALL

The men’s basketball season was a series of peaks and valleys. After starting 2-3, the Warriors then won 12-14 games which included an 84-81 win over then 21st ranked Saint Rose. The Warriors made post season play for the 18th time in 20 seasons under Head Coach Bert Hammel, setting a first round game versus Pace before losing to UM’s Lowell in the quarterfinals and ending the season with a 17-12 mark.

CROSS COUNTRY

On the men’s side, sophomore Adam Johnson highlighted the season by winning the Bryant College Invitational in a time of 28:07. The Warriors had four runners in the top 15 to also take the team title. Johnson also had top ten finishes at the MIT Harrier Classic (Fifth), Northeast-10 Championship (Seventh) and the Hayseed Classic (Ninth). Merrimack ended the season with a pair of fifth place finishes at the Northeast-10 Championships and the NCAA New England Regionals.

Freshman Linsey Cohen was the Warriors’ leading runner all season for the women’s cross country team. She had a season best seventh place finish at the Bryant Invitational and a pair of 12th place finishes at the Hayseed Classic and the Northeast-10 Championship.

Kim (Page) Ducharme ’94 (center) and Jim Vesey ’88 with President Richard J. Santiago.

VOLLEYBALL

The volleyball squad ended the 2003 regular season winning its last five-out-of-eight matches to earn the seventh seed in the Northeast-10 Tournament. The Warriors proceeded to upset second-seeded Umass Lowell and the next day defeated American International, 3-1 to make it to the program’s first ever tournament final against Brevard. The Warriors fell in the finals versus the Bulldogs.

MEN’S SOCCER

Head coach Tony Martone’s squad began the season undefeated at 2-0-2 in its four contests. Martone collected his 200th career win on the bench for Merrimack.

WOMEN’S SOCCER

The women’s soccer team had another very successful season as the Warriors posted a 19-3-1 record, while making their third straight appearance in the NCAA Tournament and reached the program’s highest ever ranking at No. 2 in the country. Merrimack began the season with a 11-1 game winning streak that included a 1-0 win over Franklin Pierce, the first win over the Ravens since the 1991 season. Coach Mejail was named the Northeast-10 Coach of the Year, as well as the NSCAA New England Region Coach of the Year.
Reunion 2004 – Join Us!
Honoring the classes of ’54, ’59, ’64, ’69, ’74, ’79, ’84, ’89 and ’99. All classes are invited to celebrate together.

FRIDAY, JUNE 4
50th Golden Diploma Ceremony
Santagati Hall, 6 p.m.
All family and friends of our Golden Warriors are welcome to this very special event.
Welcome Reception
Main Dining Hall, 8 – 11:00 p.m.
$15 per person

SATURDAY, JUNE 5
Campus Trolley Tours
12:30, 1:15, 2 p.m.
Complimentary

Diversity Education Center Reception
Diversity Education Center, Sakowich Campus Center, 2nd floor
1 – 3:00 p.m. Join us for complimentary refreshments and appetizers and learn about our new Diversity Education Center.

Family BBQ
Outside of the Rogers Center lobby, noon, rain or shine

Trotting in America Performance
Rogers Center, 2 p.m.
For more than two decades, this group has performed its witty, intelligent and original brand of folk-pop and children’s music to audiences across the U.S. Purchase tickets directly from the Rogers Center at 978-837-5136.

Mass
St. Claire Courtyard, 5 p.m.

Cocktail Reception
Main Dining Hall, Sakowich Campus Center, 6 p.m.
All class pictures will be taken at this time. See the invitation for times of individual class photos.

Dinner/Dance
Multi Purpose Room, Sakowich Campus Center, 8 p.m.
President Santagati will present the winner of the "Alumnus of the Year" award. The Golden Warrior Reunion Class Gift will also be presented.
Prices, times and locations are subject to change

Message from the Alumni Council President
March 2004
Dear Alumni:
I am pleased to update you on the activities of the Merrimack College Alumni Council.
Our Alumni Council volunteers should be very proud. Members of the Alumni Council are vital messengers who share information about the many positive changes that are taking place throughout the Merrimack College community. Thanks to their efforts, other alumni and friends will hear about the tremendous progress Merrimack is making. This group has accomplished a lot over the last year, including re-energized sub-committees, increased alumni participation at college-sponsored events, and getting recent graduates involved – just to name a few! While I know that you join me in applauding these achievements, you should also recognize that we still have more to accomplish.

One of my goals for the Alumni Council, and the entire alumni association, is to increase participation. Participation can take many forms: from attending alumni events, to mentoring students, joining the Alumni Council and one of its sub-committees, to making a financial gift to the annual fund. This kind of support is crucial as Merrimack continues to move towards being the pre-eminent Catholic College in the Northeast.

If you have comments or suggestions on how to create a more involved alumni association, I can be reached at diapplegate@yahoo.com, or you may send your thoughts to the Alumni Relations Department at alumnirelations@merrimack.edu.

Sincerely,

Diane Applegate '91
Alumni Council President

TUESDAY, APRIL 20
ALUMNI BUSINESS BREAKFAST
The Alumni Business Breakfast will feature Paul Healey ’82, national director of sales for Bauer Nikes, Paul will discuss his time spent at Merrimack College and how it prepared him for “the real world.” Paul will share his insight into the world of sales for a very successful, fast-paced company. Don’t miss this chance to network!
The event will be held from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. in Murray Lounge, 2nd floor of the Sakowich Campus Center. The charge is $15.00 per person. Please email kathleen.marshall@merrimack.edu or call (978) 837-5107 to reserve your space.

THURSDAY, APRIL 29
Young Alumni Night at The Rack
Join other young alumni at The Rack and see what everyone is up to! Details to follow. Please email kathleen.marshall@merrimack.edu or call (978) 837-5107 for more information.

THURSDAY, MAY 20
Washington, D.C. Alumni Event
Please join President Santagati and members of the Merrimack College community at an Alumni Reception at the home of Trustee Thomas C. Siekman ’63 in Washington, D.C. This will be a great opportunity to learn about what is new at Merrimack and to meet your local alumni. The reception will be from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Please RSVP by May 6, 2004 via E-mail to kathleen.marshall@merrimack.edu or call 978-837-5107. Directions and details will be provided.

THURSDAY, JUNE 27
Please join us at a Lowell Spinners game!
LeLacheur Park, 450 Aiken Street, Lowell, Mass.
This is an event for the entire family! Join us at the Cator Pit before the game for picnic style eating. Hot dogs, ribs, corn on the cob, sausages, chicken, salad, dessert and beverages will be served. Come to the Pit at 3:30 to eat, then watch the game at 5:00 p.m. The ticket price of $22.00 per person includes entrance to the Gator Pit and box seating. If you wish to purchase just a ticket to the game, the cost per ticket is $6.50. The first 1,000 children to enter the park will receive copies of an Arthur children’s book.

Children may run the bases after the game. They can also enjoy the children’s play area during the game!
Please RSVP to kathleen.marshall@merrimack.edu or call 978-837-5107 to reserve your space. Deadline to make your reservation is May 26th. Your tickets will be mailed to you.

REUNION 2004, JUNE 4 and 5 - Save the date!
For more information, E-mail elizabeth.magliozzi@merrimack.edu or call her at 978-837-5136.

Recognize these faces?
Many alumni enjoyed getting together at the Bay Tower Room in Boston to celebrate the holidays, the Red Sox game and The Rack.

Don’t miss out on these great events!
M60 Dr. Laurence M. Demers is a distinguished Professor of Pathology and Medicine at The Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine, Hershey, Penn. The University’s Board of Trustees recently approved and announced the establishment of an endowed Professorship in his name entitled “Laurence M. Demers Career Development Professorship in Pathology and Medicine.”

M61 John Correiro is the former Fall River School Superintendent, Fall River, Mass. Most recently, The Henry Lord Middle School in Fall River dedicated its auditorium in John’s honor and to thank him for his many years of dedicated service to the Fall River community. In addition, he is recognized nationally as having implemented the nation’s first voluntary school-choice program for students, providing equal access to school facilities and balancing the school population so that students are not linguistically or racially isolated because of where they happen to live.

M63 Dennis C. Hunt is president of Marlborough City Council in Marlborough, Mass. He is involved with numerous organizations including Citizens Scholarship Foundation, Boys & Girls Club and the Marlborough High School Boosters Club.

M64 Dr. David W. Manning, D.M.D., has been a dentist in Ludlow, Mass. for 30 years. He has spent these last 30 years advancing his dentistry by attending Citizens Scholarship Foundation, Boys & Girls Club and the Marlborough High School Boosters Club.

M65 Francis (‘Jay”) Dinnnen has been promoted to senior vice president and team leader of Fleet’s Massachusetts Municipal Banking Unit. He is responsible for managing the municipal banking team that provides banking, cash management, investment and credit services to cities and towns in Massachusetts. He also continues to manage a select group of municipalities.

M66 Steven Angelo is the town manager of Winold, Conn.

M67 Phillip Connet has been appointed next president of the Illinois Coalition Association. He was the former general manager of City Water, Light & Power in Springfield, Mass.

M68 Brian Mitchell has been named president of Bucknell University, a liberal arts school in Lewisburg, Penn. Prior to this, he was president of Washington and Jefferson College.

M69 Murray Scudder is a vice president for Hy-Line Cruises, Hyannis, Mass., and shares responsibility for operations with his brother, David.

M70 Mark Doran is the general manager of Both Mitsubishi in Norwood, Mass., which is the 41 Mitsubishi dealership in New England, and the 12th largest in the country. Mark and his wife, Beth, live in Newton, Mass., and have two children, Kate, 6, and Daniel, 15 months.

M71 Mary Ann (Connolly) Quinn has been selected to manage Century 21 North Shore in Reading, Mass. She and her husband Bob have two children, Emily and Michael, and a 7-year-old rescued Greyhound, Becky. They are long time Reading residents and are active in the community.

M72 Frances (Curran) Harrow has been hired as a psychologist for the Ambler School District, Ambler, N.H.

M74 Joe Unieuwski has been named Associate Justice of the Worcester County Court and is Governor Mitt Romney’s first judicial appointment. He and his wife, Julie Caldell, ’81, live in Topfield, Mass., with their son Francis and twin daughters Julia and Anna.

M75 Steven (‘Steve”) J. Keefe has been named to the executive board of the Framingham (Mass.) Chamber of Commerce.

M76 Anne-Marie Kilmartin has joined “Doctors without Borders” and is working as a nurse in Yenagaya, Nigeria. “Doctors without Borders” was founded in 1971 by a group of French doctors who believe that all people have the right to medical care, regardless of race, religion, creed, or political affiliation. It is an international network of branches in 18 countries that provides much-needed medical assistance in people in great need and gains a wealth of useful experiences.

M77 Phillip McGovern has joined the Merrimack College in the Business Management Program.

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M80 Maria Ann (Connolly) Quinn has been selected to manage Century 21 North Shore in Reading, Mass. She and her husband Bob have two children, Emily and Michael, and a 7-year-old rescued Greyhound, Becky. They are long time Reading residents and are active in the community.

M81 Francis (‘Jay”) Dinnnen has been promoted to senior vice president and team leader of Fleet’s Massachusetts Municipal Banking Unit. He is responsible for managing the municipal banking team that provides banking, cash management, investment and credit services to cities and towns in Massachusetts. He also continues to manage a select group of municipalities.

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M89 Christine Raymond and Lance Riek founded Sensory Labs, a machine vision integration company in Bozeman, Mont. where they live with their two daughters, Anna and Maria.

M90 Donna (Hollis) DeSimone is an independent home interior designer in Burlington, Mass. Her correct E-mail is resumewriter@cnc.com

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CLASS NOTES

Anthony Gates has been promoted to senior management position at Conklin Doherty & Farr PC. He specializes in corporate and personal taxation and is pursuing his accreditation as a certified financial planner.

Michael Lolzcano is vice president of The Johnson Group, Chicago, IL, a 30-year-old former provider of recruitment and consulting needs for the insurance and healthcare industry.

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Steve Adams, owner of Nettoscope Cape Cod, an Internet consulting firm for the Cape and Islands, has been elected to the Hyannis Area Chamber of Commerce’s board of directors. He will also chair the technology committee and continue to advise the chamber on using technology including the Internet.

Jennifer M. DiPrizio has passed the certification technology committee and continue to advocate for the chamber on using technology including the Internet.

The marathon covered 28 miles and she trained around Europe, UK, Central and South America as well as the islands. She trained for Pelham (N.H.) High School where students are enjoying a brand new track.

Joe Ester, former hockey goalie at Merrimack, overcame his severe injury from March 2002 to recently celebrate his first win in goal for Wheeling Nailers (W.Va.), a minor league NHL team for the Pittsburgh Penguins.

Justin Saucy is a track and field coach for Pelham (N.H.) High School where students are enjoying a brand new track.

Christopher Taylor is the new evening circulation supervisor of the McQuade Library at Merrimack College.

Deborah (West) Church has spent the past 16 years running raffles for Gazette Santa through the Haverhill School System, Haverhill, Mass. She raised about $2,000 annually through her raffles.

Lee-Anne Martelle is the program director at Lowell DYS Day Reporting Center, Lowell, Mass., and is employed by the Robert F. Kennedy Children Action Corporation.

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Jennifer D. Lipizzan has passed the certified public accountant’s (CPA) examination. She is employed by Sullivan Billie, P.C., a regional accounting firm with offices in Tewksbury, Mass.; Boston, Mass.; and Salem, N.H. Jennifer has worked for the company for six years as a member of its audit staff.

Jennifer Smith is a primary special needs teacher herself at Orient Avenue School in East Providence, R.I.

Robyn Vallarelli has been coaching and teaching on the island of St. Thomas. She also recently took a year off to travel around Europe, UK, Central and South America, and the Hawaiian Islands. She trained and ran the Kona, a Hawaii marathon also known as an iron man triathlon course. The marathon covered 26 miles and she raised $5,000 in funding to benefit the American Stroke Association. She has also experienced hiking the Wyzemann Chain and snorkeling on the Napali coast in Hawaii.

MARRIAGES


Patricia Wicks ’91 and Steven R. Siegel, October 15, 2003.


Karen L. Fanyus ’94 and John J. Greene at Collegiate Church of Christ the Teacher, Merrimack College, September 20, 2003.


Alumni attending included: MOSHE (MOSK) KRALIK, ’71; MICHAEL O’NEIL, ’71; GREGORY STEUTERMAN, ’71; MONIKA (DODSON) TOSCANO, ’71; and DAVID O’BRIEN, ’71.


DaNina G. Moros ’97 and Edward J. Cauley at Holy Cross Church, Holyoke, Mass.

Mark Bailey ’80 and Valerie Poppleton at Collegiate Church of Christ the Teacher, Merrimack College, September 14, 2003. Alumni attending included Peter Dannelle ’98.

Alumni attending included: MOLLY BURNS ’90, MARIA STEFRETTA, ’90, MARY (MOOSA) JUREK, ’90, LYNN (MONAGHAN) PARR, ’90, HEIDI SMITH-PETROSINO, ’90, ELLEN PEHRSON, ’90, and DAWN (STOLEF) STALEPHOT, ’90.

Edward P. Flynn III ’80 and Terri L. Raymond at Atkinson Country Club, Atkinson, N.H.

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Michael Aquino is a financial analyst at Minsk Levin, Boston, Mass.

MARRIAGES


BRIAN E. GLAVIN '00 and Amy S. Berry at Collège de Chair of Christ the Teacher, Merrimack College, Aug 2003.

JENNIFER MILLER '03 and Ryan Curtin at DeCrchie at St. William Church, Tewksbury, Mass., October 12, 2003.

BRIAN E. GLAVIN '00 and Amy S. Beaulieu at Collegiate Church of Christ, Tewksbury, Mass.


TARA THORNTON '00 and Stephen DeCoste and Liam Kenny, December 30, 2002.

NEW ARRIVALS

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DEATHS

Joseph P. Faris, '51, of Chelmsford, Mass., died December 9, 2003. He was a retired U.S. Army Air Corps technician in World War II.

Henry A. Whiting, '53, of Yarmouth Port, Mass., died October 6, 2003. He was a retired U.S. Army Air Corps technician in World War II.

Leo J. Galeazzi, '56, of Concord, N.H., died November 19, 2003. He was a retired U.S. Army Air Corps technician in World War II.

Sheila (Sullivan) Gilmore, '57, of Malden, Mass., died November 23, 2003. She was a retired U.S. Army Air Corps technician in World War II.

Gerald A. Moros, '63, of Lowell, Mass., died September 23, 2003. He worked for Union Carbide in Cleveland, Philadelphia and Nanticoke, Pa., and for Fastfax in Nashua, N.H. He was the founder and president of Spindle Office Products in Lowell, Mass., and then worked in hotel operations management at the Radisson in Chelmsford, Mass., and the Colonial Inn in Concord, N.H. He was also a long-time employee of Plaza Limousine in Tewksbury, Mass.

Kenneth J. Higgins, '65, of McDonough, Va., died December 23, 2003. He was employed by General Electric. In 1968, he moved to Schenectady, N.Y., and continued with the company through 1985, when he left GE Medical Systems in Milwaukee. From 1985 through 1990, he was employed by PDI of Dallas, TX. In 1990, he and his family moved to the Richmond area, where he worked as a consultant for Roberstson Controls of Richmond, Cedrus Communications and the Eaton Corp. In 1996, he was hired as a financial consultant at the time of his death.

Kenneth was working for Eagle Finder Auto Mfg. of Detroit.

Stephan A. Dias, '73, of Pawtucket, R.I., died December 8, 2003. He had been employed as Extrol Corp. of Wilmington, Mass., and a U.S. Army veteran.

Arthur F. Watkins Jr., '73, of Darvins, Mass., died November 6, 2003. He was employed for 45 years as a master electrician for the A.C. Lawrence Leather Co. in Peabody, Mass., until he retired in 1976.

Francois M. (Karpan) Socha, '76, of Pittsburgh, Pa., died October 11, 2003. Prior to retiring several years ago, she was a tax accountant with Digital Equipment Corp. (now Hewlett Packard) in Maynard, Mass., for many years.

Sandra (Caponetto) Yelle, '62, of Old Orchard, Me., died October 11, 2003. She was a teacher for 20 years, and most recently taught science at the Caleb Hunking Middle School in Haverhill, Mass.

Patrice and family.

Lillian M. Buckley, '66 died February 23, 2004. She was the executive director of the Burlington (Mass.) Housing Authority for 10 years, retiring in 1999. A 1958 Malden (Mass.) High School graduate, she graduated summa cum laude from Merrimack. She was a member of the Merrimack College Alumni Association. Among her survivors is her daughter Patricia (Buckley) Pieta, '67.


Raymond '81, Joseph Negri, '85, of Avon, Conn., died October 10, 2003. He worked for GMAC in Rocky Hill, Conn., and SNV in Austin, and was pursuing his electrician's license.

Merrimack Family Death Notices

Wladyslaw "Walter" Socha died on November 24, 2003. Daughter. He was a professor of education and psychology at Merrimack for 32 years. He served as chair of the department of Psychology and Education. He had honorably served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. Fluent in Polish and grounded in his family of friends, he spent extended time in Poland.

Emile G. Giangrande, resident hall supervisor in Deegan East, died on December 3, 2003. He mowed the U.S. Army during World War 1 with the 1st Battalion 26th Infantry Regiment and the "Big Red One" and was a guard at the Nuremberg War Crimes Trial. He also spent extended time in Poland.

He is survived by his wife Carole Ann and family.

Mrs. Giangrande was the department secretary in Electrical Engineering from 1965 to 2000. She often traveled with Merrimack alumni groups. She is survived by her husband Thomas, son Thomas, Jr., '89, daughter Patricia and family.

Col. Earl V. Brown died on January 22, 2004. Col. Brown served Merrimack College from 1969 to 1992 in many capacities including: director of government relations and coordinator of sponsored research; assistant to the president; vice president for administration; and general counsel. Prior to that he served a retired U.S. Army Trial Judge, having served as legal advisor in the Korean peace negotiations from 1962 to 1973, as dean of Columbia Law School. He is survived by his wife Marian and family.

Dr. John J. Wholey died on February 11, 2004. Dr. Wholey served as college physician and director of Health Services from 1969 to 1981. He practiced medicine in Andover from 1953 until his retirement in 1981. He remained in the National Guard and retired as a full colonel. He is survived by his daughters Jean and Anne, daughter-in-law Maureen, and family.
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“We give to Merrimack College because we believe that it continues to offer its students personal attention, academic excellence, a good moral base, and the lifelong career connections needed to excel. As graduates and parents of a current Merrimack student, we have seen the direct impact giving can have on students' lives.”

— Joseph and Rose (Kelley) Lorusso '79, '79

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The St. Augustine Society recognizes those alumni, parents, and friends of Merrimack College who have demonstrated the greatest support to the college. The society augments Merrimack College's existing educational, administrative, and promotional resources in a way that encourages greater participation. In addition to their strong financial commitment, and in order to create a closer partnership between the faculty, students, administration, and society members, the society's members are given the opportunity to be active participants in various educational, administrative, and social activities. Society members make a minimum annual gift of $5,000.

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COMING ATTRACTIONS - Spring 2004

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APRIL

17 The Tommy Dorsey Orchestra with band leader Buddy Morrow at 7:30 p.m. (Rogers Center)
20 Honors Convocation at 4 p.m. (Collegiate Church of Christ the Teacher)
20 Passover Seder at 2 p.m. (Murray Lounge) sponsored by Center for Study of Jewish Christian Relations.
20 Leonard Bernstein’s MASS performed by the Boston Conservatory at 7 p.m. (Rogers Center)
30 Natalie MacMaster, Cape Breton fiddler, at 7:30 p.m. (Rogers Center)

JUNE

4 4th Annual Tambakos Video Competition screening 2 - 6 p.m.; awards at 7 p.m. (Rogers Center)
7 4th Annual Merrimack College YAS Corporation Senior Honors Project Award Program at 11:30 a.m. (Cascia Hall)
12 Bellissimi Academy Awareness Evening, 6:30-8:00 p.m. View student work and learn about student performance, cocktails.

15 Baccalaureate Mass at 3:30 p.m. (Austin Plaza)
16 Commencement at 2 p.m. (Volpe Athletic Center)
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For a complete list of alumni events, please also see page 21.

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