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Life in a housing project has improved thanks to Lisa Buba '84 (see pg. 2)
As a child Rev. Kevin Keelen dressed in his father's bathrobe and served Wonder Bread "eucharists" to his friends. "In church I watched every move the priest made," said Keelen. No one in his family has ever been a priest, and no one influenced him, but deep in his heart he knew he wanted to enter the ministry. For a time in high school Keelen thought he would pursue a career in law, but he moved toward a life as a priest during his years at Merrimack.

"The strong sense of community at Merrimack and the support of the priests had an impact on me," said Keelen. And community is what the priesthood is to Keelen. "I enjoy praying and being with the other priests here. There is a strong, deeply rooted feeling in helping and worshipping with others. The priesthood is a beautiful dimension," said Keelen.

Another member of the Merrimack community is Mrs. Annie Griffin, who is called "Dolly" by most people. Dolly's brother, many years ago, wanted to be a priest but couldn't because he had to support the family. Dolly, who remembers her brother's dream, now tries to make that dream come true for other young men.

After earning a B.A. in Political Science and Religious Studies at Merrimack, Keelen entered the Order of St. Augustine and professed first vows on August 8, 1987. He professed his solemn vows in the Order on May 19, 1990. In May 1991, he earned an M.A. in Theology at the Washington Theological Union and, in August of that same year, was ordained. Now back at Merrimack, Kevin is in charge of the M.O.R.E. Retreats and also the Right of Christian Initiation for Adults (R.C.I.A.) program. He continues his friendship with Dolly, who lives next to the campus, and continues to work in the ministry which he calls exciting and fulfilling. But now he uses a real Eucharist and has his own robes.

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What A Difference A Lisa Makes

It is rare to be able to look at your life and say "I made a difference." Although Lisa Buba '84 is much too modest to ever say those words, the Merrimack Courts housing project in Lawrence and its residents, speak for her.

Buba, the manager of the project has, for many of the tenants, changed the way they think of themselves, their surroundings, and their future. Before she arrived, she said, garbage filled the fire escapes and the grounds were littered. Today the project is cleaner and tenants have a different attitude toward "the office." The attitude now, she said, is one of trust.

It took Buba two years to build that trust. She began by getting out from behind her desk and walking the project. As she got to know the tenants she began to see that the kids needed structured activities like Little League and aerobics classes. "The kids don't seem to think beyond today. These activities give them something better to do than hang around with gangs and get into trouble," said Buba.

When Buba first started her "walkabouts," suspicious tenants avoided her; kids stared as she walked by but didn't speak. That has all changed. Now hordes of kids follow her, chatting about their school work, their pesky brothers and sisters, or the latest project gossip. Buba isn't just a manager, she is a friend.

Although she gets along with the kids, she's not afraid to be a disciplinarian. Such as the time she assigned 50 hours of grounds cleanup to the oldest Dias boy for breaking windows during one of the many times he skipped school. That was two years ago. This year he learned the University of Massachusetts has awarded him a scholarship. "I'd like to think I had something to do with that," says Buba.

As the first woman to manage a project for the Lawrence Housing Authority, neither her family nor friends thought she could handle the job. But she was determined not only to handle it but to be exceptional.

Story by Tina E. Sutton
Photos by David Oxton
Hockey Super-Agent Rick Curran '77

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While he was with Eagleson, Curran was business manager for Team Canada Juniors, which prompted him to become an agent. “I recognized younger players need agents they can trust. They didn’t know what deals were good, bad, or indifferent, and I believed they deserved strong representation.”

Because Curran believed all athletes should be represented equally, he established, with Bill Waters—a sports agent also from Eagleson’s firm—a company that represents hockey players. “Bill and I were ready to break off on our own. I recognized some players as more important than others and I didn’t agree with that,” said Curran.

Since the business began 12 years ago, Waters has made another move and is now assistant general manager of the Toronto Maple Leafs. Curran, now a well-known sports management firm, represents 50 NHL players, including Bruins Glen Wesley, Glen Featherstone and Dave Reed. In addition to representing them and other players, Curran scouts rinks for potential NHL players, often working with parents and players in mapping out the players’ future. “I invest time and energy in the hope they will become legitimate NHL hockey players,” said Curran.

During what Curran calls one of his busiest summers, he invested some of that time in Eric Lindros, the highly publicized number-one draft pick of the Quebec Nordiques. "When I started with Alan I wasn't sure if anyone outside New England had heard of Merrimack. I soon found out that not only were people familiar with the college, they were impressed that I had played for Thom Lawlor. Being identified with Merrimack hockey was, and still is, good for my business," said Curran.

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Nordiques, who was reportedly offered more than $50 million over ten years for his talents. But Curran wouldn't confirm or deny the figure for Merrimack Magazine. "I gave my word to Eric, and others involved, not to discuss those deliberations and I won't," said Curran.

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The Journey H.O.M.E.

Written and Photographed by Tina E. Sutton

Last March I drove to Orland, Maine, to join 16 members of Merrimaction, a campus social action group, who gave up their spring break to volunteer at Homeowners Organized for More Employment (H.O.M.E.)

The co-op, established in 1970, has grown from a retail store, where artisans sold their goods, to a multi-faceted organization involved in economic reconstruction and social rehabilitation through job training, providing shelters for the homeless, and high school and college equivalency classes, and building homes. Members are from a variety of backgrounds. Some are homeless, others are refugees from South and Central America, some have been in jail and are trying to rebuild their lives and others are being protected by Amnesty International from political persecution.

Our "mission" was to help other volunteers and co-op members build homes, clear lots and load wood, but I discovered that they helped us more than we helped them.

In a society where social standing and job titles are high priorities, I realized how easily we forget what's most important. Co-op members, some who possessed only the clothes on their backs and the smiles on their faces, showed us that community, not job titles are high priorities, and we forget what's most important.

Sister Lucy, one of the founders of H.O.M.E., said "We work like a machine. If one gear is missing the whole operation breaks down."

We were a part of that machine for a week and, during that time, I saw nothing taken for granted. Every job, even cutting up worn-out clothes for rug braiding material, was important. Every resource is used.

Recycled car parts went into tractors for the co-op's farms, and wood cleared from lots was used for building and heating.

Dan Pereira '95, president of Merrimaction said, "The co-op's strength is in its values, not in material things. Members see everything and everyone as valuable." The co-op's work ethic takes into consideration the people doing the work. There is time to work but time to take a break, too. "They don't try to rebuild the world overnight. They make a difference a little at a time," said Pereira.

H.O.M.E.'s land trust program probably makes the biggest difference in people's lives. The co-op buys hard-to-build-on, therefore cheap, land. The land is usually rocky and wooded, so co-op members clear it and build homes for needy families. Families are chosen by how badly they need a home. Many are single mothers or families where a parent is unable to work. Rent is charged according to income.

At a recently purchased lot, Rev. Frank Barr, John Hallee '94 and Dan Pereira, cleared trees. The usual silence of the Maine woods was disturbed by the high-pitched squeals of chainsaws. Lewis, a co-op member, motioned to John over the noise and indicated the next tree to tumble. A man of few words, Lewis spoke only when he thought there was something worth saying. He nodded or smiled to express his views and, when he did speak, it was in a shy, soft tone.

At the end of the day, when they had cut over 20 trees, Lewis told Frank, "You did a good job today, we got a lot done. A lot of us can't express...well, we appreciate you coming up here and helping. Not too many people would even think about doing what you are doing...Thanks." His sun-weathered, deeply wrinkled face relaxed then he smiled.

Down the road at the Soper Lot (each lot bears the name of the people who sold the land to the co-op) a radio blared. The music was interrupted by co-op member Phil, who yelled up to Allison Whitredge '93, "Weaving around the roof on the rubbery boards used as scaffolding. "What are you doing up there girl?" He has a heavy Maine accent, difficult to understand and further complicated by the peppermint Lifesaver which seems to be permanently stuck to his tongue. The Lifesaver has taken the place of cigarettes, he explained, which he gave up 13 years ago. Phil is one of the co-op's founders and is grooming his successors. "I'm too old for this. I have seven children and 21 grandchildren and they've worn me out!"

Merrimack, in 1972, was the first college to volunteer at H.O.M.E. and students have returned every year since. Merrimack helped build the chapel in 1972 and helped rebuild it in 1990 after a tractor trailer skidded and plowed through the chapel, destroying all but its steeple. The sawmill was built by Merrimaction volunteers and cartoons painted by students line the walls of the Learning Center, telling everyone that "Merrimack Was Here." Because of Merrimack's example, other colleges including Boston College, St. Anselm's and Tufts, have also journeyed H.O.M.E.

Merrimack helped realize that everyone and everything is important.

Whether you are a manicurist, a banker or night watchman, everyone is important. It also showed me how great it feels to help others, and—Oh Yeah, it helped me appreciate my bed and a hot shower too.
**ALUMNI PROFILE**

### TAKING THE AGONY OUT OF INSURANCE CLAIMS

The kitchen table was covered with bills, leaving only enough room for two coffee mugs which sat in nests of paper. Bill and Judy were grateful that their daughter Marie was alive after the car accident but now they faced losing their car and perhaps their home. Although they considered themselves organized, they could not keep track of the hospital bills and were receiving numerous notices from collection agencies. Because they could no longer handle the situation they turned to Patricia Hogan '58 who, in 1988, founded Health Insurance Claims Service (HICS) in Charleston, S.C.

"We process insurance paperwork," said Hogan. She identifies problems in policies and works with insurance companies, hospitals, doctors and her clients to solve problems.

Before starting HICS, Hogan was an economic forecaster and consultant. "I was on the road so much I felt I was losing blocks of time in my life. I knew it was time for a change," she said.

The idea for HICS began when she read an article about two women in North Carolina who solved health insurance problems for the elderly. "I realized people need help understanding insurance policies. I also knew my background in accounting, management, sales, and marketing would be ideal for such a business," said Hogan.

There is so much paperwork for insurance claims that mistakes are unavoidable. "One error is compounded and becomes almost impossible to find unless you know the system," said Hogan.

She believes she can sort out a family's bills more quickly because she is not personally involved. "When people present me with shopping bags full of bills and collection notices, it's easy to see how they can get emotionally drained. They agonize over each notice and are unable to sort out the matter."

Having experience with over 50 insurance companies in the northeast and Florida, Hogan and her associates are quick-lit for the job. But Hogan wasn't always sure she was qualified to handle her own business.

Because Marie's injuries were so serious, she still needs medical care and physical therapy. The bills will probably continue for the rest of her life, but Hogan now handles Marie's insurance claims to avoid further confusion.

"The biggest mistake people make is to wait too long to see someone like me. Creditors are already knocking at their door. When you first need medical attention is the time to seek help. Don't wait until you know the bill collector's first name," said Hogan.

### THE FIRST WEDDING BELLRS HEARD ON CAMPUS

On April 7, 1971, Paul Bousquet '71 and Dorothy Katherine Neumann '71 were the first couple to marry in the Collegiate Church of Christ the Teacher at Merrimack College.

Paul and Dorothy became engaged during their senior year and planned to marry after graduation, but their involvement on campus and their friends at Merrimack prompted their desire to be married on campus.

After taking a Sacrament of Marriage course, they had the desire to be married on campus. "The professor who taught the course thought it was a great idea. I think he felt confident about our relationship since we both got an 'A' in the course," lauged Dorothy.

Marriages on campus were not approved by the Catholic Church before the Bouqueset's wedding because the Church did not consider college communities as parishes.

But with the help of Rev. John R. Aherne, then president of Merrimack, Cardinal Cushing granted them permission. Dorothy, vice chairman of the Student Government Association, invited members of student government to be part of the wedding party, while Paul, a brother of Phi Kappa Tau (now Nu Phi Kappa, NPK), invited fraternity members to be part of the ceremony.

The entire campus was invited to the ceremony, officiated by Rev. Aherne and attended by five other campus priests. After the Mass, invited guests joined the couple in the church auditorium for the reception. There was a buffet dinner, but don't ask the bride what was served. 'I was so busy dancing and seeing all our friends I didn't eat a thing," said Dorothy. "Luckily, mom and I grabbed a bite at the Pewter Pot before the wedding."

After graduation the Bouquesets moved to a small apartment in Lawrence. Paul joined the Army Reserves in the wake of the Vietnam War and Dorothy was left home alone. But she always remembers the kindness of local alumni. "I remember how friends called and stopped by with Chinese food. I don't think I could have survived that time without their support," said Dorothy.

Surviving that difficult time in their marriage helped them learn what marriage is all about. Their secret to a long-lasting marriage is understanding and being flexible said Dorothy.

Really knowing each other must have an important role in their relationship too, since they gave each other the same card last April when they celebrated their 21st wedding anniversary.

The Bouquesets now live in Glastonbury, Conn. Paul is a corporate tax manager for United Technologies in Hartford and Dorothy works at a local bank and manages the bazaar. They have three children, Jennifer, 20, Marc, 17 and Christina, 12.

Dorothy said while it takes a lot of work to make a good marriage, she wonders if that 'A' in the Sacrament of Marriage course had something to do with it too?

**ALUMNI FLASHBACK**
HOCKEY TEAM COMPLETES THIRD SEASON IN HOCKEY EAST

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DUDA NAMED TO ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA TEAM

Senior guard Gary Duda not only excels on the court, he has distinguished himself academically as well.

Duda was named to the GTE/College Sports Information Directors of America Academic All-America Men’s Basketball team for District I, which includes schools in New England and New York. This was the second junior to earn All-American honors, including being named to the National Association of Basketball Coaches Academic All-America Northeast-10 Conference Academic All-Conference team. The honor was bestowed by the New England Basketball Coaches Association as the region’s Scholar Athlete for Division II. Duda is also the third Merrimack athlete in the last year to be named as Academic All-America. Sophomore Kim Page was named to the Academic All-America volleyball team last November, while former women’s soccer Academic All-America honors in May 1991.

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MEN’S BASKETBALL CAPTURES NORTHEAST-10 CROWN

In one of the most classic storybook tales ever written, the Merrimack men’s basketball team capped the 1991-92 season in Cinderella fashion by winning the Northeast-10 Conference championship for the first time in school history. The title was earned through hard work and effort, but will always be remembered for the leadership of seniors Steve Curran, Gary Duda, Calvin Lyles, Chris Lovett and Mark Pulaski.

In January, Head Coach Bert Hammel was helping his squad deal with a tough 96-93 overtime loss to Bentley, a loss that left Merrimack with an overall record of 8-10. From there the leadership of the seniors took over, as the Warriors won six of their remaining eight regular-season contests in February and had unstoppable momentum going into the conference tournament.

Merrimack entered the Northeast-10 playoffs as the sixth seed, meaning the Warriors had to travel to American International for the quarterfinals. Duda led the way with 18 points each as Merrimack posted an exciting 85-84 victory to advance to the Northeast-10 Final Four at Assumption.

What followed in the semi-finals against second-seeded Stonehill was an epic battle that couldn't be decided in regulation play—it took three overtimes and a number of incredible comebacks that led to an 82-77 victory. Duda led the way with 29 points, including seven three-pointers that came at crucial times in the game. The win set up a match-up with Saint Anselm in the championship round. The Warriors were anything but tired after the triple overtime game with Stonehill and coasted to a 52-41 halftime lead that led to a 92-77 victory.

Duda was named the tournament’s Most Valuable Player, but all five seniors could have shared the title. The play of Curran, Lyles and Pulaski, coupled with the smooth guard work of Duda and Lovett, carried Merrimack to the title.

From there, it was on to the NCAA Division II tournament. This was the second time in two seasons the Warriors reached the tournament, and the team gave their all before falling in the New England Regional semi-finals to Bridgewater by a score of 91-84.

The next night in the third-place game, Merrimack rattled to a 28-9 lead and cruised to a 103-84 victory over Assumption, winning by 20 points. Duda reached the 2,000-point mark for his career. Duda was named Most Valuable Player, while junior Sarah Lucey earned the Most Improved Player, while juniors Tricia Lentz and Rachel Reynolds were co-recipients of the Coaches’ Award. Coach Cogan announced that Mcinerney and Reynolds will be co-captains for the 1992-93 season.

At the team’s annual banquet Mcinerney was named Lady Warriors’ Most Valuable Player, while junior SarahLucas received the Sixth Man Award. Sophomore Lisa Ebert was named the Most Improved Player, while juniors Tricia Lentz and Rachel Reynolds were co-recipients of the Coaches’ Award. Coach Cogan announced that Mcinerney and Reynolds will be co-captains for the 1992-93 season.

WHAT FOLLOWED IN THE SEMI-FINALS AGAINST SECOND-SEED STONEHILL WAS AN EPIC BATTLE THAT COULDN’T BE DECIDED IN REGULATION PLAY—IT TOOK THREE OVERTIMES AND A NUMBER OF INCREDIBLE COMEBACKS THAT LED TO AN 82-77 VICTORY. DUDA LED THE WAY WITH 29 POINTS, INCLUDING SEVEN THREE-POINTERS THAT CAME AT CRUCIAL TIMES IN THE GAME. THE WIN SET UP A MATCH-UP WITH SAINT ANSELM IN THE CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND. THE WARRIORS WERE ANYTHING BUT TIRED AFTER THE TRIPLE OVERTIME GAME WITH STONEHILL AND COASTED TO A 52-41 HALFTIME LEAD THAT LED TO A 92-77 VICTORY. DUDA WAS NAMED THE TOURNAMENT’S MOST VALUABLE PLAYER, BUT ALL FIVE SENIORS COULD HAVE SHARED THE TITLE. THE PLAY OF CURRAN, LYLES AND PULASKI, COUPLED WITH THE SMOOTH GUARD WORK OF DUDA AND LOVETT, CARRIED MERRIMACK TO THE TITLE.

CLARE MCMINERNEY ’93
**MERRIMACK CO-SPONSORS PUBLIC EDUCATION FORUM**

A forum about public school reform and financing was held in January by the college and the North Andover League of Women Voters.

Participants included State Representative Mark Roosevelt, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Education, who proposed drastic changes in the state's role in education. Roosevelt said school districts should be given financial aid and his proposal suggests Proposition 2 1/2 adjustments and close to $1 billion in additional state aid to school districts.

Other panelists were John Remie, chairman of the Massachusetts Business Alliance for Education, Dr. George Blaisdell, president of the Business Club during his time at Merrimack, and Dr. Howard Weinbach, director of the Merrimack School Finance.

**NEW DRUG PREVENTION SPECIALIST APPOINTED**

A new Drug-Prevention Specialist, Christine Batty, has been on campus since September, in a position funded by a federal grant.

She has coordinated and expanded existing alcohol- and drug-prevention programs and has instituted "Right Choice" to increase alcohol awareness among students, staff, faculty and administration.

"Right Choice" uses "peer educators," students trained to counsel fellow students about the use and abuse of alcohol. Students have also produced publications about alcohol abuse and organized alcohol-awareness events. Students counseling students is a new approach to alcohol awareness but Batty feels that Right Choice can effect changes in students' attitudes and behavior.

**CHRISTINE BATTY, Campus Drug-Prevention Specialist**

She also developed a pledge-education program for fraternities and sororities regarding responsible alcohol use, conducted presentations on AIDS and date rape, and works with individuals students with drug- or alcohol-related problems.

**GIFTS IN MEMORY OF LOVED ONES**

Alumni and friends of Merrimack may remember loved ones who have died through memorial gifts to the college.

Gifts may be restricted to specific uses or may be given to the college to use at its discretion. Individuals remembered through such gifts will be included in the "Book of Life" in the chapel. Those listed will be honored at Mass on the first Sunday of each month and remembered in the Augustinians' daily prayers.

For more information call Don Weinbach, director of the Merrimack Campaign at (508) 837-5455 or Dr. Joseph Kelley, Campus Ministry director at (508) 837-5450.

**NATIVE AMERICAN SHARING VIEWS ON SPIRITUALITY**

Sister Jose Hobday, a Franciscan nun of Seneca Iroquois descent, came to Merrimack in March and spoke on "Enriching the Catholic Tradition with Native American Spirituality."

She discussed the similarities between the Gospel and values held by tribal people. "Jesus teaches generosity—if someone asks for your shirt, give them your coat too. The tribal people say, 'Don't store your treasure up in barns, don't be selfish, Share,'" said Hobday.

She pointed out that Jesus, like the Indians, was close to creation as a source of teaching. He walked the land, and constantly reminded his followers to "look at the lilies and learn about beauty and trust in God.

Although there are many religious similarities, there are many cultural differences, which makes the transition from the reservations to the "white man's" world difficult.

To make that transition easier, Sister Hobday has, for over 30 years, taught young Indians of many tribes and nations, to recover their spirituality and cultural heritage and to live effectively within the dominant culture.

The lecture was part of the Campus Ministry Lecture Series.

**COOPERATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM CAN BENEFIT STUDENTS AND ALUMNI**

The Merrimack Cooperative Education program is seeking companies interested in hiring Merrimack Co-op students.

The number of co-op students in need of a job has risen to 150 and the college would like to maintain the 97 percent placement rate it achieved in September and January.

In addition to Business students, the office has 39 Engineering and Computer Science students.

If your company is interested in the co-op program call Neil Wilson, cooperative education coordinator, or Elizabeth Chisholm, assistant director of cooperative education, at (508) 837-5184.
WHAT ARE THOSE LADIES UP TO?

The Ladies of Merrimack swept away winter blues with a Mystery Dinner Theater in March. All who attended were “actors” in the “Murder on the Campaign Trail” play enacted during the evening.

A Night With Yolanda’s dinner and fashion show is scheduled for Wednesday, October 21.

Yolanda, owner of Yolanda’s in Waltham, specializes in bridal and formal wear and has been a trend setter in the retail industry. At the Ladies of Merrimack annual meeting on June 11, Cile Burbidge, well-known cake decorator whose work has been showcased at Tiffany’s in New York City, will be the guest of honor.

For more information on Ladies of Merrimack events, call Maureen Lanigan, director of special events, at (508) 837-5448.

REUNION ’92

Reunion ’92, honoring the classes of ’52, ’57, ’62, ’67, ’72, ’77, ’82, and ’87, will begin on Friday, June 5 with the 18th annual Reunion Golf Tournament. Held at the Far Corners Golf Club in West Boxford, Mass., the tournament is open to men and women. Following a day of golfing, alumni are invited to a Welcome Back Party at 8 p.m. in the old “quad” and Gildea Hall. A hot and cold buffet will be served.

On Saturday, June 6, at 11 a.m., a three-hour cruise on the Merrimack River will begin the day. Food will be available and a Dixieland Band will provide entertainment. Saturday evening, a cocktail party and dinner dance will be held at the Host Golf Club in Andover. Music will be provided by the Al Tobias Orchestra and promises to be a reunion highlight. In addition, attendance at Reunion ’92 gives alumni a chance for two roundtrip tickets to London, which will be raffled off during the evening.

On Sunday, June 7, Mass and a brunch will end the weekend.

If you would like to be a member of the Reunion Committee or have any questions call Susan Wojtas ’79, director of alumni relations at (508) 837-5440.

ALUMNI AMBASSADORS WELCOME NEWLY ACCEPTED STUDENTS

A collaboration of the admissions office, academic affairs, and the alumni council has initiated an “Alumni Ambassadors” program.

At the January workshop of the Alumni Council, Dr. Theodore Long, provost and vice president of academic affairs, and Dennis Farrell, dean of admissions, reviewed the admissions process.

Farrell spoke to the council about the diminishing demographics of college-age students over the next several years and explained the immediate need for admission strategies.

As a result, members of the council and other alumni have been contacting students accepted to Merrimack and answering questions they may have about the college. The response of both students and parents has been very favorable. We hope this program will continue,” said Alumni Council President John Oberly ’67.

Students interested in participating in this innovative program should call Susan Wojtas ’79, director of Alumni Relations at (508) 837-5440.

STUDENTS AT HOMECOMING ’92, enjoy a laugh with Director of Student Activities, Rev. Patrick McStrawg, O.S.A. Alumni and students enjoyed a weekend full of good times and sports.

ALUMNI OFFICE INVITES YOU TO GOLF IN SCOTLAND

The Merrimack College Alumni Office, in conjunction with British Airways and Essex County Travel Service, is offering a week of golf in Scotland October 18 to October 25.

Included in the $1995 per person (double-occupancy) cost is roundtrip airfare to Scotland on British Airways, six nights’ hotel accommodations, daily breakfast, greens’ fees, car rental with unlimited mileage, all service charges, local taxes, touring map, luggage tags and travel documents. Reservations for play at Portland and Prestwick, St. Andrew’s (old and new), Carnoustic and Royal Troon have also been arranged.

Departure will be from Logan Airport. Space is limited, which is first-come first-served basis. This is the second alumni trip escorted by Terry Monahan ’66, owner of Essex County Travel Service, Newburyport, Mass. His phone number is (508) 465-4100 or (800) 222-8293.

Deposits of $300 per person must be made by June 15. Final payment is due 60 days before departure.

Contact Alumni Relations Director Susan Wojtas ’79 at (508) 837-5440 if you have any questions.

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CAMPUS BOOK CLUB WELCOMES ALUMNI

Student Life, which formed the book-discussion group “Tolle Lege” this semester, welcomes alumni to take part.

The group, whose Latin name means “Take and Read,” which St. Augustine heard chanted during his conversion to Christianity, has discussed “The Autobiography of Malcolm X,” “Final Payments” by Mary Gordon and “Night” by Elie Wiesel.

The faculty, staff, students and administrators who are members of Tolle Lege decide on the books they will read and talk about. Leaders are volunteers from the group. Father P. Gerard Shaw, vice president of student life, said he would welcome suggestions for readings and volunteer leaders from alumni. Call him at (508) 837-5174.

As our way of saying “thank-you” for returning your completed survey by June 15, we will award the following prizes to three respondents:

• Four tickets to a 1992 Boston Red Sox game
• A Merrimack Captain’s Chair or Rocker
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NEWS NOTES

Lawrence M. Magner has been named director of the Reminiscence Project at Catholic Charities/North Suburban Region. Magner has helped develop a model program for the newly chartered organization which serves as a coordinating agency for American and Russian school systems interested in developing joint educational programs. He lives in Norwood, Mass., with his wife Maryann and their two children.

Paul L. Marino, M.D., Ph.D., who lives and works in New York City, is the author of a textbook for medical schools, published by Lippincott in 1991. He also is the director of the New York University School of Medicine.

Joseph S. Kowalczyk, P.E., of Methuen, has been promoted to project manager and McInnes Co.'s headquarters in Cambridge, Mass. Kowalczyk, who has expertise in managing wastewater treatment systems, is an adjunct faculty member of civil engineering at Merrimack College.

Gary M. Lane has received a decision in her education at the University of Massachusetts at Lowell. Lane lives in downtown Lowell and teaches English at Fitchburg State College in Fitchburg, Mass.

Sharon M. Morris was awarded a master of arts degree in American educational collaborative. Morris has expertise in managing wastewater treatment systems, is an adjunct faculty member of civil engineering at Merrimack College.

John J. Meehan, of Rye, N.H., has received the company's highest sales award, for a 20% increase in sales volume over the previous year. Meehan is a technical sales representative for the New England region of the company, which serves the construction industry with architect and engineer services.

Kathy (Pitochelli) Hamel has been elected to the board of directors of the Beverly Hospital. Hamel is a financial associate for Beverly College, where she practices household medicine, dentistry, and surgery.


Hugh M. MacKenzie has taken a new position as controller and general manager of the company's offices in Chelmsford, Mass. MacKenzie was previously controller of the company's offices in Framingham, Mass.

Stanley T. Triuk was elected to the Home Health Visiting Nurse board of directors, of a non-profit home and community health service corporation. Triuk is an economist in the government's Consumer Price Index, which is responsible for general and special market developments for the board he serves for his work on nine years.

Andrew V. Socha has received a master's degree in Computer Science from Bentley College in Bentleyville, Pa. Socha is a technical sales representative for the New England region of the company, which serves the construction industry with architect and engineer services.

Douglas Kenney has been appointed Branch Manager of the Ryerson Branch for Pennsylvania, an international truck manufacturer. Kenney is a native of New York City and specializes in tank handling, specializing in computer security engineering, for the MITRE Corporation in Bedford, Mass.

Thomas J. Mahoney of Andover, Mass., has been promoted to assist vice president of the company's group at the Warren Five Cents Savings Bank in Andover.

Laura Diase Meyers of Orlando, Fla., has been promoted to director of marketing and development for the Universal Orlando Corporation in Orlando.

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David J. Bigley was promoted to vice president of Connecticut operations for the Connect Mortgage Company in Bridgeport, Conn. He lives in Stratford with his wife Mary Beth Ogeback and their two sons.

Edward Rossi of Littleton, Mass., has joined the company's technical support team as a technical support consultant. Rossi has expertise in managing wastewater treatment systems, is an adjunct faculty member of civil engineering at Merrimack College.

Kevin G. Crenson, Bay/Bank Assistant Vice President and Business Development Officer, has joined the Bay/Bank Business Banking Group, a team of small- and large-businesses in the Boston area. He is a member of the Southeastern Massachusetts Chamber of Commerce and lives in Boston.

Joseph M. Hurnley has joined the company's management as a marketing executive for the Midwest region. Hurnley is a native of Boston and specializes in information systems, data and voice communications, and software and systems services.

Debra "Debbie" J. Valanoff of Framingham, Mass., has received a master's degree in Writing, Literature, and Public Relations from Emerson College in Boston. She is a senior technical writer for the IDE Corporation, also in Boston.
CALENDAR

MAY
8, 9 and 10 NPK/PKT 30th Reunion
11 Eleventh Annual President’s Cup
17 Commencement
20 Men of Merrimack Annual Dinner
31 Ladies of Merrimack Annual Dinner
   (Rain Date June 14)

JUNE
5, 6 and 7 Reunion, honoring Classes of '52, '57, '62, '67, '72, '77, '82, '87
5 President’s Council Appreciation Dinner
9 Spring Fling (Bostonian Hotel, Boston)*
11 Ladies of Merrimack Annual Meeting

SEPTEMBER
16 Alumni and Men of Merrimack, Red Sox Game and Reception

OCTOBER
21 A Night with Yolanda, Dinner and Fashion Show

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MERRIMACTION: Volunteers working the lumber mill in Maine. (Photo by Tina Sutton)