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bright futures*

## Merrimack's 50th Commencement — Celebrating Our Achievements and Our Future

*Thanks to your support, we begin our second half-century stronger than ever. Most recently, we have broken ground on our new campus center, a long-awaited and critically important project.*

*Our picturesque New England campus has changed a great deal from its humble beginnings. I invite you to visit and see for yourself. The vision of Father McQuade, a most forward-thinking man, has been realized. And, the heart and soul of Merrimack remains true to the lofty ideals of Father McQuade and our founders. Our community of scholars, founded in the love of Christ and modeled on the example of his servant St. Augustine, grows larger, and stronger, and more far-reaching with each new class of graduates.*

*The following is drawn from my remarks to the newest members of our alumni: the class of 2000.*

Let me begin by saying thank you to our graduates for committing yourselves to your work here, and for contributing so much to Merrimack College.

You have been students at Merrimack during an unprecedented time of growth. Backhoes and hardhats have been as familiar and ordinary on campus as backpacks and baseball caps. Despite the inconveniences, there has never been a better time to be a Merrimack student.

You were the first students to take advantage of our computer interactive smart classrooms, the first to attend cultural events at the Rogers Center, and among the first of a new generation of Merrimack College football fans. Our business students graduating today are the first to carry a diploma from the Girard School, a brand-new distinction for a school already on its way to national prominence.

We will continue to grow and change to meet the needs of our students, and you will continue to be an important part of Merrimack's future, because Merrimack is more than residence halls and classrooms. It's a community of scholars — faculty, alumni, administrators, parents, and friends — dedicated to educating the minds and hearts of our students. You will always be part of our community.

St. Augustine taught us we would find truth through our relationships with others. His teachings emphasize maintaining strong communities here in the earthly city. In the end, the lives we touch, not the things we collect, are the essential measurement of our lives.

In the coming years, you will undoubtedly meet many challenges and obstacles. Like our college, you will change and grow to meet those challenges, and surmount many obstacles. As you do, remember this: just as Merrimack is more than bricks and mortar, your degree is more than an economic tool. You have studied history and literature, philosophy and theology, economics, physical sciences, and more. Use your knowledge to build a life, a whole life, as carefully as you construct the small segment that is your professional life.

Choose your friends carefully, and then take care of those friendships with the same diligence you'll apply to your retirement accounts. Make time and space in your life for the people you love. They are the greatest riches you will ever attain.

Make a deliberate choice to serve your community. Volunteer at your local library or YMCA, or be a big brother or sister for a lonely child. Feed the hungry, clothe the naked, comfort



President Richard Santagati

the disturbed souls in our world.

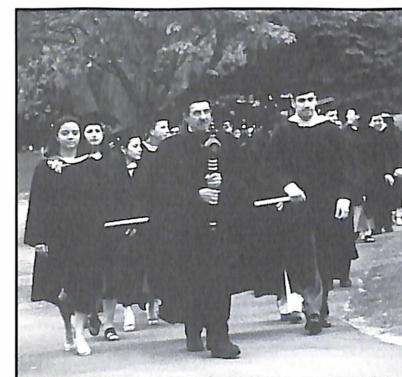
Pushed all together in a few sentences, my charge to you sounds overwhelming, but it isn't. Serving humankind is simply your duty, a duty you will find more rewarding than any other.

Finally, like Senator George Mitchell, make peace. I don't expect each of you to become international diplomats, but you can find ways to wage peace even in the most ordinary, everyday ways. Sometimes peace between groups, sometimes between people, but most often, the biggest peace we can make is within our own souls.

As always, we can draw inspiration from St. Augustine's brilliant mind and passionate heart. "Some people are peacemakers in themselves," he said.

"By conquering and subjecting to reason all the motions of their souls... they become, in themselves, a kingdom of God. They enjoy the peace that is given on earth to persons of goodwill, the life of the consummate and perfect person of wisdom" (Sermon on the Mount, 1,2).

Welcome, class of 2000, to the ranks of the alumni. Go forth and act wisely, love deeply, and live fully. Make your world, our world, a better place. God bless you.



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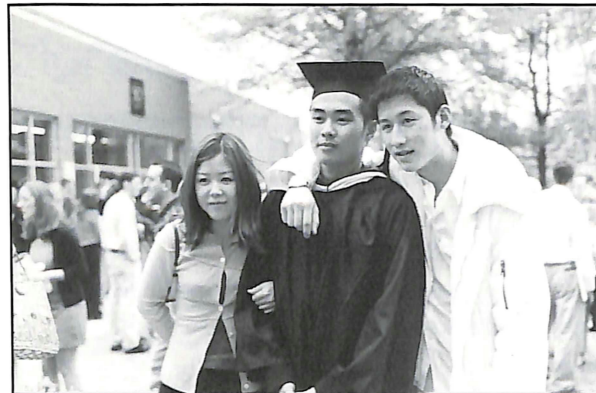
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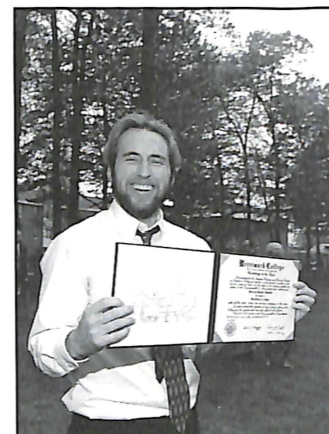
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Fei Ket Pang and friends strike a pose.



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Jeremy Durant shows off his new diploma.



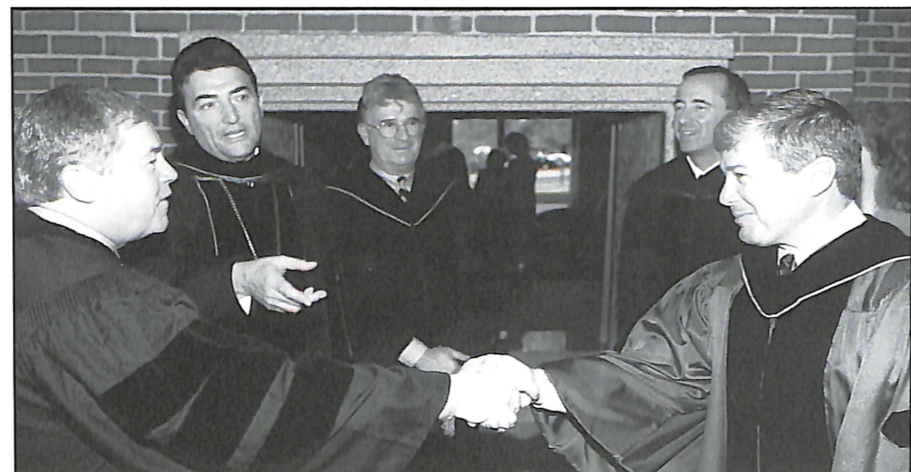
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New graduate Cheryl Lanzoni holds grandson Justin, the son of Merrimack alums Lisa Lanzoni-Heinke '92 and Allan Heinke '91.



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Ryan Clark and sister Debra '92 record the moment with other family members.



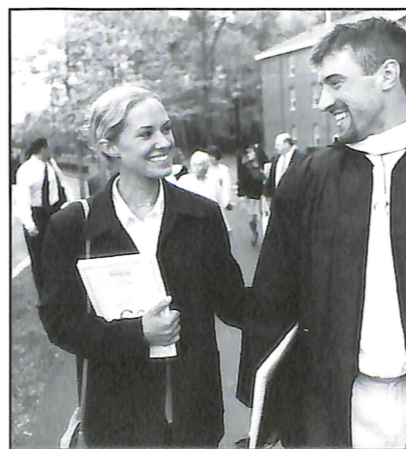
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Honorary Degree recipient Robert Fabbriatore (left), shakes hands with Trustee Chuck DiCroce '73. Others, from left, include President Richard Santagati, Trustee James Wilson '67, and former Alumni Council President Nick Chapman '71.



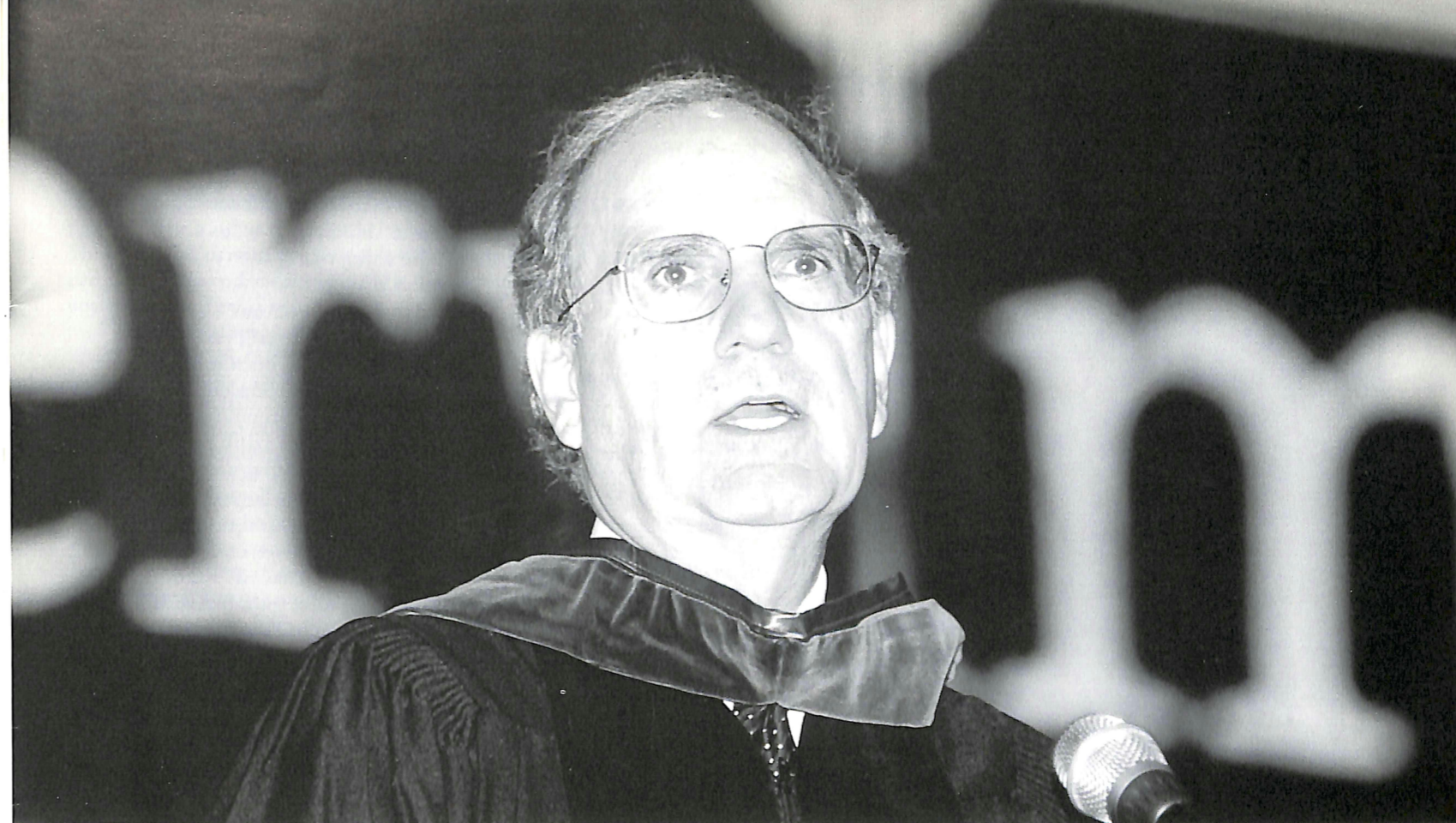
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Parents and friends shared in the excitement.



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New graduate Nelson Anderson and girlfriend Elissa House are happy with the day's turnout.



Sen. George Mitchell, the former Senate Majority Leader who brokered the historic peace accord in Northern Ireland, reminded graduates that "in the presence of evil, silence makes you an accomplice." (David Barron photo)

# Class of 2000 leaves mid messages of peace and personal responsibility

by David Rattigan

Former Senator George J. Mitchell of Maine, who chaired the negotiations that led to the historic peace accord in Northern Ireland in 1998, spoke in hopeful terms about that tenuous peace. He urged members of Merrimack's Class of 2000 to understand their influence on and responsibility for the world they live in.

Mitchell's short, stirring address to 478 graduates was a highlight of the 50th annual commencement, held May 21 in the Volpe Center. The senator, who received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree, was one of four honorary degree recipients. The others were Emmy Award-winning TV news reporter Amalia Barreda (Doctor of Humane

Letters), chairman and CEO of the CTC Communications Group Robert J. Fabbriatore (Doctor of Commercial Science), and the Rev. John J. Hagen, O.S.A., (Doctor of Literature). Hagen, a former member of the Merrimack Board of Trustees, is a recognized scholar in Medieval English Literature.

Introducing Mitchell, Merrimack Professor Marguerite Kane referred to President John F. Kennedy's "City Upon a Hill" speech, which reminded us that history would measure the success or failure of our leaders by asking whether they were men of courage, judgement, integrity, and dedication.

"It is clear that for the man we honor today, the answer to all four questions is

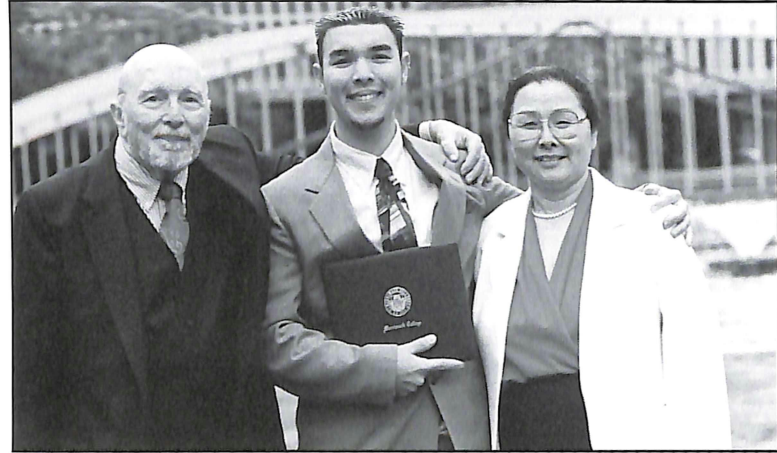
yes," said Kane. She noted that Mitchell "readily accepted a dangerous and daunting task that many thought impossible, because in his own words, 'We cannot let men of violence control the agenda and control the future.'"

In reference to that historic accord, Mitchell acknowledged that an agreement alone will not ensure peace, "but it makes peace possible, even though there are many difficult decisions ahead.

"In Northern Ireland and elsewhere, the making of peace is a never-ending process, as each generation struggles anew with the tension between the legacy of history and the promise of the future," Mitchell said. "Can people who have been in conflict for centuries rise

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## Like father, like son



David Spink photo

Nathaniel Ward '00 is flanked by parents Philip "Art" Ward '51, a member of the first graduating class at Merrimack, and Yukiko Ward.

"I've often felt that coming to Merrimack is the best thing I've done in my life," said Nathaniel Ward, one of the most active members and top students in the Class of 2000.

That's news that doubly pleases his father, Philip Arthur "Art" Ward, who was a member of the first Merrimack College graduation class in 1951.

Nathaniel chose Merrimack, in fact, in part because of periodic visits he made with his dad from their home in Cleveland, Ohio.

"He took me here as I was growing up. We came here for the 40<sup>th</sup> reunion, and I met a bunch of people from the school," Nathaniel said. "When it came time to pick a college, I thought, 'Why not?' I was

familiar with the school, had other relatives in the area, and here I am."

"I was delighted," at his son's choice, said the elder Ward, who at one time owned a private four-year college in Cleveland, the Electronic Technology Institute. "He really enjoyed it here."

Art, now 72, was born in Chelsea, Mass., and raised in Stoneham. He was a World War II veteran who came to Merrimack on the G.I. Bill back when there were two buildings and no residence halls on the college campus.

There was also a fledgling dramatic society, and Ward was one of the actors in a three-act play called "Refund."

"I had a leading part, but didn't remember my lines," he recalled. "I could improvise very well, so I improvised. Everybody loved it, except the director, Father Smith. He never invited me back."

His son did a little better with his dramatic career. Nathaniel was both president of the On Stagers and vice-president of the Concert Choir.

A magna cum laude student who majored in Philosophy with minors in French and Japanese, Ward is hoping to begin graduate work in applied ethical and political philosophy in September. He hopes one day to serve as a diplomat in a foreign embassy, or perhaps to become a professor of philosophy or French or Japanese. The younger Ward says his involvement in activities on campus allowed him to develop a better sense of himself and how he can best impact the world.

During his college career he traveled to 11 states and 4 countries, always involved in some study or program. He is spending this summer in Chile, studying Spanish and doing volunteer work.

"Even though it's a small school... I've traveled everywhere," he said. "I just got back from San Francisco with the choir. Merrimack has given me a well-rounded view of the world."

"He's done a lot and gotten a lot out of it," his father said. "The college fit him perfectly. He had the chance to develop himself, and meet people. He's always done well academically."

"He's a much better student than I was. He graduated magna cum laude, and I just graduated."

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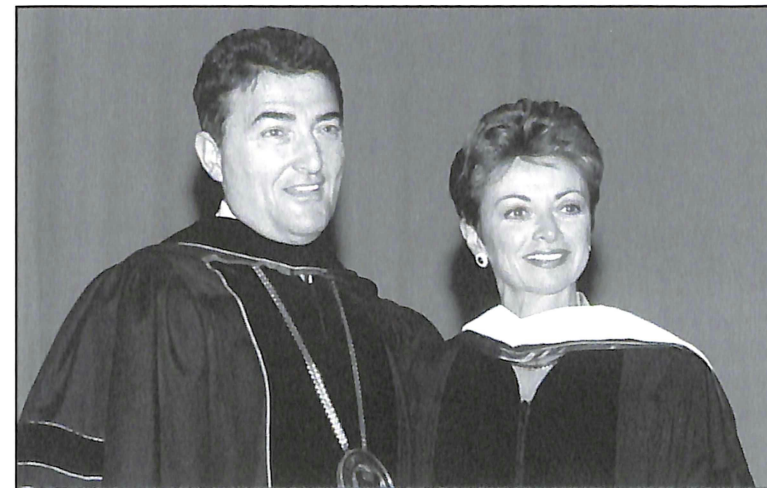
above the past for the mutual benefit of a stable and prosperous future? That's what the people of Northern Ireland are trying to do. They are working to provide the conditions in which each individual can live a full and meaningful life. That should be the goal for every society, including our own.

"We're fortunate to be Americans, to live in a society which, despite its imperfections, is the most free, the most just, the most open society in human history. From that society, each of us receives many benefits. With those benefits come responsibilities."

"Every person in this nation has an obligation, a positive duty, to participate actively in preserving and improving our way of life. That is especially true of those like you, who've had the good fortune to receive an advanced education."

Mitchell encouraged the graduates to support policies that might provide superior education for children and health care for every citizen, regardless of income or social standing, and to protect the environment for future generations. He stressed to the graduates that, "If you believe, as I do, that every American is entitled to equal opportunity and equal justice, you must speak out against all forms of discrimination and injustice. Never forget that in the presence of evil, silence makes you an accomplice."

College President Richard Santagati (see the "President's Message") and senior speaker Angela "Angel" Dunn spoke on a similar theme of social responsibility and justice.



Emmy-Award-winning television reporter Amalia Barreda, with college President Richard Santagati, received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree.

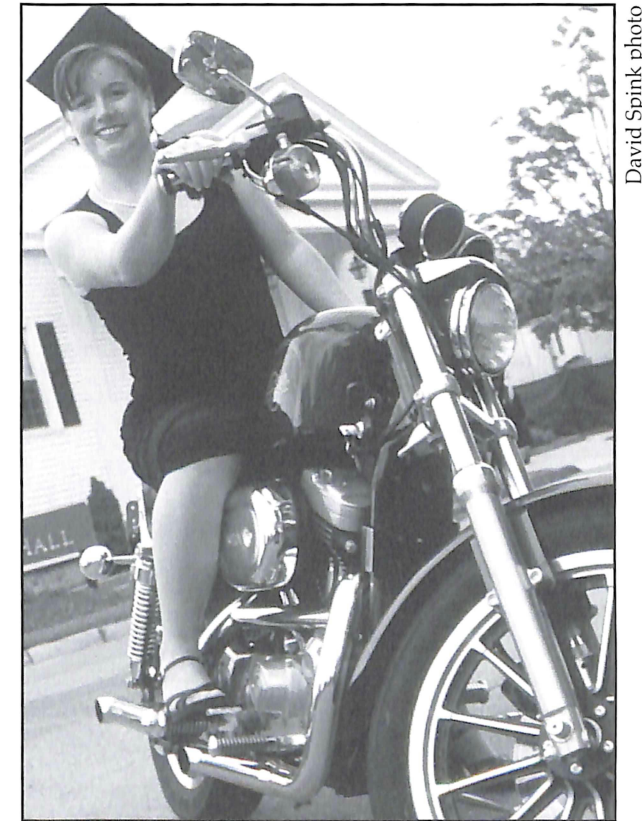
Dunn, a magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, shared her personal epiphany of the day she went into the heart of the Lawrence projects while working for the city's school department. Children walked barefoot past a boarded-up house with plastic over its windows. Broken-down apartment buildings were overcrowded with families; an incubator for the meningitis outbreak that had hit area children. The schoolhouse had chains on the door, a tall fence on its border. As she parked her car, Dunn wondered whether it would be safe.

"In my head, I had always known that stark poverty exists within this country," Dunn said. "In my years at Merrimack, I have read about it in books and seen the overwhelming statistics. Many of us have. But, since that day in February, my knowledge of poverty truly changed."

"The difference is that I had gone from knowing something in my head to knowing something in my heart."

David Barron photo

## Have Harley, will go places



David Spink photo

Kristen Mahoney and her Harley.

When Kristen Mahoney took her bike to school, it drew some attention.

Her bike is a Harley-Davidson.

"Other people (on campus) have bikes, but no other girls," said Mahoney, a graduating senior who majored in Psychology with a minor in Business. "I always got some hoots and hollers."

Mahoney, from Waltham, has varied interests which all make good conversation starters. For instance, she started a business while in college as an independent beauty consultant for Mary Kay Cosmetics, which allowed her to apply the knowledge gained as a psychology major and business minor. In the future, she's planning to become a massage therapist.

She got into riding a motorcycle two years ago, shortly after her twin brother Tim bought one. Her parents had ridden years before, and this sparked a family-wide interest.

"He got his first, and then my mother got one a couple of weeks later," Kristen said. "My parents got their licenses and both bought bikes, and there was no way I was going to have three motorcycles available and not use them."

## In teaching, she finds real rewards



David Spink photo

Kathleen Kendall

On the anniversary of its first graduating class, Merrimack College graduated its first Master's Degree student.

Kathleen Kendall, a teacher at St. Augustine School in Andover for eight years, became the first graduate of the Master's program in education.

A 1992 graduate of the University of New Hampshire, where she majored in psychology, Kendall worked at that school and was pursuing further education but unsure of what direction to go in her professional life. When she discovered

teaching at age 26, originally as a substitute, she found it enriching and rewarding.

In 1998 she was one of six students to enter the inaugural year of the Master's program in education at Merrimack College. While teaching full time, she took two courses a semester — fall, spring and summer — to complete the degree in two years.

Kendall is certified to teach in both Massachusetts and New Hampshire. She intends to continue to teach fourth graders at St. Augustine, and become more involved in curriculum development.

"I love teaching," said Kendall, who lives in Andover. "It's different every day, and you're rewarded with smiles and hugs and positive comments from the children."

"We graduate with a lot of knowledge in our heads ... we have a myriad of opportunities open to us. However, the next time we find ourselves watching the evening news and we begin to detach our emotions because images of abject poverty and children dying are too much for us to handle, remember, the same society that brings jobs, opportunity, and amazing technology also alienates people based on race, class, ethnicity, and sexuality. In our heads, we know this alienation exists,



Commencement speaker Angela Dunn.

David Barron photo

but we need to know it in our hearts. "In a letter to his friend, St. Augustine wrote, 'There is no one in the human race to whom love is not due, either as a return of mutual affection or in virtue of their share in our common nature.' This quote, and the Augustinian tradition of community, reminds us that we are all brothers and sisters .... Live Augustine's message; live Merrimack's mission. "Love and justice are due to all people."

## Kelley knows some old tricks



Warren Kelley receives his degree from President Richard Santagati.

At age 70, Warren Kelley was Merrimack's most senior senior, graduating with the class of 2000.

He might have done this a little sooner, but the affable Kelley explained that things just worked out differently.

"I won a couple of scholarships, but seemed to have more important things to do with my life," he said. "I

did some traveling, and before you knew it I was married, and the rest is history."

Kelley went to work in a variety of fields, as the owner of a small painting and construction business, a wastewater treatment specialist, foreman of construction projects at Harvard University, and other jobs. He also carved a niche as an amateur

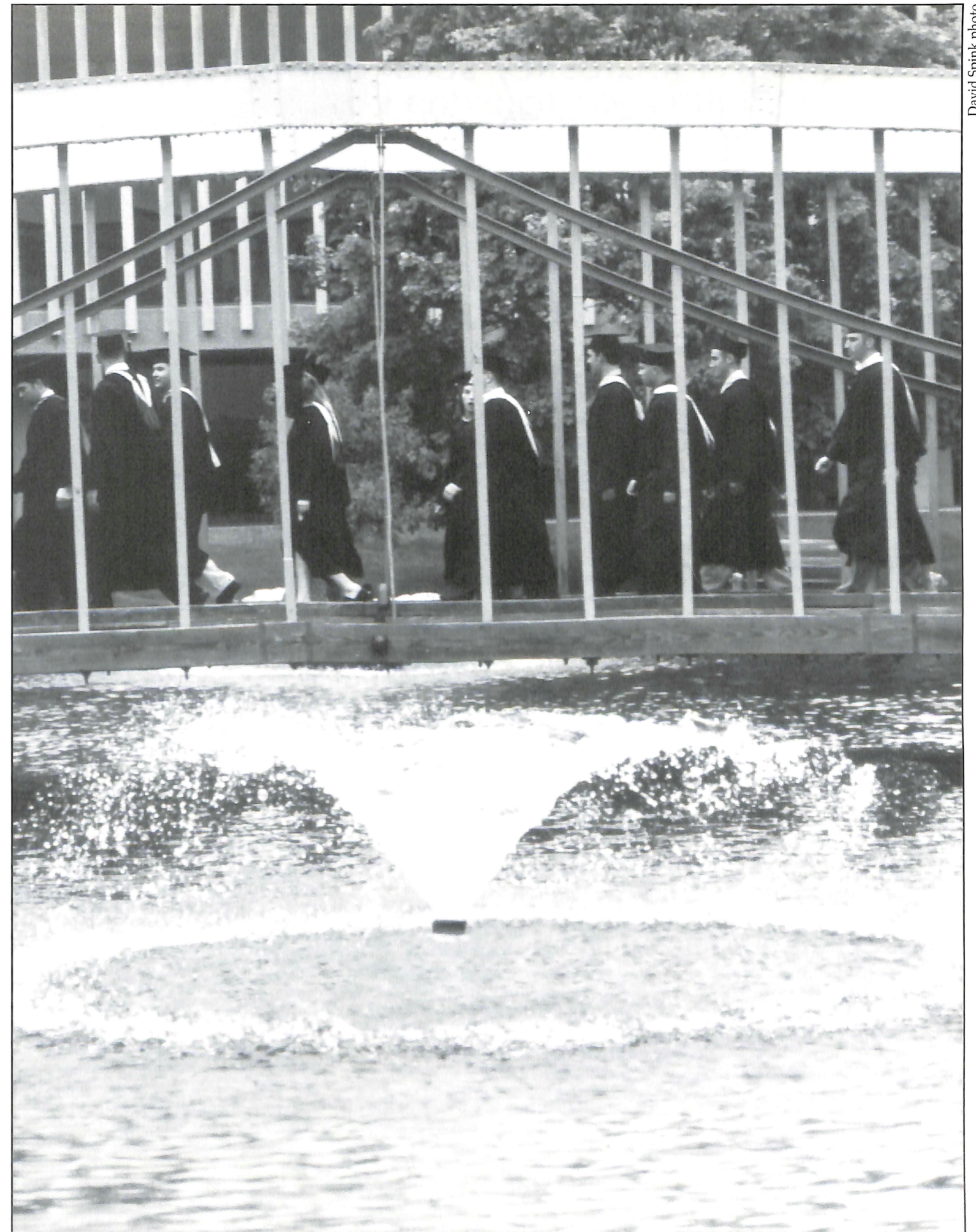
actor in various local productions.

In 1992 he retired from work and decided that he "owed it to myself" to attend college. He started at Northern Essex Community College and in 1996 transferred his credits to Merrimack. Four years later he has achieved his goal, graduating with a degree in sociology.

While at Merrimack, Kelley was a member of Merrimack's branch of Amnesty International. The North Andover resident is also involved with his community outside of school. He contributes regularly to the "Hot Topic" column of *The Eagle-Tribune* in Lawrence, and has been a member of several community groups, including "Citizens for Peace" and "Local People for the Environment." Kelley has been married to his wife Josephine for 45 years. He has five children, four stepchildren, and as he told a member of Merrimack's public relations department, he has 14 grandchildren, he thinks.

Asked about his future plans, Kelley said, "I want to paint the front of the house."

He'd also like to write his memoirs, some of which he has already written. As a hunt-and-peck typist, he knows it may take awhile to get the whole thing into print.



David Spink photo

# Academic V.P. McCloskey sees opportunity in challenge

by David Rattigan

As the new vice president of academic affairs, Rev. Gary N. McCloskey, O.S.A., intends to leave an imprint.

"I think you'll see that my ideas will come quickly," says McCloskey, who took over the position on June 1. "Working out the programmatic and administrative details will come gradually."

As this year's closing of the small, liberal arts institution Bradford (Mass.) College illustrated, small- and medium-sized colleges face serious challenges. Costs related to education are going up, and expansion of the state college system has made that group of schools a viable higher education alternative for middle-class families. In response, more private colleges are offering technical and scientific degrees.

"We're in the midst of massive changes in higher education," McCloskey says. "We're more concerned with our mission and our markets than we ever had to be before. Institutions of higher education are being pressured to change or go out of existence."

Answering that challenge, he says, involves making changes without losing the identity of the college as a small, comprehensive, modern Catholic center of higher learning. Nor do we wish to change our commitment to an integrated liberal arts component, and to developing an intellectually mature student in a Christian, values-sensitive environment.

"What a place like Merrimack has to offer is not just the traditional way of learning, but the traditional values of education," McCloskey says. "Smaller colleges have to have a sense of what they are, what they're offering, and how they can best serve students. We have to offer more than degrees. We're not offering training; we're offering education."

That doesn't preclude technology-based programs, but it does keep the focus on developing a student's intellectual foundation. One of the most important things a student can learn on

any subject is how things interact, and how to approach new subjects and ask questions which will develop a deeper understanding.

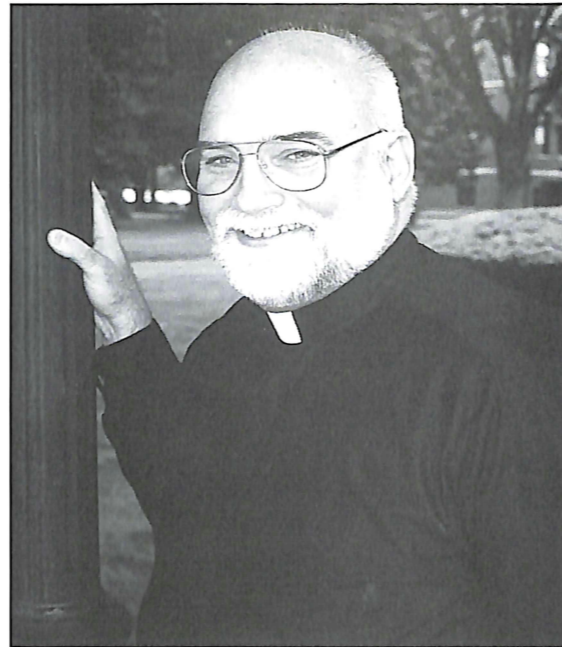
McCloskey cites an example from his own experience. He completed a Computing in Education Degree at Columbia University in 1994, and never used the Internet. However, because he had learned how to think about technology and technological problems, he was able to learn about the World Wide Web quite quickly when it burst into common usage a few years later.

"The real education is how to inquire: how to ask questions and formulate problems," McCloskey says. "If you can make a sensible inquiry, you can learn how to do something and continue to do it. It's lifelong learning. We give students the tools to know how to do that, and the education goes on."

"The same thing happens in the degree program at Merrimack, something that alumni can look back at over time. Higher education should be a vehicle to help people learn more in life. If we reduce it to practice and training, we've lost our mission. In academic terms, it's a search for wisdom."

McCloskey, most recently the vice president for academic affairs at St. Thomas University in Miami, Fla., worked at Merrimack as assistant to the president for urban affairs from 1990 to 1991. He intends to maintain the academic standards at Merrimack, and — with the deans of various faculties — the school's link to professional organizations. He plans to create more educational interfaces with the city of Lawrence, and a system to welcome a more diverse student population. Fifty percent of Catholics in the United States are Hispanic, says McCloskey, noting that, "education is the major vehicle for social justice."

While he has a strong background in



David Rattigan photo

Rev. Gary McCloskey, O.S.A.

using computer technology, McCloskey feels human contact between students and faculty is a more effective educational tool, particularly the interaction that allows students to see the teacher going through the process of inquiry to understanding.

"The Internet doesn't light a fire the way interaction with excellent faculty can," says McCloskey, who notes that one need only walk through the self-help section of any bookstore to see the demand for mentoring and direction.

Building an intellectual foundation from a liberal arts perspective is one of two important components in the Merrimack identity. The other is the school's Augustinian tradition.

"In a very technical world, we should be educating students to the mystery and wonder of life," McCloskey says. "As an Augustinian institution, we can look at questions that have no answer and problems that are not easily solvable. Things can change when we bring in new perspective and ideas."

"The Order of St. Augustine, through Merrimack, can address the wonder and mystery of creation without having to apologize for it. Neither the college nor the Augustinians need permission to do it. We can do that together because that is what our mission is about."

# Campus Center will enhance community life

by David Rattigan

When it's completed, there'll be more to Merrimack's new Campus Center than glass, bricks and mortar.

"Part of the Augustinian mission of Merrimack College is to encourage a sense of community," says Maryellen Colliton, associate dean of student development. "We're looking at this as a means of bringing the entire Merrimack College community together, to help fulfill our mission even more. There'll be something for everybody in this building."



David Rattigan photo

A pile of bricks is all that remains of Gildea Hall's main entrance. The demolition is part of the new campus center construction project.

The new Campus Center will double from 65,000 square feet to 130,000. Through renovation of the Gildea Student Center and new construction, the Campus Center will be not only bigger, but more versatile. A newly-built multi-purpose room was designed to house any function from recreational sports to special events such as a concert or an alumni dinner.

When completed, the new facility will house, among other rooms, a study lounge; a cyber café; a chapel; areas for faculty-student meetings, faculty events, and clubs and organizations; and offices for campus ministry, student activities, residential life, and career and co-op services. A 35-member campus advisory board, representing faculty, administrators and students, will determine the best uses for the building, which will become a focal point for students and enhance quality of life at the school.

The center will also create more student employment. A professional staff will manage the facility, and it will be run by student employees.

Change will not come without cost, financially and otherwise. Already, some of the departments formerly housed at Gildea, such as the bookstore and post office, have had to move. Although the refurbished dining hall is expected to re-open in September, many other departments will operate from temporary quarters until the project's expected completion in January 2001.

"The fall semester will be a time of transition for a lot of us," Colliton says. "A lot of people will be in different areas across campus."

Ground-breaking for the project was in fall '99 with the construction of a "Main Street" walkway running from the quad to the residence area. That's one of three parts in the project, the others being renovation to the existing Gildea and the new construction. In order to build the center, the college's former power plant was torn down; utilities will be relocated into the basement of the new building.

Cost of the entire project is estimated at \$15 million, which will come from a number of resources including a national Kresge grant, and gifts and pledges received from individuals through the capital campaign.

"The entire college is looking forward to the opening," says Colliton. "We believe the campus center will complement the academic experience and at the same time be a catalyst for enriching student life at Merrimack College."

## For students, Pilgrimage 2000 was a spiritual journey

by Betsy Johnson

When Fenway Park hosted a concert and Mass for throngs of young Catholic men and women on April 29, Merrimack students were among the faithful. An almost year-long spiritual journey, begun in September, Pilgrimage 2000 focused on helping young Catholics grow and develop in a deepening of their faith.

Led by director of campus ministry, Rev. Joseph Farrell, OSA, approximately 40 Merrimack students participated in an educational process of defining their faith in answer to a call from Cardinal Bernard Law. The year kicked off with an event at Foxboro Stadium Sept. 25 and culminated with the one at Fenway Park.

In between the two large events, young Catholics were asked to participate in small group discussions about church participation, owning their faith, and discovering what it is they actually believe, Father Farrell explained.

Pilgrimage 2000 was designed to reach out to Catholics ages 14-35, the "future" of the church in Massachusetts. For Pope John Paul II, the third millennium is a special time of forgiveness, reconciliation and worldwide evangelism. Cardinal Law determined that helping younger Catholics to grow in their faith was a meaningful way to celebrate the Pope's vision.

For Merrimack students, the process was a valuable one, Father Farrell said. "They're told they are the future of the Church. They are meeting, in part, to see what the future of the church is, because that's going to be them," he said.

Led by seniors Jaimie Swift and Suzanne DiMack, the students focused on service work and topics such as how reaching out to others affects their faith; human sexuality within the church; and the role of women in the church. In discussions about the latter, students have held discussions about women who belong to religious orders, expansion of the role of women in the church, and the restriction to men as priests. They have wondered about whether ordination will ever be open to women and, more generally, what the church could look like in the future, Father Farrell said.

Another student discussion focussed on Mass on campus vs. Mass at home, as students prepared to return to their home parishes. "Some find it difficult to return," Father Farrell said. At college, students who attend Mass are more active as lectors, readers and greeters than they may be at home, he said. Homilies on campus are geared specifically toward a population of 18- to 22-year-olds, which can often make church feel more meaningful, he added.

"The best part about Pilgrimage 2000 is it has enabled our students to have an increased awareness and appreciation of our faith — even those who haven't formally participated. Students are having more conversations about their faith, and they are freer."

## James X. Wilson joins Board of Trustees

On April 24, the Board of Trustees announced the election of James X. Wilson '67 as a Trustee of the college.



James X. Wilson

Chairman of the board's Investment Committee, Wilson is director, key asset management at Key Global Finance, Ltd. Wilson was formerly the vice president of marketing and sales for State Street Bank's Global Securities

Lending Division. Prior to joining State Street Bank, Mr. Wilson was a senior vice president and director of marketing for Martingale Asset Management.

In addition to his Merrimack degree, Wilson holds a Master's degree in business administration from Boston College and a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study from Northeastern University. Wilson is also an instructor at Northeastern, teaching marketing and investment planning.

Wilson lives in Marblehead with his wife, Janice, and two sons.

## George Stephanopoulos to speak at Merrimack

George Stephanopoulos, former senior advisor to President Clinton, comes to Merrimack's Rogers Center to speak on Monday, November 13 at 6:30 p.m.



George Stephanopoulos

For additional information and to reserve tickets, call the Rogers Center box office at (978) 837-5355.

## Shareholders' Report

Your stock in Merrimack College increases in value every day. When you make a gift to Merrimack, you are investing in Merrimack's future. Here are a few examples of recent generous investments made to the college:

The entire Merrimack community is sharing in the excitement of the Kresge Challenge Grant for the new Campus Center. Merrimack's faculty and staff have a goal of committing \$150,000 to the construction of the new Campus Center, and only a few months into their campaign, they have raised \$120,000 towards their goal.

The Stevens Foundation recently made a grant of \$75,000 to Merrimack College in support of the college's Stevens Service Learning Center. The Service Learning Center provides opportunities for Merrimack students and faculty to work with volunteer organizations throughout the Merrimack Valley. Currently 212 Merrimack students and 13 faculty members participate in service learning projects, which benefit 32 community organizations.

Seen as a ringing endorsement of their sons' and daughters' education at Merrimack College, this year the college's Parents' Fund received a record \$125,000 in gifts to assist the college with a variety of important needs, such as computer technology, campus ministry programs, construction of "smart classrooms," faculty endowment, and more.

The college recently received a \$150,000 grant from Raytheon for initiatives in mathematics and science. The grant will help support several important programs: the RAISE program (Resources to Accelerate Integrated Science Education); Focus in Transition, an after-school mentoring program for Lawrence school students and faculty/student team research projects in science and engineering.

## CAMPAIGN TIMELINE FROM 1995-2000

### 2000

- \$31 Million Campaign Commitments Received
- \$25 Million Original Campaign Goal Exceeded
- Development Revenues = \$ 6.8 Million
- President's Council Membership (gifts of \$1000 or more) = 521
- Alumni Giving Participation = 33%
- Faculty/Staff Campaign Reaches \$120,000 of \$150,000 Goal for Campus Center Lounge
- Kresge Foundation Challenge Grant Approved for New Campus Center

### 1999

- \$2.5 Million Gift Establishes Francis E. Girard School of Business and International Commerce
- Francis E. Girard Chair in International Business Created
- \$1 Million Commitment Creates Robert J. Fabbriatore Chair in Entrepreneurship
- \$250,000 Alumnus Gift Builds Joseph A. Graziano Technology Classroom
- \$150,000 Faculty/Staff Campaign Kicks into Gear for Campus Center Lounge
- Ground Broken for the New Campus Center
- \$8.5 Million Campaign Funding Dedicated to New Campus Center
- New Rogers Center for the Arts Dedicated

### 1998

- \$1 Million Commitment Creates Daniel and Linda Ciejek Endowed Chair in Financial Management
- First Endowed Academic Chair in Merrimack's History
- \$250,000 Commitment Builds Richard P. and Janet H. McCoy Art Gallery
- Foundation Gift Inaugurates Stevens Service Learning Center
- Information Technology Fund Created
- Information Technology Strategic Plan Updated

### 1997

- Merrimack Alumni Gifts and Corporate Matches Create Arthur Andersen Technology Classroom
- \$13 Million in Gifts Committed: 5 Gifts at the Million Dollar Level
- Campaign Goal of \$25 Million Announced
- Campaign Kick-off: Public Phase

### 1996

- First Million Dollar Pledge in Merrimack's History
- \$1.5 Million Commitment Starts Rogers Center for the Arts
- \$1 Million Commitment Establishes Center for Augustinian Study and Legacy
- \$1 Million Commitment Received for Financial Aid

### 1995

- Leadership Gift Phase of Campaign Begins
- Trustees Approve The Campaign for Merrimack College
- Development Revenues = \$1.4 Million
- President's Council Membership (gifts of \$1000 or more) = 150
- Alumni Giving Participation = 21%



## Alan and Susan Lewis Solomont receive Tikkun Olam award

Merrimack College's Center for the Study of Jewish-Christian Relations has deep respect for the couple it wanted to honor. In turn, the couple cited respect for the center as a reason for accepting.

"This isn't about me, it's about the college and the center," said Alan Solomont, co-recipient with his wife of the prestigious Tikkun Olam ("Heal the World") award at a spring luncheon at the Seaport Hotel at the World Trade Center in Boston.

Solomont, founder and CEO of the A•D•S Group (eldercare services), a leader in the Jewish Fund for Justice and other causes, and a former National Finance Chairman of the Democratic National Committee, indicated that he would prefer to eschew the limelight. But he accepted the award with wife Susan Lewis Solomont — similarly dynamic in promoting public broadcasting, the arts, corporate social responsibility and equality for women in the home and workplace — as a means of spotlighting the center. He applauded its mission to promote reverence, appreciation and commitment to collaborative human enterprises between Jews and Christians by study, conversation and action.

"I'm glad to help showcase the center to an audience that they wouldn't ordinarily reach," Solomont

said. "This is not about me and not about my wife. It's a vehicle for giving the center some exposure and some money that they wouldn't ordinarily get."



Merrimack honored Alan D. Solomont and Susan Lewis Solomont with its 2000 Tikkun Olam Award, sponsored by the Center for the Study of Jewish-Christian Relations.

Previous recipients of the center's Tikkun Olam or Rabin Peacemaker awards include Governor Paul Cellucci, Judge John Fenton, Malden Mills President Aaron Feuerstein, Bernard Cardinal Law, Professor and Nobel Laureate Eli Wiesel and the late attorney and Anti-Defamation League Executive Director Leonard Zakim.

"No couple is more deserving of the Merrimack College Tikkun Olam award than Susan and Alan Solomont. Their efforts have made a

difference for people of all faith traditions including Jews and Christians alike," said Merrimack College President Richard Santagati.

The award ceremony came shortly after the Pope's historic apology for inhumane deeds done in the name of the Catholic Church, and both speaker Atty. Patricia McGovern, former State Senator, and Bishop William Murphy alluded to this as a special time of reconciliation.

"The timing (of the award) was perfect," said Rabbi Robert Goldstein, chairman of the center's board of directors. "It shows how far the relationship between Jews and Catholics has come, just in the last 40 years since Vatican II began in 1962. When you consider that it was barely 50 years ago that the Holocaust took place in Europe and the relationship now between the Jewish community and Catholics, and the entire Christian community — you see how much closer relationships are, even in our own communities here. I think a lot of that has to do with places like the Center for the Study of Jewish-Christian Relations, where we learn about each other."

"Our students go off into the world, but they bring the knowledge they acquire at Merrimack College with them into their lives. That's why it's so critical, what we do."

—David Rattigan

David Barron photo

## New resource: Job Line

The alumni's newest and best resource for job hunters is the Job Line, a 24-hour voice mail announcement listing a wide variety of employment opportunities. You can reach the Job Line by calling (978) 837-5350.

The Job Line is the latest addition to the college's successful Alumni Networking program.

Have a job to post or want more information about career services for alumni? Call John Obert '66 at (978) 837-5107, or e-mail jobert@merrimack.edu.

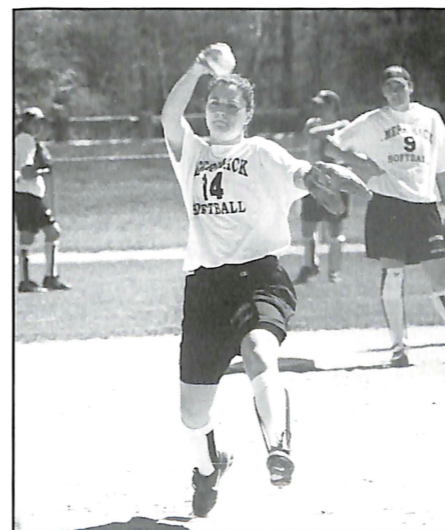


Merrimack College celebrated "Women's Week" in March as part of National Women's History Month. Among the highlights was a luncheon discussion panel held in Gilda Hall which examined "Five Decades of Women at Merrimack College." Among the speakers were (from left) Catharine de Lucy '80, vice president, Cabot Corporation; Dominique Savinelli '93, a forensic scientist with the Mass. State Police; K.C. Swallow, Dean of the Faculty of Science and Engineering; and Ann Previtali O'Sullivan '74, a special agent with the U.S. Department of Defense.

Carl Russo photo

# Sports Review

by Larry Napolitano,  
Merrimack Sports Information Director



Senior captain Jenn Connolly fired two post-season no-hitters. She's a two-time All-America team selection.

Al Pereira photo

## Softball

Merrimack was again a factor in the national picture, making its third straight appearance in the Division II National Tournament, its fifth in eight years. The Warriors finished in fifth place at the tourney and a record of 39-13.

The Warriors captured the Northeast-10 regular season championship and then rebounded from a

tough loss in the Conference Tournament Championship game with a win at the NCAA II Northeast Regionals to advance to the Nationals.

Two Merrimack players earned All-American accolades at the nationals. Junior Heather Faria was a second-team selection at third base and senior Jenn Connolly earned third-team honors as a pitcher. Senior outfielder Sheryl Marshall was named to the NCAA Division II World Series All-Tournament team. Connolly capped an outstanding career with a no-hitter in the nationals (over Lewis, 3-0). She became only the second pitcher in Division II history to toss two no-hitters in postseason play, previously throwing a perfect game against St. Anselm in the Northeast-10 Conference Championship. Connolly posted Merrimack's single-season records for games pitched (39), innings pitched (240.2), and shutouts (13).

Merrimack placed five players on the All-New England team, Connolly and Faria, sophomores Katie Morgis and Stacey Arpin, and junior Lana Garzone.

## Baseball

A bad start doomed the Warriors. The team staggered out of the gate 0-12, and finished 12-25 (8-16 in the Northeast-10 Conference).

"If we'd had a better start, we would have had a better finish," coach Barry Rosen said. "Even when we started playing well, we were still looking over our shoulder, still very tentative.... We played very hard. We just didn't win."

Still, Merrimack had a shot to squeak into the Northeast-10

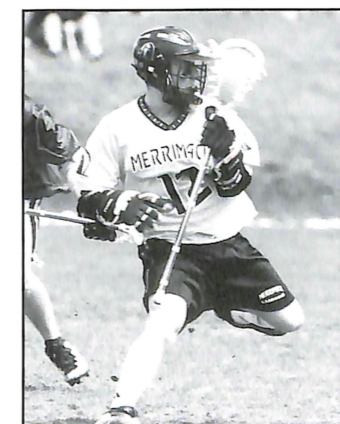
tournament save for a late-season extra-inning loss to Bentley.

Four players made the all-conference team, headed by first-team selection Larry Papuga, an outfielder who hit .346 with seven home runs, including a two-out ninth inning shot that sent the Bentley game into extra innings. Papuga finished his career with 23 home runs, tied for the all-time Merrimack lead with Brian Macrina '99. Second-team selections were senior pitchers Mike Zukowski and Angelo Amico, and freshman Dave Polcari.

## Men's Lacrosse

The Warriors captured their first Northeast-10 Conference Tournament championship and then picked up their second consecutive ECAC Championship.

Merrimack dropped its first four games, including three losses to the top three teams in the nation. The Warriors then posted the longest winning streak in Division II, capturing 12 straight decisions to finish the year 12-4.



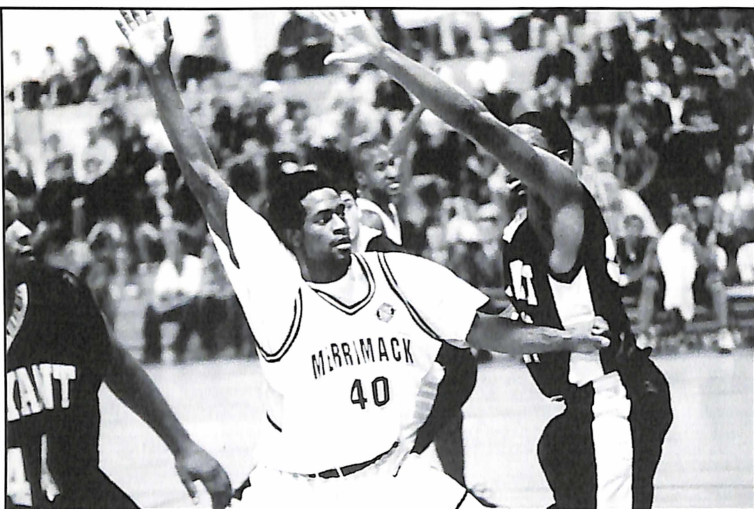
Mike Morgan was an All-America team selection for the third time.

Al Pereira photo

Junior Jaime Stefanini led the Merrimack offense with 14 goals and 45 assists for 59 points. Seniors Mike Morgan and Ryan Polley also contributed to the offense. Morgan tallied 42 goals and added 10 assists for 52 points while Polley scored 43 goals and added five assists for 48 points. Polley was outstanding in the Northeast-10 Tournament, earning Most Valuable Player honors after tallying three goals and adding one assist in the championship win over LeMoyne. In the ECAC Championship game, Stefanini led the offense with three goals and three assists, but it was senior defender Mark Ivany who earned Most Valuable Player accolades. Ivany helped Merrimack hold its opponent to just five goals in the championship game.

For up-to-date information on sports schedules, scores, and team rosters, visit the new sports news and scoreboard sections at: [www.merrimack.edu](http://www.merrimack.edu).

Al Pereira photo



Senior Reggie Carter was the team's leading scorer and rebounder and Northeast-10 defensive player-of-the-year.

With a regular season record of 18-8, the Warriors were named tri-champions of the Northeast-10 regular season along with St. Anselm

### Men's Basketball

The 1999-2000 Merrimack men's basketball team had one of the most successful seasons in school history. For the first time, the Warriors earned both the regular season Northeast-10 title and the Northeast-10 Tournament crown while gaining a bid to compete in the NCAA Division II Regional Tournament for only the fourth time.

Senior Matt Gibson became the first of three players to join the prestigious 1,000 point club with 18 points in a loss to St. Michael's (75-61). Senior Shawn Brown became the second member of the squad to record 1,000 points, finishing the season with 1,302 placing him 17th overall in all-time scoring. He is also the only Merrimack player to record 1,000 points while adding 500 assists. Brown came up big against perennial power St. Anselm in the Warriors' 105-104 overtime win. He connected on a career-high 33 points including seven three-pointers.

Senior Reggie Carter was the last of his classmates to reach the 1,000-point plateau with 25 points against Assumption College. Carter led the team in scoring (17.8 PPG), rebounding (8.8 rebounds per game) and also ranked first in the conference in blocks with 2.26 per game. He scored a team- and career-high 552 points during the season to lead the Warriors.

College and American International College. Head coach Bert Hammel became just the sixth coach in New England in Division I or II to win 300 games when Merrimack won its first Northeast-10 conference playoff game in four years with an 86-65 win over Bryant College on February 27. The Warriors continued to cruise through the NE-10 Tournament with a win over Bentley College (77-67) setting the stage for a rematch with AIC in the conference finals.

Junior Matt Van Leeuwen was named Most Valuable Player of the tournament as he helped lead Merrimack to an 84-78 win over the Yellow Jackets. The victory marked the first Northeast-10 Conference Tournament Championship for Merrimack since 1990. Carter and Brown were honored with Northeast-10 All Conference nominations while Carter picked up the award as the NE-10 Defensive Player of the Year.

Merrimack continued its successful run into the NCAA Division II Tournament with a thrilling 92-64 victory over the College of St. Rose, the 1998-1999 Elite Eight participant from the Northeast region, in the quarterfinals. The Warriors then faced off against Adelphi University in the semifinals. Despite having five Warriors score in double figures, Merrimack was ousted from the NCAA Tournament by the Panthers, 90-64.

### Women's Lacrosse

Merrimack played its best game of the season against eventual champion Stonehill College in the Northeast-10 Conference Tournament semifinals, but could not pull off the upset, falling 7-5 to finish the 2000 season at 5-9, 5-8 in the conference.

That showed huge improvement from the start of the season. Merrimack started the season facing the same Stonehill College squad, but, with eight starters out due to sickness, fell 21-5.

This season, the squad consisted of a core of underclassmen led by a lone senior, co-captain Kristina DiStefano, who netted five goals and four assists while playing in all 14 games. Sophomore Lisa Castellano emerged as one of the conference's top scoring threats, finishing the season with a team-leading 60 points including 42 goals and 18 assists. Castellano ranked second in the conference in all three categories. Junior co-captain Amanda Baldwin was an anchor on defense along with Kerry Rogato and Kristen Bertolino. Sophomore Marybeth Hull picked up her play midway through the year finishing second on the team with 40 points including 29 goals and 11 assists. Sophomore Kerry Moniz finished third on the team with 27 goals and five assists.

Freshman goalkeeper Susan Bridge started all 14 games in net for the Warriors. Bridge made 263 saves, including a school-record 29 against Stonehill in the NE-10 Tournament. Castellano and Baldwin were named to the NE-10 All-Conference first team while Black was named to the second team and Hull was an honorable mention selection.

### Women's Basketball

The Warriors' 14-15 record was the second best in the program's history, but what was most impressive was a playoff showing that carried Merrimack to the Northeast-10 Tournament championship game.

First-year coach Ann McNerney left the sideline of Bentley College, where she had been an assistant under Barbara Stevens for five years, to take over a Merrimack team that had finished the 1998-1999 season at 9-17 and had never made it past the first round of the conference playoffs. When the season began no one would have predicted that the Warriors would make it to the Northeast-10 finals only to face off against McNerney's former team.

When playoff time rolled around, Merrimack found itself in seventh place and taking on the second seed, Pace University, which had defeated the Warriors twice during the regular season. Morgan McEwen and Stacy Knapp led the Warriors back to a 67-56 comeback victory, the first Northeast-10 playoff win in the program's history. The St. Anselm Hawks had also defeated the Warriors twice during the regular season, but in the semifinal round Christine Proctor scored a season-high 26 points, connecting on her first seven shots from the floor to lead the Warriors to the finals with the 75-48 win.

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Junior guard Karen Vitolo and her mates gave powerhouse Bentley all it could handle in the Northeast-10 Tournament final.

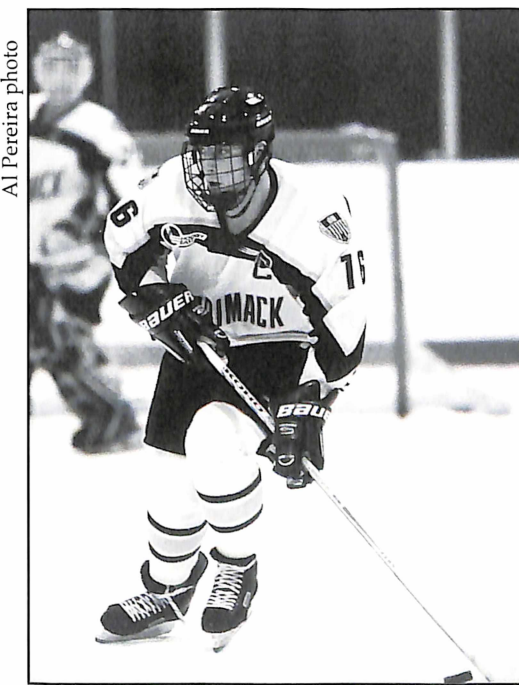
In the final game, Merrimack battled hard but the three-point accuracy of Bentley was too much as the Warriors were defeated, 85-58.

### Men's Tennis

Merrimack posted a record of 9-7, 6-3 in Northeast-10 conference play. The Warriors endured a very up-and-down season highlighted by a fourth-place finish in the Northeast-10 standings and a win over Division I opponent Holy Cross.

Merrimack began the year with a win over St. Anselm, 6-3, before travelling to South Carolina over spring break, to battle Slippery Rock, Millersville and

Al Pereira photo



Senior defenseman Drew Hale backboned a defense that kept nearly every game tight for the Warriors, who played 11 overtime games.

### Ice Hockey

The hockey team's 11-19-6 record (6-12-6 in Hockey East) belied the kind of battle the Warriors were involved in seemingly every night.

Under the direction of second-year coach Chris Serino, Merrimack set a school record with 11 overtime contests and played in 25 games decided by two or fewer goals. Fifteen were decided by one goal or fewer. Merrimack also set

The Citadel. After the tough road trip during which the Warriors notched a record of 1-2, Merrimack posted three straight wins including two in conference play. The Warriors then alternated wins with losses in the next four matches before winning two of their last three to earn a playoff position.

Merrimack fell to Pace University in the Northeast-10 quarterfinals but rebounded to end the season on a good note with a win over UMass Lowell, 6-3.

an NCAA Division I record for consecutive overtime games with six straight. In Hockey East, Merrimack was one of just five teams (Boston College, Boston University, Maine and New Hampshire) to capture at least one point from every other conference school.

This Merrimack edition featured a mix of old (seven seniors) and new (13 underclassmen) players. The team was picked to finish last in the Hockey East preseason coaches poll and, while experienced on defense, lost its top two scorers from a year ago (Kris Porter, Rejean Stringer).

The Warriors shocked the Hockey East community early in November when they tied the defending national champion Maine Black Bears, 3-3. Merrimack then shut out the preseason No. 1, Boston College, 2-0 and served notice to the rest of the league that when you played the Warriors, you were in for a battle to the end.

"We might not be the most talented team in the league but we could be the hardest working," Serino noted. "My guys come to play every night and leave everything they have on the ice. I, as a coach, can't ask for anything more than that."

# Entrepreneurial Donegan takes a swing at golf world

by David Rattigan

Tom Donegan '62 has a new venture. Donegan is co-owner of The Ledges Golf Club in York, Maine, a par-72 public course that's being celebrated by both those who play it and experts in the field.

The March issue of *Golf Magazine* named it among the top 25 new public courses, and dubbed it the best new public course in New England. With the hilly, challenging and aesthetically pleasing course as his "portfolio piece," designer William Bradley "Brad" Booth has become an extremely popular golf course architect. There's a steady demand for tee times among its public but limited membership.

This is the first foray into golf club ownership for Donegan, who has had the entrepreneurial bent since founding a company in 1972 that sold and distributed computer components and semi-conductors. That enterprise was part of an evolution from the technical end to the business side of the industry for the former design engineer, who at one time worked on post-Apollo applications of the Poseidon and Trident missile systems. He also bought a meat market in Stoneham that year, an experience that taught him the lesson that "if you're

going to do something, make sure you know a little bit about it before you get started."

The meat market didn't prosper, but Donegan's other ventures have been rewarding. In 1976 he became vice president and partner in a new company called S&S Electronics, which sold computer peripherals. Later, it spun off another company, Lowell Systems, which sold material tracking systems. He sold both companies for a handsome profit in 1985, and in 1989 got into a far different type of venture.

He became a charter-boat captain in York Harbor, where he owns a summer home. He sold the boat in 1995, not too long after he'd signed on as an investor in the proposed golf course with longtime friend Pat Rocheleau, a developer. They later added a third partner, Ken Sullivan, and steered the project from concept to construction.

"This was done for fun," says Donegan, an occasional golfer who barely played while he was building his businesses during the 1970s through the mid-1980s.

Built on approximately 300 acres, part of which was formerly a stone quarry, The Ledges is an uplands course with tremendous changes in elevation. The key to playing is to hit the ball straight. If you don't, it may be a frustrating few hours.

"The course will accommodate all skill levels, but it plays particularly hard from the tips (back tees) if you're not a good golfer," Donegan says. "We're probably the second-toughest-rated course in Maine (after Sugarloaf), for slope and stroke rating from the tips. It plays just under 7,000 yards, and has a slope rating of 144 with a stroke rating of 73.4."

The course has been well-received in York, a vacation town whose population swells from about 12,000 in the winter to 65,000 to 70,000 (including tourists) in the summer months. Profit may not have been a driving motive, but Donegan is pleased to report that the course has made one since its first full

David Rattigan photo



Tom Donegan '62

year of operation. Revenue has exceeded projections by 35 percent.

As a breed, engineers tend to be people who like to figure things out. Entrepreneurs are willing to take risks, and have a strong belief in themselves. Those aspects of Donegan's makeup have paid dividends in his life.

"I think the education I got at Merrimack really pushed me in that direction," says Donegan, who also owns and manages commercial real estate. "In '62, the engineering department was a young department. We were taught the latest in technology and the courses were extremely tough. We had a very full schedule, and would take economics with the economic majors, along with history and government courses. What it taught me to do was to think. I know when I got out of Merrimack and did post-graduate study at Northeastern and M.I.T., I found the undergraduate education I'd had prepared me to compete with students from larger undergraduate schools.

"The rest was sort of a natural evolution, from design engineer to program manager, where I was responsible for budgets and people. That gets you to think in the business area of the job, instead of the design area. That led to me getting involved with a startup company, and then going out on my own."

For more on The Ledges Golf Club, check out the Web at [www.ledgesgolf.com](http://www.ledgesgolf.com).

## CLASS NOTES

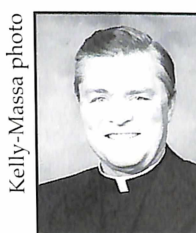
### M52

Rev. Jim Wenzel, O.S.A., of the Center for Augustinian Study and Legacy and also of the Campus Ministry office, preached a Lenten parish renewal at St. Margaret of Scotland Parish in Maggie Valley, North Carolina, in April. The Living Waters Catholic Reflection Center, staffed by the Augustinian Friars of the Province of St. Thomas of Villanova, is connected to the parish. In May, Father Jim directed a weekend retreat at the center.

### M54

Albert Brenner, a retired Merrimack College professor, is the creator and designer of the web site "Merrimack Discovered," which features a virtual tour of the Merrimack River. It is part of his web site, [www.alseye.com](http://www.alseye.com). The web site also features his list of the best college courses on the Internet as well as a kayaking trip of Key West. Al spent six months working on the Merrimack River project, and plans to create similar virtual tours, possibly worldwide.

### M57



Fr. George Riley '57

Rev. George F. Riley, O.S.A., has been honored by the Board of Trustees of the James W. O'Brien Foundation of North Andover, Massachusetts. They have donated scholarship funds to Villanova University students in the name of Father Riley. Father Riley is a former member of the Merrimack Board of Trustees and a member of the President's Development Committee.

### M58

Dr. Patricia (Trainor) O'Malley was selected to deliver the 197th and final baccalaureate address at Bradford College in Bradford, Mass.

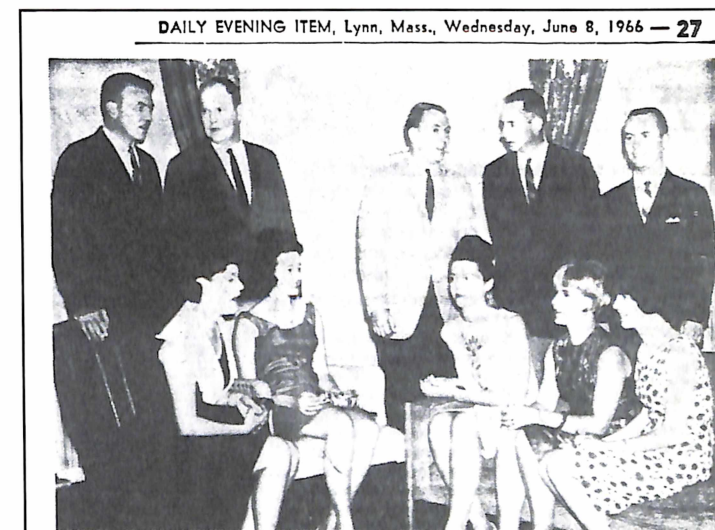
### M61

Frank Leone Jr. received a National Service to Youth award for 20 years of service to the Lawrence Boys and Girls Clubs of



From left, Doug Beeman '60, Peg (McGinnis) Beeman '62, Karen (Luczak) Saulnier '62, and Natalie (Frost) Mullen '62 on their trek over the Emerald Isle.

Lawrence, Mass. Frank is a director of the organization. In addition, he is a director of First Essex Bancorp in Andover, Friends of Merrimack, and a member of the President's Council. He is a freelance photo journalist, and a partner in Leone Realty Trust-Commercial Real Estate.



DAILY EVENING ITEM, Lynn, Mass., Wednesday, June 8, 1966 — 27

MERRIMACK COLLEGE ALUMNI, their wives and friends thronged Andover Country Club for the annual spring dance of the College Alumni Assn. Among others from this area were, standing, left to right, William C. Horan of Salem, James R. Sellers of Peabody, Donald F. Lamoureux of Melrose, formerly of Lynn, James H. Lane of Gloucester and John E. Keon of Wakefield. Seated, left to right are their wives, Mrs. Horan, Mrs. Sellers, Mrs. Lamoureux, Mrs. Lane and Mrs. Keon.

This June 8, 1966 newsclipping from the alumni spring dance back brought back some memories for Merrimack alumnus John Keon '61, who sent it along to share with other alums.

## O'Brien Skates to Gold Medal Win

Jim O'Brien '61 hadn't skated for years and was living in Fairfax, Virginia, not exactly a hockey hotbed. In the fall of 1993 somebody got his name and phoned him and he started playing with some other guys on Friday nights. Then he started playing on Friday and Sunday nights.

Early this year, somebody else got his name and called him and asked if he wanted to play for a team from Maryland that was entered in the Senior Games at Lake Placid, New York.

That was how O'Brien, who turns 61 in July, started on his road to a gold medal.

"I don't know how the guy over in Maryland knew my name," O'Brien said. "He had a team, the Maryland Crew, and was looking for players between 50 and 60. The guy called me and I said, 'Yeah, I'll do it. It ought to be fun.' Then we went up to Lake Placid and won it all."

The Senior Games, a first of what is planned as an annual event, brought out senior athletes in not only hockey but other winter sports, such as cross country and alpine skiing. In the hockey portion, seven teams competed in a round-robin, double-elimination, no-check tournament.

"The competition was quite good," said O'Brien, who played on two state title teams with Lynn English High School and for two years at Merrimack. "The biggest thrill was to skate on the same rink (the 1980) Olympic Team won the gold medal on."

The Maryland Crew came from behind in the final minute to tie its first game, and then won in an overtime shootout, 2-1 over a "composite" team of players from all over. They then beat a Michigan team 7-1, another Maryland team 3-2, and met the composite team again in the medal game, winning 3-0.

"I got a goal in the second game," said O'Brien, a right winger. "I missed two chances in the first game, at least one in the second, and one in the third game, but we count only the ones that go in, not the near misses."

All the players received medals, and O'Brien had a lot of fun.

"How many guys get to do this stuff?" said O'Brien, a human resources director for Teligent, Inc. (a telecommunications company). "That's the fun of it, at this age to be able to go and do all this."

-David Rattigan



### CALLING ALL HACKERS!

It's never too early to sign up for the annual Hackers Golf Tournament, which benefits Merrimack's Athletic Programs.

This year's tournament takes place at Far Corner Golf Course in West Boxford on Friday, September 15. It features a shotgun start at 8 a.m.

To register or for more information, call the alumni office at (978) 837-5440.

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Prof. Marguerite Kane

**Catching up with ...**

After her 37th year as a political science professor, Marguerite Kane is preparing for a sabbatical.

"I'll take a year off to study and travel and be back in the fall of 2001," says Kane, who's still deciding between a

couple of options, including a trip to Europe to study Machiavelli and to visit the Order of St. Augustine's center in Florence, Italy, or writing a history of Essex County government up to its dissolution in 1999.

"There are some good histories of the 19th century, but not much has been done on the 20th century," says Kane, who served 10 years as an Essex County commissioner until county government was disbanded, and also served on the Lawrence City Council and the Lawrence School Committee.

She still enjoys teaching, which has changed tremendously over the years. Among the many differences, she finds technology driving changes in the way she works.

"It's more active, participatory learning," she says, less reliant on lecturing and more on videotape, computers and student discussion. "There are all kinds of things you can do to involve students as partners in learning."

Her message to alumni: "As a graduate of Merrimack ('60) myself I feel a double kinship with them. I remember many of them in my classes, enjoyed them all, and learned as much — if not more — from them as I've given them, in terms of knowledge. They've kept me on my toes."

**M62**

**Peg (McGinnis) Beeman, Karen (Luczak) Saulnier, and Natalie (Frost) Mullen** along with **Doug Beeman ('60)** started in Dublin and took a two-week tour across the southern part of Ireland.

**David White**, with wife Jane, is in Prague, the Czech Republic, working with Radio Free Europe. The Whites are traveling and enjoying Europe and are expected to return in the summer of 2001.

**M64**

**Hal Brown** and wife Kathleen, and **Diana** and **Paul Sweeney**, enjoyed the Winter Carnival in Quebec,

February 12-14. Hal, of Albany, N.Y., is a Division Administrator for the federal highways of the New York region, and Paul, of Bethesda, Md., is a retired US Secret Service agent.

**Donna (Berube) Gazaille** is a Master's level teacher under full tenure with the public school system in Edgartown, Mass. Her eldest son David, 34, writes that before starting her career 15 years ago, Donna served two terms as Edgartown School Committee chairman while raising four children. "She is one of the hardest working professionals in her field ... well respected by both her peers and students," writes David, who reports that his mother is extremely active on volunteer

school and community boards, as well as in her church. "Now a proud grandmother of four and an active participant in their lives," David adds, "Donna continues to strive to be the very best person and professional she can be."

**M65**

**Frances (Caron) Robbins, Ph.D.**, completed her doctorate in counseling psychology and post doctoral internship in clinical neuropsychology at the New England Medical Center in 1998. She's working as a clinical neuropsychologist at Aspen Hill, a small psychiatric hospital that is part of Flagstaff Medical Center in Flagstaff, Ariz.

**M66**

**Helen (Lyons) Hoffman** has returned to teaching special education, in Newmarket, N.H. She had spent 15 years in management positions in education and human services. After 20 years in Andover, she now lives in Rye, N.H. She writes that she has "five grown children and five wonderful grandchildren."

**M67**

**Joseph Butler** has been elected to a two-year term as president of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers Electromagnetic

Compatibility Society, the world's largest professional technical society. He was also elected to the board of the National Association of Radio and Telecommunication Engineers.

**Joseph Lapiana** was inducted into the Massachusetts Hall of Fame for Science Educators. The honor is reserved for teachers (pre-K through college) who have distinguished themselves over a long period of time. Joe, a teacher in the Dracut School Department, was nominated by Dr. Edward DeSchuytner of Northern Essex Community College. An excerpt from the induction brochure reads, "Lapiana is noted for the tremendous passion he brings to everything he does.... Whenever someone speaks of leadership in

science, Joe Lapiana's name will be mentioned."

**M70**

**Larry Bergeron** is now a full-time pastor at Calvary Evangelical Free Church, with 800-1,000 parishioners, in Trumbull, Conn. He left a position as vice president of marketing and research at Dictaphone Corp. in 1996 to pursue a Master's of Divinity degree. Larry and his wife Wendy have five children ranging in age from 22 to 9 years of age. He writes that he "still loves engineering 'stuff' including computers but finds that a career as a pastor is more than full time but wonderful. Also, the retirement benefits (eternal) are rumored to be phenomenal."

**David and Kathleen (Beeley) '92 DeFillippo's** entire family is comprised of current or future Merrimack graduates. Their children graduated in 1994, 1999 and son, David, is scheduled for 2002. David is principal of Central Catholic High School in Lawrence. Kathleen is a nurse in the Lawrence public schools.



Jeanne (Heuer) Eddy '70

**Jeanne (Heuer) Eddy** has joined National Grange Mutual Insurance Co. of Keene, N.H., as senior vice

president and chief financial officer. She's a fellow of the Casualty Actuarial Society and a member of the American Academy of Actuaries.

**Robert Lindley** is attending the School of Information Resources and Library Science at the University of Arizona. Thirty years ago as a student, he worked at the McQuade library.



Greetings from the Class of '64, specifically Hal Brown '64 and wife Kathleen, and Paul Sweeney '64 and wife Diana.

**M71**

**Teri (Schwartz) LeBeau** has retired from the Dow Chemical Company. She held various positions at Dow in sales, marketing, business management, and investor relations since she graduated from Merrimack. She is serving as an ad-hoc member of the Finance Committee of Dow's Board of Directors. Along with her responsibilities at Dow she is also a member of the Board of Wolverine Bank, a regional bank headquartered in Michigan. After son Matt leaves for college in the fall, she and husband Joe will relocate to Vail, Colo., and spend their summers in Charlevoix, Mich. She is considering consulting, but may opt to just enjoy retirement.

**M72**

**Jeanne Morisseau Burns** is vice principal at Central Catholic High School in Lawrence.

**Leonard Nowacki** has been in the insurance industry since graduating and has worked in many states. Now living in Gulfport and working in St. Petersburg, Fla., he would love hearing from classmates in the area.

**Christopher Sheehan** has been appointed communications specialist in the Department of University Relations at Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, Conn. He is also an adjunct English and communication instructor at Naugatuck Valley Community-Technical College in Waterbury, Conn. He was formerly a communications specialist at St. Mary's Hospital in Waterbury and was the founding editor of *The Business Digest of Greater Waterbury*. He has received several awards from the American Cancer Society, including its highest honor, the St. George Medal for outstanding contributions to the control of cancer.

**Laura (Crowley) Tingley** has been promoted to supervisor of Piccerelli, Gilstein, and Company, LLP, Providence. She concentrates in corporate and partnership taxation matters with a special emphasis on business in the real estate, wholesale and service industries. She lives in East Greenwich, R.I., with her husband, **Otto '74**, and their four children.

**Alumni, Professor Team Up for Space Mission**

Two Merrimack alumni and one of their former professors are part of a scientific exploration that, quoting from its official website, "promises to answer fundamental questions about the nature and origin of near-earth objects, such as the numerous asteroids and comets in the vicinity of earth's orbit."

It may also provide information on the origins of the solar system. SSG, Inc. engineers **Paul Cucchiario '79** and **Mark Barry '79** were part of the team that designed one of the six instruments aboard the satellite circling the asteroid Eros, and **Anthony DeLuzio**, assistant professor of civil engineering at Merrimack and a consultant for the company, did structural analysis on the project. Cucchiario and Barry were responsible for a large portion of the instrumentation, which included a portion of the electronics and all scanning systems.

Their Near-Infrared Spectrometer (NIS), a space telescope, is on a car-sized satellite orbiting 85 to 91 million miles from earth, circling 31 miles above the asteroid - which measures 21 miles long, eight miles wide, and eight miles thick - at a speed of under seven miles per hour.

On February 17, 1996 the NEAR (Near-Earth Asteroid Rendezvous) satellite became the first launch of the Discovery Program, a NASA initiative for small planetary missions. The automobile-sized NEAR spacecraft came into the orbit of the asteroid Eros on February 14, 2000 - Valentine's Day - and will stay close to the asteroid for a year, gathering data.

"This is the first telescope that's ever orbited an asteroid," notes Cucchiario, Director of Electrical Engineering at SSG. "NASA plans to get closer and closer, and discover more and more details. They will be able to gather all kinds of information."

According to the NEAR website, by mid-June the NIS alone had gathered over 58,000 "spectra" - or separate infrared readings - covering more than 60 percent of the asteroid. The instrument is designed to map the mineral composition of the asteroid's surface by measuring the reflected spectrum of sunlight.

Some of the information it gathers should help scientists understand how the rocky planets evolved. Early findings indicate that the asteroid's elemental composition is similar to the most primitive rocks in the solar system, called chondrites.

"Chondrites are the building blocks of the terrestrial planets," said Dr. Tim McCoy, a participating scientist from the Smithsonian Museum, quoted on the website. "If more data confirm Eros is primordial, Eros will be a link between the chondrite meteorites found on earth and the history of the solar system's foundation. With Eros, we could be looking at the structure of the solar system during a time no longer recorded on earth."

SSG, Inc., which is based in Wilmington, Mass., designs and builds precision measuring devices for government and commercial applications, including some of the premier space defense projects for the country.

The Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory in Laurel, Md., designed and built the NEAR spacecraft and manages the mission for NASA, in partnership with several other universities and organizations. To check out the website, go to <http://near.jhuapl.edu>.



Mark Barry '79 and Paul Cucchiario '79

-David Rattigan

**M73**

**Diane D'Amico** is a professor of English at Allegheny College in Pennsylvania and has recently published a book, *Christina Rossetti: Faith, Gender, and Time*, published by Louisiana State University Press.

**M74**

**Jack Driscoll**, postmaster for 14 years, has been named one of the most noted people in Reading. Jack is also a professor of economics and business statistics in Northeastern University's evening program, and a big supporter of the Dana Farber Cancer Institute and the Jimmy Fund. He's married to **Nancy (Callahan) Driscoll '74**. Their romance began at their 20th class reunion.

**Timothy Mooney** has been elected vice-president of the Exeter (N.H.) Sportsman's Club, for the fourth non-consecutive time. The club is the oldest trap-shooting club in the country.

**M75**

**Jim Krzywicki** is president of North American Services of RoweCom Inc., in Westwood, Mass., a business-to-business provider of solutions for managing the acquisition of knowledge resources.

**Thomas Wozniak**, Director of Resident Life at Western New England College in Springfield, Mass., presented a pre-conference workshop "Practical Magic: The Skill and Art of Supervision." This workshop was geared to new professionals at the annual conference of the Northeast

Association of College and University Housing Officers. Previously, he gave the keynote address at the organization's fall event. He and his wife **Madeleine (Paradis) Wozniak '75** attended their 25th Merrimack reunion this summer.

**James Zampell** has been added to the Corporate Advisory Council of Montserrat College of Art in Beverly, Mass. This board was established to encourage an exchange of information and expertise with individuals and companies seeking to impact the cultural climate of the North Shore. He, wife **Christine (Sullivan) '75**, and their children live in Wenham, Mass.

**M76**

**Dave McGillivray** was presented with the prestigious Lifetime Achievement award by the publishers of the California-based *Competitor Magazine*, joining a group of honorees that include bicyclists Lance Armstrong and Greg LeMond, among other elite athletes. He was honored for more than 20 years of service to the sport of road racing and the triathlon. McGillivray is both an athlete and event director, producing, directing or consulting on more than 500 mass-participatory sporting events, including the Boston Marathon, the 1998 Goodwill Games, and the 1996 Atlanta Olympics. As an athlete, he's run 104 marathons and eight Hawaii Ironman Triathlons. In 1978, he ran from Medford, Ore., to his hometown of Medford, Mass., (3,452 miles) to benefit the Jimmy Fund and Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. He estimates he's helped raise \$1 million for New England charities.

**M77**

**John "Jay" Donovan** is the assistant vice president of human resources for Chase Business Services at Chase Manhattan Bank in Brooklyn, N.Y.

**Brian Murphey** is an account manager for Collaborative Structures in Boston.

**Dan Murray** is director of the Technology Transfer and Support Division of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's National Risk Management Research Laboratory in Cincinnati, Ohio.

**Mark Pothier** was one of just 12 journalists selected as a Nieman Fellow at Harvard University. Pothier was the only journalist selected from a weekly newspaper company. He's the executive editor of MPG Newspapers in Plymouth, Mass., a group of nine newspapers including the 178-year-old Plymouth-based Old Colony Memorial.

**M78**

**Robert Burns** has become the controller of The Drake Center, a rehabilitation and long-term care hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio. Bob and wife Ceci live in Liberty Township, Ohio.

**John Donovan** returned to Boston, after living in California since 1984, to accept a position with Mass. Financial Corp. as the executive vice president of operations. The company provides patient loans for dental and vision care. He and wife Randie live in Natick, Mass.

**Allison (Ulrey) Hazell** is assistant vice president and manager of training and development for Suntrust/Crestar Banks in the Richmond, Virginia area.

**Walter Meyer** was named by *Business New Hampshire* as one of the "New Hampshire Leaders for the 21st Century." Meyer is a Tax Principal with Ernst & Young, of Manchester, New Hampshire and is a member of The N.H. Society of CPA's, Mass. Society of CPA's, American Institute of CPA's, and the Institute of Management Accountants. He also sits on several corporate and non-profit boards, and community service organizations.

**M79**

**Jeff Franke** is president of Golden West Financial, located in Rancho Mirage, Calif.

**Joseph Kowalczyk, P.E.**, is an associate with CDM Engineers and Constructors, of Cambridge, Mass., a subsidiary of Camp, Dresser McKee, Inc.

**Merrimack grads control Democrats' fund**

Phyllis Tyler '79 has been elected deputy treasurer of the Massachusetts Democratic State Committee. Mary Jane "M.J." Powell '81 has been elected treasurer.



*Maureen Catallo '84 reports that classmate Judy Brigham '84 "hosted a terrific party in February" that was a mini-reunion, as proved by this photo. The party-goers included (front row) Stephanie Quine '84, Barbara Jo Angelillo O'Rourke '84, Steve Mele '84, Kevin Tinsely '84, Karen Mitchell DeLuca '84, George Catallo '84, Jay DeLuca '83; and (back row) Tucker Hannon, Kevin O'Rourke, Susan Guigli Mele '84, Joan Coleran Tinsley '84, Judy Brigham '84, Sheila White Hannon '84, Barbara Norton Leoffler '84, Maureen O'Connell Catallo '84 and Bob Dee '84.*

**John Teoli** is vice-president of commercial lending for Lawrence Savings Bank. He is responsible for commercial real estate and construction lending in the Merrimack Valley and Southern New Hampshire.

**M81**

**Paul Denning** is the lead systems engineer for MITRE Corp. He and wife Sandy live in Lexington, Mass., with children Joseph, Jacqueline and Rebecca.

**Sheila (Brady) Marcelonis** is vice president/Key Account manager for Liberty Funds Distributor, Inc. in Boston.

**M82**

**Joanne Bevilacqua** received a Master's Degree in Elementary Education from Fitchburg State College and is currently pursuing her doctorate. She is teaching in the Haverhill School system.

**Charido Scholarship Fund**

Susan (Mahoney) Koulogazos '84 reports that there has been a very gratifying response to the announcement in our last issue about the scholarship founded in the memory of David Charido '83, who died in 1991. She reminds us that folks wishing to contribute can send a check to the David Charido Scholarship Fund, c/o Office for Institutional Advancement, Box A8, Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike Street, North Andover, MA 01845.

and Harvard Medical School in the Department of Orthopaedic Research.

**Bill Nawn** and wife **Mary (Grunbeck) '84** ran a collective total of 78.6 miles on April 17 to help fund Parkinson's Disease research. He started at Boston and ran the Boston Marathon course backwards to Hopkinton, where he joined his wife and they completed the 26.2-mile race together. Mary's 72-year-old father, Dan, has been living with Parkinson's for 17 years. The couple — former basketball players who began dating while at Merrimack — has also created a web site: www.runforparkinsons.com.

**Joseph Pierro** is new products manager, overseeing a large staff, for Nortel Networks in Billerica, Mass.

**Joseph Piotte** is sales manager, Northeast Region, for Abel and Schafer Corporation, N.Y.

**Arthur Powell** was recently hired as a credit and collection manager with Orion Research, of Beverly, Mass.

**David Rich** is the regional sales manager for Sperry Van Ness in Brentwood, Calif.

**Joseph Schwarz** was promoted to major in the U.S. Army Reserve. He is assigned to Fort Devens, Mass., and is involved in computer network security.

**Maureen Mullen** is employed at Allyn & Bacon in Needham.

**M87**

**Kevin Begley** is regional group manager for Bell Atlantic Mobile in Woburn.

**Carol (Strong) Beland** is manager of customer and marketing services at Cambridge Isotope Laboratories, Inc. in Andover, as well as an adjunct lecturer of chemistry at Merrimack College.

**Amy (Carroll) Blackwell** received a Master's in Education from Rivier College in Nashua, New Hampshire. She is now a fourth grade teacher in the Hudson School District.

**Tom Boucher** is the director of marketing and operations for a Southern New Hampshire restaurant group, T-Bones and Cactus Jack's, where he is part

owner. His own restaurant, Cactus Jack's, just celebrated its fifth anniversary.

**James Burns** has been promoted to the position of director of nurse operations for Traycorps in Malden, Mass.

**Dean DeLuca** is an advertising salesperson for United Publications in Yarmouth, Me.

**John Kirwan** is the director for PFFC in Westboro, Mass.

**James Rickard** has been promoted to sergeant of the Coventry, R.I., Police Department.

**John Shaheen** is a sales representative for CBE Technologies, Inc. in Boston.

**Michael Sullivan** has earned an M.S. in accountancy from Bentley College.

**M88**

**Douglas Bethoney** was promoted to major in the United States Air Force. He was selected for an Air Force-sponsored residency in endodontics in San Antonio, Texas.

**William Eaton** is president of Specialty Waste Services, Inc., in Kennebunk, Me.

**Maria (Venetucci) Garcia** is a financial analyst for Hamilton Sundstrand, a UTC Corp., in Phoenix, Ariz. Maria received an MBA in management at Western International University in June 1999.

**Jeanne (DeVita) Jaskolski** is an account manager for Ariba, Inc., in Brookfield, Wisc.



*Paul Pezone '88*

**Paul Pezone** is director of plant operations at Caritas Norwood Hospital, a 275-bed hospital in Norwood, Mass. He is a member of the

New England Hospital Engineers Association and its health care and electrical code committees, Middlemac Hospital Engineers Association and Caritas Christi Health Care System Safety Committee.

David Oxtan photo



*Rev. Kevin Dwyer, O.S.A.*

**Catching up with ...**

Rev. Kevin Dwyer, O.S.A., finished his 36th year as a Merrimack College religious studies professor this spring. It was also his ninth year as moderator for the Phi Kappa Theta fraternity.

"I do a lot of weddings and baptisms as a result of that, and for students not in the fraternity," Father Dwyer says. "Those are always nice, because when you officiate at a wedding you see a lot of other alums at the same time. We get to reminisce."

Much has changed in the student population during Father Dwyer's tenure as a professor. One observation he makes is that students' attitudes tend to run in cycles, which he feels mirrors those of their parents.

"A few years ago I noticed that kids were a lot like their parents were 25 years earlier," Dwyer says. "At least that's my feeling. Being conservative, or liberal; or being interested in religion or not interested in religion seems to come in cycles. Five years ago students were really interested in religion. Maybe that's because their parents were, 25 or 30 years earlier."

Father Dwyer also passed this message along to the alumni: "Tell them I love to read the magazine (particularly Class Notes) to see what they're doing: their milestones, when they have children, when they get married, what jobs they get. I think every teacher does that."

**Michele (Ducasse) Streeter, CPA**, has been appointed director of finance for community practices for the University of Massachusetts Memorial Medical Group.

**Patrick Young** has been appointed by Johnson Controls, Inc. as president and chief operating officer of the Cardkey Systems subsidiary in Simi Valley, Calif. He is responsible for managing Cardkey brand integrated security solutions.

**M89**

**Brian Butler** is assistant vice-president of Meredith & Grew, Inc., Boston.

**Nancy (Ignazio) Griffiths** manages a software engineering group at Phase Forward in Waltham. She and husband James recently purchased a house in Cambridge, Mass, where they live with their daughter, Gabrielle.

**Erik Riera Ed.M., CAS, MBA**, is director of child and family services at Genesis - the Counseling Group in Laconia, N.H.

**M90**

**Wendy (Maxwell) Borglum** is living in Pittsburgh with her husband and new daughter and would love to hear from old Merrimack friends. Her e-mail address is borglum@helicon.net.

**Monsignor David Dismas** has been elevated to the Order of Bishops and appointed auxiliary bishop for the Archdiocese of Fairhaven. The Revere, Mass., resident founded the Mission Parish of Saint Nicholas of Myra, which serves parishioners in Malden, Everett and Revere. Monsignor Dismas is a member of the Worker Priest movement, whose members secure secular employment so as not to be a financial burden on those they serve. He works as a bookkeeper and office manager for Used Furniture Outlet and Performance Vehicle Warehouse, both in Malden.

**James Gillon** is a corporate sales representative for Sybase, Inc. in Concord, Mass.

**Timothy Kinsella** is financial manager for Spaulding and Slye Services, Lexington, Mass.

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**Noelle (Merenda) Taylor** is a fifth grade teacher for the Everett, Mass. School Department. She received her Master's Degree in Elementary Education from Salem State College.

**Susan (Fitzgerald) Teixeira** has earned a Master of Science Degree in Computer Information Systems from Bentley College, Waltham, Mass.

**Stephen Wyka, CPA**, has been named a partner at Cowan, Bolduc, Doherty & Company, Andover, Mass.

**M91**

**Dr. Keith Briggs** is working for Liberti/Briggs Chiropractic Office in Saugus, Mass. He was designated as a certified chiropractic sports physician by the American Board of Chiropractic Sports Physicians in April 1999.

**Barbara (Kenny) Cranna '91** received her Juris Doctorate, magna cum laude, from Massachusetts School of Law and has been admitted to practice law in Massachusetts and Connecticut. She is living in Fairfield, Conn., with husband **Brendan '92**, a business development manager for Coca-Cola, and their new baby, Ryan. Brendan received his M.B.A. from New Hampshire College.

**Diane (DeFeo) Pelletier** is the senior buyer/planner for CP Clare Corporation in Beverly, Mass.

**Susan (Fagan) Falvey** is an accountant for the Cornerstone Corporation in Norwood, Mass.

**Be an Alumni Ambassador**

The Merrimack College Admission office invites you to participate in the volunteer program known as the Alumni Ambassador Program, to strengthen and reinforce our recruitment effort and process. Anyone interested in joining can contact: Pat Skeffington, Admission Counselor, at (978) 837-5000, x. 4475, or by e-mail at pskeffington@merrimack.edu, or Susan Wojtas, director of alumni relations, at (978) 837-5400, or by e-mail at swojtas@merrimack.edu

**Paul Jordan** is the head natural gas trader for Goldman Sach's in New York City.

**Megan (Sullivan) McDowell** is a psychotherapist in private practice in Boulder, Colo.

**M92**

**Jeanette Apap Bologna** has been added to the staff of JMB Food Sales in Brewster, Mass. She will be responsible for all natural and organic products as well as deli and food service.

**David Castellarin** is the town accountant in Swampscott, Mass.

**Michael McDermott** is branch manager of New Boston Select Staffing's Permanent Placement Division in Woburn, Mass. The company specializes in helping people get full-time jobs in administrative and customer support.

**M93**

**Robert Alconada** was elected vice-chairman of the Everett, Mass., School Committee. He will be partly responsible for supervising the replacement of Everett's four existing school buildings.

**Janine Braun** is the legislative liaison to Governor John Rowland in Hartford, Conn.

**Brian Matthew Desharnais** received a Ph.D. in civil engineering with an emphasis on environmental geotechnics from Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., in June 2000. He also was a national winner of the American Chemical Society's 2000 Graduate Student Paper Awards in Environmental Chemistry. He and his wife, Margo, are relocating to Cape Cod, Mass., where he will work in the remediation division of Horsley & Whitten, Inc., Sandwich, Mass.

**Nancy (Gonet) Drozewski** is a Medical Technologist at the Holy Family Hospital in Methuen.

**Sean F. Etmon** was promoted to the rank of captain in the Marine Corps. He's stationed at Fort Leonardwood, Mo. He's assigned as executive officer (second in command) of a company of 700 Marines. He also has a 4.0 GPA in criminal justice at Columbia College.

**Janet Haley** is the media relations specialist for the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston.

**Catching up with ...**

One of the things Dr. J. David Davis did while on sabbatical this spring was a review of his old master's thesis.

"There were some reactions I was never able to do," the chemistry professor says. "I thought I'd try them again."

What he'd forgotten was how pungent some of the components were.

"I ran two experiments," he recalls, smiling. "One worked, one didn't, and I made up my mind I was never going to touch those chemicals again. They were too gross-smelling. The experiment can die for all I care."

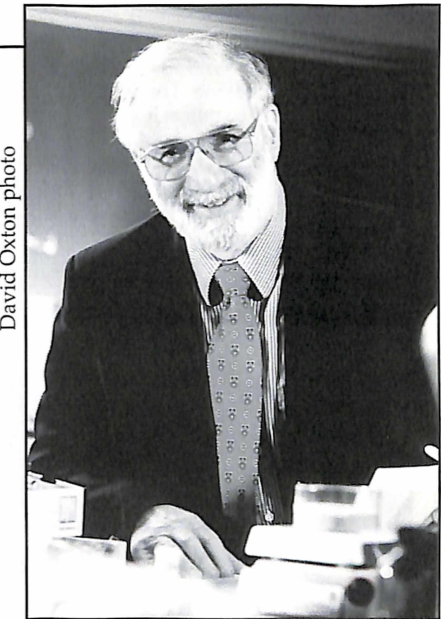
A professor for 36 years at Merrimack, Davis is enjoying teaching as much as ever. He sees a change in many of today's students, relating to their reliance on technology.

"They've never taken a bike apart, or put things together, and developed a personal interaction with things," he says. "They accept the technology at face value. They crunch the numbers, put a number down as an answer, and have no concept if they've made a mistake."

"The intelligence of students has not changed. How they use it has changed."

Many former students keep in touch with the Science Department, using it as a resource for research projects, or for education purposes.

"They are always welcome back," Davis says. "I like to follow their careers, and see what they're doing. That's not just me, but the whole department."



Dr. J. David Davis

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**Maureen (Sharp) Krahn** is manager at Candleman in Salem, N.H.

**Joe Lussier, CPA**, is assistant vice president/controller for Enterprise Bank in Lowell, Mass.

**John Pallaria** is the assistant vice president for Scudder Kemper Investments in Salem, N.H.

**M94**

**Anthony Cesso** made Mass. State Police history in August 1999, when he and sister Lisa Cesso graduated as the first brother and sister from

the same State Police Academy class. The Revere residents both live at home. Their father, Bart Cesso, has been a detective in Boston and Charlestown.

**Kristine Esdale** is manager of operations, sales and marketing for Nicholas Vantine & Company, P.C. and Boardwalk Financial Services of Sandwich, Mass.

**Nicole (Cavossa) Fagone** is director of social services at the Don Orione Nursing Home in Boston, Mass.

**John Farrell** has been named Police "Officer of the Year" by the American Legion Smith-Tobey Post 21 of Bath, Maine. The former religious studies major, who has been a youth minister and school teacher, works as the city's first school resource officer, assigned to the local high school. In two years on the force, he has received several commendations from the police department and letters of appreciation from the public.



**Jim Murphy** is an IT audit manager for Wolf and Company in Boston, Mass.

Jim Murphy '94

**Jennifer Terwilliger** is publisher of *Colorado Homes and Lifestyles* magazine in Englewood, Colo.

**Chris Wood** is division manager of Crown Bolt, Inc., of Texas, a leading supplier of fasteners in the home improvement industry. He manages 35 merchandising representatives in seven states, as well as working with buyers and retailers.

**M95**

**Phil Barlas** is a student in the MBA program at the University of Chicago.

**Cynthia (Joudrey) Cogan** recently obtained her professional engineering license in Massachusetts. She is an engineer for Montgomery Watson. She and her husband, **Arthur '96**, live in

Bellingham, Mass. He is a custom applications engineer for Instron Corporation's Electro-Mechanical Division.

**Greg Dynan**, CPA, is a supervisor at Wolf & Company, P.C. in Boston.

**Steven Flaig** is a product manager at Staples.

**Patria Rojas** received a dual degree (MSW/MPH) from Boston University in May 2000.

**Melissa Schwatka** is a systems engineering analyst at LHS Priority Call in Wilmington, Mass.; which develops and markets open, distributed telecommunications solutions that provide enhanced services for next generation public networks.

**Dina Picanco** is an accounting manager for Time Warner Trade Publishing in Boston.

**M96**

**Elizabeth Hurley** is benefits administrator with Cox Target Media in Largo, Fla.

**Ted Kempinski** is teaching history and directing plays at Haverhill High School. He's also signed on for another three-year term on the Alumni Council.

**Janelle's Kramer** recently received a Master of Science degree in Psychological Services and Clinical Mental Health Counseling from Salem State College (Mass.).

**Christopher Marsella** is working as an Office Supervisor with Adecco in Boston.

**John McAuley** is working towards his MBA in the Suffolk University Program at Merrimack. He is the program's Graduate Fellow and will be graduating in May 2001.

**Inger Reinhardsen** is a staffing specialist with Fidelity Investments in Boston. She's also pursuing her MBA at Suffolk University.

**Julie Struzziery** earned her Master's Degree in Education at the University of Massachusetts in 1999. She is teaching students with moderate special needs at Wayland High School (Mass.).

**M97**

**Jonathan Bryson** is an engineer with Federici & Akin, P.A., of Sewell, N.J.

**Carolyn Casdia** is a marketing assistant at Fishery Products International, Danvers, Mass.

**Joseph Ferrara** is a registered investment advisor with Axa Advisors in Wellesley, Mass.

**Juliann (O'Connor) Grant** is the industry marketing manager for Kronos, Inc.

**William Kennedy** is a research assistant at Harvard University.

**Jennifer Mahoney** has joined Ivy Mortgage as a loan officer in the company's Haverhill, Mass. office.

**Jason Sakellar** is employed by ExxonMobil Coporation in Bedford, N.H.

**M98**

**Kimberly (Arakelian) Buckholz** has taken a position with On-Queue Computer in Georgetown, Mass., in the marketing department. She is a sales representative for Sun Products, a division of On-Queue Computer.

**Robert DeNicola** is an investment specialist for Charles Schwab & Co.

**Erica DeSimone** is a sales consultant for Addison Wesley Longman in Reading, Mass., in the college sales division.

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**Michael Sullivan** is assistant vice president/assistant controller at Andover Bank. He has been in the banking industry for more than eight years.

**M99**

**Julie Abruzzi** has joined the staff of the Boston-based accounting firm Vitale, Caturano, and Company, P.C., CPAs. She will provide a variety of services for the firm.

**Jeff Caron**, an assistant basketball coach at Plymouth State College (N.H.), was the guest speaker at the *Fall River Herald News'* All Scholastic Winter Sports Awards program.

**Laurie Diskin** is a corporate actions analyst for Investors Bank.

**Angie Landry** is a staff accountant for Sullivan Bille, P.C., a certified public accounting and business advisory firm in Tewksbury, Mass.

**Jean Loisel** is fund accountant for Investors Bank.

**John McLaughlin** is a production coordinator with Brandeis University in Waltham, Mass.

**Louis Hery Jr.** is the vice president of Bannockburn Capital, Ltd. in Boston.

**Michael Quinn** is working for the management consulting firm CSC Consulting as a revenue accountant in the finance department.



*Susan McCarthy '85 and bridesmaid Dr. Kathleen Marici '86 on the left and Kelly Gilgen '85 and Linda Capone '85 on the right flank bride Gerry (Follansbee) Stewart '85 and groom Toby Stewart in this recently unearthed photo from their 1996 wedding in Haverhill, Mass. In the back row, Stephen Macary '85, Gail Slattery '85, Julie Licopoli '85, Linda Reilly '85, Robert Banfield '85, Shawn Banfield '85, Thomas Bulovas '91, Linda DeCiccio '86, Paul Fanning '86 and Sheryl York '86.*



Danielle (Ouellette) '97 and Paul Athanasiadis.

**Robert Mazzio '82** and Kathleen Cooney on September 11, 1999.

**Steven Basile '84** and Clara Orlando at Pilgrim Congregational Church, Leominster, Mass.

**Maria Grillo '84** and Peter Fuhrmeister at Crossroads Presbyterian Church in Waterford, Conn., October 30, 1999.

**John Hutcheson '84** and Tara Roberts at St. Mary of the Hills Church in Milton, Mass.

**Geraldine Follansbee '85** and Toby Stewart at the First Congregational Church in Haverhill, Mass., August 25, 1996.

**James Guarente '87** and Lisa Winslow at St. John the Baptist Church in North Bennington, Vt., October 16, 1999.

**Tom Martinuk '87** and Danielle Turgeon at St. Augustine Church in Lawrence.

**Mary Rafferty '87** and John Spero at All Saints Church in Haverhill, Mass., September 11, 1999.

**Steven Glennon '88** and Pamela Orkney at Sacred Heart Church, in Waltham, Mass.

**Dean Albanesi '90** and Bethanie Lentz at St. Dorothy Catholic Church in Philadelphia, Penn., September 3, 1999.

**Linda Callahan '90** and Rodney Regan at St. Theresa Church in Dracut, Mass., October 3, 1999.

**Chris Damore '90** and Tracy Jenkins at Benjamin's Restaurant in Taunton, Mass., October 9, 1999.

**Judith Toscano '90** and Robert Carpentier at Holy Trinity Church in Lawrence.

**Jean Pierre (J.P.) Guerin '92** and Meredith O'Hanley at St. Anthony Catholic Church, Portsmouth, R.I., October 16, 1999.

**Andrea Morrison '92** and Brian Izydorczak at St. John the Evangelist Church, Canton, Mass., May 30, 1999.

**Stephen O'Sullivan '92** and Erin Giblin at the Collegiate Church of Christ the Teacher, September 11, 1999.

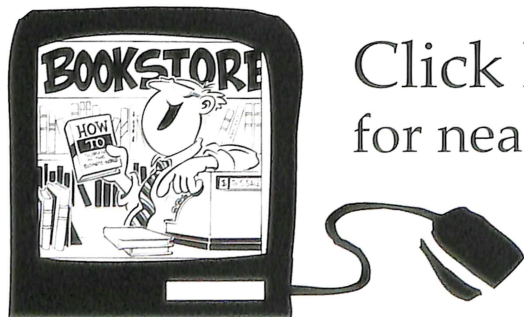
**Jeanne Passanant '92** and Vincent Norton Jr. at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Boston, December 4, 1999.

**Cynthia Romano '92** and Michael Brown at St. Aidan Church in Brookline, Mass.

**Leanne Runkal '92** and Donald Bugbee at St. Bridget Church in Abington, Mass., September 11, 1999.



*Bride and groom Karen Max '94 and Chris Gaudette '95 are surrounded by their friends at their September 5, 1999 wedding at the Church of Christ the Teacher. They are (front) Bill Donegan '95, Mario Freni '94, Greg Doherty '94, Mike Fatalo '94, Crissy (Driscoll) Lumb '93; (second row) Phil Silva '93, Tom O'Donnell, Christian Schena '94, the groom and bride, Rachel (Messaline) Silva '95, Rachel Reynolds '93; (top tier) Kristen (Barry) Turner '94, Jem Michaud '99, Brian Turner '94, Skip Provost, Lisa Ebert '94, Casey Bolger '94, Clare McNerney '93, Craig Wood '95, Sarah Lucey '93, Beth Anne Cooke '95, Kristen Finlay '95, Kathy (Donnelly) Ryan '89, Jen (Siuda) Scott '93, Mike Scott '93.*



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Jen (Newell) '95 and Wade Killman '95 were married on September 18 at the Collegiate Church of Christ the Teacher. Floor: Paul Harding '95, Chris Ross '95, Joe Marino '95, Catherine Franco '95, Scott Tatarczuk '95. Sitting: Shane Loughlin '95, Kim (Rayla) Ross '95, Beth (Addressio) Consoli '95, Jen Mednis '95, the bride and groom, Melissa Krysiwicz '95, Jen Orlandi '95, Denise Larson '95. Standing: Beth Antwake '95, Mike Consoli '94, Chris Mohr '96, Jami Giordano '95, Kerry Hickox '97, Tim Gannon '95, Meghan Pollard '95, Johnny Day '95, Greg Barsamian '95, Michael Maguire '85, Bo Smith '97 and Kristen D'Angelo '95.

**Mary Driscoll '94** and Nicholas Stefanidakis at Sacred Heart Church, July 24, 1999.

**Lori Foscett '94** and Craig DiBella '96, October 10, 1998.

**Shirine Nassar '94** and Oliver Fayssal at Sacre Coeur Church, Beirut, Lebanon, December 5, 1999.

**Matthew Poska '94** and Karen Garcelon at St. John Church, Swampscott, Mass., July 10, 1999.

**Douglas Barton '95** and Patricia Condon at Immaculate Conception Church in Salem, Mass.

**Anthony Bruno '95** and Andrea Rotondo at St. Mary Church in Lawrence.

**Tara Correale '95** and Erik McPherson at the Immaculate Conception Church in Everett, Mass., June 5, 1999.

**Denise Giordano '95** and Mark Torrisi '95, September 1998.

**Christine Linquata '95** and Brian Macchi at St. Ann Church, Gloucester, Mass.

**Jennifer Newell '95** and Wade Killman '95 at the Collegiate Church of Christ the Teacher, September 18, 1999.



Jeanne Passanant '92 and Vincent Norton Jr. were married at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Boston, on Dec. 4, 1999. Here, they're joined by (second row) Aimee Bleau '92, Sue Gorham Rizzo '92, Paula (Norton) Cain '93, Tracey Bowker '91, Jen Goggin '92, Lynne (Pilat) Chase '90, Allison (Lemieux) Caruso '92; (third row) Jon Desmarais '92, Al Rizzo '91, Maureen (Archer) Comito '92, Alex Cain '93, Maryann (Harrington) Murphy '84, Christine O'Reilly '92, Patricia (Watson) Cain '62, Beth Gully '92, Sue Jensen '92, Christina Cote '92; and (back row) Joan (O'Brien) Desmarais '92, Chris (Lagasse) Rennie '92, Sheila (McCarthy) Tivnan '85, Tom Murphy '85, and Richard Cain '59, Merrimack's director of public safety.

**John Sanidas '92** and Brooke MacComisky at The Tavern on the Harbor, Gloucester.

**Tracy (Gallo) '93** and Henry Staines III at St. Teresa of Avila, West Roxbury, Mass., June 20, 1999.

**Edward Santa '92** and Mary Catherine Redgate at St. Pius X Church in Fairfield, Conn., September 25, 1999.

**Rita McKenna '93** and Jason Cohen at the Chapel at the Wayside Inn, Sudbury, Mass., May 1998.

**Heidi Worthen '92** and Erik Sluz at St. Mary Church in Winchester, Mass., June 20, 1999.

**Daisha Wescott '93** and Richard Sullivan '94 at Central Square Baptist Church in Maine, April 10, 1999.



There was a large contingent from Merrimack at the wedding of alumnus Jodi Kingsley '96 and David Giorlando. They include (front row) Daniel Reid '96, Eric Backman '96, James Connolly '96, Christopher Fiore '94, Michael Kane '96; and (back row) Kristin Leary, Ann Marie Wells-Dorsey, the groom, the bride, Suzanne Robinson '96, Kara Eustace '96, Coleen Diles '96, Jennifer Rigas '96.



Lisa Shanks '96 and Thomas Sellinger '96 were married at Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church in Lowell, Mass., on May 16, 1999. The wedding party included, from left, Heather Hussey Murphy '94, Matthew Sellinger, Ann Sellinger, Richard Sellinger, Jenny Sellinger, Michael Sellinger, Stacy Shanks, Glenn Shanks, Lisa and Thomas, Michael Cashin '96, John Karafieldes, Nicole Manelas, Rena Debrum, Mark Turner, Tarina Mariano '96, Christine Kearney '96, and Bob Sellinger.

**Tammy Blouin '96** and William McKibben III, May 29, 1999.

**Colleen Hennessy '96** and Christopher Irving at the Collegiate Church of Christ the Teacher.

**Jodi Kingsley '96** and David Giorlando at Sante's Manor, Milford, Conn., August 28, 1999.

**Lisa Shanks '96** and Edward Sellinger '96 at Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church in Lowell, Mass., May 16, 1999.



Bride Tracy Gallo '93 celebrated her marriage to Henry J. Staines III at the Barker Tavern in Scituate, Mass., with some of her Merrimack classmates. From left, the bride, Mechelle (Burns) Sciaudone, Kim Sousa '93, Kristen D'Eramo Gerety '93 and Jennifer (Siuda) Scott '93.



Tammy Blouin '96 and Bill McKibben were joined at their May 29, 1999 wedding by Erica DeSimone '98 and George Scotti '98 on the left, and Peter Longo '96, Sean McGuire, Dara McGee '95, Melissa (Daley) Hibbard '96 and Heath Stone '98.



Lori Foscett '94 and Craig DiBella '96 hosted Merrimack classmates at their October 1998 wedding. They are (front row) Roseann Matteo '94, Shamon Berry '94, Paula-Faye Novello, Denise McInerney, Kimberly Sullivan '93, Francesca (Amenta) Rogato '95; and (back row) Jim Niland '94, Brian Pilat '93, Chris DiBella, Jim Foscett, Lisa Hayes, the bride and groom, Paul LaMonica '96, Sean Kane '95, Chris Fiore '94, Michael Rotondo '95 and John Cutting '95.

**Danielle Ouellette '97** and Paul Athanasiadis at Saint Athanasius Greek Orthodox Church, Arlington, Mass., November 21, 1999.

**Kimberly Arakelian '98** and Arthur Buckholz at St. John the Baptist Church, Haverhill, Mass.

**Lisa Keicher '98** and Darryl Lucey at St. Malachy Church, Burlington, Mass., December 4, 1999.

**Lauren Mueller '98** and Anthony Cavallo at St. James Church in Medford, Mass.

**Melissa Hayden '99** and Jason Sakellar '97 at St. Casimir Church in Nashua, N.H., October 23, 1999.



**George Aggott '69** and wife Susan: a daughter, Hannah Ruth, December 4, 1998. She joins brother Zachary Joseph.

**Vicky (Valela) Stacey '72** and husband Robert: a granddaughter, Cassandra Rose, March 20, 1999.

**Barbara (Connolly) Jacobson '80** and husband Dennis: a daughter, Melanie, July 13, 1999. She joins sister Stefanie.

**Lisa (Connors) Roche '80** and husband Bill: a daughter, Kendall Conlin, September 9, 1999. She joins sisters Kristen, Kelsey and Caroline.

**Paul Demasi '83** and wife Jean: twins, Caroline Rose and Paul Warren, February 29, 2000. They join sister Jenna Christine.

**Rose (Saliba) Keegan '83** and husband Art: a son, Max Norman, November 5, 1999. He joins brother Alexander.

**Maureen (O'Connell) '84** and **George Catalo '84**: a son, Griffen McGrath, November 19, 1999. He joins sister Katarina Jeanne.

**Patricia (Larkin) '85** and **Dwight Kitchen III '84**: a son, Patrick James, July 15, 1999. He joins sisters Bridget and Laura and brother David.

**Ann (Soucar) Farrell '85** and husband Bill: a son, Michael William, August 8, 1999. He joins sister Jean and brother Joseph.

**Christine (Procopio) Malachowski '86** and husband John: a daughter, Victoria Lee, March 2, 2000.



Victoria Lee Malachowski

**Joseph Pierro '86** and wife Nancy: a son, Michael James. He joins brother Joseph Nicholas.

**James Burns '87** and wife Carrie: a son, Peter, October 14, 1999.

**Dean DeLuca '87** and wife Jill: a daughter, Hayley Anna, January 3, 1998.

**Alison (McLaughlin) '87** and **Kevin Lahiff '88**: a daughter, Riley Alison, December 4, 1999. She joins sister Molly and brother Jack.

**Barbara (Limoncelli) '87** and **David L'Heureux '87**: a daughter, Jennifer Rose, November 5, 1999.

**James Rickard '87** and wife Elizabeth: a son, Matthew Liam, July 28, 1999. He joins sister Meaghan.

**Tara (Yambor) Coyne '88** and husband John: a son, Jack Francis, March 28, 2000. He joins brother Ryan Joseph and sister Jenna Rose.

**Susan (Flynn) '88** and **William Eaton '88**: a daughter, Siobhan Martine, May 1, 1999. She joins sister Meredith Shanleigh.

**Maria (Venetucci) Garcia '88** and husband John: a daughter, Gabriela Maria, September 30, 1999. She joins brother Anthony.

**Susan (Burns) Holland '88** and husband Dennis: a daughter, Olivia Marie, April 28, 2000. She joins sister Laura Rose.

**Jeanne (DeVita) Jaskolski '88** and husband Michael: a daughter, Sophia Jeanne, October 15, 1999.

**Regina Kulbis '88** and husband **Peter Marino '88**: twin sons, Mikas Petras and Andrius Jonas Kulbis-Marino, February 16, 2000.

**Priscilla (Barba) '88** and **Michael McWalter '87**: a son, Brendan Patrick, April 21, 1999. He joins sister Holly.

**Leslie (McLaughlin) '88** and **Christopher Ouellette '87**: a son, Kevin Christopher, December 18, 1998. He joins sister Meghan Elyse.

**Maura (Neilan) '88** and husband **Ross Rodino '90**: a daughter, Meghan Neilan, September 6, 1999. Fittingly, Maura delivered on Labor Day. Meghan joins brothers John and Philip.

**Lisa (Struthers) Whittington '88** and husband Bill: a son, Robert Kenneth, July 7, 1999. He joins sister Katie and brother Matthew.

**Stacie (Mulvey) Allen '89** and husband Daniel: a daughter, Reily Ann, March 26, 2000. She joins sister Mackenzie Elizabeth.

**Kathleen (Hayes) Drier '89** and husband Joseph III: a son, Joseph Patrick IV, February 22, 2000. He joins sister Megan Michele.

**Colleen (Grover) '89** and **John Horrigan '88**: a son, Jacob Thomas, July 10, 1999. He joins brother Ryan.

**Sandra (Pelusi) McNamee '89** and husband A. Miles: a son, Andrew Sullivan. Andrew joins sisters Madeline and Katherine.

**Maureen (McNulty) '89** and **Bill Merritt '90**: a son, Brendan John, December 17, 1999. He joins brothers Patrick and Cody.

**Linda (Edwards) Noyes '89** and husband Robert: a son, Reed Talbott, February 2, 2000. He joins sister Abby.

**Janice (Hodsdon) Gannon '89** and husband William: a son, William Michael, June 25, 1999.

**Wendy (Maxwell) Borglum '90** and husband Brian: a son, Haldan Maxwell, November 3, 1999.



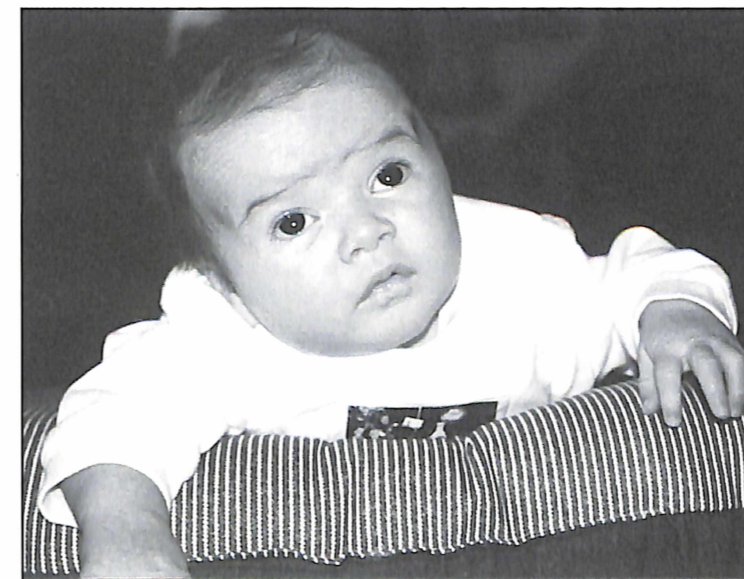
Haldan Maxwell Borglum

**Elizabeth (Joyce) Buckley '90** and husband Paul: a son, Stephen Thomas, February 11, 2000.

**Katherine (Lyon) Campbell '90** and husband Brian: fraternal twins, Grace Louise and Dylan John, January 11. They join sister Abigail Katherine, 19 months.

**Lisa (Miles) '90** and **Timothy Jacques '91**: a son, Jeremy, December 30, 1999.

**Timothy Kinsella '90** and wife Evelynne: a son, Aidan Timothy, September 9, 1999. He joins sisters Yvonne and Julie.



Stephen Thomas Buckley

**Christine (Burke) Richardson '90** and husband Michael: a daughter, Samantha Lee, January 28, 1999.

**Helen (Kwiatkowski) Stevens '90** and husband Rick: a daughter, Logan, December 26, 1999. She joins brother Dylan.

**Barbara (Kenny) '91** and **Brendan Cranna '92**: a son, Ryan Brendan, November 20, 1999.

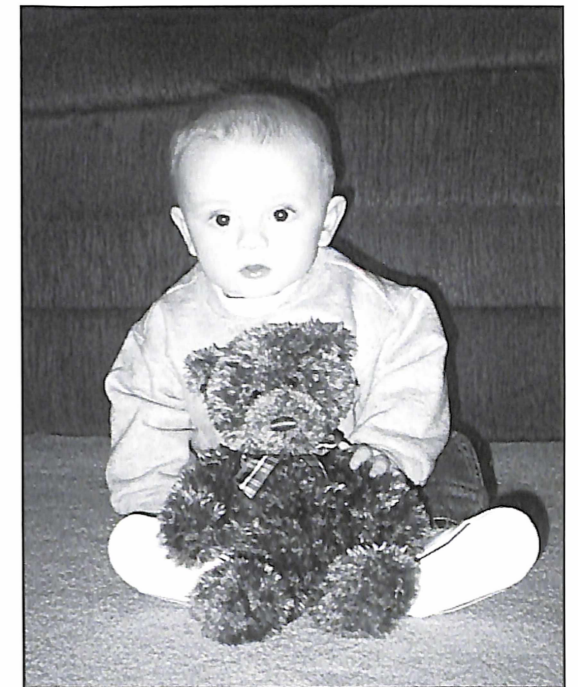
**Anastasia (Andromidas) Dimopoulos '91** and husband James: a son, George James, July 31, 1999.

**Lauren (Shamberger) '91** and **Paul Giggey '91**: a son, Ryan Nicholas, July 23, 1999.

**Pamela (Quinlan) Hall '91** and husband Arthur: a daughter, Sydney Bernadette, November 1, 1999.

**Kimberly (Nugent) Hamer '91** and husband Scott: a son, Samuel Stephen, January 30, 2000. He joins sister Haileigh.

**Megan (Sullivan) McDowell '91** and husband Edward: a daughter, Madison Grace, December 24, 1999.



Ryan Nicholas Giggey

**Denise (Dyer) Littlefield '93** and husband David: a daughter, Ashley Nicole, July 31, 1999.

**Marianne (Navetta) Tompkins '93** and husband Patrick: a son, Daniel Patrick, November 28, 1999.

**Karen (Walters) '93** and **James Gillon '90**: a son, Benjamin James, October 23, 1999.

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

**Lori (Foskett) '94** and **Craig DiBella '96**: a daughter, Emily Taylor, October 30, 1999.

**Matthew Poska '94** and wife Karen: a son, Jack, March 8, 2000.



Emily Taylor DiBella



Mikas Petras and Andrius Jonas Kulbis-Marino

**James McLaughlin '51**, valedictorian for the first graduating class of Merrimack College and a professor of biology at the college for 37 years, died unexpectedly on January 8, 2000 in Marco Island, Fla. He was 74. James lived in Tewksbury, and had just arrived for his annual three-month stay in the sunshine state. He was born in Lowell and was valedictorian from Keith Academy. During World War II he served as a staff sergeant in the U.S. Army. After the war he attended Merrimack and later Boston College, where he earned a Master's Degree in Biology. He taught at Merrimack from 1955 to 1992. He was a member of the National Science Association, the Disabled American Veterans, and Father Coppen's Council Knights of Columbus No. 4336 in Tewksbury, Mass. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Madalyn "Sookey," son **James '81**; daughters Susan Gifford, Sharon Lefebvre, **Sheila O'Brien '83** and



James McLaughlin '51

their husbands; brother-in-law Alfred Marion; eleven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was also the brother of the late Lillian Marion.

**Albert J. Chasse '52** of Pembroke Pines, Fla., died at Hollywood Hospital in Florida after a brief illness. He was 69. He joined the Air Force after graduating from college, serving 20 years and achieving the rank of major. He was a jet pilot and served a tour of duty in Vietnam. He won various medals including the Air Force Commendation Medal and the Distinguished Flying Cross. He was an active member of The Knights of Columbus, the Retired Officers Association, and a member of the



Maximillian Catholic Church in Pembroke, Mass. After retiring from the military, he worked as a safety consultant for the American Mutual Insurance Company. In addition to his wife of 45 years, Mary, he is survived by one son, Stephen Chasse and his wife; three brothers, Raymond, Robert and Paul; two grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

**Dorothy (Turner) LeBlanc '54** died on January 27, 2000 at Hannah Dustin Health Care Center, in Haverhill. The lifelong Haverhill resident was 84. Dorothy graduated from St. James High School in Haverhill in 1932, and attended Merrimack College's evening division. She was an executive secretary and book-keeper with Hoyt and Worthen Tanning Corp. until her retirement. She was a member of St. James Parish, the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Sisters of St. Joseph Convent Association, and a sponsor of the Miraculous Medal Association. She was the widow of Clarence "Pit" LeBlanc, who died in 1976, and sister of the late Bernice Gendron. She is survived by her sister Mary Rose; sisters-in-law Olive Turner and Patricia Turner; nieces and nephews and several grandnieces and nephews.

**Eileen M. (Hannon) Campbell '56** of Hamilton, Mass., died February 26 at home following a lengthy illness. She was 63. Before raising her family, she worked for eight years as a personal secretary for the Cabot Corp. in Boston, Mass. She was a member of St. Paul Church. In addition to her husband of 36 years, Gelean "Bud," she is survived by three sons Gelean, Christopher and his wife, and Jeffrey; three grandchildren; brothers John and Thomas; sister Marguerite Powers; a sister-in-law and brother-in-law; and eight nieces and nephews.

in Derry, N.H. He was 66. William was a U.S. Army veteran who served during the Korean War, and the cofounder and president of Patriot Heating Co., in Concord. He was a member of Merrimack's first varsity basketball team. He was a past Grand Knight of Concord Council No. 287 Knights of Columbus and past Exalted Ruler of the Concord Lodge of Elks. He was also an active member of the American Legion and Chamber of Commerce, and a Little League coach during the 1970s. He leaves his wife, Justine; two daughters, Patricia Welch and Mary-Jo Thomas; three sons, William, James and Christopher; a brother, Joseph; and five grandchildren.

**Raymond Arel '60** of Lee's Summit, Mo., died on February 1, 2000 after a long illness. He was 66. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War, and attended Merrimack under the G.I. Bill. After college, he worked for AT&T as an electrical engineer. He was recruited to serve as the supervisor at the new plant in Lee's Summit. He and his family moved to the Kansas City area in 1960 and had lived there for 35 years. Raymond was active in the community. He is survived by his wife of more than four decades, Arline; sons Paul and Gary; daughters Linda Ziegelmann, Debbie Blankenship, and Lisa Hammer; brothers Joseph and Peter; sisters Arline Arel and Lucie Ouellette; seven grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. He was also the brother of the late Irene Arel.

**Bernard Bryan '60** of Stoneham, Mass., formerly of Melrose, died November 5, 1999 at Atlanticare Medical Center in Lynn, Mass. He was 61. He was a school teacher in the Saugus Public Schools from 1963 through 1998, where he also served as varsity boys and girls cross country coach for 23 years, and 14 years as freshman basketball coach. After majoring in business administration at Merrimack, Barney graduated with a Master of Education Degree from Salem State College in 1965. He taught at the St. Joseph School in Wakefield in 1998-99, and was also a mathematics instructor at Bunker Hill Community College and Fisher Junior College for many years. In 1969, he published

the book, *Mathematics for the Low Achiever*, and in 1966 he was listed in a special edition of *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*. He was also the owner of Front Runner Enterprises, which imprinted sportswear and trophies, and was an office supervisor at the John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Co. He was on the board of the Saugus Chamber of Commerce, and the Saugus Business Education Association, and is a former vice-president of the Saugus Educators Association. He leaves his wife, Pamela; daughters Meaghan and Caitlin; and his sister, Anne Langlois.

**Francis Corcoran Jr. '62** of Eastham, Mass., died on November 6, 1999 at Mass. General Hospital in Boston. He was 59. He was retired as a production manager at General Electric in Lynn. Frank, formerly of Watertown and Bedford, was a trustee of Eastham Lodge No. 2572 B.P.O.E. He is survived by a brother, Louis; a sister, Mary Ann Skahan; four nephews and one niece.

**Robert Geary '63** of Chelmsford, Mass., died April 16, 2000, in Chelmsford, after an extended illness. He was 61. He served as a communication technician for the Navy from 1956 to 1959. He then attended Merrimack, where he played varsity basketball and was president of the Phi Kappa Theta fraternity. Robert was retired as an assistant chief probation officer in the East Cambridge Family Court. He and his wife also ran a gift shop in Chelmsford during the 1970s, the American Craftsman Gift Shop at Drum Hill. He was active in the community in Chelmsford, and served as president of the Kiwanis Club, treasurer of the Chelmsford Swim & Tennis Club, and was a community reader for the Westlands Elementary School. He was a communicant of St. Mary Church in Chelmsford, and a religious education teacher. He is survived by his wife of 36 years, Margaret; his father, James M. Geary Sr.; two daughters, Christine Sweeney and Suzanne Lawlor and their husbands; brother James Jr. and his wife; brother-in-law Hank Gray; and four grandchildren.

**Donald Misenti '63** of Rockford, Ill., formerly of Plaistow, N.H., died December 18, 1999 in Plaistow while visiting family for the holidays. Donald was 65 and was retired from a career as an educator. He served in the Army

during the Korean War. After Merrimack, Donald received his Master of Education degree from Salem State College. He taught at the Bakie Elementary School in Kingston, N.H., and at the Timberlane, N.H., Middle School. He served as Uniserv Director for the National Education Association in Colorado, and later at Washington State, before accepting the same position for the Illinois Education Association in 1975, until retirement in 1998. He was a member of the Holy Family parish in Rockford. He leaves mother Rosalinda Misenti; sister Diane Misenti; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

**Jane Ferri '69** died unexpectedly in April 2000 in Greenwich, Conn. After receiving her MBA from Northeastern, Jane worked as an executive with Impact Advertising, Nestle Corp. and Koehler Corp. in Chicago. She also enjoyed camping, swimming, biking and other outdoor activities. She leaves her mother and four siblings. Friends have created two web pages in her honor, and are encouraging other friends and classmates to submit photos, anecdotes or other memorabilia to remember Jane. The web address is <http://www.janeferri.bigstep.com> or <http://www.janeferri2.bigstep.com>.

**Colleen (Latagne) Strein '70** of Chelmsford, Mass., died Sept. 13 at Mt. Auburn Hospital in Cambridge, Mass. She was 51. She was a major in the Army Reserve, and her career in nursing included working as a head nurse in the intensive care unit for the 399th Combat Support Hospital in Worcester, Mass. In addition to her bachelor's degree from Merrimack, she received an associate's degree in Nursing from Northern Essex Community College and her bachelor's degree in Nursing from the University of Lowell. She received a master's degree as a nurse practitioner from the University of Massachusetts at Lowell. Most recently, she was the nurse manager for the Occupational Health Program at General Electric of Lynn, Mass. She was a communicant of St. Mary Church in Chelmsford, and a member of the American Nurse Practitioner Association and the American Nurses Association. She is survived by her husband, Dale; son Jonathan Rzepala; stepchildren Dale and Lisa; sister Maureen Phillips; brother Henry Lantagne and his wife; sister-in-law Deborah O'Brien and her husband; and

several nieces and nephews. **Carl Howard Jr. '72** of Chelmsford, Mass., formerly of Detroit, died February 26 in Lowell. He was a plastics engineer who had worked as the principal engineer at Schmalbach-Lubeca in Manchester, Mich. He was a member of the American Chemical Society and the American Plastics Engineers. After Merrimack, he graduated from Lowell Technological Institute in 1974. He is survived by his mother, Dorothea; sisters Dorothea Howard and Sandra Hanson; a niece and three nephews.

**Robert Kramer '72** of Methuen died on January 25, 1999 at Holy Family Hospital in Methuen, Mass. He was 58. He was born in New London, Conn., and attended Merrimack on a basketball scholarship and studied industrial and electrical engineering. He was a Vietnam-era Army veteran. He worked for the former Western Electric, now Lucent Technologies, for 37 years. He was a member of St. Monica parish. He is survived by wife Linda, and daughters Mary Kramer, Theresa Kramer, Debra Incropera, and Christine Finno; son Robert Jr.; sister Mary Blanda; brother James Cawley; two grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

**Loren Everhart '73** of Salem, N.H., died February 19 at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. He was 67. Loren was a quality control engineer at Raytheon, Co. in Andover, Mass., for 35 years. During the Korean War he served in the Navy's Submarine Service. He attended Mary Queen of Peace Church and was a CCD instructor. He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Geneva; daughter Laura Everhart-Buckley and her husband; son Loren and his wife; brother Lynn; sisters Sheila King and Isobel King; five grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and several nieces and nephews.

**Aida Daghlian-Chareth '83** died on February 9 at her home in Hampton Falls, N.H., after a sudden illness. She was 40. Aida was born in Aleppo, Syria and came to the United States in 1967. She was an assistant teacher in Hampton Falls and Seabrook, N.H., and was active in children's projects at Hampton Falls schools. She was a community volunteer, and was active with the Armenian Youth Federation in North Andover. She also worked as a technical writer at Dynamic Research in Andover for six years.

She taught Sunday school at St. Gregory Armenian Church in North Andover. In addition to her parents she is survived by her husband of 12 years, Brad Chareth; son Boghos "Paul"; daughters Aleen Lucy and Annie Olivia; brother John; sisters Sonia, Nora and Houry; and several nieces and nephews.

**James Jaskal '93** of Lowell, Mass., died February 28 at Saints Memorial Medical Center in Lowell. He was 48. He had been employed by the Lowell Housing Authority since 1975 as associate director of leasing and occupancy. He was a member of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials and Section 8 Administrators Association. He was a communicant of St. Michael Church and a former volunteer for parish bingo. He was a member of the St. Michael's Bowling League. He leaves his wife of 25 years, Gail; two children, Jason and Kristine; a brother, Thomas, and his wife; and sisters Ruth Raymond, Barbara Marcinkevich, Virginia Teasdale, Kathleen Cohane, Patricia Danahy, and Dorothy Bartlett, and their husbands; and several nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

**William Duda '97** of Reading, Mass., formerly of Tewksbury, died on November 6, 1999 at Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston. He was 30. He was a sales manager at Smart Storage Inc., in Andover. William was a stock-trading enthusiast and also enjoyed sports, cooking, art, and travel. He attended St. William Church in Tewksbury, where he had been a member of the youth group. Besides his parents, he is survived by his maternal grandmother, Gertrude Scully; a sister, Christine; and a special friend, Donna McDougall; as well as several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

**Deborah DeSantis '99** of Bedford, Mass., died December 18, 1999 at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. She was 30. Deborah graduated from Bedford High School before attending Merrimack College. She was employed as a clerk at the Lahey Clinic. She is survived by her parents, Cosmo and Frances; brother David; grandparents Frank and Ann Desantis and Andrew and Joan Rodriguez; and several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

## ALUMNI COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Susan Wojtas '79 photo

Members of the Alumni Council Executive Committee — Dan Harding '80, vice president; Chris Liebke '79, president; Nick Chapman '71, past president; Bill Edgerly '69, at-large member; Jeanne Sarno '92, at-large member —marched in the commencement procession.

Dear Fellow Alumni,

It was exciting to be part of a graduation that marks many firsts for Merrimack.

It was the 50th commencement, the 50th anniversary of the first woman admitted to Merrimack, and the first conferral of a Master's Degree. It was also the first graduating class of the new millennium.

I often write to you and speak of all the changes occurring. When the Class of 2000 returns for Winter Weekend, they will notice more change, with the new Campus Center. There have been more than physical changes taking place, however.

Additions to the academic side of our

alma mater include the new school of business, expanded academic programming that reflects and responds to the continual changes in science and technology, newly endowed chairs, and continuing cancer research. Many of these enhancements have been made possible through the generosity of our alumni. This generosity from the pocketbook (of course) but also from

the heart, is appreciated.

At commencement, it occurred to me with all these changes, that there is one area that has not changed — Merrimack's commitment to "Awakening the Minds and Hearts" of our students. Surrounded by the faculty, family, friends, trustees, administrators, and honorary degree recipients, I could feel the sense of Augustinian community that marries the intellectual with the spiritual which distinguishes Merrimack. This community was all taking part in honoring the 50th graduating class for a job well done academically, as well as for their contributions to the Merrimack community and the community at large.

That Merrimack continues to attract and nourish intellectually curious and socially responsible students was apparent to all, as we listened to the student commencement speaker. In her eloquent address, Angela M. Dunn, appropriately nicknamed Angel by friends and family, spoke of her progression from a purely intellectual understanding of poverty to witnessing it first hand during her work in the inner city. From her experience she came to understand poverty from her heart. She counseled against looking at injustice only on the intellectual level. Though she didn't mention it in her speech, she and several other members of the Class of 2000 will continue their service from the heart by serving in the Augustinian Service Corps. Others will serve in the Peace Corps and Jesuit Youth Corps.

I am confident that other members of the class will also continue to share their talents and enthusiasm as volunteers in their communities and at Merrimack. We are blessed to have them join the ranks of thousands of Merrimack alumni volunteers and donors who contribute to making us such a special community.

I thank everyone who gives back to our college. We should all be thankful to those who give of themselves for the betterment of all.

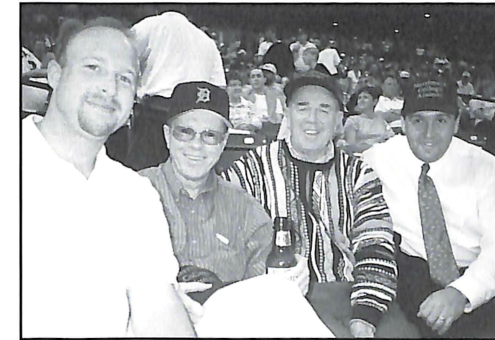
Sincerely,

## COMING ATTRACTIONS

### Calendar of Events at Merrimack

#### September

- 15 - Hackers Golf Tournament
- 16 - Sol Y Canto at the Rogers Center for the Arts
- 20 - Film Series at the Rogers Center for the Arts
- 23 - Julia Scolnick - Andover Chamber Music Series at the Rogers Center for the Arts
- 27 - Film Series at the Rogers Center for the Arts
- 28 - Oct. 1 - Homecoming/Family Weekend
- 28 - Center for Augustinian Study and Legacy Evening Lecture with Rev. George Lawless, O.S.A.
- 29 - Capitol Steps at the Rogers Center for the Arts

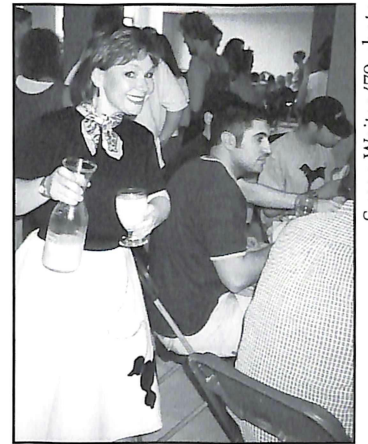


John Obert '66 photo

There was fun in Baltimore as Merrimack alums headed to Camden Yards for an Orioles-Red Sox game. Seated from left are Scott O'Brien, Jim O'Brien '61, Rev. Jim Wenzel '52, O.S.A., and Chuck Katis '80.

#### October

- 3-4 Center for Augustinian Study and Legacy Thagaste Symposium
- 4 Film Series at the Rogers Center for the Arts
- 6 Rory Block at the Rogers Center for the Arts
- 8 Reduced Shakespeare Company at the Rogers Center for the Arts
- 11 Film Series at the Rogers Center for the Arts
- 13 Merrimack Valley Philharmonic Orchestra - Pops Concert at the Rogers Center for the Arts
- 14 Family Theater: Dan Butterworth - *Gifts of Joy* at the Rogers Center for the Arts
- 15 David Sears Recital at the Rogers Center for the Arts
- 21 Pre-game Reception - Merrimack Football at St. Anselm College
- 25-26 Ann Arbor Film Festival at the Rogers Center for the Arts
- 29 Julia Scolnick - Andover Chamber Music Series at the Rogers Center for the Arts
- TBA Delaware Valley and New York City Regional Alumni Events



Susan Wojtas '79 photo

Professor Pat Sendall was among the faculty who served the class of 2000 at its 50s-themed senior brunch hosted by the alumni.

#### November

- 3 New England String Ensemble at the Rogers Center for the Arts
- 5 Merrimack Valley Philharmonic Orchestra at the Rogers Center for the Arts
- 11 International Guitar Night at the Rogers Center for the Arts
- 13 Speaker Series: George Stephanopoulos at the Rogers Center for the Arts
- 14 Center for Augustinian Study and Legacy: Reverend Theodore Tack, O.S.A. (former prior general, Order of St. Augustine)
- 15 Alumni/Student Career Networking Night
- 16-18 On-Stagers: *Midsummer Night's Dream* at the Rogers Center for the Arts
- 19 Julia Scolnick - Andover Chamber Music Series at the Rogers Center for the Arts
- 21 Pre-game Reception - Merrimack Hockey at Boston College
- 30 Alumni Christmas Party at the Bay Tower Room, Boston
- 30 Pentucket Players Performance: *Gypsy* at the Rogers Center for the Arts



Susan Wojtas '79 photo

Boston area alumni enjoyed the Sox this spring too. At the Diamond at Fenway in Boston were, standing (l-r) David Zaya, Frank Santaniello '99, Todd Boskiewicz. Seated (l-r) James Hogue '99, Amy Brogle '99, Dan Donovan '97, John Loiacano '99, and Shannon Maloney '99.

#### December

- 1-2 Pentucket Players Performance: *Gypsy* at the Rogers Center for the Arts
- 3 Merrimack Concert Choir at the Rogers Center for the Arts
- 8-9 New England Civic Ballet *The Nutcracker* at the Rogers Center for the Arts
- 10 New England Classical Singers at the Rogers Center for the Arts

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For alumni events, call (978) 837-5440 or (978) 837-5107.



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Taking in a ballgame at the alumni outing to Camden Yards, Baltimore, from left, are Theresa Conway '77, Sue Driscoll and Carl Driscoll '74, D.M.D.

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## CEDAR

### CONTINUING EDUCATION DIVISION ALUMNI REUNITED



Marie DeMarco photo

Class of 2000 Department of Continuing Education students who attended the CEDAR Reception in May included, from left, Suzanne Fichera, Diane Herbert, Susan Brien, Robyanne Cormier, Danielle Ratte, Audra Legere, Tom Donahue, Deborah Church, Warren Kelley, Patricia Leahy and Lisa Buck.



2000 Alpha Sigma Lambda inductees (honor society) included: John Obert '66 (administration-faculty inductee), Kathleen Korona, Sandra Lyons, Marcia Gookin, Steven Weick, Sherry Dureault (administration-faculty inductee). Absent: Michelle Lee Gagnon.



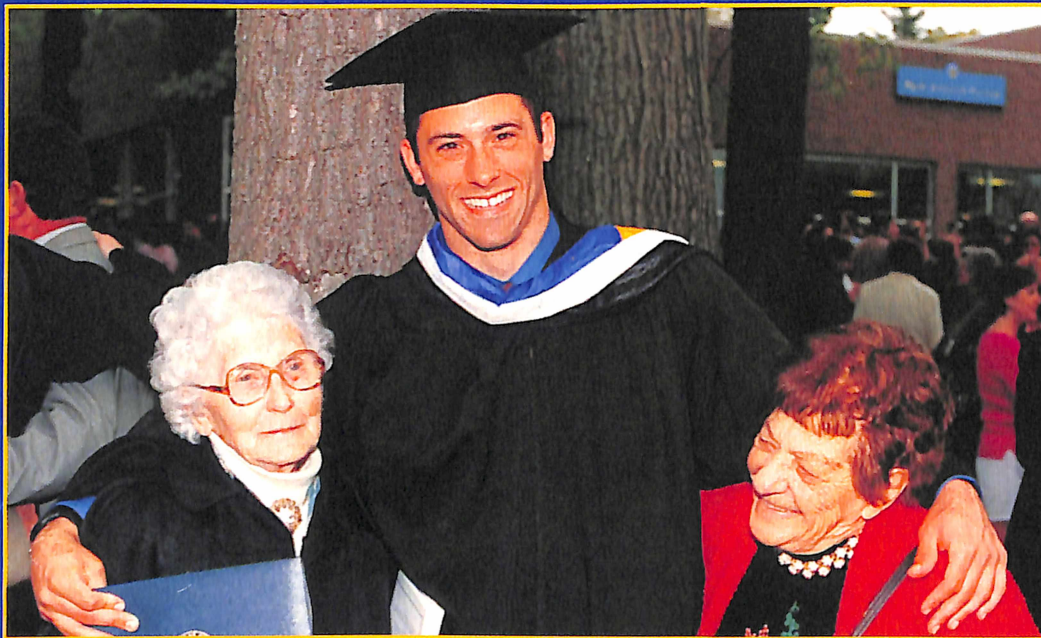
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Diane Aprile-Wass, left, presents the James J. St. Germain Award to Suzanne Fichera '00 at the CEDAR Spring reception. Suzanne plans to continue her education in the master's in education program at Merrimack.

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## Alumni, Parents and Friends.



David Barron photo

*John Salmon '00 with grandmothers, Agnes Salmon, left, and Lavinia Urciuolo.*

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