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As Merrimack College prepares for its journey into the new millennium, its people and events make its mark in a kind of a time warp. Classic cars are the norm, as no American imports have been allowed in many decades.

ABOVE: President Santagati met up with some of the college’s old friends as he participated in the Pope’s historic papal Cuba visit. He’s pictured above with the Hon. John Fenton, Dean of the Suffolk University Law School and recipient of last year’s Tikkun Olam Award.

LEFT: Cuba’s capital city seems in a mood to travel, Merrimack style. There’s more to an education than chalk on a blackboard. This in issue, we look at travel, Merrimack style.

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From the Heart
In the ongoing series of discussions about the college’s identity, students and alumni focus on academics at Merrimack.

Campus News
Merrimack’s advertising campaign wins a national award, Wend Wasserstein will speak at commencement, and more.

Sports
Five student athletes hit the hundred mark for career scores.

Class Notes
News of births, weddings, deaths, and more from Merrimack graduates.

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Merrimack’s classroom.
Merrimack College’s service ethic remains as vibrant as ever. This year approximately 100 students participated in our Alternative Spring Break program, reaching out to help orphans, the poor, elderly, people living with AIDS, and others in Santo Domingo, the Bronx, Alabama and Philadelphia.

Additionally, my own journey to Cuba this past January ties in to our theme of “Merrimack in the World.” Having been invited by Bernard Cardinal Law, Archbishop of Boston, to join him on his trip to Cuba for the historic Papal visit was a great honor – it’s a trip I will not soon forget. During that week, I was constantly reminded of how connected Merrimack is with the world – its people and events.

And as a Merrimack student, I well remember the Augustinians and lay faculty who fled Cuba when it fell to Castro’s regime, and came to Merrimack to teach. We certainly couldn’t have predicted then the changes and advances we’ve seen in freedom and democracy for citizens of the world.

In the next several pages, you will read about some of the extraordinary examples of Merrimack’s expansion beyond New England. Please join me as we explore “Merrimack in the World.”

You can’t get much more exotic than this. Dr. Larry Kelley takes students paddling down the Amazon one year and trekking in Tanzania the next, all in the name of science. See page 6.

You needn’t travel far to experience the lofty heights and artistry of great church architecture. Rev. Kevin Dwyer, O.S.A., takes students in his first-year seminar to examples in Merrimack’s own backyard. See page 8.

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The Warrior ice hockey team skated their way to a berth in the Hockey East semi-finals. See page 18.
Merrimack around the World

This issue of Merrimack magazine focuses on travel, and to prepare myself I've been re-reading my favorite travel writer, Henry David Thoreau.

Of course, Thoreau was much more than just a travel writer, but his musings on his Walden experience or his Merrimack River adventure are, for me, the best of the genre. It is from Thoreau that I learned the secret to successful travel: simplify, simplify, simplify.

Simplifying our lives liberates us in so many ways. We're free to see and experience so much more. Heck, you really feel like a native of New Orleans when you've spent an afternoon sipping chicory-laced cafe au lait and nibbling beignets.

Disposing of stuff is no easy feat, especially for students who have grown used to disposable diapers. We've tried to avoid that, but it's tough.

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MERRIMACK AROUND THE WORLD

Bronx Journal

Christine Wenzel '98 was one of the nearly 100 students who took part in this year's Alternative Spring Break. She reports here on her experiences as a volunteer at St. Nicholas of Tolentine, an Augustinian church in the Bronx.

Saturday March 12

I am amazed by the lights. We emerged from the cocoon of snowy Connecticut and entered a world of technicolor and sunshine. As we neared the church I saw Jesus with one arm outstretched, protected by a crown of barbed wire thorns. I don't know why we slept in the confines of a protected rectory, but the sirens remind me that there are other things going on outside.

We took a walking tour of Manhattan and saw what it's like to be a have or a havenot. Some were sleeping with their families under a tattered blanket while others, bundled in furs, glided into the finest, regal facilities. Contrast.

Some sleep on the streets, others have only enough decency to step over them. The bells are ringing. The sky is blue here, just like it is everywhere else.

Bright posters cover up soot; perfumes disguise the smell of the subway. It's easy to lose yourself in a cartoon.

Everything is big with life and big with color. So much money is spent to make one sign and instead provide more electricity for a few thousand families? Where is the concern, where is the emphasis placed? Importance is measured by how much is in your cup and what kind of cup you're holding.

I drafted Josie to sing with me in the choir. We were helping Cora and Elba hang St. Paddy's Day decorations in the church basement when we all began talking about singing. A few minutes later, Josie and I were being sized for choir robes. So we led the choir down the center aisle of this grand, majestic church, singing "Amazing Grace." Jo and I sat right up in front of everyone with the choir, and we were singing all right until the whole group decided to sway. We weren't prepared for the choreography, but it gave us a laugh. The women in the choir were so welcoming and encouraging and I really felt I did something special by joining their ministry.

After Mass we all gathered downstairs to partake in some St. Patrick's Day festivities. I wasRemtning about Ireland and a bit of the sight of Spanish advertisements. I was a little bit my great-grandmother by Yeats. We stayed up on the stage mouthing words to Irish tunes that none of us had ever heard of before. But it was quite entertaining nonetheless. I was the one singing "My Wild Irish Rose," then some sang duets and read poems by Yeats. We stayed up on the stage mouthing words to Irish tunes that none of us had ever heard of before. But it was quite entertaining nonetheless. I was a little bit my great-grandmother reminiscing about Ireland and a bit myself, hearing a voice in my head telling me this is what I was meant to do in the next stage of my life. My tired mind is clouded with thoughts of the future, the smell of potato pancakes, and the feeling of being much too small to understand the plight of the poor. I do know that I want to be there and I want to help make their lives better.

Monday

We were divided into groups this morning. Maura and I went to work as conversation partners for some ESL students. We were doing better than we thought until we were assigned to a group of children. They were pretty shy and didn't want to talk. We asked them questions and, after some coaxing, they started to answer. I could tell they were a bit confused and didn't really understand the questions. But we were doing what we could to help them.

I'm excited to have been part of this Alternative Spring Break. It's been an eye-opening experience and I hope to continue to help in the future.
students. I tutored a woman from Ghana. She understood me very well but was too shy to speak. I understand language with a native speaker. I had the same problem using her English words. These people have so much to say, but their fear of not being listened to is enough to reduce them to silence. I found that most people are learning English so that they can find work. “No English, no job.” Most spend their days cleaning their houses and cooking. They haven’t yet established much of a life here in New York. I asked them a bunch of questions like I do with my friends back home. I hope tomorrow I’ll get more than one word responses. I wonder if in their language they are funny or sarcastic or nice. A lot of personality emerges through language.

Later, we went over to the youth center. I played pool with Manuel and chess with Jamie, and I got my butt kicked by both ten year olds. The kids were very polite and were willing to let me in on their games. I felt worn down and tired, but everytime I saw someone smile at the fact that people want to talk with them. They are so gracious and grateful, and it’s so rewarding knowing that I can help someone say maybe two more words than they could the day before. Sometimes it can try one’s patience to repeat the same things over again. I often feel my English is becoming stilted because I absolutely have to use basic words. But when the wrinkles of confusion on a young woman’s forehead transform into wrinkles around smiling eyes, I know that this is well worth my efforts. We then went over to the youth center. I lose in checkers - my self-esteem is really down in checkers - my self-esteem is really down. I saw a woman being helped by the world and by her own blood. She said her family in California knows she’s in New York, but they have no idea what’s going on with her. With that she grabbed her cake and fruit punch, looked up at me, and said, “Well, good night.” I felt as empty as the white Styrofoam cup in my hand. I felt like I slammed my head against the concrete wall surrounding her heart. Faces floated through my mind all day long. My mom; my dad; Nate; the Mexican women; Augustina, who could only say “yes”; the African lady; Rahel from Ethiopia who knows so many words but will only let me see her smile. This mural spins until all the faces are distorted and mine emerges, and I look like all of them.

Wednesday

Today I broke through with Linda a little bit. She claimed she couldn’t read and refused to try. I got her to practice some grammar exercises and read individual words here and there. Before long I had gotten her to read sentences here and there. Before long I had gotten her to read sentences here and there. I was so proud of her, and I think she was proud of herself. From what I gather, Linda dropped out of school in the sixth grade in Ghana when her father died. She never became fully literate in her own language and therefore struggles more when trying to read in English. But she sounded the words out and took her time, and that is the key to reading. I kept offering her words of encouragement, and when she left she gave me a big smile and said thank you very much. The people I’ve been working with are so intelligent, but because their words remain in their heads and not on their tongues, people ignore them. Their hands are crippled when writing English for fear of being wrong. Their mouths are mute because they feel stupid when they speak slowly. The worst way to stiffle a person is to take their words away. I feel like I am helping them find power by giving them a vocabulary.

Thursday

You never really know where people go after leaving class. Maura and I said goodbye to Mediha today. I know she walks 45 minutes to get here. Her sneakers were drowning in the rain yesterday, and I wanted to give her money for the bus, but she left too quickly, and it was too awkward. Mediha always wore bright orange and pink lipstick and an old Wrangler sweater. In her country she was a nurse, her husband an engineer. Both are unemployed now, and her fourteen-year-old son brings in their only income. He works after school and never gets home before midnight.

Friday

Languages have always been a fascination of mine, so I thought it so appropriate that I worked with ESL students. This trip has helped me to stand firm in the idea of doing some type of service for at least a year after I graduate. I am considering the Jesuit Volunteer Corps. I would like to work on a Native American Reservation in Arizona. It is in giving of ourselves that we receive. I can’t think of a better way of helping my brothers and sisters than to give them a voice - or to encourage them to sing louder with the one they have.
AFRICAN SAFARI

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Next stop: EAST AFRICA.

by Mary Beth Donovan ’80

When biology professor Dr. Larry Kelts takes students into the field, he expects them to act and think like biologists. Take samples of flora and fauna. Observe wildlife. Carefully record observations. Swim with piranhas. Snorkel with dugongs.

“Surely, you’re not thinking what you think at all. It is not dangerous, is it? It is just one of those amazing things you do on these trips,” said Michael Edwards ’96 who got close to the legendary fish during a trip with Kelts to the Amazon.

Kelts’ traditional classroom is located on the second floor of the Mendel Science Center. But for almost 20 years, he has encouraged Merrimack students to look far beyond the conventional confines of the campus to learn. His students have studied marine biology on a small island off the coast of Maine, investigated a depleted ecosystem in Jamaica, focused their microscopes on marine plankton in Belize, and hiked and camped in the rain forest of the Amazon.

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Kelts’ first long distance trip was to a marine biology laboratory in Jamaica about five years ago. “I would rate that the lowest of the trips,” said Erik Schiff ’82, “because the ecology there had been degraded” by humans.

Undaunted, Merrimack students pushed for more. Kelts brought them to Belize. “It was just gorgeous, an incredible place to go,” Schiff said. The students did their research in a tropical rain forest.

On the return flight from Belize, a student asked Kelts if he would take them to the Amazon. He did and students lived, worked, and collected samples from a houseboat on the Rio Negro and Rio Branco Rivers.

For Schiff, who lived in Africa as a Peace Corps volunteer, the upcoming trip will be special because he is returning as a student. “This time is different. This will be a full experience, about what is going on in the ecosystem there and why,” he said.

None of the Merrimack travelers expect to be rested when they return. Students will camp out in the wild, take part in extensive walking safaris. Conduct experiments, and even descend 2,000 feet into a crater. They will have a Tanzanian guide who knows “we are not there as tourists but as biologists,” said Dr. Kelts. So if students want to change plans to observe the behavior of a pride of lions or a clan of hyenas, they will do just that. The students expect to do much of their work at dawn or late at night when many animals are most active.

When they are not out in the field, they hope to meet with biologists who work in Africa. “It is not just the obvious we will be looking at; it will be more than studying rhinoceroses,” said Renee Duncan, who both wrote about the course from Schiff and signed up. “We’ll talk about global economy, issues in culture, history, geology, the whole picture.”

At the suggestion of Dr. Walsh, the group also plans to visit a school, spend time with children there, and bring gifts of paper tablets and crayons.

For all the learning going on, Kelts said he may benefit the most. “It is impossible not to immerse yourself in this as you prepare for the trip,” he said. When the decision was made more than a year ago to go to Africa, Kelts threw himself into studying the tropical plains and savannas of East Africa and the creatures who inhabit them. When his daughter went off to college, Kelts took over her room, renaming it the “Africa Room,” filling it with research papers, books, and samples he has used to prepare himself and students for the trip.

“Is it all a big thrill for me,” he said. “Who can tell? The highlights will be reading the journals students keep to record their reactions to all they are experiencing, according to Kelts. “That in itself is a wonderful experience,” he said.

The trips have inspired some students to redirect their careers. Beal plans to pursue a Ph.D. in biology. Edwards will continue his studies in aquatic ecology.

But immersing themselves in far-off lands and then bringing those experiences home to share with the rest of the Merrimack community means work, said Dr. Kelts.

“We’ve got one little window to learn in. We will utilize it to the fullest,” he said.

WHAT THEY WILL SEE

When in East Africa, Merrimack students will visit Tarangire National Park, the third largest in Tanzania, home of the magnificent baobab trees and nine distinct vegetation zones; the Ngorongoro Crater, a volcanic caldera teeming with wildlife; Olduvai Gorge, the site where the 1.65 million-year-old remains of the Zinjanthropus Man were found; and the Serengeti National Park, which has the greatest concentration of wildlife in Africa. Among the creatures students expect to see: giraffe, lion, warthog, orich, zebra, leopard, cheetah, wild dogs, and vultures.
Dwyer, a member of the religious studies department, developed the class several years ago. "Where is the spirit of people more apparent than in the homes that they build to house their lives? How they decorate their dwellings speaks volumes to even the most casual visitor," he said. "In the same manner, it is the way in which people build and appoint their houses of worship which manifests their most deeply held religious beliefs." Students in the course discern just that in visits to different houses of worship, class discussions, and study. This semester, students began by looking at the architectural statements of world religions at Merrimack's own Collegiate Church of Christ the Teacher. They also visited a Melkite church, a Jewish synagogue, several Protestant churches of various denominations, and a Hindu temple.

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He said, "I like to think we are seeing a little bit of the world within just six or seven miles of Merrimack."}

Dr. Michael Kanner-Mascolo took on choosing a site for behavioral research the way a lot of travelers choose destinations.

Kanner-Mascolo, a psychology professor, and his wife, Bonnie (a professor at Worcester State College), looked for somewhere that was "as different and exotic as possible," and yet would still be accessible to them as English speakers.

They chose India. "I've always wanted to do cross-cultural work, because it forces you to confront your cultural assumptions," Kanner-Mascolo says. "One of the things I believe is that there is no behavior that takes place independent of culture."

In part to prove the validity of that belief, Kanner-Mascolo and his family (the Kanner-Mascolos have two children, a son Seth, 7; and a daughter Mica, 3) spent the month of December in Delhi. While there, Kanner-Mascolo worked with the head of the Psychology Department at the University of Delhi, Girishwar Misra, on the game plan for the research the two have undertaken. The project aims to compare American and Indian attitudes on the experience of self and the nature of social relationships.

Working on the study with a non-western colleague is of particular value, Kanner-Mascolo says. "For too long, western values and assumptions have provided the standards by which other cultures have been judged." Cultures like the Indian culture have inappropriately been seen as substandard, or even pathological.

The month spent on foreign soil helped Kanner-Mascolo confront his own assumptions — those of a white, western male. The direct experience was invaluable. He and his family noticed huge cultural differences. Most noteworthy, Mascolo says, was the absence of the western, self-oriented focus. "The Indian culture is other-oriented and hierarchically," he said.

For example, in America, people clarify their own wants and needs and then go on to negotiate compromises based on them. In India, people are reluctant to state their needs. "The Indians try to infer what you want, determine your needs, and take care of them, sometimes before you even knew you had those needs," he says. "It sometimes made it difficult for us to interact with people."

The obedience to hierarchy took some getting used to as well. "The students (at Delhi University) were incredibly deferential," he says. As an American professor, he was afforded tremendous respect. Kanner-Mascolo found he needed to steer his interactions with students.

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IN BRICKS AND MORTAR

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International business students at Merrimack know the future of our economy is global. Cathie Rich-Duval makes sure their marketing know-how is translatable.

by Wendy Darwin Wakeman '93

O'Reilly on a Thursday morning is much like any other classroom building on campus. Unremarkable, really - explains, "the operators speak Czech, and maybe German. At least in German they speak English."

So, while Rich-Duval has been able to negotiate most details herself, she's enlisted Gabriela's help. Later, Gabriela will brief Professor Rich-Duval on the conversation. "In the Czech Republic," Rich-Duval explains, "the operators speak Czech, and maybe German. At least in Germany they speak English."

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Perspectives on Curriculum: Talking About Content

by Wendy Darwin Wakeman ’93 and Rev. Richard Jacobs, O.S.A.

“When a small group of students and alumni gathered recently to talk about curriculum, one thing was certain—times have changed.”

When Joe Mahoney ’51 was an undergraduate, students didn’t have a lot of choices to make, and that was okay with them. “Most of the guys were just back from the war, the second war,” Joe remembers. “And there was another war about to begin in Korea. They had one contemplation, and that was to get an education and get on with their lives. They had wives and kids and full time jobs.”

Students saw a college education as a ticket to economic success. They studied math, English, religion, maybe a modern language—the basics. Within the framework, however, the material was quite rigorous. “As the material became more advanced, the debates became pretty hot,” Mahoney said. “I honestly don’t know much about the Augustinians,” Reboulet said. “Hogue, who received his secondary education at an Augustinian preparatory school in Tulsa, said he was initially surprised by the lack of an Augustinian presence on campus. Consensus among the group was that while Merrimack, as an Augustinian Catholic college has a distinct philosophical and religious foundation, the students often don’t see how the ideals are linked to events on campus.”

The discussion soon turned to the importance of liberal arts. “I do so much with business,” one student said. “Alice (Murray) is always after me to take more English classes. And I know I should.” He said perhaps more course work in the liberal arts should be required of students.

Yet, with Murray’s interest in keeping Shakespeare well-rounded, she voiced a reluctance to dictate too much to students. At Trinity College, she remembers, she was required to study Anglo-Saxon, something she believes was unnecessary.

Mahoney remembered taking Shakespeare as a Merrimack student, with Rev. Joseph “No Charity” Flaherty, O.S.A. “I think of us to Shakespeare voluntarily, but it was tough,” Mahoney laughed. “I’d suggest to anyone who wants to study Shakespeare to rent one of the new Kenneth Branagh films.”

Learning a profession

When Maggie Koosa, a senior resident student from Connecticut, began her career at Merrimack, she was one of only two women in her class majoring in civil engineering. Although she has since changed her major to mathematics, Koosa said she was initially surprised by the lack of an Augustinian presence on campus. "Consensus among the group was that while Merrimack, as an Augustinian Catholic college has a distinct philosophical and religious foundation, the students often don’t see how the ideals are linked to events on campus," Reboulet said. "And we don’t need to be too fancy about it."
Who's Who Names Names

A number of Merrimack students will be included in the 1997-98 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. Students are nominated by a campus committee and the editors of the directory in recognition of exceptional academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities, and potential for continued success.

Seniors nominated are Josephine Thomas, George Scott, Kim Soon Wan, Michelle Chasse, Danielle Pawlowski, Melissa Baldino, Kara Shields, Stacy Dell'Orfano, Malinda Payette, Kerri O'Brien, Jennifer Dyer, Susanne Comeau, and Kelly Coughlin.


Chorus receives accolades

The Treble Chorus of New England at Merrimack College, the premier children's chorus in New England, received an award from Disc Makers and Emmanuel Recording on the release of the compact disc "Innocent Sounds from Cascia Hall." The disc contains songs edited and arranged by Dr. David Westerling and the Steel Bridge team, having won the regionals, head to a national competition in Colorado Springs in May. Sixty companies participated in the Career Services Office Career Fair in March... Syndicated radio personality Paul Harvey recently included news about the Alternative Spring Break in his national radio broadcast... Merrimack students participated in "America Reads," a national program aimed at improving literacy among school-aged children.

Tikkun Olam Award

The Center for the Study of Jewish Christian Relations will present its third annual Tikkun Olam ("to heal the world") Award to Bernard Cardinal Law, Archbishop of Boston, and Malden Mills owner Aaron Feuerstein at a dinner on June 10. John Fenton, Shari Redstone, and Alan Solomont are co-chairs of the event, to be held at the Westin Hotel in Boston. Event tickets are available for $250. Proceeds benefit the center. For more information, call Maureen Lanigan at (978) 837-5448.

News Briefs

The Very Rev. John Deegan, O.S.A., has been re-elected to another term as Prior Provincial of the Augustinian Province of Saint Thomas of Villanova. Father Deegan was Merrimack's president from 1981 to 1994... The building across Elm Street formerly known as the President's House has been re-christened St. Ambrose Friary. The house is now home to Augustinian friars, including campus ministers Revs. Joseph Farrell and Scott Ness '84. St. Ambrose was influential in the conversion of St. Augustine... The Concert Choir traveled to Quebec City to perform during the city's famous Winter Carnival... Dr. Gerald Dugal, director of Counseling and Health, and Dr. Gerald Matross, associate professor of Philosophy celebrated 25 years of service to Merrimack College... The college hosted a conference on domestic violence in conjunction with the state Attorney General's Office... The Center for Jewish Christian Relations sponsored a lecture by Brandeis professor Dr. Sylvia Barack Fishman, author of Follow My Footprints: Changing Images of Women in American Jewish Fiction and A Breath of Life: Feminism in the American Jewish Community... Merrimack hosted an IEEE electric car race in February. Suffolk University and The Franklin Institute also participated. Congratulations to winning Merrimack students Gim Soon Wan, May Chee Wan, Chee Chyn Chng, and Leah Pellerin... The St. Augustine Seminar and Lecture Series continued with a presentation by Rev. Arthur Parcarco, O.S.A., assistant prior general of the Order of St. Augustine. His lecture was entitled "Social Responsibility and Augustinian Spirituality."... Engineering professor Dr. David Westerling and the Steel Bridge team, having won the regionals, head to a national competition in Colorado Springs in May... Sixty companies participated in the Career Services Office Career Fair in March... Syndicated radio personality Paul Harvey recently included news about the Alternative Spring Break in his national radio broadcast... Merrimack students participated in "America Reads," a national program aimed at improving literacy among school-aged children.

Friends of Merrimack

The Concert Choir provided the entertainment at the Friends of Merrimack’s Board of Directors Christmas Party in December. About 100 members attended.

The Friends, a group organized to raise money for scholarships, also hosted a lunch cruise aboard the Spirit of Boston. Afterward, guests attended a Pops concert at Symphony Hall. To celebrate the college’s fiftieth birthday, the group organized a fundraiser with a 1950s theme. The smooth harmonies of Herb Reed and The Platters and a ‘58 Chevy Impala parked by the door helped set the tone for the evening.

For more information on the Friends of Merrimack, call Maureen Lanigan at (978) 837-5448.

Dust off your clubs!

The President’s Cup Golf Tournament is set for June 1 at Indian Ridge Country Club in Andover. The tournament has become one of the Merrimack Valley’s foremost golfing events, as well as one of the college’s top fundraising events.

The format is foursome, best ball. Player fees of $200 include greens fees, golf cart, locker, shower, breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Morning and afternoon tee times are available, but reservations fill up quickly. Corporate sponsors are still needed. For more information, call Maureen Lanigan at (978) 837-5448.
Shown above at a Brothers and Sisters United event this winter are Rev. Scott Ness, O.S.A. ‘84, Stephanie Soriano, Albi Vargas, Joelle Berthelot, and Rev. Joseph Farrell, O.S.A.

Ad Campaign Wins National Award

Merrimack College has captured the true beauty of New England and the tools to make your life more successful in its spring ad campaign, which has won a national award.

At Merrimack College in North Andover, Massachusetts, we think we have something truly exceptional to offer students.

Merrimack’s recent ad campaign, “Set your sights a little higher,” won a bronze medal in a national competition. The medal was given by Admissions Marketing Report as part of its 13th annual Advertising Awards Competition. The ad, which ran in the last issue of Merrimack magazine, bears the headline “If you’re thinking about a college in Boston, maybe you should set your sights just a little higher.”

González-Arias Translates Novel

Dr. Francisca González-Arias’ translation of Soledad Puértolas’ acclaimed novel Bordeaux was published in March by the University of Nebraska Press.

González-Arias is an associate professor in the modern language department. A native of Spain, she has a particular interest in the writings of contemporary Spanish women. Bordeaux is the first novel translation she has published.

Bordeaux traces the fates of three people: Pauline Duvisier, an elderly woman who lives a solitary life in a tranquil suburb of Bordeaux; René Dufour, a Frenchman involved in an unfulfilling relationships with several women; and Lilly Skalnick, a young American woman traveling in Europe. Their stories, which take place in France and elsewhere throughout Europe and the United States, intersect in seemingly random yet revealing ways, gradually forming a complex social portrait.

Unifying all three stories are the themes of loneliness, restlessness, and the search for meaning in a world in which neither the past nor the present offers firm answers or lasting consolations.

Born in 1947, Soledad Puértolas has been a leading force in Spain’s cultural renaissance of the last two decades. Her literary awards include the Premio Sésamo, awarded to promising young authors in Spain, and the coveted Premio Planeta. All of her novels have appeared in French, and several have been published in German, Italian, and Portuguese translations.

Wasserstein to Speak at Commencement

Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award winner Wendy Wasserstein will speak at this year’s commencement exercises to be held May 17.

Among Wasserstein’s plays are The Heidi Chronicles, which garnered her both the Pulitzer and a Tony; Isn’t It Romantic? Uncommon Women and Others; and The Sisters Rosensweig. The playwright recently published her first children’s book, Pamela’s First Musical.

A passionate advocate for the arts, Wasserstein serves on the board of the Council of the Dramatists Guild. She has taught at New York University, Columbia University, and Princeton University.

She earned a bachelor of arts degree at Mt. Holyoke College, a master’s degree at the City College of New York, and has completed post graduate work at the Yale Drama School.

Wasserstein will be awarded an honorary Doctor of Letters degree.

Wendy Wasserstein

Looking for Work?

Merrimack students and alumni have a new online job resource in Jobtrak. Using a password obtainable from Career Services, students and graduates are allowed access to on-line job listings at www.Jobtrak.com. The service works with more than 600 college nationwide.

Other resources provided by Jobtrak include information on negotiating salaries, designing resumes and writing cover letters.

To obtain the password, call Career Services at (978) 837-5460.

387-5465: Your Link to Merrimack Events

Looking for a way to keep abreast of campus happenings? Just call 978-837-LINK, and you can listen to a summary of recent Merrimack news and get information on sporting, cultural, alumni, and religious events on campus. The events list is updated regularly, and can be reached 24 hours a day. Call LINK today!
Record-setters, centenarians and spring hopefuls

by Thomas J. Caraccioli

Five hit one hundred

Five student-athletes reached milestone career totals during the 1997-98 school year. Five athletes in two different sports. Three men. Two women. Two in the fall. Three in the winter. The milestone: at least 100 career points.

Women’s soccer players Kim Hall and Kerry Conlin and hockey players Casey Kesselring, Martin Laroche, and Rejean Stringer all hit the century mark in the course of their respective seasons. All but Stringer, a junior, are seniors.

Hall, the women’s all-time leading scorer after a 63 point season, set numerous school and conference records and was named the Northeast-10 Player of the Year. Hall entered the 1997 season with 79 career points and recorded her 100th career point with one of two goals scored in a 7-0 win over St. Michael’s College. She broke Merrimack records for most goals (23), assists (17), and points in a season. Hall’s feet also gave her the NE-10 record for points in a season.

Conlin set a number of records en route to her 100th career point as well. In the same 7-0 win in which Hall recorded her milestone, Conlin’s four goals set a Merrimack record for most goals in a game. The senior co-captain added an assist and set the school mark for points in a game with nine.

Conlin scored the fastest goal in Merrimack College women’s soccer history, opening a game with her 11th goal of the season at 1:03.

Conlin broke the career century mark with a two goal, two assist performance in a 6-0 Valley Cup win over UMass Lowell.

Conlin’s 44 points is the second best single-season point total in the history of the program. It took senior assistant captain Casey Kesselring four games into the 1997-98 season to accumulate the 11 points he needed to eclipse the 100 point mark. Kesselring’s one goal and three assists in a 5-4 win over Union made him the 42nd Warrior ever to reach that mark.

Senior captain Martin Laroche’s historic tally came at a most opportune time. In the midst of a six-game losing streak, the Warriors entered the third period of their December 6th game tied against the Army Cadets. Laroche had already assisted on Merrimack’s first three goals, and he topped the night off with a game-winning goal that not only gave him 100 career points but also gave Head Coach Ron Anderson his 250th career win.

Junior assistant captain Rejean Stringer reached 100 points quicker than any other Merrimack player since the program began Division I play. The prolific center has been near the top of Hockey East and the national scoring lists throughout the season.

The five students share a few similarities, including: an abundance of talent, a work ethic that few parallel, consistency, an injury-free career, and a God-given gift for finding the back of the net.

This and That

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Spring Preview

As this issue of Merrimack magazine goes to press, the men's tennis team prepares to swing into action. Coming off a record-setting 12-3 mark, senior co-captains Rob Carlino and Sean Kaufman hope to repeat last season's success.

Leading the men's lacrosse team into action this year are tri-captains senior

Men's Soccer

If winning is contagious, then it reached near-epidemic proportions for the 1997 men's soccer team. Coach Tony Martone's team could've been quarantined.

The Warriors repeated as the Northeast-10 regular season champions and three-peated as the NE-10 Tournament champions, when senior co-captain Steve McAuliffe finally ended the championship match in its sixth overtime with Quinnipiac College.

The Eastern College Athletic Conference thought so much of Merrimack's winning ways that it awarded the Warriors the first seed of the ECAC Championship tournament. The ECAC brain trust proved to be on the money, as the Warriors captured their first ECAC title with McAuliffe again playing hero, scoring the game-winning goal in double overtime.

McAuliffe was named to the All-NE-10 first team, All-New England first team, and All-America second team. He was further honored as NE-10 Player of the Year and ECAC Tournament MVP. He is the first student-athlete at Merrimack to have his or her number retired as well.

Jaime Farrell and juniors Angus Patterson and Ryan Polley. This year's team has the talent to score many goals. Farrell and Pelley will be looked upon to score more this year. Returning sophomore Ryan Savage hopes that he can pick up where he left off after a great freshman season.

In the 1980s, the New York Islanders had a string of four consecutive Stanley Cup championships. The theme for the team's history-making attempt at five consecutive championships was known as The Drive for Five.

The slogan could work for the baseball team's pursuit of its fifth consecutive NE-10 regular season championship, but coach Barry Rosen and his team have adopted a different slogan: We've got four and we're working for more.

Key offensive players include Brian Macrina, senior co-captain George Wirtz, catchers Jason Burke and Brian Duffy, along with Larry Papuga, Tony Raimo and Jim Russell.

Pitching is always the key, and seniors Cory Spencer, Eric Jewett, Angelo Amico and Chris Laurenzo expect to contribute mightily. If somehow 1998 were to become 1898 and we found ourselves in the wild wild west, no doubt softball coach Michele Myslinski would be a stagecoach driver.

Myslinski holds the reins that have steered her Lady Warrior softball program to three NE-10 regular season championships, three NE-10 Tournament Championships, five straight appearances in the NCAA Northeast Regionals, and the 1994 NCAA Division I National Championship.

Pitchers Carrie Ladebauche, Jen Connolly and Julie Phipps will be key members if the Lady Warriors hope to repeat past glories. Seniors Michelle Lefebvre and Tammy Caron also bring four years of experience to work toward a championship season.

Merrimack defensemen Andrew Fox is seen battling two Boston College Eagles during the Hockey East semi-finals at the Fleet Center in Boston. The Warriors earned their way to the Fleet Center for the first time in the nine-year history of Hockey East play by upsetting the Boston University Terriers. Merrimack defeated Boston University 2-1 in the best-of-three quarterfinal series played at Boston University. The Warriors' series win marked the first time a #8 seed has ever defeated a #1 seed in Hockey East quarterfinal action. Merrimack fell to eventual champions Boston College 7-2.
M52
Vito J. Selvaggio was recently awarded the World War II Legion of Merit Award, some 54 years after he earned it. Vito was honored for his bravery and leadership during a crucial battle at Point Cruz, Guadalcanal in November of 1942. He led and mustered his infantry squad to hold his section of the units’ perimeter during a crucial battle.

M53
Ed Note: We are indebted to John G. Kenney, chairman of the class of 1953, for gathering and reporting the following news. The date celebrates its fortieth reunion this year.

Our class is mostly retired or winding down careers. Florida is the place to settle, if not permanently, at least in the winter months. We are hearing good reports from Maurice Shea and Brenda Crowe in the Naples area. Charlie Jackman has been in Dade City for years. Dick Noone is living in Satellite Beach. Also scattered throughout the state are Arnaud Tussaintg, Robert Farley, John Greene, Bill Hart, and Bill Wilson.

Emilie O’Donnell Collaps is semi-retired and putting in limited hours for a medical society. She and husband Frank ’56 have six children and eight grandchildren. Because Frank is president of a structural engineering firm, they have flexibilities in their schedule. It is not unusual to hear that the Collaps are visiting relatives in Ireland. They are most ardent and local supporters of Merrimack.

Ed Farley earned a master’s in education at Boston College and a doctorate at Boston University. His 10-plus years in education started as a teacher in Lowell. He transferred into the Towobulow school system, where he served for 25 years as assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction. The Farleys have seven children and 12 grandchildren.

A number of alumni were on hand at a special reception hosted by Ed ’56 and Rita (Bonanno) ’56 Collins in Naples, Florida. Shown above are Betty (Martin) Courtesy ’56, Elaine (Saffely) Pope ’56, Jim Dennis, ’89 Director of Resource Development at the college; Jeanne (Raune) Kase ’56; and Mrs. Collins.

M54
Louis Trainor is retired from two careers and is living in Windham, N.H. Louis served for 20 years in the Naval Security Agency. Part of his training requirement was to study Russian, which he did at the Army Language School in Monterey, Calif. After leaving the Navy, he pursued a career in real estate.

After graduating from Merrimack, Dr. J. Paul Vennere received a master’s in education from the Cardinal Stritch College Outreach Center. He was awarded a doctorate from Boston College in 1979. Paul served in the Peabody Public School System for 30 years. All but 8 years were in administration: principal, assistant superintendent and acting superintendent. His wife and he founded Wellesley House Inc., a shelter for abused women and children, which has since grown to include many other charitable needs. Now Paul and his wife, in “retirement,” are helping with AARP, in particular helping the elderly manage their finances.

George Wermers taught biology at Merrimack from 1961-1999 and for many years did research at Dana Farber. He earned a master’s in biology from Boston College and a doctorate in physiology at the University of Minnesota. He spent eight years on the Minnesota Medical School faculty before coming to Merrimack. From 1984-1999, he and many years did research at Dana Farber. He earned a master’s in biology from Boston College and a doctorate in physiology at the University of Minnesota. He spent eight years on the Minnesota Medical School faculty before coming to Merrimack.

Henry Whitling is the only class member with permanent residence on Cape Cod. He and his wife Jacki live in Yarmouth. Henry has had a very interesting career working for American Airlines, Western Electric, and Raytheon. When the Whitlings moved to the Cape, Hank switched his endeavors to landscaping. Now in retirement, he plays golf while planning vacation trips to Marco Island, Fl.

Rev. Dr. George F. Riley, O.S.A., gave the invocation and benediction at the 53rd Annual Heinman Memorial Trophy Dinner and Ceremonies. It’s the fourth time in six years Father Riley had the honor.

M55
This is the last letter I’ll write as Alumni Council President. My thanks to the other members of the Executive Board and Council for their dedication and support, and I’d also like to thank the staff of the Alumni Relations Office for the work they put in to making our programs successful. When I heard the theme of this issue would be “Merrimack Around the World,” I thought of my experiences on the annual alumni trip. We’ve had such fun. We’ve seen Phantom of the Opera and Oliver in London, where we also had the opportunity to ride the Underwater, watch the changing of the guard at Buckingham Palace, and visit Westminster Abbey, the Tower of London, and St. Paul’s Cathedral.

In Paris, we dined on a boat on the Seine River, visited the Louvre, and enjoyed a panoramic view of Paris at midnight from the top of the Eiffel Tower. We took a train in Switzerland to the top of the Jungfrau in a blizzard, and we attended a papal Mass in St. Peter’s Square as guests of the Pontifical Household. Alumni Director Susan Wojtas ’79 and I got lost in the mountains of Assisi.

In Florence, Venice, and Milan, we marveled together at the glories of the Italian Renaissance. In Ireland, we partook of a medieval banquet at Bunratty Castle, and even won a few points at the horse races. In Alaska, we saw glaciers, whales, and whale bones. Most of all, we made friends and shared experiences around the world. Whether it’s Winter Weekend on Campus, a special event in Florida, or a trip abroad, the alumni relations office offers something for everyone. I hope you’ll take advantage.

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PRESIDENT’S LETTER

M63
Rev. Dr. Robert Gallagher was named the new pastor of the St. Luke Episcopal Church in Hudson. He brings with him a wealth of leadership and educational pursuits to the post.

Ken Inamorati is celebrating his 30th year in education. He is the guidance counselor for kindergar- en through sixth grade at St. Stephen of Charlotte Academy in Nashua, N.H.

Gerald Stanganelli of Methuen recently joined Enzo of Andover. He has 33 years of retail experi- ence.

M56
Richard Joy and Mark Rambley ‘74 are finishing a four-year Doctorate Program of the Archdiocese of Boston. They will be among ten candidate to be ordained permanent Deacons in September.

Stephen Smith was recently named Father of the Year by the World Fathers Association of Northampton. This award is for furthering “Above and Beyond the Expected.” He also is in his 28th year teaching Mathematics at Darmouth High School, Conn. He and his wife Susan are the parents of Stephen El. Andrew, and Sandi.

M57
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Richard Jackson's poems have recently been selected for Best American Poems, a 6th Pulitzer Prize selection, and a Prairie Schooner magazine Readers' Choice award. He is UC Foundation professor of English at UT-Chattanooga where he heads the MFA Writers' Workshops. He is also on the staff of the Vermont College MA's staff.

M70

Dr. Brian L. O'Neill was appointed associate dean of the graduate school at New Hampshire College in Manchester. He was previously the dean of the division of business administration and office education at Middlesex Community College in Bedford, N.H.

M71

Linda Peters has been teaching for 25 years at Wilmington High School for the past 12 years. She was recently featured in an article in the Wilmington Town Crier.

M73

Maryanne Donner has been named operating vice president and general manager of the Bloomingtons in Aventura, Fla. Joseph Elia has been named business manager for the Woburn Division of Business Administration at Essex County College in Liberty Corner, N.J.

M74

Rev. David P. Callahan has been appointed pastor of Saint Anne Parish in Lititz, Pa. Mark Ramsey and Richard Joy '65 are studying to be ordained deacons. See note in M65.

M78

Lisa Daniels has founded the Mizzentop Day School of Pawling, N.Y., a developmental multi-age school, which provides a warm, safe, and nurturing environment for children. She is also a speaker with the Society for Developmental Education.

M79

William T. Williams was named a Paul Harris Fellow by the Men's M.H. Rotary Club.

M80

Annie M. Daly has been named controller at Visiting Nurse Association of Boston. She will be responsible for the agency's overall financial and accounting operations. She is also an adjunct lecturer at Merrimack.

Anthony Frangos is an independent insurance agent for Allstate Worldwide. He is a licensed insurance broker, with patent-pending and patented technology that radically reduces the cost of communication.

M81

Robert Bonfigli was named Most Outstanding Young Lawyer in Massachusetts for 1997 by the Massachusetts Bar Association. He was also named the Most Outstanding Young Trial Lawyer in America for 1997 by the Association of Trial Lawyers of America.

M82

Robert M. Astill recently joined West Lynn Crematory of Lynn as manager of special credit and collection activities.

Joan Gauthier works in the interior decorating industry for both large companies and private homes. She is also a correspondent for the Hearst Gazette.

Jacqueline Lindsay is working on a master's in intellectual property law at Franklin Pierce Law Center. She received her degree from the Massachusetts School of Law in 1994. She is a practicing attorney.

Stephen O'Neill works at Fay, Spofford & Thorndike, Inc. of Tewksbury, Mass. He received a J.D. from the Massachusetts School of Law in 1997.

M83

Lea Ann Despres is the staffing coordinator at Moore Shipping & Computer Training Services of Methuen.

George M. Riley has joined the Information Systems Department of Bristol, an international manufacturer of sealants and adhesives. He is a software applications developer.

M84

Rick Clower is the sales manager for Harris King of Wilmington. His responsibilities include all sales and marketing functions.

Kenneth P. Goodrow, C.P.A., is a member of the audit and accounting professional staff at Tyler, Simms, and St. Sauveur, of Lebanon, N.H.

John M. Mortenson has taken a position with Fleet Investment Advisors of Providence as an Investment Manager.

Michael Steer is general manager of the Chintz Distribution Center for Harrington Industrial Plastics, Inc. of Chino, Calif.

M86

Elaine Currie has been named vice president of the firm. She is also a member of the board of directors of the Greater Lawrence to offer spiritual counseling, and for Harrington Industrial Plastics, Inc.

Kevin Sullivan '78.

John Weir teaches English at Tewksbury Memorial High School. He was recently featured in an article in the Wilmington Town Crier.

M87

Brenda L. Callahan was named an advisory board member for OneLink of Boston. She was previously the director of marketing and public relations for the University of Chicago Through the Years. She is the founder of Callahan's Bookstore, an independent bookstore.

M88

Donna (D'Amico) Sullivan '77 and daughter Katie especially enjoyed the weekend festivities. Katie and her sister Colleen are also the daughters of Kevin Sullivan '78.

Rick Glover is the sales manager for LBN Systems. His responsibilities include all sales and marketing functions.

John Mordach has been appointed Northeast regional sales manager for the University of Chicago Press. He is also a member of the board of directors of the Greater Lawrence to offer spiritual counseling, and for Harrington Industrial Plastics, Inc.

M89

Rich Doyle, a Navy lieutenant from Scituate, flew in the Oceanus Navy Air Show at Virginia Beach. He flew over the crowd in the opening fly-by, and then took the F-14 on a low level exhibition of a practice bombing run.

Joyce Interman is the coordinator of student services for the College of Arts and Sciences at Northeastern University.

Maureen LaBelle was hired by the sixteen Catholic parishes in Greater Lawrence to offer spiritual and moral support to Catholic parishes at Lawrence General Hospital. She is the first full-time Catholic chaplain at the hospital.

M90

Eric J. Butler has been hired by Carls, Chattron, and Rossen's Boston office as a staff accountant.

Joe Cardello accepted a position with First National Bank of Canada in London.

Father David Dismas of Revere was elected to the rank of Monsignor for the Archdiocese of Boston.

M92

Paul Mortenson '89 and Kristen Piearello '90 review the latest America Career Networking List. The program, which matches undergraduates who are interested in careers in public relations with professionals who work in the field, provides assistance with networking opportunities. For more information, call John O'Brien at (617) 482-2000 ext. 2000.
SEAN ETMON '92

by Corporal Steve Riddle, Camp Butler, Okinawa, Japan

Sitting behind his desk as the executive officer of Truck Company, Headquarters Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, 1st Lt. Sean Etmon seems perfectly at ease. When he stands up, it’s clear that the 6-foot-4-inch, 220-pounder would be equally at home on a basketball court, but finding the sport some time took.

“I’ve been playing soccer since I was three,” Etmon said. This comes as no surprise, though, since his father played professional soccer in Holland. What is surprising is that Etmon played professional basketball in Holland.

“I never even touched a basketball until my junior year in high school,” Etmon admitted. Already a soccer All-American at St. Anthony’s High School in Brooklyn, N.Y., Etmon decided to give basketball a try. “I remembered it was a summer league, and there were a lot of people out there watching the game. While I was playing, the crowd really got into it, and I knew this was the game for me.”

Etmon graduated in 1988 and received a basketball scholarship to Merrimack. During his four years here, the Warriors went to the NCAA Division II tournament twice, including an appearance in the final game his junior year. “It was a real good game,” Etmon said. “I’ll always remember being there.” It’s easy for him to remember too, thanks to the tournament ring he wears on his finger. Etmon also played soccer as a freshman and lacrosse as a senior, and it was his standout sport. His coach sent game tapes to a team he knew in the Dutch Basketball Association, thereby helping to launch Etmon’s professional career.

Etmon was on the team for two years, playing not only in Holland but France, Germany, Belgium, Italy, and Greece as well. After two years, Etmon says, he was “burned out on ball” and returned to the United States. He took a job as an office manager for a local company, though, since his father played professional soccer in Holland. It was here he met up with a staff sergeant who convinced him to put in a transfer for officer training.

Etmon then joined the Marine Corps. When he’s not practicing with them, he’s probably down at Camp Courtney, coaching the Courtney Clash, a soccer team for 13 to 17 year olds. “I like to sieve the day. My coach used to say that, because you never know what’s going to happen tomorrow.”

First Lieutenant Sean Etmon '92

M91
Jennifer W. Looney has received an award for academic excellence from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. She is a finance major at MIT’s Sloan School of Management.

Jennifer W. Looney

M92
Robert J. Alconada was elected to the Everett School Committee in November 1997. He was appointed to the office in January for a two-year term. He is the youngest member of the committee. He is married to Louise (Kinzel) ’90.

Karen D. Alexanian is a partner in the Flemish & Sullivan Law Office of Waltham.

Andrea Brush has been promoted to Contract Analyst by Private Healthcare Systems Inc. of Waltham.

M93
Gina Bartarlo has relocated and taken a position as manager of membership development for the alumni association at the University of Massachusetts at Boston.

Shirine A. Nassar was promoted to senior sales and marketing coordinator at Home Life Insurance Co. in Massachusetts.

Robert C. Williams has been selected for the 1997–1998 Administrative Fellowship Program at the School of Government at Harvard.

M94
John Anjim was awarded a trip to Bermuda and the National Windows of Opportunity Award for the individual who raised the most money for the Hand in Hand American charity. He raised a total of $91,343. He is a supervisor of accounts at Diamond Crystal Foods.

William Robert Graves is assistant manager of Brokerage in the Ice Cream of Woburn. Rob encourages all his fellow Merrimack alumni to enter a discounted pool game.
Michael J. Loiacono is the vice president of operations with DHR International, Inc. of Boston. In the past few years he has hired three Merrimack graduates: Brendan Reen ‘97 joined the Boston office as a senior consultant, Robert Isaac ‘94 is the director of research for the New York office, and Mark Spindle ‘95 is senior consultant in the Nashville office.

Stacy E. Mondoux is a Peace Corps volunteer working in the Central African country of Gabon. She wrote "Bonjour tout le monde! I was headed for Peace Corps-Congo in June ’97 but a week before my departure gunfire echoed through the streets of Brazzaville and Peace Corps evacuated. She loves her work, and welcomes letters at Corps de la Paix, B.P.6, Lebamba, Gabon, Afrique Central.

Rebecca Bipelie is part of the Leukemia Society’s Team in Training. She will be running in the Anchorage, Alaska Mayor’s Midnight Sun Marathon, on June 20. Anyone interested in sponsoring Rebecca, please mail your donation to the Leukemia Society or to Pat Ropers, Bursar’s Office, Box A14.

M96
William D. Casey Jr. recently joined Weston & Sampson Engineers Inc. of Peabody. He is responsible for design engineering in Weston & Sampson’s water/wastewater division.

M97
Karl Infanger is currently playing for the Wheeling Nailers of the ECHL.

Brendan Reen recently joined DHR International of Boston as a Senior Consultant.

Ryan J. Spuda was added to the staff of Senator James Jajiga as legislative aide for Methuen and North Andover.

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BIRTHS

That's baby Matthew Barveli, born November 1, 7 pounds, 10.1/2 inches. For more pictures and details on the Barveli birth, visit www.comix.com/otc. Proud parents are Jim and Greg ‘90.

Matthew S. Messina M.D. ’72 and wife Kathleen, a daughter, Gabriella, January 28. She joins brother Gregory and sister Casey.

Greg Barveli ’80 and wife Jane: a son, Matthew Wayne, November 1.


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**Weddings**

1. Tammy MacAsay'93 and Robert Jones '93 were married at the Royale Exposition Center in Boston. Left to right are Paul Goehrman '93; Eric Knox '93; Elizabeth Hamp '92; Anne Joyce '92; Jane Schmidt '94; Dave Bragdon '93; Richard Bovender '93; Brian Walsh '93; Carolyn (Widgen) Jordan '93; Christopher Jordan '95; Anthony Bogardus '93; and Richard Sullins '94.

2. Melissa Bacon '93 married Doug Williams, a Navy officer stationed in Pearl Harbor. After their wedding in Rhode Island, they honeymooned on the big island of Hawaii and live in Oahu. Shown above at the reception are Brandon Bellesiore, Angela Cartagena '93; Mark Terran '93; Lisa Sebalo '93; Chris Lombrado '97; the groom and bride: Yvette LaFlaitte '93; Susan Malarini; Patty Sheehan '95; Becky Report '95; David Butterworth; Dennis Giordano '93; and Mark Talvis '95.

3. Scott Dendey '94 and Tina Valcourt '94 were married last May. Shown above are (first row, left to right) Mary Anne Bulkine '97; Lori Bonneau '97; Christine Cavanaugh '97; the groom and bride; Fran Amantea '97; Eileen Power '97; Melissa Schwall '95; Brian Fillioz '95; (second row) Stanly (Bren) Pridg '93; Lori Fessett '94; Roseann Mattos '94; Denise Murphy '94; Jimm Smith '97; Sue Savinn '94; Linda Frazick '93; Miguel Cruz '93; Paula Bergeron '92; (third row) Steve Pridg '93; Jim Nillan '94; Tony Silver '94; Craig Diller '94; Brian Smith '94; Mark Anderson; Tony Holmgren '93; Chris Wood '94; Mark Gostey; and Andrea Lalonde '94.

4. William Crouch and Beth W. Brown '94 were married. They were planning of Merrimack friends in attendance. Shown above are (top row, left to right) Kathy (Clynam) Caruolo '93; Carol (Marquardt) MacLeod '92; Sarah (Boyd) Harty '93; the bride; Karen Swain '92; Nancy Daly '93; Chrisly (McDow) Macleod '92; and Mike Doneghey '93.

5. When Aimee Capone '93 married Rob Derr, they honeymooned on the big island of Antigua in the British West Indies.

6. Michael Girard '95 and Derek Rins at the Collegiate Church of Christ the Teacher. Shown at left are (first row) Wayde McMu?lan; Carford '94; (second row) Sue Proud '94; Jim NOand '94; Tony 5. When Aimee Capone '93 married Rob Derr, there were plenty of Merrimack friends in attendance. Shown above are (first row, left to right) Kathy (Clynam) Caruolo '93; Carol (Marquardt) MacLeod '92; Sarah (Boyd) Harty '93; the bride; Karen Swain '92; Nancy Daly '93; Chrisly (McDow) Macleod '92; and Mike Doneghey '93.

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William J. Murphy '51, a former professor of economics at Providence College and a retired lieutenant in the U.S. Coast Guard, died December 17 at the Jersey Shore Hospital in Neptune, N.J. He was 69. Murphy was the owner and president of Top International in Allentown, N.J. He was the husband of the late Ruth (Ringley) Murphy, the father of Robert D. Murphy Jr., and brother of Margaret Marie Murphy of Somerville, and son of the late William and Margaret Murphy.

Louis F. Salem '52 of Dracut died at the Northwood Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Dracut February 9. He was the son of the late Joseph and Sophia Salem. He served in the Navy's submarine division during World War II. Most recently, he worked as a cashier for Ward Baking Co. in Tewksbury. During the Korean War, Ives served in the Air Force. He was a member of the American Legion post in Concord. He was the son of the late David B. and Helen C. (Bowers) Ives. He is survived by his wife, Luiz M. Ives; three daughters Ann Marie of Alexandria, Va.; Susan Speeth of Brentwood, N.H.; and Jennifer Daws of Santa Rosa, Calif.; three sons, David F. of Georgetown, Thomas J. Davis of Santa Rosa, Calif.; three daughters, Madeline Alexson of Stoughton, Edna Dules in Malden, and Katherine Dules of Somerville.

Cornelia F. Ives '59 of Pelham, N.H. died January 25 at home after a long illness. Before retiring, he was an electrical engineering designer for Raytheon in Tewksbury. During the Korean War, Ives served in the Air Force. He was a member of the American Legion post in Concord. He was the son of the late David B. and Helen C. (Bowers) Ives. He is survived by his wife, Luiz M. Ives; three daughters Ann Marie of Alexandria, Va.; Susan Speeth of Brentwood, N.H.; and Jennifer Daws of Santa Rosa, Calif.; three sons, David F. of Georgetown, Thomas J. Davis of Santa Rosa, Calif.; three daughters, Madeline Alexson of Stoughton, Edna Dules in Malden, and Katherine Dules of Somerville.

Judy Goulon Leocese '71 died December 18 at the age of 48. She was a foreign language teacher at Lycée Classique High School, the chairman of the Spanish Club, and a member of the Leo's Club of Somerville. She was the wife of the late James Leocese and daughter of Watson and Wanda (Dobrock) Gordon. She also leaves a son, Michael of Saugus; a brother, Thomas of Dracut; a sister, Ann Thompson of Phoenix, Edna Dules in Malden, and Katherine Dules of Somerville.

Irene "Jean" Ford '71 of Lawrence died August 10 at the age of 60. She worked for Dynamics Research Corp. of Woburn and at Hanscom Field in Bedford. She also worked for Avco Financial of Wilmington for 30 years. She had been employed by the government for ten years at the time of her death. She was the daughter of Irene (Collins) Ford Drechsler and the late William Ford. Besides her mother, she leaves a brother, Rot P. St. Petersburg, Fla.; a nephew, a niece, and a grandson.

Edward V. Seero '78 of Andover died on November 15 at Lawrence General Hospital. He was 73. He was a nursing home administrator. He served in the Navy during World War II and earned two Purple Hearts and a Bronze Star. He coached the Central Coals in the Andover Junior Football Club for many years and was a member of the American Legion and the Andover Boosters. He leaves his wife of 53 years, Shirley A. (Dowers) Seero; and a son, Edward V. III, Dana J. of Marblehead; a daughter, Michelle LaFleur of Longwood, Fla., and eight grandchildren.

Bob Quine '51 and Jim O'Brien '52 can escape cold and snowy New England winters because they planned for their future. They've both planned for Merrimack's future, too, and urge you to do the same. As part of the upcoming 50th reunion of their classes, Bob and Jim will lead the effort to encourage more alumni to support the college through their estate plan. There are a number of ways to remember your alma mater in your estate plan and realize substantial tax, and even income benefits to you or those you designate. For more information, call Joseph Cartier, (978)837-5126.
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