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FROM THE ALUMNI PRESIDENT

“This is a time to remember...a time to hold on to.” These words capture the theme of the Class of 1992’s slide presentation, shown at senior week brunch. At the brunch and, a few days later at graduation, I could not help but contrast the happiness shown in the slide presentation and the anxiety graduates are facing.

We all have faced uncertainty, but few have had to deal with the economic uncertainties challenging graduates today. Maybe only our early graduates, who saw similar difficult times, can relate. But with the college’s and alumni support, our seniors can meet the challenges.

As Merrimack nears its 50th Anniversary, we can look back to the accomplishments of many alumni, and confidently look forward to the promise ahead for our most recent, and our future graduates.

Merrimack, proud of the accomplishments of its alumni, strives to use their talents and, through the Alumni Council, graduates are involved with the Trustees, campus committees and many task forces. As Alumni Council president I want to encourage and help you remain close to Merrimack. Becoming an Alumni Ambassador is one way. Developed and implemented with the Admissions Dean, Dennis Farrell and his office, ambassadors speak with accepted students, answer questions and tell candidates of their Merrimack experience.

The Alumni Resource Program, another council project, brings together undergraduates and alumni who offer resources and advice. This has been valuable to seniors and also to alumni, who have the opportunity to speak with fellow alumni, career counselors and campus placement officers, opening business opportunities for them as well.

In future letters I will identify more alumni activities. I hope you keep Merrimack in your life; participate in activities, and visit campus when you can. As I told Merrimack’s recent graduates, “As the years after graduation pass, the rewards and enjoyment of renewing friendships and meeting new friends will provide much happiness throughout your lives.”

I would very much like to hear from you and meet you during this final year of my council term. Keep in touch!

JOHN OBERT '66
Alumnus Council President

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AN AMERICAN VOLUNTEER HELPED REBUILD NICARAGUAN LIVES

FROM THE JOURNAL OF ELIZABETH HOWARD '84

Editor's Note: Elizabeth Howard '84, graciously allowed us to use parts of her Nicaraguan journal and thanked us "for the opportunity to share it with fellow alumni. The people of Central America repeatedly ask those who visit to "tell your people how we live." This is one view of their lives."

Liz, a junior computer '79, graduated with a degree in civil engineering and served on the state's Public Works Department. In 1989, she decided to use her skills for those who could benefit from them most. She saw a volunteer corporation in a Mexican barrio in Chicago where she began to learn Spanish and to consider conditions "south of the border." This led her to Nicaragua where she was assigned to a girls' orphanage near the Salvadoran border.

Foreword

Driving in the Nicaraguan capital of Managua, I saw the results of the recent war, and the earthquake of 1979—a flat and barren and dusty, the once-thriving capital was reduced to wooden shacks and architectural ruins.

Sitting at an outdoor cafe, the enveloping dust of the city clung to my sweaty skin, leaving a Managuan film on my face and hands. As I sat eating ice cream, a woman came asking for money. When I ignored her she scooped the ice cream out of my dish and ran down the street eating it from her hands. I had just met one of the many post-war indigents of the city.

The plight of these people began with the Sandinist revolution in 1979, which brought both a new government and a blend of communism and democracy, which included popular elections. As a result, the Sandinist government never had a chance to improve social and economic conditions. Its resources were drained to defend itself against the Contras, leaving an indigent people behind.

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January 22, 1991

I built a lid for the citizen today, to keep the neighbors’ cows from helping themselves to our drinking and washing water. We have secured the kitchen doors and windows to keep thieves from stealing against the kettles of beans and rice. We have also altered the drainage from the clothes-washing “pila” so the path to the dining room will no longer be a mosquito-breeding mess. After six weeks in this village I am returning to Managua tomorrow with a report on conditions here.

February 15, 1991

Today I returned to the orphanage after three weeks in Managua. The director and her family have gone; everything is in worse chaos.

The girls from the parish have taken charge, taking shifts to care for the girls. A glimmer of hope is the expected arrival of Dona Elsa who, at the age of 12 in 1965, helped run a boys’ home in Managua, eventually managing the home herself.

February 26, 1991

Dona Elsa arrived today with the news that three families on the mountain lost their men to Contra bullets the night before. She also brought with her a single bottle of lice remedy. The girls crowded around her for relief from the head lice which had gone untreated for so long.

Tonight, an owl, “la lechuza,” flew to the shade tree in the front yard. Big and white, it hovered silently, flapping its wings slowly before descending to the tree. The woman from town sitting with me called it “Elsa’s cheta” — Elsa’s little white one. She said it is a sign that life would be better now that Dona Elsa had come.

March 2, 1991

Three refugee children, mostly widows of Contra soldiers, have been registered by the Red Cross and will spend the night in the kitchen. After 10 years in Honduran camps, more than 300 crossed the Nicaraguan border yesterday, looking for land where their families can live.

March 3, 1991

I am leaving for Managua in the morning to try to have my visa extended a year. I cannot, I will have to return to the States. I sat outside with the woman from town, and once again we saw “la lechuza.” She says she has seen it every night since Elsa came.

March 5, 1991

I went to the immigration “oficina” today to change my visa to a one-year residency status. The timing was very bad. Yesterday they introduced new currency, designed to stop inflation, which has changed the value of the dollar. This means, rather than charging me $90, they can only charge me $81. This is an incentive for the government to grant my extension.

At the bank, the currency exchange was an all-day nightmare. When I finally got my money it was too late to go to the immigration office. I will return in the morning.

March 6, 1991

My application was denied today because I didn’t have a letter establishing a source of income. They concluded I would be a financial drain on Nicaragua. I argued that my letter from the administrators of the State said I provide aid in care, medical help, and money but was useless. A man behind me in line offered his explanation of why I was not allowed to stay: “The immigration officer wears a uniform, right? That means he is a Sandinista. It is political revenge. The Sandinistas do not want volunteers here, because it will make Chamorro’s government look too good.”

On Friday, March 8, I left Nicaragua. The night before I left I dreamed of Mr. Mondawlick. Flying home I dreamed, and even the American Volunteers Helped Rebuild Nicaraguan Lives
ALUMNI UPDATE

HE Dropped Out of Three Colleges (Ours Included) But Still Made It to the Top

Gen. John Galvin, Supreme Allied Commander for Europe, retired in June after five years as head of NATO. He oversaw the restructuring of the Atlantic Alliance after the end of the Cold War, began the withdrawal of U.S. forces from Europe, and helped coordinate the allied campaign against Iraq.

The journey to Supreme Allied Commander was more of a hopscotch than a straight path for Galvin. He went to Boston University and dropped out. He came to Merrimack to prepare for medical school—and dropped out. He went to art school and, yup, you guessed it, he dropped out.

But then he joined the National Guard, took the exam for West Point (on his sergeant's orders) and, while he almost set a punishment record for pranks like stealing the Navy's mascot goat, he did not drop out. Instead, he became the first in his family to earn a college degree.

The degree did not confer automatic silent and dutiful obedience, however, even if it was from "The Point." He was fired from his position of brigade operations officer in Vietnam after one too many clashes with the major general. "The way I was doing things wasn't what you call career-enhancing," said Galvin. But this "shrimpy looking, rumpled kind of guy," as remembered by Lt. Gen. H.P. Taylor who served with Galvin in Vietnam, must have done something right.

But there are other career advantages Nahil had, and still has—an astute boss who took an interest in the aspiring public relations man and Ann Marie (Murphy) Nahil, the wife who lives his spirits when he's down, calms him when he's at his Type A worst, and puts up with his insane schedules.

Nahil, who was Merrimack's first full-time Public Relations Director, learned his craft first from Dr. James A. McGravey, an English professor who handled Merrimack public relations part time. Beginning in his junior year, Nahil wrote press releases and performed the myriad other tasks a P.R. office is responsible for. McGravey instilled in Nahil a love for English—its use, texture, versatility, and beauty. Nahil considers appreciation of the language the basis of good public relations—of good communication.

But, says Nahil, there's a great deal more to public relations. Each institution has a different idea of what its public relations office should be responsible for and, with each different institution a public relations office is responsible now for international and ever-increasing communication responsibilities. After a brief stint at Apollo Computer, Nahil joined Compaq as director of corporate communications, a position he held for four years until his recent promotion to vice president. He's responsible now for international and employee relations for the $3 billion, 10,000-employee corporation.

While Texas is a long way from their native New England, the Nahils keep their regional ties visiting their Cape Cod home every summer, sometimes with their children, Christopher, a P.R. account professional works for, there's a whole new education to be obtained. He believes strongly that public relations people, in order to communicate their company's message effectively, should understand every aspect of the businesses they represent.

Joe Nahil and his future wife Ann Marie Morphy at his college years.

He learned a little about how many different areas fall under P.R. when he was director at Merrimack. When Joseph Lawlor, the Alumni Development Director, left, Nahil assumed his responsibilities, which included fund raising. "There I was running around to Boston businesses, meat packing plants sometimes, with Father McQuade asking for money. I had no idea what I was supposed to do." But he learned, left Merrimack for AVCO Space Systems, and before he got too cocky about how smart he was, spent his first day on the job at AVCO frantically fielding phone calls from the national press. It was the day Apollo I exploded on the launch pad, killing three astronauts.

But he survived that, too, and later went to RCA then to Digital Equipment Corporation where he spent 10 years with ever-increasing communication responsibilities. After a brief stint at Apollo Computer, Nahil joined Compaq as director of corporate communications, a position he held for four years until his recent promotion to vice president. He's responsible now for international and employee relations for the $3 billion, 10,000-employee corporation.
This May William and Rita Connell received a Merrimack diploma — each bringing the Connells a step closer to achieving their commitment to college educations for all their children.

When considering how to educate their children, basic rules were set. First the family had to agree upon a college. "We couldn't afford to send them all away," said Rita Connell. "And, because it was a time of drugs, alcohol and sexual liberation, we wanted to be nearby and know what was going on in their lives, so we could advise them. We didn't want to send them all over the country at such a critical time."

They chose Merrimack because it stressed ethical values and because it offered a wide variety of majors. "We wanted a college that took the whole person into account, one where they could develop spiritual and moral values as well as their intellects," said Rita.

Educatng 10 children is not cheap, and Rita admits it was tough financially. "But we never regretted our decision. There was total dedication to the goal...and a lot of prayers."

William held two jobs most of the time, running the family tire business, working 16-hour days, seven days a week and running the farm. Rita also worked two jobs in addition to running the home and caring for the children.

As soon as the children turned 8 or 9 they, too, worked at the garage and on the farm. As they grew older they not only worked at the family businesses but at other jobs too, handing their paycheck to their parents. Lise Connell Blake recalls when five of her siblings all worked at the same time at the Nashua DeMoulas.

One for all and all for one. Lise, a senior during 1982-83, was the oldest Connell at Merrimack that school year. "We had only one car, so the rule was the oldest drove. That's how we avoided fights," she said. "We'd have to leave early, in time for whoever had the earliest class, and stay until the last one finished classes in time for whoever had the earliest class, and stay until the last one finished classes."

But the children never complained. "They worked hard and helped each other," said Rita.

And they're proving to their parents that their sacrifices were worth it. William D. Jr. '80 in a master's degree candidate at Emerson College and recently completed a term as selector in Westford. Camille B. Connell-Magaw '81 is a distribution specialist for the Lowell Sun; Lise Connell Blake '83, is a computer database administrator and will attend Boston College Law School in the fall. Richard '84, has a Ph.D. in organic chemistry and is a research scientist; Francis '85, is an intern in Washington for an Alabama congressman; Denise '85 and Diane '86 both work with people with special needs; Christine '86, is a system support specialist trainee at Hanscom Air Force Base and manages a Westford stable; and James '91, will enter Emerson's film production division this fall.

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EIGHT STUDENTS RECEIVE LEAGUE ACADEMIC HONORS

Eight Merrimack athletes, including two who had the highest grade point averages in their respective leagues, continued to excel in the classroom as they earned academic honors from the Northeast-10 Conference and the Hokie East Association.

Sophomore Kim Page, junior David Mills, senior Gary Duda were named to the Northeast-10 Academic All-Conference first team for the 1991-92 year, with Duda repeating similar honors from the previous year. All three earned Academic All-America honors (see "Double Celebration" on Pg. 9), as Duda was named to the GTE/COSIDA District Academic All-America men's basketball squad in February. A native of Conshohocken, Pa., Duda achieved a grade point average (GPA) of 3.27 as an accounting major.

On the court Duda capped his career by helping lead the Warriors to the 1992 Northeast-10 playoff championship with a 92-76 win over Saint Anselm and a second place finish. Duda achieved a grade point average of 3.27 as an accounting major.

MERRIMACK WILL HOST BIATHLON

On September 26 Merrimack will hold the Merrimack College Biathlon, a 2.5-mile race, intended as an annual event, is open to all, especially Merrimack students, alumni and friends. This is an opportunity for athletes who have never competed in a biathlon to participate in an event that incorporates fun, fitness and competition.

The race begins and ends at the 5, Peter Volpe Athletic Center, with all foot races on campus. Bikers will leave campus for the hills of North Andover and return to campus. Prizes will be awarded to the top five finishers in both men's and women's divisions, and the top male and female in various age categories. Athletes wishing to compete in only one portion of the biathlon can form relay teams. The top three relay team finishers will also receive awards.

For more information call the Athletic Department at (508) 837-5341.

PAGE AND MILES NAMED NATIONAL ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICANS

Since the last Warriors won the Northeast-10 championship and earned a berth in the NCAA Division II tournament in 1991, there were high expectations for the Merrimack softball team in 1992.

The Lady Warriors didn't disappoint this spring, overcoming a slow start to win 31 of their final 36 games, posting a .342 mark in a second-straight Northeast-10 crown (with a 17-1 record in league play). Merrimack also earned a spot in the ECAC Division II championship. He earned Northeast-10 and ECAC all-star accolades and was named a second-time Academic Honor Roll recipient.

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Reunion Weekend '92 honored the classes of '52, '57, '62, '67, '72, '77, '82, and '87 in grand style.

The weekend began with the Alumni Golf Tournament held at the Far Corners Golf Course in Boxford, Mass. Tournament chairmen were Emilie and Frank ('53 and '56) Collopy. There was a tremendous turnout despite the rain and one alum said the fog and mist reminded him of playing in Ireland.

Our "Olympian" Welcome Back Party was held Friday night in the Warriors Den, decorated with an Olympic rings ice sculpture and numerous national flags. Old friends reminisced over yearbooks and told "remember when..." stories.

Saturday was filled with tours of the Science, Engineering and Technology Center and shopping in the campus bookstore. A hardy group braved more rain for a river cruise aboard the Merrimack Queen. A Dixieland band provided music.

At the reception in honor of their 40th reunion were class of '52 members (from the left) Class of '52 Reunion Chairman Jim O'Brien, Joan and Ted '52 Peterson, Doris Milton, whose husband Tom graduated in '52, and Janet O'Brien.

At Sea on Sunday morning, Father Deegan, in a touching ceremony, presented members of the class of '52 with medals commemorating their 40th Anniversary. Following Mass, reunioners came together for a last visit and a last bite at brunch. We hope the taste and memories of reunion lasts all year.

Yearbook bindings were zoomed out during reunion, as reunioners perused photographs, bringing back Merrimack memories.
LIZZIE BORDEN: MYSTERIES BEHIND THE AX

Stephen Kane ’69 suggests the murders were a culmination of years of abuse.

One hundred years after the crime that shocked and enraged the small town of Fall River, Mass, people still ask: “Did she do it?” But “Why?” Among those offering opinions was Dr. Stephen Kane ’69, a psychologist at the University of South Florida Psychiatry Center in Bayonne, who presented the paper “Lizzie Borden, Anxious Attachments and Forty Whacks.”

Kane, who specializes in dysfunctional families, developed a theory to define and explain interaction within such families. By applying his theory and current information about sexual abuse, Kane concluded that Lizzie had been sexually abused by her father.

Kane argued that Andrew killed his wife and stepmother Abby in their home one hot summer's day died too. “LIZZIE BORDEN took an ax. And gave her mother forty whacks. When she saw what she had done, She gave her father forty-one.”

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Larry O’Keefe ’82 and wife Renee (Blacks): a daughter, Donna Catherine, February 12, 1991.
Robert E. Bemardin Jr. ’82 and Debbie (Boeckel) Moller ’81 and (Halligan) ’81; a daughter, Angela Carmen, June 8, 1992.
Gary Miller ’84 and wife Jean (Malandier): a son, Michael Francis, May 21, 1991.
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Anna (Forlenza) Bailey ’79 and husband Chris: a daughter, Brenda (Thuillier) ’82; a boy, Christian, November 24, 1991.
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IN MEMORIAM

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Terry Monahan, a sports writer for The News Advocate newspaper in Escanaba, Calif., won second place in a San Diego county press competition. He lives in San Marcos, Calif., with his wife and two daughters.

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Vincent C. Castellamonte has been appointed to the Augustinian pre-novitiate program. He has been teaching 8th grade at St. Michael School in North Andover, who was designated as the architect and engineer by the New Jersey Society of Municipal Engineers, is a partner at Fralinger Engineering, Lawrenceville, N.J.

Thomas M. Grad was promoted to Director of Legislative and Fiscal Affairs, with Berman & Large, an architectural firm in Longmeadow, Mass. He lives in Melrose, Mass., with his wife Barbara and their four children. (See “Births.”)

Michael Hartnett has been appointed district treasurer of the Massachusetts North Middlesex Regional School District.

Michael “Chico” Hluchowski recently moved to Andover, Calif, where he has accepted the position as director of manufacturing at All Fit Products. He lives with his wife, Donna (Rafal) ’92 and their four daughters.

Richard Jackson ’98 has been nominated for a Pulitzer Prize in poetry for his latest book, “After All Day.” Jackson is an English professor at the University of Tennessee and worked in a year-round college with the New Jersey State Museum. He is a partner at Fralinger Engineering, Lawrenceville, N.J.

J. Michael Furlinger recently obtained a professional land surveying license in New Jersey. He also was certified as a professional land surveying engineer by the New Jersey Society of Municipal Engineers, is a partner at Fralinger Engineering, Lawrenceville, N.J.

David Hansbury of Plainfield, N.J., has been elected a member of the Business and Finance Committee of the New Jersey Senate.

Joseph F. Long received a master’s degree from New York University and was a member of St. Michael School in North Andover, who design state buildings and serve as a partner at Fralinger Engineering, Lawrenceville, N.J.

Jenniffer Patzic holds a master’s degree in education from Michigan State University in East Lansing, Mich., and was a member of Sigma Theta Tau International, the nursing honor society. She is the head of the English department at Notre Dame High School in Lawrenceville, N.J.

Mary Anne and their son. (See “Births.”)
James M. Murphy received an M.B.A. at New Hampshire College. He lives in Lowell with his wife Pamela and their son.

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Timothy Paul Beilin has translated from W.B. Gove's New Hampshire offices to the company’s new headquarters in Boca Raton, Fla. Maureen E. (Curran) Manuel has been appointed an accountant at Conroy, Kavanagh, Roshenhouse and Peet, a general practice law firm in Boston. She lives in Wakefield, Mass.

Catherine Marie DeBusto has moved to Newport, R.I. to perform with the Beechwood Theater Company. The company presents local and statewide cabarets, musicals and murder mysteries. She recently played the lead role in "Yours, Anne," a musical about Anne Frank, at Rough Hollow Center in New York. The musical benefited the Anne Frank Institute in New York City.

Melissa Kramer of Lynnfield, Mass. has joined the Polaroid Corp. in Norwood, Mass. as a materials planner of the camera division. Wayne M. Zunic received a Ph.D. in chemistry from the University of South Carolina. He is a senior associate development scientist at Mississauga Biological Inc. in Chrysler, N.C.

Edward R. Arditii Jr. received a J.D. degree from the New England School of Law. He has accepted the position of assistant attorney general with the State of Missouri Attorney General's Office in Jefferson City. He lives in Jefferson City with his wife Lora. (See "Weddings.")

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Todd R. Johnson received a J.D. degree from Suffolk University Law School. He is a conciliation manager for the Massachusetts Department of Industrial Accidents. He lives in Tewksbury, Mass. with his wife Andree Cielerien ’88 and their son, David O’Brien of Tewksbury, Mass., has been promoted to the northeast territory manager for the northern New Hampshire and the Merrimack Valley. He lives in Lawrence, Mass. with his wife Pamela. (See "Weddings.")

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A stone sculpture of Robert Frost by artist José Buscaglia, was donated to Merrimack by New Hampshire businessman Richard McCoy last April. McCoy's gift was in recognition of the college's commitment to the Merrimack Valley in general, and Lawrence, Frost's birthplace, in particular. In attendance at the dedication ceremony was Mr. and Mrs. Richard McCoy (left) and artist José Buscaglia (right). The sculpture is located between O'Reilly Hall and the Science, Engineering and Technology Center.