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# MERRIMACK

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breaking new ground  
for the arts.*

## Awakening Hearts with the Arts

The words we've chosen for Merrimack's capital campaign, "Awakening the Minds and Hearts of a New Generation," have become more and more meaningful for me over the past year.

The words embody a vision of Merrimack as we approach the next millennium: a powerful vision, and an achievable dream.

The first part, Awakening Minds, is the core of our mission. At Merrimack, we educate: our distinguished faculty are entrusted with filling the minds of young people with knowledge.

But knowledge is not enough. As leaders in government, experts in academia, and titans of industry, Merrimack graduates must also possess alert, questioning, critical minds. The future of our society depends on those students, and on our faculty's ability to serve them.

Still, awakening minds is in many ways the least we can do.

Our mission as a Catholic and Augustinian college demands that we take an extra step with the young men and women who join our academic community: awakening hearts.

Concern for the inner lives of our students is the Merrimack difference. In our Augustinian community, we value souls as we value intellects, and we insist on developing loving hearts, as well as critical minds.

The deepest expressions of the heart and of the soul are found in art. Symphonies and drama, sculpture and painting have an indescribable power to connect the viewer to the emotion and perspective of their creators.

Our creative impulse is one of the greatest gifts God gave us; the fruit of creative endeavor is one of the greatest gifts we can give to each other.

While training future divas or masters of the palette has never been central to our mission at Merrimack, the arts have always been a part of who we are as a community. Soon, the arts will have a home of their own on campus.

Irving Rogers and his family dreamed of a "Living Center for the Arts" here in the Merrimack Valley. And, as we symbolically dug into the earth at the recent groundbreaking for the Rogers Center for the Arts, it was a celebration that this dream will soon be transformed into a sound and beautiful structure, built of concrete and glass, but built upon a foundation of love and generosity.

And in that concrete and glass will live, if you will, the immortal spirit and beauty of the arts from throughout the ages.

In the center's auditorium, the timeless words of Shakespeare will speak to our students; in its halls the transforming and healing power of music from Bach to the Beatles will resound; the wisdom found in timeless drama will be carried on through the generations; and the finest of art, sculpture, and painting will be savored

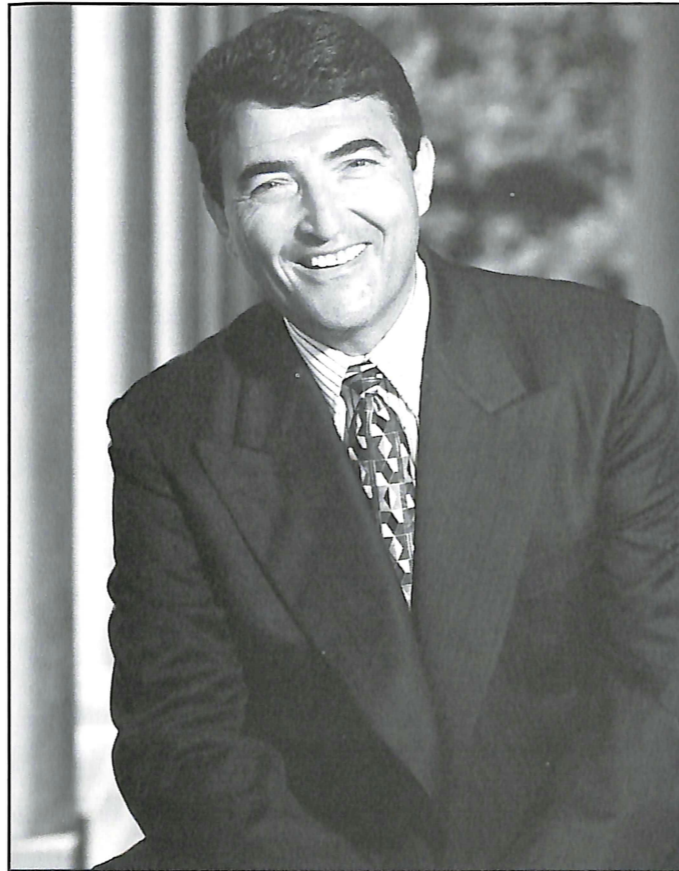
by us, our children, and our children's children.

The arts from every age and for every age will live on in The Rogers Center for the Arts, and Merrimack will be well equipped to awaken the hearts of a new generation.

As always, Augustine's brilliant mind and passionate heart are an inspiration for Merrimack's work.

**"I wept at the beauty of Your hymns, and I was powerfully moved at the sweet sound of Your Church's singing. Those sounds flowed into my ears, and the truth streamed into my heart. My feeling of devotion overflowed, and the tears ran from my eyes, and I was happy in them."**

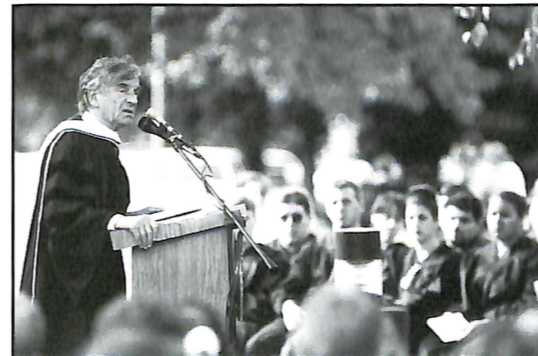
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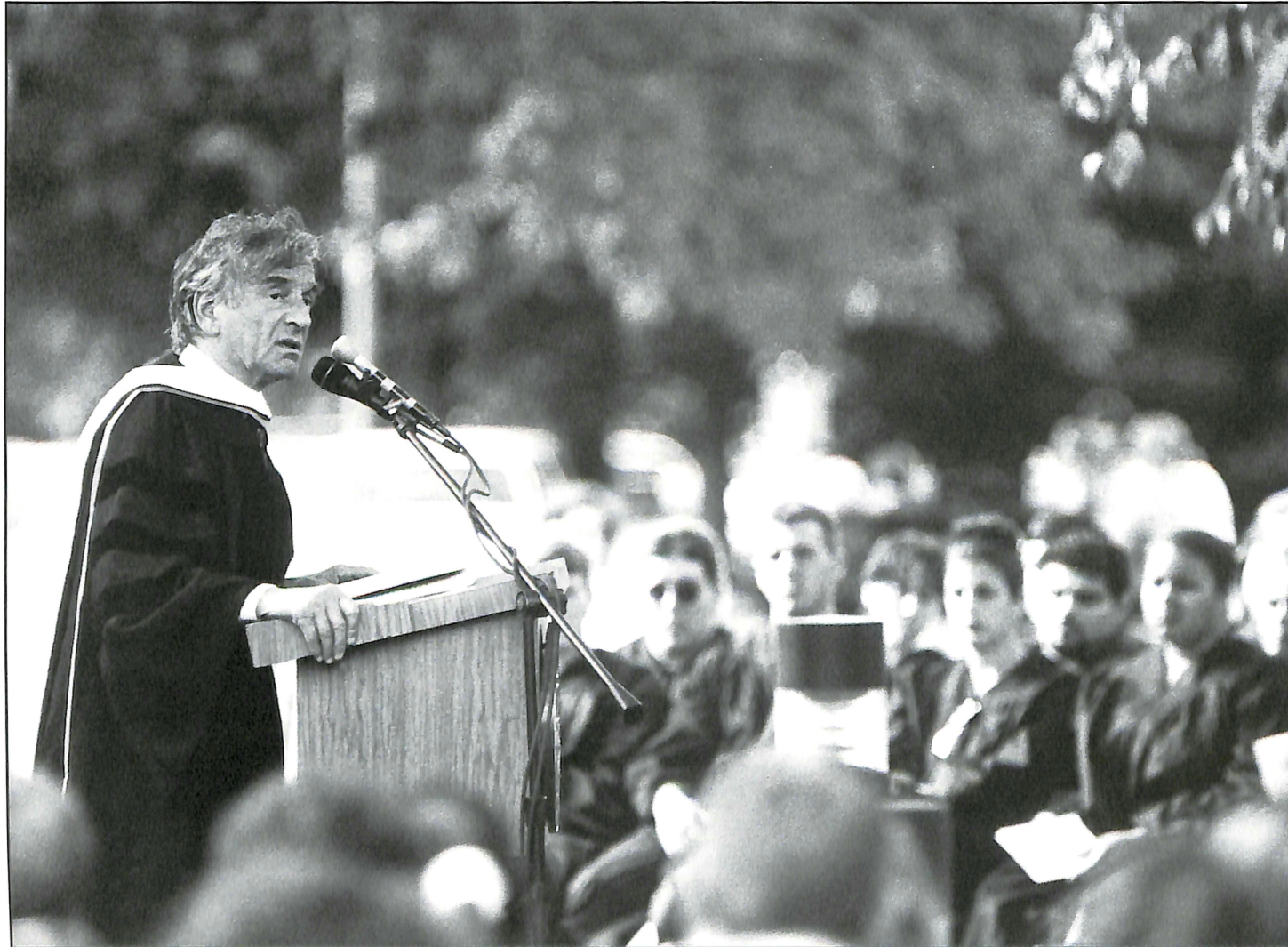
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# Nobel Laureate Chooses Merrimack Over State Dinner



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Nobel Laureate Elie Wiesel speaks to students at Merrimack's Convocation in September.

Holocaust survivor, respected author, and distinguished teacher Elie Wiesel delivered a moving address to Merrimack students as part of Convocation last fall. In return, he was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters.

"There is always a choice. Learn the importance of choosing," Nobel Laureate Elie Wiesel advised Merrimack students at Convocation in September. And, on that warm and sunny evening, Wiesel himself had made an important choice. Invited to both a State Dinner at the White House and Convocation at Merrimack, Wiesel chose Merrimack.

Wiesel, a professor at Boston University and author of more than 40 books, spoke passionately to the more than 600 students, faculty, and staff assembled for the traditional opening exercises.

*Night*, Wiesel's book about his experiences in Nazi concentration camps, was required reading for this year's freshman class. Born in Transylvania, Wiesel was sent to Auschwitz at 15 with his family. His mother and younger sister died there. Two older sisters survived. Wiesel and his father were sent to Buchenwald, where his father died.

The annual summer reading assignment for first year students is aimed at acquainting them with the college's seminar-style learning environment. Students read the text, meet the author, and discuss the work together.

Wiesel's words were powerful and passionate. Delivered just days after the Starr report was delivered to Congress, Wiesel's remarks responded to the state of national discourse. Separating scholarship from current events, Wiesel said, isn't possible.

"I know how to fight injustice. I don't know how to fight ugliness," Wiesel said. "What we are facing today in society is a manifestation of ugliness. It is so ugly we are embarrassed to be in its presence.... I don't know what happened to our world here."

Tremendous problems, Wiesel said, face us in Russia, Rwanda, and the Middle East. The world is threatened by terrorism. And yet, "Our national debate has been reduced to pornography." Saying he is angry and frustrated, Wiesel suggested we "go back to the sources."

He drew comparisons between the sex and scandal that dominates national debate and the Old Testament stories of the Tower of Babel and Sodom and made references to the Talmud and Shakespeare, Socrates, and Adam and Eve.

"You are learning things of the past that have relevance to the future," Wiesel said. "In spite of my pessimisms of the society..., within your midst, I invoke the absolute necessity of hope."

On behalf of the college, senior class president James Hogue and vice president of Student Government Beth Noonan bestowed an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters on Wiesel. "I cannot tell you how touched I am," Wiesel said upon receiving the award. "Usually you receive degrees from your peers or superiors. To receive an honor from

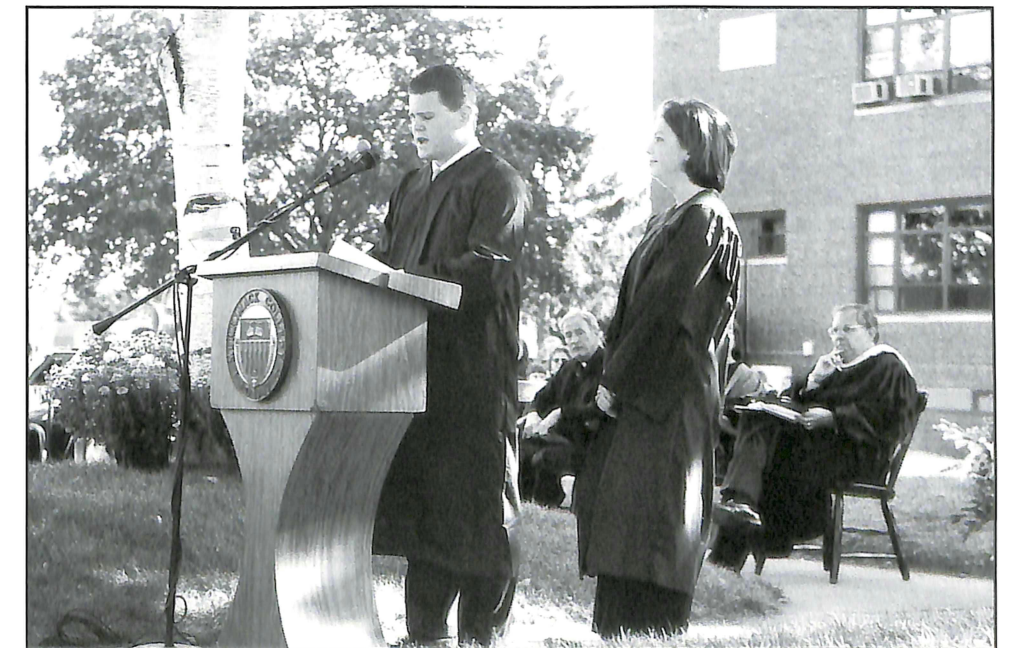
students is something very special and meaningful."

Wiesel was also presented with the Center for the Study of Jewish Christian Relations' Rabin Peacemaker Award. In addition to the Nobel Prize and his Merrimack awards, Wiesel received France's Grand Office Legion of Honor and the 1992 Presidential Medal of Freedom. He is the subject of 42 books worldwide and is Founding Chairman of the United States Holocaust Memorial Council.

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Senior class president James Hogue and vice president of student government Beth Noonan presented Wiesel with the honorary degree.

# We're Breaking New Ground

For the Rogers family and for Merrimack, the new Arts Center is a dream come true

Although weather forecasters promised rain October 29, nothing could dampen the spirits of the Merrimack friends gathered near O'Reilly Hall.

In fact, the day was particularly festive. The Concert Choir sang and the On-Stagers performed. A huge white tent billowed with the fall breezes. Tables were decorated with brightly-colored toy trucks and bricks.

Faculty, students, administrators, and friends chatted; children ran and played. The anticipation weighed heavily in the air.

On that day, ground was broken for Merrimack's soon-to-be-realized Rogers Center for the Arts. Few events could cause more excitement on our North Andover campus.

The \$6.5 million arts center will be a home for campus groups such as the On-Stagers and the Concert Choir, and more.

The Rogers Center for the Arts will house a 7,000-square-foot theater with 600 seats and a 1,500-square-foot art gallery. The 80-foot long and 42-foot wide stage will include a mechanical elevator that will sink below floor level for an orchestra pit, stay at floor level for extra seating, or rise to the level of the stage.

The theater was designed by Sasaki Associates of Watertown, the same firm that designed the newest residence hall on campus, Rev. John E. Deegan, O.S.A. Hall.

The Center will sit on the east side of the pond, forming a quadrangle with McQuade Library; the Gregor Mendel, O.S.A. Center for Science and Engineering; and O'Reilly Hall. The building will open in the fall of 1999.

The Center is named in honor of the Rogers family, owners of *The Eagle-Tribune* and several other publications. The late Irving E. Rogers Jr. committed last year to a \$1.5 million gift to the college dedicated to the construction of an arts center.

Speaking at the groundbreaking, Irving E. "Chip" Rogers III said the center had long been his father's dream. His father died of cancer last year.



At the groundbreaking, the benefactors were represented by Irving E. "Chip" Rogers III and Jacqueline Rogers, the son and the wife of the late Irving E. Rogers Jr.

During his remarks, the younger Rogers announced his family's intention to add \$500,000 to their pledge, thereby dedicating the lobby in the new facility to his father's memory.

The following remarks were made by Merrimack fine arts professor David E. Raymond at the groundbreaking ceremony.

The painter Paul Klee said that art makes visible that which is invisible.

What a fine idea that is. What a large idea that is. Paul Klee was the 20th century painter who rediscovered childhood, celebrating the raw and clear art of children as he advanced his own painting. Klee explored the art of his own children and even returned to the art he himself had made as a child, seeking a kind of primariness of visual expression.

Children's art. Young children's art. If we consider the images that children produce apart from any of our

nostalgic yearnings about childhood, we have an opportunity to see art as connected human experience. Or, to put it another way, we may experience art as truly useful. For children, art is simply part of the experience of being.

The child asks, "what if?" The question is part dare, part play, part law, part theology, part economics, part science. The response to the question is often art, art born in the asking of the question, and sometimes art daring not to actually answer the question, but to simply restate it, or to reshape it. The question is turned into a "something," a something that is like an answer. By being like an answer, this "something" encourages recognition.

Perhaps this is the more interesting sense of the "likeness" we seek in art. We recognize that which we had not seen before as though we had seen it before. And in the act of recognizing we are still perplexed. The something that is

like an answer becomes the beginning of a new cycle of questions. A discourse - the advancing of next questions and next answers.

Children are like miniature civilizations with respect to these progressing discourses.

So Klee tells us that the artist makes visibility on behalf of the as yet invisible. Klee's artist engages in a discourse joining the unseen to the seen. And we are by chance and structure included in these arrangements; we are by our shared humanity implicated as co-seers with the artist. As the child insistently asks, "what if, what if I do this, what if I put this on top of that, what if we lived under water, what if you eat bugs, what if the sky was red instead of blue, what if you had feathers for clothes, what if?"

And so on, until, sooner or later, another "something." And after that, another "what if."

The "what ifs" don't stop. Even as the child grows up, there are other children, more "what ifs."

What the artist does doesn't stop. This making visible for which we are such suitable co-seers is the stuff of relationship much like the relationship we have with each other, our friends, our sisters and brothers, our mates. Making visible is inclusive; as the invisible is presented for inspection so is the presenter made visible. And as the presenter is made visible so are we able to be visible ourselves, to ourselves, so do we become a part of the project of art which is the project of human relationship, which is culture itself.

When I was a young artist I used to hear about art as being about the elevation of the spirit, as being uplifting. Art seemed very much like flying. It was way up in the air. It never much appealed to me, that sense of art as something elevated or elevating. That always struck me as a way of talking



The rain held off for attendees at the groundbreaking ceremony. Chairs were set on the grass near O'Reilly Hall, and even Poet Laureate Robert Frost seems to be a part of the proceedings.

about art that was essentially passive and removed. As though art should make you dizzy, dizzy enough to swoon.

As an artist I knew it was simpler and more ordinary than that. I knew that art was for connection, that art was for humans, on the ground, walking around, talking to each other, enthused and not enthused together about what mattered and what didn't matter. That art was an opportunity to sort out whatever notions and feelings occurred to us and that, like human relationships,

art was not up there in the clouds, art was not about refinement and taste and class, art was a plainer "something." It was even plainer than its name.

I knew that when I made art I was always inspecting it as it emerged. I was always watching it as its visibility increased. I knew that it was my job to be alert to its capacity to signal, to catch the eye of another. I knew, as I do now, I knew that art was very simply necessary.

I knew that art was also ancient, more ancient than our naming of it. I knew

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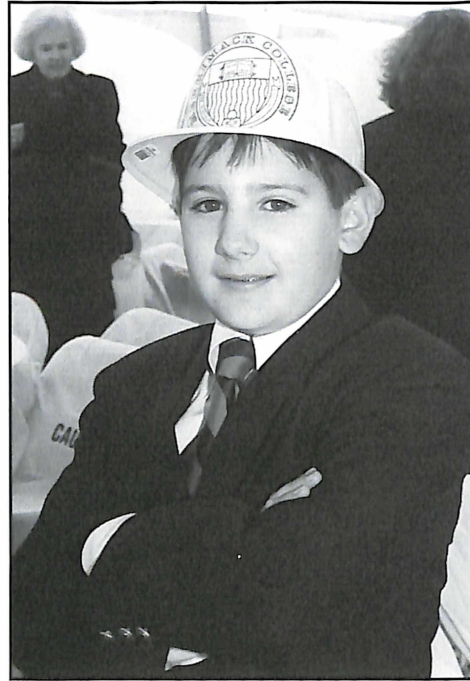
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that art's attachment to the peculiar thoroughness of seeing was likely rooted in primitive behaviors and sensitivities that had enabled human beings to survive in nature. I sensed that aesthetic experience was more fundamental than the decorating of living rooms, that art-making and aesthetic desire were a part of large and complex codes that we negotiated and translated to stay alive long enough to start wondering about the meaning of living.

And here we are, a community, about to make a new house for art, much the way families make houses, houses that contain their relationships.

I have this thought about this house of art. This house will be a destination, we will seek to come to it. Often I hope. Often enough to become a habit, a routine of the day. Often to engage with the newly visible and the newly audible. We will have a kind of stargate, a kind of entry to worlds of "what ifs," to worlds made up of the questions that we continue to ask. And just as we come here, I hope we remember where the door is. I hope we remember how to leave, to allow the experience of the visible to expand, to remember that art does not stop at the door and stay locked in, that art is not an institution. To remember that as special as art is, it is most useful, most relational, when it is part of our ordinary routines.

Our new center for the arts will work best if we come to it as co-seers, as activists, ready to engage in the discourse and pose new "what ifs."



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Jay Scully, grandson of Irving E. Rogers Jr., was among those celebrating the groundbreaking.



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Concert Choir director Marie Stultz eagerly anticipates the center's opening. She has predicted that the space will be the acoustic equivalent of an opera theater. Shown above directing the choir at the ceremonies, Stultz is also the artistic director of the Treble Chorus of New England at Merrimack College, the area's premier children's choir.

## Breathing New Life Into ST. AUGUSTINE

**The Center for Augustinian Study and Legacy aims to show the relevance of Augustine's life and works - not just for scholars and clerics, but for everyone.**

by Wendy Darwin Wakeman '93

*The college this fall launched what may be its most intellectually exciting venture in decades: The Center for Augustinian Study and Legacy.*

*Sponsored initially by the Order of St. Augustine's Province of St. Thomas of Villanova, the center aspires to join the company of those few prestigious institutes in the world dedicated to the study of St. Augustine's life and works. North Andover will be in the company of Würzburg, Germany; Louvain, Belgium; and Rome, Italy.*

*On this side of the Atlantic, the Augustinian Press, under the leadership of Rev. John E. Rotelle, O.S.A., S.T.D., has contributed much to modern Augustinian scholarship, publishing new translations of the entire corpus of Augustine's works. The newly established Augustinian Spirituality program at the Washington Theological Union shows tremendous promise.*

*These centers, well known in scholarly circles, will make for heady company for Merrimack.*

And yet, says center director Dr. Joseph T. Kelley, Merrimack's center has the opportunity to fill an important niche within Augustinian scholarship - showing how Augustine's life and works are relevant today.

The fifth century theologian and scholar of brilliant mind and passionate heart has long been of interest to students of church history and other academics, but his life and works are a legacy for all of us.

Making Augustine's insights accessible and meaningful to contemporary society will make up the center's work.

A priority is fully integrating the center into community life at Merrimack. "I don't want this to be an isolated little corner off somewhere in Sullivan Hall," Kelley says, rejecting the ivory-tower stereotype the center's mission brings to mind.

As vice president for student life, Kelley was far from isolated. His office, in the heart of Gildea, was steeped in action. Kelley hopes to continue that kind of day-to-day involvement with the



Kevin Salemm photo

Center director Joseph T. Kelley is no stranger to Merrimack; he's served in a variety of posts, from Campus Minister to Vice President for Student Life. Kelley is also a recognized expert in the religious studies field. He was quoted recently in a Newsweek article entitled "Raising Spiritual Children."

students and faculty in his new position: vice president for mission effectiveness and director of the Center for Augustinian Study and Legacy.

The title is daunting, and so is his task. Kelley is charged with inventing the center: developing its mission, determining its programming and staffing, and finding its soul. Because Merrimack is grounded in both the Augustinian virtue of community and the academic principle of collegiality, Kelley cannot work in isolation.

He must gather input and build consensus among a number of groups with sometimes disparate ideas: faculty, staff, administrators, students and graduates, and, perhaps most important, the Province of St. Thomas of Villanova.

The center was established with a \$1 million grant from the Province, and Kelley says it was clear about part of the mission: that Merrimack study its legacy as an Augustinian college.

The college's Augustinian heritage should permeate and enrich the institution. Kelley cites the design of the new first-year residence, Deegan Hall, as an example of implementing Augustinian values into something seemingly unrelated. The rooms are arranged in clusters to facilitate community building, and classrooms and communal lounges encourage intellectual exchange. "Everyone uses the word community. But not everybody has a centuries-old philosophy to back it up," Kelley says.

Central to nurturing the college's Augustinian heritage is working

Augustinian principles into coursework. "Unless it's in the curriculum," Kelley says, "it becomes peripheral."

Through his work with the center, Kelley hopes to put Augustine at the center of campus life. While Kelley has no responsibility for curriculum, he can find ways to bring Augustine into scholarly debate at Merrimack.

"I can encourage, I can invite, and I can engage," Kelley says. Like the parabolic mustard-seed scatterer, Kelley intends to broadcast Augustine's ideas widely and hope they will take root and grow.

Backing up Kelley's invitations and encouragement is the weight of Augustine's influence as a writer and a thinker.

Augustine's three major works are *Confessions*, *City of God*, and *De Trinitate*.

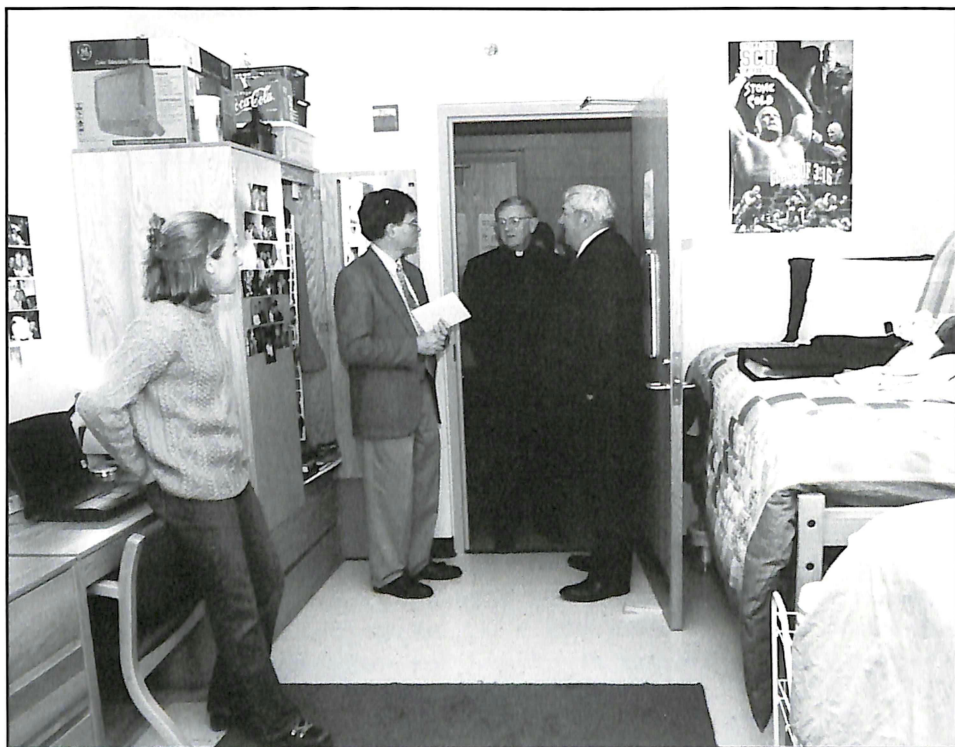
*Confessions* is recognized as the first introspective autobiographical work. The study of literature, history, psychology, ethics, and theology can all be informed through its study.

*City of God*, in which Augustine looks at the relationship between the self and society, could be called the first text in political science. "He reframed the way we think about ourselves, about our relationships, and about God," Kelley says.

Augustine's examining of himself, God, and the world is especially relevant at a college. His self-examination can be seen to parallel the soul-searching that is practically a rite of passage for college students.

"Augustine opened Christian theology in the West to serious ongoing dialogue with Platonic thought," Kelley says.

British philosopher Alfred North Whitehead wrote that all of philosophy is but a footnote to Plato. Kelley contends that with adjustments, the same can be said of Augustine: All of Chris-



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*As vice president of student life, Kelley had a hand in designing Rev. John E. Deegan, O.S.A., Residence Hall. It was designed with particular emphasis on the Augustinian principle of community: rooms are clustered and common areas are inviting. The Center for Augustinian Study and Legacy aims to weave Augustine's philosophy into the fabric of campus life in a similar manner.*

tian theology is a footnote to Augustine.

"You can argue with that, of course," he says, "but you must address it. No discussion of Christian theology is complete without Augustine."

All of this can, of course, lead us right back to that ivory tower that Kelley is determined to avoid. That's why the second part of the center's mission is so important. It's also what will make Merrimack's center unique.

In addition to studying and complementing the college's Augustinian heritage, the center will work to find contemporary, practical ways to implement Augustinian thought.

According to Kelley, what Merrimack Augustinian scholars can do and do well is advance the continuing relevance of Augustinian thought, throughout a range of academic disciplines, across ecumenical and inter-faith boundaries,

## St. Augustine reframed the way we think about ourselves, about our relationships, and about God.

Dr. Joseph T. Kelley, Director of the Center for Augustinian Study and Legacy

and for students, faculty, and alumni as well as for serious Augustinian scholars.

Kelley is refining a mission statement for the center that encapsulates this plan for the center. So far, he's shared it with many faculty, staff, and Augustinian scholars around the world, and he's finding enthusiasm for the project.

Concurrently, he's developing a plan of action for the center. Next year, a visiting Augustinian scholar will be in residence. The heart of any good research center is its library, and acquiring a special collection to be housed at McQuade Library is underway.

Funding will be available to support student research, and also for release time for faculty wishing to further their own investigations into Augustine's life and works.

The newest Augustinian college, established just outside Mexico City at the request of the Mexican government, holds promise as a locale for exchange programs of both students and faculty.

Such an inter-cultural program would fall in line with the Augustinian philosophy, as will the inter-faith and ecumenical emphasis Kelley intends to develop at the center.

"We have to be open to the presence and the power of the spirit in all academic disciplines, in other religions, and even in people who aren't particularly religious," Kelley says, acknowledging that such openness isn't easy. "Augustine always entertained an argument, even when he was old and crusty. He is perfect for what a college is all about."

## AUGUSTINE'S GREAT CANTICLE OF LOVE

*St. Augustine's legacy to mankind is vast. His Confessions is widely accepted as the first introspective autobiographical work. In it, he describes his life before and after his conversion to Christianity. The following selection is from Confessions.*

My love of You, God, is not some vague feeling;  
it is positive and certain.

Your word struck into my heart  
and from that moment I loved You.  
Besides this, all about me,  
heaven and earth and all that they contain  
proclaim that I should love You.

But what do I love when I love You?  
Not material beauty of a temporal order;  
not the brilliance of earthly light;  
not the sweet melody of harmony and song;  
not the fragrance of flowers, perfumes, and spices;  
not manna or honey;  
and not limbs the body delights to embrace.

It is not these that I love when I love my God.  
And yet, when I love Him,  
it is true that I love a light of a certain kind,  
a voice, a perfume, a food, an embrace;  
but they are the kind that I love in my inner self,  
when my soul is bathed in light that is not bound by space;  
when it listens to sound that never dies away;  
when it breathes fragrance that is not borne away on the wind;  
when it tastes food that is never consumed by the eating;  
when it clings to an embrace from which it is not severed  
by fulfillment of desire.  
This is what I love when I love my God.



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Trustees Jane Walsh '75, Linda Ciejek '71, Gladys Sakowich, and Kevin Roche '62 at the Alumni Leadership meeting held during homecoming weekend.

### Ciejek and Roche Lead President's Council

Linda Ciejek '71 and Kevin Roche '62 will serve as co-chairmen of the President's Council for the next two years. In just the first few months under their leadership and direction, the President's Council Executive Committee has more than tripled in size.

Their goal is to encourage President's Council memberships among the Merrimack community. Membership is available to all alumni, parents, and friends who make an annual gift of \$1,000 or more to the college.

Members receive special invitations to events like Leadership Day, the Business Speaker Series, and President's

Council receptions. They also receive a subscription to Connections, the college's campus newsletter; monthly e-mail updates; and access to the Ombudsman service.

President's Council gifts help provide the college with important funding for financial aid, new building construction, computer technology, athletic programs, campus ministry service projects, and much more.

For information about to President's Council membership, please call Jim Dennis '89, director of the President's Council, at (800) 210-8695.

### Dukes Appointed Dean of Business

Dr. Thomas A. Dukes has been appointed Dean of the Faculty of the Division of Business Administration. He brings management and professional work experience as well as more than 20 years of teaching experience to the position.

Dukes most recently served as a professor in the School of Business and Economics at Longwood College in Farmville, Va. While at Longwood, he was also chairman of the Department of Management and Marketing. Dukes has also taught at Georgia College, the University of Maine, and James Madison University.

He has received several teaching awards and has published in professional journals. Dukes earned a B.S. and an M.B.A. at Northeast Louisiana University, and a D.B.A. at Louisiana Tech University.



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### Merrimack Represented at International Augustinian Youth Conference

A dozen Merrimack students, recent graduates, and staff represented the college at the Augustinian Youth and Young Adult Conference in Munnerstadt, Germany. The group was led by campus ministry staff Sr. Elaine Polcari, S.S.N.D., Rev. Scott Ness, O.S.A., and Rev. Joseph Farrell, O.S.A.

The conference consisted of prayer, service, and socials. Participants learned about St. Augustine. After the conference, the group traveled through Italy visiting key places in the life of Augustine and the Augustinian Order.

Highlights included visiting Augustine's tomb in Pavia, seeing and listening to the Pope at his summer residence in Castel Gandolfo, and touring the papal palace at the Vatican.

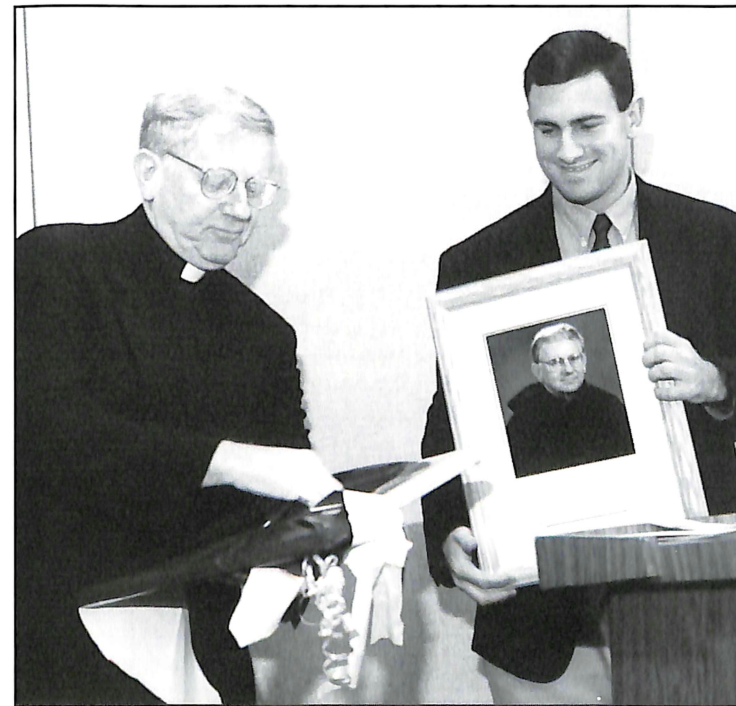


### Waltz around the World with Merrimack

Salzburg, Prague, and Vienna are the destinations for this year's Merrimack College Alumni and Friends spring trip. As always, the group will be personally escorted by Terry Monahan '66, owner of The Houses of Travel.

The six-night extravaganza sets off on April 24. Travellers will fly via Swissair to Salzburg and travel via deluxe motorcoach between the three cities. Music events will be available.

For more information, call Susan Wojtas '79 at (978) 837-5440.



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The new residence hall was dedicated in honor of Very Rev. John E. Deegan, O.S.A., past president of Merrimack. Father Deegan is shown at left with senior Steve Waluk of Newport, R.I.

### Deegan-Ash Quad Named for St. Clare

The quadrangle formed by the Very Rev. John E. Deegan O.S.A. Residence Hall and Ash Centre has been named in honor of St. Clare, an Augustinian nun who lived from 1268 to 1308.

St. Clare was Abbess of the Augustinian Convent in Montefalco, Italy, and was known for her compassion and leadership as a woman of faith in the Middle Ages.

Coincidentally, the town of Clare in Suffolk was the site of the first Augustinian foundation in England in 1248.

From Clare Priory, the Austin Friars founded communities in Ireland, and the Irish Augustinians, in turn, came to America in 1796. The Augustinian heritage of faith and learning led the order to establish Villanova College in 1842 and Merrimack in 1947.

### Alumni Donate \$1 Million for Endowed Chair

College trustee Linda Ciejek '71 and her husband, Daniel '70, have committed \$1 million over five years to fund the first endowed chair at Merrimack. An endowed chair provides funds to attract renowned professors of national caliber - professors who wouldn't normally be affordable for a college the size of Merrimack.

The Ciejek Chair will be in financial management.

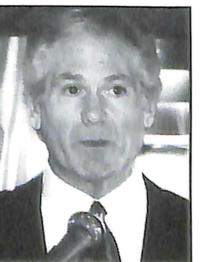
"With the resources to attract and reward the most distinguished faculty available today, The Ciejek Chair will immeasurably strengthen our efforts to build a superior faculty at Merrimack College," President Santagati said.

### Economic Adviser and Author Addresses Area Business Leaders

Putnam Investments managing director and senior economic adviser Robert Goodman was the featured speaker at the college's sixth annual Business Speaker Series.

Goodman is the author of the popular book, *Independently Wealthy - How to Build Financial Security in the New Economic Era*. He frequently appears as an expert on CNN and CNBC.

Goodman joined Putnam in 1989 as a senior economic adviser, and now serves as a managing director and as a member of the company's Investment Policy and Global Asset Allocation committees. Putnam is one of the nation's oldest and largest money management firms, managing \$250 billion for nearly 10 million individual shareholder accounts and 800 institutional clients.



Barry O'Hagan photo





Susan Wojtas photo

Plenty of fun was had at Family and Homecoming Weekend. At left are Tom O'Grady '00 and his parents, Tom and Susan. Tom and Susan traveled up from Drexel Hill, Penn. for the festivities.

Our graduates are our best resource: The annual Alumni Resource Night was again a resounding success. Dozens of students attended and met with professionals in their field. This year, several parents of current students joined in the fun. At right with David Vigneron, executive director of development, are Shannon Moynihan and Jack and Hilda Moynihan, co-chairmen of the Parents' Council. Jack and Hilda are the parents of Christopher '01; the Moynihans shared their experiences as entrepreneurs with Merrimack students.



Susan Wojtas photo

### News in Brief

Dr. Harry Wessel, associate professor and chairman of the Political Science department, hosts and produces a monthly program on Media One Cable Television entitled "Merrimack Valley Newsmakers"....A book review by **Rev. Kevin Dwyer, O.S.A.**, professor of Religious Studies, was published in *Catholic Southwest: A Journal of History and Culture*....**Dr. David Walsh**, associate professor, and **Dr. Ray Shaw**, associate professor, both of the Psychology department, collaborated on a paper, "Suggestion and False Memory: A Social Psychological Analysis," which Dr. Walsh presented at the American Psychological Association's convention in San Francisco....Three dedicated employees retired earlier this year: **Shirley (Kalil) Lapointe '57**, registrar; **Tina Mahoney**, assistant to the registrar; and **Hal Foreman**, director of technical services....**Christine Mordach '73**, director of Financial Aid, completed her third 275-mile Boston to New York AIDS Bike Ride....Barnes and Noble College Bookstores has made a six-figure pledge to The Campaign for Merrimack. The gift is to be split between student aid for textbooks and the campus center construction project....**Dr. Russell Mayer**, assistant professor of Political Science, recently presented a paper entitled, "The Cost and Benefits of Reporting on Polling," at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association held in Atlanta....**Christine Burke**, coordinator of health education, conducted a session entitled "The First Six Weeks: Making It or Breaking It," which presented issues affecting first-year students, at the New England College Health Association Conference in Providence....**Rev. Ray Ryan, O.S.A.**, novice master at St. Rita Church in Racine, Wisc. will deliver the St. Augustine Lecture this spring....**Arthur Kiernan '56** won the drawing held in conjunction with the recent Alumni Census. Thank you to the more than 700 graduates who responded....

### Moseley Bridge a National Landmark

The Moseley Iron Bridge, which spans the pond on the east side of McQuade Library, has been designated a National Landmark by the American Society of Civil Engineers. Constructed in 1864, the bridge once connected the Upper Pacific Mills complex with Canal Street in Lawrence, Mass. A bow truss design, the bridge, only one of three of its type in existence today, is the oldest iron bridge in the state and the oldest riveted wrought iron bridge in the country. In 1990, shortly after officials closed down the bridge in its original location, Dr. Frank Griggs, then a professor of Civil Engineering, saw to it that the bridge was moved to campus. For several years, Merrimack engineering students worked to refurbish the bridge. In 1995, the bridge was moved to its current location. Other historic national landmarks designated by the ASCE include the Golden Gate Bridge, the Hoover Dam, and the Erie Canal.

### News from the Friends of Merrimack



Frank Leone Jr. photo

Shown above are the members of the Board of Directors of the Friends of Merrimack. Seated, left to right, are Maria Rosati, secretary; Marybeth McInnis, co-vice president; George Schruender and Teresa Russo, co-presidents. Standing, left to right, are Kimberly Ross '95, membership coordinator; Maureen Lanigan, executive director; Karen Marshall; Joyce Daher-Belko; Frank Terranova; Carmela Cutuli; Nancy Norbedo; Peter Lafond; Carol Poor; Richard Lindsay; Jill McCann; and Victor Mill III.

### Dust off Your Clubs

The Friends of Merrimack President's Cup Golf Tournament will be held Monday, June 7, at the Indian Ridge Country Club in Andover. All golfers, men and women, are welcome. The player fee is \$200 for either morning or afternoon tee times. The fee includes greens fees, cart fees, breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Corporate sponsors are needed. All profits from the tournament are awarded to Merrimack College students in the form of scholarships. The Friends of Merrimack Annual Meeting and Banquet will be held May 19. The Friends of Merrimack, who are the college's honorary alumni, sponsor fundraising events for scholarships. Each year, dozens of Merrimack students benefit from the generosity of the Friends of Merrimack. For more information on the Golf Tournament or on becoming a member of the Friends of Merrimack, call Maureen Lanigan, director of college fundraising events, at (978) 837-5448.

### McHugh Appointed Director of Stevens Service Learning Center

Mary McHugh has been appointed director of Merrimack's Stevens Service Learning Center, designed to incorporate student volunteerism into the curriculum. McHugh, an adjunct professor in the Political Science department, brings several years of teaching and professional experience to the position. In her role as director, McHugh will be responsible for implementing Service Learning at Merrimack College and helping to create mutually beneficial relationships among the area's non-profit organizations, students, and faculty of the college. McHugh has been an instructor at Merrimack since 1993 and has also taught at Northeastern University and Wheaton College. Previously, she worked as a research assistant for Greylock Management Corporations and was an intern for the Dukakis Presidential Campaign. McHugh completed doctoral studies in Political Science at Boston College, received a master's degree from Boston College and earned a bachelor's degree in government and history at Colby College. She lives in Hopedale, Mass.



### Transfer Agreement Signed with North Shore C.C.

Graduates of North Shore Community College in Beverly will be eligible for admission to specific programs at Merrimack under an agreement signed by President Santagati and NSCC President George Traicoff. Upon completing an associate's degree in Business Administration, Liberal Arts, or Engineering Science, NSCC students who have maintained at least a 2.5 G.P.A. will be able to continue at Merrimack. Students matriculating at NSCC after the fall of 1998 will be eligible.



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The Merrimack College women's cross country team completed its second consecutive Northeast-10 championship season. The men's team took second place.

## Lady Warrior Harriers Repeat is Sweet; Men's Cross Country Settles for Second

By Tom Caraccioli

The Merrimack College women's cross country team completed its second consecutive Northeast-10 championship season with the conference tournament championship run at LeMoyne College.

Andrea Leonard won her second straight conference title as well, completing the five kilometer course in 19:42. Fellow teammate Katie Schroth was equally impressive as she finished second in the race with a time of 20:02.

Both Leonard and Schroth were named first team all-conference members. Sophomore Christine Lariviere finished 11th and was honored as a second team all-conference selection.

Leonard also garnered her second straight Runner of the Year award. Head Coach Chris Cameron also was recognized with his second consecutive Coach of the Year award.

The Lady Warriors placed six runners in the top 24 which helped them seal their second title in as many years. The following is a list of the Lady Warriors' finishes and times:

Andrea Leonard, 1st, 19:42  
 Katie Schroth, 2nd, 20:02  
 Christina Lariviere, 11th, 20:51  
 Amy Joyce, 16th, 21:22  
 Margaret Obert, 18th, 21:30  
 Kim Hyam, 24th, 21:40  
 Lynn Gaseidnes, 29th, 21:51  
 Katie Sullivan, 32nd, 21:57  
 Nicole Russell, 43rd, 22:43

Elizabeth Obert, 47th, 22:51  
 Beth Higgins, 57th, 23:44

The Merrimack men's cross country team almost gave the Warriors a clean sweep in the Northeast-10 meet, as the men finished second in the conference finals. The Warriors were edged out by the Bentley Falcons for the conference title.

Angelo Santitto led the Warriors by finishing seventh in the seven kilometer race with a finishing time of 27:37. The Warrior sophomore garnered first team all-conference honors for his effort. Senior Jim Lencki also ran well, placing 14th with a 28:27 finishing time. Lencki's finish placed him as a second team all-conference recipient.

The Warriors placed six runners in the top 31 finishers but the Falcons placed 10. The following is a list of the Warriors' finishes and times:

Angelo Santitto, 7th, 27:37  
 Jim Lencki, 14th, 28:27  
 Jonathan Ihle, 21st, 28:51  
 Matt Desmond, 25th, 29:06  
 Mike Gray, 28th, 29:12  
 Dan Flynn, 31st, 29:27  
 Ron Montgomery, 38th, 30:01  
 Ian Lesniewski, 39th, 30:14  
 Stephen O'Neill, 55th, 31:20  
 Andy Ruggles, 89th, 36:59

**Do you miss sitting  
 rinkside at Volpe?  
 Get in on the action,  
 wherever you are**

It's easier than ever for our far-flung alumni to keep up with Warrior athletics. The Merrimack College athletic department has entered into an agreement with broadcast.com to transmit Warrior hockey over the Internet. During the 1998-99 season, the Warriors will have 28 games broadcast live via the Internet.

"We are enthused about using this avenue of technology to help promote Merrimack College athletics," Director of Athletics Robert DeGregorio Jr. said. "We have been exploring this idea for the past year, and we're happy that our alumni, parents of student-athletes, and friends of the program will be able to tune in to some of the best college hockey in the country."

Merrimack hockey is heard locally on WCCM Radio 800 AM. These radio broadcasts will be transmitted via the Internet live, eastern standard time. To listen to the Warriors, users will need streaming software, which is available to download free-of-charge on broadcast.com. Specific instructions on how to download and install the software on a personal computer are also available on broadcast.com.

The cyber address to tune in to Merrimack College hockey on the Internet is: [www.broadcast.com/sports/ncaa/merrimack](http://www.broadcast.com/sports/ncaa/merrimack). For more information on broadcast.com and its live and on-demand programming, visit HYPERLINK <http://www.audionet.com>.



The annual Hackers Golf Tournament is moving to the Merrimack Valley. This tourney benefits athletic programs and will be held in September 1999. Call the alumni office for information, (978) 837-5440.

# Several Earn All-Conference Honors for Fall

With the end of the fall season several Merrimack College student-athletes were honored by their respective conferences as All-Conference performers.

Junior Robert Slattery was honored as a first team All-Eastern Football Conference defensive tackle and was named the Defensive Lineman of the Year.

Slattery was Merrimack's second leading tackler with 64 total hits and led the team with six quarterback sacks. Sophomore Mike Roch also was honored as a first team All-EFC member as a punter. Roch led the conference in punting with an average of 37.5 yards per punt.

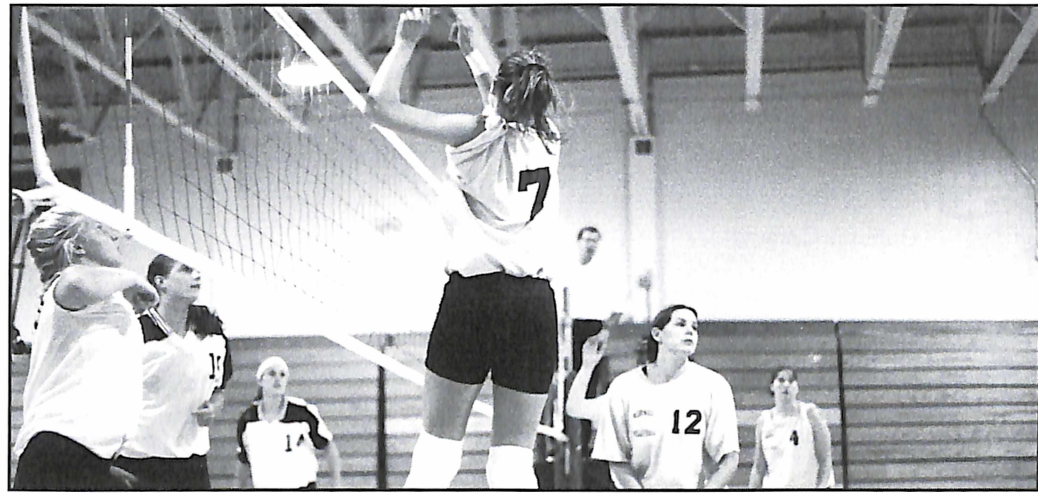
Juniors Calvin Bryant, Patrick Norton and Jim Festa were honored as second team All-EFC players.

Bryant, Merrimack's only offensive player to be named, finished the 1998 season with 997 yards rushing and placed third in the conference. Norton finished the season fourth in tackles on the Warriors and second in QB sacks with four-and-one-half. Festa, along with Slattery, is a repeat all-star after he led the Warriors and finished 10th in the conference with 77 tackles.

In men's soccer, junior Daniel Pearce was honored by the coaches of the Northeast-10 Conference as the Defensive Player of the Year. Although a defender, Pearce finished the 1998 season fifth on the team in scoring with two goals and one assist.

The Merrimack College women's soccer team enjoyed a season in which it was nationally ranked throughout the course of its schedule. The Warriors' Lisa Jensen, a junior, was named the NE-10 Conference Defensive Player of the Year after a season in which not a single opponent playing opposite her scored a goal.

The Warrior volleyball team enjoyed its best season in the history of the program with a 17-15 record. The team



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(Above) The Warrior volleyball team enjoyed its best season in the history of the program with a 17-15 record. (Below) Junior Robert Slattery was honored as a first team All-Eastern Football Conference defensive tackle and was named the Defensive Lineman of the Year.



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advanced to the NE-10 semi-finals before losing to eventual champions Bryant College. Sophomore captain Heather Racz garnered all-tournament team recognition following the conference championship tournament.

The women's tennis team enjoyed one of its finest seasons, finishing third in its conference. The Lady Warriors finished the season 9-3 and nearly captured their first conference regular-season title with a 7-2 mark. Freshman Katie Rourke advanced to the conference championship at the number two singles position and was named the NE-10 Freshman of the Year.

In field hockey, junior Candice Kulacz was named a second team NFHCA

Division II All-American, and teammates Jennifer Conway and Mary DeVlyder, also juniors, were honored as Academic All-Americans.

Kulacz led the Lady Warriors in scoring with three goals and 11 assists on the season. She had a hand in 14 of the Lady Warriors' 17 goals scored on the season. Conway, honored for the second straight season as an Academic All-American, finished the 1998 season with a 3-9 record and .817 save percentage in the Merrimack nets and a 3.59 grade point average. DeVlyder, a backfield player, was one of the most consistent defenders in the Northeast-10 this season while keeping a 3.35 GPA.

## Winter Athletes Draw Praise, too

As this issue went to press, Merrimack winter sportsmen were already gathering accolades.

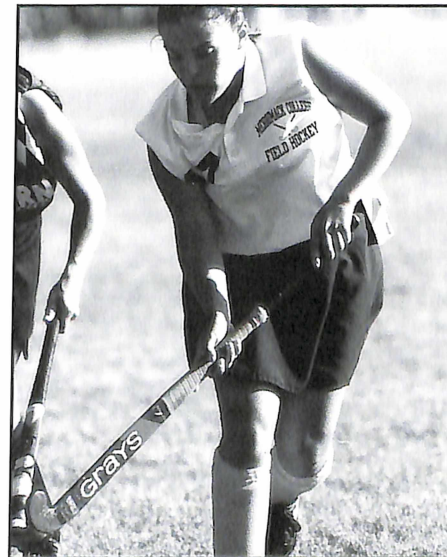
Hockey senior captain and Hobey Baker candidate Rejean Stringer was selected the New England Sports Network Player of the Week of October 26 through November 1.

Stringer, Merrimack's 29th all-time leading scorer, tallied the winning goal in the Warriors' first win of the season and recorded three assists in the 5-1 win over Union. Stringer also added two assists the night before in Merrimack's 3-2 loss to UMass at Amherst at the Mullins Center.

Stringer tallied two goals and six assists in the first four games of the Warriors' season.

Junior forward Brian Johnson was named the Northeast-10 Player of the Week for his efforts in guiding the men's basketball team to its first two wins of the 1998-99 season.

The Chicago native averaged 24.5 points and 10 rebounds in the first two games of the season. Johnson scored a game-high 22 points in the Warriors' opening game, 90-81, win over Dowling College. Johnson returned the next day and poured in a career-high 27 points in Merrimack's, 100-73, win against Concordia.



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In field hockey, junior Candice Kulacz was named a second team NFHCA Division II All-American.

## Chris Serino named ice hockey coach

When the Warriors take to the ice this season, it will be under the leadership of a new coach. Chris Serino, 48, became, in April, the seventh coach in the team's history.

"After a thorough search of candidates throughout the country, Chris emerged as the unanimous candidate," Bob DeGregorio, Merrimack's director of athletics, said.

This will be Serino's first head coaching job at the Division I collegiate level. He spent the last seven seasons as an assistant and associate head coach at the University of New Hampshire.

"I'm extremely happy for the opportunity to build upon the great tradition of Merrimack hockey," said Serino. "I'm anxious to start my duties and can't wait to jump in and get to work trying to continue the positive strides the program has taken for the past two seasons."

Serino has been part of a UNH program that was the 1996-97 Hockey East regular season co-champion and the 1997-98 team that reached the NCAA Final Four.

Before joining the UNH coaching staff, Serino spent three seasons as the head coach of the Northfield Mount Herman (Deerfield, Mass.) hockey program. While at Northfield, Serino compiled a 47-21-3 mark. Prior to his position at Northfield, Serino was the head coach at Saugus (Mass.) High School from 1980 to 1987. Serino earned the Eastern Massachusetts Coach of the Year award and Northeastern Conference Coach of the Year. During his tenure as head coach, his teams posted a 100-23-14 (.781) record and three conference championships.

"I've known Chris for more than 20 years, and he is a great



Al Pereira photo

Chris Serino is the new head coach for the Warrior ice hockey team.

choice as our next head coach," DeGregorio said. "He is bringing with him a tremendous amount of enthusiasm and the desire to do what it takes to keep Merrimack hockey moving forward in Hockey East."

Serino inherits a team that lost only six seniors this past season and made a trip to the Hockey East Final Four at the FleetCenter.

"There are a lot of reasons to be positive about our chances next season," Serino said. "Three big reasons are Rejean Stringer, Kris Porter, and Darrel Scoville. These guys had huge seasons last year and I hope they can come through again next season."

The Saugus native is a 1971 graduate of American International College in Springfield, Mass. where he starred on the baseball and hockey teams. He was an All-American baseball player in college and was inducted into the Saugus High School Hall of Fame in 1987.

Serino and his wife, Robin, live in Peabody and have five children.

## Spotlight on '75: Jim and Christine (Sullivan) Zampell

by Mary Beth Donovan '80

Ask Jim and Christine (Sullivan) Zampell, both class of '75, what they valued most during their years at Merrimack, what at the college helped shaped their success today, and they answer with a single word: people.

"The people I met at Merrimack were just wonderful," said Jim, president of Zampell Family of Companies, a multi-million dollar, multi-faceted business with headquarters in Newburyport, Mass.

Christine, Director of Special Operations at the company and a tireless volunteer organizer for a number of charitable organizations, echoed that sentiment. Talking about her Merrimack years, she makes special note of professors who taught her classes: "Dr. Davis, Dr. Pike, Dr. Wermers: They were terrific," she said.

Those connections have inspired the Zampells as they built their business, raised their family, worked to improve the quality of life in their community, and helped Merrimack grow in new directions. Along the way, they have been recognized for their innovative approach to business management and commitment to a number of causes, particularly Catholic education.

Recently, one of their companies, J.C. Zampell Construction Inc., received The New Englander Award for Innovation from the Small Business Association in New England (SBANE). J.C. Zampell Construction provides property management services to clients like BankBoston, General Electric, Citizens Bank, and 300 Bell Atlantic facilities. J.C. Zampell Construction offers services ranging from filling spring water coolers to plowing snow, making carpentry repairs to landscaping for its customers.

The company also takes responsibility for health and safety measures, scheduling and supervising, issuing only one monthly bill for its services.

In addition to offering one-stop shopping services to clients, Jim has

created an open-book management style, an unusual approach in a privately owned firm, said Jim. Rather than keep the firm's financial figures a secret, they are shared with managers. Employees become more like partners, working toward the firm's success. In return, they are rewarded with profit-sharing and a rich benefit package.

Zampell Refractories got its start when Thomas Zampell Sr. left a secure engineering job to strike out on his own rebuilding industrial boilers. Jim and his brother Thomas Jr. '72, now a division manager at Boston Edison, helped their dad build the company during the summers. The Zampell Refractories portion of the business has grown so large it has offices around the country.

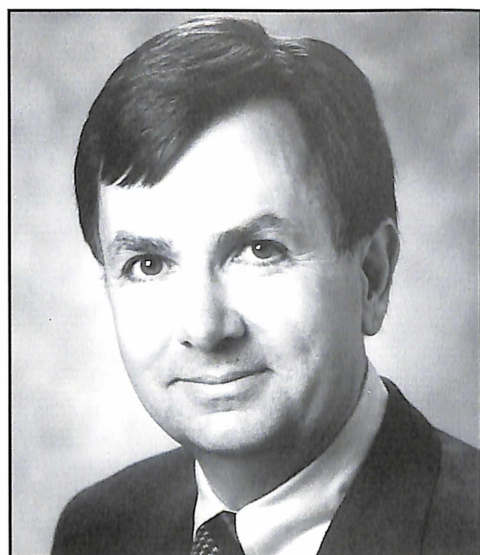
Jim, who says he got his entrepreneurial zeal from his father, is now working to make sure prospective Merrimack College students receive the education they need to create their own businesses.

Along with an elite group of business leaders, Jim serves on the college's Institutional Advisory Board. The goal is to help the college's business school receive the prestigious AACSB accreditation, which will put Merrimack and its graduates in high standing in the business world.

"I'm really happy to be part of this," said Jim. "Schools have to teach what entrepreneurship is all about and what it requires."

The Zampells, who live in Wenham, have a daughter, Kristin, a freshman at the College of the Holy Cross, and a son, Brian, a junior at St. John's Preparatory School in Danvers. Much of their free time has been dedicated to helping the Catholic elementary and high schools in their communities.

Jim, for example, is credited with designing and helping finance a \$400,000 computer technology project at Bishop Fenwick High School in Peabody. The project gave the 900-student school four computer labs and brought the Internet



into each classroom.

Chris has spearheaded a number of volunteer efforts at St. Mary of the Annunciation School in Danvers. She designed and helped equip the science lab at the school, taught classes, and organized numerous parent volunteers to keep the labs running smoothly.

Recently, Bishop Fenwick honored the family by naming its technology center after the Zampells. St. Mary of the Annunciation School also honored them during ceremonies for its 40th anniversary celebration.

The pair has served in a number of volunteer positions. They sat on the St. Mary of the Annunciation School Advisory Board and are active in the Bishop Fenwick High School Advisory and Development Board. Jim is a member of the St. John's Preparatory School Board of Trustees and the Xaverian Brothers Generalate Facilities Committee. He is a Beverly Hospital Corporator and is on the Danvers Savings Bank Board of Directors.

The pair has assisted a number of community-based organizations, including the Beverly YMCA, Hospice and Anna Jaques Hospital. They are also members of the Newburyport Chamber of Commerce, North Shore Chamber of Commerce, and the Small Business Association of New England.

Jim and Chris, through their business and charitable endeavors, exemplify Merrimack's mission: educating minds and hearts.

### M51

Joseph V. Mahoney volunteers with Angel Flight, a charitable organization dedicated to transporting people for medical care. Half the people Angel Flight serves are children, many suffering from cancer or crippling diseases. In the past year and a half, Mahoney has made eight flights for the group. He donates his 17 years experience as a pilot and his 1972 Cessna Skylane.

### M52

John P. Ford, a director of the Lawrence Savings Bank since 1971, has recently been elected chairman of its board. He is also a member of its executive, nominating and compensation committees. The senior member of Ford and Ford P.C. law firm, John has practiced law in Lawrence for more than 40 years.

### M54

Get ready to pack your bags for Reunion '99. You and your classmates will celebrate your forty-fifth together.

### Honor Roll Corrections

Please note the following changes to the Honor Roll of Donors, published in the previous issue of Merrimack magazine:

Robert D. Keohan '53 is a member of the Austin Society.

Charles A. Mahoney '53 is a member of the Charter Club.

John J. McDaid '57 is a member of the Warrior Club.



President's Council member Jean (Neel) Carney '55 at the Trustees' Reception, part of the Alumni Leadership Day. She and husband Jack '55 traveled back for homecoming from Pennsylvania.

### M59

Mark your calendars for Reunion '99! Festivities are planned for your class on June 18 and 19, at the Merrimack campus. Come see how Merrimack has changed in the last forty years, and how your classmates have, too!

### M60

Rita A. Jensen has recently retired from Dracut High School after 35 years of teaching history. She is involved in several ministries at St. Patrick Parish in Lawrence. She volunteers at St. Patrick School several days a week. In her spare time, she hopes to do some traveling.

### M61

Edward Doyle e-mails that he is building a house and spends his spare hours sailing. He and wife Cynthia live in Niceville, Fla.

Jim O'Brien still laces up the skates for hockey league play. He sends word that on showing up to volunteer as an ice hockey coach at Pope Paul VI High School in Fairfax, Va., he found Chuck Katis '80 was the team's head coach.

### M62

David White reports that wife Jane has retired as a principal in

the Fairfax County School System, but he continues to "labor in the vineyard."

### M63

Lucille (Bova) and Ben Guzzone celebrated 35 years of marriage by renewing their vows. Bishop Snyder of the St. Augustine Diocese, in Jacksonville, Fla., presided.



Third grader Stephen Hiatt-Leonard danced with the world-renowned Joffrey Ballet, performing the Nutcracker at the Kennedy Center and elsewhere last Christmas. Stephen saw an open call for auditions for children and answered it. His Dad, Dave Leonard '63, said in a report in USA Today, "I wish I had words to describe [watching his son perform]. Magic just doesn't do it." Stephen, who has never walked due to cerebral palsy, performs in his wheelchair.

### M64

June 18 and 19 are the dates for Reunion '99! Watch your mail for more details on ways to celebrate your 35th reunion.

Stephen Hart is officially ending his tenure in office after 28 years of service to Cohasset's school system. He is leaving his position as superintendent of schools, but still plans to volunteer.

Sylvia Moore has been promoted to technical specialist for the Defense Contract Audit Agency in Springfield, Va.

D. Paul Sweeney, having retired from the Secret Service, will advise the State Department on security issues surrounding the NATO 50th Anniversary Summit to be held in Washington, D.C. in April.

Frederic Urban, who has taught at the University of Toronto for more than eight years, was recently promoted to associate professor in the newly reorganized faculty of architecture, landscape, and design. He also holds an appointment as an associate faculty member of the School of Graduate Studies. Frederic teaches in the master of architecture professional degree program and serves as

Carl Russo photo



Bill Mahoney '64 and wife Jean Bender attended the Philadelphia area alumni reception this fall.

faculty adviser to student affairs. He lives in Toronto and Natchitoches, La.

### M65

Deacon **Richard Joy** has been assigned to St. Catherine Parish in Westford, Mass. Richard is employed as a tax professional. He and his wife Kathleen live in Westford.

### M66

**Frank A. Sambuceti** completed his Ed.D. in Educational Leadership in August of 1998. He has served as principal of Walpole High School since 1996. Frank, wife Janet, and son Michael live in North Marshfield, Mass.



Carol and John Walker '66 attended the Southeastern Massachusetts alumni reception held after the Stonehill football game at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Bishop, parents of Wayne '92.

### M69

**You've got thirty years to celebrate! Mark off June 18 and 19 in your calendar - Reunion '99 is coming.**

### M70

**Jeannette (Gibson) Bahre** is listed in Who's Who 1998 and Who's Who in the East. Jeannette is a librarian in South Hampton, N.H. She received a master's in education from the University of Arizona.

**Susan M. (Gauthier) Poirier** writes that she has given herself an "early retirement" and now really enjoys life. She does a little home teaching and SAT Prep courses, edits the stitching group's newsletter, sells daffodils for the American Cancer Society, reads books onto tapes for disabled college students, and works as an election inspector. Last fall Susan presented a workshop on teaching the Holocaust. Last summer, she discovered kayaking!

### M67

**Mary McAleney** has been appointed the Maine district director for the U.S. Small Business Administration.

### M68

**Margaret (Tinker) Firla** of Orange, Conn. writes that a group of members of the class of 1968 (all women) have been meeting every other year since graduation at one of their homes to renew their bonds and refresh their souls. They've found e-mail has made keeping in touch all the easier. She and her husband Peter '66 are parents of Mark and Timothy.

### M71

**Ray Lafreniere**, Dean of Students at Poland Regional High School in Maine, is taking advantage of a rare opportunity and challenge. Along with another school administrator, Ray is starting an \$18 million high and middle school from scratch. "It's a unique opportunity," Ray said in a recent news report. "Maybe one-half of 1 percent of school administrators have the opportunity to take a vision and put it into practice."

### M72

**Lynn Carney** has accepted the position of customer relations manager within the information technology department of Equiva Services, in Houston. Lynn was previously employed by Texaco's Houston-based information technology department as a telecommunications team leader. Lynn and his wife Anne (Baddaker) live in Missouri City, Tex. Their daughter Alicia serves in the army.

**Lynne Williams**, after completing law school in California, has returned to New England. She lives in Augusta Me. with her ten-year-old son.

### M73

**Dorothy (Lozowski) Boisvert** spent a month at Tianjin Medical University in Tianjin, China. While there, she observed classes in its medical laboratory science program and exchanged ideas on curriculum with its faculty. She lectured on new techniques in blood banking to students and lab staff from local hospitals. The Tianjin faculty arranged tours of the laboratories of several hospitals in Tianjin and Beijing so that she could observe how medical laboratory science is practiced in China.

**Joan Gancarski** has traveled to Australia twice in the last 18 months. Most of her time was spent in the Melbourne area and in the State of Victoria. She even got to see platypuses in the wild in Tasmania!

**Deborah Woelflein** has been named assistant principal at Merrimack (N.H.) High School. She has been English department head for the past nine years. Among her achievements are: M.T.A. Student Recognition Award 1989, M.H.S. Principal's Teacher of the Year 1992, Who's Who Among American Teachers 1996-97, New Hampshire Teacher of the Year, Community Hero Olympic Torchbearer 1996, and the United States-Russia Award for Excellence in Teaching. Deborah will travel to Russia this fall. She and husband John '73 are parents to Beth, Laura, and John.

**John C. Worth** was recently promoted to the position of national director of M.B.A.



Alumni Leadership Day found trustee Michael Stella and Robert McCusker '68 at Merrimack.

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Future Warrior: Brooke O'Leary, 2, makes grandpa Mickey Ouellette '69 proud when she suits up for soccer practice like Auntie Nicole, '01. Brooke is also the niece of Danielle '97.

recruiting for Deloitte Consulting. He has been with Deloitte for the past eight years. John has also served a two-year term as an elected member of the School Committee in Gloucester, Mass. He and his wife Deborah have two children, Graham and Sarah, and live in Raleigh, N.C.

### M74

**Are you ready for Reunion '99? Mark June 18 and 19 on your calendar. You won't want to miss it.**

**Roland E. Boucher** has been named principal of Consentino School, Haverhill's largest middle school. He has worked in Haverhill as the supervisor of curriculum for kindergarten through grade twelve for three years, and as a teacher for seven years at the middle and high school levels. He was a School Committee member for nine years and spent two years as an editor at a national schoolbook company.

### M75

**Rev. Thomas Leclerc, M.S.** has been appointed an assistant professor of theology at St. Anselm College. He received a master of arts at Washington Theological Union and doctor of theology at Harvard University.

**Thomas Simpson** was recently elected vice president of the International Publishers' Management Association. The IPMA is an association of in-plant managers in the mail, printing, and graphic trades. He and his wife Joanne live in Lynn with their son John Patrick.

### M76

The *Boston Herald* called **Dave McGillivray** a "logistics wizard" in its profile of him and his work organizing the Goodwill Games triathlon in New York City. The

event required more than two years to coordinate its elements: a 1500 meter swim in the Hudson River, a 40 K bike through East River Drive, and a 10 K run in Central Park. That finished, Dave has set his sights on a "Relay Across America" in May, reminiscent of the "Run Across America" he completed not long after his graduation from Merrimack.

### M77

**Eric H. Killorin's** magazine *Mobilia*, devoted to model car collectors, was featured in a recent Burlington, Vt. Business Digest.

**Dennis Leonard** has earned a master's degree in business administration from Northeastern University. He was promoted to assistant vice president and general manager for the New England region of Managed Comp., a national leader in Managed Care Workers' Compensation. He and his wife Norma have two children, Katie and Andrew, and live in Peabody, Mass.

### M78

**John Baczewski** recently joined PricewaterhouseCoopers to build a nationwide pension real estate consulting practice. "In my spare time," he writes, "I continue to put

off home maintenance." He, wife Clare, and daughters Joan and Jillian live in Boxford.

**Joanne J. Bibeau**, attorney at law, has moved her offices to The Heritage Building in Quincy, Mass.

**Ellen (Shumsky) Guerin** is Boxford's new treasurer and tax collector. She and her husband Michael have three children.

### M79

**Celebrate Reunion '99 at Merrimack June 18 and 19. Watch your mail for details.**

**Mike Cronin** accepted a position within Hewlett Packard as the local products organization controller. This job is based in Geneva, Switzerland. Mike, wife Rosie, and son Mike Jr. relocated in July.

**Viki Lastrina** graduated from Weston Jesuit School of Theology in Cambridge with a master of theological studies degree. She worked toward chaplaincy certification in a clinical pastoral education unit at Holy Family Hospital in Methuen and plans to continue her prison ministry at Suffolk County House of Corrections in Boston.

### M80

**Carmine Catalana** has been accepted as a member of the Young President's Organization. The Y.P.O. is an international organization with thousands of



Shown above at the ski club reunion are Jack Sayers '75 and Eleanor and Mike Sapienti '74. Rev. George Lawless, O.S.A., flew in from Rome for a gathering held in honor of former coach Joe Zacharas on the occasion of his 70th birthday.

members throughout the world who have achieved the title of president before the age of 40. He works at Cumberland Dairy in Rosenhayn, N.J., and is the father of three.

### M82

**Raymond Joyce** and wife Michele recently returned from a three-month volunteer vacation. In March they participated in Merrimack's Campus Ministry's Alternative Spring Break in the Dominican Republic. They then worked a few weeks in Tucson with a Habitat for Humanity affiliate. In April, the final leg of their vacation took them to Romania, where they participated in a Habitat for Humanity Global Volunteer program. Ray e-mails, "We highly recommend a working vacation with Habitat." He urges others to check the organization's Website, [www.habitat.org](http://www.habitat.org).

**Richard Rizzo** has recently joined Doble Engineering Co. in Watertown, Mass. He is an electronic engineer.

### M84

**Plan a weekend in New England - June 18 and 19 is Reunion Weekend. Celebrate your fifteenth at Reunion '99.**

Rev. **Edward J. Arsenault** was recently re-elected as the Chairman of the Board of the National Catholic Risk Retention Group, Inc., a risk management and insurance company which is wholly owned by 46 archdiocese in the U.S.

**Michael Gauthier, M.D.** has been added to the staff of York Hospital in York, Me. He is certified by the American Board of Family Practice.

### M85

**David S. Rembis** has been promoted to Audit Manager for Sullivan Bille, P.C. He lives in Newton, N.H.

### M87

**Tim P. Boisvert** received an M.B.A. in international finance from the University of Miami in Coral Gables, Fla. Tim is the manager of Financial Reporting for Alamo Rent-A-Car at the headquarters in Ft. Lauderdale.

**Mark Collins** of Medford has been named vice president of lending for Middlesex Federal Savings in Somerville, Mass. He joins the bank after a number of years at the Office of Thrift Supervision in Boston and Washington.

**John Kirwan** was elected to the Board of Selectman in Ashland, not Needham, as reported in the previous issue of Merrimack. John, his wife Karen, and son Patrick also live in Ashland, not Needham.

**Mark L. McIntire** of Newburyport was recently promoted to the position of general manager at Weston & Sampson Services in Peabody. Mark, who joined Weston & Sampson Engineers Inc. in June 1987, formerly held the position of manager of maintenance and repair division. In addition, he was recently appointed to the Board of Directors of Weston & Sampson Services. He is a member of several organizations and manages and coordinates numerous operation and maintenance contracts with communities.

### M88

**David R. Beanland, D.M.D., M.D.** has completed a six-year residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery at the hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. David graduated from the University of Pennsylvania medical school and Tufts School of Dental Medicine with a dental degree. He will practice with the army in California where he will live with his wife Darlene

## ALUMNI COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Fellow Alumni,

You and I are extremely fortunate to be part of the Merrimack community during this dynamic time for our alma mater. All you need to do is look around; you can see growth all around the campus.

This fall, the new John E. Deegan, O.S.A. Residence Hall opened. Now, first-year students will live and work together in housing built specifically for their needs.

And, as soon as construction was completed for Deegan Hall, ground was broken for the cultural arts center. As a premier theater and performing arts center north of Boston, the Rogers Center will be a regional resource, drawing more people to our beautiful campus.

With the new Augustinian Center, Merrimack becomes an international resource as well. The college has grown so much in just 50 years!

Throughout its history, our college has also accumulated a vast store of riches in its alumni. I'm continually impressed with the talents and generosity of fellow alumni.

The Campaign for Merrimack's theme, Awakening Minds and Hearts, has a special meaning for me. In my role as president of the Alumni Council, I meet and get to know so many graduates, people with remarkable minds and compassionate,

loving hearts. Meeting so many of you, people who share in the rich heritage of Merrimack College, is one of my favorite parts of this position.

Three of those people, Susan Wojtas '79, John Obert '66, and Margaret Cook, deserve special notice. As staff for the Alumni Office, they manage countless programs aimed at keeping our community vital. Their expertise and enthusiasm enables our alumni association to succeed and grow.

This year's Career Networking Night was an unparalleled success. Scores of students met with alumni representing more than a dozen fields, and, on a rainy November night, talked about their hopes and dreams, and found tips on how to achieve them.

Career Networking Night is a great opportunity for both graduates and students to learn from each other. And this year, a number of parents of current students participated, further broadening our scope.

Working together, graduates, students, parents, and friends of the college can make the Merrimack community even stronger. Together, we are the force that propels Merrimack toward greater and better things.

We've also celebrated together, at regional club events and at the annual Boston Alumni Christmas Party. This year, we gathered at the Bay Tower Room, having outgrown our traditional location at the Bostonian.

I was also lucky enough to travel with the alumni to Greece in the spring. If you can, I highly recommend traveling with Susan and "company." You'll make friends, learn a few things, and bring home memories for a lifetime. I know I did.

In closing, I wish you and your family a happy and healthy 1999. As we draw to the close of the millenium, I am especially thankful for having become a part of this exceptional community.



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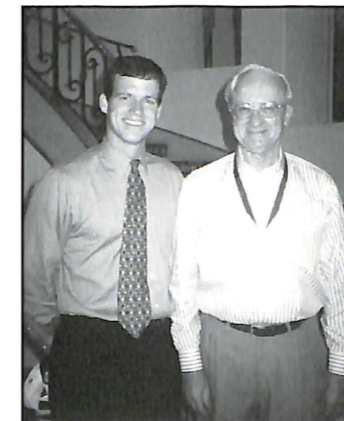
Chris Liebke '79

and daughters Cairsten, Alexandra, and Morgan.

**Wayne Texeira** has recently been promoted to assistant vice president of sales and marketing for East Boston Savings Bank. Wayne joined the bank in 1996 and has 10 years banking experience, having previously worked for Community National Bank. In this position, he is responsible for the planning and execution of all marketing and promotional activities, as well as retail sales training and administration. He lives in Berlin, Mass., with his wife Kathleen.

### M89

**Reunion '99 is set for June 18 and 19. Join your classmates in a weekend of revelry, and see how Merrimack has grown!**



Shown above are Geoffrey King '93 and Bill Daly '51, representing the youngest and oldest alumni seen at the home of Kelly Lange in California. Bill is proudly wearing his 40th anniversary class medal.



Media celebrity, author, and Merrimack graduate Kelly Lange hosted a gathering for California alumni at her home in Los Angeles.

**David Miranowicz** was part of a Boston Sunday Herald feature on models and their homes. David and his partner, David Nicholas, have decorated their home with traditional furnishings and unexpected touches. David's most recent work in front of the camera was a Hewlett Packard commercial.

**Carsten Springer**, a custom furniture maker, has opened a shop for his creations, C.S. Woodwright, in Rowley.

### M91

**Mark Olivieri** is the new advertising director for Community Newspaper Company's south unit, which includes all the Mariner Newspapers on the South Shore of Boston and a number of Pennysaver publications. He and his wife Christine have one son, Christopher.

### M92

**Mark Dellasanta** has started a software company in Washington, D.C. The company, AnalytX, develops software solutions for venture capital and private equity firms.

**Tom McDermott** is sales manager at Astrum Software Corporation in Charlestown, Mass.

Kindergarten teacher **Maureen Norton** received the Distinguished Educator Award from the Woodside Elementary School board of trustees in Woodside, Calif.

## Alumni Events Calendar

January 22-23	Winter Weekend
February 27	Alumni Retreat Day
March 6	Snow Date, Retreat Day
March 24	Night of Reflection
March 24-25	Washington, D.C. area alumni receptions
April 10	Alumni Council Spring Meeting
April 24-May 2	Alumni Trip to Vienna, Salzburg, Prague
April 29	New Hampshire Alumni Club Business Card Swap
May 12	CEDAR '99 Reception
May 16	Commencement
May 27	Spring Fling
June 18-19	Reunion '99

**Andrea (Cuhna) Turner** moved to Washington D.C. and has graduated from the Catholic University of America with a master's degree in politics. She is now employed at Greenberg Quinlan Research, a Democratic polling and research firm.

### M94

**Reunion '99 is the place to catch up on the last five years with your roomie, and maybe make some new friends, too. June 18 and 19 are the dates. Watch for information in the mail soon.**

**Bob Bartley**, a Certified Public Accountant and Certified Financial Planner, opened offices at 68 Park Street, Andover this year. Bob is one of only a handful of C.P.A.s who hold the C.F.P. designation, the most widely recognized mark in the



Robert C. Bartley '94

### M93

**Mark Bickford** is an E.M.T. He and his wife Michele live in Winthrop.

**Rosamond Cotter** has just graduated from Salem State College with a master's in business administration. She is an accountant for the Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.



Several Merrimackians were at a taping for The Tonight Show with Jay Leno recently. Above are Bucky Poole, husband of Eleanor Poole '55, Erma Cambria, Pat Cambria '58, Jay, President Santagati, and Joe Cartier, vice president for institutional advancement. Pat was one of Jay's teachers at Andover High School.



A student parade was part of Homecoming and Family Weekend fun. Pictured above are student groups lining up at the parade's start. Trustee Gladys Sakowich was grand marshal.

Carl Russo photo

financial planning profession. Bob's firm will specialize in the tax and accounting needs of small to medium size businesses in addition to the financial planning needs of individuals. He lives in North Andover with wife Christine and children Shane, Kaitlyn, and Keirra.

**Robert Desmarais** was appointed town engineer for Amesbury. Previously, he had been assistant town engineer of Amesbury and for Port Engineering in Newburyport. As town engineer, Desmarais will be one of the town's key players in the downtown reconstruction and Riverwalk project. He will also be responsible for creating a policy on

drawing water from town lakes and ponds and will be part of an effort to improve the quality of the town's tap water.

**Joseph Quartarone** has opened a restaurant, Pasta For You, in North Andover. It is an intimate cafe featuring a customized pasta bar allowing diners to create their own combinations of pasta, sauce, and toppings. He also caters large functions.

### M95

**John Cosgrove** received an M.B.A. from the University of Connecticut and has passed the CPA Exam. He lives and works in Connecticut.

**Chris Gaudette** has left Arthur Anderson to take the position of principal accounting manager at Altron Corporation in Wilmington.

### M96

**Michael Berube** will be attending the Frank Sawyer School of Management at Suffolk University for a master's in public administration. He works for the Methuen Police Department as staff aide to the chief of police.

**Sandra Mabbett** graduated from the University of Massachusetts at Boston's Graduate College of Education with a master's degree in school psychology. She also received her provisional state certification with advanced standing as a school psychologist.

### M97

**Todd Jurczyk** works in the Massachusetts Highway Department. He is an accountant in the contract payments area of the fiscal management section. He lives in Lawrence.

### M98

**Angelo N. Amico** is a staff accountant at Deloitte and Touche in Boston.

**Kimberly A. Arakelian** is a portfolio accountant for Putnam Investments in Andover.

**Stephanie Atkinson** is in corporate actions for Brown Brothers Harriman & Co. in Boston.

**Jose Balbuena** is a structural engineer for LeMessurier Consultants in Cambridge.



At Leadership Day activities, Alumni Council member Dan Donovan '97 said, "So many exciting changes have happened even since I graduated."

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**Paul Furgal** is a civil engineer for Fuss and O'Neill, Inc. in Longmeadow, Mass.

**Samantha Louis** is a fund accountant for Fidelity Investments in Boston.

**Julie Maccarone** is an adolescent counselor for Harbor School and Family Services in Newbury, Mass.

**Rich Murphy** is a tax accountant for Ernst & Young LLP in Boston.

**Mark Nelson** is a product engineer for Analog Devices in Cambridge.

**Jodi Anna Saia** is a social worker for the Department of Social Services in Cambridge.

**George Scotti** is the business development officer and marketing manager for Milestone Federal Credit Union in Bedford, Mass.

**Justine Scully** is the loan center coordinator for the Andover Bank in Andover.

**Robert A. Short Jr.** joined Alexander, Aronson, Finning & Co. P.C., a public accounting and consulting firm with offices in Westborough, Wellesley, and Boston.

**Mark True** has joined the staff at Merrimack College as a programmer and analyst.

**Rick Bellitti** is a staff accountant for Tonneson and Co. C.P.A.'s P.C. in Wakefield.

**Robert Carlino Jr.** is in securities lending and international settlements at Brown Brothers & Harriman in Boston.

**Bill Cortright** is a measurement engineer for Corning Incorporated in Corning, N.Y.

**Mark Cousins** is a staff associate for PricewaterhouseCoopers in Boston.

**Jennifer A. Curtin** is an investment administrator for Fidelity Investments in Boston.

**Marialana D'Agata** is an assistant manager for Things Remembered in Salem, N.H.

**Erica De Simone** is accounts sales coordinator at Addison Wesley Longman in Reading.

**Shawn Dill** is an auditor for the U.S. Federal Government in Boston.

**Ann Margaret Eames** is a legislative aide to Massachusetts State Rep. Francis Marini.

**Patrina (Ivey) Everett** is an information technology consultant for Winter, Wyman and Company in Waltham.

**Justin Faro** is a sales representative for Electric Insurance in Beverly.

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## Some Stats on Who We Are:

We're often surprised, when compiling the list of addresses needed to send out this magazine, by the variety of places our alumni call home. We thought it might interest you, too.

We have addresses for 16,249 alumni.

422 Merrimack graduates are deceased.

More than 10,000 of us live in Massachusetts.

The New England states are well-populated with former Warriors.

Apparently, it's true what they say: old Warriors do go to Florida; more than 300 of us live there, and the number grows every year.

Some of us on staff would like to set up an annex office for the two graduates who live in Puerto Rico; others are aching to serve the two in the Virgin Islands.

The world is strewn with Merrimackians: our foreign list includes Argentina, Aruba, Australia, the British West Indies, Bahrain, Belgium, Bermuda, Bolivia, Canada, Ecuador, Great Britain, Greece, Honduras, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Lebanon, the Netherlands, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Spain, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Tanzania, Turkey, the United Arab Emirates, Venezuela, and Vietnam.

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## Reunion '99 is Coming!

This year, reunion celebrates the graduating classes of '54, '59, '64, '69, '74, '79, '84, '89, and '94. If you're a member of an honor class, join us!

Festivities kick off Friday, June 18 with a golf tournament during the day and the ever popular Welcome Back Party in the evening.

On Saturday, there'll be campus tours and seminars if you're interested, a barbecue, a special Mass, and on-campus dinners followed by music, dancing, and more.

For more information, call Susan Wojtas '79 at (978) 837-5440.

## Scholarships Available

to children of alumni applying to Merrimack - contact the alumni office or admissions for information.

## Attention Co-op Graduates!

Did you know you can be included with either your entering class or your graduating class for alumni mail and reunion purposes?

Let the alumni office know which you'd prefer. You can e-mail swojtas@merrimack.edu or call Susan Wojtas '79 at (978)837-5440.



Suffolk University has launched its Master's of Business Administration at Merrimack College. To celebrate the popular venture, a reception was held earlier this year. Shown above, left to right, are Joseph Bevilacqua, president of the Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce; Neil Hunt, coordinator of the program; John F. Brennan, dean of Suffolk's Sawyer School of Management; Thomas Dukes, dean of Merrimack's Business Administration Division; and C. Richard Torrisi, associate dean of the Sawyer School.

## Help wanted:

**Wanted:** Good people to help shape the future of our alma mater.

**Qualifications:** A willingness to make new friends, try new things, and have fun, too. If this sounds like you, consider joining the growing group of alumni volunteers actively participating and contributing to the success of the college and its programs. For information about any of these programs, contact the alumni director, Susan A. Wojtas '79 at swojtas@merrimack.edu or call the alumni office at (978) 837-5440.

**Alumni Ambassadors** Enrollment and student quality at Merrimack are in great shape. Alumni play a big role in this success through the alumni ambassador program. Help supplement the admission office's efforts to attract and enroll quality students by participating in our fall and spring phonathons to high school students, representing Merrimack at a college fair, or hosting a reception for accepted students.

**Fundraising** Alumni make the difference in the success of our fundraising efforts. Our continued success as an institution depends upon our ability to expand programs, provide scholarship assistance, and improve facilities. Volunteers can help contact other alumni or provide input for our corporate and foundation efforts.

**Career Networking** The Career Networking/Alumni Resource list is maintained to provide job-hunting assistance to alumni and students. Career counseling is available. Contact us if you would like to be part of the network or need help in your own career.

**Reunion** Seeing old classmates and friends brings back lots of happy memories. There are opportunities to contact classmates by serving on social and fund-raising committees.

**Regional Clubs** Regional Clubs are a great way for you to have a little of Merrimack brought to your home town. We have clubs in the Delaware Valley (Philadelphia area), Washington, D.C., New York City, Southern New Hampshire, and Connecticut, and more are planned.

**Continuing Education Alumni** Continuing Education Division Alumni have their own alumni club, CEDAR (Continuing Education Division Alumni Reunited). For more information, call John Obert '66 at (978) 837-5107.

**Paul J. Raube Jr. '81** and wife Rose: a son, James Longstreet, June 4. He joins sister Reilly Rose.

**Nancy (Mallahan) Jenkins '82** and husband Bob: a daughter, Grace Marie, April 19.

**Peter Caulo '83** and wife Betsey: a daughter, Elsbeth Stuart, June 28. She joins brother Gilly.

**Caroline (Ambrosino) Mirabella '84** and husband Joseph: a son, Christopher Mark, September 2.

**Charles R. Mollor '84** and wife Karen: a daughter, Lindsey, August 15.

**Maureen (O'Connell) '84** and **George Catallo '84**: a daughter, Katarina Jeanne, July 29.

**Deborah (Howley) Mazzella '86** and husband Richard: a son, Matthew, August 23, 1997.

**Joseph Piotte '86** and wife Kathleen: a daughter, Kylie Rose, October 17.

**Karen (Cofsky) Green '87** and husband Jeffrey: a son, Daniel David, June 11.

**Karen (Finnegan) Underwood '87** and husband Kenneth: a daughter, Jordan Elizabeth, August 24, 1997. She joins brother Christopher.

**Leslie (Gordon) '88** and **John Connolly '88**: a son, Justin Edward, September 16. He joins brother Matthew James.

**Karen (Provencher) Harrington '88** and husband Frank: a daughter, Kelly, October 1997. She joins brothers Brian, Paul, and Matthew.

**Susan (Burns) Holland '88** and husband Dennis: a daughter, Laura Rose, July 3.

**Nancy (Curran) Hourihan '88** and husband John: a

daughter, Kayla Marie, May 6.

**Kimberly (Oppenheimer) '88** and **Bradley Kutcher '87**: a daughter, Jacqueline Jordon, July 20. She joins brother Michael Scott.

**Mary (Scully) '88** and **Jim Grimaldi '89**: a son, James Luciano, August 29. He joins sister Grace Christina.

**Stacie (Mulvey) Allen '89** and husband Daniel: a daughter, Mackenzie Elizabeth, June 18.

**Caroline (Franco) Graves '89** and husband Stephen: a daughter, Madeline Christine, December 10, 1997.

**Kathleen (Hayes) '89** and **Joseph Drier III '91**: a daughter, Megan Michele, April 27.

**Karen (Couture) Quinn '89** and husband Dennis: a son, Dennis Joseph, August 29.

**Katherine (Richardson) '89** and **Thomas Rossi '90**: a son, Timothy Charles, July 8. He joins brothers Kevin and Christopher.

**Mary Ann (Connolly) Barriss '90** and husband Jeffrey: a son, Griffin Patrick, August 11.

**Susan (Rudd) Hughes '90** and husband Robert: a son, Jack Robert, April 8.

**Susan M. (Lacerte) '90** and **Kevin Freeman '90**: a daughter, Katherine Elinor, June 24. She joins sister Elizabeth.

**Karin (Mesler) Lupariello '90** and husband Matthew: a daughter, Ashley Nicole, August 24.

**Marianne (Bracker) Adams '91** and husband Dana: a daughter, Grace Elizabeth, August 13. She joins sister Hannah Jane.

**Michelle (Halliwell) '92** and **Marc DiBella '92**: a son, Brian Matthew, June 6.

**Sharon (Griffin) Edson '92** and husband Courtney: a daughter, Amanda, November 17, 1997.

**Rachel (Lafrance) '92** and **Charlie Fellows '92**: a son, Samuel Charles, May 10. He joins sister Mollie Fallon.

**Donald Lynch '92** and wife Christine: a daughter, Ashley, August 29.

**Allison (Golczewski) Passante '92** and husband Kevin: a son, Nicholas Gregory, June 15.

**Christopher McDermott '93** and wife Tracey: a daughter, Caitlin Anne, May 28.

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

**Kristine (Caron) Esdale '95** and husband Robert: a daughter, Madeline Renee, December 27, 1997.



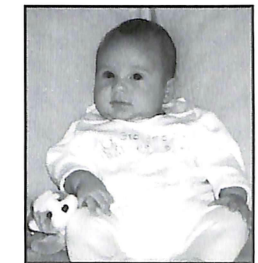
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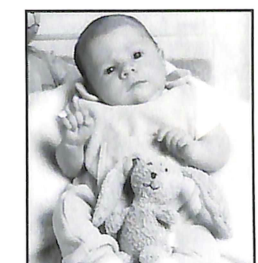
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**Nancy Callahan '74 and Jack Driscoll '74** at Eagle Mountain Inn in Jackson, N.H., November 8, 1997.

**Mark J. Diskin '85 and Jean Craig** at Holy Rosary Church in Winthrop, Mass. June 6.

**Suzanne B. Desmarais '86 and R. Scott Wolke** at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Newburyport, September 12.

**Lauren M. Larson '87 and Scott Diehl** at Our Lady of Grace Church, in Brewster, Mass.

**Kristen M. Breen '90 and Robert McLaughlin** at the Collegiate Church of Christ the Teacher, July 11.

**Marilyn J. Whitaker '90 and David J. Cretella** at St. Brendan Church in East Providence, R.I., May 30.

**Jaime Hodapp '91 and John Tuzik** at the Church of St. Elizabeth in Milton, Mass.

**Susan M. Porelle '91 and Stephen Piper** were married in an oceanside ceremony at the Shawmut Ocean Resort in Kennebunkport, Me., June 21.

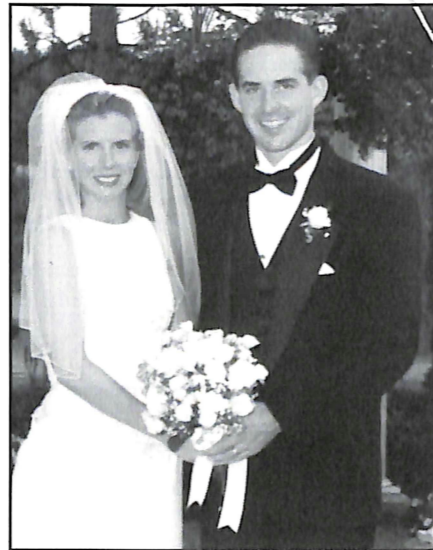
**George T. Boukouvalas '92 and Athena Koutounidis** at St. John the Baptist Greek Orthodox Church in Boston, May 3.

**Sharlene Cote '92 and Michael Howard '91** at St. Mary of the Annunciation Church in Danvers.

**Sheila Kavanagh '93 and Matthew Ouellette '94** at the Collegiate Church of Christ the Teacher, July 11.

**Meredith Belyea '94 and Briggs Carroll** at Longboat Island Chapel in Sarasota, Fla., May 30.

**Lisa Morey '94 and Thomas Abbott Jr.** at St. Anne Church in Gloucester, February 7.



*Kimberly E. Rayla '95 and Christopher P. Ross '95 were married at the Collegiate Church of Christ the Teacher in August. Rev. Joseph Gillin, O.S.A., performed the ceremony.*



*Religious Studies professor Rev. Kevin Dwyer, O.S.A., presided at the wedding of Rachael DeFeo '95 and Ira Lanik '95 in May. Shown above is the wedding party: (front, left to right) Emily DeFeo, Jill Soper '96, Bryn Oliver, Liesle DeFeo, Sarah Lanik, Brooke Nolte, Natalie Felch, (rear, left to right) Mark Terrien '96, Thomas Sellinger '96, Olivia Lyone '95, Luke Nolte, maid of honor Brenda Vail '95, Mrs. Lanik, Mr. Lanik, Eli Lanik, Jamie Kinkella '95, Adam Oliver, Richard DeFeo, and Michael Rotondo '95.*

**Mark A. Peterson '94 and Michelle Cote** at Avon Old Farms Inn in Manchester, Conn., July 18.

**Beth Ann Addressio '95 and Michael Consoli '94** at the Immaculate Conception Church in Waterbury, Conn., May 9.

**Rachael DeFeo '95 and Ira J. Lanik '95** at Our Lady of the Assumption Church in Lynnfield, Mass., May 23.

**Kimberly E. Rayla '95 and Christopher P. Ross '95** at the Collegiate Church of Christ the Teacher, August 15.

**Matthew Callahan '96 and Susan Vincent** at St. Michael Episcopal Church in Auburn, Me., May 23.

**Gail A. Goddard '96 and Gregory T. Farrington '95** at St. Mary Church in Pawtucket, R.I., August 15.

**David R. Forster '97 and Rosemary G. Looney** at St. Ann Church in Wayland, Mass., September 13, 1997.

**Amy Veilleux '98 and John A. Simmons** at Bethany Congregational Christian Church in Rye, N.H., July 18.



*Lauren (Larson) '87 and her new hubby, Scott Diehl, live in San Francisco.*



*When Beth Addressio '95 married Michael Consoli '94, there were plenty of Merrimack good wishes for them. Shown above are (bottom row left to right) Jay Doherty '94, Mark Murphy '94, Jamie Giordano '95, Jared Whelan '94, Kristen D'Angelo '95, Kim (Rayla) Ross '95, Chris Ross '95, Beth Amvake '95, Rev. Joseph Gillin, O.S.A., Catherine Franco '95, (middle row) Ben Consoli, Maurice Consoli '74, Al Guimond '65, Heather Hussey '94, Ed Buscema '65, Kerry Hickox '97, the new Mr. and Mrs. Consoli, Wade Kilman '95, Meg Pollard '95, Melissa Kryszewicz '95, Shane Loughlin '95, Jennifer Mednis '95, (top row) Marty Flaherty '94, Kevin Mullen '94, Ed Berton '74, Amy McCoy '97, Lisa Ebert '94, Denise Larson '95, Jennifer Newell '95, Dave Lanzoni '95, Chris Mohr '96, and Eric McPhail '95. Included in those good wishes are special tidings from Merrimack magazine, as Mrs. Consoli at one time had the unenviable job of collating these notes.*



*Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Abbott Jr. (Lisa Anne Morey '94) honeymooned in the western Caribbean after their Gloucester wedding.*



*Here's a photo from our favorite Merrimack romances. Jack Driscoll and Nancy Callahan, both '74, hooked up at their twentieth reunion. They were married last November. Above are Cindy Doyon '76, John Nolan '74, the groom, Phil Quinn '78, the bride, Patti Quinn '78, Nancy DiPaolo McLaughlin '74, Janet Callahan Hamilton '77, Doris Dolan Michaud '75, Jay Lynch '79, and Sheila Callahan McDonough '82. Also on hand at the wedding, held in Jackson, N.H., were Rob Normandin '78 and Michael Knightly '82.*



*This group of Merrimackians was spotted at the wedding of Sheila Kavanagh '93 and Matthew Ouellette '94. Shown above are (front, left to right) Stephen Pride '94, Mike Levesque '92, Marc Gonthier, Alexander Cain '93, Ron Ostiguy '93, Kieran Murray '93, Scott Ditto '95, Christopher Ouellette '00, (rear, left to right) Karen Tangney '93, Donna Lagasse '93, Paula Bergeron '94, Stacey (Burton) Pride '93, Christine (Cavanagh) Gaitley '94, Allison Whittredge '93, Stephanie Loubier '93, the bride and groom, Denise (Guttenberg) Murray '93, Lori (Murphy) Ditto '97, Paula (Norton) Cain '93, Julie Giguere '93, Roseann Matteo '94, Shannon Berry '94, and Sue Langlois '93.*



**Edwin T. Donnelly '51, 72,** of Andover, formerly of North Andover, died on September 24. He served with the Navy during World War II in the Asiatic Pacific American Theater and belonged to both the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion in North Andover. He leaves his former wife Claire Donnelly of North Andover; sons Robert of Melrose and Timothy of Boston; daughter Kathleen Cabral of Salem, N.H.; brothers James of Florida, Robert of California, and David of Las Vegas; sisters Annmarie Porterfield of California, Dorothy Mulloy of Florida, and Sheila Meaney of Revere; and two granddaughters.

**Alexander J. Zaccardi '60,** died September 22 at his home in Salem, N.H. He was 60. Prior to his retirement, he had been a supervisor for Lucent Technologies of North Andover for 38 years. He served as both a lector and an usher at Mary Queen of Peace Church and belonged to the Knights of Columbus, both in Salem, N.H. Family members include his wife Connie (DeLucia) Zaccardi of Salem; daughters Gina Walgreen of Manchester, N.H. and Kara Loiacono of Salem; his sister, Elizabeth O'Rourke of Methuen; one grandson; and several nieces and nephews.

**Richard P. Mann '61,** died September 22 in Littleton, Colo., of leukemia. He was 60. He was born in Lawrence on July 12, 1938. He retired in 1996 from the American Equipment Co. In addition to his wife of 35 years, Laura C. (Steele) Mann, he is survived by a son, Paul of Littleton; daughters Leslie Green of Denver, and Christine McKenzie of Bennett, Colo.; two brothers, Peter of Merrimac, Mass., and Carl of Midland Park, New Jersey; a sister, Charlotte of Stoughton, Mass.; and 20 nieces and nephews.

**Daniel Patrick Coughlin '68** of Danvers and Boxford died August 31 after a lengthy illness. He was 51. For more than 30 years, he was well-known on the North Shore as a certified public accountant and partner of Weland, Coughlin and Company; Coughlin, Clasbey and Company; and more recently Coughlin Company. He served in

the U.S. National Guard, on the board of directors for Greater Lynn Boys and Girls Clubs, and the Massachusetts Society of Certified Public Accountants. He received an M.B.A. from Suffolk University and a master of taxation degree from Bentley College. He was the son of the late Daniel Joseph and Rita (McDonald) Coughlin. He leaves his wife Ann (Dougherty) Coughlin; a daughter Sheila; a sister Kathleen Collette of Merrimack, N.H.; a brother, Thomas Coughlin of Burke, Va.; and many nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles.

**Arthur "A.J." Belleville '69** of Georgetown died August 26 after being stricken at work. He was 50. He was a resident of Lynn for 25 years before moving to Georgetown, where he lived for the past 25 years. He was an assistant superintendent of the Essex County Sheriff's Department; and shift commander of Building 240. He had a total of 21 years of service with the Sheriff's Department. He was also editor and treasurer of the Lynn Sunday Post for 16 years until 1991. Since then he had been a free-lance writer. He worked at Western Electric Merrimack Valley Works in North Andover from 1970 to 1976. He served as a reserve auxiliary officer assisting in officer training for the Swampscott Police Department. He was the past president of the Lynn Rotary Club and of the Essex County Deputy Sheriffs Association. He was a Lector and Eucharistic Minister at St. Mary Church in Georgetown. He was a corporator of Lynn Boys' Club and AtlantiCare Medical Center and past board member of Camp Rotary, Boxford; a member of the Lynn Cancer Society and the International Association of Law Enforcement Firearms Instructors. He was an instructor and guest lecturer in business writing at North Shore Community College Evening Division. He had received many honors and awards from the New England Press Association for editorial and humor columns and

was listed in Who's Who in the East. He leaves his parents Joseph and F. Phyllis (Saulnier) Belleville of Lynn; his wife, Jane N. (McGovern); two sons, David A., and Stephen C. of Georgetown; two aunts; and several cousins.

**Kathleen (McCallion) Brennan '71** of Hartford, Conn., died September 19 at Hartford Hospital. She was 48. She was the wife of James F. Brennan and mother of James McCallion Brennan and Kerry McCallion Brennan, all of Hartford. She was the daughter of Florence Cantwell McCallion of Lawrence, and the late Sgt. James McCallion. Kathleen is also survived by two sisters and a brother.

**Raymond Francis Pelletier '71,** director of the Department of Energy's office of environmental policy and assistance, died July 13 of cancer. He was 49. He lived in Springfield, Va. He had been director of environmental policy and assistance and its predecessor office since 1987. In that capacity, he examined environmental laws and developed policy and guidance for the Energy Department's wide-ranging activities. He was awarded the Secretary of Energy's Silver Medal in 1996 and the Meritorious Service Award in 1997. Raymond graduated first in his engineering class at Merrimack College. He began a civil service career with the Federal Highway Administration as a civil engineer, then joined the Energy Department in 1980. He was a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and the Lakeshore Woods Community Association and a Cub Scout leader. Survivors include his wife, Barbara, and two children, Jason and Amanda, all of Springfield; two brothers; and a sister.

**Michael A. DeGregorio '75** of Methuen, died on September 16 at Holy Family Hospital. He was a salesman in the food industry. Michael volunteered his time as both a coach and assistant coach for numerous youth sports

leagues in town. As an accomplished guitarist, he, along with his musical group, performed at many fundraisers for Methuen sports programs. He was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed fishing, surfing, and canoeing. He leaves his mother, Lena (Ortenzio) DeGregorio; his wife Marion (Coughlin) DeGregorio, sons Michael and Anthony and daughters Pamela and Julie, all of Methuen; sister Donna DeGregorio of Methuen; and several aunts, uncles, nieces, and nephews.

**Mary Cornelia Donnellon '75** of New York City died September 21. She was 44. She had been a program coordinator for the Natural Resources Defense Council for 15 years. She was a parishioner of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Wayne, N.J. She spent every summer at the family home in Old Orchard Beach, Maine. She leaves her parents Samuel R. and Cornelia Donnellon of Wayne, N.J. and Old Orchard Beach; her husband, William McGuire; and three stepdaughters, Laurie, Jennifer and Kimberly McGuire, all of New York; two sisters, Kathleen of Old Orchard Beach and Frances Federici of Erie, Penn.; and a brother, Sam Donnellon of Haddonfield, N.J.

**Tricia (Gunn) Eagan '81** died on September 4 in Duxbury after a long battle with cancer. She was 39 years old. She was born in Birmingham, Michigan and was the daughter of Thomas Gunn of Darien, Conn. and the late Patricia (Sloate) Gunn. In addition to her father, she is survived by her husband of fourteen years, **Richard Eagan '81;** and a daughter, Katie, both of Duxbury; her stepmother, Janice Gunn of Philadelphia, Penn.; her paternal grandmother, Martha Middleton of Florida; four brothers, Tom of Darien, Conn., Pat of Conyers, Georgia, Chris of Foxboro, Mass., Tim of Philadelphia, Penn.; a sister, Penny Gunn Lohr of Darien, Conn.; her aunt, Mary Ann Everett of West Hartford, Conn.; and many uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews.

**Edith Jako '82** of Andover died August 31. She was 79. She was born in Krems, Austria and grew

up in Budapest, Hungary. At the end of World War II, as the Russians surrounded Budapest, she and her husband fled to Germany, where they lived before emigrating to this country. She earned an associate's degree at 63 and was elected to the Alpha Sigma Lambda National Honor Society. She took courses at Harvard Extension and enjoyed writing. She worked as her husband's secretary at the International Institute of Lawrence for many years and as office manager of the Phillips Academy Summer Session. She also worked for UNICEF in Boston, *The Eagle-Tribune*, and the Andover Public Library. She spoke four languages and traveled extensively. Mrs. Jako also excelled in several sports and, while in Hungary, played for an international women's traveling basketball team. In both 1963 and 1967, she won the Greater Lawrence Women's Singles Tennis Championship. She was the widow of Gaspar Jako, former director of the International Institute of Lawrence. She leaves her sons Peter of Lawrence and Miklos of Andover; and daughter; Esther of Andover.

**Woodrow W. "Woody" Dinsmore,** 85, of Haverhill died December 12. Woody was known and loved by hundreds of residents of Ash Centre during the 1970s and 1980s. He was born and educated in Haverhill, graduating from Haverhill High in 1931. He played on the high school's football, baseball and basketball teams. He played semiprofessional football for the Steamrollers, located in Rhode Island. In 1950, he co-founded the YMCA Youth Football League in Haverhill. Before his retirement in 1968, he worked as a route salesman for local bakeries. After retiring, he worked as a sergeant on the security force at Merrimack for 20 years. He was elected housefather at Ash, where he was known for playing Santa Claus at Christmas and preparing late-night snacks for residents. He was a member of the Trinity Episcopal Church. He enjoyed cooking and playing cards. He leaves his daughters, Dail Bouchard of Haverhill and Phyllis Paul of Plaistow, N.H.; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

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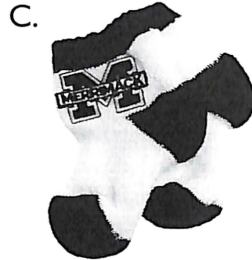


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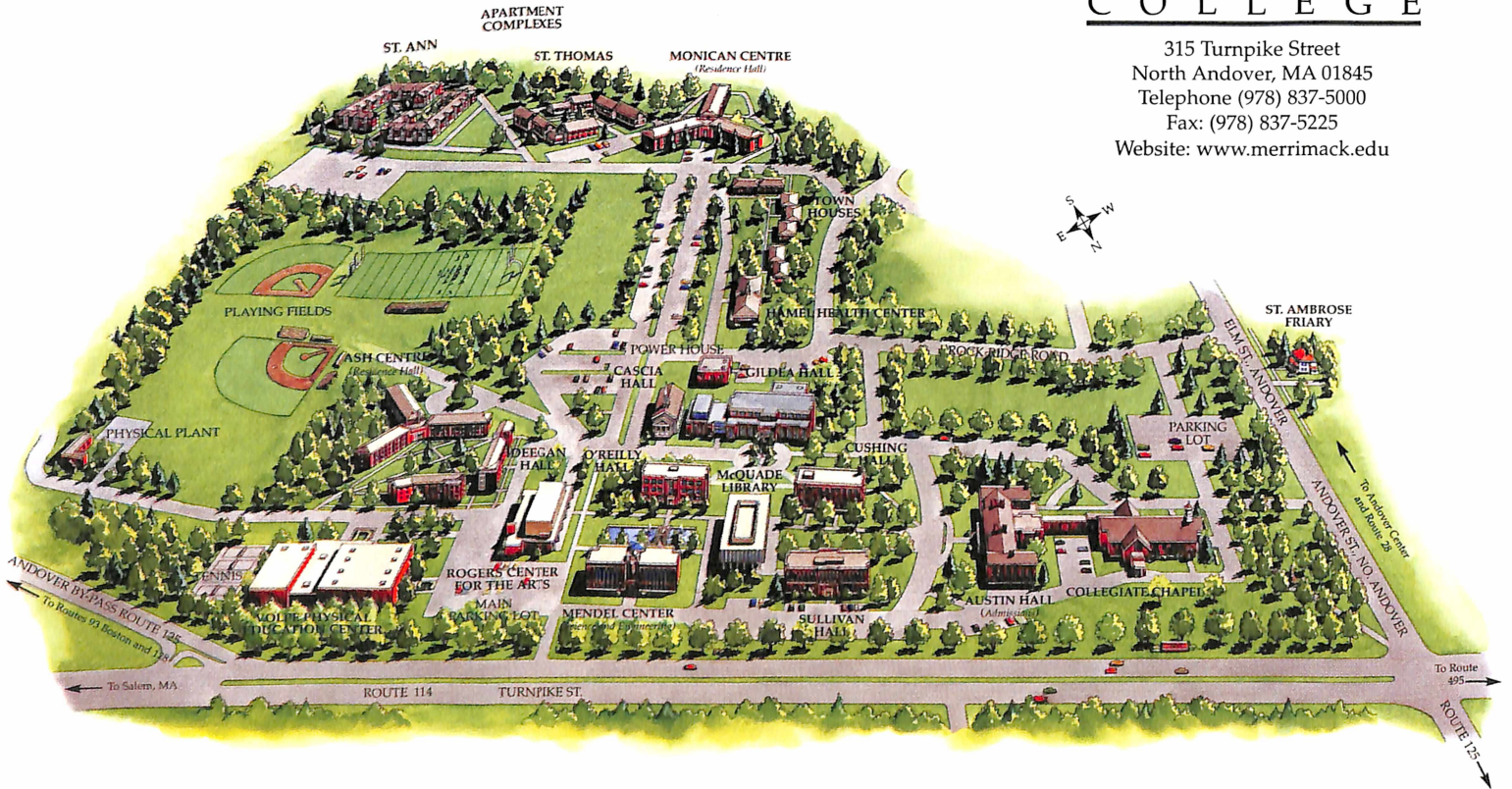
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