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Inside: Students who exemplify the best of community spirit
Merrimack College Fulfills the Vision of Its Founders

H alf a century ago a group of visionary businessmen wanted to establish an "Academic Center" in the Merrimack Valley. The result—which exceeded their dreams—was that the Augustinian Friars of the Province of St. Thomas of Villanova accepted the responsibility of higher education in the Merrimack Valley. And Merrimack College became a reality in the fall of 1947.

That same combination of vision, business acumen, and sense of responsibility remains the animating spirit of Merrimack College and, we firmly believe, stands it in good stead well into the next century.

All of us at Merrimack College—the faculty, administrators, and staff—have been working together during the last several months to keep Merrimack College in the forefront of Catholic higher education. Our leadership has been recognized in the local, regional, and national press with articles featuring our faculty experts, stories about our promoting inter-religious understanding through our Center for the Study of Jewish/Christian Relations, and our work in solving pressing social problems.

Merrimack College remains the animating spirit of Merrimack and Augustinians whose dreams we now owe something to those businessmen in planning for our next fifty years. We are working together during the last several months to keep Merrimack College affordable for students. Without the scholarships the College itself funds and the generosity of our donors, many students would not have the opportunity to come to Merrimack.

Because of the real need students have during these challenging economic times, the scope and amount of scholarships have grown dramatically. Five years ago, for instance, our Scholarship commitment was $2.9 million annually. Today that figure is $10.5 million.

In order for us to assist as many students as possible, we are focusing on fundraising, and that effort has shown gratifying results. We have had, for instance, a 30 percent rise over last year in Alumni Giving, and, as of the magazine's publication deadline, an increase of 32 percent in alumni donors and a 39 percent increase in Parent Giving.

We have also increased the President's Council by 32 percent over this time last year, and have established new Alumni clubs in New York, Washington, and Philadelphia.

And, speaking of alumni, there have been unprecedented increases in alumni volunteers as members of the Career Net- work for students and alumni and in our Admissions effort. Alumni participation in Admissions has obviously had an impact on the increases in applications to the college, as I mentioned earlier.

You can see that the pot is bubbling here at the college, with new ideas and ventures, and some upward trends we intend to continue. The future has never looked brighter for Merrimack College, and for that we owe our thanks to you, our loyal alumni and friends. Together we continue to make the Merrimack dream a reality.
You Can’t Neglect the Community

Alan Kraunelis is Giving Back

Last December, Alan Kraunelis ’81 had just finished dinner and sat down to watch a movie with his son Matthew ‘91, who was then a senior at Methuen High School. It was a co-worker from the Maiden Mills plant in Methuen. There had been a fire. Injured employees were being taken to area hospitals.

Within ten minutes, Matthew had driven his father to the plant and Kraunelis, Maiden Mills’ Corporate Director of Industrial Relations and Human Resources, remained there overseeing aspects of the crisis management operation for the next day and a half.

The electricity was off, the phone lines were down. Kraunelis and his colleagues used cellular phones to communicate with hospital personnel, firefighters and police officers, and inform the media.

That first day is a blur now.

“All I know is I got to work at seven o’clock on a Monday morning,” Kraunelis recalls. “And I was still there at seven o’clock the following Tuesday night. But then the magic started.”

Alumni who live locally knew how the Lawrence and Methuen communities had banded together to help. Kraunelis puts his money where his mouth is.

For the seventeen years that he has worked at Maiden Mills, he has immersed himself in the Lawrence and Methuen communities, joining every organization possible. The list is extensive. He is on the board of directors of the Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce, the United Way, the Red Cross, the local Y.M.C.A., Neighbors in Need, the Regional Employment Board, the advisory board of Lazarus House, and has just stepped down as chair of the Methuen Zoning Board of Appeals. He is a member of the Friends of Merrimack, the Holy Family Hospital Men’s Guild, the statewide School to Work Program Committee, and was just appointed by Governor William Weld to the Welfare to Work Committee.

Kraunelis has done a lot of giving in seventeen years. When you move in that many circles, you build relationships. When you build relationships, people want to help when disaster strikes. Kraunelis’ philosophy was right on the money.

The day after the fire, Kraunelis spotted the Chairman of the Board of Commerce standing outside the mill gazing at the glowing ashes. That afternoon twenty phone lines were installed at the Chamber’s offices to enable a Maiden Mills crisis team to communicate with its European operation, customers and employees. Shortly after, Chamber members presented Feuerstein with a relief fund check for $300,000.

When Kraunelis’ friends at the United Way called, the message was “whatever you need we’re there.”

What the mill needed most was a place to gather its employees. Central Catholic High School administrators in Lawrence loaned the school for a wrestling match and a basketball game to make the gym available.

That night the employees learned that the shutdown of the plant, they would continue to receive full pay for at least thirty days.

Kraunelis understands his community from the inside out. He grew up in Lawrence, the middle son of working-class parents. Today he lives in Methuen with his wife, Vel, daughter, Kristen, a graduate of the University of New Hampshire and a registered nurse, and Matthew who is a lawyer (a.k.a., notes “91”).

“I came up the hard way,” he says. He grew up in a cold water flat. Life got tougher when Kraunelis’ father, a mill worker, died and his mother began working two jobs. Despite the odds, Kraunelis and his two brothers graduated from college. Kraunelis received his degree from Merrimack’s Division of Continuing Education working full-time and attending night and some day courses. College administrators were flexible in accommodating his schedule and he was grateful for the support he received.

Today at least twenty Merrimack alumni are employed at the mill.

Perhaps it’s Kraunelis’ own background that makes him understand the employees of Maiden Mills so well and inspires his tireless recovery period. The majority of Maiden Mills employees are immigrants trying to make it in a new world. He says that without the continuing financial support of the mill, many would have lost their homes.

He goes to community meetings because he believes he should set an example.

Maybe a guy from the next generation is watching me and thinking, gee, if a guy like Kraunelis, who came up the hard way can do it, let me see what I can do too.

So, each day, Kraunelis sets out to maintain and strengthen ties within his community. Not only does he do it for himself and his family, he does it for the employees of Maiden Mills and the community.

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A Promise is a Promise, But Next Time...Get the Zamboni!

The debut (and hopefully swan song) of Dick and the Dominoes brought tears of laughter to the eyes of many as they prayed the singing would stop and the hockey game resume. Someone was calling for the Zamboni machine, but the singers were already flat.

Lead singer Dick was none other than College President Richard J. Santagati ’65 (front, third from left), who had promised the Class of ’96 that he would sing publicly if the students raised $20,000 in pledges as their class gift over the next five years. The students met that challenge and raised it $1000 for a total of $21,000.

So last February 24 when Army came to play Merrimack at the Yoda Athletic Center, Dick led the Dominoes out on the ice and sang “These Are Days” by 10,000 Maniacs, the senior class’ theme song. The Dominoes are (from left, back) Dr. Albert DeCiccio ’74, Dean of the Liberal Arts Faculty; Joseph Carter, Vice President for Institutional Advancement; Dr. Theodore Long, President of the Alumni Board; and Dean of the Business Faculty; and, partially hidden, Economics Professor Charles Tontar, advisor to the Class of 1996. From row, from left: Mary Lou Revelle ’76, Dean of Admission and Financial Aid; Diane Array; Acting Dean of Continuing Education; Santagati; and Dr. Joseph Kelley, Vice President for Student Life. Maryellen Colliton, Director of Student Activities, also was on the ice, but mercifully, was left out of the picture.

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Christmas Celebrations

N.Y. Alumni Celebrated in Style

Left, top: A Christmas party for New York City alumni was held last December at the New York Athletic Club. Member Bill Walsh '81 arranged for Merrimack's use of the private club. From left are: Kevin Roche '62, a Merrimack trustee, Julie Swanson '93, Maureen (O'Connell) Casale '84, Robert Weibo '88 and Joe Cardillo '60. Roche was recently featured in the tenth anniversary edition of Irish-America Magazine (November-December 1995) as one of the top 100 Irish American corporate leaders. He is Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Dow Jones & Company, Inc.

Left, bottom: Audrey (Bustin) Caprio '79, Dave Moynihan '56, Merrimack President Richard J. Santagati '65, Elizabeth Arnesano (Petrucci) '75, whose class had the highest number of donors in the seventies group; Greg Burwell '80, whose class led the eighties decade in percentage participation; and Mary (Goran) Franco's class of '81 had the highest average gift. According to Burwell, alumni gifts support financial aid and student scholarships. He noted that this year's campaign tally is well ahead of last year's outstanding results.

Right: The Class of '80 was well represented at the Boston Christmas Holiday Cheer for Boston Alumni. Back row from left: Carl Ockerbloom '44, Robert Witko '88 and Joe Cardillo '60. Roche was recently featured in the tenth anniversary edition of Irish-America Magazine (November-December 1995) as one of the top 100 Irish American corporate leaders. He is Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Dow Jones & Company, Inc.

Holiday Cheer for Boston Alumni

Right, top: The Class of '80 was well represented at the Boston Christmas party held at the Bostonian Hotel. Back row from left: Carl Ockerbloom '44, Greg Messer '80, Patty Mulrenan Harron and Ann DiNatale O'Brien '80

Right, bottom: The Boston Christmas party was enjoyed by (from left): Chris Ross '95, Kim Rayla '88, Mike Consoli '94, Beth Addessio '95, Karen Yarus '94, Janet Whelan '94 and Danielle Capone '94.

Class Competition Awards

Class Chairs and Agents were thanked publicly last January for their leadership in the 1996 Annual Fund. In an appreciation ceremony held on campus, President Richard J. Santagati and Annual Fund Chairman Greg Burwell '80 recognized the solid efforts made by several outstanding classes which raised a total of $283,000 for the college.

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The 1995 Reunion Leadership Awards went to: John Martin '55, whose class led the fifties decade in percentage participation, average gift size, and largest total gift amount; Marguerite Kane '50, Fred Driscoll '65, Joe Daly '65, Angeline Chiaradonna '70 and Joseph Russo '70, who led the class of '70's effort in reaching the highest gift total and highest participation in the decade of the seventies; Nancy (Amassano) Petrucci '75, whose class had the highest number of donors in the seventies group; Greg Burwell '80, whose class led the eighties decade in average gift size and total number of gifts; Paul DiMare '85, and Darlene Tharp '80, whose class led the nineties in all categories, including number of donors, size of gift, participation rate, and highest total gift amount.

The Rising Star Award, presented to a recent graduate for distinguished efforts for the Annual Fund, went to Lisa Trapani '92. Several other alumni were also recognized for their leadership roles.

The highest number of class donors within a decade went to the class of '59 led by Dick Cain. Bob King '64 led his classmates to the highest average gift, highest number of donors and highest gift total. Jim O'Brien '61 and his classmates achieved the highest percentage of participation. The class of '71, led by Nick Chapman, had the highest average gift in the seventies decade.

The class of '82, chaired by Rev. Rich Class, had the highest number of donors. Mary Gebhard Franso's class of '81 had the highest percentage of participation.

Merrimack's Popularity is Growing Among H.S. Seniors

Alumni ambassadors helped attract record numbers of prospective students to the campus last fall. Above, a dedicated group of callers invite high school seniors to pay a visit. They are (from left, front) Pat Bruno '77, Tina Covas '94, Phil McGovern '83, Molly O'Donnell '86, Brenda Brennan '87, Ran Joseph Gillis, O.S.A., Admissions Counselor; (from left, back) Joe Daly '65, Rob Johnston '88, Bob Irving '64 and John Rafferty '62.

The alumni admission volunteers told prospective students about new majors and attractive athletic programs. Their efforts resulted in increased numbers of tours and interviews given over previous years.

"A comparison between last year's figures and this year's," said Mary Lou Retelle, Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid, "shows Merrimack is growing in popularity and public awareness."
Summer Lark Leads to Hollywood Career
Stephen Stapinski Makes his Movie Debut

Stephen Stapinski '74 has grown since he graduated from Merrimack. His waist has grown that is. And his hair has gotten a little fuller, too. But lately he doesn't mind at all if people notice. In fact, if the right people notice, his typical, middle-aged appearance can earn him some extra cash. Last summer Stephen, 43, went to Ipswich to be an extra on the set of "The Crucible." It's just that now Stephen does something out of the ordinary every so often, and, maybe there's the Board of Directors at Central Catholic High School in Lawrence, an Oscar in his future? His wife, Patricia, and ten-year-old daughter, Diana, and volunteered his time to the Kiwanis Club and Mass. Not that anything has changed. It's not dyed, his body isn't perfect, his hair isn't dyed, his body isn't perfect, but he looks just fine for age forty-three and that's what Hollywood likes about him. Apparently, it isn't easy to find a regular-looking, middle-aged guy. Seems they all color their gray hair to look younger. That's why the casting company of "Celtics Pride" called him next. This time Stephen plays a regular guy. Nothing fancy about him. His hair isn't dyed, his body isn't perfect, but he looks just fine for age forty-three and that's what Hollywood likes about him. Apparently, it isn't easy to find a regular-looking, middle-aged guy. Seems they all color their gray hair to look younger.

Fifteenth Annual President's Cup Golf Tournament Set for May 13

The fifteenth annual President's Cup Golf Tournament will be held on Monday, May 13 at the Indian Ridge Country Club in Andover, Mass. According to Chair Gerald Camuso '72, this annual tradition is the cornerstone of the college's scholarship program for deserving students attending Merrimack College. In fourteen years the tournament has raised a total of $843,000, providing scholarships for 134 Merrimack College students. The format will be four-man best ball. The entry fee is $200 which includes a day of golf, use of the club's facilities, gifts and prizes, continental breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Register as a foursome or individually and group assignments will be made. Hole and cart sponsorships are welcome. Anyone interested in being a sponsor or playing should contact Maureen Lanigan at 508/837-5448.

Reunion '96
Reunion '96 will honor the classes of 1951, '56, '61, '66, '71, '76, '81, '86, and '91 June 21-22. Friday features a golf tournament at Far Corner in West Boxford and an on-campus welcome back party. All of Saturday's events are on campus and include seminars, a family picnic, Mass, and class receptions. Local hotels will offer group discounts.

For details call or write Susan A. Wulfs '79, Director of Alumni Relations, at 508/837-5440, fax: 508/837-5225, or email: swojtas@merrimack.edu.

Fiftieth Anniversary Video in the Making
Wanted: Photos, home movies, and videos of your days at Merrimack for our Fiftieth Anniversary video. Mail your contribution to Kevin Salomme, Media Services, McQuade Library, Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike Street, North Andover, MA 01845. They will be returned. If you have questions, please call Salomme at 508/837-5400, extension 435.

Homecoming Weekend
Top: Brothers and Sisters United held its first event during Homecoming/Winter weekend last February. The organization honored Merrimack basketball coach Bert Hammel with a Lifetime Achievement Award. Back row from left: Jose Ocasio '95, Damay Keyes '99, Michael Goinse '97, Harry Michel '97, Bert Hammel, Michael Burt '96, Steve Scott '92, Silas Bette '98 and Larry Merritt '96. Front row: Renee Faulk '98, Lakeisha Turner '99, Joelle Berthelot '98, Lawrence Hester '78 and Rob Williams '87 (advisor).
Middle: From left: Students Melissa Wakeham '97, Erin Edmondson '97, Danielle Ouellette '97, Tricia Gesswell '97, Mike Nelson '97, Sheryl Benedict '97, Tony Silva '97, Beth Blankenship '97, and Jen DiPrizio '97 enjoyed the hay ride through campus held during Homecoming/Winter weekend.
Bottom: Homecoming brought together many college friends. From left: Alan Stanwick, Dave LaFontana, Marty Egan, Steve Phillips, Jay Doherty '94 and Jared Whelan '94.

"Late Nite Catechism" Played to a Packed House
The Friends of Merrimack College presented the original Boston production of "Late Nite Catechism" at the college last January. The performance played to a sold out theater netting over $7500 for the Friends of Merrimack Scholarship Fund. Pictured at McQuade Library, Executive Director of the Friends, with Co-presidents Jay Doherty and Carol Poor. For information regarding membership in the Friends of Merrimack organization call Maureen Lanigan at 508/837-5448.
Former Warrior Inspires Community Spirit

by Tom Caraccioli
Sports Information Director

Recent stories regarding sports figures, teams and leagues have not always been flattering and have torn communities apart. Yet in this part of the country and at Merrimack College, sports have helped to create a feeling of community. Evidence of Merrimack’s community spirit was on display last December 8.

The defending NCAA Men’s Division I Ice Hockey team, the Boston University Terriers, visited the Volpe Athletic Center for a Hockey East game against the Merrimack Warriors. A glance at the schedule six months prior would not have signified anything important other than the fact that BU was the defending national champion.

Six months ago, former Merrimack Warrior hockey captain Mark Cornforth ‘95 was beginning a climb toward playing in the National Hockey League. Six months ago a young twenty-year-old freshman was also realizing his dream of playing Division I hockey at Boston University.

So, where is the connection? What has that to do with a game played on December 8? It has everything to do with December 8 and beyond.

For those who don’t know, the twenty-year-old Boston University freshman was Travis Roy. On October 20, on his first shift in Division I hockey, Roy hit the boards after trying to knock the opposition off the puck. He only got a piece of the North Dakota defense man and was unable to cushion the impact with his hands. He hit head first and broke the fourth vertebra in his spine rendering him motionless and possibly paralyzed for the rest of his life.

From that day on, the perspective of everyone, player, coach, parent, friend, and fan, was probably changed. Also from that day on, a new and deeper sense of community was established. There was an outpouring of support for Roy and his family through the donations of people in the sports world and those outside it. Over $500,000 in funds, future rehabilitation and services have been donated since the accident. That brings us back to December 8.

On that date, a renewed sense of community visited the Volpe Athletic Center. Sure the defending national champions, Boston University, were in town to play the Warriors. But it was different. It was a night the Merrimack College community had decided to donate the proceeds from the game to the Travis Roy Fund. As a member of the Merrimack community, former Warrior captain and current Boston Bruins’ Mark Cornforth, sent a telegram that spoke of how proud he was that Merrimack had chosen to assist in the fundraising efforts. In that spirit, Cornforth pledged his pay check from that evening’s game against the Tampa Bay Lightning’s on behalf of Merrimack’s fundraising effort.

Attendance that night was standing room only. Almost 3000 fans were on hand, not only to see a hockey game, but also to show their encouragement for Travis’ recovery. Hand-held banners and signs were visible throughout the night with notes of love and encouragement for the Boston University freshman. That sense of community brought to light what’s really important in life.

The word community is defined as a place of fellowship and sharing common beliefs and origins. The athletic world is a part of the community that may sometimes be considered trivial or unimportant. But sports also can create and change attitudes for the betterment of people. What is important is the generosity and concern of a community, including Cornforth’s gracious gesture.
Ciejek Fellow Returns from England

First Recipient, Alumna Rose-Mary Sargent, Completes Research

Philosophy Professor and alumna Rose-Mary Sargent, Ph.D., '83, first recipient of the prestigious Ciejek Fellowship for Humanistic Research and Study in the Liberal Arts, recently returned from a trip abroad structured around archival research. The annual Fellowship is funded by alumni Dan and Linda (Fletcher) Ciejek, '70 and 71. Through their generosity, the Ciejeks are helping Merrimack College to enhance its outstanding academic reputation.

"A period of information gathering, reflection and writing for the teacher guarantees a better classroom experience for the students," Dan said. "Linda and I wanted to give faculty members the time needed to publish their findings and thereby enhance the reputation of the college’s intellec-

tual community." Sargent received a substantial grant for the 1995-96 school year to conduct original research, publish her findings, and pass on her knowledge to her students. To that end, she set off this March for southern England to visit museums in London, Oxford, and Cambridge, where curators agreed to assist her in the examination of scientific instruments directly related to the subjects she teaches. For fourteen days this March and April, she conducted research that provided the basis for the first annual Ciejek Lecture at Merrimack this spring, and at least five scholarly papers on the nature of experimental inquiry during the last four centuries. She also took slides of the scientific instruments for her classroom presentations. Among the courses she teaches and co-teaches at Merrimack are "Perspec-

These titles hint at the nature of her research, in which she studies the construction and use of experimental approaches to show how our lives today have been affected by the science of yesterday. "I look at the history of science from a philosophical perspective in order to show how it has developed and how we have gotten here today," she said. "I’ve tried to show how experimental practice is a fallible and complex human activity that is subject to the historical climate in which it is performed and thus may have both good and bad aspects."

Thanks to the Ciejek Fellowship, Sargent was able to reduce her teaching load of four courses to one this semester and apply some of the money to research expenses incurred locally. For example, Sargent extensively studied early scientific texts at the Harvard University Science Center and the Dibner Institute at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. The Fellowship money also provided for Sargent’s trip to England.

Additionally, Fellowship funds were used to purchase more than 250 books on the history and philosophy of science that are now shelved at Merrimack’s McQuade Library. According to Sargent, a full bibliography of the texts will be available shortly.

"It’s been difficult to assign research papers without having the books for the students to use," she explained. "Now we have what we need.

For Sargent, books are the key to knowledge; the more she reads, the better she teaches. "Rose-Mary is a first-rate scholar and a wonderful teacher," says History Professor Peter Ford, who was her teacher and who now teaches with Sargent in the Humanities program.

Sargent holds a Ph.D. in Philosophy and a Master of Arts degree in History and Philosophy of Science from the University of Notre Dame, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy and History from Merrimack. She is the author of a book published in 1995 by the prestigious University of Chicago Press, entitled The Diffe-
dent Naturalist: Robert Boyle and the Philosophy of Experiment. In 1990 Sargent had traveled to London as a recipient of a National Science Foundation grant to conduct research on more than forty volumes of unpublished manuscripts written by Robert Boyle, inventor of the air pump and one of the founders of modern science.

Her numerous articles have pro-
pelled Sargent into the forefront of scholars concerned with Boyle and the philosophy and history of science, according to Liberal Arts Dean Albert C. DeCicco, Ph.D. '74. She has taught at the University of New Mexico and the University of Notre Dame, and she received two highly competitive, post-
doctoral fellowships to teach and conduct research at the University of Minnesota and Northwestern University.

"It is indeed fitting that Rose-Mary Sargent is the first recipient of the Ciejek Fellowship," says DeCicco. "Rose-Mary’s ongoing research in the history of experiment will certainly distinguish Merrimack College. More important, it will provide the model for the kind of research and study our faculty can undertake to enhance their teaching."

Under the Ciejek Fellowship, Sargent will focus her research on the nineteenth and twentieth centuries by examining how experiments have been performed. She will conduct her research at the Royal Society of Lon-
don, the National Portrait Gallery, the Royal Institution of Great Britain, and the National Museum of Science and Industry, all in London, the Museum of History of Science in Oxford, and the Whipple Museum in Cambridge. This summer she will conduct research at her own expense on the develop-
ment of twentieth-century method-
ological tools in molecular biology at the archives of the Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole on Cape Cod.

Next semester Sargent will return to the classroom with the experience of research and writing to share with her students. As the program’s pioneer, her success is a tribute to the Ciejeks and their commitment to Merrimack’s intellectual community.
Seek it Like Silver

"Raise your voice for understanding Seek it Like Silver Search as for hidden treasures... And find the knowledge of God"
— proverbs of Solomon

When alumni were asked recently what they most wanted to read about in this magazine, a majority said, "Tell us about the students." In response, the following pages provide profiles on five special people. Each represents a broad segment of the Merrimack student body. Each exhibits a spiritual and intellectual growth that is unveiled as the story unfolds. Brian, Tim, Erica, Niurka, and Judith never stop growing, questioning, trying, and striving. The results are a fuller, richer life, that focuses on helping others and often results in unsolicited offers of support. For instance, as you read Brian Pouliot's story, notice how his professors guided him because they recognized potential and wanted to see it realized. Brian has been deeply involved in campus activities throughout his education here. In Erica De Simone's story, watch for examples of the give-and-take that is a natural part of her life. Erica received scholarships from community groups during her freshman year at Merrimack and has also spent many years volunteering her time to Special Olympics. While many are desensitized to the problem of homelessness, Tim Carey is still passionate and has spent time helping people who live in shelters. In return he has had cultural experiences through his involvement with Campus Ministry and the Merrimack College urban institute that he would not have had otherwise. And then there's Niurka Balbuena, a former "Accept the Challenge" student from the urban institute, who recruits Merrimack undergraduates as tutors for minority high school students at risk of dropping out of school. Niurka, who eight years ago could not speak English, does this under the guidance of the urban institute staff for the Focus in Transition Program. And finally, Judith Ryan, a Continuing Education student majoring in Civil Engineering, shows us there is no time limit to realizing a dream. In mid-life Judith is finally accomplishing her goal of becoming a high school English teacher. She's doing it for the purest of reasons: the love of teaching.

Stories by Joyce Marson Crane
Photos by David Oxton

It was the Merrimack College community, that gave Niurka the chance to have a better life. By learning to speak, read, and write English, doors opened and possibilities exploded.

Niurka Balbuena Accepts the Challenge

Niurka Balbuena lives between an old and a new world that cannot be reconciled, cannot be merged. In some ways she is old beyond her twenty-four years, in others she is an innocent still learning her way around foreign territory.

A naturalized United States citizen, she was born in the Dominican Republic, the eldest of five children: Lenir, twenty-four, an Art and Business major at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst; Jose R., twenty-one, a Merrimack Cooperative Education student majoring in Civil Engineering; Lariza, seventeen, a senior at St. Mary High School in Lawrence; and Jose A., sixteen, a junior at Lawrence High School. In 1982 when her mother came to the United States leaving the children in the Dominican Republic with grandparents, Niurka took a major role in caring for her siblings. Then finally in 1988, after six years of laboring in a Lawrence factory, her mother was able to prove to the government that she could afford to bring her children to this country, and that's when life changed for Niurka.

Within a few months of attending Lawrence High School, the "Accept the Challenge" program, sponsored by Merrimack's urban institute, accepted her as a student. Immediately, she began attending classes in history, math, and science two days a week after school. The classes were designed to teach her English and help her go on to college.

It worked. Within a year she was completing post-graduate-level work at Lawrence High and attending night classes at Northern Essex Community College (NECC). By the end of 1991 she attended NFCC as a full-time student and graduated three years later with an associate's degree in General Studies and a certificate in secretarial skills.

Once she had achieved the prerequisites of speaking fluent English, Niurka was accepted into Merrimack...
on a full-tuition scholarship.

None of it was easy. Not knowing English was isolating and intimidating. But along the way she got a work study job in NECC’s admissions office. Being forced to answer the questions of others accelerated her fluency. Being involved helped, too. Despite her anxiety, she courageously joined NECC’s Alumni Association and the Women’s Resource Group. She participated in Project Bread’s Walk for Hunger and the Boston Harbor Cleanup.

“I like to be involved so I know what’s going on,” she says. Now a junior and an accounting major, Niurka has acquired several honors in addition to her 3.5 grade point average. As a Merrimack student she has been nominated for the National Dean’s List and the All American Scholar Collegiate Award.

While attending NECC, she made the National Dean’s List and was listed in Who’s Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges for two consecutive years. She was also recognized on the Talent Roster of Outstanding Minority Community College Graduates, and she won the 1993 National Hispanic Scholarship. She says she wants to become a certified public accountant and then work for a multinational company. Niurka is not motivated by money. Coming from a country that has so little, she knows both the up and down side of it. She knows she can survive no matter what. What she wants is to be comfortable, to see her brothers and sisters settle comfortably, and to provide a better life for her mother, who now works at Malden Mills.

“She says she’d never go back to live in the Dominican Republic even though she’s proud of her heritage and loves her country. “There’s too much corruption there now,” she explains. In Niurka’s words, the country is disorganized and unpredictable. For example, electricity is rationed by the government because the equipment is old and can’t accommodate a continuous demand. It took a while for Niurka to adjust to this country’s brightness.

Nonetheless, she carries the values and traditions of her roots. She lives in an apartment on campus during the week, but each weekend she drives home to Lawrence to see her mother. Saturday is cleaning day and Sunday is spent with siblings just being together. Niurka says she’s still amazed that sister Jenny could venture as far as Amherst.

“Merrimack is far enough for me,” she says. “I like to be close to my home.”

That’s good for a lot more people than Niurka and her family, because Niurka has a special gift she can offer the young people of her community. Through the urban institute, under the direction of Executive Director Patricia Jaynes, and Program Director Scott Gage, Niurka coordinates the participation of Merrimack undergraduates in the Focus in Transition program. The program was designed to help inner-city eighth-graders from the Frost and Bruce elementary schools in Lawrence to stay in school and do well. Niurka recruits and trains Merrimack students, some of whom are bilingual, to help the eighth-graders complete their homework, think about career goals, identify favorite activities and courses, and find solutions to problems.

It was the Merrimack College community, that gave Niurka the chance to have a better life. By learning to speak, read, and write English, doors opened and possibilities exploded. But Niurka knows she owes her community and so she gives back, and by giving back she gets more. Today, so many years after she left the Dominican Republic and timidly began trying to assimilate into this new country, she’s riding a wave to success.

10...9...8...Blastoff

B rian Poulliot was destined for a different life from the one his hometown of Winslow, Maine could provide. Had he stayed he could have attended Colby College and settled near his parents and married sister. Instead, insight, opportunity and luck synthesized into a future of fulfillment and success.

At age eighteen, Brian reasoned that Colby wasn’t right for him. He is the son of a hardworking carpenter and didn’t want to struggle for acceptance. Having graduated thirteenth in his high school class, his choices were many. Brian chose Merrimack, not because of the partial scholarship he received, but because he liked the feel of the school and the campus.

Insight helped put him in the right place at the right time. Then opportunity and luck kicked in. It came in the form of Donald Nelson, Assistant Professor and Chair of Accounting and Finance, who took an interest in him. Prof. Nelson recognized talent and potential early in Brian’s freshman year and encouraged him to major in accounting.

Brian resisted. He was going to be a marketing major. After all, his future was set with Nabisco, which hired him each summer to work as a sales representative. But on the day he went to declare his major, Prof. Nelson just happened to be in the office. One long talk later, Brian realized that his professor, now a mentor, was giving the best advice he’d ever gotten.

This June, Brian will graduate in the right direction once more. He got involved almost immediately. He started out on the Orientation Committee, welcoming other newcomers and giving tours around campus. He got to be known as the guy who walked and talked backwards. It won him friends. He has also spent four years fulfilling a work-study requirement in the Admissions Office.

That was only the beginning of Brian’s involvement on campus. He has since served on the college’s program board, strategic planning committee, and the New Volpe Study Committee, and last semester completed a term as vice president of the Student Government. He has worked with Campus Ministry attending retreats and participating in every leadership phase. This spring he participated in the alternative vacation to Bessemer, Alabama, just outside Birmingham, to help an impoverished...
congregation of Catholics. Brian and eleven other students worked eight hours each day improving the church's playground by sanding and painting the equipment and replacing asphalt with gravel. He is also a member of the American Marketing Association and has served as its vice president of community service and vice president of speakers. This year and last he attended the National Collegiate American Marketing Association Conference in New Orleans. Of the people who have influenced him most throughout his college years, Brian credits two people in addition to Prof. Nelson. The first is Sister Elaine Polcari, S.S.N.D., Director of Campus Ministry. The second is Donald Hanson, Associate Professor of Accounting and Finance who Brian called "a great professor." He level-headed. Hanson would call on you unexpectedly in class. That would really scare me because I'd never been put on the spot like that before," he recalled. "And even if your answer was wrong he expected you to back it up.

Prof. Hanson also took the initiative of prepping Brian before his employment interviews last semester. For all his successes Brian admitted he didn't know why Merrimack chose to feature him. Like so many questions in life, the answer was deep inside him. It wasn't because he'd gotten a job with Price Waterhouse, and it wasn't because of his impressive grades. Those characteristics helped him stand out. The reason he'd been noticed came from the words he spoke next: "So many people do so much at Merrimack. I've gotten recognition, but there are many who have done a lot," he gently reminded.

Erica De Simone is a trusting optimist who will tell you exactly what she likes about herself. And why not? The honest approach has served her well.

"You can see the difference between students who are involved and students who aren't," she observes. "There's more of a comfort level. The faculty and staff all know you. A student who's more involved is always around campus, always talking to somebody."

Erica, who is her inspiration. Because of him, Erica joined the Special Olympics while still in high school. That involvement was the basis for her extracurricular activities on campus. She is the resident assistant for twenty-two women living in a campus townhouse, a peer educator to assist students with personal or substance-abuse problems, and a former tutor at the college's Writing Center. As the Co-op Council Secretary, Erica edits and publishes a newsletter twice a year, and was one of only fifteen Merrimack students invited last January to a career networking conference in New York City. She is also the philanthropic and fundraising chair of Theta Phi Alpha National Sorority. Her most recent event raised funds to purchase uniforms for a local Special Olympics team.

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"And because we're so involved, we have to budget our time so we know when to study and when to call it quits and relax. I think that's going to help me, because I already know what it's like to have a full schedule and to be able, in between, to take a few minutes for myself."

Then Erica's extraordinary lifting voice explains why she's not only an optimist, but a person whom others trust; a person comfortable with helping others as a resident assistant and peer educator. She is someone whom others seek when personal problems arise. "I'm a genuine person and I don't hide anything. You may not like me, but that doesn't mean I won't like you. I can work with anyone and still get the job done."
Judy is atypical in that she's making a mid-career shift from the corporate world to education... she's a role model for mature students considering teaching as a profession.

Simply for the Love of it
Judith Ryan Finally Teaches

Judith Ryan always wanted to teach high school English, she just happened to take a twenty-year detour that routed her through corporate America and then child rearing. Now, in her mid-life, she has found her way and says this is what she wants to do for the rest of her working years.

Through Merrimack College's Division of Continuing Education, this spring Judy will complete requirements she needs for certification as a high school English teacher. Included is a twelve-credit student-teaching course at Haverhill High School where she practices teaching and assists with four eleventh-grade classes.

She spends every weekend preparing, finding ways to be creative and engage the students, many of whom are bilingual. Latitude in the teaching curriculum allows her to teach poetry and she proudly displays samples of her students' best work.

"It's a real compliment when the supervising teacher will leave you alone with the students," she says. "That's when you know you're doing okay.

Judy has always done okay. A glance at her resume illustrates how successful she was in the corporate world. In the late 'seventies she managed a communication project for the Public Affairs Division of Union Carbide Corporation in New York City, managed public relations accounts for Hill and Knowlton, and ended her business career in the mid 'eighties as the Manager of Corporate Employee Communications for Pfizer, Inc. She left to start a family and today lives with her husband and teenaged daughter in Boxford.

In addition to teaching, she is taking a directed study on gender issues in the classroom and a course on special education.

"Judy is atypical in that she's making a mid-career shift from the corporate world to education," says Dr. Brenda Brown, Associate Professor and Chair of the Education Department. "She's a role model for mature students considering teaching as a profession."

Brown notes that because Judy was able to attend school full-time, she is the first person to complete Merrimack's new post-baccalaureate program in one year. In addition, her communication experience, combined with a reference from a former supervisor, enabled Merrimack to waive the required writing courses.

Judy is one of five students currently enrolled in the post-baccalaureate program which was begun in September 1994. Her undergraduate English degree came from the University of Pennsylvania in 1976. Through the years she took other required courses so that when she arrived at Merrimack last September, Judy needed only five to become certified.

This spring there are thirteen Merrimack students teaching in communities surrounding the North Andover campus. Three levels of certification, elementary, middle, and secondary, are now offered through the Education Department.

Judy will begin looking for a teaching position when the semester ends. She says that teaching four courses and completing the other requirements leaves her little time to search beforehand. She's committed first to finishing what she started so long ago. She'll tell you she's not out to change the world. She just wants to teach for the love of it.

"I want to do something meaningful to me and, if along the way, I help someone, that would be nice," she says.

A Gentler Approach
Passion Beneath the Calm

Timothy Carey is only twenty-two, but he knows he was meant to do good. So when you ask about his plans after graduation this May, his answer is both vague and yet self-assured.

"I'll work for a human services organization," he says without hesitation. In ten years, he says, he plans to be its director. He doesn't yet know which one or where, he just knows what he's meant to do.

While many of his classmates are jockeying for jobs in the corporate world, Tim, a philosophy/sociology major, sereneely waits for the right offer to come, confident it will.

A glance at his resume proves he'd...
be an asset to any employer. Around campus he is respected for his activities and involvement, and well-known for his tireless energy. He has served on the Orientation Committee welcoming incoming freshmen, is a member of Phi Kappa Theta fraternity, and a three-year member of the Executive Board of Campus Ministry.

In addition to campus activities, Tim has acquired experiences about which other middle-class, young men know little. Through Campus Ministry he has served meals to people with AIDS, helped physically disabled children ride horses as therapy at Ironstone Farm in Andover, and accompanied mentally disabled members of Fidelity House in Lawrence to the bowling alley each week to cheer them on. He's been on two alternative spring vacations with Campus Ministry. During his freshman year he went to Wheeling, West Virginia, to help renovate shelters for runaway teenagers, and during his sophomore year he traveled to Washington, D.C., to live at the Creative Center for Non-violence, a homeless shelter three blocks from the White House. While there he cleaned walls, baked 2000 biscuits, did laundry, and played cards with the residents. He also shared sleeping space with the homeless families and says this experience taught him how much he has in his own life.

“I have a family who loves me, a family who supports me,” he says. “I not only have a home where my parents live, but I have a college dormitory room which gives me a roof over my head. I have a car which transports me and gives me many options the homeless don’t have.”

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In addition to the week-long trips, Tim attended weekend retreats as a team leader through Campus Ministry's Merrimack Out Reach Experience (M.O.R.E.).

“I helped students realize their problems were not as big as they thought. The retreats gave me a chance to share myself.”

Tim is also a lector and Eucharistic Minister at weekend Masses in the Collegiate Church of Christ the Teacher. Last year from January to August he participated in a nine-credit program at the College’s urban institute in Lawrence, under the direction of Dr. Patricia Jayanes, Executive Director, where he helped establish an online bulletin board to assist Merrimack Valley social service agencies match those in need with those who could help.

“We also helped communities to develop better services for themselves,” he says. “We created the Lawrence-Methuen Enterprise Partnership to strengthen ties between the two communities and build a sense of pride.

“I chose to live and study in Lawrence because I wanted to see the difference between the city and my hometown.”

He also worked at shelters and delivered soup and sandwiches to the homeless at street corners. He credits Sister Elaine Polcari, S.S.N.D., Director of Campus Ministry; Father Terrance Hyland, O.S.A., Campus Minister; Jacqueline McLeod, Executive Secretary of Campus Ministry; and Dr. Joseph Kelley, Vice President for Student Life, with strongly influencing him throughout his Merrimack experience.

The middle son of a family from Milton, Tim says his parents gave him the foundation for his religion. His faith is central to his life but he stresses that he’s not “overly” religious.

“That’s part of who I am, part of wanting to help other people,” he says. “To me it makes sense to help others. I do that as part of our religion.”
Leadership in the Augustinian Tradition

Interview with Rev. Michael J. Scanlon, O.S.A., Chairman of the Merrimack College Board of Trustees

How long have you served on the Merrimack board?

This is my second term on the Board, my eighth year.

What, in your view, is the function of the board?

The Board has the ultimate responsibility for the whole college. It is concerned with its growth and development, as well as the well-being of the administration, faculty, staff, and students. It is responsible for the financial condition of the college and oversees capital campaigns. The Board also plans for the college's future. It must work with the Province of St. Thomas of Villanova regarding the Augustinian Order's role of sponsorship as a Catholic institution.

In what direction is the Board leading the college?

Our focus now is on the Capital Campaign in connection with the fiftieth anniversary of the college in 1997, but we are also concerned with supporting programs already in place and with evaluating new programs. The Board must ensure financial stability and the enhancement of the college's endowment.

Maintenance of our campus facilities will be a continuing concern. Enhancing facilities for student life is one of our most important considerations.

Would you address the Augustinian connection to Merrimack and describe in what ways the Board is working to keep those ties strong and meaningful?

religious communities is experiencing diminished membership and few young vocations. The Order will not be able to supply as many Augustinian Friars to our various apostolic ministries, including higher education. Merrimack now has its first lay president. This situation is occurring everywhere as more Catholic lay people take responsibility for being the Church, in accord with the declaration of Vatican Council II that the Church is the People of God. We are fortunate to have a lay Catholic president who has formed himself in the Augustinian tradition of Merrimack.

What are your thoughts on the college's direction under its first lay president?

The next century (maybe the next millennium!) will be the "Age of Laity" in Catholic Christianity. I am very pleased with our new lay president, Dick Santagati is a committed Catholic, formed in the Augustinian tradition of Merrimack. He is totally devoted to his alma mater. Dick works well with the board and with the Augustinians who sponsor Merrimack.

What are some of the highlights at Merrimack since you've been a member of the board?

There has been ongoing development of the academic program, as I experienced when I was chair of the Educational Policy Committee. Core
The Reverend Michael J. Scanlon, O.S.A.

The Reverend Michael J. Scanlon, O.S.A., began a commitment to the Order of St. Augustine when he entered the Augustinian Academy in Staten Island, New York. During his study, he distinguished himself as a scholar of Latin and Greek and realized a number of academic achievements throughout his education. He completed his undergraduate degree at Villanova University, and his master's and doctoral degrees at Catholic University of America in Sacred Theology.

Father Scanlon taught Systematic Theology at Augustinian College and the Washington Theological Union for twenty-five years. In 1998 he became co-founder and second president of the Washington Theological Consortium. In 1976 he was appointed Prior of the Augustinian community at Austin Priors Hall in Washington, D.C. He is also a past president of the Catholic Theological Society of America, the prestigious professional society for Catholic theologians. In 1986 he was awarded Villanova's Arts and Sciences Alumni Medalion, and in 1992 joined the faculty of Villanova University. That year he was honored with the Josephine C. Connelly Endowed Chair in Christian Theology, inaugurated by Villanova to reinforce its Augustinian heritage.

Father Scanlon has published numerous articles in the American Ecclesiastical Review and has contributed to the New Catholic Encyclopedia, the New Dictionary of Theology, the Catholic Theological Society of America Proceedings and the scholarly journal The Thomist. He has also contributed chapters to Vatican, Islam, and the Middle East, published by Syracuse University Press, and Pilgrim People: A Vision with Hope, published by the Villanova University Press.

For years I have taught courses in Christian anthropology, wherein one of my favorite themes is the theology of freedom. I develop this in the context of contemporary "historical consciousness" which clarifies the intrinsically temporal nature of the self in society. While the past is constructive of the self, the self must construct the future. Closely related to this is the contemporary emphasis on language as key to self-understanding. As Aristotle said, the human being is the animal who reasons. Therefore, language is the condition for the human being to become the "rational animal."

Tell us about your background.

I graduated from Villanova in 1960 with a major in philosophy. I was ordained by the Catholic Theological Society of America in 1968 for the United States and Canada, where I taught Systematic Theology for twenty-five years. This is the first endowed Chair at Villanova University.
Edward S. Buscema has been named chief financial officer of Sotas International, Inc., a producer of business applications software in Haverhill, Mass. Edward most recently headed his own private accounting practice. He was formerly employed by GE Software Systems, which was owned by Computer Associates Inc. Edward is a certified management accountant who holds a degree in accounting and business administration and resides with his wife Nancy in Andover, Mass. John H. Hidde has been appointed interim superintendent of the Merrimack School District. He has a master of education degree from Suffolk University in Boston, and a doctorate in educational administration and supervision from the University of Massachusetts/Lowell. Hidde previously served as principal of the Pinkham School in Merrimack.

Norma Dreher retired in May as the owner of Smile Awhile, a gift and flower business in Dracut, Mass. Joyce (McDonough) LeBeau has been named corporate director of investments at the Community Resources Law Center in Boston, and lives in Brighton. Antico, S.S.N.D. is a sister in the Providence College Religious Communities. She was a partner in the law firm of Antico, S.S.N.D. and lives in Braintree, Mass. The Merrimack Community Service Award for "exemplifying the spirit of dedicated service to the community." Judy Fedon, after her resignation as a community college teacher at Dracut High School, enrolled in the course work to become a registered nurse. She resides in Loudon, N.H., where she is a clinical social worker at Johns Hopkins Hospital. She and her husband, Edward, are parents of蠕. John H. Hidde has been appointed superintendent of the Merrimack School District. He has a master of education degree from Suffolk University in Boston, and a doctorate in educational administration and supervision from the University of Massachusetts/Lowell. Hidde previously served as principal of the Pinkham School in Merrimack.
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Margaret Drouin '80 and husband Douglas: a daughter, Laura, Aug. 12.

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James Murphy '84 and wife Kathy Anne: a daughter, Elizabeth, April 12.

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Manuel DeSousa '85 and wife Maria: a son, Gabriel, March 22.

Jeanine McGovern '85 and husband Ken: a daughter, Emma, April 2.

Kevin Mulvey '86 and wife Mary: a son, Patrick, March 22.

Dominic DePietro '87 and wife Lisa: a daughter, Elizabeth, April 2.

Jill Arsenault '85 and Michael Googgin: a son, murderer, March 22.

Deborah Howley '86 and Richard Gagnon: two sons, Andrew and Nicholas, March 22.

Michael DeCristo '85 and wife Anna: a daughter, Rebecca, March 22.

Katy Doyle '88: a son, Evan Thomas, May 22.

John Mordach '81 and wife Carol: a daughter, Sarah, May 22.

Maureen (McBrine) Baptista '81 and husband Brian: a daughter, McKenzie, May 22.

Louis, Nov. 14.

Deborah Martin '80 and husband Michael: a son, Zachary, May 22.

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Diane (Goddard) Pardinski '80 and husband Richard: a daughter, Madeline, May 22.

Barbara Gibson '81 and husband George: a daughter, Sarah, May 22.

Alyson Wright '82 and husband Marc: a daughter, Grace, May 22.

Thomas Department '82 and Sheila Dee: a daughter, Emily, May 22.

Raymond Joyce '82 and Michelle Catena: a daughter, Margaret, May 22.

David Pacelli '92 and Melissa Petrillo: two sons, Brian and Michael, May 22.

John Ryan '92 and Ronda Carlsson: a daughter, Kelsey, May 22.

Wayne Bassett '93 and Heidi Hadam: a daughter, Julia, May 22.

Matthew Hayes '93 and Tara Coughlin: a son, James, May 22.

Joe Tirado '93 and Theresa Farrell '94: a daughter, Maria, May 22.

Kevin Rhodes '91 and Maura Murphy: a son, John Louis, May 22.

Mary-Beth Mori '90 and Christopher Ham: a daughter, Sarah, May 22.

Ronald Coté, Jr. '94 and Lynn Scheuett: a daughter, Elizabeth, May 22.

Susan Bums '88 and Michael Tiscornia: a daughter, Mary, May 22.

Jayne Amirault '87 and Andrew Hosmer: a daughter, Hailey, May 22.

Margaret (Hoey) Doyle '80 and husband John: a daughter, Margaret, May 22.

Margaret (Hemenway) Conference '89: a son, Michael, May 22.

Maureen (Brady) Gordon '89 and husband James: a daughter, Lauren, May 22.

Kevin McManus '90 and Christine广告: a son, Patrick, May 22.

Mary Star of the Sea Church in Walpole, Mass., Oct. 7.

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Children's names, birthdays, other information

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Louis W. Carrier '31 of Saint Clair Shores, Michigan, passed away on October 25. He was an Army veteran of World War II, having served with the 92nd Airborne Division as a paratrooper in the European Theater of Operations. He was a recipient of the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, the World War II Victory Medal, and the Purple Heart. Dr. Nutter received his master's degree from Boston College and his doctoral degree in psychology and sociology from Boston University. He was a 44-year employee of the city of Lowell. Dr. Nutter was a counselor for the Lowell School Department until 1976 when he began teaching psychology and sociology at Lowell High School. He also coached various girls' softball teams in Dracut. Besides his wife, Pauline (Charette), he leaves five sons, Walter Jr., Thomas, Steven, Pauline (Charette), he leaves five sons, Walter Jr., Thomas, Steven, James, and Luis; a daughter, Catherine; and several nieces and nephews.

JudyAne and Kimberlee Nutter; a wife Barbara; four children; John, Walter Jr., Thomas, Steven, and Joseph Nutter.

Louis J. Demetroulakos '56 of Lowell, Mass., died unexpectedly at the age of 69. He was an Army veteran of World War II, bearing the Combat Infantryman Badge, the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, the World War II Victory Medal, and the Purple Heart. Dr. Nutter received his master's degree in organic chemistry at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst in 1969 and a master's degree in physics from Fitchburg State College in 1982. Dr. Nutter was a recipient of the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination for the American Cancer Society.

Louis J. Demetroulakos '56

John V. Cunningham '62 of Framingham, Mass., passed away in September 2015. He was 54. He received his bachelor's degree from Providence College in 1989, and a master's degree in health administration from the University of Massachusetts-Boston in 1992. He was a Navy veteran of the Korean War, serving overseas as a radio operator. He had been a substitute teacher and helping bring courses composed by the UMass Lowell curriculum. He helped Southeast Asian refugees to overcome language and cultural barriers and was a host parent to several language students from Southeast Asia.

Dr. John Royal Memorial Fund, Office of Institutional Advancement, Merrimack College. Condolences may be sent to Mrs. John Royal and family.

As this issue went to press, the Merrimack College community was saddened by the death of popular mathematics professor, Dr. John W. Royal. A Warrior Athletic scholarship fund has been established in his name. Contributions may be sent to The Athletics Department, Dr. John Royal Memorial Fund, Office of Institutional Advancement, 1151 Terrace Street, North Andover, MA 01845.

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