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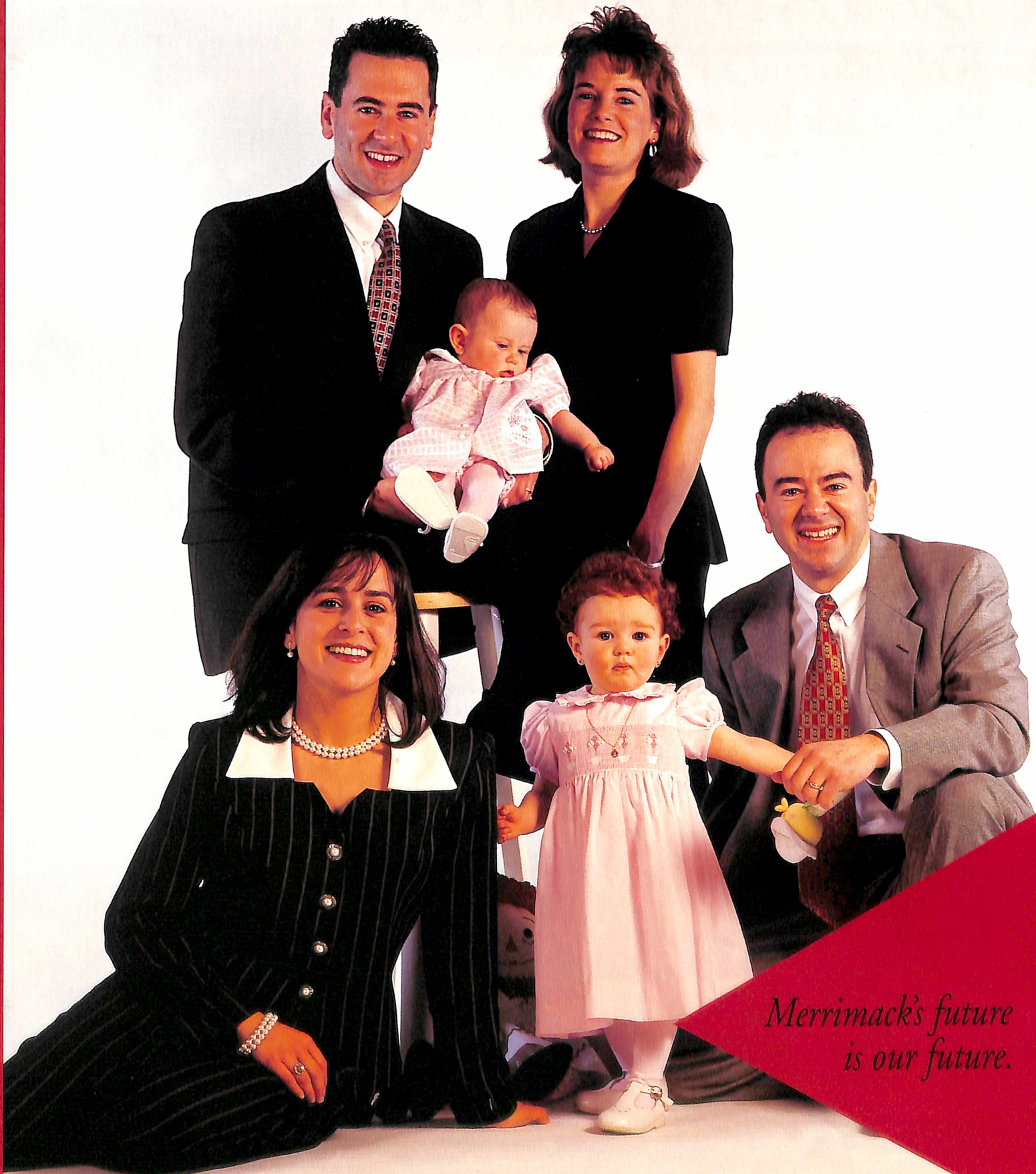
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is our future.*

# MERRIMACK

## A Mission and a Plan for Merrimack in the New Millennium

Growth and change metaphors are inevitable when it's spring in New England. The changes that take place in the soil and in the air evidence the hand of God, and offer tremendous insight into the human condition.

Hippo was far from New England, but even Saint Augustine said his piece on the quiet sacraments of spring.

*"Really, is there any more marvelous sight, any occasion when human reason is nearer to some sort of converse with the nature of things, than the sowing of seeds, the planting of cuttings, the transplanting of shrubs, and the grafting of slips?"*

*"It is as though you could question the vital force in each root and bud on what it can do, and what it cannot do, and why."*

*The Literal Meaning of Genesis 8,8*

Change and growth are part of the divine plan.

The mission of Merrimack College, initiated and nurtured for nearly a half-century by the Augustinian friars, remains nearly unchanged: providing, in a values-sensitive environment, the opportunity for students to develop a mature intellectual, cultural, social, emotional, and moral awareness and combining professional training of high quality with a commitment to the liberal arts.

Those words are drawn from the Mission Statement that guides Merrimack today. While our mission has remained the same, our world by its nature is ever-changing.

Today, a student at Merrimack needs more than an armload of books, pencils, paper, and maybe a slide rule. Computers are in the residence halls, in the library, and in the classrooms.

Today, our students, half of whom are women, are predominantly 18 to 22 and single. Gone are the returning G.I.s,

their wives and families. Over 70 percent of our students live on campus. They hail from 29 states and 25 foreign countries.

Merrimack graduates face an increasingly competitive job market, and an increasingly complicated world. Their education must provide them with job skills, life skills, and the philosophical and moral underpinnings of wisdom.

Today's students are savvy and demanding consumers. Gone are the days when providing a good education at a reasonable price, not too far from home, were enough to entice quality students. Today's students demand a high-quality education, an extracurricular schedule crowded with events, and a professional placement program with a record of achievement.

Modern facilities, cutting-edge technology, and homey residence halls also rate their attention.

In this issue of *Merrimack*, you'll see that Merrimack meets and even exceeds these requirements.

As we face the next millennium, Merrimack has a plan, a Strategic Plan which takes into account our rich history as a Catholic and Augustinian college.

With that history as its foundation, the plan is guiding Merrimack on its way to becoming a pre-eminent small Catholic college.

The plan is, in fact, already bearing fruit. Admission applications are arriving in greater numbers than ever before. More and more creative uses of information technology are becoming commonplace on campus. And the success our most recent class of graduates had in establishing careers was unprecedented.



David Oxtun photo

Richard J. Santagati

In some ways, the reason students choose Merrimack hasn't really changed over the many decades. Stated simply, at Merrimack, a student receives an education as good or better than he or she could receive anywhere else. But at Merrimack, a student is a whole person, a mind and a heart.

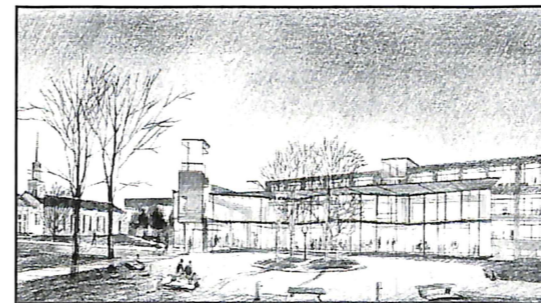
Our Augustinian heritage has a lot to do with why students choose our college, as well. A student isn't likely to get lost in the crowd here. The value Augustine placed on community and hospitality is ingrained in everything we do at Merrimack.

You, the graduates of Merrimack College, are an important piece of the plan for Merrimack's future. Your support and encouragement of our efforts make all the difference.

Working together, we can ensure that Merrimack's future is the best it can possibly be.



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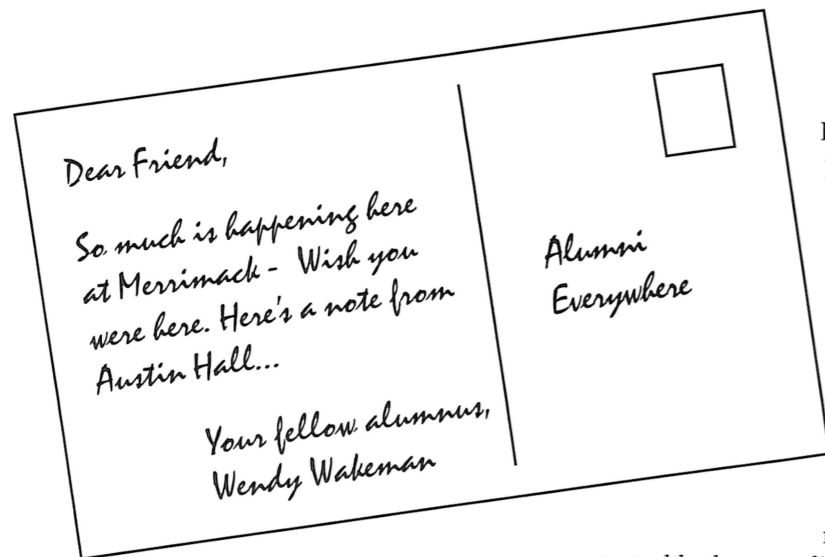
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Recently, a headline on the front page of the *Eagle-Tribune* (Lawrence, Mass.) read, "Merrimack Grows Up." Well said. So much has happened to our college, born in a farm field in suburban Boston just 50 years ago. From the start, Merrimack has been noted for its quality. That hasn't changed, but so much else has.

Today's Merrimack is mature, sophisticated, and eager

to tackle the complicated issues of contemporary society. In this issue of *Merrimack* magazine, we focus on the achievements we've made and our plans for the future. As part of the Merrimack family, I know you'll be as proud of the college's success, and as energized by its future plans, as I am.

And we are family, aren't we? Over the years, we've celebrated together Merrimack's many accomplishments and sometimes felt her growing pains as well.

Every family has its stories: a collective memory of days gone by and the legendary characters who came before us. Retelling these stories strengthens our bond. They remind us of our values and of those to whom we are indebted for creating our little world.

My favorite character is Father McQuade, first president of the college. His stubborn determination pulled and prodded the college through its infancy. His faithful diligence, often persisting in the face of substantial obstacles, inspires me.

I also like to hear about the early days of the campus itself. Operating a college with little more than an old house, a cinderblock building, and a Quonset hut shows the pioneering spirit of our founders. Who would have thought from that makeshift gymnasium would come the nationally recognized athletic program we have today?

The little college planted in a farm field has come so far. And yet, we cannot rest.

A new generation of students needs the kind of education Merrimack provides: a quality education dedicated to educating not only the minds of young adults, but also nourishing their souls.

In everything Merrimack does, that next generation of students is always the focus. After all, covergirls Kristin and Luisa Boyle are very precious to us.

Kristen, shown with parents Tom and Paula (O'Brien) Boyle, both 1987 graduates, and Luisa, front and center with parents Leti (Ruiz) and Matt Boyle, both class of 1988, are Merrimack's future.

As you may have surmised, Matt and Tom are brothers. Both couples met as Merrimack students; both couples accepted the sacrament of marriage at the Collegiate Church of Christ the Teacher; and they've served admirably on alumni boards and committees in the years since they've graduated.

The Boyles illustrate an important principle underlying Merrimack's strategic plan: Ultimately, Merrimack College has very little to do with bricks and mortar, or even cinderblocks, and everything to do with the community of learning, and indeed even loving, created here.

### Bruce Baker Appointed V.P. for Student Life

Dr. **Bruce Baker** has been appointed vice president of Student Life. Baker brings more than twenty years of student life management experience to the position.

Previously, Baker was dean of Student Development, responsible for directing many of the programs within Student Life. Before coming to Merrimack in 1983, Baker served at Bentley College as director of Student Activities.

He earned a Ph.D. in Higher Education Administration from Boston College, an M.S. degree from Northeastern University, and a B.S. degree from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. He lives in North Andover, where he was recently elected to the school committee.

### Other Appointments

Three administrative appointments, aimed at furthering progress on the college's planning initiatives, have been announced. **Linda Murphy** has joined the college as assistant to the president; **Maureen Lanigan** has been promoted to managing director of the Rogers Center for the Arts and Special Events; and **Richard Reming** has been promoted to director of the Friends of Merrimack and Community Relations.

As assistant to the president, Murphy will be responsible for providing executive-level support to the President and members of the President's Cabinet. Murphy will coordinate aspects of accreditation visits and reports and the orientation of new members of the community, supervise the Rogers Center and Special Events, and coordinate special projects.

Previously, Murphy served as Assistant to the Dean of the College and Director of Judicial Programs at Colgate University, where she chaired both the commencement committee and the NCAA compliance committee. She also supervised the Campus Safety Department and served as a liaison for technology-related issues for staff and faculty.



Linda Murphy

She has held a variety of other college administrative posts, including Assistant Director of Resident Life at Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

She is a Ph.D. candidate in College Student Personnel Administration at the University of Maryland, where her doctoral work has focused on race and gender issues in higher education. She received a master of arts in Student Personnel Services from the Indiana University of Pennsylvania and a bachelor's degree in Human Development from Pennsylvania State University.

Maureen Lanigan previously served the college as director of Fundraising Events and executive director of the Friends of Merrimack. In her new position, managing director of the Rogers Center and Special Events, Lanigan will manage operations of the new arts facility and plan campus-wide events such as building dedications and academic ceremonies.



Maureen Lanigan, managing director of the Rogers Center

Since joining the college in 1981, Lanigan has held a number of positions, including director of research, records and stewardship and director of scholarship development.

Richard Reming has served as the college's manager of conference and events since 1995. Previously, he was a facility manager for Wang Labs and Winthrop Management. He is a former alderman of the City of Lawrence.

### Campus Happenings....

Dr. **Jack P. Calareso**, vice president for Academic Affairs, has been appointed president of Briar Cliff College in Sioux City, Iowa. He has served at Merrimack since July of 1996... Jazz Vocalist **Titilayo Ngwenya** performed in Cascia Hall as part of Black History Month ...

The first Dennis L. McLaughlin Memorial Lecture was delivered by Dr. **Thomas Sullivan '85**. Sullivan spoke on Tourette's Syndrome....

Peace and Justice Week was observed with appearances by authors Dr. **Freda ReBELsky** and Dr. **Jack Levin**....

Economist **Betsy Leondar-Wright** and best-selling author **Patricia Powell** were featured speakers during National Women's History Month....

**Rev. Raymond Ryan, O.S.A.**, delivered the annual City of God Lecture...

The On-Stagers presented the British comedy "Where's Charley?"....

The work of sculptor **Michael Updike** was featured at the McQuade Library Art Gallery....

Lawrence Heritage State Park hosted an exhibit of the photography of Media Center Director **Kevin Salemm '88**....

The college hosted the 24th annual New England Undergraduate Research Conference in Sociology.

Other schools participating included Smith College, Williams College, Simmons College, The University of Massachusetts at Lowell, Salem State College, Assumption College, and St. Anselm College....

The Oxford University journal *Literature and Theology* has accepted an article, "The Wide Bosom of the Sea as a Place of Death: Reflections on Maternal and Sacrificial Imagery in Iliad 21," by Dr. **Margo Kitts**, assistant professor of Religious Studies.



The photo above shows Professor St. Germain with a reproduction of his favorite Winslow Homer painting, given to him by one of his many devoted students.

### College Mourns Loss of "The Saint"

When beloved Professor **James St. Germain** died February 15, the Merrimack community mourned (see Obituaries, page 23). His longtime colleague and friend Dr. **John Warren**, professor of philosophy, delivered the following tribute at his funeral.

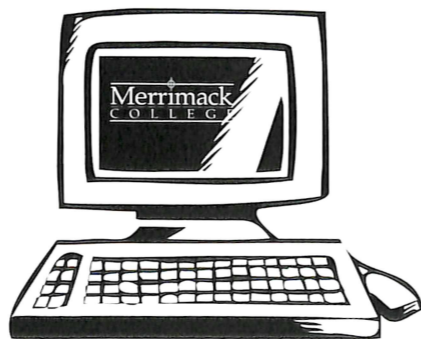
"...It is not easy to tell exactly what it is that separates the outstanding teacher, which Jim clearly was, from the rest of us. But I can say some things about Jim. He had both a thorough grasp of, and an unbridled enthusiasm for, his subject matter, and his enthusiasm infected his students. He wanted his students to become the best that they could be and he told them so, and then prodded and urged and cajoled and scolded and praised, whatever it took to get them to put forth their best effort. He especially wanted to instill in them good habits of reading and writing, so he piled on the reading and writing assignments. He knew, and they later found out and thanked him for it, that these habits would serve them well throughout life. He was friendly and approachable and a good storyteller. He told lots of stories which not only illustrated points at issue but made class interesting. Jim was not only a good teacher, he was more importantly a good person and his students sensed that; he had a genuine concern for their welfare in every aspect of their lives, and they sensed that too. He extended himself for his students; they knew it and appreciated it. One way in which he extended himself was in the amount of time and effort he spent helping them get into good graduate schools. I shared an office with him for many years and witnessed the effort he put into writing letters of recommendation. He labored over them, writing and rewriting and rewriting again, until he was satisfied. He was seeking perfection in those letters because he knew how important they were for his students. It was not by accident that so many of his students got into prestigious graduate schools, just as it was not by accident that they were well prepared to achieve the success they had in their graduate work...."

Memorial contributions may be made to either the St. Germain Memorial Fund to support the Political Science Department, or to the St. Germain Award Fund, to underwrite the prize for the first-ranked student in continuing education. Contributions can be sent to Merrimack College, Office of Institutional Advancement, Attn: Robin Good, Box A8, 315 Turnpike Street, North Andover, MA 01845.

### Class of '99 Fares Well in Job Search

Merrimack seniors made a strong start in their job searches this year. After the first month of the semester, many had already accepted offers, and the annual salary average was over \$34,000. Last year at the same time, that average was just \$30,500.

Accounting and Finance majors were being offered an average of \$32,400; Civil Engineering graduates \$42,900. Among the companies that hired Merrimack graduates are Arthur Andersen, Deloitte and Touche, PricewaterhouseCoopers, Tonneson Company, Liberty Mutual, Investors Bank and Trust, Sullivan Bille, Fidelity Investments, The Boston Company, Shatswell Maclead, Bannockburn Capital, Smith and Nephew, Putnam Investments, The Mitre Corporation, Vanesse Hangen Brustlin, and Modern Continental.



### Web News

More than 8000 people visit Merrimack's web site each month. Drop by at [www.merrimack.edu](http://www.merrimack.edu). While you're there, register on our Alumni Registry. It's a great way to keep in touch with the college and old friends.

The capital campaign video, *Awakening Minds and Hearts*, is available for viewing on line, too, through the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities in Massachusetts. The address is [www.massmentor.edu/campustour](http://www.massmentor.edu/campustour).



Maura Shaughnessy '99 and Vicki Glebus '99 traveled to Our Lady of Grace parish in Reserve, La., as part of this year's Alternative Spring Break. More than 110 students divided into seven groups and traveled to Santo Domingo; the Bronx; Philadelphia; Bessamer and Mobile, Ala.; Reserve, La.; and Pascagoula, Miss. Before they left, students were commissioned at a special Mass celebrated by Bernard Cardinal Law of the Archdiocese of Boston. As campus minister Rev. Joseph Farrell, O.S.A., has been heard to say: Pretty soon, the service spring break will be the norm, and Cancun will be alternative.

### Education Department Receives Endowment

**Joe and Nancy Traina** recently awarded \$6,000 to the Education Department to fund an award for the top-ranking student from the Greater Lawrence area. Mrs. Traina was the secretary in the Physics Department from 1968 to 1978; she and her husband are the grandparents of **Jason Toomey '98**.

### Communication Studies Major Begins This Fall

The first students in the newest major, Communication Studies, will be enrolled this fall.

An interdisciplinary major, the Communication Studies program will develop trained professionals with a solid liberal arts foundation who are prepared intellectually and ethically to address the communication issues of contemporary society.

Dr. **Harry Wessel**, associate professor and chair of the Political Science Department, will serve as the program's director.

### Civil Engineering Students Tackle Town Traffic

Students enrolled in Transportation Engineering with **Assistant Professor Monica Snow** are playing in traffic. As part of a semester-long project, a group of students analyzed the traffic pattern in Old North Andover Center. The students, **Dave Lachance '99**, **Steve Pouliot '01**, and **Peter Volpe '00**, then presented the first half of their project to classmates, as well as to members of the town's Old Village Traffic Committee.

Analysis of the Town Center's traffic problem required that the students first obtain some critical data. Merrimack students worked closely with the North Andover Police Department to obtain accurate counts on the number of cars traveling the area at various times of the day as well as recent accident statistics. Students then had to photograph the various intersections in the Center and take note of all existing traffic controls such as road striping, traffic lights, islands, and guardrails.

As part of the second half of the project, these students will create a conceptual design with sophisticated software to map out a more effective traffic pattern for the center. They'll also work closely with a consultant hired by the Stevens Foundations of North Andover to develop solutions.

"A project like this has real-world application with tangible results," Snow said. "It's easy to get the students excited about it."

In addition to their work with the Police Department, the students attended various public meetings to hear discussions on the proposed redesign of traffic through the center. "It's been a great experience for the students to learn that working on a project often means collaborating with various constituencies," Snow said.

Other students in the class worked on mapping out plans aimed at improving traffic flow on the Merrimack campus.

# SAINT AUGUSTINE and Political Theology

by Rev. Michael J. Scanlon O.S.A.

This world of ours, this here-and-now is no rose garden, Saint Augustine tells us, but maybe we can fashion it with fewer thorns.

Thus, in "The City of God," he bids us to work together for the common good in a constantly changing world, and while we can never achieve the perfect society we can make things better.

While Augustine believed that "the ultimate good" cannot be found in this life, he held that Christians agree with the Greek philosophers that the life of virtue should be a life in society, even though there are enormous drawbacks in social living. There are misunderstandings, disloyalties, and cooling of affections in marriage, in the family, in friendship, and in all social relationships. In the broader realm of society — in the "Earthly City" as opposed to the "City of God" — there are legal battles, civil and criminal (with the frequent injustice of legal procedures and the



God's two chief commandments, love of God and love of neighbor, should order all our relationships. We are not wrong

makes Augustine a major figure in the history of political philosophy. He portrays an ideal vision of what social life can be when the bonds that unite people are love of God and love of neighbor. For instance, in light of the contemporary socio-political value of diversity, the following lines are worth quoting:

*"So long then, as the heavenly City is wayfaring on earth, she invites citizens from all nations and all tongues, and unites them into a single pilgrim band. She takes no issue with that diversity of customs, laws, and traditions whereby human peace is sought and maintained. Instead of nullifying or tearing down, she preserves and appropriates whatever in the diversities of diverse races is aimed at one and the same objective of human peace, provided only that they do not stand in the way of the faith and worship of the one supreme and true God."*  
(*The City of God*, XIX, 17)

in loving ourselves as long as we love God, and loving God requires us to love our neighbor. Regarding love of neighbor, the ideal is mutual love, mutual assistance. It seems that Augustine would have "love" rather than "justice" the bonding ideal of the social order. To the extent that this ideal can be realized, the City of God would have a most beneficial effect on society.

It is most important to note that the focus of Augustine's use of the notion of the City of God is not on its heavenly fulfillment but on its "wayfaring on earth." It is this emphasis on the historical pilgrimage of the City of God that

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terrible use of torture), and the bloody horrors of war. Augustine praises friendship as our great consolation. But death robs us of our friends. Nothing is permanent here below. If there is nothing beyond this life, then happiness, which is the ultimate human goal, is impossible.

But even though human life on earth is precarious, Augustine recognizes "temporal goods" as being "goods." Everything depends on how they are used. While in the "Earthly City" goods are used for the enjoyment of earthly peace, in the City of God they are used for the enjoyment of eternal peace.

Love of neighbor can, even now, promote this ideal of a unified humanity which celebrates diversity within the bond of mutual love — how attractive for us today in the "global village!" Augustine insists that there ought to be common cause between the Heavenly City and the Earthly City on what concerns our purely human living. Citizens of both cities must obey the civil law governing details of our common human life. While the City of God cannot share with the earthly city a common religious legislation, she is bound to share with the latter a common commitment to the pursuit of those political structures that provide the "temporal goods" required by all. The Heavenly City while wayfaring on earth "not only makes use of earthly peace but fosters and actively pursues along with other human beings a common platform in regard to all that concerns our purely human life and does not interfere with faith and worship" (*The City of God*, XIX, 17).

Throughout his "political theology" Augustine's favorite metaphor for the citizens of the City of God is "pilgrims." These people of faith and hope are pilgrims, wayfarers, wanderers — they are "on the way" to the ultimate City of eternal bliss. Thus does Augustine "redeem" what seems to be our worst enemy, time, the perpetual loss of whatever goods we achieve. Time can become the way, the path to eternity. While he is seriously committed to active participation in political life, Augustine never makes this life an absolute. The life to come makes all earthly goods and values relative. He promotes peace on earth even though this peace "is more like a solace for unhappiness than the joy of beatitude."

This Augustinian approach to politics is a superb illustration of what might be called a therapeutic relation between religion and politics. Religion affirms a positive approach to politics, but it provides a distance between the two in which religion can provide a

## Further Reading

For those interested in reading more about Augustine of Hippo, Dr. Joseph T. Kelley, vice president for mission effectiveness and director of Merrimack's Center for the Study of Augustinian Study and Legacy, offers the following suggestions.

Rev. Tarcisius van Bavel, O.S.A., a Dutch Augustinian, provides a very readable and reliable introduction to the life and writings of St. Augustine, and to the Augustinian Order, in the short, beautifully illustrated *Augustine*, Editions du Signe, 1996.

The two classic biographies of Augustine are Gerald Bonner's *St. Augustine: Life and Controversies*, Norwich, London, 1963, 1986, and Peter Brown's *Augustine of Hippo*, University of California Press, Berkeley, 1967.

The newest, and many critics say the best yet, English translation of *Augustine's Confessions* is by Sister Maria Boulding, O.S.B., a Benedictine nun of Stanbrook Abbey in England (New City Press, New York, 1997).

For studies of the Rule of Augustine, its origins and history, see Rev. George Lawless, O.S.A., *Augustine of Hippo and His Monastic Rule*, Clarendon Press, Oxford, 1987. Father Lawless taught at Merrimack in the late 1960s and early 1970s. Also on the Rule is the very scholarly text by the German Augustinian Rev. Adolar Zumkeller, O.S.A., *Augustine's Ideal of the Religious Life*, Fordham University Press, New York, 1986.

Rev. John Rotelle, O.S.A., edited a valuable text on *Augustinian Spirituality and the Charism of the Augustinians*, Augustinian Press, Villanova, 1995.

Adolar Zumkeller, O.S.A., provides the most complete study of the medieval Augustinian school in his *Theology and History of the Augustinian School in the Middle Ages*, Augustinian Press, 1996. It is a collection of his very thorough studies on the topic over many years.

Tarcisius van Bavel, O.S.A., *Augustine's Option for the Poor: Preaching and Praxis*, Pubblicazioni Agostiniane, Roma, 1992 provides wonderful insights into this aspect of Augustine's ministry as a bishop.

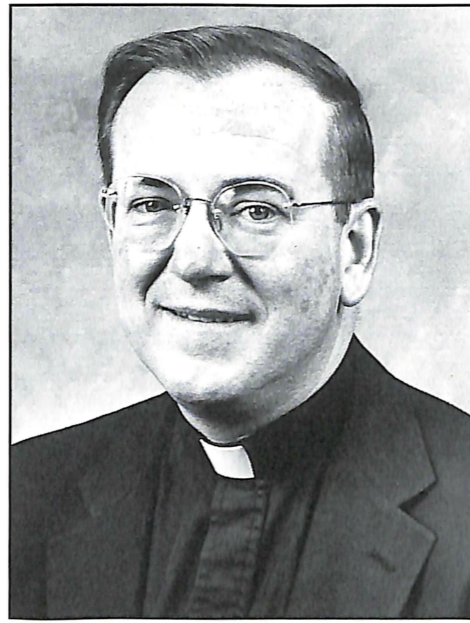
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"countercultural" critique of politics. In "The City of God," Augustine rules out both secular political pretensions of having reached the ultimate in political philosophy and any form of theocracy (government by religious authority — in this case, Christian) here on earth. It seems that Augustine offers a form of "political realism" to all religions, through all time.

Augustine's political theology was quite different from that of some of his Christian predecessors.

The major political event that had evoked political theologies from these predecessors was the recognition of the Church by the Emperor Constantine in the Edict of Milan in 313. By the year 380 the Roman Empire had become the "Christian Empire" of the Emperor Theodosius, whose Edict of Thessalonika demanded confession of the Christian faith by all who desired public stature in the state. In response to this political "surprise" came the political theology of Eusebius of Caesarea in the East and that of Ambrose of Milan in the West, an enthusiastic optimism known as "Imperial theology."

For both Eusebius and Ambrose, the Constantinian peace meant that the "tempora christiana" ("Christian times") had begun; God gave the Roman Empire to Christians as He had once



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ultimate consummation in the Kingdom of God to come.

Through the influence of Ambrose, Augustine accepted this imperial theology until the sack of Rome in 410 rendered it implausible. The pagans then claimed that the Roman Empire had been weakened by its acceptance of the Christian God and that the Romans should return to their own gods who had always stood by the

Empire. This was the occasion for Augustine's writing his monumental "The City of God," in which he refuted this pagan charge.

In "The City of God" Augustine

rejected imperial theology. He maintained that God's designs of redemption and salvation did not include an earthly Christian society as a prelude to the final arrival of God's Kingdom at the end of history.

According to many of his interpreters, Augustine rejected any notion of history advancing toward a higher stage as part of God's plan. They hold that Augustine taught that Christian hope was only for life eternal for those who converted from love of self to love of God. Accordingly, Augustine individualized, spiritualized, and supernaturalized Christian hope by regarding ongoing history as worthwhile only because it provided the occasion for individuals to undergo the redemptive possibilities of conversion because of the presence of the Spirit of Christ. Thus, for these interpreters, Augustine is interested only in eternity as the fulfillment of human hope.

As we have seen, this interpretation must be modified. The City of God is now a pilgrim people working together to make a better world. While eternal life is our ultimate hope, this eternity will bring our historical efforts in service of justice to fulfillment in the Heavenly City. Only God knows how.

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given the land of Canaan to the Israelites. It seemed that the fulfillment of the divine promise of salvation through Christ included the construction of a Christian society on earth before its

## Sporting news from Warriors teams

by Tom Caraccioli

### Winter Wrapup

#### Caron Leads Merrimack Men to ECAC Title

Senior captain Jeff Caron led the Warrior basketball team to a 22-7 record and its second consecutive Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference (ECAC) championship. Caron scored 21 points, leading the Warriors from a 17-point deficit in the second half of the championship game, and was named the tournament's Most Outstanding Player.

Caron was a vital cog in the smooth-running Warrior basketball machine this season, but he wasn't the only one. Juniors Matt Gibson, Reggie Carter, Shawn Brown, and Brian Johnson also had stellar seasons.

Johnson, who was leading the NE-10 in scoring, became another casualty on an injury-plagued team. In fact, Head Coach Bert Hammel had only nine players nearly the entire second half of the season.

Gibson, Carter, and Brown were NE-10 statistical leaders all season long. Gibson led the Warriors in scoring with 15 points per game, and Carter finished the season with 12 games in which he recorded double-figures in both points and rebounds. Carter averaged 13.7 points per game and was named an All-ECAC forward. Brown led the country in assists for most of the season, racking up a season-high 16 versus St. Anselm. Sophomore Matt Van Leeuwen and freshman Darnel Reid formed a formi-



Senior Megan Burke was one of the top captains in Lady Warrior history.

dable pair in the backcourt at the end of the season as well. Reid garnered NE-10 Rookie of the Week honors, and Van Leeuwen powered the Warriors in the ECAC championship game with a school record-tying nine three-point field goals and 31 points.

In the end, Hammel's team threatened the school record of 23 wins and nearly gained a trip to the NCAA Regionals. "One of our goals was to win a home playoff berth in the Northeast-10," Hammel commented. "We also wanted to play consistent basketball for the entire schedule." Those two goals were met with thunder as Hammel's Warriors finished the season with its third 20-plus win season during the head coach's 18-year tenure.

The Warriors' second consecutive ECAC title salvaged the disappointment of not earning a NCAA bid, but the championship banner also left the team wanting more. Next season, when the Warriors take the floor with five seniors, the story may very well include a trip to the NAAs.

#### Lady Warriors balance youth with inexperience

The women's basketball team began its season with wins in the first two of four games, including an 18-point win over New Hampshire College and an 8-point win over Stony Brook. Senior Megan Burke was the catalyst in the early-season wins and continued to shine throughout the season. "Megan was the leader of a very young team this season and did a great job," Head Coach Debbie Cogan said. "She has been, arguably, the best captain this program has ever had."

When Northeast-10 action opened, the Lady Warriors stood tough. Home wins over St. Michael and Pace left the Lady Warriors 2-1 in conference play and 4-3 overall. "We knew it would be important to get off to a productive start even though we had so many freshmen and sophomores in the lineup," said Cogan. "Again, Megan was one of the

Al Pereira photo

## Merrimack College Hockey not just in Volpe anymore...

Thanks to Merrimack College alumnus Mike Machnik '91, men's ice hockey is played not only in the friendly confines of Volpe Center, but also in cyberspace. Mike is the webmaster of a web page on Merrimack College Hockey found at [www.tiac.net/users/machnik/MChockey/MChockey.html](http://www.tiac.net/users/machnik/MChockey/MChockey.html). Mike's site contains links to news articles, statistics, game summaries, player and staff profiles, historical information, and other hockey links. Since its inception, Mike's site has received over 21,000 hits from web surfers around the world. Web surfers can also listen to games live or archived on Broadcast.com or join in lively discussion on its message board. In addition, Mike does the color commentary for Merrimack College Hockey broadcasts heard on WCCM-AM 800.

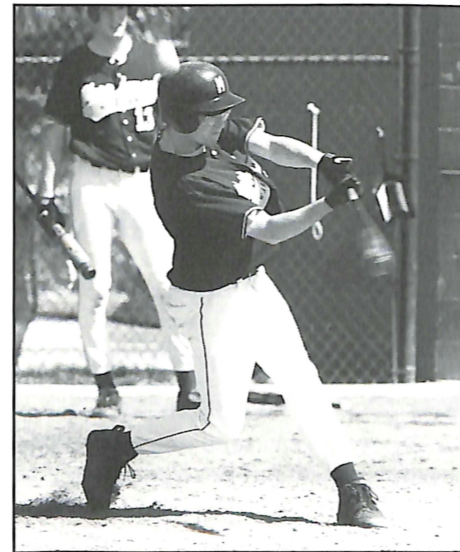
keys to our early season success." Leading into December, the Lady Warriors hit a tough stretch in which they lost four straight, and the January 9 NE-10 matchup with LeMoyne began to loom large. The Lady Warriors came through with a gritty 78-73 win over the Lady Dolphins as Christine Proctor poured in 16 points to pace the winning effort.

On January 27, the Lady Warriors stood one game out of second place in the Northeast-10 Conference with a 67-60 win over St. Anselm College. Merrimack was in the midst of a four-game winning streak and striving toward a home seed in the playoffs after more than half the schedule played. From that day on, youthful inexperience plagued the Lady Warriors.

Merrimack finished seventh in the conference and qualified for a playoff date against American International College in Springfield. "It wasn't a bad draw for us," said Cogan. "We felt confident going into the game because we played them tough in the season series."

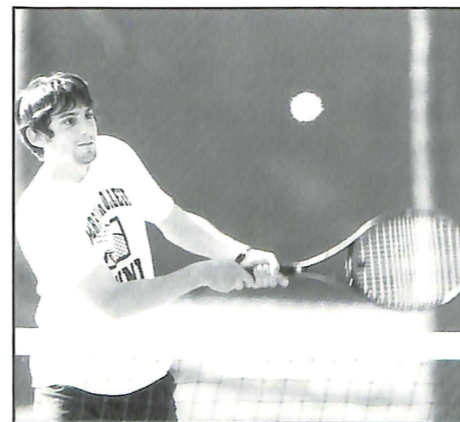
Merrimack fell behind by seven points in the first half and never could get much closer, eventually falling to the Lady Yellow Jackets.

The young Lady Warriors gained experience and even got a whiff of the lofty air near the top of the conference standings. That short and sweet smell will have to suffice until next season.



Al Pereira photo

Merrimack baseball senior captain Brian Macrina leads his Warriors teammates into action this season in hope of recapturing the Northeast-10 crown for the fifth time in six years. The Warriors championship streak was broken last season at four straight but Head Coach Barry Rosen will be counting on Macrina and fellow captain Dan MacLaughlan to help improve the Warriors 15-20-1 mark of a year ago.



Al Pereira photo

Head Coach Rick Edelmann's men's tennis team is ready to battle for NE-10 laurels behind the senior leadership of captain Joe Iafate. Iafate and his fellow Warriors are looking to improve upon last season's 9-9 mark.

## She gets it done

### Michele Myslinski '89

A simple term exists in sports when a player or coach wins without fanfare, braggadocio, or pats on the back. The term is known as "getting it done."

That's exactly what Merrimack College graduate and current softball head coach Michele Myslinski does. She gets it done.



Al Pereira photo

Getting it done in the case of the 1989 graduate means a 222-50 career record in six seasons, four Northeast-10 regular season titles, three NE-10 tournament championships, six straight trips to the NCAA Regionals, three NCAA Regional championships, three trips to the NCAA Division II Softball Championship tournament, and the 1994 NCAA Division II National Championship.

Myslinski starred for four seasons as a second baseman/pitcher for the Lady Warriors before becoming the head coach in 1993. The head coach was a two-time first team All-NE-10 player, as well as a first team All-New England recipient in her senior season.

The Lady Warriors entered the 1999 season as the top team in the Northeast Regional poll and a top 10 team in the country. The Lady Warriors, holding true to the form of the past six seasons, made a fifth trip to the College World Series.

Winning is not a birthright when it comes to championship-caliber athletics. A winning attitude is learned, nurtured and taught by someone who is willing to do whatever it takes and who knows how to win. That someone for the Lady Warrior softball program is 1989 graduate Michele Myslinski.

## Merrimack hires new women's lacrosse coach

Karen Murdoch Lahey has been hired as the school's first women's lacrosse coach. The women's lacrosse program began its inaugural season in spring 1999.

Lahey comes to Merrimack after spending several years in the high school coaching ranks, as well as the North Andover Youth Program. Lahey, a 1983 graduate of Plymouth (N.H.) State College and a two-sport athlete, spent three seasons as an assistant field hockey, basketball, and softball coach at Burlington High School. Lahey also helped organize and develop summer lacrosse programs at Camp Lockerhearn in Vermont and was instrumental in the development of the North Andover girls indoor and outdoor lacrosse program. Lahey served as the head coach during the spring of 1998.

"Karen will make an excellent addition to our staff," said Bob

DeGregorio, Merrimack's director of athletics. "Her background and enthusiasm speak for themselves, and I think those are the most important qualities to have when starting a new program."

While in college Lahey captained the women's lacrosse team and participated in the NCAA Regional tournament. Lahey was also a four-year member of the women's basketball program.

The Merrimack women's lacrosse team played a 10-game schedule this spring. Lahey lives in North Andover with husband Colin and their three children, Patrick, Bridget and Molly.



## Sign Up Today for the Tenth Annual Hackers' Golf Tournament



This year's Hackers' Tournament is at a new time and in a new location!

We'll play a best ball format Monday, October 4 at the Far Corner Golf Course in West Boxford, Mass. Organize your own foursome!

Registration is at 11 a.m., and the shotgun start is at 12:30.

Greens fees, cart, door prizes, and dinner back at Merrimack is included in the \$90 per player fee. Proceeds benefit the Athletic Department. For more information or to register, call Susan Wojtas '79, at (978) 837-5440, e-mail [swojtas@merrimack.edu](mailto:swojtas@merrimack.edu).





Frank E. Leone '61 photo

The thrill of Victory was the Warriors'; the face of the B.C. iceman at right tells the rest of the story.

### **Stringer puts Warriors on hockey map as Hobey hopeful**

For college hockey, the Hobey Baker is akin to football's Heisman Trophy. To even be considered for such a lofty and praiseworthy honor puts a student-athlete in rarified air.

In Division I college hockey, the player of the year award is the Hobey Baker Memorial Award, and this year, senior captain Rejean Stringer received national attention as a contender. Though Stringer didn't receive the Hobey Baker Award, it was the first time in the history of the program that a Warrior was a legitimate candidate throughout the season.

Stringer finished the regular season tied for fifth in scoring nationally while fellow senior and linemate Kris Porter finished the regular tied for 11th nationally in goals.

The Warriors fashioned a three-game series sweep over Northeastern and a series split with Boston University. Merrimack also had big wins over Boston College and Providence in the course of the season.

Unfortunately, one-goal games proved to be the Warriors undoing as they finished the season 3-10 in games decided by one goal. The Warriors ended their season at the hands of Hockey East regular season champions U.N.H.

## MERRIMACK COLLEGE COMES OF AGE

*If you've visited the campus since you graduated, you've noticed a few things.*

*The trees (there are trees?) are taller — everyone notices that — and there are a lot more buildings and a bridge over the pond (there's a pond?).*

*The students look so young, and their clothes aren't exactly the same as the ones you wore. For starters, baseball caps have replaced beanies. In many ways, Merrimack is different.*

*But, so are you. Your new car cost more than your first house, you don't often stay out after midnight (even on the weekends), and you aren't graded on life's tests, but you probably have failed a few of them. And passed your share too. You've grown up.*

*Merrimack has grown up too.*

*Thanks to a well-thought-out mission, Merrimack has thrived in its first half-century. Founded to serve the needs of returning G.I.s, the college has adapted over the years to serve new generations of students.*

*In this special section, you'll read about recent changes at Merrimack, and you'll learn about projects in the works. A strategic plan, developed over many months by forward-thinking people, guides the college as it continues to meet challenges and make the most of opportunities.*

*Throughout, you'll find Merrimack is ready to awaken the minds and hearts of a new generation.*



## A MISSION

The Augustinian fathers and community leaders who founded our college were prescient. Starting small, they built a fine college dedicated to providing students with both a strong liberal arts tradition and quality professional training.

Even today, the hallmark of a Merrimack education remains the same.

Several years ago, the Board of Trustees approved a Mission Statement in which the values our community has defined and embodied are codified. The Mission Statement guides us as Merrimack continues to strive for excellence.

## A VISION

Soon after President Richard J. Santagati assumed his post, work began on a Vision Statement.

The Vision Statement is our destination. From the document's many details, a picture develops that is familiar, yet sharper, somehow stronger.

The following paragraph, taken from the Vision Statement, encapsulates that vision.

"Merrimack is a pre-eminent Catholic college of the liberal arts and the professions, founded in the Augustinian tradition. As such, Merrimack is recognized as one of the leading liberal arts colleges in the country, with a low student-faculty ratio, superior academic programs and campus facilities, and a national and international reputation for excellence in higher education."

## A PLAN

To get there, Merrimack College has a roadmap for excellence.

The college's strategic plan is thirty pages of specific steps we must take to realize that vision. From developing new ways to celebrate our Augustinian heritage to constructing a state-of-the-art videoconferencing center and from obtaining national accreditation for the college's business division to increasing opportunities for faculty scholarship and

professional development, the Strategic Plan is an exhaustive account of Merrimack's next five years.

And, at the end of those five years, Merrimack will be stronger, more sophisticated, and ready to face the challenge of awakening the minds and hearts of a new generation.

Our college will be recognized as pre-eminent - we will have assumed a position of leadership in the national community of Catholic colleges.

## MISSION STATEMENT

*Merrimack College, a small, comprehensive, modern Catholic center of higher learning in the Northeast, reflects in its policies the teaching traditions of the founding Order of St. Augustine: to provide, in a Christian, values-sensitive environment, the opportunity for its students to develop a mature intellectual, cultural, social, emotional, and moral awareness; to combine professional training of high quality with a commitment to an integrated liberal arts component in all courses of study; to act as a major educational resource for individuals and for the Merrimack Valley community.*

*The college seeks qualified students of all ages and from all backgrounds who are interested in pursuing individualized education designed to foster high standards of personal development and professional achievement, as well as an appreciation of our cultural heritage and a mature sense of social responsibility.*

*Responsive to its faculty, Merrimack supports ongoing professional growth and critical inquiry. The college attempts to create a collegial atmosphere in which all members of the Merrimack College community can exercise their proper role in decisions about the conduct and future of the college.*

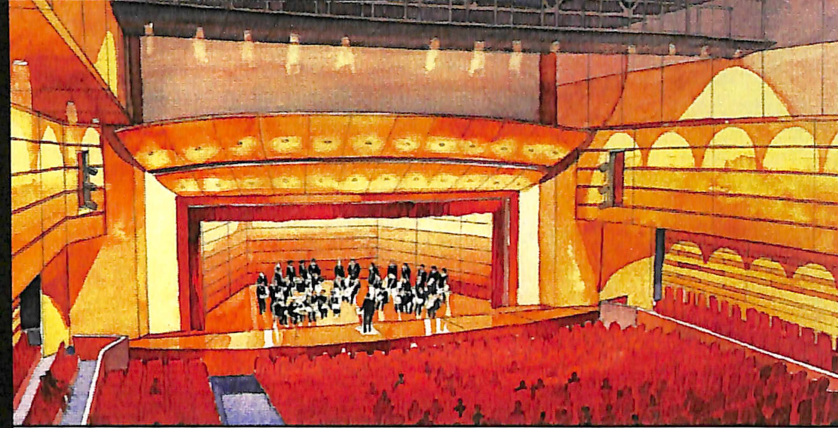
## THE STRATEGIC PLAN

Already, the college has made tremendous progress, and the road we'll travel over the next few years is mapped out. Merrimack's Strategic Plan is all-encompassing. Initiatives are grouped into five categories:

- Catholic and Augustinian Identity
- The Educational Experience
- Our Community of Students
- Merrimack and the Community at Large
- Resources, Facilities, and Administration

Within this structure are hundreds of action items. Many initiatives are bold and visible, like the new Rogers Center and building plans for a new campus center. Others, like providing full computer network access for all faculty and staff, are invisible, yet equally important to achieving our vision.

Merrimack College will be a pre-eminent Catholic college, noted nationally and internationally for the quality of our educational services.



Rogers Center



### September 29, 1947

The first class is held

### October 1948

Quonset hut gymnasium is built

### September 1949

Cushing Hall opens

## 1940's

### December 1946

Rev. Vincent A. McQuade, O.S.A., is appointed first president of Merrimack College

### June 1947

The Richardson farm is purchased, construction of Guild Hall begins

## CATHOLIC AND AUGUSTINIAN IDENTITY

Our Catholic and Augustinian heritage is what makes us different from many other colleges. The Strategic Plan strives to build upon that strength.

First and foremost is the creation of the Center for Augustinian Study and Legacy. Now in its first year of operation, the center is poised to assume its place among the handful of research institutes devoted to St. Augustine in the world.

Plans to build on Merrimack's already successful volunteerism initiatives are also in the works, as are initiatives aimed at increasing our students' exposure to the teachings of St. Augustine and making available daily liturgical celebrations.

## 1950's

### September 1950

First women begin full-time study

### June 1951

First commencement

### August 1952

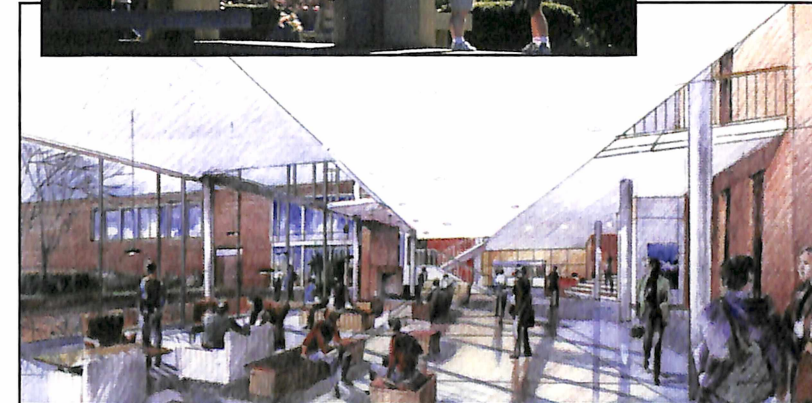
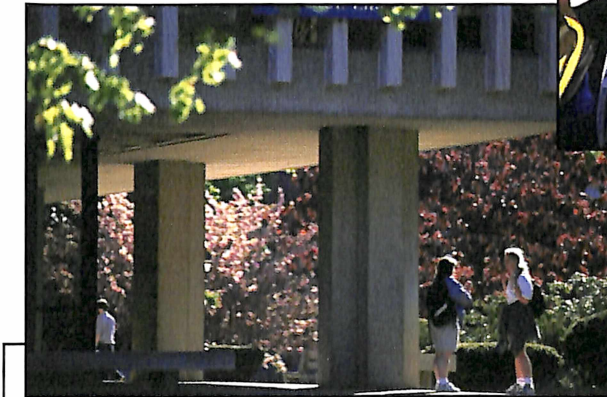
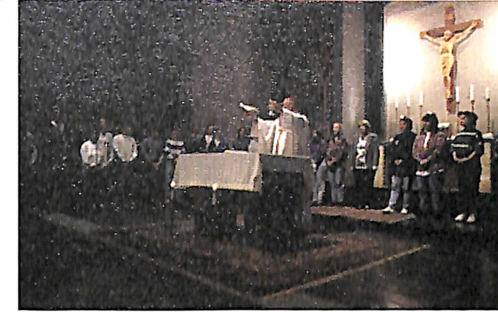
Austin Hall is completed

### April 25, 1955

Collegiate Church of Christ the Teacher dedicated

### October 1959

Tagastan (now Gildea) Hall dedicated



New Student Center

### March 1967

Varsity hockey team wins first ECAC Division II championship

### September 1967

First computer center established

### April 1968

McQuade Library dedicated

### July 1968

Rev. John R. Aherne, O.S.A., is elected second president of Merrimack College

## 1960's

### Spring 1969

First Alternative Spring Break held in Appalachia

### November 1969

Merrimack competes in NBC-TV's GE College Bowl program, winning four straight matches before losing to the University of Arkansas

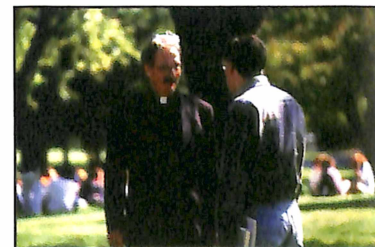
## THE EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE

Throughout the college's history, our faculty has been noted for its devotion to serving the needs of students. To serve the next generation, Merrimack must continue to put students' needs first while nurturing a faculty dedicated to that tradition.



Among the initiatives:

- Increasing opportunities for faculty scholarship and professional development
- Establishing a Teaching and Learning Center
- Developing a program in Environmental Studies
- Promoting excellence in reading and writing throughout the curriculum
- Developing honor programs for superior students
- Increasing the quality and number of co-curricular activities
- Constructing a new campus center
- Expanding laboratory space
- Incorporating the most advanced teaching and learning technology available



### June 1976

Rev. John A. Coughlan, O.S.A., Ph.D., elected third president of Merrimack

### March 1978

Men's basketball reaches NCAA Regionals

## 1970's

### 1980

Interdisciplinary studies course for freshmen is offered through \$50,000 pilot project grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities

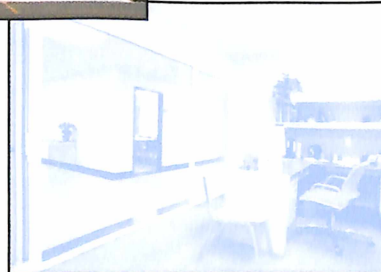
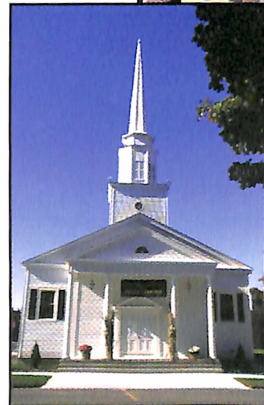
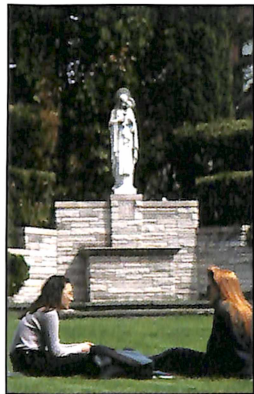
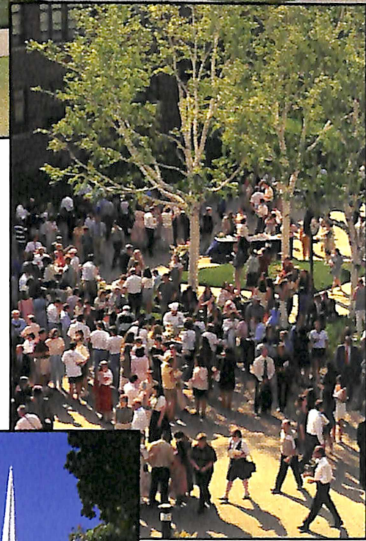
### March 1981

Rev. John E. Deegan, O.S.A., Ph.D., is elected fourth president of Merrimack

## 1980's



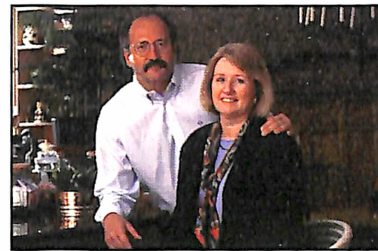
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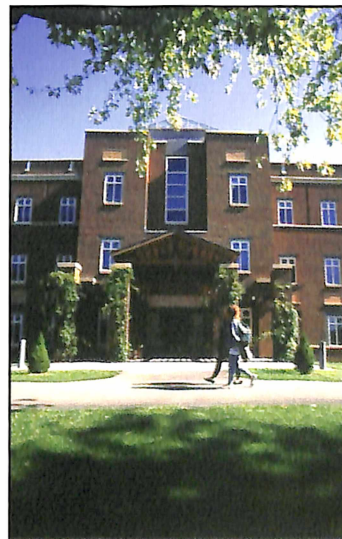
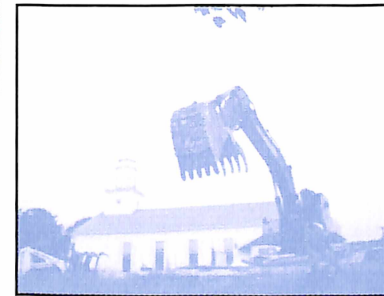
## OUR COMMUNITY OF STUDENTS

*In order to sustain a rich and dynamic community of students, Merrimack will continue to improve the academic quality of entering students, expand the geographical and cultural diversity of the student population, and increase the quality of the resident life experience for students.*

*Strategies are in place to increase the combined SAT scores, grade point average, and class rank of first-year students. And, once matriculated, those students will benefit from new programs to help them make the transition to college easier.*



Dan '70 and Linda (Fletcher) '71 Ciejek establish first endowed chair



### October 1995

Richard J. Santagati inaugurated; he becomes the first lay president of Merrimack

### September 1996

Full-time day-student enrollment numbers 2010

Cascia Hall opens

Merrimack receives two pledges of more than a million dollars each, one of which is important not only for its magnitude but also its restriction to direct financial aid and a new program for merit scholarships

## MERRIMACK AND THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE

*In the next few years, Merrimack plans to increase its presence in the world beyond the tree-lined campus. Through partnerships with community action organizations, intellectual and entertainment opportunities on campus, and our extensive alumni network, the college will be an active participant in community life.*

*At the same time, we will have the opportunity to communicate our values and our mission to the outside world. A comprehensive marketing strategy will guide our efforts.*



New Campus Center



## RESOURCES, FACILITIES, AND ADMINISTRATION

*The \$25 million capital campaign, well under way, is the foundation for the successful accomplishment of the Vision.*

*Increasing the endowment, expanding the Merrimack Fund, and securing private funding for specific initiatives are just a small part of the college's plans to decrease dependency on tuition revenue. This will allow Merrimack to remain a good value for our students.*

*Also addressed within this section of the strategic plan are hiring policies, budgetary improvements, and increasing collaboration and cooperation among the many college constituencies.*



McCoy Gallery



### September 1998

Rev. John E. Deegan, O.S.A., Residence Hall opens for first-year students

Master of education is offered

### October 1998

Ground is broken for the Rogers Center for the Arts

### May 1999

Eight gifts of more than \$1 million committed to the Merrimack Campaign; more than 90% of the campaign's \$25 million goal has been raised with 18 months remaining

### July 1999

Design for Volpe expansion and renovation progresses

### October 1999

Rogers Center opens

### November 1999

Ground breaks for new campus center

### Spring 2001

Campus center opens

## 1990's

### February 1991

Student newspaper changes name from Warrior to Argus

### Fall 1991

The Gregor Mendel, O.S.A., Science, Engineering, and Technology Center opens

### April 1995

Engineering students and Dr. Francis E. Griggs Jr. work to reconstruct the Moseley Bridge, a national landmark, over a pond built between Mendel and O'Reilly

### May 1995

Baseball wins ECAC Div. II Championship

### September 1995

The first fellowship for faculty study is established

### October 1996

Varsity football plays and wins its first game

### November 1996

Jane Currier Walsh '75 elected chairman of the board; she is the first woman in college history to hold the post

### September 1997

Merrimack's interactive web site debuts

### August 1998

First named endowed chair established by Dan '70 and Linda (Fletcher) '71 Ciejek

### September 1984

Varsity status is granted to women's soccer

### September 1985

New student apartments are completed for resident students

### Fall 1985

First minor study field offered

### Summer 1987

Gildea Plaza is built

### Fall 1989

Merrimack joins Hockey East

## MERRIMACK LEADS WITH TECHNOLOGY

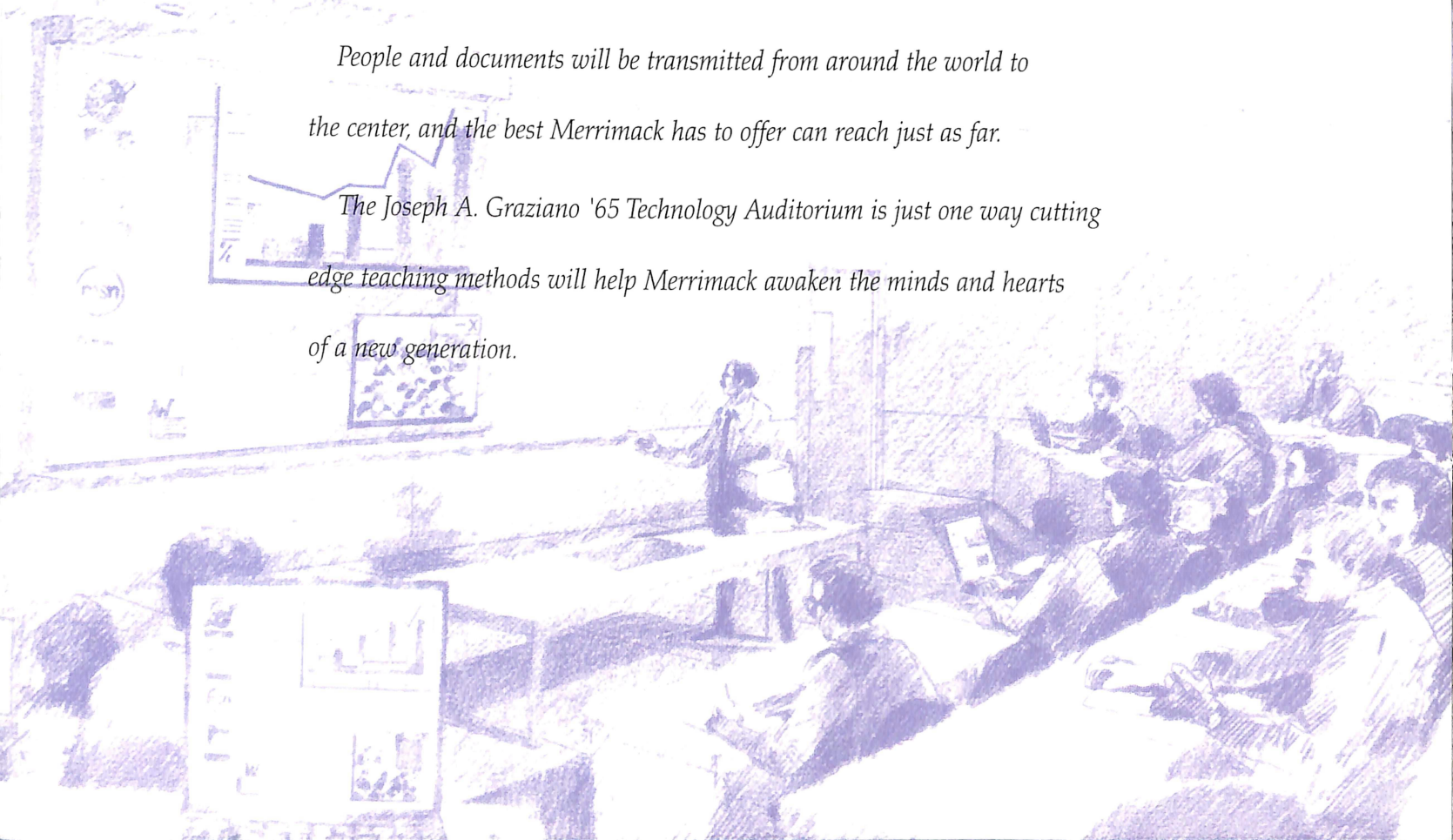
*Picture yourself in a room dominated by a bank of video monitors. In front of you is a microphone; when you speak, a discreetly-placed camera turns to you. As your amplified words fill the room, your picture appears on the monitors.*

*Nine video monitors, each with a 50 inch screen, are arranged in a 3 by 3 matrix. What's on the screens? Perhaps an expert in Augustinian philosophy from a world-class institute in Wurzburg, Germany discussing the finer points of a project with the resident scholar in our own Center for Augustinian Study and Legacy.*

*Or perhaps, a group of international business students conferencing with a similar group from Hong Kong.*

*People and documents will be transmitted from around the world to the center, and the best Merrimack has to offer can reach just as far.*

*The Joseph A. Graziano '65 Technology Auditorium is just one way cutting edge teaching methods will help Merrimack awaken the minds and hearts of a new generation.*



### M54

**Richard Cocozza** received a doctor of philosophy degree in conflict analysis and resolution from George Mason University, Fairfax, Va. He is a consultant who specializes in organization, public policy, and family conflict.



Susan Wojtas photo

*Richard Noone '53 and wife Betty were two of the guests at the Florida Alumni Event at Jack Baker's Lobster Shanty in Vero Beach.*

### M61

**Joseph Hart** was appointed a judge in the Worcester County Probate and Family Court. Hart has been an attorney for 29 years and previously practiced family law with his son, Patrick, at Hart Law Office in Marlborough. Until recently, Hart also served six years as chairman of the Central Regional Judicial Nominating Council.

### M64

You've heard of the Pied Piper, certainly. **Albert Brien** may just be Kingston, N.H.'s answer to the old fairy tale. But he enchants with a fiddle, not a pipe. Albert may have taken up the fiddle late in life, but what with practicing 20 hours a week and organizing a jam session



Susan Wojtas photo

*Paul Lyskowsky '61 brought grandson Justin Cyr along to the CEDAR holiday reception, held in Deegan Residence Hall.*

for local fiddlers, fiddling has become much more than just another hobby. In an article in the Rockingham News, Albert said, "I'm hooked. It is an obsession."

**Robert Francis Jervis** was the 1998 recipient of the Benjamin Franklin

### M65

**Michael Kavanagh** was elected to the position of Supreme Court Justice for the Third Judicial District of the state of New York. He has served as Ulster County District Attorney for 21 years. He and his wife Marilyn live in Woodstock, N.Y.

Three Merrimack Alumni met in San Francisco and spent four days touring California. **Mary Dwyer Jordan '64** was in California for the first time on a business trip. **Pat Wallace McMorrow '65** moved from New Jersey to Tucson, Arizona two years ago. Pat is married to **Jim McMorrow '62**. The third alum to meet in SF was **Fran Haniewicz Butzberger '65** who moved to Arizona 14 years ago. Fran is married to **Bob Butzberger '65**. Mary, Pat, and Fran met in 1962 when they lived in adjacent suites in Monican Center, then a women's dorm. The three have kept in touch over the years and each attended the others' weddings. After touring San Francisco, including visiting Alcatraz, the three traveled to Monterey. They drove along the coast through Big Sur country and attended Sunday Mass at Carmel Mission Basilica. Mary is a conference and training coordinator at Art Plus Technology, a financial consulting firm in Boston. Pat, Fran, and Jim are enjoying early retirement. Bob is manager of a bank in Green Valley, Ariz. Jim, Pat, Fran, and Bob live within two



Susan Wojtas photo

*Alumni Retreat Day is a favorite activity for some of our graduates. Shown above, left to right, are Mary Flynn Wilson '60; Grace (Puglisi) Bouvier '60; John Bowler; student Kevin Martin; James Ready '60; and Robert Cavanaugh '61.*

Award of the Printing and Publishing Council of New England in recognition of his monumental contributions to the printing industry.

**Daniel Leclerc** is assistant superintendent for curriculum and personnel for the Ashland, Mass. School District.



*Mary, Pat, and Fran met in Monican and ended up at Alcatraz.*

blocks of each other in Tucson, enjoying mild winters and each other's company.

### M70

**William Wood** was recently promoted to colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve. He is serving as the Emergency Preparedness Liaison Officer for the Army in Massachusetts. In the event of a natural or manmade disaster, Bill will assist with disaster mitigation. He is also the Director of Field Operations for the Massachusetts Department of Correction's Education Division and is responsible for all educational programs provided to inmates in the state prison system. He and his wife Patricia live in Worcester.

### M73

**Lenny Marshall** is Danvers' town accountant. He is also a longtime member and past president of the Danvers Touchdown Club and served as treasurer for the D.H.S. Soccer Boosters for seven years.

**Thomas Murphy** was appointed health agent for the Town of Rowley. His duties include overseeing percolation tests, inspecting septic system failures,



Susan Wojtas photo

Merrimackians gathered in Vero Beach this winter. Pictured are James Dennis '89, director of resource development; college friends Emil and Mary Camuso, parents of Gerry '72; and Bill Blakeslee, a former Merrimack staffer who has retired in Florida.

approving additions to houses, and investigating water flow issues.

**Mark Palange** is project superintendent at Modern Continental Enterprises, the residential and commercial development division of the Modern Continental Companies. His current project is transforming a former Boston public school building into luxury condominiums. He and his wife Judy live in Woonsocket, R.I., with their children Anthony and Anne.

**Maureen (Hurley) Zolubos**, Westborough High School Principal, was named Massachusetts Principal of the Year by the National Association of Secondary School Principals. She was also honored as the Metro West Woman of 1998.

## M74

**Burt Barrett** has taken a position with the King Davis Agency Partners as a Sales Associate. He and his wife Mary live in Haverhill with their children Lydia and Brienne.

**Phillip Gonet** was named General Manager of City Water, Light, and Power for Springfield, Ill., the largest municipally owned utility in the state.

**Thomas Kinton** is the director of aviation at Logan Airport. He is one of the main figures behind the

multi-billion dollar construction efforts to improve the condition of the airport.

**Mark Rumley**, Assistant City Solicitor of Medford, was ordained a deacon by Cardinal Bernard Law of Boston.

## M75

**Claudia (Miksen) Fanaras** of Bradford, Mass. has joined the Craig Realty Group, a real estate development company based in Newport Beach, Calif. The firm develops, owns, and manages upscale outlet shopping centers. As a senior executive, she will be responsible for two centers in California and another in Oregon. She will conduct business from a satellite office in Bradford.



John Obert photo

Doreen (Mullady) May '75 was one of the guests at the Columbia, Maryland Alumni Reception in April.

## M76

Lt. **Gene Kee**, an 18-year veteran of law enforcement, became a commissioned officer in the Massachusetts State Police upon his promotion to the rank of lieutenant. Lt. Kee is assigned to the Division of Investigation and Intelligence at the F.B.I. in Boston. He and his wife Ellen live in Tewksbury with their children Brian and Maura.

**William Pillsbury Jr.** has been appointed by the Haverhill City Council as Director of Planning and Grants Coordinator.

## M78

**Eugene Nigrelli**, town accountant



Susan Wojtas photo

Former roommates **Hugh McKenzie**, **Marty Riley**, and **Bob Carmichael**, all class of 1978, met up at the annual Boston Alumni Reception.

in Swampscott, has completed the requirements of the Design and Construction Contracting certification seminar in the Massachusetts Certified Public Purchasing Official program.

## M79

**Tom Davis** is the president and general manager of the Western Massachusetts Radio Company, operator of stations WRNX-FM and WTTT-AM. He began planning for his own station while managing the Merrimack College station as a student.

**Karen King** was a semi-finalist in the popcorn category for Newman's Own/Good House-keeping Recipe Contest for charity. The charity of her choice was the

Domestic Violence Program of United Services which is one of the programs she manages. Karen is division director of Child and Family Services of Dayville, Conn. She lives in Worcester with her husband James Flynn and their son Nathaniel. The charity received a \$5000 award from Newman's Own.

Here's the Recipe:

### Nathaniel's Jumble

6 T margarine or butter, melted  
1 cup creamy peanut butter  
2 1/4 cups sifted confectioners' sugar  
4 cups popped Newman's Own Natural Flavor Microwave Popcorn  
1/2 cup regular M&Ms  
4 oz. semisweet chocolate, melted  
1/3 cup caramel ice cream syrup

*Layer one:* Combine melted margarine or butter and peanut butter in a large mixing bowl. With mixer at low speed, beat in confectioners' sugar about 1/2 cup at a time, mixing well. Once these ingredients are mixed, knead by hand. Spread into a foil-lined 8x8 pan. *Layer two:* Place popped Newman's Own Natural Flavor Microwave Popcorn and M&Ms in a medium bowl. Pour melted chocolate over the popcorn and gently mix with a

spoon until all popcorn is covered with chocolate. Spread popcorn mixture evenly over layer in pan; press lightly to adhere to bottom layer. Drizzle caramel over popcorn. Refrigerate or freeze until set (a few hours). Yields 24 bars.

## M80

**Charles W. Katis Jr.** has been named first vice president at CB Richard Ellis Brokerage Services in Washington, D.C. He and his wife Joanne live in Vienna, Va., with their twins, Jayme and Charles.

**Michael McBride** is the project director of the Metro West Water Supply Tunnel project for the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority.



A trip to Ireland was just the thing to ease those forty blues for 1980 classmates **Brian O'Donnell**, **Steve Reddy**, and **Tim Downing**. They're shown above in O'Brien's Bridge outside of Limerick.

**Brian O'Donnell**, **Steve Reddy**, and **Tim Downing** celebrated their 40th birthdays together with a ten-day trip to Ireland in May 1998.

## M81

**Phillip Judice Jr.** was recently inducted to the Pope John High School Sports Hall of Fame. Phillip is a vice president and chief financial officer at Liberty Financial Investments. He lives in Andover with his wife Mary Ann and children Avery and Alex.

## M82

**Robert Gerardi Jr.** was promoted to audit manager at the Massachusetts Department of Revenue Audit Bureau.

## M83

**Shawn Allen** of St. Patrick Parish in Lawrence was ordained to the transitional deaconate at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Boston.

## M84

**Marie Richards Breen** was appointed a senior staff counsel in the law division of the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority. She

provides legal advice and analysis, particularly for claims and other legal issues related to the \$3.8 billion Boston Harbor Project. She also participates in litigation, negotiation, and mediation of construction claims.

**Susan (Bachand) Hunter** was elected a vice president at United Asset Management Corporation. Her responsibilities



Susan Hunter

include a wide range of activities related to acquisitions and startups. She also works closely with UAM's Operations Group on affiliate growth initiatives. She lives in Andover with her husband Michael '84 and sons Jonathan and James.

**Charles McCarthy** was named Northeast regional manager of USA Capital LLC's new office in North Andover. USA Capital provides business-to-business lending services to small and medium-sized companies nationwide.



Susan Wojtas photo

Shown above at Alumni Retreat Day are **Kathy Reilly**; **William Reilly** '69; and **Sandy Soseos** '83.

## M87

**Matt Dillis** is a vice president at EMG. He is involved with environmental and engineering due diligence nationwide.

## M88

**John D. Francis** is controller of the James Hardie International Las Vegas mining and manufacturing

operations. He is also pursuing his M.B.A. at the University of Nevada at Las Vegas. Jack and wife Michele live in Henderson, Nev. with their son Andrew.

**Tim Murphy** is chief operating officer of AIB/BNY Fund Management (Ireland) LTD, a joint venture between Bank of New York and Allied Irish Bank. The firm provides fund administration services to funds domiciled

Reunion '99  
is Coming!

This year, reunion celebrates the graduating classes of '54, '59, '64, '69, '74, '79, '84, '89, and '94.

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, a barbecue, special Masses, and for the Class of '94 a special excursion to Boston, and on-campus dinners followed by music, dancing, and more.

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

## ALUMNI COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Fellow Alumni,

Another school year has come and gone at Merrimack, our last commencement of the century held. This year has been one of exceptional expansion and growth, both academically and in renovations and building expansion. The Rogers Center for the Performing Arts will open in October, and soon ground will be broken for our 21st century campus center.

There are also plans to renovate the Volpe Center. When done, there will be arena-style seating, regular seats, no bleachers, and some box seats. The Warrior's Club will also find a permanent home. On the academic front, Merrimack now hosts the Suffolk University MBA program and has instituted its own Master's Degree in Education.

The Alumni Council has been particularly active in its committee work. The admission committee, along with other alumni ambassadors, continues to make calls to potential enrollees and admissions numbers are up again this year. The alumni resource committee has expanded the career networking list to approximately 950 and has set a goal of 1000 participants. These volunteers make themselves available to talk with students and fellow alumni engaged in job searches. If you are not on the list, contact us now!

Catholic action hosted a most successful retreat in February. Dr. Joseph T. Kelly, the new Vice President for Mission Effectiveness, facilitated the topic of "exile and redemption" to a group of more than 50 participants. The committee also hosted an alumni night of reflection in March. Led by campus minister Rev. Joseph Farrell, O.S.A., retreatants followed the Way of the Cross, reflecting on pictures, drawings, and thoughts of Merrimack students who participated in Alternative Spring Break.

The student liaison committee continues to attend Student Government meetings and serves as an important link between our students and our alumni. CEDAR has grown through additional committee members and the input of the new Student Services Director in the DCE office. In January, a holiday reception for Continuing Education Alumni held in Deegan Residence Hall was well-received by attendees.

And the nominating committee again presented the council with a full slate of nominees to serve on the council for the next year.

Our regional clubs continue to grow and expand. Our new Southern New Hampshire Alumni are meeting more often. Receptions have been held throughout the country. And in April, a group of 25 alumni, friends and parents of the college visited Vienna, Salzburg, and Prague for this year's annual Alumni Trip.

At our spring alumni council meeting, council members learned more about the Merrimack tradition of service. Professor Mary McHugh, director of the Stevens Learning Center, discussed the program's pilot year's success. Joining her were two Merrimack students. The enthusiasm, intelligence, and caring they exhibited were boundless.

My message to you would not be complete without thanking everyone who had made a donation to Merrimack College this year. Our fundraising efforts depend upon alumni participation. As this issue went to press, 24 percent of our alumni has contributed to the Merrimack Fund. Our goal is to reach 33 percent. It's not too late to help us reach our goal!

Also, as I complete my first year as Alumni Council president, I want to thank the other members of the Executive Board and Council for their dedication and support, and I'd also like to thank the staff of the Alumni Relations Office for the work they do to make all of our programs so successful.

*Chris Liebke*

### Alumni Council Executive Board

Chris Liebke '79  
President  
Daniel Harding '80  
Vice-President  
Raymond Cebula '78  
Secretary  
Nicholas Chapman '71  
Past President  
William Edgerly '69  
Member at Large  
Ruth (Kelley) Trepanier '63  
Member at Large  
Jeanne Sarno '93  
Member at Large

### Committee Chairmen

Philip Burlas '95  
Admission  
William McAvoy '83  
Alumni Resource  
Joanne Bibeau '78  
Catholic Action  
Karen Ann Glennon '90  
CEDAR  
Rose DiStefano '54  
Nominating  
Patricia Bowman-Skeffington '88  
Student Liaison



Chris Liebke '79

David Oxtan photo

in Ireland, Cayman, Luxembourg, and throughout Asia, Europe, and Latin America.

### M89

**Michael Fischer**, after four years with Teradyne Inc. in Boston, was recently promoted to Test Development Manager. He and wife Janice (Carter) '84 live in Wilmington, Mass., with their children Ryan and Alexander.

**Roger LaPointe** was promoted to Vice President at Morgan Stanley Dean Witter.

**Gregory Mattei** received national recognition for product compliance. He is a buyer for the Sheraton Lexington. He lives in Chelmsford, Mass.

**James Morganstern** is director of business development at Oberon Software Inc. He lives in Newburyport, Mass.

**James Ogorchock** practices business litigation, including employment, banking, environmental, and collection matters at the law firm of Sheehan Phinney, Bass, and Green in Concord, N.H. He is a member of the New Hampshire Bar Association, the New Hampshire Bar Association's Technology Section, and a board member of Families in Transition.

**Stephen O'Neill** is chief secretary in the Massachusetts Governor's Office.

### M90

**Kirsten (Poulin) Donnelly** has accepted the position of director of marketing for Paul, Frank, & Collins, Inc. Attorneys at Law.

**Edward Flynn III** has been sworn in as a probationary trooper in New Hampshire. He is enrolled in an extensive physical, firearms, and classroom training program at the N.H. Police Academy in Concord. Upon successful completion, he will be assigned to a division field-training officer for additional instruction.

**John Hebert** is manager of operations at Alternative Care



At the Alumni Reception in McLean, Va., Dr. Joseph T. Kelly, vice president for mission effectiveness, chatted with Claire Morgan Wittenburg '91 and her husband David.

Providers in Chelmsford, Mass. He and his wife Kellie live in Lowell

**Robert Tosi Jr.** was recently elected Grand Knight of the Arlington Knights of Columbus. He is currently working at Health South Home Health Services in Burlington as a payroll and accounts payable coordinator.

### M91

Dr. **Keith Briggs** has joined the Liberty Group in Saugus, Mass. He is an active member of the American Chiropractic Association and the Massachusetts Chiropractic Society. Briggs is also a certified chiropractic sports physician.

**Peter F. Casey**, CPA, has received an MBA from Boston College. He works at Cabot Corporation in Boston and lives in Quincy.

**Sean D'Urso** accepted a position at JRC in Swampscott, Mass. as Director of Finance. He and his wife Johnna (Beal) live in Haverhill with their daughter Taylor.

**Matthew Kraunelis** has opened his own law office in North Andover. He specializes in elder and disability law, health and hospital law, estate planning and administration, and personal injury

and medical law.

**Charles E. Moran** was appointed manager of community and government relations for Bay State Gas Company. He lives in Holyoke.

**Dianne Roaf**, CPA, has joined the accounting firm of P.F. Bruno (Patrick F. Bruno '77) & Company as tax manager. She brings more than eighteen years experience to the Lynnfield accounting firm.

**Rolande Tellier** was promoted to Marketing Coordinator at Olympic Fasteners roofing products division.

**Christopher Trim** was promoted to associate vice president at Morgan Stanley Dean Witter. He and his wife **Jean (LaPointe) '89** live in West Newbury, Mass., with baby daughter Sarah Geneva.

### M92

**Robert Bushnell** recently joined Scudder Kemper Retirement Services as a retirement plan coordinator. He and his wife Marcia live in Haverhill with son Nathan.

**Brian M. Cresta**, state representative in Wakefield, is the chairman of the Massachusetts Republican Party. He and wife **Michelle (Surrette) '94** live in Wakefield.

**Tracy J. Ellsworth** is an associate with Barron & Stadfeld, P.C.'s real estate and commercial finance department. She is also a member of the Massachusetts Bar Association and the Massachusetts Conveyancers Association.



Tracy J. Ellsworth

**Rosemary Kinser** has



The annual Boston Alumni Reception, a smashing success, was held in the Bay Tower Room for the first time this year. Shown above are celebrants (front row, left to right) Doug Sulkala '94, Patty Ciccariello '94, Jared Whelan '94, Erin Foster '94, Bill McGuire '96, (back row) Mark Lanson '97, Angela Rivard '94, and Mike Consoli '94.

Susan Wojtas photo



Don't confuse them with the Von Trapps - that's Tom Harding, father of Dan '80; Susan Wojtas '79; Terry Monahan '66; and Cathie Maloney '81 at the Mirabell Gardens in Salzburg, Austria. Monahan, owner of Essex County Houses of Travel, led the alumni-sponsored tour.

received a master of science in nursing from Regis College. She is the vice president of patient services at the Whidden Hospital in Everett.

Oops! In the last issue of *Merrimack* magazine, **Andrea Turner's** name was listed incorrectly. We apologize for the error.

**Janine Van Patten** is pursuing a master's degree in English Literature while teaching College Writing courses at Rutgers University.

### M93

**Steve Cote** was recently promoted to director of distribution operations for Segrets, a subsidiary



At the CEDAR holiday reception, guests were treated to a festive buffet and an informative talk about current events at the college. Shown above sitting on the hearth in Deegan Hall are Susan Brien; Marie DeMarco A'97; and Kathleen O'Day A'97.

of Liz Claiborne, Inc. He lives in Gloucester.

**Clare McInerney** received a master's degree in early childhood education from Lesley College in November 1998. She is a teacher and coach in the Worcester Public Schools. Clare also teaches Irish Step Dancing.

**Andrea (Brush) Woods** joined the law office of Samuel Rotondi, Esquire, P.C. as a hospital liaison. She and her husband Mike live in Woburn.

### M94

**Paula Bergeron** received a doctor of optometry degree from the New England College of Optometry in Boston and practices in Saugus. She lives in Arlington, Mass.

**Robert Desmarais** is the engineer for the town of Amesbury. He and his wife Kerri have two children, Aurora and Ian.

**Robert Isacco** has been promoted to vice president

of research at DHR International, Inc. He works out of the firm's Park Avenue office and lives on the Upper East Side of Manhattan.

**Michelle (Donahue) Magner** is the assistant director of financial aid at Boston College Law School. She and her husband John live in Hull.

**Cheryl Turgeon** is the general manager at the North Conway N.H. Athletic Club. Previously, she was a personal fitness trainer and aerobics instructor at the facility.

**Chris Wood** has been promoted to imports administrator of Southeast Associates. He has moved to the Dallas area to work with retail buyers and manufacturers of hardware products. His responsibilities include developing products, monitoring sales, and directing merchandising.

### M95

**Kimberly (Rayla) Ross** is an account executive with The Wilmark Group. She and husband **Chris '95** live in Newton Center, Mass.

### M96

**Robbyn Chaisson** is enrolled in the early childhood education graduate program at Salem State College. She is a pre-school teacher at Andover Community Child Care and lives in Ipswich.

**Jodi Kingsley** recently received a master's degree in counseling from the University of Bridgeport. She lives in Norwalk, Conn.



### Say Cheese!

Photographs are always a welcome addition to your *Merrimack* magazine news item. Share your baby's precious smile with your classmates, let us all have a look at you in your wedding finery, or even brag about the vacation you took with four townhouse roomies after your fifth reunion. *Merrimack* magazine looks so much better with plenty of old friends smiling from its pages.

If you do submit a photo, here are a few things you should know. Publishing a magazine takes time; photos included in the magazine are received six or eight weeks before it arrives at your door. Your patience is appreciated.

Every effort is made to return photos, especially those costly wedding portraits. Look in your mailbox about two weeks after you receive your magazine. *Merrimack* magazine can't guarantee their safe return, however, so please send nothing too precious.

Submitted photos can be either color or black and white, but they should be sharply in focus. Also, please send photos only wallet-sized or larger.



Mary Ellen Colliton, director of student activities, and Shawn Reddish '96 were all smiles at Winter Weekend.

### M97

**Beth Blankenship** is skating in the shows "Hollywood Live On Ice" and "A Holiday Spectacular On Ice" at Busch Gardens. She lives in Tampa, Fla.

**Steven Riehl** is a telecommunications consultant at ATX Telecommunications in Bala Cynwyd, Penn.

### M98

**Erica DeSimone** was promoted to eastern region sales representative for Pearson Learning in Reading, Mass., selling and managing accounts in 30 states.

**Adriane Dillon** was appointed to the position of assistant treasurer and collector for the town of Wenham, Mass.

**Sheila McGoldrick** has joined Marketing by Design in Beverly, Mass., as account coordinator.

**Michael Sullivan** was appointed assistant comptroller by the board of directors for Brookline Savings Bank.

**Angela Tibbetts** has joined the firm Sullivan Bille, P.C. of Tewksbury. Previously, Tibbetts worked as a co-op student in the company's tax department, client assistance services, and on the audit staff.

## TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF

If you've received an award or a promotion...been married or had a baby...earned a graduate degree...moved...obtained a new job...celebrated a special anniversary...taken an exotic vacation...or have other news (or tantalizing bits of gossip) you'd like to share, write us. Send photos along, if you wish, the more candid the better. Please complete the form below.

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Summer 1999



**Stephanie Messina '81** and **Vernon Sewade** at St. Michael Church in North Andover.

**Maura Galvin '86** and **Gregg Jones** at the Collegiate Church of Christ the Teacher on October 10.

**Lisa Garibotto '87** and **Thomas Rossi** at St. Catherine of Genoa Church in Somerville on October 10.

**Jacqueline Fantarella '87** and **Daniel Quesnel** at St. Mary Church in New Haven, Conn. on September 26.

**John Rittenhouse '87** and **Mindy Klein** at the Stony Hill Inn in Hackensack, N. J. on October 25.

**Christine Voltero '88** and **Michael Macklin** at Holy Trinity Church in Lawrence on August 29.

**Louis Bonasera '89** and **Kristin Searl** at Sacred Hearts Church in Bradford on October 3.

**Debra Arsenault '90** and **Edward Goodman** at the Collegiate Church of Christ the Teacher on September 28, 1997.



*Debra (Arsenault) '90 and Edward Goodman*



*Lori Murphy '97 and Scott Ditto '95 had plenty of Merrimack friends on hand at their September wedding. Pictured above are (front row, left to right) Paula (Norton) Cain '93, Denise Guttenberg-Murray '93, Sheila (Kavanagh) Ouellette '93, Paula Bergeron '94, James Meelia '69, the bride and groom, Julie Maccarone '98, Eric Pellerin '95, Erica (Chouinard) Ahaesy '97, (back row, left to right) Alex Cain '93, Kieran Murray '93, Rev. Joseph Gillin, O.S.A., Matt Ouellette '94, Steve Williams '97, Paul Grenham '92, Marc Gonthier, Brian Smith '97, Mike Nelson '97, and Scott Simmons '98.*

**Daniel DiPietro '90** and **Colleen Flynn** at St. Isidore Church in Stow, Mass. on October 24.

**Robert Guarino, Jr. '90** and **Traci Legate** at Whaleswatch in Nantucket, Mass.

**Donna Lazzaro '90** and **Scott Rust** at Sts. Philip and James Church in St. James, N. Y. on October 24.

**John Lawn '91** and **Shannon Doyle** at St. Patrick Church in Watertown.

**Ann Abel '92** and **Steve Jacobsmeier** in Spring Lake, New Jersey on August 1.

**David Barton '92** and **Amy Kauffman** at North American Martyrs Church in Monroeville, Penn. on July 11.

**Christine Gibney '92** and **Christopher Madden** at Holy Name Church in Fall River, Mass. on November 7.

**Scott Lohan '92** and **Kristin Rowe** at the Brandon Congregational Church in Brandon, Vt. on September 19.

**Christopher Lovett '92** and **Heather Mascitti** at St. Leo Church on December 25.

**Robert Mills, Jr. '92** and **Nancy Hamilton** at St. Barbara Church in Woburn.

**Vincent Campagna III '93** and **Paula Silva** at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church on November 28.

**Anne Marie Harris '93** and **Franklin White** were married in Brownsville, Vt. on October 17.

**Shannon Murphy '93** and **Brian Boudreau** at St. Raphael Parish in Medford, Mass. on November 21.

**Kristin Smith '93** and **Jeffery Mason** at St. Denis Church in Whitefield, Me. on August 29.

**John J. Pallaria '93** and **Michelle Corbin** at Holy Angels Church in Plaistow, N.H. on July 25.

**Kristen Barry '94** and **Brian Turner** at the Collegiate Church of Christ the Teacher.

**Tracy Guerra '94** and **Michael Grady** at Holy Apostles Church in Cranston, R.I. on October 24.

**Sandra Harding '94** and **Rodmen Hill** at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Reading, Mass.

**Charles Dunn '95** and **Nicole Pinto** at Independence Harbor in Assonet, Mass.

**Maura Fitzpatrick '96** and **Michael Russo** at St. John the Evangelist

Church in North Chelmsford on October 17.

**Kimberly Heller '96** and **James Landry Jr.** were married by Justice of the Peace Bill Beane on June 13.

**Lori Murphy '97** and **Scott Ditto '95** at the Collegiate Church of Christ the Teacher on September 12.

**Michelle Tortorici '97** and **Sean Quinlan** at the Collegiate Church of Christ the Teacher on July 19.

**Amy Marie Dube '98** and **Christopher Berard** at the Collegiate Church of Christ the Teacher on January 24, 1997.

**Angela Martakos '98** and **Keith Tibbetts** at the Collegiate Church of Christ the Teacher on August 29.

**Jason Milovanovic '98** and **Jody St. Laurent** at St. Monica Church in Methuen.



*Ann (Abel) '92 married Steve Jacobsmeier in August. Pictured are (front row, left to right) Kristie Montresor '92, Tom McDermott '92; the bride and groom, Joel Bretton, (second row, left to right) Sheryl Mason, Maureen (O'Connor) Peterson '92, Carolanne Kelley '92, Cathy (Carney) Martin '92, Tim Martin '92, Andrea Morrison '92, Susan (Mason) Bretton '93, and, in the back, John Peterson.*



*Tracey Guerra '94 married Michael Grady in October. Standing behind them are classmates, left to right, Kerry Sandberg, Jennifer Kakley, Chris Regan, Christine Vinton, Rob Atkinson, Nicole (Glass) Atkinson, and Mary O'Sullivan.*



*John Pallaria '93 and Michelle Corbin*



*Mr. and Mrs. Scott Rust (Donna Lazzaro '90)*



*Amy Marie (Dubé) Berard '98 met her husband while she was peddling "MacPerk" mugs for a Merrimack fundraiser. Shown above at their wedding are (standing, left to right) Jeff Berard, Jamie Berard '99, the groom and the bride, Cynthia Johnson, Dave Berard, Eric Dube '95, (seated, left to right) Nicole Berard, Lisa Saffi, and Kaitlin Levesque.*

**Sean Casey '79** and wife Shannon: a daughter, Hannah Colleen, February 6. She joins brother Patrick.

**Diane (Barry) Chesler '81** and husband David: a son, Kevin Joseph, November 18. He joins sister Lauren Rose and brother Sean.

**Janet (Crocker) '81** and **Chuck Conlon '83**: a son, Scott Robert, October 25. He joins sister Abby.

**Joan (McCafferty) Spencer '82** and husband Neil: a son, Nolan Patrick, August 7. He joins brother Alec Edward.

**Barbara Jo (Angelillo) O'Rourke '84** and husband Kevin: a son, Marc Edward, January 8. He joins brother Patrick.

**Laura (Martino) Reynolds '84** and husband David: a daughter, Emma Marie, November 29.

**Susan (Burns) '86** and **Bob Cunnington '87**: a daughter, Stephanie Ann, June 4. She joins sister Stacy.

**Joyce (Ryan) '86** and **Christopher Sullivan '85**: a son, Devin Michael, September 25. He joins brothers Liam and Aidan.

**Kerry (Kelly) '87** and **Rod Henkels '86**: a son, Liam Roderick, November 29. He joins sister Gabriella.

**Paula (O'Brien) '87** and **Tom Boyle '87**: a daughter, Kristen Marie, November 4.

**Joan (Campbell) Chandler '88** and husband Mike: a daughter, Katherine Elizabeth, December 28.

**Lori (Anderson) Fallon '88** and husband Aidan: a son, Jack Patrick, December 26.

**Dora (Lambrou) Jonos '88** and husband David: a daughter, Catherine Maria, January 6. She joins brother Paul David.

**Judith O'Connor '88**: a son, Shane Julian, December 31.

**Leslie (McLaughlin) '88** and



*Celebrating Michael Anthony's christening were mom and dad Bonnie (Watson) '92 and Pat Durante '92. Standing behind the family are godparents Michelle and Michael Nadeau flanking Shawn Allen '83, the Deacon who officiated at the ceremony at Immaculate Conception Church in Newburyport, Mass.*

**Christopher Ouellette '87**: a son, Kevin Christopher, December 18. He joins sister Meghan.

**Therese (Bourque) Daly '89** and husband Daniel: a daughter, Colleen Danielle, January 2. She joins sister Katie.

**Janice (Carter) '89** and **Michael Fischer '89**: a son, Alexander John, December 6. He joins brother Ryan Michael.

**Jean (LaPointe) '89** and **Christopher Trim '91**: a daughter, Sarah Geneva, April 9, 1998. Sarah was welcomed by proud grandmother Shirley (Kalil) LaPointe '57 and uncle Roger LaPointe '89.

**Joan (McCole) Luna '89** and husband David: a daughter, Emily Rita, February 2. She joins brother Michael John.

**Karen (Poor) Morin '89** and husband Barry: a daughter, Nicole Elizabeth, October 29. She joins brother Michael.

**Janet (White) Morris '89** and husband Scott: a daughter, Nicole Marie, October 15. She joins sister Melissa.

**Allison (Simpson) Norton '89** and husband Kenneth: a daughter,

Anne Elizabeth, September 7.

**Laura (Moyle) Sampson '89** and husband Roland: a daughter, Olivia Rose, December 7. She joins sister Amanda Jean.

**Johnna (Beal) '90** and **Sean D'Urso '91**: a daughter, Taylor Jordan, November 25.

**Kirsten (Poulin) Donnelly '90** and husband Kieran: a son, Owen Brendan, April 30, 1998. He joins brother Liam Connor.

**Joanna (Calitri) Giampietro '90** and husband Walter: a daughter, Marissa Danielle, March 26, 1998. She joins sister Haley.

**John Hebert '90** and wife Kellie: a daughter, Allison, December 16.

**Erin (O'Hearn) Moudios '90** and husband Nickolas: a daughter, Leah Maria, April 10, 1998. She joins sister Elena Marissa.

**Christopher O'Keefe '90** and wife Denise: a daughter, Paige Katherine, October 23.



*Christopher '90 and Denise O'Keefe have a real angel on their hands with little Paige Katherine.*

**Angela (Calzetta) Tobin '90**

and husband Eric: a son, Justin Andrew, November 11. He joins sister Amanda.

**Kim (Rhinesmith) Boon '91** and husband Brett: a son, Brett Parker, January 31.



*Mom Kim (Rhinesmith) Boon '91 and her husband Brett welcomed Brett Parker into the world on Superbowl Sunday, and he was ready for spring training just a few weeks later.*



*Justin Garden, son of Danielle (DiMauro) Garden '91 and husband Noah*

**Danielle (DiMauro) Garden '91** and husband Noah: a son, Justin Paul, March 13, 1998.

**Bonnie (Watson) '92** and **Pat Durante '92**: a son, Michael Anthony, December 31.

**Marion (Rafferty) Mallett '92** and husband Paul: a daughter, Haley Catherine, July 20.

**Karen (Johnson) McCarthy '92** and husband Kevin: a son, Kyle Patrick, October 5. He joins brother William.

**Nancy (Gonet) Drozewski '93** and husband John: a son, Michael Ryan, October 14. He joins sister Megan.



*Andrew Paul Gerety, son of Kristen (D'Eramo) Gerety '93 and husband Todd: a son, Andrew Paul, July 30, 1998.*

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*At home in Sydney, Australia are Michael '92 and Juli (Davie) '94 White and baby Jacob Ross. Godmother Sherry (Harper) Davie '96 and her husband (Juli's brother) Greg also call Sydney home.*

**Guy Ragault '93** and wife Fanny Connolly: a son, Charles, January 2.

**Julianne (Davie) '94** and **Mike White '92**: a son, Jacob Ross, August 24.



committee. After his retirement, Joseph worked at the King's Way Golf Course in Yarmouthport. He leaves behind his wife Claire (Logan) McLean, four daughters, Nancy McLean of Duxbury, Susan Donohoe of Fallon, Nev., Margaret Vezina of Somerset, Mass., and Michelle McLean-Russell of Belmont, Calif.; a son, Joseph of Wales; and nine grandchildren.

**Arthur A. Archambault '55** of Haverhill, died on November 21. He was 64. Employed for 34 years as department chief in the labor relations department of Lucent Technologies in North Andover, he retired in 1989. Arthur was a member of All Saints Parish, the Garibaldi Club, and the Telephone Pioneers of America. He leaves his wife Joanne M. (O'Brien) of Haverhill; daughters Jean Hutchinson and Jolene Dodier of Haverhill; sons Michael of Methuen, Mark, Thomas, and Daniel of Haverhill; sisters Sister Claire Archambault, C.S.J., of Belmont, Margaret A. Sullivan and Mary E. Enright, both of Haverhill, and Anne Ferreira of Hampton Falls, N.H.; brother John Archambault of Kingston, N.H.; 10 grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

**Richard J. Hillner '55** of North Andover died on December 31 after a brief illness. He was 64. He began his teaching career in Plaistow, N.H. where he taught for three years. He then taught in Danvers and remained there for 34 years. He retired four years ago. Richard was active in many civic and religious organizations. He served on the North Andover School Committee for six years and on its school building committee. He also was a member of the Monsignor Shea Council Knights of Columbus and of its board of directors. He was a fourth-degree member of the Father O'Donnell Assembly Knights of Columbus and a member of St. Michael Parish. Besides his wife, Judith (Sullivan) '58, he leaves his daughters Mary Elizabeth Tremblay of South Portland, Me., Margaret Pangione of Bradford, and Christine Dillman of Andover; a son Robert of Haverhill; a sister, Dorothy

Connor of Methuen; brothers William of Methuen and Robert of North Andover; nine grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

**Robert H. Carter '61** died on January 15 at Wingate in Andover. He was 87. He worked for many years as an engineer at Western Electric in North Andover. He was a member of the Telephone Pioneers of America, the St. Theresa Rainbow Club, and the Haverhill Senior Citizens Center. The widower of Mary E. (Parker), he leaves sons Robert '65 of New York and David of Minnesota; daughters Anne Lacourse '56 of Andover and Mary Carter of Methuen; 13 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

**James H. Everett Jr. '62** of Haverhill died on January 20 at Lawrence General Hospital. He was 75. He served in the Navy during World War II as a technician first class aboard the submarine USS Tench. When discharged in 1946, he received several awards, including the Submarine Combat Insignia with two gold stars and the Asiatic Pacific Medal with three gold stars. Before retiring in 1986, he was employed by Raytheon Co. as an engineer, engineer supervisor, and quality assurance manager of the Sidewinder AMRAAM and HARM missile programs. He was the husband of Helen (Lemire) Everett. In addition to his wife he is survived by three daughters, Donna Traficante and Karen Everette of Haverhill and Susan Dunbar of Sandown, N.H.; a son, John of Haverhill; two sisters, Nell Baer and Constance Main of Lynchburg, Va.; five grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

**John J. Kelly '63** of Medford, Mass. and Gilmanton, N.H. died on January 31. He was 61. He worked as a Quantity Surveyor for George B.H. Macomber Co. of Boston for 20 years. He was the son of the late John J. and Rose (Byrne) Kelly. He was the fiance of Mary L. Landry of Medford and also leaves several cousins.

**Francis J. Daley '69** of North Andover died on January 30 at Lawrence General Hospital. He was 68. He worked for 37 years as a manager at Raytheon in Bristol, Tenn., Lawrence, and Andover. He served in the Army as a reserve commissioned officer with the rank of first lieutenant. Francis was an attendant of St. Michael Church in North Andover. He was also the first coach of the North Andover High ice hockey team and was a member of the Raytheon Management Club, the Raytheon Golf League, and the Raytheon Softball League. He leaves his wife Patricia (Egan) of North Andover, daughter Tracey of Milford, Mass., and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

**Paul E. Guernon '72** of Dracut a computer teacher at Dracut Middle School, died unexpectedly on February 7. He was 48. He was a communicant of St. Francis Church. He is survived by his mother Theresa (Montbleau) Guernon, a daughter, Melissa Guernon of Manchester, N.H.; a sister, Patricia Guidry of Methuen; a nephew; and several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

**Milton Cohen '77** of Peabody, died on January 6 at Union Hospital in Lynn after a long illness. He was 69. He was an industrial engineer for defense and computer companies for many years before he retired. He was a former scoutmaster and a council commissioner of the Boy Scouts of America. He was a board director of Congregation Sons of Israel and Maple Hill Cemetery. He leaves his wife, Terri (Fenster); two sons, Mark of Concord, Calif. and Philip of Peabody; and a brother, Delmore Cohen.

**Lewis S. Thomits Jr. '87** of Beverly, formerly of North Reading, died suddenly on January 6 at Beverly Hospital. He was 48. He worked as a computer programmer and night supervisor at DAP/Pike Communications in Beverly. He also worked part-time at North Beverly Stop and Shop. Mr. Thomits served with the Army during the Vietnam War. He leaves his mother Edna (Smith) Thomits and a brother David, both of North Reading; sister Paula Parisi of Gloucester; special friend Kathy MacDonald of Beverly; and three nephews.





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