Rev. John E. Deegan, O.S.A., president of Merrimack since June 1981, was recently elected Prior Provincial of the Augustinian Friars, Province of St. Thomas of Villanova. The Province of St. Thomas of Villanova includes approximately 300 religious men serving in apostolates located along the Eastern shore of the United States from Massachusetts to Florida. The Province also sponsors missionary activity in Japan and Peru.

In his new duties, beginning in June, Father Deegan will oversee the involvement of the Friars in some 30 parishes and two secondary schools, as well as Merrimack College, Villanova University, and the Washington (D.C.) Theological Union.

Expressing surprise at his election, Father Deegan said that he was humbled and honored by the action of his brother religious in electing him and pledged to do everything in his power to be worthy of their trust.

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Merrimack’s ‘Warriors’

(Editors’ Note: Dr. Joseph Kelley, vice president of Student Life, wrote this letter in March to the editor of the Wilmington Town Crier...)

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Merrimack professors make it big by thinking small. Very small.

By Caroline Louise Cole
Special to Merrimack magazine

Thanks to the help of three Merrimack college professors, Archie Andrews successfully ran a chemistry experiment without blowing up the lab at Riverdale High School this spring.

Archie, the hero of the popular comic strip of the same name, and his long-suffering chemistry teacher, Mr. Flutesnoot, discover the techniques of microscale chemistry in a story sequence entitled “Let’s Have A Blast” which appeared in the April Issue of Archie Digest, No. 119.

The new system, which allows beginning students to run traditional classroom experiments using fractions of the amount of compounds normally required, thus reducing the chance for accidents and toxic waste by-products, was pioneered by Merrimack professors Ronald Pike, Zvi Szafran and Mono Singh in their chemistry classes at Merrimack over the last decade.

The mini-experiments with dollhouse-sized equipment have proven so popular the college won a $250,000 grant in August 1992 from the federal Environmental Protection Agency to outfit and staff a training center for elementary and high school teachers. The professors named their recently refurbished suite of labs and conference rooms in Cushing Hall NMC^, chemistry talk for the National Microscale Chemistry Center.

“Microscale chemistry is safer because smaller quantities mean there is less exposure to the inherent dangers of chemistry,” said Dr. Szafran, who is also an avid comic book fan and suggested the storyline to Archie Comic’s president, Michael Silberkleit, in a letter to him last summer. “As Archie has proven every spring since I can remember, experimenting with chemicals found in most school chemical supply closets are toxic and potentially explosive if they are not handled properly.”

The microscale techniques are less costly because they virtually eliminate the need for the expensive ventilation systems that today’s environmentally conscious students are demanding, and they lower the cost of hazardous waste disposal, Dr. Szafran said.

“That old joke about following your nose to the chemistry lab is no longer true,” said Dr. Szafran. “Because most microscale chemistry experiments are done in enclosed jars that contain the vapors. And because we are using 100 to 1,000 times less of the chemical compounds than before, we are spending less to buy the chemicals and less for their eventual disposal. Insurance costs can also decrease.”

The Merrimack professors have already been successful in introducing their techniques to more than 1,000 college chemistry departments, in part because the idea has been around for some time. Dr. Szafran said, saying the adjustments often took a few years to get right.

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Along the way the Merrimack team discovered chemistry was suddenly more accessible to women because they could more easily manipulate the thimble-sized beakers and flasks. “It is a subtle thing, but the volumes of most chemistry labs are built to accommodate the larger male frame, and when you add several feet of tubing and other glassware, our shorter students, who are mostly women, often were up on chairs doing balancing acts to set up their equipment,” said Dr. Szafran, noting that eight of his ten graduating seniors last year were female. “After a while, having to do such antics can be a psychological block to the subject matter.”

Because many of their experiments are simpler to set up and run, the college professors realize it could be easily adapted to high school and elementary classrooms.

With the federal funding, Merrimack is now offering a series of free workshops to high school and elementary teachers to introduce them to the microscale program. Scheduled workshops have waiting lists and the seminars have attracted teachers from Sweden, Egypt, Mexico and Australia.

“Microscale is certainly the way we make it big by thinking small,” said Dr. Singh, pointing to a tiny metal triangle platform that has a motor-driven rotating head and valve, stirring motion with no chance of a spit.”

The microscale equipment comes with bottle caps instead of rubber O rings, making setup and cleanup literally a snap. “We’ve found the time it takes to run experiments on small labs can either be shorter or you can do twice as many experiments,” Dr. Pike said.

Graduate students are taught how run experiments using the precise measurements required in microscale chemistry in their advanced qualitative analysis courses, Dr. Pike said.

“The desire among chemists to use as little of their compounds as possible is nothing new,” said Dr. Pike, who estimates the country’s 30,000 institutions teaching chemistry generate nearly 9,000 tons of hazardous waste a year. “What makes our system revolutionary was the introduction of micro-quantities to freshmen. That was made possible with the invention of the electronic scale. Suddenly we had a piece of equipment that allowed even the most bumbling students—the Archie’s in our classes—to measure tiny quantities accurately. What we did was redesign the experiments and the equipment to take the smaller amounts.”

Because chemical reactions take place on the surface of objects, just reducing the quantity of a compound by 100 times doesn’t produce the same results as normally would be expected, Dr. Pike said. “Imagine, if you will, a block of iron,” he said. “Contact with the oxygen in the air produces rust but the rusting reaction is taking place from the outside in. The amount of time the reaction would take on a large block of iron is much longer than with a small cube because of the different surface-to-volume ratios.”

Dr. Pike and his colleagues had to come up with many new ways of doing chemical reactions happen at a rate that was slow enough for students to observe with the smaller amount of compounds. “Since the whole point of running an experiment is to allow students to see if it happen, we failed to the reaction happened too quickly,” Dr. Szafran said, saying the adjustments often took a few years to get right. Smaller containers demanded the invention of new equipment. “For instance, instead of using sitting rods, we used magnets,” said Dr. Singh, pointing to a tiny metal triangle inside a liquid-filled beaker. “We set it on a platform that has a motor-driven rotating head and valve, stirring motion with no chance of a spit.”

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Microscale certainly is the way we want to go,” said Richard Defoia, chairman of the science department at Wilmington High School. Defoia, who wrote two of his college chemistry teachers to a microscale workshop last summer, said he is trying to convince his school committee to fund the initial investment of $100 a student to retrofit his labs with the smaller equipment. “Right now we’re scraping the barrel to find $3,900 a year to run the traditional program and I am asking for three times that for next year to get started, but the benefits of the program make it very desirable.”

In the Archie episode, “Riverdale’s WiltFFFFFFettseebo doesn’t need much convincing when he visits Professors Pike, Szafran and Singh. Unfortunately, though, he’s left with a new problem when Archie misreads the recipe for bread in Ms. Cougars’ home economics class. “Archie is still Archie, and even with microscale, we expect he’ll be having mishaps at school for some time,” said Silverkleit, chuckling, at the story’s still-explosive ending.
Heroes: You have yours, I have mine

by Dorothy Feinman '76
Special to Merrimack magazine

Say 'hero' and visions immediately spring to mind. The visions are almost always of dazzling deeds done in a very limited time frame—five men dashing into burning buildings, astronauts merrily prancing on the moon, Hillary scaling Everest or Lindbergh skimming the Atlantic. The visions are of deeds done in a very limited time frame—five men "Continuing Ed" cut across the spectrum of academia that is barely recognized by colleges and universities as a whole. There is no esprit d'corps, old school tie, or old boy (or girl) network in this group because the people involved do not function as a group but as a collection of individuals. I'm referring, of course, to "Continuing Ed"—an amorphous term signifying little or nothing to those not involved with it. There are reasons for this. The people in "Continuing Ed" cut across the spectrum of age, from recent high school graduates to dodderers, and each seems to have her or his own agenda. Let me dispel one myth, however, most are not there for "enlightenment." Whether the young grad or the dodderer, most want desperately to acquire a college education. Many drop by the wayside but many persevere and try not to show their pride in finally making it because, after all, it seems a little freakish to be getting a bachelor's degree when you are 56.

I am writing from an obvious bias because I've been there. I graduated from Merrimack at age 36 after attending eight years of night classes, and because of my age, felt like a complete ass doing it. Fortunately, I also felt almost completely invisible except to my sons who, with a mixture of pride and amusement, buoyed me through the process.

Some people who knew I was graduating that year said, "Oh well, you won't go to the ceremony, of course." As if it were somehow a little off-color. "The hell I won't," was my response. Herculean efforts should be rewarded with ceremonial rites even if they come at odd times. Being a Continuing Ed student may be the loneliest pursuit known to man—even beyond the Mayday repurser; at least he has his basset hound. But a CE student has only himself or herself through the unending years of tests, term papers and tests. Scott of the Antarctic had his companions and his dogs, but when you leave the comfort of your car and trudge across the frozen tundra with the tiredness is gone, and I don't know what to call it but "learning." And sometimes, in class, through the waves of fatigue, you suddenly hear something that puts things in a different perspective and you see things from a whole other point of view and you light up inside, the tiredness is gone, and I don't know what to call it but "learning." Would I do it all over again? Damn right I would!

Editor's Note: Dorothy Feinman graduated summa cum laude in 1976. She is still a student, this time in Casey Cohurn's writing class at the Andover Senior Citizens' Center.

They baked 3,000 biscuits and peeled 200 pounds of potatoes, they washed walls and laundry; they distributed blankets to people sleeping on the street then returned wearily to sleep on the floor themselves. But the toughest job facing the 15 Merrimack students who spent spring break at the Center for Creative Non-Violence in Washington, D.C. was a bit quieter and more reflective.

"I learned exactly what I had and what was important to me, and that's my family, a home, and people who care for me," said Melissa Wilson. "The students were very affected and moved, happy that they went, though it was hard. They began to take a look at what they had and appreciate it more."
**SPORTS**

by Jim Seavey

*Sports Information Director*

**Hammel captures 20th career win . . .**

If Bert Hammel were directing a movie, he couldn't have created a more dramatic scene than the one he directed in his basketball career.

The veteran coach began with a two-game sweep in the New England Tip-Off Weekend. Merrimack literally shot the lights out in its home opener against New Haven, as a power failure in the Volpe Center forced the teams to complete their contest at UMass-Lowell. The Warriors then rallied in the final 10 minutes to post a 74-68 win and followed that up by winning a 59-56 contest at UMass-Lowell.

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Men of Merrimack
raffle a success

The third annual Men of Merrimack raffle in February raised more than $12,500, the largest amount ever. More than 75 prizes were donated by local businesses, board members and friends of the college. First prize winners were Donald Nevers and Thomas Actis, who split the $5,000 prize. Other top winners were Joan McNulty, second prize, who won two airline tickets to Ireland on Aer Lingus; Gary Matthews, third prize, who won two airline tickets to London on British Air; Ed Moore, fourth prize, who won two airline tickets to London on Virgin Atlantic; and Bob Kelley, fifth prize, who won two airline tickets anywhere in the U.S. on American Airlines.

More than 300 Men of Merrimack and their guests attended Hockey Night in November as the Warriors took on BC in a Northeast-10 game. Basketball Night, in January, also drew a crowd, this time to cheer Merrimack on to victory over Bryant. "A Christmas Carol," the Men of Merrimack’s annual family event, was a rousing success, with more than 100 guests in attendance. The play was performed at the Northshore Music Theatre in Beverly.

In April, the group hosted a fine arts auction to benefit the Men’s Scholarship Fund. The event was presented by Park West Galleries and featured original paintings, watercolors and hand-signed limited-edition lithographic work by more than 40 artists, including several of the world’s most famous. More than $15,000 was raised, with the proceeds going to scholarships for Merrimack students. The event took place at the Marriott in Andover.

The annual Men of Merrimack banquet will be held at 5:30 May 18 in Gildea Hall. Tickets are $35. Call Maureen Lanigan, director of college fundraising events, at (508) 837-5448.

Ladies of Merrimack
applaud ‘Joey and Maria’

More than 200 Ladies of Merrimack and their guests attended a dinner theater performance of "Joey and Maria's Wedding" April 9. The event raised over $4,900 for the college facilities for the day.

For the 10th year, Telemanchus Demoulias has issued a challenge: The Demoulas Foundation will match any sponsor’s donation up to $10,000.

Those interested in participating may either organize a foursome or register individually and be assigned to a group. The tournament is again being chaired by Gerald Camuso ‘72 and Julian Lacourse.

Come and join us on May 15 at the Cregor Mendel Center for Science, the Volpe Center. The new observatory in the building’s basement, renovation on campus improved the looks and accessibility of several buildings. In Gildea Hall, an elevator was replaced and new ramps, restrooms and handrails installed. In the Volpe Athletic Center, renovation resulted in an expanded weight room with additional fitness equipment, better lighting and mirrored walls. An exercise fitness room was built off the gym, and the women’s locker room and showers facilities were nearly doubled. Rebuilding of Sullivan Hall is next; work begins this summer.

(Photo by David Cates)

Wall Street Journal’ publisher Kann to speak at commencement May 22

Peter R. Kann, chairman and CEO of Dow Jones & Company, Inc. and publisher of The Wall Street Journal, will be the main speaker and receive an honorary doctorate at Merrimack’s commencement May 22.

Other honorary doctorates will be awarded to Wayne A. Budd, former US Associate Attorney General; Dr. Margaret MacCurtain, O.P., a distinguished Irish historian; and Richard P. and Janet McCoy. Mr. McCoy is the largest McDonald’s owner/operator in the nation’s large McDonald’s owner/operator. In addition to his many honors, Mr. Budd received the attorney General’s Distinguished Service Award for outstanding performance, the Paul Robeson Award of Boston College’s Law School, and the Thurgood Marshall Award of the School of Law.

Margaret MacCurtain, O.P. is a Dominican Sister and Lecturer in Irish History at University College Dublin since 1964, has published widely and is a frequent book reviewer and essayist. Next November she will be a facilitator in a Boston conference of women from the U.S. and the north and south of Ireland.

Mr. Kann is a member of the board of the Genesis Fund, and a member of the board of the New Mexico Foundation. In 1992, he was inducted into the Massachusetts Restaurant Hall of Fame in 1992, has been treasurer for the past 15 years of the Massachusetts Restaurant Foundation, is a director of the Salem, N.H., Boys’ and Girls’ Club and a trustee of Purnell School in Potomac, Maryland.


Mr. Kann was appointed publisher of the Journal and editor of Dow Jones publications in 1989. In 1991 he was named president and chief operating officer of Dow Jones and became chief executive officer in January 1991 and chairman that July.

Class Notes

by Beth Ann Addessio '95

Births

Debra J. Valenzole '86 and Douglass M. Swansen in Negril, Jamaica, October 31.
Karen T. Colby '87 and Jeffrey T. Green, at St. Anthony's Church in Woburn, Mass.
Mary Kathleen Dowd '87 and Chip Dupuis, at St. Patrick's Church in Pembroke, N.H.
Stephan Edward Hosley '87 and Vivian Leffron, in Puerto Rico, September 3.
Nancy M. Shannon '88 and Robert B. Holland, Jr., at St. Eulalia's Church in Winchester, Mass., January 22.
Mark Ciclo '87 and Michelle St. Armand '80, at St. Brendan's School in Biddedford Point, Maine, December 4.
Jean A. Jones '87 and husband Joseph Jr., at Joseph, February 6.
Mark Paquette '87 and Suzanne (Thomais) '88, at Mark Andrew Jr., October 18.
Jay H. Arthur '89 and wife Priscilla B: a son, Joshua Harrison, December 23.
Karen (Lepor) Grafton '89 and husband Jacob, at Jennifer Elizabeth, May 17.
Sandra Marie (Pelusi) McNamee '87 and husband Michael, at baby, Madeline Rose, December 11.

Weddings

Jo-Anne M. Donohoe '82 and husband Stephan: a son, Tyler Jonathan, March 12.
Laurence Long Tropeano, at The Church in York, Maine, January 1.
Denise (Murphy) MacDonald '84 and husband David: a son, David Lawrence, October 9.
Kevin Michael O'Rourke, at Our Lady of Grace Church in Chelmsford, Mass., September 18.
Brian Dewineil '91 and Dianna Good, at Merrimack College, August 28.
Dr. Edzuard Marici. Pictured are: Paul Fanning '86, Shenjl York '86, Linda DeCiccio '86, Dr. John Royal, Peter Darling '86, David Teason, Claire Holland '87, Kathleen Bulane '86, Gregian Follakker '86 and Janne Fossela '86.

Bill Cody '72 and Lisa Sue Sodeman, in Maui, Hawaii, February 15.
Jo-Anne M. Donohoe '82 and husband Robert: a daughter, Erin Elizabeth, October 23.
Mary Lou (Matthews) Beausoleil '78 and husband Robert D., at Our Lady of the Mount Church in Pelham, N.H.
Mary McCarthy '83 and husband Thomas, at the Holy Rosary Church in Nantucket, N.H., September 18.
Thomas Casey '83 and Erin Michelle McCormick, at St. Mary's Church in Chelmsford, Mass., September 25.
Timothy M. McCarron '85 and Lauren E. Stevenson, at the Harwich United Methodist Church on Cape Cod, Mass.
Dr. Kathleen Bolinas '86 and Dr. Edward Marici, at the Holy Rosary Church in Nantucket, N.H., September 18.
Elisabeth Ann Fioccolone '86 and Wayne Ronald Casagrande '87 at Merrimack College, August 7.
Lee David Hayes '88 and Mary Lynne Zepisch, at the Congregational Church of Wells in Wells, Maine, September 25.
Mary Jo Linehan '88 and John F. Keane, at Immaculate Conception Church in Lowell, Mass., September 16.
Peter Z. Shabowich '86 and Diane Calderan, at the Holy Rosary Church in Lynn, Mass.
Dawn Maynard '88 and Thomas Dunn in Warwick, R.I., March 5.
Laura Ann Abbott '88 and husband David, at the Congregational Church in Grovetown, Mass., March 27.
Diana Michelle Rappel '86, Shenjl York '86, Linda DeCiccio '86, Dr. John Royal, Peter Darling '86, David Teason, Claire Holland '87, Kathleen Bulane '86, Gregian Follakker '86 and Janne Fossela '86.

Sandra Ann Smith '90 and Edward Albert Kimmel III, at All Saints Episcopal Church in Wellesley, N.H.
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Bill Addessio '95
Edward L. Regan '51 of York Bank in Manchester, N.H., and Portsmouth, N.H. He belonged to the US Army and continued on in the department for 20 years, and was well known for instituting the scholarship program. He served as a trustee of the Peabody College Board of Trustees, he has been involved in the Alumni Community since the beginning of April provided a chance for students and recent graduates. In January the College conducted a special event to celebrate the achievements of students and recent graduates. At the event, students and recent graduates were able to network and take part in the Alumni Community. The event also included a reception where students and recent graduates could meet and learn about other alumni and the College's future endeavors. The event was highly successful and is expected to be an annual event in the future.
serve on the company’s board of directors at Apple Computer Inc. He will be a speaker at the March meeting of the Professional Insurance Agents. He has been involved in personnel management and career development for more than 20 years.

James L. Johnson will be returning to MITRE’s Bedford, Mass., offices after working on the Poseidon Submarine Air Defense System in Saudi Arabia for the past four years. He is a member of the company’s technical staff. Jim plans to retire soon with his wife, Joan, to a 200-year-old house in South Dennis, Mass. They recently restored Jim and Joan have five children and six grandchildren.

Ann Heney Mastroiani is a member of the Barnstable, Mass. Water Pollution Control Division. She lives in East Sandwich, Mass.

David M. Farmer, J.D., has been promoted to senior vice president for federal affairs for the Alliance of American Insurers. Farmer, whose father was an educator, joined the Alliance in 1997 as head of the association’s southeastern regional office in Atlanta and was promoted to senior vice president of federal affairs in 1999. Prior to that, David was an attorney and director of state legislative affairs for the National Association of Professional Insurance Agents.

George F. Soullier, a counselor at Manchester Central High School in Manchester, N.H., is part-time academic advisor at New Hampshire College, where he has just been named a “Certified Continuing Educator.” He teaches introduction to psychology, human growth and development, and will be teaching in the continuing education division. George and his wife, Diane, have three children, Shelly, 20; Terry, 19; and Katie, 16. They live in Amherst, N.H.

R. Paul Tamaile has been named president of the commercial insurance company’s general manager in Bermuda, Lake Tahoe and Reno.

Richard Bernard is founder/director/president of the Sumani, Inc., in Londonderry, N.H., an internationally licensed, sanctioned and accredited karate dojo (training hall) that boasts over 400 active members. Recently, Richard was promoted to the rank of Nanadan, 7th Degree Black Belt, in the art of Chubu Shori Rya Karate. He is the only person in the world ever to receive the Japanese Karate-Do Federation through the Ministry of Education in Japan. He also holds the rank of Rokudan, 7th Degree Black Belt, in the art of Goju Rya Karate.

Angela Jean Chiaramida has been selected from over 200 applicants as president and chief executive officer of the Greater Portmouth, N.H., Chamber of Commerce. She lives in East Sandwich, Mass. She lives in Holyoke, Mass., with her husband, Jay Burnham.

Charles Nao has been appointed data processor at the Berlin Junior High School in Everett, Mass. He will coordinate all computer records throughout the Everett school system.

Maura, the wife of Jay Burnham.

James Rivet has been re-elected to the Barrington, N.H., school board. James is on the Board of Governors for the Barrington Tennis Club and lives in Barrington with his wife, Elizabeth, and their children, Ann and Michael.

Cris Wanner has been promoted to company manager of American Airlines on the Cayman Islands. Cris and his wife, Robin, are the company’s general manager in Bermuda, Lake Tahoe and Reno.

Paul Fleming has opened his own advertising business, Fleming Communications, in Newport, R.I. It is a full-service, integrated advertising communication company serving a variety of companies in the fields of tourism, service and business-to-business advertising. He and his family live in Newport, R.I.

Bill Cody has been promoted from controller to regional marketing director for the ENRON Corp. in Naples, Calif.

James E. Foley has been promoted by Sundar Pharmaceuticals Corp. of Westwood, Mass., to senior vice president and director of its diabetes division. His responsibilities will include diabetes drug discovery and international drug development. He lives in Supta, N.J., with his wife, Rosemary, and their two children, Amour and Ryan.

Mary Beth (Fallon) Choquette has been promoted to a master of science degree in information studies degree at the University of Rhode Island last May. Mary Beth and her husband live in Holli, N.H., with their daughters Julia, 15, and Danielle, 14.

Robert Fries is now president and chief executive officer of the Olympic Regional Development Authority in Lake Placid, N.Y. He directs a 120-person workforce and has an $18-million annual budget, and his responsibilities include managing the Olympic Center, the Olympic Speed Skating Oval, the Mt. Van Hoevenberg Ski Area, the Olympic Jumping Complex and the Whiteface Mountain Ski Center. He began his career as controller of the Water Valley Company, owners and operators of the Whiteface-Ski Center in New Hampshire. In 1981, he became Waterville’s vice president and general manager. Under his direction, Waterville hosted more World Cup ski races than any other ski area in the world, including the 1991 World Cup finals before joining the Olympic Regional Development Authority. He is serving as vice president and general manager of the Breckenridge, Colo., Ski Corp.

Nancy G. Atlas was appointed vice president of Western Springs, Ill. He directs a 120-person workforce and has an $18-million annual budget, and his responsibilities include managing the Olympic Center, the Olympic Speed Skiing Oval, the Mt. Van Hoevenberg Ski Area, the Olympic Jumping Complex and the Whiteface Mountain Ski Center. He began his career as controller of the Water Valley Company, owners and operators of the Whiteface-Ski Center in New Hampshire. In 1981, he became Waterville’s vice president and general manager. Under his direction, Waterville hosted more World Cup ski races than any other ski area in the world, including the 1991 World Cup finals before joining the Olympic Regional Development Authority. He is serving as vice president and general manager of the Breckenridge, Colo., Ski Corp.

Janet Mallard, a self-employed CPA, has recently joined RE/MAX Omega Group. Mary-Ellen has closed over $1.6 million in residential sales and has been a broker for three years. She is a team coordinator for the RE/MAX Program at St. Lawrence Church and a member of the Villa Augusta Board of Directors. She is a lifetime resident of Cohasset, N.H., with her husband and son.

Ann M. Daly is now affiliated with Ropes and Gray Associates in Providence, R.I., where she lives. Ann holds both Rhode Island and Massachusetts broker’s licenses. She is a member of the National Association of Realtors and is on the computer design committee of the Cape Cod Multiple Listing Service.

Donald Keller is the new chief executive officer at St. Andrews Hospital in Boothbay Harbor, Maine. He had been chief operating officer of Winthrop Hospital in Winthrop, Mass., and executive director of a home health care agency, an occupational medicine company, and a 136-bed skilled nursing facility, all owned by R.W. Foundation. He lives in Boothbay Harbor with his wife Carol, and children Matt and Ann.

Dr. Michael J. O’Conway has joined the Hampton, N.H., Vision Center as an independent optometrist.

Mark M. Heffeman has recently joined Merrill Corporation as president of New England sales. Merrill is the third-largest financial printer in the country.

Robert M. Astill has been named general credit manager of New England Plastic Exchange, Inc. in Southborough, Mass. He lives in Winchester, Mass.

Janet Chambers has joined the accounting firm of Bannan & Ryan in Worcester, Mass., as a partner. She was a previous partner at Child & Chambers and has expertise in business and individual tax planning; computerized financial systems and estate, corporate and individual tax planning.

Clare Conlon ’91, Erika Cerrotti, Laura Carney ’82, Karen Murphy ’93, Paul Corrao ’92 and Sheryl Frasier ’92, among Homecoming festivities in February.

Attending the seventh annual American Society of Civil Engineers dinner in April were (front row) Paul Nason ’86, Craig Hackworth ’90, Mark Pettersen ’94, Datical Ceswiz ’93, Jim Kane ’90, John Wiltson ’93 and Rich Raiche ’93, and (front row) Claire Holland ’87 and Alina ’86. (Photo by Al Pereira)
Seeing what they haven't before

Forget focus groups and fancy surveys. If anything in the world should be obvious, it's that blind people don't spend much time in front of the television.

Rays Joyce, 83, behind his video is being "described" for blind viewers. (Photo by David Ostron)

Mr. Joyce graduated from Merrimack in 1963, a year tailor-made for a young man armed with a degree in marketing and a desire to succeed in the world. And so he quit his job and with his wife, Martha, live in Fort Lee, N.J. Michael Tighe and his father, Fran, are expecting their first child in early August. They live in Bristol, R.I.

Next to Mr. Joyce in the video is Selma (Schwartz) Flieder, who has retired after 22 years as facilities coordinator in the Welcome Center in the historic Old Town House on Main Street for the last three years. Selma is married to Soviet history expert who has three grown sons, Stephen, Jeffrey, and Michael.

Donna M. Tinsley has recently accepted a position at SemiTest, Inc. in broadcasting for visually impaired viewers, and Ray Joyce '83 is on front lines. Mr. Joyce, marketing director for specially produced "descriptive" videos at WCGB in Boston, spends his time giving blind and visually-impaired viewers options they never had before - options not only in what they see, but in how they experience the world around them.

The service doesn't attempt to replace sight with words, Mr. Joyce says, but it does give "the time to make movies and television - the most vivid products of our popular culture - more accessible to blind people who want to stand around and have a conversation about the movies they're seeing."
John McQuaid of North Reading, Mass., has been honored by Century 21 New England at its annual Gold Ball with membership in the Multi-Million Dollar Club. John has successfully closed over $2 million since July 1993 for Century 21 as a sales representative. He and his wife, Michele, live in Peabody, Mass.

Kevin R. Pelletier has passed the CPA examination. He is an accountant at Shatswell, McCloud and Company, P.C. Kevin lives with his wife, Mary, and son, Keith, in Amesbury, Mass.

Paul E. Sinclaire, Jr., has joined Century 21 as a sales representative. He and his wife, Michelle, live in Pembroy, Mass.

Mrs. Annette Tontar, Ms. Sylvia Tontar, Steven Browell '95 and Prof. Charles Tontar attended a scholarship reception honoring scholarship donors and recipients. The Tontar family has established the Dr. Sylvio Tontar Family Scholarship for pre-med majors at Merrimack. (Photo by David Oxton)

George Adams has joined the audit department of the accounting firm of Moody, Cavanaugh and Company in North Andover, Mass. George lives in Lawrence, Mass.

Jennifer Lionelti has passed the CPA exam on her first try. She is a graduate of Merrimack College. Jennifer is employed by Medical Associates of Naugatuck, Conn.

Sheryl J. Feaster has been named assistant account executive at Devine & Pease in Quincy, Mass. She will assist in the management of Ocean Spray’s food service and ingredients divisions. Sheryl lives in Weymouth, Mass.

Daniel DiGiacomo, of Naugatuck, Conn., has joined the staff of the accounting firm Vitale, Catarino and Company, P.C.

Debra Hourihan of Medford, Mass., has joined the staff accountant with Ernst & Young in Manchester, N.H., and lives in Londonderry, N.H.

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IT'S SINK OR SWIM AT MERRIMACK - Actually, in this case, it's neither. This wire-and-concrete canoe, built by civil engineering students to compete in a concrete canoe contest held recently at the University of Maine in Orino, floats. Which, the students would tell you, is exactly the point. Pictured are, from left to right, Don Mills '94, Brian Bubela '96 and Matt Pierkarski '96. (Photo by Al Pereira)