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The Girard School genesis continues
Campaign for Merrimack College surpasses $41 million
College offers many reasons to feel proud

This time of year at Merrimack College is always filled with a sense of accomplishment and hope. This year, another 506 men and women joined you and me as fellow alumni. It is gratifying to know that each of them had been well prepared to face life’s challenges as well as its rewards. Their academic excellence and wealth of social, cultural and spiritual experiences while at Merrimack will carry them far in life and will serve as a solid foundation for success. True as always to our Augustinian heritage, Merrimack will always be here for them.

The Class of 2001 was joined by 12 members of the Class of 1951, our first graduating class. These pioneers, without whose faith and hope this institution would not exist, also celebrated their 50th reunion in June. It is these individuals who are the true witnesses to our growth as a college and as a community. They have seen what began as just one building transformed into a thriving campus with endless possibilities and potential. They were joined at the reunion by members of the classes of ’56, ’61, ’66, ’71, ’76, ’81, ’86, ’91 and ’96 on a beautiful late spring weekend. As several generations of Merrimack alumni came together in friendship to recall their happy times at Merrimack and share their lives since, I had the pleasure of meeting and talking with many of them. Amazement and excitement abounded over the many physical changes they saw on our campus and they spoke with high praise for the Sakowich Campus Center, the Rogers Center for the Arts and the John E. Deegan Residence Hall, among others.

Our alumni have played a major role in the extraordinary success of our “Awakening Minds and Hearts for a New Generation” campaign that raised an unprecedented $41 million, more than 62% above our original goal of $25 million. With its generosity and that of many parents and friends, we achieved the campaign’s goals set five years ago. We constructed our new campus center, doubled the college’s endowment fund and are now able to assist hundreds of students in their pursuit of a college education at Merrimack. The Francis E. Girard School of Business and International Commerce continues to move toward national accreditation and to graduate students who have a competitive edge as they enter the increasingly complex business world.

It is the knowledge and understanding of the value of a Merrimack education that have so many alumni and other supporters committed to our fine institution. That commitment grows a better Merrimack with each passing year.

This issue outlines some of the ways that gifts to Merrimack College are an investment in its future, not only in construction but also in faculty, technology and community service. Commitment to Merrimack College is an investment in generations to come. As we move forward in the 21st century, I am confident that we continue to share a common mission to educate young minds in the best Augustinian tradition.

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Commencement 2001

Merrimack's 51st class hears calls for public service, and a reminder of the value of community

President Richard Santagati, right, congratulates Michael Bradley '78, Ph.D., winner of the Edward G. Roddy Jr. Award for outstanding teaching.

by David Rattigan

Joined by a dozen members of the college's first class, 506 seniors from Merrimack's 51st graduating class received a final reminder to consider the value of community and service to others at the May 20 commencement.

In his charge to the graduates, President Richard Santagati said, "Each of you will follow a different path when you leave here, but regardless of where life's journey takes you, no matter what you do, I urge you to keep that spirit of service alive and well. You'll be a better and happier person for it."

Santagati then quoted the great British statesman Winston Churchill, telling graduates, "You make a living by what you do. You make a life by what you give."

Twelve members of the college's class of 1951 accepted an invitation to walk in procession with the class of 2001. A crowd of approximately 4,500 filled the Volpe Athletic Complex for the ceremony. It featured a similar call to service by commencement speaker Blenda Wilson, Ph.D., president and chief executive officer of the Nellie Mae Foundation, which promotes accessibility, quality and effectiveness of education in New England from pre-school through post-secondary levels. Senior Speaker Katie Schroth then spoke on the value of community: "I began my journey at Merrimack College prepared to take on the world, and to experience a great adventure.

Schroth, an engineering student from Attleboro, Mass., spoke on the value of community: "I began my journey at Merrimack College prepared to take on the world, and to experience a great adventure," said Schroth. The extraordinary experiences to come were not those she'd anticipated, but of "becoming a part of the Augustinian community that we hear so much about ... a close-knit unit of students and faculty striving together to learn what it means to serve others, and to journey through knowledge to wisdom."

A Presidential Scholar, Schroth was a four-year member of the cross-country team and a three-year Academic All American. She found community within the team, as well as in another setting, as part of a group of students that studied together before a crucial final exam during her sophomore year.

"Not only were we able to teach each other, but we managed to dissipate some of our anxiety by joking with each other as well," Schroth said. "What one instructor in religious studies from 1972 to 1974, and served in campus ministry in 1988 and 1989. Wilson urged students to take action in their lives, to make the world a better place.

"The important question to ask yourselves today is not, 'What will come next?' but, 'What kind of world do you want to create?'' Wilson said. She later added that, "There can be no greater affirmation of the importance of your years of study and hard work than the realization that it will enable you to act upon your idealism with skill, with optimism and with passion."

Wilson was one of three honorary degree recipients, along with Suffolk University law professor Clifford Elias, who is active in many Merrimack Valley organizations and boards, and Rev. Brian Lowery, O.S.A., prior at Convento S. Agostino in San Gimignano, Italy, whose service in the Augustinian Order has included two assignments at Merrimack College. He was an instructor in religious studies from 1972 to 1974, and served in campus ministry in 1988 and 1989. Wilson urged students to take action in their lives, to make the world a better place.

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"No matter where life's journey takes you... take nothing for granted," Santagati told the graduates. "Laugh as much as you can. Tell those who are special to you that you love them... Take time for family and friends. Enjoy the quieter moments. As St. Augustine said, 'Nobody can call back yesterday; tomorrow is treading on the heels of today. In this short space, let us live good lives.'

"I know you will experience many rewards in life, and I know from experience that you will face difficulties and disappointments as well. So, embrace the challenges as much as you embrace the rewards. Difficulties are a necessary part of real achievement and growth, and they make the rewards that much sweeter."

Santagati, in his final words to the graduates, urged them to live the remainder of their lives to the fullest. In addition to Churchill, he quoted former President Jimmy Carter, who said, "Strive for something exceptional. Faith will permit us to take a new path; perhaps different from the one we now follow. It may be surprising where it leads."

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That reinforced the feedback that Marshall, the recipient of this year's Edward J. Burns Medal as the top student in the Business Management section (4.0 in business), had been getting from classmates who were working internships, or who'd graduated in December.

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Other award winners included:

- The Edward J. Burns Medal awarded to the first-ranking student in Humanities: Frances W. Phaneuf and Laurie J. Williams.
- The Very Reverend Mortimer A. Sullivan, O.S.A. Medal awarded to the first-ranking student in Science and Engineering: Elizabeth A. Fleming.
- The Victor J. Mill Medal awarded to the first-ranking student in Continuing Education: James R. Whitney.
- The Margaret J. Lamond Medal awarded to the student who most exemplifies Catholic ideals and service: Sister Lucy Veilleux, S.C.I.M.
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The school continues to make significant progress in the process of accreditation by the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB), which will put it into an elite group. There are just 400 AACSB accredited business schools worldwide.

"It's a six- to seven-year process from beginning to end, and we're right in the middle," says Ed Popper, D.B.A., dean of the school. "We expect we'll be accredited in 2003 or 2004."

Alumni from this year's class and others still talk about Merrimack's low teacher-student ratio as an important part of training better business leaders. Marshall, who transferred to Merrimack from a university with much larger classes, points out that at Merrimack a student is expected to contribute, not just take notes, which keeps students motivated. The technological innovations in the business department are also having a major impact on students.

They have created a learning environment that more closely mirrors, and better prepares students for, the business experience. "Think back to driver's ed," Popper says. "You don't learn how to drive a car by reading a book about how to drive a car. What this does is put students in the absolute real application."

When the Business Department became the Girard School, there were several changes in both facilities and faculty, including:

- two new endowed chairs, named for Girard '62 (international business), and Robert J. Fabbricatore (entrepreneurship), to go along with the Ciejek Chair (finance) already in place.

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On the subject of students using modern technology, Ed Popper, D.B.A., dean of the Technology Center, says, "We have six different computer screens on students' desks and allow teachers and students to make professional presentations using state-of-the-art technology such as the Arthur Andersen Technology Center; an endowment for the international accounting program; an endowed chair in accounting; and a large "smart classroom" called The Gizard Auditorium and other, smaller classrooms with the same multimedia capacities such as the Arthur Andersen Technology Center; an endorsement for the international business program.

None of the innovations has had a more immediate impact than the increased number of "smart" multimedia classrooms, which put computer screens on students' desks and allow teachers and students to make professional presentations using state-of-the-art technology such as the Arthur Andersen Technology Center. In the planned Phase Three, the parking-lot side of the building will be expanded and the ice surface moved, and builders will create a bowl-shaped arena with 3,000 fixed seats and more luxurious boxes as well as a new entrance and lobby on the parking-lot side of the building.

The new arena will be a state-of-the-art locker suite, which will help with recruiting and give us space for game preparation, practices, and a variety of functions," says Bob DeGregorio, athletic director. "This will make it obvious that we're moving to make this a competitive Divisions I hockey program," he says. "We have an exact plan of what Merrimack needs to help us compete with the UNHs, BUs, Michigan States. We won't have 8,000 seats, but it will be a state-of-the-art facility unique to the needs of Merrimack College."
Merrimack College has successfully met a challenge by The Kresge Foundation, receiving a $4.2 million grant toward the completion of the Sakowich Campus Center that was dedicated in January 2001.

The Kresge Foundation’s challenge was to raise $4.2 million between December 1999 and March 31, 2000. The Center is part of the five-year “Campus 2000” initiative to upgrade Merrimack College, “which had an original goal of $25 million.” When that goal was surpassed, a new goal to raise $40 million was established. (For more, see Stallworth’s Report, page 7.)

The Kresge Foundation is an independent, private foundation created by the personal gifts of Sebastian S. Kresge. Grants recipients raise initial funds toward their projects before requesting foundation assistance. Grants are made on a challenge basis, requiring the institution to raise remaining funds, thereby insuring completion of projects involving construction or renovation of facilities. Grants are awarded to institutions of higher education, health and long-term care, arts and humanities, human services, science and the environment, and public affairs, based on the strength of the institution, its financial stability and its ability to achieve results.

This was the first time Merrimack has received a Kresge challenge grant. Nearly 600 institutions apply annually to Kresge with approximately 200 grants awarded.

—Kathleen Franzese ’83

**News Reflects Friendship**

The friendship between the late Rev. Thomas Casey, O.S.A., and the late Kenneth Braverman was a model for the mission of the Center for the Study of Jewish-Christian Relations at Merrimack.

It was also the inspiration for a new fund, from a donation by Ken’s widow, Roberta Braverman, to support library resources for the study of Jewish-Christian Relations. Films, books, CD-ROMs, and other material will be housed at the McQuade Library. It is named the Kenneth Braverman and Thomas Casey, O.S.A., Memorial Fund for Library Resources in the Study of Jewish-Christian Relations.

After his retirement, Braverman took classes with the late Bishop John Fenton, and Father Casey was a frequent hospital visitor. When he passed away in 1996, Father Casey spoke at his funeral, along with his rabbi, Robert Goldstein of Temple Emmanuel in Andover.

“Ken Braverman was a very devout Jew,” Rabbi Goldstein said. “He befriended Father Casey, and they became very close friends and soulmates... This bequest is really a celebration of that.”

—David Rattigan

**Reland Bound**

Thirsting for an Irish adventure at a pint price? Terry Mannahan 96 of House of Travel American Express is leading alumni and friends and on a four-day, four-night Irish vacation that leaves from Boston.

Alumni will visit Limerick, Killarney, Blarney, Dublin, the village of Adare, the Dingle Peninsula and the Blarney Castle. They’ll see spectacular sights on the coast and in the countryside, and enjoy all the charm of Ireland. Everyone knows the importance of Irish pubs in Ireland.

Cost is $699 per person plus international airfare. Over the years she has received a series of grants from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to support the project, which regularly involves student assistants from Merrimack. This year, she received a two-year, $75,000 grant from the NIH.

—Kathleen Franzese ’83

**Gladstone is honored by Friends**

In recognition of his long-term commitment and support for the college, Karl Gladstone of North Andover received the first Friends of Merrimack Award at the organization’s annual dinner.

The Friends also presented a $77,200 check to President Karl Gladstone for Merrimack College. That’s the largest amount ever contributed by the Friends of Merrimack Scholarship Program, which has benefited more than 1500 students. He has established two scholarships at Merrimack, the Richard and Rose Gladstone Scholarship and the Karl and Joyce Gladstone Foundation Friends of Merrimack Scholarship. He holds an honorary doctorate, along with his wife, Joyce, from Merrimack, and is a former Merrimack trustee. Gladstone is an honorary member of the Lawrence Rotary and the Lawrence Boys and Girls Club. He serves on the board of directors of the Lawrence Boating Program and is a member of the Northern Essex Community College Foundation. He has been the Boy Scouts’ Man of the Year, and is a member of several other community and philanthropic organizations.

The Friends of Merrimack College award will be given annually to individuals who exemplify the group’s mission of social, cultural, and fundraising activities. The Friends also honored outgoing presidents Larry Ardito of Andover and Mary Beth McNish of North Andover, who were instrumental in increasing the membership of the Friends to more than 550 members during their two-year tenure.

New board members, inducted during the event, include co-presidents Maria Ferrara of Andover and Diane Coletta of Haverhill, Mass.

—Kathleen Franzese ’83

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**TV personality Chris Matthews will speak at Merrimack**

Political analyst and TV talk show host Chris Matthews will appear in the Merrimack College Speaker Series on the evening of November 4. The speed-talking Matthews is best known for hosting the nightly Hardball with Chris Matthews on both MSNBC and CNBC.

He is also a frequent commentator on NBC’s Today and the regular substitute anchor on NBC’s Weekday Today. Matthews is a nationally syndicated columnist for the San Francisco Chronicle, and the author of Hardball (1988) and Kennedy & Nixon (1996).

The series, held at the college’s Rogers Center for the Arts. For information or to reserve tickets, call the center box office at (978) 837-5355.
Anything for the sorority?

Colleen Lancelotta takes a pie in the face from alleged fiend Eric Rosberg as part of a fundraiser for Theta Phi Alpha. Hilary Turpin '01 and Tara Bongiorno are in the background.

Students take home YAS Senior Honors Awards

Several seniors were recipients of the first YAS Senior Honors Awards, recognizing academic initiative, originality and achievement beyond that required by their major's curriculum.

Entrepreneur Rouzbeh Yassini, founder and chief executive officer of YAS Broadband Ventures, LLC of Andover, made the awards to promote and reward excellence on the part of graduating seniors. Well known as a pioneer in the development of high-speed communications and as the father of the cable modem, Yassini has been given credit for creating and fostering the multi-billion dollar cable modem "Broadband" industry.

First, second and third prizes were awarded to students from Liberal Arts, Science and Engineering, and the Girard School of Business. First prize was $5,000, second was $2,500, and third was $1,000. More than 80 students submitted projects for consideration and worked closely with faculty members on each project, a rarity among undergraduate schools.

The winners: in Liberal Arts, Kellie Delli Colli (psychology), Geoffrey Beaulieu (history), and Laurie Williams (English); in Science and Engineering, the team of Craig Chesley, Steve Coreia, Kevin Dongneh and Brian Vardaro (electrical engineering); in Kristin Zaramba (biology), and Rebecca R. Rotti (chemistry); and in the Girard School of Business, the teams of Sandra Cature, Kelly Kacz, Marjon Tondravi, and Patrick Varonc (marketing). Lisa Castellano and Patrick Sueltenfuss (management), and Michael Deakyne, Dan Fountain, and Jarod Trudel (finance).

Yassini views the students' poster presentations, presented the YAS Awards and briefly spoke about the anticipated growth in global communications. He predicted "tremendous energy not only to improve global communications but also to improve the quality of life for all of us."

College applications reached a record number

Merrimack received a record number of applications for admissions this year, reaching nearly 3,400. That figure represents an increase of 20 percent from last year; the typical increase over the past several years has been 5 to 7 percent. In addition, visitors to the campus have increased by 25 percent, with a record number of campus tours and on-site interviews conducted.

"This is an extraordinary year for Merrimack," President Richard Santagati said. "Since 1994 we have seen an increase of more than 91 percent in applications and our acceptance rate has been reduced by more than 15 percentage points."

With a strong economy and more high school students graduating than ever before, Merrimack is being included on more of students' "must see" lists. New campus facilities, such as the Sakowich Campus Center, the Rogers Center for the Arts, and Deegan Hall, are big attractions. New programs in academics and student life, such as the new major in Communication, as well as more alumni spreading the news about Merrimack, really make a difference.

Listed in Barron's Guide to Colleges as "very competitive," Merrimack's 2001-02 acceptance rate decreased from 69 percent to 62 percent.

"We are becoming much more competitive," said Mary Lou Retelle Smart, dean of admission and financial aid. "A greater number of Merrimack applicants are also applying to top schools such as Tufts, BC, and BU. We're competing with a much broader field than in years past."

"We are reaching more students," said Richard Santagati. "We maintain an open door policy of Day, "Great artists are born, not made. Certainly, charisma can't be taught."

"Charlie is one of the most exciting young talents in New York today," said Martin. "He's charismatic, and his work is honest in every detail. Even when he was young, in tiny parts, he had something that others didn't. In Dead End he completely reawarded my faith in him as an actor."

Those who didn't attend the play might have glimpsed Day's face in small speaking roles in various television shows and commercials. He was interrogated by police on Law & Order, was a wine-guy coffee shop clerk in Madigan Men, and was a mailroom clerk who makes a pass at Mary Tyler Moore in the TV movie Mary and Rhoda. For the
past three years, he’s lived in New York City.
One of his best-remembered—and best paying—he received residual checks for a year—roles was in a Cascade commercial, where he played a college graduate who wanted to “skip a step” and go right into a comfortable retirement.

He’s done two more commercials since then, national spots for Thomas’ Bagels and Burger King. In the Thomas’ commercial, he and another guy are moving a couch when they get a bagel yearning. In the Burger King spot, he and as in the Thomas’ commercial (coincidentally the same actor) are sitting on a couch when someone in a chicken suit comes in and proceeds to disrobe. The tag line: “Some chicken strips are better than others.”

In addition, he’s done regional commercials for Nike/Footlockers and Bob’s Stores, and has appeared in a national spot for Lenox.Com, a web site for musicians and actors. What made that commercial noteworthy is it debuted at the Oscars, and was directed by Spike Lee. At the audition, actors were told to come in with a monologue, to perform for the commercial.

“I thought it was going to be humiliating, so I decided to recite the lines from an old Juicy Fruit commercial,” he says. “I replaced the word ‘Juicy’ with ‘Blanky.’ I did the whole bit, acting bad for the sake of acting bad.”

Day didn’t realize Lee was the director until he got a callback. Fortunately, “(Lee) got a big kick out of it.” His Blanky Fruit monologue didn’t make the final cut of the commercial, but he got in, reciting the line (in a mock-sarcastic tone), “1 was born to act.”

In his first year in New York, Day sat on tables, answered phones, and did whatever else he could to pay the rent.

“Since I’ve had an agent, I’ve been able to start making a living through acting,” says Day, who is represented by the same agency that handles Ben Affleck and Matt Damon. “As soon as I had representation, I started to get work. I know how lucky I am, though. I have friends who have agents, and they still have day jobs.”

played in short and feature-length independent films including The Rain Comes Down Gentle in April, Angela and Camp Fire Stories. He recently shot a scene playing a Washington Square Park drug dealer in a Chris Rock-Anthony Hopkins film called Black Sheep.

Hockey
Merrimack advanced to the Hockey East playoffs for a fifth straight season, finishing with an overall record of 14-20-4 and a league mark of 7-14-3. The season was highlighted by four victories over nationally ranked opponents, including a 6-3 win at home over eventual national champion Boston College.

Sophomore forward Anthony Aquino was named to the All-Hockey League Online National Player of the Week.

2000-01 Winter/Spring Sports Roundup

Sports Notebook

Text by Tom O’Brien, sports information director

Men’s Basketball
Warrior men’s basketball player Matt VanLeeuwen moved up to 10th on the school’s all-time scoring list, finishing his four-year career with 1,450 points. The senior was named to the All-Conference Third Team.

Sophomore Craig Griffin earned All-Northeast-10 Second Team honors after leading the Northeast-10 and finishing third in the nation in rebounding. The Warriors finished the season with a 13-15 overall record and advanced to the quarterfinals of the Northeast-10 Tournament.

Women’s Basketball
Morgan McEwen became the 10th player in school history to score 1,000 points in her career and the junior has now scored in double figures in 50 straight games.

McEwen was named to the All-Conference Third Team and junior Stacey Knapp was selected for the Second Team after leading the league and finishing second in the nation in rebounding. The Warriors posted an overall mark of 12-15 and advanced to the Northeast-10 Playoffs.

Forward Joey Goy ‘01 was named the US College Hockey Online National Player of the Week.

For Christmas, the team received a free copy of A Christmas Story: The Storyteller’s Edition, which was very much appreciated.

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Baseball
Three Merrimack baseball players earned All-Conference honors as outfielder Travis Veilleux, third baseman Gary Venner and pitcher Chris Canestrari were named to the Third Team. The Warriors had an overall record of 17-25. Freshman shortstop Jeff Plunge led the team with a .380 average while Rocco Mastrangelo pounded 10 home runs.

Women's Lacrosse
In just its third season, the women's lacrosse team went 10-5 and advanced to the Northeast-10 Finals. The Warriors took three of the four major awards in the Northeast-10, with head coach Karen Labey being named Coach of the Year, Amanda Baldwin the Defensive Player of the Year and Alisa Arakelian earning Freshman of the Year honors. Lisa Castellano led the conference and finished second in the nation in scoring.

Men's Lacrosse
The Warriors were ranked No. 9 in the Final USILA Division II national poll after going 10-5 in 2001. Merrimack finished second in the conference with a mark of 8-2 and advanced to the Northeast-10 Tournament final. Senior David Eaton was honored as the Northeast-10 Defensive Player of the Year and was named All-Conference as were teammates Jeff Abelli, Brian Conry, Nate Shippee, Jason Syle and Sam West.

Sullivan named interim head football coach
Offensive coordinator Gerry Sullivan will serve as interim head coach for the 2001 season as football coach Tom Caito takes a leave of absence. Caito requested the one-season leave due to personal matters. Sullivan has been with the football program since its inaugural season in 1996. He was promoted to offensive coordinator following the 1997 season, and served in that capacity for the last three years. Last season, Merrimack ranked sixth in the Eastern Football Conference in pass offense, with an average of 123 yards per game. In 1999, his offense finished third in the EFC in rushing, averaging 250.4 yards per game on the ground.

Prior to coming to Merrimack, the UMass Lowell graduate was head coach at Wilmington, Mass. High School. Caito was named Merrimack's first head football coach in August 1995. He has led the Warriors to a 22-25 record over the past five seasons. The team's best season was in 1999 when it went 7-5 overall and 6-3 in Eastern Football Conference play. Caito compiled a 247-75-10 record over 33 years as a high school coach before coming to Merrimack.

The Warriors return 15 starters from last year's squad that finished with an overall record of 4-6. Merrimack opens the 2001 season on September 7 at Bentley College.

Hackers unite!
Again this year, the blue and gold assaults pristine greens at the annual Hackers Golf Tournament. The alumni tourney benefits Merrimack athletic programs. This year's event takes place at Far Corner Golf Course in West Boxford, Mass., on Thursday, Sept. 20. It features a shotgun start at 8 a.m.

To register or for more information, call the alumni office at (978) 837-5440.

Softball
Merrimack's success continued. The Warriors won 33 of their last 37 games to finish with an overall mark of 40-8, the third 40-win season in the last four years. Merrimack captured its fifth straight Northeast-10 regular-season title with a 22-3 mark in league play, then hosted and won the Northeast-10 Tournament Championship. Shortstop Katie Morgis was named to the All-America Second Team and was tabbed the New England Player of the Year. Morgis joined fellow infielders Heather Faria, Stacy Arpin and Lana Garzone and outfielder Tricia Andrews on the All-Conference First Team. Pitcher Meghan Condon was named NE-10 Freshman of the Year after going 21-5 on the mound.

Lisa Castellano '01 led the Northeast-10 and finished second in NCAA Division II in scoring.

David Eaton '01 was named the Northeast-10 Conference Defensive Player of the Year.

Men's Tennis
The Warriors went 4-10 in 2001, picking up victories over Springfield, American International, St. Anselm and Le Moyne. Sean Ryan led the squad with an 8-5 record at No. 4 singles. Ryan and Justin Contois combined for three wins at No. 2 doubles. The top player was Joe Raymond who played No. 1 singles in the team's final 12 matches.

Co-captain Patrick Bergin '01 played No. 2 singles for the Warriors.
Reunion 2001


In the photo of the Reunion 2001 souvenir, you can see the reunion Mass at the Far Cams Golf Course. West Boylston, Mass.


From the class of '56 check out the souvenirs at Reunion 2001.

At Reunion 2001, in no particular order, are Leslie Young, Betty (Merrill) Cottrell, Steve Feher, Karen Kagan, Margaret (Marchitto) Berger '31, Ann (Marchitto) Gregory '32, and Kate McDougal.

From left, Phil Braggerson '36, Rev. William Wayne, O.S.A., and Dan Beaton '31.

Photos by Frank J. Leone Jr.
MEDIEVAL FORUM
IS BECOMING A TRADITION FOR SOME MERRIMACK SCHOLARS

Again this year, a group of Merrimack students participated in the scholarly New England Medieval Forum at Plymouth (N.H.) State College. It’s become one of the college’s newest traditions.

Since 1993, small groups of juniors and seniors have presented academic papers on medieval English literature, otherwise open only to graduate students and faculty from throughout the country. Thus far, 21 Merrimack alumni can claim the experience, including the most recent, Laurie J. Williams ’01.

“It’s a lot of fun,” says Audrey Nicholson ’97 of Andover, an English teacher as well as a published poet and essayist. “It’s very daunting because it’s mostly graduate students and people with doctorates in Medieval Studies. We knew there’d be a question-and-answer period, and that part scared us.”

Nerves aside, the Merrimack groups tend to hold their own intellectually. In 1997, when Nicholson attended in a group that included Stephanie Lisa Feo, Neil Severn and Amy Spickler, there was a professor from the University of Virginia, a specialist in medieval studies, who went out of his way to compliment the group.

“We did get heckled by some grad students who thought they knew more than we did,” Nicholson recalls. “They weren’t presenting, but were sitting with us. They thought they’d shot us down, but we shot right back.”

Merrimack’s participation in the forum reflects the interest and influence of Professor Jerri Branca, chairman of the English Department, who shares a deep love of medieval literature with her students.

“My goal in having students do this is to increase or improve upon their ability to present their workpublicly,” Branca says, as well as to “gain respect for our students’ intellectual work from scholars elsewhere.” The experience requires “a great deal of preparation, analytical ability, and a willingness to risk public debate about their ideas and their research methods and findings,” Branca says. “The experience, alternately unserving and exhilarating, stretches their abilities to communicate effectively.”

In 1994, juniors Robert Koosa and Alyssa Howe (who attended along with Mark Fleming and Kelly Ann Burke) presented their own translation of Beowulf. As Koosa knew from his Merrimack studies, it was a far different text from the abridged version he’d been introduced to in high school.

“When most people think of Old or medieval English, they think of Shakespeare,” says Koosa, of Waterbury, Conn., a former English teacher who recently completed studies at Quinnipiac University, School of Law. “That’s not nearly the case. Old English is a whole different language.”

Koosa worked hard to learn his passages, wandering through his apartment, reciting them. His roommates, accounting and math majors, learned along with him — albeit involuntarily.

“They didn’t know what it meant, but they could recite the passages,” he says, “I don’t know how pleased they were, but they could recite them.”

Koosa’s experience and appreciation for literature and learning carried over to his experiences in the classroom, and Nicholson, too, gained greater appreciation for the earlier forms of imaginative expression in English. In fact, she and some Merrimack friends — including David Belleville ’98, Stephanie Feo ’97, Frank Napolitano Jr. ’99 (who is now embarking on a new path of alternative healing. She has trained as a Reiki practitioner, and has interests in many methods of energy healing.

In November, small groups of juniors and seniors presented with the third Richard Brit Humilteman Award at the Merrimack hockey banquet in April. This award recognizes outstanding behind-the-scenes work on behalf of the team.

M88

Joseph Sheehan has retired after forty years in social work. He and his wife are planning a trip to England and Scotland, after which they plan to spend some time in a volunteer capacity, possibly in Appalachia.

M61

Michelle Grace (Tombarrell) McCarter is actively running her own business in property rentals and management in West Virginia.

M63

Timothy Sanway was recently honored with the Jeanne Mucci Memorial Award for his more-than-generous volunteer service to the members of the Lawrence, Mass., Boys and Girls Clubs for more than 20 years. “We were introduced through Bert Hammel and the basketball program.”

M68

Ed Shannon’s name was discovered on the AIDS quilt which was displayed at Merrimack, by his cousin who is a current Merrimack student. Ed was the brother of Kathleen Folling ’77. Edith Shannon ’88, Geraldine Shannon ’74, and Thomas Shannon ’75.

M69

Terry Donovan is vice president of quality, training, and documentation for Fiber Optic Network Solutions Corporation, a leading provider of passive fiber optic network components and interconnect solutions.

Margaret Tommy is chief of staff for Massachusetts State Senator Therese Murray (D-Plymouth).

Margaret has extensive experience in issues pertaining to health care.

M70

Jorie McDonough received the Rockefeller Foundation’s Bellagio Fellowship for a research project on “Shaping the 21st Century: Residency at the Bellagio International Study and Conference Center on Lake Como,” Italy. For the completion of her NSF funded monograph on the...
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phonetic structure of the Navajo language. Joyce is an assistant professor in the Linguistics Department at the University of Rochester, N.Y.

Mark Call is the director of public works for the town of Weymouth, Mass. Mark was formerly the director of the DPW in Burlington, Mass., as well as a construction manager on the Big Dig.

M71 William Heybrick received his Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. "After eight years of part-time schooling I'm glad it's over," Bill writes.

M72 Norma (Muruganathan) Horan participated in the 2001 Principals’ Academy sponsored by the National Catholic Education Association held in Washington, DC. Norma is principal of St. Timothy School in Columbus, Ohio, and was principal from all over the U.S. to discuss ideas and challenges facing Catholic schools. She will also be traveling to Japan in the fall to sign the Mutual Film Foundation.

Kevin Meskill is executive vice president of the Quincy Mutual Fire Insurance Company in Quincy, Mass.

M73 James Ferrone is director of satellite engineering for the Televison and Cable Networks.

M75 Caldwell Twomey will have her first book published in 2001. "Death of a Billionaire," published by the Milly P. Press, is a novel for young adults entitled Cleo’s Choice. She is also studying for her master of fine arts degree in writing for children at Vermont College.

Robert Gagalis is vice president and chief financial officer of The General Chemical Company Group, which produces soda ash and chlorine chemicals.

Stephen Lombardi is vice president of applications and products for Applied Systems Engine. The company develops and markets invoice-oriented systems, software, and contract services to the life-science industry and research community.

M80 Maureen Lynch is the first woman president of the Lynn Area Chamber of Commerce, an 84-year-old business group. She’s the owner of a Lynn, Mass., insurance business, she founded 20 years ago as a spinoff of her father’s real estate firm.

Greg Trembly received the Cliff Newman Award of Excellence from Chief Financial Officers from RSM McGladrey, a national accounting, tax, and consulting firm. Among other contributions, Greg helped lead a smooth transition as the Burlington, Mass., office, formerly the independent firm of Mullen & Company, was merged into RSM McGladrey, Inc. in 2000.

M81 Charity Boves-Labbe is an associate in the corporate department of the law firm Denice, Millimett & Blanchard, P.A. She also serves on the boards of Child Health Services and New Hampshire Partners in Education.

Shine family memorials mom

Long before the dedication of the Catherine T. Shine Study Lounge at the Gladys Sakowidi Campus Center, the late Mrs. Shine made a significant contribution to Merrimack College: all five of her children attended Merrimack, and one of them headed the English Department, Dan ‘67. James ’06, Kathleen ’90, Catherine ’72, and Patricia ’75 are all alumni. Kathleen is the English Department chairman, and Dan’s significant gift will memorialize his late mother.

E. Michael Kavanagh ’65 is “benched”

His public debate with former New York Governor Mario Cuomo regarding Cuomo’s decision to grant clemency to a convicted cop killer garnered national attention. The former district attorney was drafted as a Republican candidate for lieutenant governor (against the Cuomo-led ticket in 1986, which won reelection). In 1998, he won the endorsement of both political parties on his way to election to the New York Supreme Court.

Not bad for a self-described “mediocre” student who turned his life in the proper direction before being graduated from Merrimack in 1965.

“Dad had a tremendous impact on me. Father Patrick Rice took me under his wing, and it was he who encouraged me to go to law school. Without his guidance, I don’t know what would have happened. When I look at my life and its defining moments, the atmosphere and experience at Merrimack really changed me for the better.”

The influence of Father Patrick and the late Professor Edward Roddy (“A terrific teacher”) paid off well for Kavanagh, who “shook myself and some other folks” when he did well on his law boards and entered Villanova University School of Law. He practiced law in the service, and then became an assistant district attorney in New York County. In 1997 he was elected district attorney of Ulster County, and was reelected five times. Former Governor George Bush nominated him for a seat on the federal bench in 1990, but the nomination died when Bush lost his reelection bid to Bill Clinton.

His public debate came over Cuomo’s clemency to Gary McGivern, whose supporters included columnist William F. Buckley, poet Alan Ginsburg, folk singer Pete Seeger, and his attorney, the late Harry Robb (partner of F. Lee Bailey). It brought national exposure on television shows such as 60 Minutes and Dateline. "McGivern was a con man but quite an attractive fellow, with a facility to attract the rich and famous," Kavanagh says. He notes that the parole board refused to support Cuomo’s grant of clemency, and that McGivern is back in prison on another conviction.

Working in the American judicial system has been satisfying for Kavanagh, who is currently a partner in the law firm now known as Feldman & Hickey, LLC located in Farmingdale, Conn.

Michael Kavanagh ’65 says the Merrimack experience had a profound influence on his life.

Merrimack sophomore, during a break from alumni hockey game action.

The Shine family gathers in the Catherine T. Shine Study Lounge for its dedication.

The youngest of 11 children born to Irish immigrants, Catherine emphasized education to her children. They all wound up at Merrimack, commuting from their North Andover home. Fittingly, the lounge is a gathering and eating place for many commuters.

"Because our education meant so much to her and because the support she and my father gave us, the idea that she is memorialized in a room in which students for years to come will be socializing is tremendously fitting," Kathleen Shine Cain says. "She wanted so much for her children, and she and my father succeeded in paving the way for us to get an education. How wonderful it is for me to enjoy this room as well."

—Marcy DeMarco

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East Coast Florida alumni and parents enjoyed a Fort Lauderdale international cruise and luncheon. The group included, front from left, Rob Quinn ’75, John O’Neill, Ray and Pat Krotkus-Quinn ’72, Nissa and Frank MacDonald ’77, Janet and Ray Ketchy ’55, and Judy Sullivan ’84 and Tom Doyle ’84. Back row: Director of Alumni Relations Susan Wojtas, Maureen Quine, Mary O’Neill, and Director of Major Gifts and Planned Giving Liz Magaziner.
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**Send us your photos**

Do you have some old photographs from college or reunions? We’d love them for our archives.

If you’d like to donate your photos, please send them to Alumni Office, Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike Street, North Andover, MA 01845.

Note Dame College in Manchester, N.H. Laura is a psychotherapist in private practice who also serves as a counselor at the college, a lecturer at the New England College Graduate School Counseling and School Psychology Program. In addition, she is a teaching assistant at the Anna Schools, developing training seminars on pattern recognition and intervention, with a focus on violence both at school and in the workplace.

Susan Grande is a system officer at Fons Corporation of Northboro, Mass.

Robert Ferrari is co-founder of a quality assurance, ASQ testing and performance consulting firm, Sport Point, Inc., in Boston. “Through variously applied physics, mathematics, and computational models, we analyze performance indices for websites and network infrastructure,” he writes, inviting folks to check out his web site at www.SportPoint.com. He and wife Patricia live in Tewksbury with their two daughters.

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M87

Stephen Adams, president and chief operating officer of Citizens Mortgage Corporation, has been named president of New York-based Island Mortgage Bankers Association and to the National Advisory Council ofJamie Max, the nation’s largest source of financing for home mortgages.

M88

Tim Beisbebe is promoted to European planning manager for Sportsline.com. He also recently completed the Paris Marathon.

M91

Matthew Kasselman has been appointed general counsel to the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health. He will focus in the areas of mental health litigation, probate guardianships, forensic matters and risk management issues.

M92

Gregg Monastiero has been named vice president of sales for Xpert Point, Inc., a leading mobile application platform provider in Waltham, Mass.

M93

Bob Alkmoda was re-elected vice chairman of the Everett High School Committee. He is manager of state and government affairs for the Massachusetts Dental Society.

Steve Cote is a financial advisor with UBS Paine Webber in Boston.

M94

Scott Deansbury was promoted to director of global human resources planning and operations at Gilead Corporation in New York City.

M95

Steve Pouliot has been graduated from Merrimack College for a second time. The first time through he received a bachelor’s degree in finance. He returned to school and earned another bachelor’s in civil engineering with the class of ‘01. He had worked in a couple of marketing jobs, but says he’s “kept thinking about engineering.” The major he had selected at the start of his college career, “I didn’t want to look back years from now and kick myself for not getting the engineering degree,” says Steve, who is now a structural engineer for Beoyce Engineering in Somerville, Mass.

M96

Laura Costa is a quality control manager and safety director for Trans-Mate Products, Inc. of North Billerica, Mass.

David D’Ermo is a Vermont Law School student in the class of 2003 has won an academic excellence award for receiving the highest grade in the “contracts” course. He is also in the top 9 percent of his class.

Larry Recchi is the recruitment director for City Year in Boston.

M97

Senior credit analyst at Beverly Savings Bank in Beverly, Mass.

M98

Tracey Bowker is a system officer at Stackpole & Partners Advertising in Newport, Vt.

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Alumni JobNet: Clicking to success

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We are now listing job postings from alumni on the Merrimack web site. To access Alumni JobNet, go to www.merrimack.edu. select the "Alumni and Friends' option, and then click on Alumni JobNet.

If you (or your employer) have jobs available, please e-mail job descriptions to alumnijobs@merrimack.edu.

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Margaret Aracidacono ’88 and Shawn Sarazin at St. Monica Church, Methuen, Mass.

Lisa Donahue ’88 and Brian Tracy on May 19.


Michael McDermott ’92 and Chris Fazzio ’93 and Melanie Outlette, in Barnstead, N.H., October 2000.


Kristin Fanara ’93 and Kevin Doyle at Our Lady of Grace Church, Westborough, Mass.

Diane Mullen ’86, bride and groom, and Mike Shea ’94.

Michael Caggiano ’91 and Brenda Bellinger at Maple Street Congregational Church, Danvers, Mass.

Matthew Caggiano ’91 and Alyssa Frontier at Our Lady of the Mountain Church, North Conway, N.H., October 26, 2000.

Michelle Costanza ’91 and Brian Kane at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Boston, Mass., September 3, 2000.

Scott Green ’91 and Jennifer Rua at St. Pius X Church, Middletown, Conn., October 28, 2000.

Luke Fitzgerald ’92 and Kathleen Muller at the Collegiate Church of Christ the Teacher.

At the Florence-Polo wedding, the Merrimack contingent included, from left, Jack Collins ’85, Jack Doebert ’85, Marlene Scopo ’86, Meg Turner, Kristen Canavan ’86, Jack Collins ’82, Amy (McCay) Muller ’86, bride Amy Collins ’86, groom Jason Scopa ’94, Tricia Roykin ’96, Erika (Walsh) Fitzpatrick ’96, Nancy Doak ’86, and Dave Mitty. Back row: Keeping Melly Muller ’84, Steve Barlow; Rich Bourguignon ’84, Mark Murphy ’84, Matthew Fitzpatrick ’86, Mark Lemont ’84, Mike Costello ’87, and Bill (Albassas) Costello ’87.

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BIRTHS


Robert Ferrari '96 and wife Patricia: a daughter, McKenna Grace. She joins sister Caroline Rose.

Lucine (Zeytoonian) Kaprielian '95 and husband Sam: a son, Stepan Nerses, October 8, 2000. He joins brother Seth and sister Sophia.


Karen (Robillard) '91 and Joseph LoCoco '91: a daughter, Ashlynn Maria, January 18, 2001. She joins sister Amanda Rose.

Nicole Mane and Joseph Arnone '91 and wife Linda: a daughter, Nicole Marie, November 22, 2000.


Karen (Ribic) '90 and husband: a daughter, Rebecca Patricia, June 23, 2000. She joins sister Elizabeth.

Mark Olivier '90 and wife Christine: a daughter, Grace Christine, March 28, 2000. She joins brother Christopher.

Susan Gerhard Rizza '80 and husband Al '81: a son, Patrick Edward, April 6.


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James Comer '51, 90, died at his home in Wilmington, Mass., on January 29. He was a language arts and music teacher in Haverhill schools for 26 years until he retired in 1975. He directed the high school chorus at city high schools in Haverhill and in running homes, and during the December holiday season would bring the chorus to the Post Office to entertain people standing in line. He was an organist at St. James Church until 1981. James was a member of St. James Parish and St. James High School. He was a member of the Haverhill Retired Teachers Association and the American Federation of Teachers Local 201. He leaves sister Mary Trainer of Boston; children Michael, Terri and Marjorie; four nieces and nephews; seven grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and several cousins.

William Hegarty '58, 71, of Phippsburg, Maine, died February 20 at Longwood, Fla. Born in Silver Springs, Md.; brother of David of North Andover; sisters Kathleen Carroll and Elizabeth Gray; both of Chelsea; Margaret Cooley '54, of Chelsea, formerly of Medford, Mass., and Patricia Bergeron and her husband Richard of Nashua, N.H.; many aunts, uncles, nieces, and nephews.

John Meytuq '39, 68, of Lynnfield, Mass., died February 19 at his home in Lynnfield. He was the older son of the late Richard and Margaret (Hegarty) Meytuq. He was a graduate of Boston College and a member of Local 201 IBE AFL-CIO. John leaves his son James of Sewall, Maine; daughter-in-law Mary of Wakefield, Mass.; four grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

George Drey '41, 64, died January 15 at his home in Chelmsford, Mass. He was a 30-year resident of the city. George was the husband of Margaret. In addition to his Merrimack degree, he held a master of economics degree from Boston College, and was an economics professor at the University of Massachusetts-Lowell. George was a communi- cator of St. Mary Church in Chelmsford and served as an usher at the church. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his parents George and Germaine (Doucette) Drey of Bridgewater, Mass.; a nephew of Boston; three daughters, Anne Joyce and her husband Neil of Reading, Mass., Kathleen Fehry and her husband Richard of Wakefield, Mass., and Patricia Dey of Chelmsford; a brother, Richard of Chelmsford; two sisters, Elaine Phipps of Florida and Priscilla Theriault of Andover; and two grandchildren.

Edward Baisa '58, 67, of Stoneham, Mass., died February 27 at New England Medical Center in Boston. Edward was a former member of the Merrimack Alumni Association. Edward was the son of the late William and Marion (Baisa) Baisa. Edward was a software engineer at MIT and worked on the Viking lander guidance system at MIT. He had employed on the AGA-Monotype Corp. in Woburn. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion. He is survived by his wife, Margaret Baisa of Stoneham, Mass.; two sons, Michael of Wakefield, Mass., and Patrick Dey of Chelmsford; a brother, Richard of Chelmsford; two sisters, Elaine Phipps of Florida and Priscilla Theriault of Andover; and two grandchildren.

Phyllis M. Michaud, 70, of Acton, Mass., died December 30, 2000 at a local nursing home, after a lengthy bout with cancer. She was the wife of Richard and sister and brother-in-law, Geraldine Mitchell and her husband John of Acton, Mass., 10 grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Catherine Ollivier Hayes '60, of Acton, Mass., died December 30, 2000 at Emerson Hospital in Concord, Mass., following complications from cancer. She was the wife of William Hayes S. Ollivier Jr. of Concord, Mass.; mother of Margaret Marie (Ollivier) '91, and member of the Merrimack Alumni Association. Catherine was a graduate of Concord (N.H.) High School and Pembroke State Normal (N.H.), and a member of the Alpha Delta Pi sorority. During the 1960's, she was a teacher at Burdett College in Boston. She later enjoyed education evening classes for the Concord Adult Education department. In addition to her husband, she is survived by her two sons, William Hayes Jr. of Acton, Mass., and Gerald Hayes 'Oly of Phippsburg, Maine; two daughters, Maureen Hayes Dehart of Longwood, Fla., and Martha Hayes O’Collins of Silver Springs, Md.; brothers Richard of Berkeley Heights, N.J.; sisters Margaret Langone of Medford, Mass.; son Michael and his wife Pat (Santini) '71 and sons Kerry (Hickox) Giordano '97 of Wilmington, Mass., and Paul of Springfield, Mass.; five grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

James Comer '51, 90, died at his home in Wilmington, Mass., on January 29. He was a language arts and music teacher in Haverhill schools for 26 years until he retired in 1975. He directed the high school chorus at city high schools in Haverhill and in running homes, and during the December holiday season would bring the chorus to the Post Office to entertain people standing in line. He was an organist at St. James Church until 1981. James was a member of St. James Parish and St. James High School. He was a member of the Haverhill Retired Teachers Association and the American Federation of Teachers Local 201. He leaves sister Mary Trainer of Boston; children Michael, Terri and Marjorie; four nieces and nephews; seven grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and several cousins.

William Hegarty '58, 71, of Phippsburg, Maine, died February 20 at Longwood, Fla. Born in Silver Springs, Md.; brother of David of North Andover; sisters Kathleen Carroll and Elizabeth Gray; both of Chelsea; Margaret Cooley '54, of Chelsea, formerly of Medford, Mass., and Patricia Bergeron and her husband Richard of Nashua, N.H.; many aunts, uncles, nieces, and nephews.
Dear Friends;

I'm a senior business presiding president of the Alumni Coimcil. graduating with a BA in Scientific, and hve in with a major in marketing. leaving the council. Pictured are Nick Chapman '71, Ruth (Kelley) Needham, Mass, with my teenage girls. In addition to myself, the new executive board is comprised of returning vice president Bill Edgerly '69, Secretary Diane Applegate '91, and at-large members Bill Wilkes '79, Bill McCavoy '83 and Karen Ann Glennon '90. Bill McCavoy and Karen Ann are both new to the board. Chris Lishbe '79 will continue to serve on the board in the position of past president. All of us on the council would like to take this opportunity to thank former President Nick Chapman '71 and former Secretary Ruth (Kelley) Trepianer '63, who have recently left the executive board, for the loyal and wonderful service they've given to the Alumni Council. All of us on the executive board look forward to working with you, and meeting more of our fellow alumni, in the coming months.

Gladys Gomez ‘01, with children Carlos, Nathalie and Christian, was the recipient of the James St. Germain Award.

New alumni Paul Tass ‘01, Lisa Sheidt ‘01 and Andrea Loges ‘00 were among those attending the CEDAR (Continuing Education Division Alumni Reunited) Spring Reception held May 16.

James Whitman ‘01, left, was the recipient of the Victor J. Mill Medal as the top-ranking student in the Division of Continuing Education. Here, he’s with Victor J. ‘57 J Mill III, president of Lawrence Pumps, Inc.

Florida alumni and snowbirds took in a spring training game in Fort Myers, Fla. Among those attending were Dave Sloanos, Jim McKinney ‘57, Dave Volery ‘80, and Ken Taylor ‘63. Special thanks to Ellis (Scafard) ‘55 and Bucky Poole for their help in organizing the event.

The spring Alumni Council meeting included a presentation to members forming the council. Pictured are Nick Chapman ‘71, Ruth (Kelley) Trepianer ‘63, Tina S calf ‘73, Rose Di Stefano ‘54, President Richard Skeffington ‘88, and Bob Tosi ‘90.

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