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Frank Girard '62 has Taken Care of Business at Merrimack

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At the brink of the new century, just weeks before the start of the Church's Jubilee in honor of the second millennium anniversary of the birth of Christ, an international team of researchers announced it had decoded the genes that make up the DNA of chromosome 22. The information is housed in the 33.5 million chemical components found and mapped on just one of the 23 human chromosome pairs. Scientific breakthroughs such as this one remind me of what a marvel God's creation truly is. These infinitesimal bits of information, housed deep within even a human zygote, determine much of what we will become.

What a wonder.

At Merrimack, we have a special kinship to genetic research. The father of genetics, Gregor Mendel, was an Augustinian scholar. Mendel, a monk, came of it. He performed his work "for the fun of it," saying the scientific theories and a high school science teacher, cross-prove his theory of inheritance.

As a part of the greater community of Catholic colleges and universities in the United States, we have been presented with just such a challenge. In response to Pope John Paul II's 1990 decree, "Ex Corde Ecclesiae," Roman Catholic bishops have drafted new standards for Catholic higher education; their proposal has been delivered to the Pope for his approval.

While Ex Corde recognizes institutional autonomy and academic freedom, legitimate concerns over its implementation exist. I've been meeting with Cardinal Bernard Law and presidents of other Catholic colleges and universities for several years in anticipation of this doctrine, and am confident we can forge a way of working together for the ultimate goals of truth and common good.

Merrimack's identity as a Catholic institution is strong. Our longstanding commitment to service through Alternative Spring Break and Merrimaction, the newly created Center for Augustinian Studies, a vice-presidential position sponsored by Mr. Cirard, a class of 1962 graduate, we've been able to elevate the business division to a full-fledged business professionals at Merrimack.

Excellence in teaching and learning throughout our small college is our goal, and we will not accept any less. In closing, I'll tell you a small secret: I am as delighted to work each day at Merrimack as Mendel was to putter in his 19th century pea garden in Austria.

Biochemically or spiritually, knowing who we are and outward and visible signs of a religiosity that permeates everything we do. This is a mark of the Augustinian tradition, and a dominant characteristic around here — it distinguishes us from the hundreds of other small colleges we compete with. We go beyond complying with doctrine, we celebrate our Catholicism.

Our self knowledge helps us capitalize on opportunity, as well. As a pre-eminent college of the liberal arts and professions, Merrimack is proud to create The Francis E. Girard School of Business. Thanks to a very generous gift from Mr. Girard, a class of 1962 graduate, we've been able to elevate the business division to a full-fledged school, thereby raising the standard for excellence in teaching and learning for business professionals at Merrimack.

Merrimack's continuing efforts to integrate his life and work and our mission.

Our students possess the finest minds and hearts of any community of scholars, and will grow strong and tall in the proud tradition of Catholic and Augustinian scholars.
Biochemist Is a Warrior
in the Battle Against Cancer
by David Rattigan

In her eighth-grade yearbook, Josephine Modica explained why she wanted to be a biochemist: She was going to cure cancer.

As an adult, she's working on it.

For more than 10 years, Dr. Josephine Modica-Napolitano has worked on a research project to determine the differences between mitochondria—the small energy-producing compartments inside human cells—in healthy cells and certain types of cancer cells.

"Cells need energy, and this is where the energy is produced," says Napolitano, an associate professor in the biology department. In studying the differences in the mitochondria, she hopes to develop a better understanding of the makeup of cancer cells, which could lead to a better treatment.

"If we find a fundamental difference between the mitochondria of normal cells and cancer cells, we can synthesize a drug specifically targeted for that molecule inside the cancer cell," says Napolitano, who draws on the war analogy of fighting disease, comparing the concept of drugs that can target the diseased cells without damaging those around it to a smart bomb that can hit a pinpoint target while doing minimal damage to the surrounding region.

That is not the case with traditional cancer treatments such as radiation therapy or chemotherapy.

"You end up not only killing the cancer cells but killing normal, healthy cells as well," she says. "That's why there are side effects that limit treatment. People end up getting sick because (the therapies) are also affecting healthy tissue."

In her research thus far, Napolitano has studied cells of common cancers such as of the skin, lung, breast, colon, and prostate. She has found differences in the mitochondria of cancer cells compared to normal, healthy cells.

"We know the differences at the gross levels," she says, "What we're trying to do is refine it and pinpoint that molecular difference. Then (science) can create a therapy that will target that molecular difference."

Originally her doctoral thesis at Tufts, the project has been funded by the National Cancer Institute of the National Institutes of Health, which awarded it a three-year, $75,000 grant in 1998, as part of a program that funds research during the academic year, and can be much more productive because they already have the basics. All these students are applying either to graduate school or medical school. They need a competitive edge, and this research gives them that. The intent is that they'll come up with publishable data.

"It is a really, really good project," says Chilinh Nguyen, a senior biochemistry major who is one of the researchers. "My goal is to get into medical school, but if I don't, this is what I'll do, research in cancer."

A frustrating reality of science is that research can be an agonizingly slow process. Answers to some questions often lead to 10 more questions. Hopeful news about research breakthroughs are often followed by setbacks months or even years later. Nonetheless, Napolitano remains optimistic about science's quest for better medicine.

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projects at similarly sized colleges. Last summer, five Merrimack students (one of whom was supported by a Presidential Scholarship) joined the project as paid researchers in a full-time, 10-week project. Some of their data will be used in publication of the work, and all five have continued the research as the foundation for their senior research thesis. In January, Napolitano presented work she developed with student Sue Ellen Touma at the Keystone Conference on Mitochondrial Dysfunction in Pathogens, held in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

"There's a real benefit for them," Napolitano says. "For 10 weeks, I'm with them one-on-one, and am able to teach them the techniques they need to learn to get started on their projects. Then they work under my supervision process. Answers to some questions often lead to 10 more questions. Hopeful news about research breakthroughs are often followed by setbacks months or even years later. Nonetheless, Napolitano remains optimistic about science's quest for better medicine.

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Big changes are in store for Merrimack's business division, thanks in large part to a $2.5 million gift from an alumnus. Most noticeably, Merrimack's business programs will now have a school of their own: The Francis E. Girard School of Business and International Commerce.

More than just the name is changing. Ushering in the 21st century is a whole new way of teaching business at Merrimack College.

The Girard gift finances a number of projects aimed at enhancing college facilities and even its faculty: included in the package are the Francis E. Girard Endowed Chair in International Business; a business education resource center, including fellowships; a "Girard Auditorium," a larger version of Merrimack's smart classrooms; an endowment for the international business program; and the infrastructure for both internet and intranet.

The focus on international business is a happy convergence of both Girard's interest (over 70 percent of his business is overseas) and new business paradigms that require graduates to work in an international environment.

"Any business that has a web page is an international business," said Thomas Dukes, Dean of the Girard School.

Dukes is particularly enthused by the establishment of the endowed chair in international business.

He said the college will be looking for a teacher and a scholar who has developed or is developing international prominence, someone who will be able to mentor faculty as well as serve students.

"I want someone who's hungry," he said. "Someone who's ready to do great stuff, who will do great stuff here at Merrimack. I don't know how you put that in an ad."

Dukes will also have the opportunity to fill another new chair, endowed by Robert J. Fabbricatore, chairman and chief executive officer of CTC Communications Group, Inc., in Waltham. The Fabbricatore chair is in the field of entrepreneurship. Along with the Ciejek Chair, endowed professorships in business now number three.

For the professors, perhaps the best result of the Girard gift is the increased number of smart classrooms. "It's changed the way I teach," said Patricia Sendall, associate professor of management.

Sendall points out that students are encouraged to use the equipment for their own presentations, preparing them for life in the high-tech world outside Merrimack.

"I don't know many small schools that have these things," she said. "It really gives us a competitive edge with students. And the students love the classrooms."

Taken together, the classroom enhancements, the increased support for quality teaching, and the refinements to the program undertaken by the faculty as part of its reach for AACSB accreditation are having a huge effect on both how business is taught and how the world looks at Merrimack's program.

"I'm so delighted," said Gina Vega, assistant professor of management. "It's making a tremendous psychological difference."

Vega said that, although the change from a business division to a business school is really only semantic, being part of the Girard School gives Merrimack a different status among its peers.
Businessman Girard Gives Back — And Finds You Can Get Satisfaction

He never imagined how much satisfaction he'd find in giving Merrimack's $2.5 million dollars, says Francis E. Girard '62.

"It was time to give something back," he says. "I met Dick (President Santagati) over a year ago, and he told me all the great things that were happening at the college."

Girard agreed to join the President's Council. "The more I got involved with Merrimack, the more interested I became," he says. As he looked at the possibilities for making a large gift, endowing a faculty chair, funding a smart classroom, and so forth, he saw that a gift of $2.5 million would give the college nearly everything the business division would need in its effort to win accreditation from the International Association for Management Education as one of the best small business schools in the nation.

"I shared the loyalty award at commencement, but felt I hadn't done much over the years. I was on a fast track, and there was no time to do it," he says. Girard is the CEO of Converse Network systems, a subsidiary of Converse Technology. The Standard and Poor's 500 company supplies the hardware and programs that run many of the nation's cellular and digital telephone networks.

Girard explains that at first, he was a bit uncomfortable with the publicity the gift, the largest alumni contribution to the college in its history, has generated.

One evening soon after he made the gift, however, he was on his way home, listening to the news on the radio. "And I heard them say, 'Brought to Merrimack $2.5 million dollars, says Thomas Dukes, dean of the Girard School of Business and International Commerce.'"

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McCloskey Appointed Academic V.P.

Rev. Gary N. McCloskey, O.S.A., has been appointed vice president for academic affairs. From 1990 to 1991, McCloskey was the assistant to the president for urban affairs at Merrimack. Since that time, he has been at St. Thomas University in Miami, Florida, serving in a number of roles.

McCloskey brings a thorough knowledge of liberal arts education, proven skills in planning and curriculum development, a commitment to Catholic higher education, a solid understanding of the use of computer technology for educational enhancement, and talents not only as an academic leader but also as a teacher and a scholar.

McCloskey received a bachelor's degree from Villanova University, a master's in theology from Catholic University of America and another in computers in education from the Teachers College of Columbia University, and a doctorate in instructional leadership from the University of Miami in Florida.

Accept the Challenge: Hosts Senator Kerry

Students from Accept the Challenge, the college's partnership with Lawrence High School, met with Senator John Kerry in the fall.

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McCloskey was appointed vice president for academic affairs, he has been involved with the college's accreditation process. Since 1990, he has served as president of the college, as well as a teacher and a scholar.

In many ways, the change to a business school is the culmination of the work that's been done over the past few years preparing for the accreditation. We've been doing self-studies, we're working on such interesting research, we've got the business advisory council, the executive lecture series; there is so much going on here, she said.

BSU Hosts Dancers: From Salsa to Flamenco

Just as the air began to get cool last fall, the music and the dancing got hot. Hispanic Cultural Night, sponsored by Brothers and Sisters United, brought salsa dancers Sandra Suarez and Ralfi Rodriguez to campus, along with members of the Latin Ballet Academy, who performed a number of folk dances from around the Caribbean.

Caribbean food from Areito's Restaurant and appetizers from the Dominicana Bakery, both in Lawrence, rounded out the celebration.
**Tambakos Film Collection To Enrich Arts on Campus**

Tambakos Award-winning playwright/actor George Furth of Hollywood made a gift of his extensive film collection to the college in memory of his friend and colleague Demmy (Peter) Tambakos. ‘74, Furth provided a $100,000 endowment for the collection, as well.

The collection contains more than 500 Academy Award-nominated films on laserdisc. Many of the films will be shown on the college's closed-circuit television station, Channel 9.

At the time of his accidental death, Tambakos was an aspiring screenwriter. Further, Tambaros’ film collection, which is on display in Terrier Library's Human Studies exhibition, has been named in honor of its benefactor, Robert J. Tambakos, Chairman and CEO of CTC Communications Group, Inc.

**Friends of Merrimack Membership Endowed Date is Set for President’s Cup Tournament**

Thanks to a push initiated by its board of directors, Friends of Merrimack membership has grown by 25%. More than 100 new members have joined, bringing the total number to nearly 500.

The Friends, a group of volunteers dedicated to raising money for scholarship support for Merrimack students, has also increased the number of people on its board. New members are Linda Arvizzit, William Beck, Evelyn Burke, Joyce Campo, Diane Coletta, Claudia Ferrara, Fran Ferrara, Maureen Snielkowski, Cleotha Jackson, Br. Thomas Long, Joseph Porolisi, Alfred Roman, Terrance Schiaivone, and Richard Stanley.

Last year, the group raised $30,700 from membership dues, the President’s Cup Golf Tournament, and other events. Scholarships were awarded to 130 Merrimack students. The Friends endowment fund now totals more than $2 million.

This year’s President’s Cup will be held Monday, June 5, 2000, at the Indian Ridge Country Club. For more information, call Richard Reming, executive director of the Friends of Merrimack, at (978) 837-5117, or e-mail reming@merrimack.edu.

**Can You Wear Pajamas to Work?**

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"Professors After Dark": the Lighter Side of Faculty

For students looking for a little something different, Professors After Dark hits the spot.
The program, coordinated by Pam Najarian, director of the Study Center, brings faculty members into the resident halls to discuss topics of interest to them.

This semester's topics include Meditation Practice, by Dr. Padraic Najarian, director of the Study Center, and Culture, Religion, and Spirituality, by Linda Murphy, assistant to the president.

Remember the Link!

Merrimack's community events hotline, (978) 837-LINK, keeps you informed about performances, sports events, and more. Call today!

Sen. Mitchell to Deliver Commencement Address

Senator George J. Mitchell will deliver the keynote address at the 50th commencement, planned for May 21.

Mitchell was appointed to the United States Senate in 1980 and served for 14 years, receiving an unprecedented 81 percent of the vote in the 1988 election. He held the influential position of Majority Leader in the Senate.

Most recently, Mitchell served as the chairman of the peace negotiations in Northern Ireland, brokering an historic agreement among the warring political factions there.

Merrimack has hired a registrar, Jennifer Ligenza, and a controller, Nancy Trevethick, C.P.A.

Ligenza will manage and direct all functions of the Registrar's office, including registration, class scheduling, enrollment reports, and the development of new programs to assist in the ongoing refinement of student recordkeeping. In addition, she will provide support to various offices by collecting, analyzing, and interpreting data needed to complete various institutional reports.

Trevethick comes to Merrimack from Suffolk University where she served as Associate Registrar for Technology. During her tenure there she directed the university's computerized record-keeping, coordinated Web registration, and designed and implemented a system that enabled academic departments to add their own course offerings to the university database. Prior to Suffolk, Ligenza served as database administrator at Newbury College. She holds a master's degree from Boston College and a bachelor's degree from Elms College. She lives in Somerville, Mass.

Controller Nancy Trevethick will oversee staff and operations of the accounts payable, accounts receivable, payroll, and bursar offices. Other responsibilities will include monitoring and maintaining systems of internal control, providing internal and external reports on operations, monitoring budget performance, performing all aspects of cash management, and planning and facilitating the annual audits.

Trevethick previously served as controller at St. Paul School in Concord, N.H. She worked in public accounting at Dion, O'Hara & Co. in Hudson, N.H., and PricewaterhouseCoopers in Boston.

Trevethick is a C.P.A. and received a master's degree in business administration from the Tuck School at Dartmouth College and a bachelor's degree from Mount Holyoke.

Library Receives Grant

A grant from the Davis Education Foundation of Maine will allow the college to participate in the North of Boston Library Exchange.

This consortium, comprised of 28 area libraries, provides increased resource sharing and gives students, faculty, and community members access to more than two million items, including books, periodicals, and videos, at a fraction of the cost of purchasing those items.

The Davis Education Foundation was established by Stanton and Elizabeth Davis after his retirement as chairman of Shaw's Supermarkets, Inc.

Bruno, Girard elected to Board of Trustees

The board of trustees has elected two new members, Francis E. Girard (see cover story) and Joseph X. Bruno '80.

Bruno is a 1980 graduate of the college. A partner at Arthur Andersen in Boston, he joined the audit staff there directly after his graduation. He was named partner in 1992.

Bruno serves on the board of directors of the Association for Corporate Growth, a professional organization focusing on mergers and acquisitions and business development. He is a member of UNICO, a charitable organization that helps underprivileged children in the Merrimack Valley.

Bruno lives in Andover with his wife and two children.

Shareholder's Report

Your stock in Merrimack College increases in value every day. When you make a gift to Merrimack, you are investing in Merrimack's future.

Here are a few examples of recent generous investments made to the college:

- Joseph '79 and Rose '79 Kelley Lorusso have made a gift of $50,000 to establish the Lorusso Visiting Augustinian Scholar Endowment. The endowment will provide the funds to bring distinguished Augustinian Scholars to campus.
- Thanks to a generous $10,000 gift from 25 Merrimack College alumni working at Arthur Andersen, including Joseph X. Bruno '80, who is a partner at Arthur Andersen and a Merrimack College Trustee, Merrimack's Business School unveiled its first high-tech classroom in the late fall. The classroom has a variety of multi-media and interactive equipment such as computerized white boards, video conferencing, document cameras, CD, and DVD.
- Robert J. Fabbricatore has committed $1 million to fund Merrimack's second endowed chair. Mr. Fabbricatore is founder, chairman, and CEO of CTC Communications Group, Inc. of Waltham, Mass. The endowed chair is in entrepreneurship, which will play a critical role in attracting and retaining excellent faculty for the business school.
- Merrimack has been awarded a $600,000 Challenge Grant from the prestigious Kresge Foundation for the construction of the campus center. In accepting the challenge, the college must raise $4.2 million in the next 18 months from alumni, parents, and friends who give new or increased gifts to the campus center project.
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Call the Job Line at (978) 837-5350.

The alumni's newest and best resource for job hunters is the Job Line, a 24-hour voice mail announcement listing a wide variety of employment opportunities.

The Job Line is the latest addition to the college's successful Alumni Networking program.

Have a job to post or want more information about career services for alumni? Call John Oberst '66 at (978) 837-5107, or e-mail jobert@merrimack.edu.
Ciejek Fellow Longsworth Examines 11th Century Church Statues

by David Rattigan

In Northern Italy, individual ancient chapels are grouped in sanctuaries that run up the slopes of hillsides. In the region of Piedmont, west of Milan, for example, there are 20 chapels leading up the “Sacro Monte” (Sacred Mounts) over Varese.

This is a site where believers make their pilgrimage, from chapel to chapel, up to the sanctuary atop the mountain. Visitors are kept out of the chapels by the “Sacro Monte” (Sacred Mounts) over Varese.

In 1998, Longsworth became the fourth faculty member to receive a Ciejek Fellowship for Humanistic Research and Study in Liberal Arts. It supported her project to return to Italy and study a set of statues found inside a c. 1000 church which had been over-looked by previous inquiry.

Using the metaphor of an Italian meal, the sanctuaries on the mountains are the “contorni,” Longsworth says, that which goes around it. For her, the main dish is found in a little church in Milan.

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The art historian and Merrimack College professor believes it’s an important discovery, she told a gathering of faculty, students and alumni in a talk on October 6, 1999.

As an art historian, if you’re lucky to find objects like this which haven’t had any or much attention paid them, you not only want to scrutinize them as closely as possible, but also to determine what they are stylistically and realistically. You want to see how to relate them [to other art of the period and region], to understand the context for these figures.

Longsworth has been familiar with the Holy Sepulchre of Christ Church for 17 years, but didn’t realize the treasure inside until fairly recently. In 1983, Longsworth was gathering information for her dissertation, staying in Milan and doing much of her research at the Biblioteca Ambrosiana, which is contiguous to the library.

“I was going in and out of churches, looking at Renaissance tombs (tomb art is a specialty) and late Medieval tombs, and when I walked into the door of this little church, it looked like a product of the 17th century, which is not Renaissance. It’s Baroque. I never went farther inside the door.”

The figures themselves are quite handsome,” Longsworth says. “In terms of quality, they’re better - in my judgment - than anything I saw at Sacro Monte, for instance.”

Longsworth is unsure she’ll ever determine the names of the artists, but figures it was a collaborative effort involving a sculptor and a painter or painters, as was the norm in type of work.

Inside the church, in apsidal chapels (semi-circular extensions) on either side, the figures play out two scenes from the passion of Christ: Christ washing Peter’s feet at the last supper (when Christ told Peter that he would deny him, and Peter assured him “Never”), and Peter’s denial of Christ before Caiaphas.

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by Wendy Darwin Wakeman ’93

On campuses around America, spring break means Daytona or Cancun or Key West — somewhere sunny, warm, and carefree. It’s no wonder. Spring break comes at a time when most of us are ready for a good vacation.

But whether to study business practices in another culture or to minister to the needs of the poor in Brooklyn and Alabama, the Merrimack community has a long tradition of spending spring break a little more productively.

For a group of faculty from across the curriculum, this spring break will be devoted to learning more about Augustine of Hippo, whose life and service to the church inspired the beginning of the order of friars which founded Merrimack.

The group will do more than just read and discuss St. Augustine’s life and works. Under the leadership of Rev. Jim Wenzel, O.S.A., they’ll travel together to Italy and visit some places where Augustine lived. Wenzel, who attended Merrimack from September 1948 to June of 1950 before joining the order, is a recognized Augustinian scholar as well as a recent addition to both the Center for Augustinian Study and Legacy and campus ministry staffs.

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In preparation for the trip, faculty members were required to write an essay on why, personally and professionally, the experience would benefit them.

Among the 15 chosen, Wenzel hopes that a community of friends — in the Augustinian spirit — will develop. Of himself, he says, “In background and interest, I am profoundly Augustinian.”

With that background and interest and a résumé which includes almost four years of ministry in Italy, Wenzel will lead the Merrimack group through a crowded itinerary which begins with a visit to the Cathedral of Milan, under which the site of Augustine’s Baptism has been excavated. Other highlights of the trip will include a visit to Firenze, home of an international community of Augustinian friars, a center for Augustinian spirituality, and the place where Wenzel ministered; Rosia and San Leonardo di Lago, sites of ancient Augustinian foundations; the convent at Lecceto; the street from St. Peter Basilica in the Vatican.

Wenzel noted that the cloistered convent of Augustinian nuns at Lecceto will be of particular interest. The sisters at Lecceto shatter many preconceptions: Many are under 35, all are well-educated with doctorates, two are medical doctors.

At each site visited, lectures and liturgies will add fuel to the symposium’s intellectual discussions. All the while, Wenzel hopes, the faculty members will find ways to incorporate what they’ve learned into the classroom.

For Deb Burns, the lessons aren’t restricted to what can be passed on to students; but are part of a greater meaning of community so important to Merrimack as an Augustinian college.

“I’m not a Catholic,” she said. “But I’ve always felt comfortable here. This course, and things like it, give us a way of learning what in Catholic culture matters most.”

For six weeks. “It was very extensive and intensive,” said Deb Burns, a professor of English, “very few of us accept things without intellectual challenge. And [Augustine’s] The Happy Life is very absolute in style.” She said the discussion of the work was very much like what she does in the classroom with her own students.

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Fall Season Review

Cross Country

The women's and men's cross country teams enjoyed perhaps the best season of all the fall sports. The women's team won its third consecutive Northeast-10 Conference championship while the men's team finished in second place behind Bentley College. The Lady Warriors were led by senior Andrea Leonard who finished in first place overall with a time of 19:41.4. She was named Northeast-10 Women's Runner of the Year for the third straight year. Merrimack head coach Chris Cameron was named Northeast-10 Women's Coach of the Year for the second time for his efforts in leading the Lady Warriors to the conference crown. Also helping the Lady Warriors' effort was junior Katie Schroth, who finished second overall and joined Leonard on the NE-10 All-Conference First Team. Freshman Jessica Perrone was the lone Merrimack representative on the second team finishing in 11th place overall. The men's team finished with 44 points overall, the lowest total ever recorded by a Merrimack men's cross country team at the Northeast-10 championships. Freshman Tyler Bloom finished in second place earning Northeast-10 Newcomer of the Year accolades. As a team, Merrimack set the school record 17-3 mark on its way to its second appearance in the NCAA Division II New England Regional. The Warriors captured a share of the Northeast-10 regular season title and then won the conference tournament with a 1-0 victory over Assumption College. Senior Lisa Jensen was named to the NFHCAA Second Team All-America for the second consecutive season. Kulacz scored a team-high 10 goals while adding two assists for 22 points. The Warriors ranked fifth in team defense (2.00 goals per game). Fellow senior Jen Conway was named as a NFHCAA Second Team All-America for the second consecutive season. She also was named Northeast-10 Newcomer of the Year while junior Kathy Cote was named the Northeast-10 Newcomer of the Year. She also was named Northeast-10 Newcomer of the Year. Merrimack placed four other players on the Northeast-10 Women's Soccer All-Star team. Senior Sue Cookson and sophomore Rachel McCarthy joined Jensen on the First Team while junior Kelly Shephard and sophomore Melissa Edwards joined Cronin on the Second Team. Jensen, Cookson and McCarthy also earned NFHCAA All-New England First Team accolades. As a team, Merrimack set the conference record for goals scored in a season with 98 in 20 games averaging 4.9 goals per game. The Warriors were ranked 10th in the nation and second in the New England region in the final NSCAA Rankings.

Field Hockey

The field hockey team showed tremendous improvement from last season winning two more games and posting a 5-11 record. The first wins were the most for the Warriors since the 1997 season. Senior Candice Kulacz was named as a NFHCAA Second Team All-America for the second consecutive season. She was also selected to play in the NFHCAA North South All-Star Classic. Kulacz scored a team-high 10 goals while adding two assists for 22 points. The Warriors ranked fourth in the Northeast-10 conference in team offense (1.38 goals per game) and fifth in team defense (2.00 goals per game). Fellow senior Jen Conway was Merrimack's top netminder. She notched a 2.00 goals against average and a .881 save percentage. Conway ranked third in the conference in saves per game recording 11.00 per contest. The Warriors will look for continued improvement next season as they lose only three players to graduation.

Women's Tennis

The women's tennis team posted a record of 9-4, 7-2 in the Northeast-10 conference. The Warriors finished in second place in regular season conference play but fell in the semifinals of the conference tournament. Freshman Elizabeth Ryan led the way for the Warriors, Ryan, who played first singles for Merrimack throughout the year, was named Northeast-10 Newcomer of the Year and was named to the All-NE-10 First Team. She finished the year at first singles with a record of 10-2.

Women's Soccer

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Men's Soccer

The men's soccer team finished the year with a 10-10-1 mark and advanced to the ECAC Division II Championship for the sixth consecutive year. Even though the Warriors fell to the eventual champion St. Anselm, 6-1, Merrimack's success this season could not be overlooked. The Warriors advanced to the Northeast-10 Championship final for the fifth time in the last six years and recorded their sixth consecutive season with 10 wins or more. Senior back Daniel Pearce scored a career-high four goals to help Merrimack come back from a 3-1 deficit in the second half and defeat American International College and advance to the NE-10 semifinals. In the semifinal round, the Warriors defeated Assumption College, 3-2, in double overtime to advance to the Championship game. Pearce was named the Northeast-10 Defensive Player of the Year for the second consecutive year and earned First Team All-NE-10 accolades. He was joined on the First Team by his brother, Eric. Senior Matt Johnson and freshman Matthew Lynch earned All-NE-10 Second Team honors while sophomore Steve Gould garnered Honorable Mention accolades.
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Volleyball
The volleyball team recorded the second highest win total in school history (18) and set a school record for winning percentage (.700). The season began with a record-tying three wins before the four-game winning streak before the Warriors won the program’s first victory over the Falcons in the last 30 years, and from refereeing hockey for the N.I.H.O.A. He was inducted into the Massachusetts Hall of Fame in 1985. He is now a teaching from the Easton School studies.}

school’s all-time service ace leader in 1999 notching her 148th career ace. Wysocki is the school’s all-time leader in blocks (438) recording a team-high 172 this season. Head coach Keith Schoonover was named Northeast-10 Coach of the Year for his efforts in leading the Warriors to a 8-1 regular season conference finish. Merrimack defeated Bentley College, 3-1, to clinch the Northeast-10 regular season title. The match marked the Warriors first victory over the Falcons in the last 30 meetings between the two teams.

For up-to-date information on sports schedules, scores, and team rosters, visit the new sports news and scoreboard sections at: www.merrimack.edu.

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M57
Thomas Davies Jr. has been deployed to the Joint Contracting Center, Tuscaloosa, Task Force Eagle (SFOR). Bosnia-Herzegovina. SFOR is a U.N. Peace Stabilization Force performing peacekeeping duties in Bosnia-Herzegovina as a result of the Dayton Peace Accord of 1996.

M58
Pat (Maney) Cortin attended an Association of University Women national convention in Washington. She met with members of Congress to discuss concerns about Social Security coverage for women. She is founder of the Donors branch of the AAWW.

M61
Edward Kelley II has been named associate dean at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey in Scotch Plains, N.J.

M63
David Cleary retired from teaching from the Easton School System, from coaching golf at Oliver Ames High School after 30 years of service. He was inducted into the Massachusetts State Hockey Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 1987. He is now a golf course starter/ranger for The Oaks Club in Osprey, Fla.

M65
Chris Pratt-Cossetelli is president of the Georgia Council for Social Prior to her election, she served three years on the Board of Trustees for the organization. She has taught social studies for more than 20 years and is also an active member in the Georgia Geographic Alliance. Chris is an eighth grade Georgia Studies teacher at the Harris County-Carver Middle School in Hamilton, Georgia. She lives in Columbus, Georgia with her husband, Bill.

M66
Donald McGrath teaches math at Chatham, Mass. High School. He had taught math at Rockville High School in Vernon, Conn., from 1966 until named to the All-Tournament team after recording 15 digs and one ace in the Tourname

M67
Dick Trepanier is retired, but keeps active volunteering three days a week at Lazarus House, a shelter in Lawrence.

M68
Paola (Caron) Eldridge, Ph.D. works as a psychologist for the Penderglest School District in Columbus, Georgia with her husband, Bill. In her free time, she enjoys volunteering in the Costa Rican cloud forest.

Jeanne Gerber ’66
Discovered It’s a jungle out there
It’s one thing to tour the rain forests. It’s an entirely different experience to spend six hours a day mopping your brow as you clear brush and construct trails under the forest’s leafy green canopy.

Jeanne Gerber, ’66 of Needham, Mass., saw the rain forest firsthand during a recent two-week Global Volunteers service program in Costa Rica. (Global Volunteers is a St. Paul, Minn.-based nonprofit organization that each year coordinates nearly 130 one- to three-week service projects in 18 countries around the world.) Gerber worked shoulder-to-shoulder with high-school students building trails and improving signage in the Santa Elena cloud forest. In the process, she made friends, recharged spiritual and emotional batteries, and gained a unique perspective on this Central American country.

"It was fascinating to be in a developing country and experience some of its growing pains," said Gerber, who is a first-grade teacher in the Needham Public Schools.

It was an interest in the potential healing aspects of rain forests plant life and Costa Rica’s emphasis on peace and nonviolence that prompted Gerber to trek to the Central American country. The highlights of her trip, she said, were the steep green hillsides of Costa Rica, the little girls in the Sunday best, and the hot springs at Tabacón — "a treat after hiking the two longest trails at the Santa Elena Reserve."

 Oops!
In the Honor Roll of Donors, we misspelled the name of Kathleen Gallup Frieser ’60 and left William F. O’Connor Jr. ’51 off the list of Alumni Council members. Sorry, we goofed. We are, however, no less grateful for your contributions to Merrimack.
Tom Scanlon '68 shares this photo of Merrimack alumni who work for the Rural Utilities Service (RUS). RUS is a federal bank that finances water and environmental projects, electric power projects, telecommunications facilities, and distance-learning programs in rural areas. The annual national conference held in August 1999 are: Dick Smigliani '65, Steve McKenzie '68, Tom Eddy '65, and George Bagnell '65.

M70

Joe Ryan and his wife Karen own and operate their own real estate company on Hilton Head Island, SC.

Richard Shook is the city manager for Goldboro, N.C., and is responsible for the day-to-day management of the community. He had his hands full this September when Hurricane Floyd flooded his city with problems.

Elaine Vietti was appointed executive director of the Board of Bar Examiners by the justices of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court. She is responsible for assisting the members of the Board in their functions in the bar admission process, the supervision of the office of the board, the preparation and maintenance of records, and coordination with the Clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court for Suffolk County.

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M73

Dr. Dorothy (Lozowski) Belvoir has been appointed to a three-year term on the Joint General Exam Committee of the American Society of Clinical Pathologists’ Board of Registry. She is also a professor and chairperson of the Department of Clinical Laboratory Sciences at Fitchburg, Mass., State College.

James Burke is a partner at Antico, Barrett, Burke and Korinski. LP. Burke also holds a position on the Board of Trustees for the North Shore Music Theatre. Jim, his wife Nancy, and son Josh live in Nashua, N.H.

Stanley Silas, president of Silas and Associates, has been appointed to the Arizona Supreme Court Committee on Pre-Employment Testing. He is also member of the Black Board of Directors, Project, a advanced leadership program.

M71

David Bonnville is the vice president of engineering at Degertek Industries in San Francisco. He and his wife Nancy have two teen-aged children, Rebecca and Noah.

William Boutillier was inducted into the Johnson/ North Andover High School Athletic Hall of Fame in November 1998. He is a Social Studies teacher at North Andover High School and is a high school and college level basketball official in New England. Bill and his wife Patricia Casey '71 have two children, Ellen and Kevin.

M77

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John Obert at (978) 837-5440 or e-mail jobert@merrimack.edu. in North America as well as daily Leslie (LaFrance) Reemitis was Buckley '86, and Elizabeth Hurley '96. For more information about CEDAR, call Robert Bartley '94, Barbara Begin '97, Karen-Ann Glennon '90, (seated) Lillian Realtors. the Gloucester Seafood Display to take advantage of the alumni events and services. Pictured above are (standing) Barry Sullivan, CPA, has joined development and expansion of the officer and a related company, is responsible for business Robert Astill was elected to the board of directors of the National England School of Law in May. Thomas J. McCarthy III is a principal at Heidrick and Associates, as well as establish new business contacts. Shown above are Rev. Patrick McStravog, O.S.A., director of vocations for the St. Thomas of Villanova Providence. In this volunteer position, she sits on the board of trustees and planning committees. She chairs the Story Book Ball, which raised $230,000 for the hospital's endowment. Martha writes, "It's a wonderful experience, along with my job as wife and mother of my two boys, Michael Jr. and Philip." Loren Ritter teaches theology and English at Marianapolis Prepar Lawrence, Mass., Eagle-Tribune. She chairs the Story Book Ball, which raised $230,000 for the hospital's endowment. Martha writes, "It's a wonderful experience, along with my job as wife and mother of my two boys, Michael Jr. and Philip." Bob Ross was promoted to executive sports editor for the Law Review, Mass., Legal Tribune. He will be responsible for the content and operations of the sports staff. James Lukowick is employed by the Legal Assistance Corporation of Massachusetts. He received a juris doctor degree from New England School of Law in May. Maureen Mullen has moved to Quincy and works at Ayliff and Bacon in Needham, Mass. Robert B. Murphy Jr. is vice president for Pell Rudman Trust Company in Boston. He and his wife Stacey have four children and live in Woburn. Thomas Marchand has recently relocated to San Diego and started a career in resource management and development with ITE Corp. John Ford has joined the Weeks Memorial Hospital staff as a family practice physician. He is a member of the American Academy of Family Physicians and also a federal- and state-licensed wildlife rehabilitator. Renee (Bavoni) Coleman was awarded a master of science degree in training and development at Lesley College. Dawn Gottlieber received a master of science in Early Childhood Education from Wheelock College. Michael McDermott is the branch manager of New Boston Select Savings' permanent placement division in Woburn. He writes, "I learned another trade. Garrett Hatch '95. He is doing a fantastic job!" Albert Varga has joined the Ayer middle school staff as a language arts teacher.

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Julie Oriola has received a master of arts degree in communications in North Reading. Philip Lynch teaches third grade with an internship in Los Angeles.

M93

George Adyns has been awarded a certified public accountant (CPA) certificate by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. He is employed by Michael F. Reilly, CPA, PC, in Haverhill. He is also a member of the American Institute of CPA's.

M94

M95

Philip Ratlas is a student in the MBA program at the University of Chicago.

Cynthia (Joudrey) Cogan has obtained her professional engineering license. She is registered in the state of Massachusetts.

Chris Gaudette was promoted to Corporate Controller/Principal Accounting Officer at Touchstone Software Corporation.

M96

Arthur Cogan recently joined Interson Corporation's Electronics-Mechanical Division. He is a custom applications engineer.

Michelle (Ouellette) Rowe has received a master's degree from Tufts University and is currently employed by Northeast Rehab in Salem, N.H. as an occupational therapist in the pediatrics department.

M98

Amy (Dubel) Bezdraz is a sixth grade teacher at Hull Middle School in Hull, Ga.

Amy Gallant is a second grade teacher at Mad Brook Academy in North Brookfield, Mass.

Michael Quinn has accepted a position with a management consulting firm, CSC Consulting. He is in the finance department as a revenue accountant.

Stacy Smalt is an auditor with Arthur Andersen in Boston. Shelley Terris joined the John F. Ryan Elementary School in Tewksbury as a grade one teacher.

Steve Waluk has been appointed to the City of Newport (R.I.) Zoning Board of Review. He is the youngest person ever to be appointed. Steve is constituent affairs liaison for Rhode Island Governor Lincoln Almond.

Can You Help Return the Ring?

We've been contacted by someone who found a 1952 class ring, monogrammed WBC. Our records lead us to believe it was owned by William Brumby Campbell, since deceased. We'd like to return the ring to his family, though. If you have information on Mr. Campbell, please call the Alumni Office at (978) 837-5440.

Among the beautiful people at a fundraiser for the Ireland Fund held on Nantucket were these Merrimack alumni: Tim Russert H'96 and Ed '56 and Rita (Bonanno) Collins '56.
BIRTHS

The Logan family: Max, Tommy, Margo, and baby Grace.

John J. Buba Jr. '79 and wife Kim She joins sister Camilla. Patricia: a daughter, Emary Kate, and brothers Tommy and Max.


Angie LoPresti, 84 and husband John: a daughter, Kate, March 4. Brendan was welcomed by proud uncles John, March 4. Brendan was welcomed by proud grandparents Jack and Joan LoPresti.

Laura (Digiuliano) Burns '88 and husband Shawn, a son, Jonathan, August 11.

Jocelyn (Burke) Currie '88 and husband Robert: a son, Samuel James, April 21. He joins sister Alexandra Grace.


Andrew Gatchell '88 and wife Amanda: a daughter, Morgan Elizabeth, July 14.

William Harris '88 and wife Mariana: a daughter, Edward McNamara, June 25. He joins brothers and sister Callie and brother Andrew.

Joseph M. Sullivan Jr. '86 and wife Patricia: a daughter, Clare Marie, July 14.


Carol (Ollingham) '87 and David Tagliatorti '87: a son, Daniel Vincento, September 15.

Chris (Freeman) '87 and Nick LaPaca '86: a daughter, Caroline Grace, May 21. She joins sisters Rebecca and Mary Beth.

Robert Hamilton '87 and wife Mary Ellen: a daughter, Tara Elizabeth, April 1. Tara was welcomed by proud uncles Michael '80 and John Ambrozino '80.

Samuel James Curro

Colleen (Condongi) Honan '88 and husband Kevin: a daughter, Molly Doyle, August 23.

Anna (DiCesare) Mahan '88 and husband Michael: a son, Sean Michael, June 1. He joins brother Ryan Christopher.

Diane (Stasien) Thiernagel '88 and husband Bradley: a son, Mark Bradley, January 11. He joins sister Jessica.

Deborah (Carreiro) '88 and husband Michael: a daughter, Edward McNamara, June 25. He joins brothers and sister Callie and brother Andrew.


Lynne Ann (Filali) Chase '80 and husband William: a son, Zachary Tyler, August 25.

Jennifer Paige (Hatem) Carey '91 and husband Marc: a daughter, Paige Madison, August. She is the grandchild of Robert '58 and Joanne '59 Hatem.

Joseph DeVivo '89 and wife Karen: a daughter, Francesca Rose, September 24. She joins sisters Victoria and Isabella.

Lisa (Deaver) '89 and husband Michael: a son, Sean Michael, June 4. Sean joins brother Ryan Christopher.

Lawrence, June 17.

Richard Fabyk '87 and wife Kathleen: a daughter, Margaret June, October 28.

Taylor Elizabeth, October 9.

Catherine Gallaher: a daughter, a son, Zachary Tyler, June 28.

Susan (Negrelli) '92 and Christopher McLaughlin '91: a son, Kyle Joseph, September 29. He joins brother Collin.

Grace (Patrelle) Sansone '92 and husband George: a son, Joshua, August 12.


Kate Marshall and her Mom

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Susan (Negrelli) '90 and husband Michael: a son, Joseph Robert, March 17.

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DEATHS

John H. Collins '51 of Wakefield, Mass., died August 14. He was 72. John was a Navy veteran of World War II and had been employed with the Ark Insurance Co. in Reading. He was the husband of the late Elaine Gallagher Collins. He was survived by two daughters, Alison Bell of Easton and Diane Mende of Wayland, two brothers, Robert of Taunton and James of Hilton Head, S.C.; and seven grandchildren.

Richard T. Fitzpatrick '52 of Laconia, N.H., died August 10. He was 72. A retired supervisor for the U.S. Postal Service, Richard was a Navy veteran of World War II. He enjoyed traveling around the world. He is survived by two sisters, Ellen Carter of Larmont and Josephine Lally of Pocasset; and many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Kenneth J. Walsh '67 of Shrewsbury, formerly of Hopkinton, died August 8 after an illness. He was a psychologist at Worcester State Hospital. He was also a member of the American Psychological Association and Sigma Xi, a scientific honor society. He leaves his wife of 20 years, Mary (McAuliffe) Walsh; a son, Kevin of New Hampshire; a daughter, Andover; and two sisters, Virginia of Lynn; and Marie Caccurt, both of Lynn.

Robert L. Kelly '56 of West Tewksbury, formerly of Chelmsford, died August 18. He was 72. A former teacher, he had worked as a prison chaplain for 20 years. He was survived by his wife of 44 years, Mary (Kiley) of Chelmsford; two sons, Richard and Ronald, both of Lynn; two sisters, Virginia and Marie Caccurt, both of Lynn.

Robert R. Seymour '64 of Fairfax, Va., died on September 4 at Demarest-Hillock Medical Center in Lebanon, N.H. He was 59. He was employed at IBM as an engineer and departmental manager in the Market Analysis Division for more than 30 years. He was survived by his wife, Kathleen of West Springfield; a daughter, Kelly Jr. and his wife Michelle of Waltham; and several nieces and nephews.

Richard A. Ritter '76 of Georgetown, Mass., died August 12. He was 56. He was a retired supervisor and case manager for the Wyoma Lions Club and the Bosox Committee. He was a member of the American Psychoanalytical Association and Sigma Xi, a scientific honor society. He leaves his wife, Karen; a son, Robert; and a brother, Brian both of Northboro; five nieces and nephews.

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James E. Shea '50 '52 of Malden, died July 8 after a lengthy illness. He was a husband of 42 years, Kathleen. He was a member of his family's computer hardware company, the Prado Corp. He sold the Hudson-based company to ICL. He was a member of the American Psychoanalytical Association and Sigma XI, a scientific honor society. He leaves his wife, Kathleen; two grandchildren, Leah and Jordan of Danvers; five nieces and nephews; and many friends.

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Dear Fellow Alumni,

Eleanor Roosevelt said, "When you cease to make a contribution you begin to die."

While I wouldn’t directly link her words to your contribution to Merrimack, it’s something to think about.

Now is the best time ever to increase your gift to Merrimack. Merrimack has been awarded a $600,000 Challenge Grant from the prestigious Kresge Foundation for the construction of the college’s campus center. The Kresge Challenge, in higher education philanthropy, is the equivalent of playing in the Super Bowl! An extremely prominent foundation, Kresge is very selective in its funding and supports only those colleges and universities whose enrollment is robust, its endowment healthy and growing, and fundraising capabilities strong.

As alumni, we should be proud that our college has received this Challenge Grant, and we can show our pride in a very tangible way.

The challenge for Merrimack is to raise $4.2 million in the next 18 months from new and increased gifts. Alumni who made a gift last year will be asked to increase their gift this year, and alumni who did not give to Merrimack last year will be asked for a new gift. The dollars raised from the increases and the new gifts will go toward the Kresge Challenge and help build the campus center.

The success of this very important challenge depends on the participation of our alumni body. I hope you will choose to be a part of Merrimack’s growth. I also ask that you please spread this exciting news to your fellow alumni and encourage their support of this ambitious project.

As you read this issue of Merrimack, I know you will share my excitement with the new opportunities being presented to our students. Thanks to the generosity of fellow alumnus, Frank Girard ’62, we will have a new business school, which will elevate Merrimack’s academic standing and reputation in the national arena. International study has been more fully integrated into the curriculum, both in the business school and throughout the college. Our faculty continue to be leaders in their fields, as witnessed by the work of professors like Dr. Ellen Longsworth and Dr. Josephine Modica-Napolitano. Other members of our faculty will participate in a unique program this spring break, tracing the intellectual journey of St. Augustine.

So as you can see, it is not only our campus that is growing, but our academic programs as well.

As Merrimack’s reputation, both regionally and nationally, grows in esteem, so grows the value of our diplomas. Be a part of the achievements of our college, and make a special contribution to the Merrimack Fund this year.

Sincerely,

Chris Liebke ’79

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Show ’Em We’re Warriors!

We’ve proved Merrimack is world class again and again — in our classrooms, on the ice, in the world, on the court, even in the barrios of Santo Domingo. We know we’ve got what it takes to meet any challenge. That’s why we’ve accepted our biggest fundraising challenge yet — a Kresge Challenge.

The Kresge Foundation funds only the cream of the crop — top-notch schools with healthy endowments and strong management. The trustees of the foundation have voted to donate to Merrimack $600,000. There’s just one catch. In order to receive the grant, we must raise $4,213,750 by January 1, 2001, and we must raise it in new gifts and increased gifts.

We can do it. To do your part, send your contribution today. Show Kresge what we’re made of.