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Campus Center opens*



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## Community and hospitality remain worthwhile aims

For Merrimack College, 2001 began on a high note as the Gladys Sakowich Campus Center opened with much celebration. Our community, including many alumni, participated in several grand opening events, as well as a donor reception to thank the nearly 1300 donors whose contributions helped to make the Center possible.

Merrimack has long recognized that as much learning takes place living together in community as in our classrooms. When designing the Sakowich Center, we worked to ensure that the physical building would nourish our spiritual values. Reflecting the truest sense of our Augustinian heritage, the Sakowich Center embodies the spirit of community and hospitality. Each day when I visit the Center, I see evidence of that.

Like a great communal living room, the Center is bustling every day with students eating in the Warriors' Den, playing basketball in the Anthony Sakowich Recreational Complex, studying in the lounges, and

exercising in the fitness area. It is undeniably the heart of our campus, unifying the intellectual, moral, social and spiritual aspects of student life.

As Merrimack College moves into the 21<sup>st</sup> century, we continue to honor and value our heritage and the foundation upon which we were built. We rejoice in the ways our college has

grown and changed over the last half-century and embrace a future of wonderful possibilities.

I am pleased to tell you that interest in Merrimack has never been higher. This year, more young men and women than ever before have applied for admission to our fine institution. Merrimack continues to grow in esteem as our faculty, students and alumni work together and independently toward higher and higher achievements.

As always, I invite you to visit Merrimack. Not only will you relive your days here, but you will also have

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an opportunity to see the exciting and wonderful changes happening on campus. To borrow from an old proverb, we are like the leaves on the trees, each year brand new, and yet still somehow making up a whole nearly identical to that of years and decades before.

Please visit. I think you'll love today's Merrimack as much as I do.



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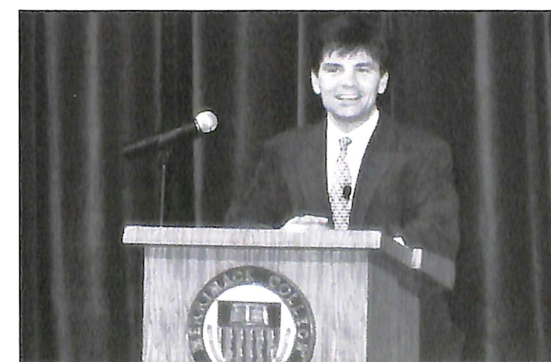
President Richard J. Santagati



Since opening in January, the Gladys Sakowich Campus Center is drawing rave reviews from the entire college community. Here, Student Government Association President Jennifer Caccavaro '02 presents a gift to Anthony and Gladys Sakowich. See Page 2.



Things can really change in 50 years. Members of Merrimack's first graduating class didn't have color TVs, never mind remote control and cable. This photo from their school days features the late Jim McLean, Jim Reynolds, Larry Morrisroe and the late Art O'Sullivan. Photo courtesy of Larry Morrisroe. See Page 6.



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Donors Gladys and Anthony Sakowich cut the ribbon at the official opening, with Merrimack President Richard Santagati.



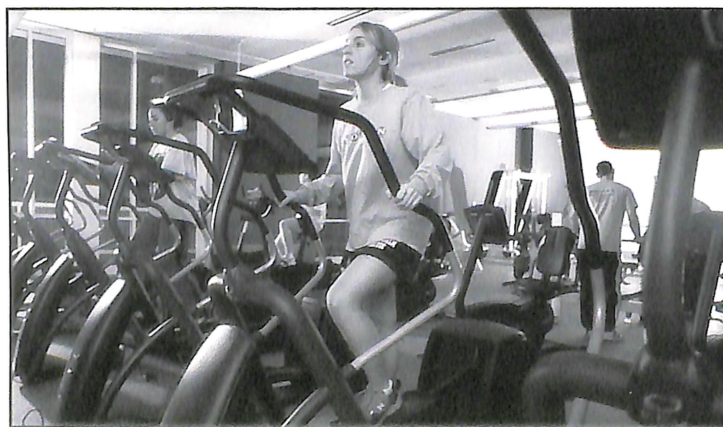
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Father Joseph Farrell celebrated the first Mass in the Marian E. Taylor Chapel of St. Augustine, donated by Ken '63 and Sandra Taylor in honor of Ken's mother. From left, Kevin Taylor, Linda (Taylor) Arvanatis, Sandra Taylor, Father Joe, Maureen Taylor, Robert Taylor, and Ken Taylor. Father Joe's embroidered stole was used at Marian's funeral, and has since been used at other important family occasions.



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Jake Lewon and Melissa Marr enjoy lunch in one of the center's dining areas.



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Approximately 200 people per day use the fitness center.



David Spink photo

The main street area sees heavy traffic.

# Sakowich Campus Center is a hit!

by David Rattigan

The proof that the designers of the Gladys Sakowich Campus Center achieved their objective isn't in the beautiful building. It's in the bodies that use it.

"It's been wonderful," says Dianne Spatafore, director of student activities/campus center. "We get 200 people a day in the fitness center, 100 on the weekend. Students seem to be using all parts of the building. They study in the lounges, eat at the Warriors' Den, and play basketball in the multi-purpose room. There's a full slate of activities going on."

That was the intention from the conception. More than just a physically attractive centerpiece to the campus, it was intended to be an activity center pulling together the entire Merrimack community. The Augustinian tradition stresses interaction, and people sharing and collaborating with others. This is the reason the architects placed the building on a path between the on-campus residences and the classroom buildings. It was why they put the commuter lounges near the post office, and why they included fitness and recreational



Kindra Clineff photo

The Gladys Sakowich Campus Center is named in recognition of the commitment and long-time support of Gladys Sakowich and her husband, Anthony Sakowich. Incorporated within the center is the Anthony Sakowich Recreation Complex.





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Students Koran Rivers, left, and Brett Gaudette relax in the Fireplace Lounge.

facilities in the building, and why they included individual offices for student associations, a chapel, and a game room. By creating a center that welcomed students and fit their needs, the college also created opportunities for interaction.

"You see faculty and staff eating at tables next to students, and people coming in from all over the campus," Spatafore says. "The whole idea is to give people opportunities to be together."

"Our state-of-the-art campus center has combined the best of a student's recreation, social and academic worlds into one building designed to support their busy lives," President Richard Santagati says. "Now we have one place where our students can expand themselves and grow spiritually, socially and academically."

Alumni, administrators, faculty, students and friends turned out for the official dedication, which included a ribbon cutting and blessing by Rev. Joseph Farrell, O.S.A., on Wednesday, January 17. There were other opening events as well, including the Donor Appreciation reception on January 26 for the nearly 1300 donors who contributed to the center through the "Awaken the



Frank Leone Jr. photo

At the official opening, President Richard Santagati, Trustee Gladys Sakowich and Jane (Currier) Walsh '75, vice chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Minds and Hearts of a New Generation" campaign.

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To give alumni, friends, and prospective students a better look at the new campus center, the college has posted an exhibit by photographer Kindra Clineff on its web site. To take this virtual tour, check out [www.merrimack.edu](http://www.merrimack.edu).

## Center offers the best of today, and the RICHNESS OF TRADITION

By Kathleen Franzese '83

The rich tradition that has been Merrimack continues in the Gladys Sakowich Campus Center as some of the best and most meaningful features of the original Tagastan/Gildea Hall were preserved and incorporated into the new campus center. "Our founders would be so proud at what we have become today," President Richard Santagati noted at the January ribbon-cutting ceremony. "Merrimack has always been a special place, but we have taken it into the 21<sup>st</sup> century in grand style, and we have done that while continuing to hold true to our mission. The heart and soul of what we are has not changed in all these 50 years.

"As we stand and view our state-of-the-art Sakowich Center with all its bells and whistles of today, we also take pride in the fact that much thought and reverence has been paid to preserving what has been contributed by those who have come before us. The Sakowich Center has the best that today can offer coupled with the richness of Merrimack's tradition and heritage."

Some of the features that have been preserved include:

- The original cornerstone of the former Tagastan building which has been incorporated into the fireplace in the lounge on the center's first floor.
- The stone representations of four books of the Gospel which have hung on the face of the building at the front entrance since 1958. They now hang on the eastern wall of the Sakowich Center facing Cascia Hall.
- The original wooden doors of the chapel and two stained-glass windows which now grace the center's Marian E. Taylor Chapel of St. Augustine on the second floor.
- The original college seal from 1958 on the outside of Gildea is now located at the south entrance across from Hamel Infirmary.
- Two concrete stones bearing quotes from the Rule of St. Augustine which were originally on the outside of the building. One of them is now in the inside atrium dining area and the other appears on the outside north exterior wall.
- The mosaic of the Virgin Mary that now appears on the wall just outside the Marian E. Taylor Chapel of St. Augustine on the second floor. Originally, it was purchased in Rome, selected by Father Vincent McQuade, Merrimack's original president. Mary Reardon, Joseph and Gertrude Reardon, and Charles and Gertrude Reardon presented it to the college in memory of Frank and Elsie Reardon, their brother and his wife. The Reardons were parishioners at St. Laurence O'Toole Church in Lawrence, Mass. Local Augustinian churches were very supportive of the college.

The people who came before us and for whom the original buildings were named have also been remembered in the Sakowich Center. The names Gildea, after Father Joseph Gildea who was the College's first Vice President and Dean, and Murray, after Father William Murray who was the Dean of Men and later the Vice President of Student Life, have been bestowed on two meeting rooms on the Sakowich Center's second floor. The Gildea Meeting Area is a space containing three conference rooms, with the largest room named the Murray Lounge.

And, the tradition of the Warriors' Den continues. Since 1984, students have dropped by the Warriors' Den for a bite to eat. Today's students expressed a strong desire to keep that name and their wishes were respected.



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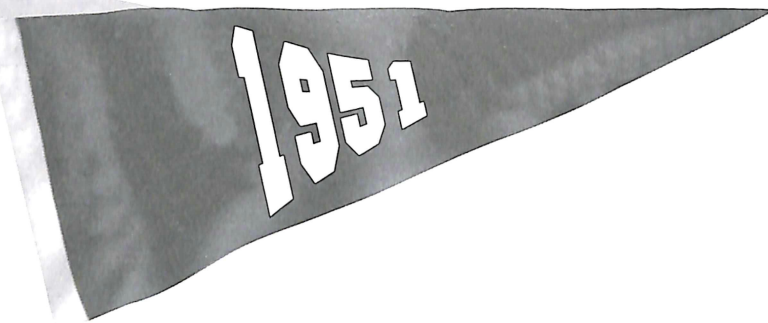
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# FIRST CLASS



When the class of '51 entered a brand new college, the world was changing. As members celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> reunion, they fondly remember the past, and are impressed by the change in the present.

by David Rattigan

President Richard Santagati is leading Larry Morrisroe, Jim Reynolds and Bob Quine — members of Merrimack's first graduating class — on an informal tour of Merrimack College's newest accomplishment, the \$16 million Gladys Sakowich Campus Center.

The president talks not just about the physical creation of the 130,000 square-foot building, with its myriad rooms and services, but about the ways that those features will help build a stronger community, and help students stay involved with campus life. Encouraging students to develop strong bonds is part of the school's Augustinian legacy, something Morrisroe, Reynolds, Quine and fellow graduates from Merrimack's first graduating class can relate to. Many members of their class have stayed close to each other, and the school, through half a century of change.

"For people who graduated in 1951 and haven't been back here in 50 years, they're going to get a big shock," Quine says. "It's going to be a real eye-opener."

Merrimack's inaugural class celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, with a reunion in June. Also, as the president tells the few fellows here, they'll be invited to commencement this year, and to march in the procession with graduates in the Class of 2001.

"The bad news," Santagati quips, "is we're going to hand out a transcript of your marks to all the students."

This draws a laugh from those

alumni who, with a couple of their classmates, Bill Veale and Dan Breen, took a moment recently to reflect on their experiences at Merrimack, their lives since, and their impressions of their alma mater.

In the fall of 1947, Merrimack's first year in operation, 165 students filed to classes inside a temporary cinderblock building (Guild Hall) whose oil tanks were still being buried as the school year began. In the spring of 1951, 111 of those students graduated. By then, the school had built another temporary structure, a corrugated steel hangar that provided shelter for Masses, student assemblies, and sports teams. Shortly thereafter, work began on Cushing Hall.

"I don't remember who it was, but the last time we had a reunion he went to the old place," Reynolds says. "He got out of the car and said, 'My God, it's gone.'"

With World War II (and before that The Great Depression) over, America was changing dramatically in 1947. There was prosperity, a building boom and — most significantly for service



Larry Morrisroe provided this photo of the late Jim McLean, Jim Reynolds, Morrisroe and the late Art O'Sullivan.

veterans — there was the GI Bill of Rights, which assured financial assistance for those whose education had been interrupted by their service.

According to E.G. Roddy, Jr.'s history of Merrimack College, a government-commissioned survey predicted that 10 percent of the nation's 12 million veterans would take advantage of the opportunity. "Subsequent events were to prove that the survey had erred on the conservative side," wrote Roddy, understating the staggering differential between that forecast and the actual result. "The desire for a college education was to send 4,302,000 veterans knocking at the admission offices of the country's two thousand-odd colleges and universities. It was a deluge of

unprecedented proportions, and institutions of higher learning which only a few years before had gone begging for students now found their existing faculties and physical plants insufficient to handle the influx." Many servicemen wound up at Merrimack either because of its location, or because the new school was actively seeking students at a time when many other colleges were full.

"The greatest bill Congress ever passed is the GI Bill," Reynolds says. "It educated a whole generation of Americans who otherwise would have been laborers."

Merrimack's student population was comprised of three groups, all male. The majority of students were veterans, along with traditional younger college students just out of high school. The veterans, too, were divided among men who were married, and those who were single. (There was another social shift within a couple of years, when the college went co-ed in September 1950.)

"We all got along fine," recalls Breen, one of the married veterans, with kids. "But after hours, what they were doing was different from what I was doing, which was changing diapers and stuff."

"We had a wonderful community," says Quine, including not only the students but faculty as well. There were 16 members of the faculty and administration then, the majority of whom were priests. That learned group included the college's president, the Rev. Vincent McQuade, of whom Breen says, "Merrimack wouldn't be half as good as it is without him."

Reynolds recalls his intention to transfer from Merrimack to Boston College, and a meeting with Father James Kelly, the priest in charge of admissions at that school.

"I got Father Jim Kelly a Merrimack catalogue, and he saw Father Edward Burns with a Ph.D., Father Joseph



Bob Quine, Jim Reynolds, Merrimack President Richard Santagati and Larry Morrisroe stop to supervise some exercisers at the Anthony Sakowich Health and Fitness Center.

Flaherty with a Ph.D., and Father Vincent McQuade with a Ph.D.," Reynolds says. "He asked, 'Do you have these men in class every day?' I said yes, and he said, 'You bring me a letter from your father on courthouse stationery, and you're in.'"

Those plans stalled, however, when Norfolk County Probate Judge James F. Reynolds Sr. — his father — considered the same information and told his son, "You can stay right where you are."

While the students respected faculty and administrators, many of the World War II veterans weren't overly thrilled with some of the college's strict social policies. One was the bed checks Father John "Black Jack" Kelly would periodically make to be sure the 55 students who roomed at area homes were safely tucked in bed.

As the policy was announced, the students came up with a plan to deal with it.

"Two of the guys — Richard Keyes and Richard Lawless — had worked in the Naval Intelligence Office," Reynolds says. "They announced a meeting at the Central Café to tell us how we were going to run this."

Johnny Waldie's Central Café and Verrette's Restaurant were two favorite hangouts for Merrimack students, many of whom — just back from war — preferred to have a beer or two at the

Central Café rather than an early bedtime.

Keyes and Lawless figured out the route he would take for bed check, and set up a system in which the first house on Father Kelly's route would start a phone chain to all the other houses where the students boarded. An arrangement was made with the women they were renting the rooms from to call ahead if their boarders weren't home. The first call would be made to the next

house on the priest's route. The second call would go to the Central Café.

"It was really funny if you were there," Reynolds says. "Fifty guys would start running in all directions."

Much has happened since 1951, to society as a whole, in education, and in the personal and professional lives of those alumni.

America has gone through the Korean Conflict, the Vietnam War, the Gulf War and the birth of terrorism. They have experienced the explosion of the suburbs, the Cold War, Elvis Presley, eradication of major childhood diseases, men on the moon, color television, assassinations, air conditioning, Civil Rights, Women's rights, the British Invasion, Yaz, social changes, Bobby Orr, Richard Nixon, eight-track tapes, the "me" generation, disco, John Travolta, credit cards and cable TV. They've been around for AIDS, MTV, Bucky Dent, the personal computer, the fall of the Berlin Wall, the dissolution of the Soviet Union, Madonna, Patient's rights, CNN, pagers, cellular phones, *Seinfeld*, John Travolta, e-mail, CDs, Bill Clinton, Bill Parcells, Columbine, and cloned baby pigs. Some call theirs the last great generation. They are the folks most responsible for the baby boomers, but we'll try not to hold it against them.

Talk to the graduates of the class of '51, and they may lament an increase in

David Spink photo



societal anger, and the loss of morality, respect for others, and the loss of personal responsibility. At the same time, they admit to happiness and success in their own lives, be it personal, professional, or both.

Ask them about their college, both as it is now and as it was then, and they speak with pride and affection. They are impressed with the school's growth, and that the school has retained its Augustinian presence.

"Living in Andover, as I do, the college has grown almost in front of my eyes," Morrisroe says. "I think when we graduated there was only one permanent building. Since that time, I've seen the chapel (which is really a church), the monastery, several classroom buildings, several residence halls, the McQuade Library, the new campus center, the infirmary, the new science building, the athletic complex, Cascia Hall, the Rogers Center. Father George Morgan took me on a tour of the campus last fall, and I'm just amazed at the size of it. Driving by, you really don't get an in-depth view of the campus.

"When we celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> reunion, many of the alumni — when they come back for the first time in a few years — are going to be really amazed. You can really get lost on the campus.

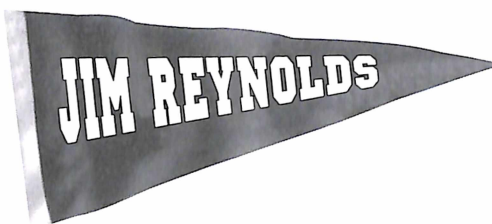
"I think the most significant development is the number of alumni we have," Morrisroe adds. "I would guess we have maybe 15,000 (actually 17,000). When I see them living here in the Merrimack Valley, where so many graduates have settled, I see them in all walks of life. In government agencies, in education, medical and related fields, religious professions, the law, engineering, social services, in business, banking accounting, journalism, even professional sports.

"When I got through Merrimack, and someone asked me where I graduated from, I'd say, 'Merrimack College' and they might be too polite to ask where that was. But now, Merrimack is a familiar name and the college is widely known. The athletic teams alone make the papers quite a bit."

"I've watched the development, so it's not a surprise to me, but it's mind-boggling, it really is," says Veale, who lives in New York City. "When I think of where it started, with a couple of cement

block buildings and a hut — I guess it was supposed to be an athletic site, at least they had a basketball court there. It's a beautiful, small New England campus. I can't get over what they've done.

"Of course, they've had some wonderful years to do this, and I think they've got a pretty good alumni. I think Santagati has done a great job, I really do."



Merrimack's first hockey

coach, Jim Reynolds, 72, is a Boston-based lawyer who lives in Milton, Mass. He went to law school at Northeastern University and served in the Navy during the Korean Conflict. He's also a cancer survivor.

Reynolds was Merrimack's hockey coach from 1956-57 through 1963-

64. However, he was the coach even before there was a team. Although younger than the World War II veterans who were his teammates, Reynolds was an outstanding player, a 5-foot-7, 150-pound rink rat who played on weekends with the "Junior Olympics," an elite amateur team sponsored by the Boston Bruins. Father McQuade wouldn't allow the students to have a hockey team, but nonetheless a team formed that called itself the Andover Blades, but wore sweatshirts purchased from the school,

with "Merrimack" written across the front.

"Charlie Gallagher was the secretary, and I was the captain," Reynolds said. "I got to pick the team. I cut some guy and he stood up and gave it to me right in the nose. He knocked me right on my backside."

The team played games against squads from Colby, Bowdoin and Norwich, and got into a Christmas tournament at the old Lynn Arena. Merrimack made it to the finals of the tournament, where it lost a 2-1 overtime decision to Suffolk University, which featured five former Olympic Team members.

The results made it into the next day's newspapers, but what might have been a moral victory for the team soon had some repercussions. It was shortly thereafter that Father McQuade invited



Jim Reynolds celebrates a goal scored off Bob Quine — a former hockey teammate — in a foosball game at the center.

Reynolds to his office.

"I was under the delusion that I'm running this institution," said Father McQuade, his voice dripping with sarcasm. Even though he'd previously told Reynolds there'd be no team, McQuade said, he now found out that not only was there a team, but it had finished second in a tournament.

"And I didn't even get invited," Father McQuade said, sarcastically.

"Well," Reynolds replied, "We couldn't invite you..."

Father McQuade put him on probation. As he left the office, the president instructed him to send in Charlie Gallagher, who was next on the carpet.

Eventually, Merrimack would get a team. "I think Father (Paul) Thabault talked him into it."

Given the amount of time he spent in Father McQuade's presence, it's not surprising that Reynolds developed a fondness for the college president's secretary, Maureen Reardon.

It was a violation of the rules to date anybody who worked at the school, so on their first date the couple snuck out to Lowell to the Blue Moon dance hall. Upon arriving, they found that John Silk "who sat beside me in every class" was standing in front of them in line.

"Silk (who later became a priest) turned around and said, 'What are you doing here?... Oh, you're hiding.'"

The couple encountered another bunch of Merrimack guys at the restaurant they went to later.

"It was a well-kept secret, for 15 minutes."

Today, Reynolds and wife Maureen have two children and four grandchildren.



As a three-term Alumni Council president, Bob Quine, 73, can remember in the early 1980s the first time alumni contributions reached \$100,000 — a small amount compared with the \$1.75 million total from FY '00. "We were elated," Quine recalls. "Imagine that."

Quine is a Navy veteran who had a long and successful career in the automobile industry, most recently as a consultant. He and his wife, who have five children and eight grandchildren, split their time between homes in Annisquam, Mass., and Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Son Peter '88, daughter Margaret Walker '78, son-in-law Gregory Walker '78, and niece Stephanie Quine '84 all graduated from Merrimack and,

Quine says, "We have an applicant for next year (granddaughter Melissa Quine)."

Both his dentist (Howard Smith '65) and lawyer (John Fitzgerald '70) are Merrimack alumni. As national fleet sales manager for a company that sold after-market truck equipment, Quine hired 26 co-op students from Merrimack. He was selected as Alumnus of the Year in 1981.

Quine, like his classmates, recalls the Augustinian priests that made up the original faculty — men such as Father Flaherty or Father William Cullen or Father William Wynn — with fondness and respect.

"I don't think we realized it, but many of them were still getting their advanced degrees when we were students," Quine says. "And they weren't much older than we were."

Because he has stayed involved with the college, Quine has maintained many of his relationships with both fellow alumni and faculty. A few years ago, he was having a beer with the late Fr. Flaherty, and jokingly suggested that, "with all this volunteer work I've done up here, you should give me an honorary degree."

Father Flaherty gave him a look and told him, "The one we gave you in 1951, Robert, was honorary."

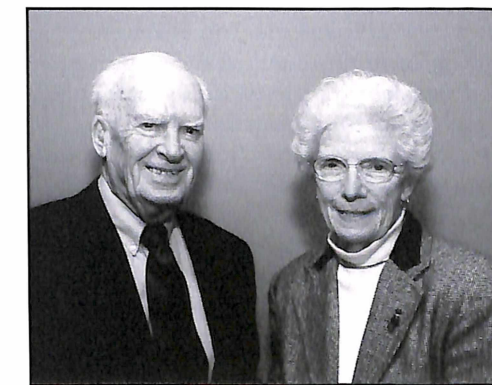
Quine chuckles at the memory. "You couldn't beat the guy," he says. "He always had the last word. He was a character. He was also a good friend."



Larry Morrisroe, 79, taught at Merrimack for two years while doing graduate work at Boston College, but spent the majority of his professional life Trust Co. of Lawrence as the senior vice president, clerk and treasurer. A longtime member of the Friends of Merrimack, he's lived in Andover since

1948, and he and his wife have three children and one grandchild.

"I was in my late 20s when I started, after spending five and a half years in the Army, and I debated whether to go on to college. Usually in those days you went from high school right into college. Here I was 26, and would be 30 when I graduated, and I figured I'd be an old man and who would hire me?"



Larry Morrisroe's wife, Eileen, wasn't the girl next door. She lived across the street.

"Before the war I had lived in Boston and gone to Boston University evenings, so I had the desire to go to college. When I had the opportunity, with the GI Bill, I deliberated and felt that was the thing to do, get an education."

Morrisroe was from Boston, and boarded with a family in Andover. His sister was married to a man whose family had old friends from Milton, Mass., who had moved, they thought, to North Andover.

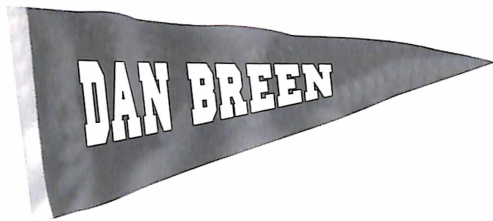
"They asked me to look up the family," says Morrisroe. Because he had no car, he didn't seek them out right away. One day in March, he made an interesting discovery.

"I delayed meeting the family until one time I was with some people from Andover and asked if they knew the Flynn family. I said they were from North Andover, and they said, 'What do they do?' I described them, and they said, 'Oh, no. They live right across the street.'"

Morrisroe walked directly across the street, and introduced himself to the family of Eileen Flynn. Larry and Eileen married that December, and recently celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Frank Leone Jr. photo





One of those was Breen, who got his master's degree from Boston University. "The priests used to tell us the purpose of education is to enable you to lead a happy life," Breen says. "I've been leading a very happy life."

Dan Breen, 77, worked for the state government for 38 years, 17 as the deputy commissioner (or, at times, acting commissioner) of the Department of Revenue. For the past 53 years, he has lived half a mile from the school, in North Andover. His children have taken courses through Merrimack's Division of Continuing Education, and his nephew David is vice president of administration at the college. Dan has served on both the alumni council and as a class agent.

Back in 1947, he registered as the first student in the history of Merrimack College.

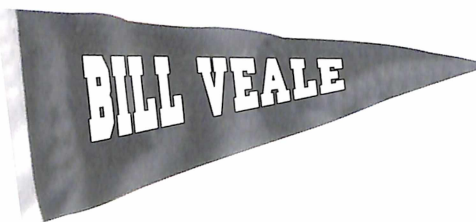
"That was sort of an accident," he says. "I got out of the Navy the June before, and was working a little bit but I had some time off, so I went up there and helped them out, digging weeds and moving surplus furniture. Anyway, they got to know me, so on registration day, Father Burns — who knew me — grabbed me and put me at the head of the line. Because of that, a few years ago we had Founders Day, and they called me a founder."

Breen, who had gone to a boarding high school and started college at the University of Southern California before the war, wanted to stay close to home in Methuen, Mass. Like the majority of his classmates, he was attending school on the GI Bill, and like roughly half of the veterans, Breen was married. He and his wife had four of their 10 children by the time he graduated. (They now have 17 grandchildren.) In fact, they had twins during his sophomore year, which earned Breen an "A" in biology.

"The biggest thing Merrimack had was how hard people worked, led by Father McQuade. All they had were priests, and they did great. None of us had trouble getting into graduate school."



Like many of his classmates, former commuter student Bill Veale has maintained many of his Merrimack ties.



Bill Veale, 76, has been a lifelong financial manager, although he's currently "phasing out" of his current position, running the affairs of a wealthy family. He and his wife live in New York City, on the Upper East Side, and have a summer place on Lake Winnisquam, N.H., as well as a home in Dutchess County, New York. He sponsors two merit-based Presidential Scholarships at Merrimack (the first two Veale scholars, Keith Foisy and Matthew Johnston, graduate this spring) and has hosted alumni events in the city.

Not bad for a boy from West Medford, Mass.

"I'd been in the Army three and a half years, and when I got out in 1946, colleges were jammed," he says. "I waited a year, and Merrimack opened up. I drove every day, with a couple of other fellows. It wasn't that big a deal. It was 45 minutes to Merrimack."

Extra curricular activities were limited, particularly in the early years. As a commuter student, Veale found that, "There wasn't much community to get involved with. Most of the time you'd get out of school and were waiting for the ride to go home, so you'd shoot baskets and hang around. I think we had a very small theater group — if you want to call it that — and I got involved in that a bit. Honestly, I don't remember much in the way of extracurricular activities. It might have come along a little later."

After college, Veale got an introduction from a friend to a banker in New York, and began his career in finance. Veale worked in an investment department where all of the other employees were Ivy Leaguers. Having a college degree was a prerequisite, but Veale notes, "There's no question that wherever you interviewed, no one ever heard of Merrimack."

"Of course," he says, "a lot of schools were springing up in those days, but it didn't matter. Once you got out it was you who had to accomplish something." Veale remained close to some of his classmates ("mostly the ones I commuted with"), including the late Bill Murphy, Art Ward, former class president Bill O'Connell and Andy Cahill. "I can't say we were a close-knit crowd," he says of his class, "but you knew everyone, to some degree."

"The reunions are fun," he says, noting that he looks forward not just to seeing classmates, but also the priests and faculty. "There's a lot of jawing and reminiscing, just what you'd expect at a reunion."

"I imagine the 50th will be something special."

Photo courtesy of Bill Veale

## Complicated construction

As Massport's director of aviation, Tom Kinton '74 oversees an historic project: the rebuilding of Logan Airport.

by David Rattigan

Tom Kinton '74 didn't leave Merrimack with the intention of running his own airport, but now he's running three. In the process, he's running a construction project vital to the region. As Massport's director of aviation, he's in charge of Logan Airport in East Boston, Hanscom Field in Bedford and Worcester Regional Airport. At Logan, he's overseeing one of the largest construction projects in the history of the state, estimated at a cost of \$3.5 to \$3.7 billion dollars.

Although that project is often overshadowed by the Big Dig (for better or worse), it is an enormous project. And, like the Big Dig, construction is complicated enormously by space restrictions and the regional economic need to have the airport operating at full capacity.

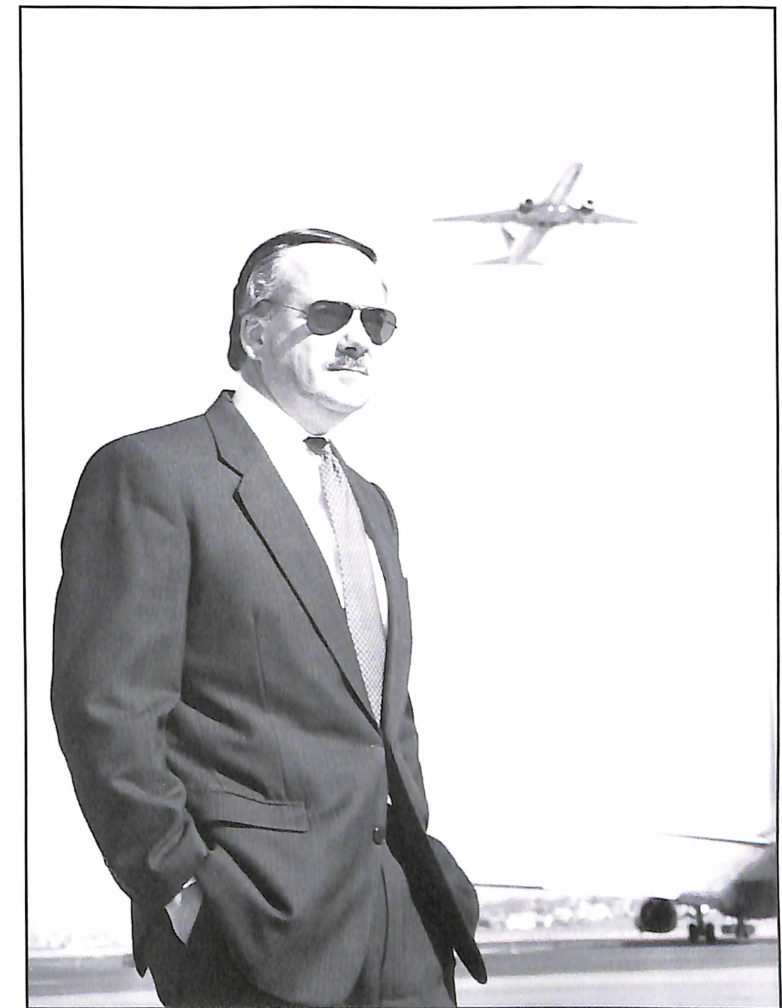
"This is huge," Kinton acknowledges. "Once in every 50 years an airport will go through this kind of change, and I'm fortunate to be sitting here, literally running the place and rebuilding it at the same time."

With nearly 500,000 takeoffs and landings annually (approximately 1,400 a day), Logan plays a crucial role in the New England economy. The new construction, which includes modernizing terminals, will reconfigure the airfields to create additional landing space. Not to increase the volume, Kinton says — the airport operates at full capacity several hours a day — but

for better efficiency. Specifically, construction will add a third northwest runway, which will give Logan three runways going in each direction, and reduce the delays for flights coming in or leaving the airport.

"Planes need to take off and land into the wind," he says. "Because we're in New England and we have four different seasons, we have winds that blow southwest, northeast, northwest, and so forth. We need runways that are pointed in every direction. Logan needs three runways working every day during our peak operations to handle the traffic. This will give us our third runway, to accommodate when the wind is northwesterly, which is about a third of the time. We need to do everything we can to minimize delays."

"We will always have delays because of the weather we experience," Kinton says. "People understand when things slow down because you have snow, ice or fog. What they don't understand is that it can be a beautiful day, and there can be northwest winds, and you can be running delays going to Boston."



After leaving Merrimack, Tom Kinton '74 found he really enjoyed airport work. "It's a very exciting field, and it touched all the right buttons," he says. "There's never a dull moment, and the job is constantly evolving and changing."

At the same time, new tunnels being built around the airport and new roadways and parking garages inside the airport will create smoother flow of passengers on the ground. Unlike many "hub" airports, where passengers land as a stopover to their next flight, 90 percent of the passengers landing at Logan go from the terminal into the surrounding cities.

"That presents a whole other set of challenges," he says. "How do you move that many people in and out of here efficiently? That's where the new tunnel comes into play, along with the existing tunnel, the new roadways we're building, the parking garages we're building, and so forth."

It's a huge undertaking, on a small site. This, more than any other factor,

David Spink photo





makes it a very complicated project. "This is all being done on 2,400 square acres, a very small airport for such a huge construction," Kinton says. "There is no such thing as a green field site in this airport, where we can put a fence around a parcel of land and build a new terminal. We're rebuilding it right on top of the existing operation. We have four lanes of roadway. You can move it, but you still have to keep four lanes open. If you have the terminal, you can maybe close one entrance but you've got to keep the other two entrances open. That's the constant challenge."

To illustrate this, Kinton notes that the new Denver airport sits on 52 square miles. It services approximately 34 million passengers a year, compared to 27 million for Logan.

"That was built at a cost of \$3.1 billion, 20 miles away from the existing airport," Kinton says. "Here, we are doing as much, with as many passengers, on a much smaller parcel of land, and we don't have the luxury of having that airport being built 20 miles down the road.

"Fifty-two square miles, by the way, would take this airport out to beyond Cambridge, take all of Winthrop, all of South Boston, all of East Boston, parts of Everett, Medford — it would be a huge track of land, unlike the small parcel that we have."

Those limitations make construction complicated, and drive up costs. Whereas on a green field site construction crews work a daily shift, at Logan much of the work takes place from noon until 5:30 a.m., with crews then hurrying to clean up and get out of the way of the morning rush.

As an undergraduate studying civil engineering, this was not exactly the place Kinton envisioned himself 25 years later. He did want to be involved in

building things, however, and at the airport — with its infrastructure and public safety components, a couple of hotels and even a chapel — he gets to operate in a type of mini-city, with airplanes.

When he left Merrimack, Kinton says, "My initial desire was to be in the field in major construction. Where I ended up was on the

administrative side of things, though certainly I'm involved in overseeing a lot of major construction, given the rebuilding of this airport. I wanted to be a field engineer and started off in the engineering department of

Massport, but quickly switched over to operations and fell in love with aviation. "It's a very exciting field, and it touched all the right buttons," says Kinton, who has held the position since 1993. "There's always construction going on in an airport. This is not the norm, what we're going through now, but certainly there are always construction-related issues, and it's an exciting place to work. There's never a dull moment, and the job is constantly evolving and changing."

Merrimack-educated engineers have a reputation for doing well in the professional world, something that Kinton has observed in his own experience.

"I've run into a few Merrimack graduates in the course of my career and I think that is true," Kinton says. "Merrimack offers something that you don't see in a lot of engineering schools

and that is a very, very personalized education. We graduated with 13 civil engineers in my class. You knew every student and professor. It wasn't a lecture hall with 100, 200 people in it. This was a very intimate setting, if you will, in which to learn.

"I can equate at least some of my success in the business to the very personalized education that I got. There was no hiding. You were on the spot, and you weren't a number."

Kinton grew up in Woburn, Mass. Now he and wife Nancy live in Winchester with their two daughters, Alicia, 13, and Kelsey, 11. Kinton coaches their youth soccer team.



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## Stephanopoulos speaks, finally

George Stephanopoulos predicted a possible 2004 presidential challenge from Massachusetts Senator John Kerry, another candidacy from former Vice President Al Gore, and a possible run in 2008 from New York Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton.

On January 29, the former top advisor to President Bill Clinton was the inaugural speaker in the new speaker series at Merrimack College, held in the Rogers Center for the Arts. Due to the protracted election season, his talk was postponed twice in deference to his responsibilities as a television political analyst. However, Stephanopoulos got high marks both from the sellout crowd of 600 and the many members of the Merrimack community who met him at a reception held prior to the speech.

The Rhodes Scholar, and ABC News political analyst, spoke about the Bush presidency and the 2000 presidential election. He said he expected Bush to face challenges dealing with campaign finance reform and predicted a "bitter, bitter fight" with Supreme Court Justice nominations that will crop up as at least three Justices could retire. Other challenges could come from the historically troubled Middle East.

Stephanopoulos also talked about the 2000 presidential election.

"The closeness of the election revealed two lessons about the American voting system — every vote does count and not every vote is counted," Stephanopoulos said, noting that more than two million votes were not counted nationwide for one reason or another.

"The election revealed problems about the way we count votes," he said. "More must be done to modernize our voting system."



At the pre-speech reception in Cascia Hall, George Stephanopoulos posed with college President Richard Santagati, left, and Eagle-Tribune Publisher Irving "Chip" Rogers III.

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## Franzese is new director of marketing and external relations

Kathleen (Enos) Franzese '83 is Merrimack's new director of marketing and external relations.

The lifelong Andover resident brings more than 15 years of experience in marketing communications and public relations to the position, most recently as manager of public affairs and marketing for Hallmark Health Systems, a four-hospital system in Malden. Previously, she was manager of public relations at Melrose-Wakefield Hospital in Melrose, and at Lawrence Memorial Hospital in Medford.

In addition to her English degree from Merrimack, she holds a master's degree from Emerson College. She has received awards for Healthcare Advertising for three consecutive years.

She and her husband, Michael, have two children, Derek and Olivia.



Kathleen (Enos) Franzese '83

Kevin Salemme photo

### Click this way for opportunity

Have you checked out the Merrimack web site lately?

The new Alumni Job Net allows you to post jobs to an audience of bright, qualified applicants, or to look for a better job.

Don't forget the Alumni Registry. Register your e-mail address to keep in touch with friends.

Another new feature: the virtual "tour" of the new Gladys Sakowich Campus Center at Merrimack College.

Also, you can give to the Merrimack Fund on-line, or check out the campus bookstore.

Check it all out at [www.merrimack.edu](http://www.merrimack.edu).



## Shareholders' Report

Your exceptional generosity inspired the trustees to raise The Campaign for Merrimack College goal to \$40 million. The campaign's success is already making a real and visible difference for our students, faculty, and campus buildings. Here are a few examples of generous investments made in the college, and our commitment to secure Merrimack's future and awaken the minds and hearts of a new generation.

- Merrimack's new 130,000-square-foot campus center has been named the Gladys Sakowich Campus Center in recognition of the commitment and long-time support of Trustee Gladys Sakowich and her husband, Anthony. A section of the building is named the Anthony Sakowich Recreation Complex.
- Ken '63 and Sandra Taylor of North Quincy, Mass., and Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla., have committed \$250,000 to create the Marian E. Taylor Chapel of St. Augustine in the new campus center.
- The Raytheon Company has made a three-year \$150,000 grant to create the Raytheon Fund for Initiatives in Mathematics and Science. This grant gives the college the opportunity to encourage young people to pursue careers in math and science. The Raytheon Fund will support Merrimack's Urban Resource Institute programs to develop faculty/student collaboration teams in science and engineering, to expand the RAISE scientific education program, and to mentor at-risk youth through our Focus in Transition initiative.

## New faces fill OIA positions

There are three new administrators in the Office of Institutional Advancement, Director of Major Gifts and Planned Giving Liz Magliozzi, Director of Individual Giving Tricia Lentz '93, and Assistant Merrimack Fund Director Irene Culkeen '87.

Liz was formerly a client service associate in State Street Global Advisors' charitable asset management department. Prior to that, she was the assistant director of gift and estate planning at Boston College. She received her undergraduate degree from Florida International University in Miami, and her MBA at Boston College. She and her husband, Rusty, live in Woburn.

Tricia worked previously as the director of membership and marketing for the Girl Scouts of America in North Andover. The former Merrimack basketball player resides in Peabody with four cats and her dog, Cody.

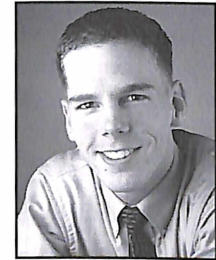
Irene, the mother of three children, is returning to the workforce after 12 years. She has been a volunteer in fundraising and development for her children's school, St. Mary of the Annunciation in Danvers. She lives in Danvers with husband, Chris, and their children. Following her graduation from Merrimack she worked in the marketing department of Epsilon, Inc. of Burlington, Mass.



New faces in the Office for Institutional Advancement are, from left, Tricia Lentz '93, Irene Culkeen '87, and Liz Magliozzi.

## Student wins National Scholarship

Former Student Government President Daniel Flynn was awarded the "Catch a Rising Star" scholarship by the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (Region I). The award is given annually to one student from each of the New England states.



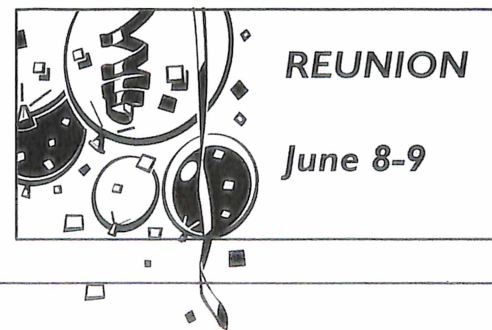
Daniel Flynn

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The senior political science major was chosen to receive this award for his significant contributions to the campus, demonstrated academic achievement, exceeded expectations in leadership positions, and an interest in the field of Student Affairs.

"Dan has been a tremendous asset to the college as we have addressed the various challenges and opportunities that have presented themselves during the past few years," said Bruce Baker, Ph.D., vice president for student life. "Whether addressing fellow student leaders on issues of civility or working on our campus center project, Dan has always left the impression of a thoughtful, competent student leader. He has always been faithful to his responsibility to represent the student body, and has brought student issues and concerns to the attention of the faculty and administration in diplomatic fashion. Those of us in Student Affairs deeply appreciate his efforts and have enjoyed working with him."

At Merrimack, Flynn has been involved in many leadership roles, serving as a resident assistant, orientation leader and student athlete. He also works as an intern in the Office of Student Life.



## Three alumni welcomed to Board of Trustees

Three alumni, Laurence M. Demers, Ph.D. '60, Catharine M. de Lacy, M.S. '80, and Thomas C. Siekman, J.D. '63, have joined the Board of Trustees.

Laurence Demers '60 is a professor of pathology and medicine at the Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine, associate director of the Section of Clinical Pathology, and director of Clinical Chemistry and the Core Endocrine Laboratory at the University Hospital, the M.S. Hershey Medical Center, Hershey, Pa. In 1970, he received his doctorate in biochemistry from the State University of New York, Upstate Medical Center, Syracuse, N.Y., followed by a two-year post-doctoral fellowship in biochemical endocrinology at Harvard Medical School. He taught for a year at Harvard before joining the college of medicine faculty at Penn State. A full professor since 1982, he was given the title of "distinguished university professor" by the president of Penn State in 1997. He is a diplomate of the American Board of Clinical Chemistry and a fellow of the National Academy of Clinical Biochemistry (NACB). He is a past president of the American Association of Clinical Chemistry (AACC) and the NACB. Laurence and his wife, Susan, (Bernard) '62 live in Hummelstown, Pa. They have five children, the youngest a high school junior.



Laurence Demers '60

Catharine de Lacy '80 is an independent consultant in communications, CEO coaching, strategic planning and business development, advising large corporations and pre-IPO startups. After getting her master of science degree from Tufts University in 1982, the former chemistry major held several government and regulatory positions in Washington, D.C., Chicago, and Boston. She was vice president in charge of safety, health and environmental affairs at Occidental Petroleum Corporation



Catharine de Lacy '80

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(1990-95), corporate vice president for Allied Signal in New Jersey (1995-98), and vice president in charge of safety, health and environmental affairs at Cabot Corporation in Boston (1998-2000). She was an executive officer of each company as well as serving on the boards of some of the strategic business units during her tenure at Allied Signal. She serves on the board of Second Nature, The Natural Step, and Analine.com. Catharine has been an active participant with Merrimack alumni activities, and serves on the Business Advisory Board. She previously served on the Virginia Board of Health and was a co-founder of the Susan B. Anthony Group (environmental policy forum). She is a member of several professional organizations including The Boston Club, the Environmental Law Institute, and the EHS Roundtable. She lives in Ipswich, Mass., with her husband, Shawn DeLorey. Their daughter, Kelly DeLorey, is a college sophomore.

Thomas Siekman '63 is senior vice president and general counsel for Compaq Computer Corporation. He was named to his current position in June 1998 when Compaq acquired Digital Equipment Corporation, where he also served as senior vice president and general counsel. Tom joined Digital in 1973 as corporate patent counsel. During his 25-year tenure with the company, he served in numerous senior legal positions. In addition, he is on the board of TechNet Texas and the Houston Community Advisory Board for Teach for America, director of the New England Legal Foundation and a trustee of the Boston Bar Foundation. He is a member of the Advisory Board of Boston University's *Journal of Science and Technology Law*, a member of the American Bar Association, American Corporate Counsel Association, the Association of General Counsel, and an active member of the Merrimack College Business Advisory Board. After graduating from Merrimack with a degree in engineering, he attended Villanova University Law School, graduating in 1966. Tom lives in Houston, Texas. He has three children and two grandchildren.



Thomas Siekman '63

Kevin Salemme photo

## Augustinian collection honors Father James Wenzel's parents

Wednesday, February 14 was a special day for Rev. Jim Wenzel, O.S.A. On that day, the McQuade Library officially opened the William L. Wenzel Sr. and Gertrude F. McFadden Augustinian Collection, in memory of his mother and father.

The collection came about shortly after Father Jim won \$5,000 in a raffle at St. Joseph's Parish in Wakefield. With the blessings of his Provincial, he donated his winnings, along with many books from his personal collection, to the library, for the purpose of building a collection of books written by and about St. Augustine, and books written for and about the Augustinians. Library personnel put together the collection from Father Jim's books, books in its own collection, and other donations.

"I'm very grateful to my parents," said Father Jim. "First of all, for sending me to Merrimack College. I owe the beginning of my education, and my coming to the Order, to my parents."

## Newspaper takes note of librarian's passion

Students and alumni at Merrimack remember studious Robert Rockwell from their many trips to the college library, where he has been a librarian since 1967.

Rockwell, 87, got some notice from a larger audience in January, when *The Eagle-Tribune* (Lawrence), ran a feature story on Rockwell's love and promotion of great books. Specifically, the article by Cathleen F. Crowley cited Rockwell's involvement with the Great Books group at Andover's Memorial Hall Library, where he has guided discussions on literature by authors such as Faulkner, Tolstoy, Plato and Woolf since 1951. The headline: "His passion for literature challenged us for 50 years."

In the story, Rockwell says he admires an author who poses a question but doesn't answer it.

"An author that can make you think, an author that doesn't answer the question, stimulates you and makes your mind work."



## Liberal Arts and Sciences Co-op gets students into the world

If you talk to alumni who've gone through Merrimack's Liberal Arts and Sciences Cooperative Education program, they'll tell you there's no substitute for experience.

For sociology/psychology student Angela (Provencher) O'Neil '00, cooperative education helped her find out what she didn't want to do with her life, and what she did.

O'Neil's first co-op job was a customer service position at a business. She took it primarily as a part-time job, but it also solidified the direction she wanted to go in her education.

Her second co-op job was with adults with mental illness, and it was a short but eye-opening experience. There was a highly emotional exchange between two clients, an environment she wasn't comfortable in.

Her third co-op job was at the Greater Lawrence Mental Health Therapeutic After-School Program (TAP), with children ages 8 to 13 with emotional and behavioral difficulties. That was the one she liked, both because of the clients and the people she worked with.

"A lot of the people I worked with were licensed social workers, had their master's in social work, or were clinical therapists," she says. "They were great people to work with. They really helped me understand the different worlds of social work, and the world of psychology. They steered me in the right direction."

The experience also gave O'Neil the opportunity to get into the field, with a type of client she's now working with full time, at the residential program for the St. Ann's Home in Methuen. She's also pursuing her master's degree in social work at Salem, Mass., State College.

"In school, you learn theories, Freud and Piaget," she says. In her co-op experience, she was able to incorporate her knowledge into field situations. "It's different dealing with clients, rather than just knowing the theory behind practice."

The five-year co-op program for business, engineering and computer

science is well-established but the four-year liberal arts and sciences co-op program is fairly new, dating back to 1995. Since then, there have been a total of 350 liberal arts and sciences co-op placements at a diverse group of companies. More than 200 students have participated, earning as much as \$15 an hour in some positions.

Among the companies involved: Bell Atlantic, The Boston Globe, Electric Insurance, Genetics Institute, the Greater Lawrence Community Action Council, Keyport Life Insurance Co., Lois Paul and Partners, Lotus Development Corp., the Mass. Commission for the Blind, Moody, Cavanaugh & Co., and Putnam Investments.

The program provides more than a paycheck. "My experience at Avant Immunotherapeutics gave me a great sense of what it is like to work in the biotech industry and what it takes to get a drug to the market," says Jason Jussif '96, a biology major who had co-op jobs in three different laboratory settings. He now works as an associate scientist at Genetics Institute in Cambridge, Mass.

Co-op positions provide working experience in a professional environment, exposure to the field and others who work in the field, and help students build their résumés. As a bonus, many students are offered full-time employment from the co-op company after graduation.

"It's a tribute to the program that the liberal arts and sciences co-op graduates now contact me seeking students to work with them at their companies," says Norma Herzlinger, who coordinates the program for Career Services and Cooperative Education.

Kerri Lindsay '99 is a big proponent of the program, and another of the students offered a full-time job from her co-op employer.

Needing experience on her résumé, she took three semesters of co-op through her senior year, all with Investors Bank & Trust Co. "I started with a position in the benefits area of human resources," she says. "It wasn't what I wanted, but it was a step in the door. In

the fall semester, I rotated into the employee relations area of human resources, and I stayed there during the spring. It worked out really well."

Like O'Neil, she wasn't quite sure which direction she wanted to move in professionally. She was a psychology major with a business minor, and was ready to go on for a master's degree in psychology before her experience in the business world convinced her that this was a place she could apply her education, in a rewarding way.

Christopher Cummings '96, an English major (religious studies minor) participated in one of the first liberal arts co-ops, as a marketing intern at CMGi Information Services in 1995-1996.

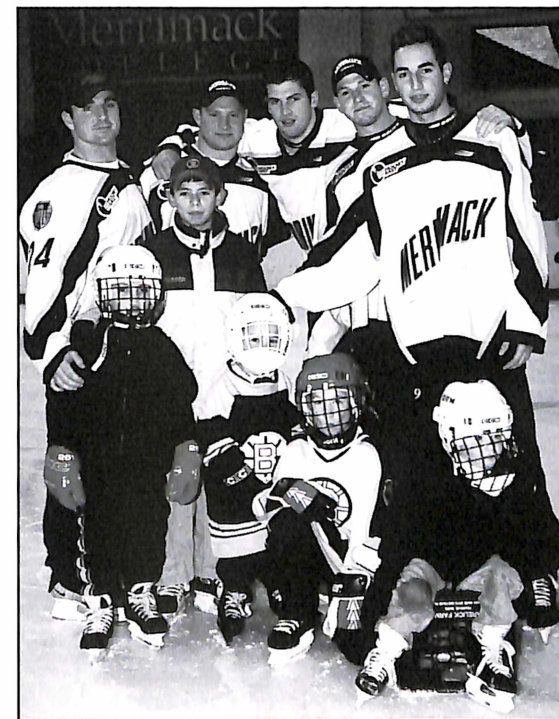
"The benefit for me was two-fold," he e-mails. "First, it gave me my first real-world job experience in a professional business environment. Second, I joined CMGi just as it was starting to transform from an educational mailing list company into a major player in the Internet industry. So this co-op got me through the backdoor to the industry which has been my home for the last five years.

"English majors are typically thought to be teachers-in-training, but I wanted to apply my critical thinking and writing skills to work in the entertainment field," continues Cummings, whose wife, Sarah (Davis) '97, also worked in the co-op program. "Co-op helped me prove to myself that you could be an English major and enter any field — not just education.

"As a result of my co-op, I was hired full-time by CMGi upon graduation. I then worked for several of its Internet startups in various editorial capacities. I am now senior content manager for Lycos Gamesville (Watertown) — one of the Web's most popular multiplayer game sites. In this role, I oversee all editorial for <http://gamesville.lycos.com>; help plan, create and execute new games; and co-manage the company's creative department."

—David Rattigan

## Winter Warriors reach out to community



Al Pereira photo

The hockey team hosted local fans of all ages at "Skate with the Warriors" in December.

Deadline restrictions prevent us from revealing how the winter sports seasons turned out, but Merrimack athletes have distinguished themselves both in the games and in the community, including the alumni community. The following are notes and highlights from the athletic department.

As always, for up-to-date information on all sports schedules, scores and team rosters, visit the sports news and scoreboard sections at [www.Merrimack.edu](http://www.Merrimack.edu).

On February 3, men's basketball coach **Bert Hammel** received the Service Beyond Sports Award presented by the University of Massachusetts Amherst Sport Management program, it was announced on October 11, 2000. He received the award for founding and coordinating the Academic-Basketball

Awareness (ABA) Camp program for children of the Lawrence, Mass. Boys Club. Bert has been running the camp at Merrimack for 18 years.

Women's Basketball Alumni Day was held January 27. After brunch at Cascia Hall, the alumni and their families took in the varsity game against Pace University. There, they witnessed **Morgan McEwen '02** score her 1,000<sup>th</sup> point, becoming only the sixth player in school history to do so as a junior.

**Merrimack hockey** hosted "Skate with the Warriors" on December 10. With Santa Claus on hand, the Warriors skated with members of the community, gave out team photographs and signed autographs. Admission was free and the event was open to fans of all ages.

**Colleen Honohan** has been hired as the men's and women's tennis coach. She replaced **Rick Edelmann**, a Warriors coach since 1989, who is the college's assistant athletic director. A Salem State College Hall of Fame tennis player, Honohan is also the assistant director of student activities/



Colleen Honohan

Kevin Salemm photo

campus center. She previously coached at Salem State, and was most recently a director of the YWCA in Lawrence, Mass. She lives in Newburyport, Mass.

**Correction:** The cover story on the hockey program in the fall 2000 issue



Al Pereira photo

Basketball coach Bert Hammel receives the Service Beyond Sports Award by the UMass Amherst Sport Management Program prior to Merrimack's Feb. 3 game. The presenter is Lisa Masteralexis from UMass.

contained two errors. The Warriors' 6-12-6 1999-00 season was its best Hockey East campaign during head coach Chris Serino's tenure. The February 1999 win over Boston College was the first time the team beat BC under Serino. The magazine regrets the errors.

Sports copy written by Tom O'Brien, sports information director, and David Rattigan, alumni magazine editor.



# Fall Roundup

by Tom O'Brien, sports information director

## Women's Tennis

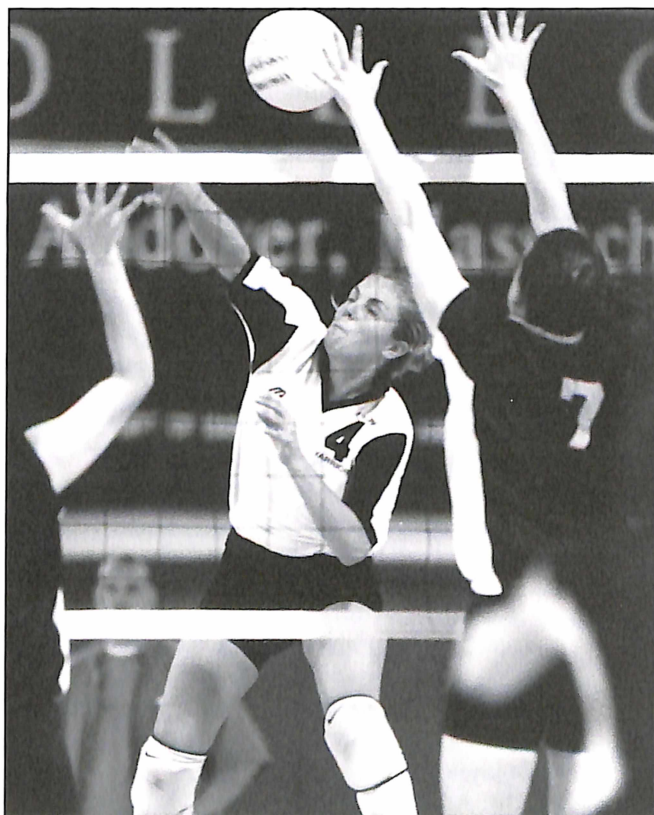
In Rick Edelmann's final season as coach, Merrimack captured its first Northeast-10 title with a conference mark of 10-1 to finish in a tie for first with Pace University. Pace, Merrimack's only conference loss during the regular season, defeated the Warriors in the finals of the NE-10 Tournament. Merrimack finished 11-4 overall, with two of its four losses coming to Division I opponents. Haven Wynne was named the Northeast-10 Freshman of the Year and sophomore Elizabeth Ryan and junior Katie Rourke joined her in earning All-Conference honors. Ryan and Rourke grabbed two of the six spots on the All NE-10 First Team while Wynne was named to the Second Team. Wynne and Rourke teamed up for the strongest doubles team in the conference, going 11-0.

## Women's Soccer

The Merrimack women's soccer team capped off another successful season by claiming the ECAC Tournament title in Long Island, N.Y. In the championship game, the Warriors scored five second-half goals for the 5-4 victory over CW Post. Senior Kathy Cote recorded a hat trick, on her way to earning ECAC Tournament MVP honors. Merrimack finished with an overall record of 16-5. The 17 straight winning seasons is an NCAA Division II record. Seven players were named to the NE-10 All-Conference Teams. Sophomore midfielder Patti Cronin was named to the All-America Third Team. She and junior forward Rachel McCarthy both made the All-NE-10 First Team. Cote and junior forward Melissa Edwards were named to the second team, with junior defender Annmarie Yutkins. Senior defender Nicole Ouellette and senior midfielder Kelly Shepherd earned third team All-Conference honors.

## Football

The Merrimack football team finished with an overall mark of 4-6, 4-5 in Eastern Football Conference play. A 16-14 victory at then-unbeaten Southern Connecticut was the highlight. Four Warriors were named to the All-Eastern



Al Pereira photo

A two-time All-Conference selection, junior Courtney Desrosiers is the all-time career leader in digs and service aces.

Football Conference Second Team. Senior defensive end Troy Mailloux earned All-Conference honors for the second straight year while senior defensive back Matt Mahoney made it for the first time. Freshman placekicker Jon Ramsey and senior punter Mike Roch also made the squad.

## Field Hockey

The field hockey team went 3-6 in conference play to finish in a four-way tie for sixth place in the NE-10. Junior

forward Amelia McAndrew was named to the All-Conference Third Team after finishing among the league leaders in scoring with 16 points.

## Men's Soccer

The men's soccer team went 7-11 overall and 4-9 in conference play. Forward Sean Malone was among the NE-10 leaders in scoring with 10 goals and four assists. The freshman was named to the All-Conference Third Team. Sophomore defender Matt Lynch was named to the All-NE-10 Second Team, while junior defender Steve Gould joined Malone on the Third Team.

## Cross Country

The Merrimack men's and women's cross country teams closed out solid seasons with strong showings at the NE-10 Championships. The men's team placed third out of 12 teams with freshman Justin Williams leading the way earning All-Conference Second Team honors. Matt Kacamburas and Justin Brown made the All-Conference third team. The women's cross country team placed fifth out of 11 teams. Senior Katie Schroth earned All-Conference First Team honors after a sixth place individual finish. Sharleen DeLos Santos and Lauren Sullivan were named to the Third Team.

## Volleyball

The women's volleyball team finished strong, winning 10 of its last 13 matches. The Warriors were sixth in the NE-10 Conference with a league mark of 9-5. Bryant eliminated Merrimack 3-1 in the NE-10 Tournament quarterfinals. Junior outside hitter Courtney Desrosiers was named to the All-Conference Second Team after leading the NE-10 in aces.

## M56

**John Twomey**, a former Medford city councilor and deputy mayor, was recently the recipient of the J. Thom Lawler Award, which honors a Merrimack alumnus whose contributions to the Merrimack hockey program personify the dedication of the legendary coach.

## M60

**Peter Melchiono** is the 2001 recipient of the prestigious American Hockey Coaches Association John Mariucci Award. Pete's best success came in a 21-year career at Barnstable High, where he compiled a 303-146-36 record and won two state championships (1980, 1991). A former player who still ranks among Merrimack's leading goal scorers with 49, Pete was an assistant coach at Merrimack from 1960-63 and 1968-73. In the years between the Merrimack stints, he was the head coach at Chelmsford High. The award will be presented at the annual AHCA Convention in Naples, Fla., April 28.

## M61

**Michelle Grace (Tombarelli) McCotter** is actively running her own business in property rentals and management in West Virginia.

## M63

**Timothy Samway** was recently honored with the Jeannie Melucci Memorial Award for his incredible volunteer service to the members of the Lawrence, Mass., Boys' and Girls' Clubs for more than 20 years. "We were introduced through Bert Hammel and the basketball program," writes Steve Kelley, associate director. "He is an incredible man who is a credit to Merrimack and an asset to our community."

## M64

**Thomas Keeling** retired from teaching in 1995 and organized hockey in 1997. He writes that he still plays pond hockey on his front yard rink with his three sons

## Janice Anderson '69 preaches wellness

Janice Anderson '69 was an economics major who worked for 10 years in the Treasury Department as a national bank examiner. She was the first female sent overseas to regulate American national banks.

However, she left her job when she had children, and when she returned she followed a new path. She earned an associate's degree in nursing at Northern Essex Community College in 1985, and has worked in the field of wellness ever since. (She also does free-lance work as a financial editor.)

A believer in the mind-body-spirit continuum of wellness, Anderson runs a private practice, InsideOut, from her home in West Newbury, Mass. In addition to nursing, she is a Reiki ("energy balancing") practitioner and lifestyle counselor who has recently become certified as a facilitator for the Prepare for Surgery, Heal Faster workshops. The self-explanatory workshops, created by psychotherapist Peggy Huddleston, teach the patients relaxation and visualization techniques that will be beneficial to their preparation for and recovery from surgery.

"I do this to help other people, and to help them take control of their health," Anderson says. "This workshop prepares patients to go into surgery totally relaxed. If they do, studies show they will experience fewer complications and less discomfort."

—David Rattigan

and their friends, and he coaches soccer and baseball. "No hockey players in the family," he writes. "All three boys play soccer year round."

**Thomas Quinlan** is the CEO of The Quinlan Companies of Providence, R.I. which was honored by Goodwill Industries of R.I. with the "1999 Exceptional Partners" Award.

## M65

**Carol Dingle** is a former English teacher, USO director, and business owner. She is a student of Thomistic, Aristotelian philosophy, and has traveled and lived in numerous countries throughout the world. Carol has also published a book, *Memorable Quotations: Philosophers of Western Civilization*.

## M66

**William Perrone** has been promoted to vice president of marketing by Howe Insurance Agency of Andover.

## M68

**Jim Thivierge** spoke about former

## Hi Spot owner dies

Many alums will be saddened to hear of the death of Roland J. Langlois, the owner of the former Hi Spot restaurant in North Andover. Roland, 84, died February 2.

The Hi Spot played host to many Merrimack students, alumni, faculty and administrators for more than 30 years, into the 1970s. The site is now occupied by the 99 Restaurant.

Roland was predeceased by his wife Dorothy and sister Frances, who co-owned and ran the restaurant with him. Typically, Roland would be working in the kitchen as Dottie and Frances greeted guests in the front room.

Chief Justice of the Massachusetts Supreme Court Theophilus Parsons at the Custom House Maritime Museum in Newburyport, Mass. in February. "You may not have heard of Theophilus Parsons," Jim says, "but he was the lawyer who first articulated the concept of a government of checks and balances, the separation of powers."

## M70

**Marie (Riemitis) Pouliot** accepted a new position as the Director of Strategic Alliances for Market Max Retail in Danvers, Mass. Market Max is a leading business-to-business e-commerce company.

## M71

**Dana Comeau** has retired from Lucent Technologies after 35 years of service.

**Shirley (Holmes) Cooper** is the Vice President of National Auto Insurance, Inc. of St. Augustine, Fla. Husband James is the president.

**Mary Donahoe** has been named director of laboratory services at Brockton Hospital. She is a member of the American Society of Clinical Pathologists and the Clinical Systems Management Association.

**Sheila McGarr** became the director of the National Library of Education in Washington, D.C. after 19 years of working in a variety of library positions in the U.S. Government Printing Office's



Federal Depository Library Program.

**M73**

Richard Mulcahy's photographs of Lawrence were on display in the city's public library throughout the month of November.

John Woelflein and his wife Deborah took a trip to Ireland for their 25th wedding anniversary. They have two daughters and a son.

**M74**

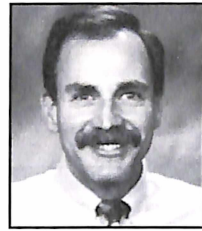
Bill Krauss is program director of McLean Hospital at Naukeag, a 26-

bed residential program for individuals with co-existing mental health and substance abuse problems.

**M75**

James Sicuso is assistant principal for the McKinley and Paul Revere schools in Revere, Mass. He had served as principal of St. Mary High School in Lynn, and as assistant principal at Dom Savio High School in East Boston.

Tom Wozniak was recently promoted to assistant dean of students at Western New England College in Springfield, Mass., while continuing to manage the



Tom Wozniak

residence life program. Last May, he was an alumni keynote speaker at the student leadership banquet at Merrimack.

**M76**

William Leahy was elected to the board of directors for the New England Council. He is the regional director of government affairs at AT&T. He is responsible for advocating AT&T's public

policy positions before the executive and legislative branches of government in New England.

Dave McGillivray received the Race Director of the Year Award, sponsored by Running Times magazine, at the Road Race Management, Inc., annual conference in November 2000. Dave, race director for the Boston Marathon, was honored for his direction of the Third Annual Peoples Beach to Beacon 10K in Cape Elizabeth, Maine, founded by 1984 Olympic gold medalist Joan Benoit Samuelson.

**M77**

Ron Ouellette has worked at Prudential Insurance for 14 years. He keeps active by playing soccer and hockey. He and wife Valerie (Coakley) '78, married 21 years, live in Lewiston, Maine with their three daughters. Val is a pre-school teacher.

**M79**

Susan (Gancarski) Dunse is working in the Fall River, Mass. Public Schools as the director of the mentor program at the Durfee School.

Colleen (McCarthy) Forlizzi is teaching grade seven math at Rockland, Mass., Middle School.

Gerard Griffin Jr. was named director of DeCopier Technologies, Inc. He is the chairman and chief executive officer of Merrimack Paper Company, Inc. He is also the vice president of the Pulp Consumers Board of the American Forest & Paper Association.

Karen King is vice president of planning and systems development for United Services, Inc. Her responsibilities include management of all contracts, grants, licensing and accreditation, performance evaluation and improvement. United Services, Inc., an adult and child behavioral health and social services agency in northeast Connecticut, has 240 employees and a \$13m budget. King is also the vice president of the Connecticut Association of Mental Health Clinics for Children.

**M80**

Mary Ellen (Bourguard) Berg recently joined ERA The Masiello Group's Bedford, N.H., office. She has had a real estate license for 15

**Alumni are riding for a good cause**

Merrimack will be well represented this summer when riders trek to the tip of Massachusetts' Cape Cod for the Pan-Mass Challenge, riding 200 miles to raise money and awareness in the battle against cancer in children and adults. Last year's event raised \$12.5 million for the Jimmy Fund, which funds the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, a leading research facility.

Among the veteran riders expected to take part this year are Jim Sullivan '78, Barry Familetto '78, and Mary Kay (Carey) Doherty '79. First-year riders for 2001 include Maryann Robinson '80, Karen (Garber) Wheeler '80, Maureen Murphy '80, Amy (Bradley) Palmer '80, Dennis DiPrete '80, and Dan Cameron '80. Mike Parolin '79 has participated in past rides.

"There are likely others I haven't learned of yet," Jim Sullivan e-mails. "If you learn of others, please ask them to contact me."

Consider them asked. To reach Jim, e-mail him at jimsulliva@aol.com, or (508) 836-9944.

This is the third year riding for Jim, who lives in Westborough, Mass., with his wife and three kids. He raised \$3,000 last year and is shooting for at least \$3,600 this year, and encouraging other riders and volunteers to participate.

"I have been sponsoring riders for years," Jim writes. "The first year I did the one-day event to build courage for the two days, more than anything. I found it to be one of the most exhilarating experiences of my life."

There are many reasons for riding, "but what got me on the bike was the illness and eventual death from cancer of my best friend from high school days in Charlestown. The Jimmy Fund and its work for the DFCI, being an organization without peer, is another, (along with) a desire to contribute in some way to the research into treatment and increasingly successful cures of cancer, as it touches so many people in each of our lives. And selfishly, a desire and will to get in and stay in the best physical condition of my life."

Barry Familetto '78 is another active rider.

This is Barry's 10th year in the Pan Mass Challenge. An active cyclist, in 1991 he founded the Scenic Bike Tour to Benefit St. Jude Children's Hospital. The ride ran for 10 years and raised approximately \$400,000.

"I take part because it is fun and challenging but more important it is the cause that keeps you coming back," writes Familetto, who lives in Belmont, Mass.

The race takes place each August on the first weekend. This year's ride is Saturday and Sunday, August 4-5. Approximately 3,300 riders have registered so far, along with about 1,700 volunteers.

"They'll always accept more volunteers," Jim writes.

Check out www.pmc.org for Rider or Volunteer registration, or call (800) WE-CYCLE.

— David Rattigan

**Dr. Nancy Sullivan '80 makes Ebola breakthrough**

"With certain viral diseases, it's very obvious who the test population would be when you want to test a vaccine," says Dr. Nancy Sullivan '80, explaining why she herself might become a test subject for Ebola vaccine trials.

"For example, we know which people are at high risk for being infected with HIV. That's a very obvious test population.

"For Ebola virus, the outbreaks are sporadic. We can't predict when they will occur, and the main reason for that is that we don't know what the natural host is. We don't know where in nature it exists and how it gets into the human population."



Photo courtesy of Dr. Nancy Sullivan

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safety studies in primates will be required before human testing begins. However, Sullivan notes, "We are beginning production of the vaccine for human safety trials."

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"We've developed a vaccine in monkeys," she says. "We assume, because monkeys are very similar to humans, that it will also protect humans, but that still is an unknown." By developing this primate model of protection against the virus, researchers can do further studies to help develop treatments of the disease, an elusive killer that first came to public attention in 1976, when an epidemic in Zaire, Africa, killed its victims in 90 percent of 318 reported cases. Found primarily in Africa, it is an elusive disease with no known origin (despite extensive testing) that causes hemorrhagic fever and can kill within days.

Sullivan, a former biology major who got her doctorate from Harvard University, has been involved in Ebola research since 1998.

"My graduate work was on HIV, and that's obviously very interesting," Sullivan says. "But there is quite a large effort of scientists working on HIV, so it seemed to me that I might have more of an impact on research if I were to work on something that was not quite so well studied. It seems to me not wise to duplicate effort."

Her interest in biology and research was cultivated at Merrimack.

"Dr. George Wermers was a profound influence," she says. "Especially in biochemistry, he had such an enthusiasm for the subject that it was difficult not to be interested. At Merrimack, because the classes are small, it makes it easier for professors to communicate that level of enthusiasm to students."

— David Rattigan

years. Mary Ellen has also been on the Board of Directors of the Villa Augustina School, is a past president of Goffstown Junior Women, and is secretary of the Bishop Brady High School Friends of Football.

Gregory Burwell is employed at Bulkley, Richardson & Gelinas, LLP as director of information technology. He and wife Jane live in Wethersfield, Conn., with son Matthew.

**M81**

Robert Bonsignore, of Bonsignore & Brewer in Medford, Mass., was elected to the Trial Lawyers for Public Justice Foundation's board of directors. The foundation is the nonprofit parent of Trial Lawyers for Public Justice, the national public interest law firm specializing in precedent-setting tort and damage litigation.

**M82**

Thomas Corey, a 14-year veteran of the Woonsocket, R.I., Fire Department, has been promoted to lieutenant.

Susan Danforth is assistant director of communications for college relations at Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Me. Prior to the appointment she worked as marketing assistant/ publications coordinator for the Portland Symphony Orchestra, an organization for which she now volunteers.

**M83**

Charles "Chuck" Conlon was promoted to midwest regional manager of Schnabel Foundation Company in Cary, Ill. He and wife Janet (Crocker) '81 live in Buffalo Grove, Ill., with their two children.

**Is this a familiar ring?**

A woman's signet ring from the Merrimack class of '85 was found at Methuen High School. The initials engraved on the band are T.A.S.

Is that familiar?

If so, you can claim the ring by calling Alumni Director Susan Wojtas at (978) 837-5440.



**M85**

**Nancy Otovic, M.D.**, has left her private practice in Danvers, Mass., to join the Deaconess-Nashoba Hospital medical staff. The board-certified family physician has opened a practice in Pepperell, Mass.

**M87**

**Ian "Cone" deCone** is director of systems engineering for Verizon Wireless. He, wife Sue and baby son Evan Peter live in Bridgewater, N.J.

**M88**

**Donna Gaudet Hosmer**, a principal of the family-owned Tilton Auto Group, has been elected a director of the New Hampshire Automobile Dealers Association.

**Jack Quinn** recently joined Prudential Securities on Wall Street as a senior database developer. He is developing a Lotus Notes-based sales force automation system for domestic equity research sales in New Jersey.

**M89**

**David Kratz** is project manager for the Franklin Falls and Blackwater dams in central N.H., working for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Both dams are part of a flood control operation in the Merrimack River Basin.

**M90**

**Brian Cote** joined a small financial services firm that has three business lines: 401K/pension investment/ administration, life insurance & estate planning and investment management. He is helping to run the IM subsidiary and will have a sizable ownership stake next year with the option to buy the whole company in eight years. Also, he's spent four years renovating a 1945 Cape Cod style house with four bedrooms and two baths.

**Kelly Walters** is an account executive at Drake Beam Morin, West Hartford, Conn. She received her master's degree in organizational behavior from the Barney School of Business at the University of Hartford.

**M91**

**Diane Applegate** is outreach coordinator for the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs. She is responsible for working with members of the Legislature, the media, and coordinating special events for Secretary Lillian Glickman. Diane received her master's degree in communica-

tions with a concentration in public relations from Emerson College in August 1999.

**Travis Terry & Co. CPA**, has opened new offices in Salem, N.H. He has an MBA from Riviera College and in December 2000 added a master's degree in taxation from Bentley College. He invites alumni to visit his website at [www.travisterrycpa.com](http://www.travisterrycpa.com).

**M92**

**Brother Frank Grimaldi** is director of HIV / AIDS Outreach Services of the diocesan Office of Social Concern in Springfield, Mass. He lives at St. Stanislaus Basilica in Chicopee, Mass.

**Michael Provenzano III** is vice president of finance and chief

financial officer of Davox Corporation, a leading developer of customer contact solutions, located in Westford, Mass.



Michael Provenzano

**Bob Rossilli** is district sales manager running the respiratory business for Glaxo Wellcome, Inc. in Boston and Boston South Areas.

**Karen Temple** is a buyer for Wearguard, based in Norwell, Mass. She is responsible for the conversion of Crest Healthcare products into Wearguard's mail order catalog.

**M93**

**Amy Flynn** is working as a career services associate at Emerson College, Boston, Mass.

**Ellen (O'Connor) Kaiser** and husband Matt are enjoying their first year of marriage working on renovations to their home in Brockton, Mass., and plan to spend the next couple of years traveling before they start their family.

**Andrea (Conte) Savard** is a software program manager at Lotus Development/IBM Corporation in North Reading, Mass. She and husband Bob live in Bradford, Mass.

**M94**

**Robert Bartley CPA, CFP** has expanded his Andover office and launched a new website [www.robertbartley.com](http://www.robertbartley.com).

**Erik Gagnon** is part of the State Police Underwater Recovery Unit that recently received a top honor for its diligent efforts for recovery. The unit was awarded the Massachusetts State Police Medal of Merit. The award was established to bestow recognition on police officers who have performed acts of outstanding achievement, far exceeding normal demands of the department.

**Isa Perez** is an account executive for international sales in the Mechanical Seals Division at A.W. Chesterton Co. in Groveland, Mass.

**Jared Whelan** is a senior human resources generalist at Siemens Business Service, LLC, in Burlington, Mass.

**M95**

**John Day** is a market research analyst with BJ's Wholesale Club in Natick, Mass.

**Brett Fay** accepted a senior sales executive position with Broadview Networks, an internet service provider headquartered in New York City. He writes, "I am very proud of my achievements, and I consider my Merrimack education to be the main reason for my success. He lives in North Chelmsford, Mass.

**Alice MacCormack** is a senior account executive with CBS in N.Y.

**M96**

**Richard Button** is a Microsoft certified engineer and product specialist. He works as an engineer for Sony in Ft. Meyers, Florida.

**Jessica Koosa** is a teacher at the Bethany Community School in Connecticut. She is pursuing a master's degree at Central Connecticut State University.

**M97**

**Danielle (Ouellette) Athanasiadis** is the head coach for the girls soccer team at Marian High School in Framingham, Mass. A former All-America Team selection at Merrimack, she was an assistant coach for the Merrimack soccer team for the past three years. She succeeded her husband Paul, who had been coach for nine years. They live in Arlington, Mass., with daughter Emily.

**Carolyn Hurray** is a first-grade teacher at the Hajjar School in North Billerica, Mass. She is finishing her master's degree in elementary education and reading at Lesley University in Cambridge, Mass.

**Heather Stone** is a part-time special education teacher at the Webb Kindergarten Center in the Wethersfield, Conn. school system.

**William Wyman** is chief information officer at Lowell, Mass. General Hospital. He received his master of science degree in health services administration in June 1999.

**Catching up with ...**

This is Bill Paterson's 16<sup>th</sup> year teaching the addictive behaviors class in Merrimack College's Division of Continuing Education. He has also been the deputy director for the Governor's Alliance

Against Drugs for two governors (Michael Dukakis and William Weld), and a liaison to the White House National Drug Policy Office.

After serving as CEO for a multi-media company he co-founded, he is working with Massachusetts' judges and courthouse personnel, as the Substance Abuse Training Coordinator for the Trial Court's Judicial Institute.

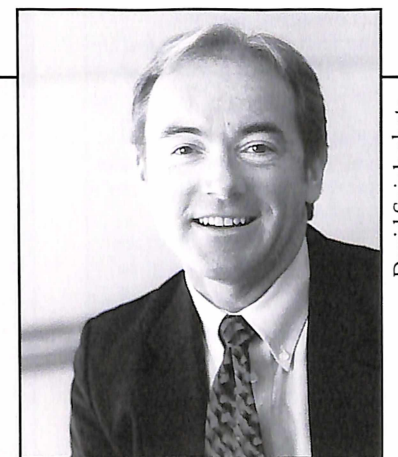
"A large percentage of the cases we see in the courts are related to substance abuse, particularly in the district courts," says Paterson, noting that in some districts it's approximately 80 percent. "With education, we get people to understand there are more resources available to them. The purpose is to get substance abusers appropriate treatment, not just to send them away to jail unless they pose a violent public safety problem. That way, they won't keep showing up in front of the judge, and causing problems for society and, particularly, their families."

Bill enjoys the variety of students that are drawn to his classes, noting that he's had an 80-year-old student mixed with the 20-year-olds.

"I love teaching at Merrimack," he says. "I admire the many students who have to work all day, and take care of their kids, their homes, and then come to school and work hard on their degrees. In DCE, sometimes it takes six or seven years. I have great respect for that."

His message to alumni: "Don't lose connection with the college. We're all going through life together and, particularly for DCE students, we really value your input."

— David Rattigan



Bill Paterson

David Spink photo

**Morrison '94 not quite a Survivor**

If the second season of *Survivor* seemed to lack something, we know what it was.

The producers came close (sort of) to selecting Jen Morrison '94 as one of those they'd stick in the Australian outback to play the reality-television game. When they didn't, it was clearly the show's loss.

Morrison, the director of leadership programming at Pine Manor College, was one of the 800 applicants selected from 60,000 entries. After a lengthy interview, she thought she had a good chance of at least becoming a finalist for the show.

Instead, she wound up on the couch like the rest of us, watching other folks eat bugs and missing episodes of *Friends*. "I'd have liked to do it," she says. "It was something new and adventurous. I wasn't interested in all the other stuff (the fame, the endorsements) that comes with it. It just seems like a neat experience to go through."

To apply for *Survivor*, Morrison sent in a self-produced videotape with a four-page application.

"They asked some strange questions," she says. "What's your favorite music? What music do you listen to? They asked about your family, what three words describe you (fiery, tenacious, multi-layered, she responded, aware that she'd slipped in an extra word), what would you bring?"

One of the final questions was, on the first cast who did you like? ("Colleen and Greg. They seemed like the most fun.") The last question was whom from the first cast did you hate? ("Stacey. A catty woman.")

Morrison produced a tape with various clips showing off her athleticism, mountain biking and climbing hills, but had second thoughts and junked it in favor of a simpler one.

"I had one of my students bring me a camera from visual arts at 12:30 at night," she says. "She left me alone and I sat on the couch and talked into the camera and two minutes later I was done. On (the first tape) I felt like I was showing off, but I wanted to do something that would show them me."

Producers interviewed potential contestants in 16 cities, and Morrison thought she did very well in her interview.

"They said it would take 5 to 10 minutes, and I was in for 45 minutes," she says. "The guy before me was only in for three minutes. I thought I did well, but I guess I just wasn't what they were looking for."

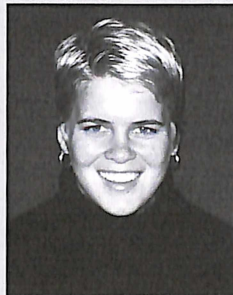
Unfortunately for Morrison, she didn't make the cut to the final 50, who were flown to Los Angeles for psychiatric evaluations before the final cut. (Presumably, those who failed the psychiatric evaluations were invited on the show.)

She did get some nice gifts and a hand-written note asking her to consider applying for *Survivor* again, and she might. The former Merrimack softball player says this has drawn her competitive ire.

"Now my ego is bruised," she says. "Now it's become a game to me and I want to win. I want it because they told me I can't have it.

"So, I probably will do it. They've made me hungry."

—David Rattigan



Jen Morrison



Vicki (Lomaglio) Gerry is working as a clinical research associate at Mass. General Hospital.

Carol Kollias has joined the Coldwell Banker Hunneman sales staff, working from the company's Belmont, Mass. office.

M99

Tara Johnson is teaching fifth and sixth grades at the Boylston Elementary School.

Matt Phillion is a reporter and columnist for the Beverly Citizen in Beverly, Mass.

Steve Waluk is working in the Rhode Island State Legislature as an assistant to the house minority leader. He is responsible for policy and research.

M00

Tom O'Grady is an accountant coordinator at Direct Results Group, an all-media direct marketing company located in Boston.

Michael Stewart had five of his poems published by the International Library of Poetry.

Nathaniel Ward is spending a year volunteering. He writes, "My opportunities to volunteer at Merrimack led me to do a full year of service for the Jesuits of my old high school, St. Ignatius Prep in Cleveland, Ohio. There I am the assistant director of sophomore community service, as well as a teacher and spiritual prayer guide. Thank you, Merrimack College, for preparing me for this opportunity."

**Craig Wood Scholarship established**

Alumni and friends have established the Craig W. Wood '95 Scholarship. Craig was one of the victims of a workplace shooting in Wakefield, Mass., earlier this year.

Plans for an annual event are moving forward under the chairmanship of Chris Gaudette '95 (chris\_gaudette@unicore.com).

Donations to the scholarship endowment may be sent to Donor Relations, Box A-8, Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike Street, North Andover, MA, 01845.

**Augustinian Volunteer Program provides an enriching experience**

Five Merrimack graduates from the class of 2000 are getting lessons of another sort this year.

They're volunteers in the pilot Augustinian Volunteer Program, which seeks to enrich the community through volunteerism, while at the same time helping the volunteer develop in his or her own spiritual journey.

"The Augustinian Volunteers program was set up to provide Catholic men and women with an opportunity to serve God's people, especially the poor, in partnership with the Augustinians and others," says Father Joe Mostardi, O.S.A., of Villanova, the director of the Augustinian Volunteers. "By building and living in community with other volunteers and by sharing in the life of local Augustinian communities, we hope that the life of each volunteer is enriched as they enrich the lives of others."

Four of the Merrimack volunteers — Angela Dunn, Rob Marino, Jaimie Swift, and Jessica Burgess — are living in San Diego, Calif. The other, Maura Shaughnessy is in New York City, in the Bronx. All of them work as full-time volunteers, sharing work and housing with other volunteers from Merrimack or from Villanova University.

The communal living arrangement alone has been enriching. Prior to this year, most lived at home or on a college campus. One, Marino, lived with roommates in Lawrence. They were friends who would come and go as they pleased, had television in their rooms, and sharing dinner meant splitting a pizza. Now, in addition to working together, the Augustinian volunteers have one television, one car, one food bill and eat a minimum of four meals together each week. They have to share, make sacrifices, deal with dissimilarities and otherwise cope with others of different backgrounds and temperments.

"I've loved it, absolutely," says Shaughnessy, from Randolph, Mass., talking about the entire experience. "Everything about it is incredible: the places I work, the people I live with, everyone I've met. The interactions have all been wonderful. I'll be sorry to see it end."

"It's a great feeling knowing you can dedicate yourself to volunteer service," says Marino, of Billerica, Mass. He has done volunteering in the past, but has never been able to do so full-time. "You don't have to worry about paying the bills and stuff that keeps you from doing things like this. The Augustinians have taken care of that, so we're here to take care of anybody that needs us."

Working in an underprivileged Hispanic neighborhood, says Swift, from Watertown, Mass., "gives you a new perspective on the world and on people."

Burgess, from Dracut, Mass., who also works at an orphanage in Mexico on weekends, agrees. "I've never been so stimulated, emotionally, mentally, spiritually, and socially, because of all the disparities we're seeing with the kids we work with, especially the kids I meet in Mexico," she says. "It's opened my eyes to the imbalances and injustices in the social system. I've seen the real face of poverty and I see it every time I drive over the border."

Burgess doesn't come from wealth, but still finds a stark contrast between her blessings as a middle class American and what she's found as a volunteer. Now she finds herself reflecting on, "how I can be a good steward. Not to use the blessings to feel guilty, but to open the eyes of others and see the injustices in the world. I really believe that if we can make more people aware, we can do something about it."

To apply as a volunteer, one must be between the ages of 21 and 35. Already, the program has received seven Merrimack applicants for next year, and Father Mostardi hopes to establish a third volunteer site, in Lawrence.

For more information, contact: Augustinian Volunteers, P.O. Box 340, 214 Ashwood Road, Villanova, PA 19085-0340, phone (610) 527-3330, ext. 279, or check out www.augustinian.org.

—David Rattigan



Maura Shaughnessy '00, working with children in the Head Start program, has found the Augustinian Volunteer Program enriching on many levels. She says, "I'll be sorry to see it end."

Photo courtesy of the Augustinian Volunteer Program

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**Shirley Holmes '71** and James Cooper, in Palm Coast, Florida, December 17, 2000.

**Robert Cheyne III '77** and Michelle Pezzullo, in Zionsville, Indiana, August 12, 2000.

**Michael Meile '83** and Dorrie Dane at Astwood Park, Warwick, Bermuda, October 16, 2000.

**Michael Arcidi '85** and Ann Marie Lamonica at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Worcester, Mass., September 17, 2000.

**Aurelie McCarthy '85** and Stanley Alger III at the Old North Church, Boston, Mass.

**Joyce Noonan '87** and Brian Enright at St. Paul Church, Wellesley, Mass., November 28, 1999.

**Thomas Hall '88** and Mimi Tam at the Hollis Congregational Church, Hollis, N.H., September 16, 2000.

**John Rynak '88** and Allison Hyder at Governor Dummer Academy Chapel, Byfield, Mass.

**Michael Bartlett '90** and Catharine Letton at Sugar Hill Community Church, Sugar Hill, N.H., August 12, 2000.

**Erin Butler '90** and Michael MacGuire at St. Lawrence the Martyr Church, New Bedford, Mass., June 17, 2000.

**Michelle Costanza '91** and Brian Kane at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Nahant, Mass., September 3, 2000.

**James Koloski, Jr. '91** and Kristen Kania at The Casino, Roger Williams Park, Providence, R.I., October 1, 2000.

**Colleen Long '91** and Jaime Figueroa at Elbow Beach in Bermuda, September 12, 1998.



*Donna Brooks '93 and Donald Rondolet*

**Keith Dennis '92** and Gina Ferrara at Groveland Congregational Church, Groveland, Mass., September 12, 2000.

**Thomas McDermott '92** and Mary Auclair at St. John the Evangelist Church, Hopkinton, Mass., June 10, 2000.

**Kevin Regan '92** and Jennifer Jesser at St. Patrick's Church, Stoneham, Mass., May 28, 2000.

**Susan Szydlo '92** and Gregg Latterman, Glenview, Ill., July 8, 2000.

**Allyson Lee Aucone '93** and Constantine Sideridis at St. George Greek Orthodox Church, Lynn, Mass.

**Donna Brooks '93** and Donald Rondolet on Emerald Beach, St.

Thomas, United States Virgin Islands, December 28, 2000.

**Andrea Conte '93** and Robert Savard at Star of the Sea Church,

Salisbury Beach, Mass., September 24, 2000.

**Jennifer Crowley '93** and Christopher Riley '93 at St. Raphael's Church, Medford, Mass., July 8, 2000.

**Michelle Humphreys '93** and Ross Bowen at St. Joseph Church, Wakefield, Mass., October 28, 2000. **Rev. James Wenzel, OSA '52**, of Merrimack presided at the ceremony.

**Sarah Lucey '93** and Brian Mik at Holy Trinity Church, Wallingford, Conn., June 24, 2000.

**Ellen O'Connor '93** and Matthew Kaiser at the Immaculate Conception Church, Newburyport, Mass., June 23, 2000.

**David Tarantino '93** and Marisa Bistany at Noroton Presbyterian Church, Darien, Conn, April 20, 2000.

**Christine Tighe '93** and John Demers at St. Mary Church, Winchester, Mass., November 13, 1999.

**Mark Bodenrader '94** and Anne Hoyt at Our Lady of Fatima Church, New London, N.H., September 9, 2000.

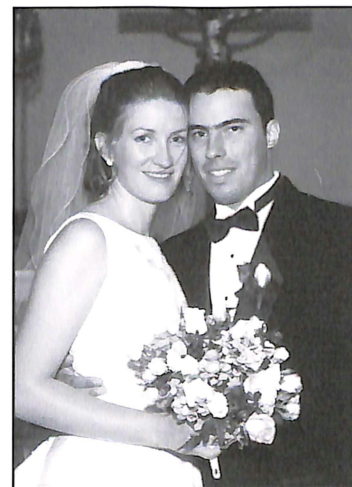
**Leslie Parker '94** and Stuart Browne at the United Methodist Church, North Hero, Vt., June 10, 2000.

**Joanne Cappellano '94** and Thomas Tanner Jr. at St. John Church, Quincy, Mass., July 1, 2000.

**Kym Ebrecht '94** and Joseph Nugent, June 16, 2000.

**Gilbert Lamarre '94** and Patricia Amari, August 5, 2000.

**Christine Brimlow '95** and William Gaffney at St. Michael the Archangel Church, Cary, North Carolina on September 11, 1999.



*Christine Brimlow '95 and William Gaffney*

**Angela Carfagnini '95** and Brandon Baliestiero at St. Anthony Church, Revere, Mass., September 12, 1999.

**Christina Forbes '95** and John Hurley at the Collegiate Church of Christ the Teacher, July 14, 2000.

**Patricia Kelley '95** and James Slattery at St. Mary Church, Foxboro, Mass., September 3, 2000.

**Keri Guertin '96** and Michael Ryan II at Sacred Hearts Church, Bradford, Mass.



*The Bistany-Tarantino wedding included, from left, Robert Burt '94, Matt Buckley '93, Mark Trodden '93, Jennifer (Harrington) Trodden '93, groom David Tarantino '93 and bride Marisa Bistany, Nicholas Alexis '94, Gary Fernandes '94, Kristin (Barry) Turner '94, Brian Turner '94, and Matt Mozzer '93.*

**Holly Nelson '96** and Douglas Moreira '96 in Portland, Maine, June 10, 2000.

**Julie Marsh '97** and Paul Tagliamonte at the Collegiate Church of Christ the Teacher, May 27, 2000.

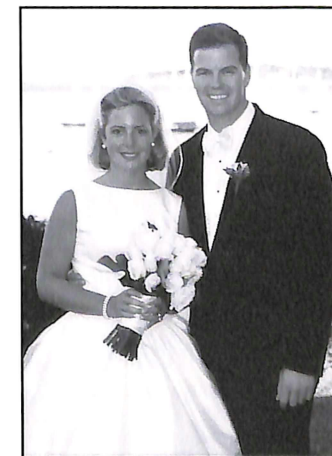
**Anabelle Bou-Mitri '98** and Robert Owaida in Lebanon, August 6, 2000. They renewed their vows November 18 at a reception at Harris' Pelham Inn in Pelham, N.H.

**Sandra Doherty '98** and Brendan Reen '96 at Our Lady of Grace Church, Fishers Island, N.Y., September 16, 2000.

**Paul Laurin '98** and Susan Marotta at Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church, Andover, Mass., October 21, 2000.

**Kimberly Rischer '99** and Matthew Eskel at the Collegiate Church of Christ the Teacher, August 4, 2000.

**Michelle Smith '99** and Stephen Bohondoney at St. Monica Church, Methuen, Mass.



*Sandra Doherty '98 and Brendan Reen '96*



*The Marsh-Tagliamonte wedding included, from left, Laurie Buckley '97, Stephanie Feo '97, Kristy Marsh '00, bride Julie Marsh '97 and groom Paul Tagliamonte, Father Joseph Gillin, Tracy Watkins '97 and Jennifer Matison '99.*



*At the Humphreys-Bowen wedding, front from left, Father James Wenzel, OSA, bride Michelle Humphreys '93, and groom Ross Bowen. Back row from left, Mark Trodden '93, Jennifer (Harrington) Trodden '93, Jennifer (Hudson) Najjar '93, Judith (Patten) Humphreys '62, Thomas Humphreys '62, Richard Patten '64, Thomas Treacy '62, and Catherine (Newell) Keenan '81.*





Collin Miller with brother Justin on the family Christmas card.

**Kathleen (LaRonca) Miller '78** and husband Peter: a son, Collin, April 26, 2000. He joins brother Justin.

**Mark Heffernan '81** and wife Judy: a son, Ryan William, November 16, 2000. He joins brothers Mark Jr. and Mitch.



Ryan William Heffernan

**Marie (Connolly) Barrows '82** and husband Bill: a daughter, Jenna Marie, August 3, 2000. She joins brother Ryan.

**Mark McIntire '87** and wife Kelley: a daughter, Ashley, September 29, 2000. She joins brother Kyle.

**Joseph Pottle '86** and wife Kathleen: a daughter, Christina Marie, October 15, 2000. She joins sister Kylie Rose.



This group at a "Merrimack girls get-together" in the summer of 1999, included Gina (Pellegrino) Peach '89, Stacie (Mulvey) Allen '89, Caroline (Franco) Graves '89, Katie (Nichols) Churchill '89, and Valerie (Solopoulos) Cinsoruli '89. The children, from left, are MacKenzie Allen, 1, Raymond Peach, 4, Nina Peach, 1, Nicholas and Isabella Cinsoruli (twins), 5 months, Christopher Peach, 2, Madaline Graves, 1, and Michael Graves, 2 months.

**Ian "Cone" deCone '87** and wife Sue: a son, Evan Peter, September 21, 2000.

**Kathleen (Mahoney) Phelan '87** and husband John: a son Patrick Francis, October 12, 2000. He joins sister Megan Jeanne.

**Gregory Coir '88** and wife Alexandra: a son, Ethan Gregory, May 25, 2000.

**Karen (McCann) '88** and Gary Drake '88: a daughter, Anna Christine, August 17, 2000. She joins brothers Austin and Alexander.



Julie (Driscoll) and Frankie Nolan

**Julie (Driscoll) Nolan '88** and husband Francis: a son, Frankie, January 22, 2000.



Megan and Patrick Phelan

**Sheila (Boyajian) Finstein '89** and husband Mark: a son, Adam David, January 11, 2001. He joins brothers Matthew and Jeremy.

**John Lyons '89** and wife Caroline: a daughter, Grace Catherine, August 23, 2000. She joins sister Anne Elizabeth.



Alec Richard "Digger Jr." DeGregorio

**Gina (Pellegrino) Peach '89** and husband Raymond: a daughter, Lindsay Marie, January 10, 2001. She joins brothers Raymond and Christopher and sister Nina.

**Lynne Ann (Pilat) Chase '90** and husband William: a son, Harrison Spencer, October 31, 2000. He joins brother Zachary Tyler.

**Kristen (Lonnberg) Corliss '90** and husband Stephen: a son, Reid Stephen, October 27, 2000.

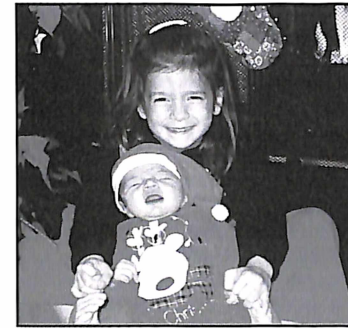
**Richard "Digger" DeGregorio '90** and wife Tracy: a son, Alec Richard "Digger Jr.," August 10, 2000.

**Lisa (Venezia) '90** and Michael Drew '91: a son, Michael David Jr., October 2, 2000. He joins sister Megan Marie.

**Johnna (Beal) '90** and Sean D'Urso '91: a son, Aidan Matthew, October 7, 2000. Aidan joins sister Taylor Jordan.

**Sue (Lacerte) '90** and Kevin Freeman '90: a daughter, Sarah Marie, April 5, 2000. She joins sisters Elizabeth and Katie.

**Susan (Fitzgerald) Teixeira '90** and husband Jaime: a son, Kyle Matthew, November 23, 2000. He joins sister Danielle.



Danielle and Kyle Teixeira

**Sharon (Sullivan) Tryder '90** and husband David: a daughter, Kylie Christina, November 11, 2000. She joins brother Jake.

**Margaret (Gradel) DeSantis '91** and husband Jim: a son, James Richard, August 16, 2000. He joins sisters Alexandra and Jillian.



Declan Michael Jones

**Danielle (DiMauro) Garden '91** and husband Noah: a son, Alexander Nathan, June 27, 2000. He joins brother Justin Paul.

**Gary Duda '92** and wife Collette: a daughter, Ashlyn Estelle, June 10, 2000. She joins sister Gabrielle Terese.

**Tammy (MacAulay) Jones '92** and husband Robert '93: a son, Declan Michael, September 24, 2000.

**Julie (Fragala) Marsh '92** and husband Don: a son, Jeffrey William, September 18, 2000. He joins brother David. Jeffrey was welcomed by proud grandfather Anthony Fragala '54 and uncle James Fragala '86.

**Paula (Norton) '93** and Alexander Cain '93: a son, John Alexander, May 25, 2000.

**Christian Ormond '93** and wife Christine: a daughter, Caitlin Kathleen, April 22, 2000.



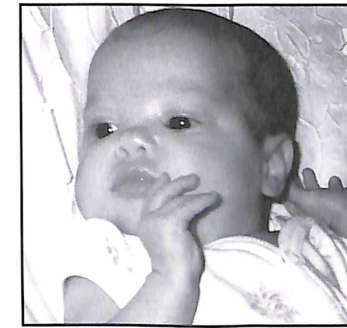
Grace Winifred Snajder



Dylan, Jacey and Darren Woods

**Melissa (Robinson) '93** and Michael DiMauro '89: a son, Adam Michael, September 23, 2000. He joins sister LeAnn and brother Matthew.

**Jessica (Michalak) Snajder '93** and husband Greg: a daughter, Grace Winifred, September 13, 2000.



Olivia Brigham Crouch

**Andrea (Brush) Woods '93** and husband Michael: triplets, Dylan Matthew, Jacey Nicole, and Darren Michael, April 2, 2000.

**Beth (Brown) Crouch '94** and husband William: a daughter, Olivia Brigham, January 27, 2000. She joins sister Julia. Olivia's middle name comes from Brigham & Women's Hospital in Boston, where she stayed for two and a half months after being born three and a half months prematurely. Thanks in large part to the hospital's doctors (and those at Holy Family Hospital, where she spent another month), Olivia is doing just fine.

**Christine (Brimlow) Gaffney '95** and husband William: a daughter, Lily Antoinette, August 6, 2000.

**Diana Kimball-Anderson '96** and husband Lance: a daughter, Rhett Elizabeth, July 5, 2000.

**Danielle (Ouellette) Athanasiadis '97** and husband Paul: a daughter, Emily Claire, September 25, 2000.

**Leslie (Oliveira) '98** and **Todd Brandon Buttrick '98**: a daughter, Riley Elizabeth, September 19, 2000, on the couple's two-year wedding anniversary.

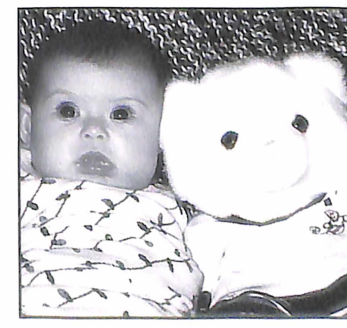
**Lisa (Gallagher) Buck '00** and husband Patrick: a daughter, Erin Elizabeth, September 3, 2000.



Lily Antoinette Gaffney



Rhett Elizabeth Kimball-Anderson



Emily Claire Athanasiadis





**Louis A. Trainor Jr. '53**, 68, of Windham, N.H. died September 29, 2000. He operated two nursing homes in the Cambridge, Mass. area, and worked 16 years with Century 21 Allard Real Estate in Salem, N.H., serving as president of the Board of Realtors. In addition to his education at Merrimack, Louis earned an associate's degree in nursing home administration from Northern Essex Community College. Louis also served 20 years in the Navy, where he was an LCDR. He was a member of several Naval organizations including the Naval Institute, Navy Mutual Aid Association, and Retired Officers Association. Survivors include his wife Cecile; daughter Sharon DiBurro; son Louis A. III; three grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

**Louise Elizabeth (Henwood) Sullivan '57**, 63, of Marblehead, Mass., died September 8, 2000 in Salem Hospital. She worked for more than 10 years at Andover Coated Products in Salisbury, Mass., where she was the customer service manager. She was a communicant of Our Lady Star of the Sea Church in Marblehead, where she was an active member. Survivors include her husband of 39 years, Edward; sons Brian, Michael, and Timothy and Brian's wife Ann; daughters Diane Riddle and her husband David; Cheryl Carbeau and her husband, Mark; and Janet Sogoloff and her husband, Adam; brother David Henwood; and sisters Catherine Callahan, Ann McGrath, and Helen Henwood.

**Alan R. Petty '58**, 71, died on December 7, 2000 at home in Atkinson, N.H. He was production coordinator at New England Nuclear Co./Dupont before retiring in 1978. Before that, he taught high school chemistry for several years in Dade County, Florida. He served in the Air Force for four years during the Korean War in the Air Weather Service. He leaves sons and daughters-in-law David and Mary Lu, and J.

Scott and Claire; daughter Jean Petty; brother John; six grandchildren; two nephews; a niece; four grandnieces and grandnephews; and former wife Dolores (Walters) Petty.

**Elaine (Dondero) Mullick '58**, 62, of Newton, N.H., died December 15, 2000, from injuries suffered in an automobile accident. She lived for a time in Reading, Mass., and for the past 30 years in Newton, N.H. She worked five years as a personal service representative for Liberty Mutual in Boston. She raised championship Maltese dogs and was a member of the National Maltese Club. She also kept a number of cats. Family members include her husband of 40 years, **Ronald Mullick '58**, whom she met at Merrimack; brother Charles Dondero; and several nieces and nephews.

**Margaret A. "Peggy" (Bullock) Mullen '59**, 61, of Lynn, Mass., died on October 16, 2000 after a lengthy illness. Peggy was a retired Malden High School and middle school teacher. She taught business at St. Mary High School in Lynn from 1979 to 1984. She received her associate's degree from Merrimack in 1959, and her bachelor's degree from Salem State College in 1978. She was a communicant of St. Pius V Church in Lynn and was active in Girl Scouts, CYO and CCD at the church. Peggy was also a member of the Mothers Club of East Lynn Little League; the Malden Teachers Association; and the Alumni Association of Merrimack College. Survivors include her husband of 39 years, **John '62**; sons, **Robert '85** and his wife Cyndi, and **Kevin '94**

and his wife **Amy (McCoy) '96**; daughters, **Maureen '86**, and Janet Ehl and her husband Charles; sisters Jane Gioacchini and her husband Henry, and Elaine Kuzmin and her husband Michael; four grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. A memorial scholarship fund to benefit Merrimack students has been established. If you would like to make a contribution, please send to: Margaret Mullen Memorial Fund, c/o 21 East Park Ave., Lynn, MA 01902.

**Lawrence C. Griffin '60**, 66, of Rowley, Mass., died October 21, 2000 at Beverly, Mass., Hospital. He was a retired claims manager for Liberty Mutual Insurance and was a veteran of the Korean War, serving as a sergeant in the U.S. Marine Corps. He was a member of St. Mary Church of Rowley, the Marine Corps League of Peabody, Mass., and of the Rowley Veterans' Association, and a former longtime Rowley police officer. He enjoyed gardening. Survivors include his wife of 40 years, Jeanne; his mother, Doris; two brothers, John and William; a brother-in-law and his wife, Richard and Barbara Horrigan; a sister-in-law, Ann McCarthy; cousins Eileen Owens, Henrietta McCaul, and Daniel Barry; and many nieces and nephews.

**William E. Lever '61**, 60, of North Andover, died on September 7, 2000 following a brief illness. He received his master's degree in education at Salem State College in 1965 and a doctorate in administration, leadership and humanistic psychology in 1975 from Boston University. William is the author

of *How to Obtain Money for College: A Complete Guide to the Sources of Financial Aid for Education and The Master Plan: How to Begin Career Planning*. He recently retired from his position as director of guidance and counseling at Winthrop High School. He had a private practice in North Andover for 22 years called Lever Counseling Services, specializing in adolescent and adult psychology. He was a cofounder of Challenge House in Methuen, Mass. He was a teacher at Lawrence High School and Methuen Junior High School, and a guidance counselor at Methuen High School and Tewksbury High School. He served students for 39 years. In 1977 then-governor Michael Dukakis appointed William chairman of the Drug and Rehabilitation Advisory Board. He served as supervisor for the College Board Test Center as a member of the Massachusetts School Counselor Advisory Council, and was affiliated with numerous professional organizations. He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Nancy; his mother, Mary Patricia; daughter Rory Elizabeth; son Ryan William; sister Donna Beeley; brother Gary; and eight nieces and nephews.

**Frank T. Monahan Jr. '62**, 60, of Concord, N.H. died suddenly on November 21, 2000 at his home. He was a former Merrimack basketball coach (1970-80), assistant athletic director (1970-78), and athletic director (1978-80). As a student, he had played intramural sports. Frank was recognized as an exceptional coach both at Merrimack College and in New Hampshire high schools, and was inducted into the Merrimack College Hall of Fame, the New Hampshire Coaches Hall of Fame, the Manchester Catholic High School Athletic Hall of Fame, and the Queen City Hall of Fame. At Merrimack, he was once the New England NCAA Division II Basketball Coach of the Year, and at Bishop Brady High School in Concord, N.H., he won the New Hampshire Athletic Association Class I state championship in

baseball (1965) and basketball (1965, 1966, and 1997). Prior to coming to Merrimack, Frank was a business education teacher, athletic director, and varsity basketball and baseball coach at Bishop Brady from 1964 to 1968, and from 1968 to 1970 taught business education and was a varsity basketball coach at Concord High School. Since 1981, he was a college basketball scout for the Marty Blake Associates, and he was a men's basketball commentator on the UNH sports network from 1984 until his death. He returned to Bishop Brady as a teacher-coach from 1993 to 1999. In 1995, he was the head coach for the New Hampshire Thunder Loons basketball team in Manchester. At the time of his death, he was employed by the state of New Hampshire as the administrator of the Bureau of Court Facilities, where he had been working for 10 years. Survivors include his wife of 36 years, Frances; mother Katherine; daughters Kathleen and Kelly; son Michael Monahan; sisters Jean Murphy, Louise Mahoney, and Christine Monahan. He was pre-deceased by son Thomas, who died in 1990.

**Theodora A. Zubrinski '63**, 58, of South Kingstown, R.I. died October 7, 2000. She was a clinical counselor at the University of Rhode Island Counseling Center for more than 30 years. After Merrimack, she also received degrees from URI and Boston University. At URI, Theodora ran the first program at the Learning Assistance Center, where she was chairman of its biennial conferences. She also served on numerous university committees and task forces, including two search committees for university president. In 1974 she was the first woman to be elected president of a union at URI, the Professional and Technical Assistance Association in the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, of which she remained chief steward. In 1994, she was named Woman of the Year by the local chapter of the Association of

Professional and Academic Women. In 1990, a commendation for extraordinary service was named the "Teddy Z Award" in her honor by the members of her unit at URI. She leaves an aunt, Ann Siergiej; and several cousins.

**Robert E. Hosty '70**, 59, of Methuen and Salisbury, Mass., died November 17, 2000, at his home. He was a Drug Enforcement Administration special agent for 12 years and continued with investigative work privately. He then worked for the U.S. Postal Service in Andover for 12 years. Robert served in the Air Force from 1961 to 1964. He was a member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Methuen, Mass. He served as an officer for the St. Vincent De Paul Society and the Holy Name Society. He was a member of the Association of Former Federal Narcotics Agents and the Howard Street Associates. He leaves wife Jackie; daughter Kim; son Paul; sisters Marguerite Fargnoli and Jane Higgins; brothers John and James; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

**David Eills '77**, 45, of Saugus, Mass., died unexpectedly December 9, 2000 at his home. He was the husband of Pamela. Born in Melrose, Mass., and raised in Saugus, he was the son of Howard and Marguerite Eills of South Dennis, Mass. He was the proprietor of a vending machine company. In addition to his wife and parents, he is survived by brothers Richard and Steven; and sister Meridith Shea.

**Margaret M. Guerin Barut '81**, 41, of Westlake Village, Calif., formerly of Malden, Mass., died suddenly at her home on November 2, 2000. She was employed as a Systems Manager for GTE Telecommunications, Westlake Village, Calif. for the past 10 years. She is survived by children John, Timothy, and Kylene; father Daniel Guerin; sisters Eileen Guerin and Paula Hannon; and brothers Daniel and James.

**Russell A. Langill Jr. '90**, 32, died December 6, 2000 at St. Joseph's Hospital in Denver, Colo. At Merrimack, he was vice president of his class. He was employed as a marketing manager at John's Manville. He was an avid golfer and participated in many tournaments. He was also a devoted Patriots fan and attended many games. He is survived by his wife Sharon; parents Russell and Helen; sisters and brothers-in-law Linda and Michael Croyle, Diane and Roland Brooks, Ellen Beth and Jerry LaBreck; many nieces and nephews; and numerous friends.

**Matthew Murphy '92**, 36, died December 6, 2000 at Cape Cod Hospital in Barnstable, Mass. He was the son of Richard and the late Jane Murphy. He was employed as a laborer for the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority. In addition to his father, he is survived by four brothers, Richard Jr., Barry, Daniel, and Sean; two nieces, Paige and Kelsey Murphy; and several aunts and uncles.

**Craig Wood '95**, 29, of Haverhill, Mass. died along with six others after being shot by a co-worker at a Wakefield, Mass., Internet company on December 26, 2000. He was an employment officer for Edgewater Technology Inc., a position he held for two years. According to a news report, on the day he died he had stopped at the office to finish some business before returning to his parents' home in Haworth, N.J. "His life revolved around family, friends, work, and working out at the gym," according to a story in his hometown Bergen County, N.J., *Record*. "One of Craig's wilder moments of late was at the Edgewater Technology Christmas party when he dressed as Santa Claus and handed out presents to children." Craig is survived by his parents, William and Irene; and

two brothers, Dennis and Brian. Alumni and friends have established the Craig W. Wood '95 Scholarship, and plans for an annual event are moving forward under the chairmanship of **Chris Gaudette '95** (chris\_gaudette@unicore.com). Donations to the scholarship endowment may be sent to Donor Relations, Box A-8, Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike Street, North Andover, MA, 01845.

**Laurea (Kenney) Higgins '98**, 58, of Billerica, Mass. died September 13, 2000 at her home after a long illness. She graduated from Merrimack College with degrees in religion and psychology. Laurea was a communicant of St. Theresa Church in Billerica, and was active in its Bible studies program. She is survived by her husband, Steven; a son, Stephen Jr.; daughters Julie and Maureen; brothers John, Robert, and Paul Kenney; and two sisters, Margaret Bleakney and Patricia Bonneau.

**Thomas R. Pepin '00**, 37, of Andover died September 25, 2000 at Lawrence General Hospital. He worked with Vicor Corporation of Andover for 16 years. He returned to school after 20 years, graduating magna cum laude from Merrimack with a degree in electrical engineering, at which time he received the Outstanding Academic Achievement President's Award. Survivors include wife Andrea; daughter Stephanie; son Russell; parents MaryJane and Richard; sisters Shelia Blache, Shirley Kalil, and Sharon Blanche; brothers Richard and Jeffrey; and several aunts and uncles, nieces and nephews. Memorials may be made to the Thomas R. Pepin Memorial Fund for the Benefit of Stephanie and Russell, c/o Lawrence Savings Bank, 148 Lowell Street, Methuen, Mass. 01844.



## ALUMNI COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Fellow Alumni,

This will be the last letter I'll write as Alumni Council President. I would like to extend my personal appreciation to the other members of the Executive Board and Council for their dedication and support, and I would like to thank the staff of the Alumni Relations Office for the work they put in to making our programs successful.

Merrimack College has been part of my life for as long as I can remember. As many of you may know, my association with the college began many years ago, 1955 to be exact. That was the year my father began teaching in the management department. My vague recollection is that there were very few buildings, dwarfed by the vast farm land on which they were built. The staff, faculty and administration were also few and the student population was comprised mainly of veterans of WWII, who lived in the Merrimack Valley. How we have grown and changed.

As you read through this issue of the magazine, which highlights our new campus center, I hope you will feel a sense of pride knowing that "our" college community has grown in size, stature and reputation. This growth has been realized due in great part to your volunteerism, leadership and generous contributions and willingness to meet the challenge time and time again.

I cannot adequately express the pleasure I have experienced for the opportunity to contribute to the college and the honor I have felt working with so many dedicated and truly talented individuals.

Until we meet again,

Sincerely,

*Chris Liebke*



Chris Liebke '79

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## ALUMNI DIRECTORY

Questionnaires have been sent out by Bernard C. Harris Publishing, Inc., which is compiling the new Merrimack alumni directory.

The verification phase of the project will begin soon. You will receive a telephone call from Harris Publishing, the official publisher of our directory. Please give the representative who calls you a few moments of your time to verify your listing.

To place a reservation for the Merrimack College Alumni Directory, please tell the Harris representative during this conversation, since this will be the only opportunity for alumni to order the book.

You can also reply by e-mail at [www.bcharrispub.com/qform.cgi](http://www.bcharrispub.com/qform.cgi).

Scheduled for release this fall, the Merrimack College Alumni Directory promises to be the definitive reference of our alumni. The directory will be available both as a book and as a CD Rom.

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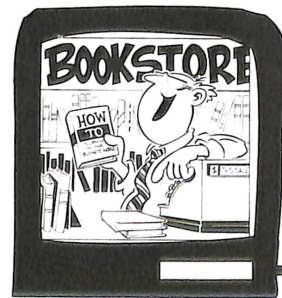
We inadvertently omitted **Stephen '75** and **Mona Campbell** from the Honor Roll of Donors. They should have been listed as McQuade Society Patrons.

**Goulston and Storrs** should have been listed in the Austin Society.

Also, **Dorothy Ann Murphy '86** should have been listed in the Charter Club.

We thank them all for their generosity.

Also, we switched the names of two alumni in one of our class notes. **David O'Brien '86**, working for vice presidential candidate Sen. Joe Lieberman, spotted classmate **Peter Darling** protecting the senator, working a special detail with the Secret Service. Peter is an investigator for U.S. Customs, based in Chicago.



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Reunion 2001 honors the classes of 1951, '56, '61, '66, '71, '76, '81, '86, '91 and '96. This year figures to be especially noteworthy, with our celebration of Merrimack's first 50th reunion class.

The annual golf tournament, welcome back party, campus tours, Woodman's of Essex lobster and clambake, and Mass will be among the highlights of the weekend.

### Friday, June 8

**The Annual Reunion Golf Tournament** in the morning at the Far Corner Golf Course in West Boxford, Mass. The format is Callaway.

**The Welcome Back Party** Friday night on campus in the new Gladys Sakowich Campus Center. Casual atmosphere, music, finger foods, and the opportunity to catch up with old friends in a beautiful and fun setting.

### Saturday, June 9

**Trolley Tour of the Campus** in the early afternoon.

**Open House at the Gladys Sakowich Campus Center** all day. Work out, play pickup basketball, hang out in the game room, and socialize.

**Outdoor Mass** at 5 p.m. In case of rain, it moves indoors to the Collegiate Church of Christ the Teacher.

**Class Receptions and the Lobster/Clambake** catered by Woodman's of Essex. The 50th reunion class will have a special celebration. Music in some locations, along with quieter spots for socializing.

For questions, to make reservations, for lodging information, or for class lists to contact your classmates, call Alumni Director Susan Wojtas at (978) 837-5440, or e-mail her at [swojtas@merrimack.edu](mailto:swojtas@merrimack.edu).



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