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A fitness center, space for student organizations, and areas for prayer anchor plans for Gildea's renovation and expansion.

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Our Goal Is Ambitious but Achievable

Merrimack's fiftieth anniversary is an auspicious moment in the College's history. This past year saw many unprecedented changes. While the many positive changes and tremendous growth we have experienced are full of promise in and of themselves, we have also proved that our dreams for Merrimack College can be, and indeed, in many areas, have already been realized. It is, therefore, with great confidence and a real sense of privilege that I share with you the formal inauguration of the public phase of The Campaign for Merrimack College and our ambitious, but achievable, goal of \$25 million.

It is my privilege to report to you that we have already exceeded the halfway point toward our common goal - with \$13 million in gifts and pledges received, and, notably, 5 seven figure commitments - the first in the College's history. Your support thus far has given us the confidence that the path we have started on is a journey we will successfully complete.

The theme of the Campaign for Merrimack is "Awaken the Minds and Hearts of a New Generation." In this issue of Merrimack you will read about leadership and the courage necessary to pursue a higher vision. We see how Merrimack is carrying forth St. Augustine's message, how Merrimack transforms people's lives and how we strive to make a very real difference in the world we live in, now and for the next millennium, one student at a time.



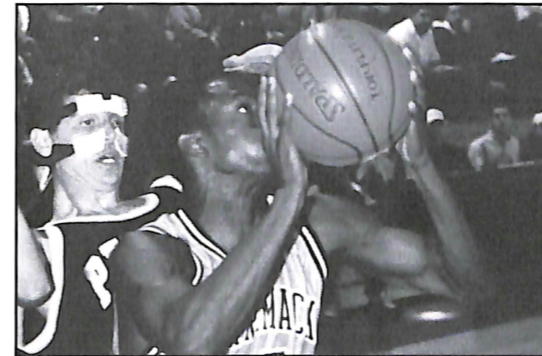
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At the capstone celebration for the College's fiftieth anniversary, President Santagati enjoyed the company of several student leaders. Shown above, left to right, are Stacy Dell'Orfano, Stacy Smart, Heath Stone, and Christine Wenzel.

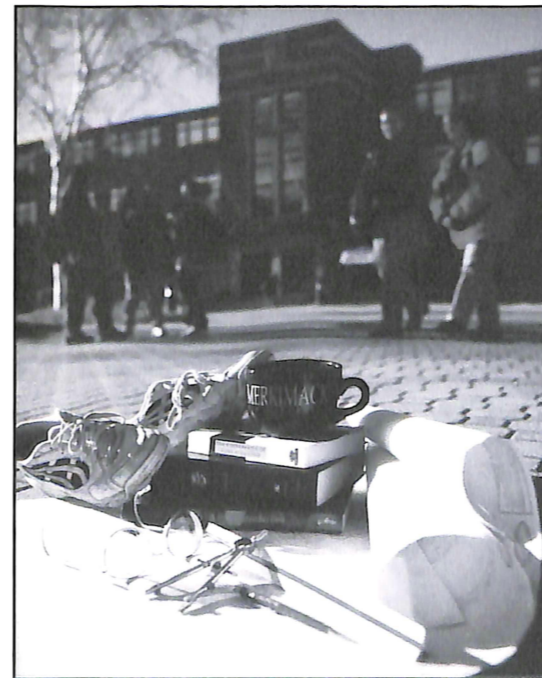
For Merrimack, the time has come. After a half century of sure and steady progress, the College is poised to break into the front ranks of the nation's Catholic institutions. Now the College must seize the moment and go forward. Our strength lies in our foundation - in our values - in our Augustinian tradition. Together, let us raise our vision of Merrimack to become the pre-eminent Catholic College in the Northeast.

"Leaders don't force people to follow - they invite them on a journey," said author Charles S. Lauer. As the president of Merrimack College, I invite each of you along on our mission - our exciting journey - to accept the challenge to awaken the minds and hearts of future generations. Join Merrimack as it continues the journey it started fifty years ago.

At the culmination of our Fiftieth Anniversary celebration, an advertisement promoting the College ran in several national newspapers, including *The New York Times*. We've reproduced the ad, at a much smaller size than the original, on the inside back cover of this issue. Be sure to take a look.



Sports: For a look at what the coaches expect from basketball players this season, read Tom Caraccioli's report, page 17.



On the Cover: David Oxtan's photo of the Gildea Plaza records it as it is, but the future holds big changes for the student center. In many ways, the long-overdue renovation of Gildea Hall is symbolic of the changes about to take place on campus. Always a teaching institution, Merrimack is today ever more committed to putting students first.

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General Charles de Gaulle, addressing a meeting during his campaign for president of France in 1948. DeGaulle topped Dr. Peter Ford's list of great leaders in history. Ford is a professor of history at Merrimack.

THE RIGHT STUFF

Leadership: What it is, How to Get It

by Wendy Darwin Wakeman '93

It's about passion. Everyone desires it, but few can actually lay claim to it. It's about knowing what you want and going after it.

It's not a fragrance. It's leadership. A clunky word like leadership doesn't usually sit on the same bus as words like passion and desire but it should. Because above all, leadership is elusive.

Even defining the word is a matter of controversy. John Koziell, associate professor of management, says he gives his students this definition: A leader is one who produces compliance without producing resistance. But, Koziell is quick to point out, "That's not necessarily a definition shared by others, even in this building. Or in this hallway."

The hallway is a capillary shooting off the third floor corridor in O'Reilly, and in it are the offices of Merrimack's management department. Despite any lack of agreement on the finer points of leadership theory, the department does work to build leadership skills among its students.

An Academic Discipline

"Overall, the sense [among theorists] is leadership can be taught," Koziell says. But that's a question academics have been debating for years."

He says leadership is typically addressed as one of the functions of management, along with skills like planning one's work and organizing materials.

"Good managers need to be good leaders," Koziell says. Inspiring people to do things they might not want to do is a perennial management challenge.

Every person responds differently to

stimuli. A good leader, and a good manager, must try to motivate individuals with respect to these differences, and being able to do so is an art.

Koziell calls the ability to recognize and utilize these differences "perceptual discrimination," and identifies President Bill Clinton as a master of the art.

"Look at Janet Reno," Koziell says. The nation's Attorney General has been

in the middle of several firestorms during Clinton's presidency. And she has withstood the flames.

"Clinton has a sense for who's a team player, and who's going to be a whistle blower."

Other facets of the Clinton presidency can be used as evidence of his leadership skills, which Koziell says are keen.

"You may not agree with his value system," he says. "But take this thing in Bosnia, for example. We committed our forces there for one year. They've been there now for several years, and there doesn't seem to be any resistance."

Dr. Peter Ford, professor of history, wouldn't put the President at the top of his list for leaders, however. "I think Clinton's a phony," he says. Good leaders are sincere.

A Historical Perspective

Topping Ford's list of twentieth-century leaders is former French President Charles de Gaulle. De Gaulle's sincere love of France was one of his

greatest assets.

Shortly after de Gaulle came to power, Ford spent a year in France. He remembers watching him speak to the country, on television and in a live forum. De Gaulle ended many speeches by singing *La Marseillaise*, the French national anthem.

"Can you imagine anyone doing that today?" Ford says. "We'd think it was

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Dr. Peter Ford

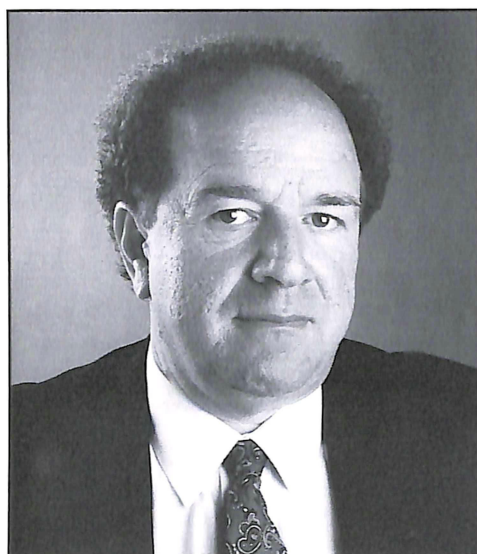
the corniest thing ever. But for de Gaulle, it was a true reflection of his love for his country."

De Gaulle had tremendous self-confidence, Ford says, and a certainty of direction. And while those qualities undoubtedly contributed to his ability to lead the French people, they didn't endear him to everyone.

"Many people felt he was bitter, stubborn and cantankerous," Ford says. And, he says, Koziell's definition of leadership falls short for de Gaulle: de Gaulle produced plenty of resistance, in particular the 1968 revolution.

Whether they produce resistance or not, leaders share certain characteristics.

The greatest leaders in history have had an agenda, Ford says. Franklin D. Roosevelt led the nation through one of



The Hon. Michael T. Stella Jr. '65

its most difficult periods, and he was effective largely because he came into office with a program and executed it.

"Reagan had the ability to communicate what he wanted," Ford says. Good communication skills are a must for a leader. "JFK galvanized the nation with his ability to communicate what he wanted."

But Ford wouldn't place either president in the same category as Charles de Gaulle. In fact, he says of current national and international would-be leaders, "the landscape is kind of barren."

A Practical Approach

Often, the greatest leaders of all are those who work closer to home. Michael T. Stella Jr. '65, first justice of the Lawrence Division of the Massachusetts Trial Court and a new member of Merrimack's Board of Trustees, said, "The people at the Boys' Club feed 350 kids every night. These kids might not eat otherwise. They are the real leaders. They go out and make an impact on

people's lives."

As the presiding judge at the court, Stella is, by virtue of his position, a top leader in his community. To get there, he stood for a grueling vetting process, which included lengthy background checks by both the Governor's office and the Massachusetts Bar Association; interviews with the Governor's top staff; and an open hearing before the Governor's Council, an elected body which must approve all gubernatorial appointments.

"You have to be able to hold up an untarnished reputation," Stella said.

His advice for those seeking to build on their own leadership skills is to get involved in the community. "You have to prove yourself with a basis in community involvement," he said. "It makes it easier if it's in conjunction with your career path."

Stella worked with Greater Lawrence Family Services; Reality Inc., the state's first inpatient drug facility; the Lions Club; and the Chamber of Commerce, to name a few.

Through his involvement, Stella built a strong network of friends and professional acquaintances. "They know my reputation. I know theirs."

He began building that network at Merrimack, and said, "I attribute all my success to what I did at Merrimack" — since he met his wife, Barbara A. (Donovan) '67, while he was in college.

At the college today, Stella says, the popularity of Merrimack, the campus service organization, is evidence that many Merrimack students are well on their way to becoming leaders. "They're getting involved. They're sacrificing. That's what leadership is. It's a commitment," he said. "And sometimes, it's a sacrifice."

4 KEYS TO IMPROVING YOUR LEADERSHIP SKILLS

Leadership is both an art and a science, and most experts believe that it can be learned. So what can you do to maximize your potential? Here are some tips.

Have a plan — Whether you're FDR with a depression-relieving alphabet soup of programs or the accounting manager intent on easing the pain of audit time, you need a roadmap. Without one, you can't be an effective leader. You'll be too busy asking for directions.

Hone your communication skills — Great leaders are great talkers. Like Reagan, their words paint pictures people can relate to. Remember: listening skills are key, too.

Build a strong network of friends — Judge Michael T. Stella Jr. '65 says that the greatest benefit of having a large circle of friends is knowing people who can get things done. "If you're a general in the army, you have to know who your lieutenants and corporals are," he said.

Be sincere — The people you're trying to lead will intuitively know whether or not you're honest. You don't have to sing *La Marseillaise*, but it might help.



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These three men have taken on the challenge of leading hundreds of volunteers toward realizing the vision for the next fifty years. Charles A. DiCroce '73 (left) and Edward C. Collins '56 (center) are co-chairs of the \$25 million capital campaign. Together with President Santagati (right), they will ensure its success.

Awakening the Minds and Hearts of a New Generation

"After a half century of progress, Merrimack College is poised to break into the front ranks of the nation's Catholic institutions."

President Richard J. Santagati

Merrimack College: The Next Fifty Years

The Capital Campaign is the Means to Merrimack's Excellence

Merrimack College has a plan to meet the challenge of the next fifty years, the challenge to become the pre-eminent small Catholic college in the Northeast. That plan involves raising \$25 million, money that will be used to upgrade facilities and enhance the quality of a Merrimack College education.

The vision

Since assuming the presidency, Richard J. Santagati has led the community in a provocative and challenging, campus-wide discussion on where we've been and where we're going.

In those discussions, President Santagati hoped to discover both what makes Merrimack special and how to build on the college's strength to thus meet the goal of becoming the pre-eminent small Catholic college in the Northeast.

The answer to the first question quickly became clear. At Merrimack, students get more than an education. A Merrimack College education awakens both the hearts and the minds of its students.

The answer to the second seemed to coalesce around a set of four immediate needs, needs that must be met before the college can move forward.

Merrimack, the community agreed, needs to build a new multi-purpose campus and cultural center; significantly upgrade the campus' computer technology; expand financial aid and faculty support; and enhance academic programs through increased annual support.

Once these questions were answered, the next steps were straightforward: organize a comprehensive estimate of the costs of the key priorities, and ascertain the feasibility of a capital campaign to accomplish the goals. By late 1995, the Board of Trustees had approved a campaign in the range of \$20

to 30 million, based on the estimated cost of the four immediate needs. The President, his staff, and a circle of dedicated volunteers launched immediately into the work before them. Could Merrimack, which had never before raised more than \$6 million, take the leap and commit to an eight-figure goal? Thanks to the diligent, foundation-building work of that core group, Merrimack proved it can raise the money to meet that goal. Before the campaign was announced last October more than half of the \$25 million goal eventually approved by the board had already been raised.

Where the money will go

The plan developed for building the sophisticated and academically superior campus envisioned for Merrimack's future is perhaps the primary reason the campaign staff and volunteers have had success in obtaining the early, pace setting gifts.

Nearly half of the money will go to improving the college's physical plant. The expansion and renovation of Gildea Hall, long overdue, will provide a hub for campus life. Proposed as a creative mix of athletic spaces, small conversational areas, and larger forums for speakers, the center will serve as the locus of social, recreational and learning activities on campus.

The complex will house offices for student activities, an information center, a chapel, Campus Ministry, Career Services, and various eateries, including an outdoor dining courtyard. A recreation wing will provide space for aerobics, dance, locker rooms, squash and racquetball courts, and a health and wellness center.

The center for the arts will serve not only the college but the entire region. Thanks to a gift from the Rogers Family Foundation, the proposed center is nearly a reality. Among its features will be a 500-seat auditorium; an orchestra pit; an art gallery; and state-of-the-art

acoustics, lighting, and sound systems.

Other money raised will be dedicated to increasing Merrimack's endowment; improving the college's information technology; and increasing the funds for new program initiatives, faculty support and financial aid.

Especially important to the campaign is an early gift of \$1 million from the Order of St. Augustine's Province of St. Thomas of Villanova. The gift will enable the college to establish The Center for Augustinian Study and Legacy. The unprecedented show of support from our founding order will help articulate our unique identity as a Catholic and Augustinian college.

The campaign seeks an additional \$7 million in endowment funding. For small institutions like Merrimack, which depend heavily on tuition income, endowments are the financial buffer that allows the college to hold tuition rates down while still enhancing the academic program.

Student financial aid will account for \$3 million; another \$3 million will endow faculty chairs; and \$1 million will be earmarked to support the new campus center.

In a related goal, the campaign seeks to increase the amount of money raised through the Annual Fund. Growth in the Annual Fund will ease the financial aid burden, and will help the College expand its academic support services and other initiatives and ongoing programs.

Improvements in information technology are crucial to Merrimack's competitiveness. Interactive multimedia technology, common now at many colleges and universities, still remains uncommon at Merrimack. "Smart classrooms" - where every student has access to an interactive multimedia computer - allow students to work in groups, analyze and discuss complicated

Friars Pledge \$1M for Augustinian Center

Thanks to Merrimack's founding Fathers, the North Andover campus will soon be home to a national think-tank for inquiry into the life and teachings of St. Augustine.

The Province of St. Thomas of Villanova of the Order of St. Augustine has pledged \$1 million to create the center. St. Augustine, a fifth-century theologian and scholar, influenced many academic disciplines, including philosophy, theology, spirituality, history and science.

"The Center for Augustinian Study and Legacy at Merrimack College will be an invaluable source of research, study, and education on St. Augustine and the Augustinian Order. Augustine's spiritual message of building community among people and appreciating the richness in diversity has never been more appropriate," the Very Reverend John E. Deegan, O.S.A., said. Father Deegan is the Prior Provincial of the Province and served as Merrimack's fourth president from 1981 to 1994.

"As we celebrate our fiftieth anniversary, Merrimack is demonstrating to a complex and sometimes troubled world that Augustinian ideals are now more relevant than ever. The Center for Augustinian Study and Legacy will carry forward the Augustinian heritage so firmly established here at Merrimack during our first fifty years," said President Santagati.

data, and share ideas across the campus or across the globe.

Such classrooms support a hands-on approach to teaching, sharpen critical thinking, and help develop and hone interdisciplinary research skills. Quite simply, they transform the educational experience by becoming the network that strengthens and binds the academic community.

Upgraded technology will speed registration and other administrative functions, and will also give students an easy way to get all the facts they need in one place: Merrimack plans to set up computer kiosks around campus so students may register for classes, check their grades or the status of their accounts, check cafeteria menus, or access information on such activities as sports and social functions.

The improvements, like all of the campaign's proposals, will help make the campus more vibrant and cohesive.

Alumni are vital to success

Rightly, the members of the Campaign for Merrimack's Steering Committee are all graduates of the college. These

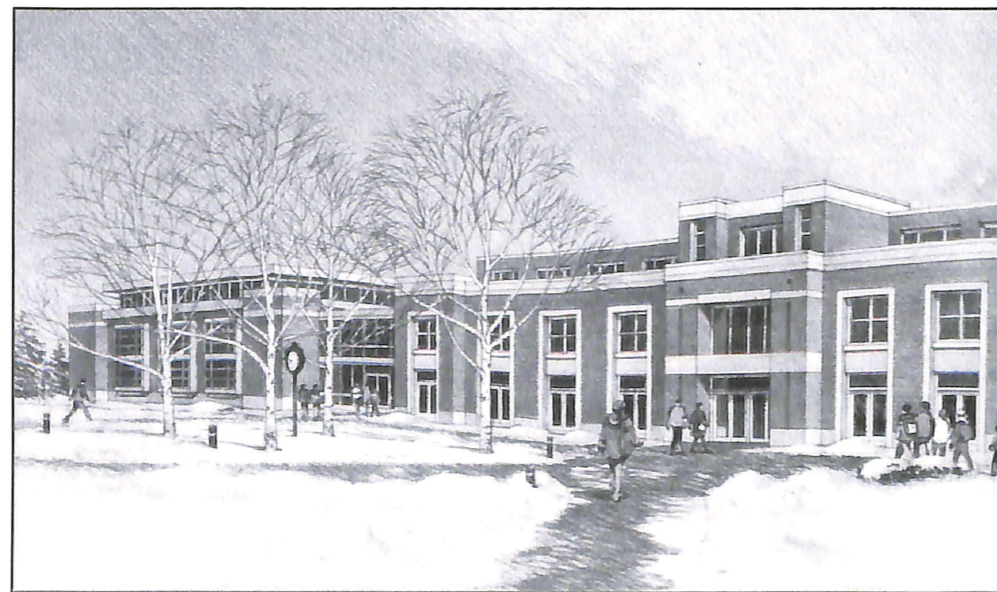
leaders have already raised millions for the college, and they will be on the front line as millions more are raised to support the campaign.

As the Capital Campaign progresses, the college's graduates will continue to be critical to its success. The alumni participation rate, or the percentage of alumni giving to the college's annual fund, has risen by 36 percent over the last four years, and is on track to have doubled by campaign's end.

While the monetary value of contributions made by alumni is of primary importance, strength in alumni giving has collateral benefit.

Grant-awarding foundations, from which Merrimack receives a great deal of support, nearly always ask the percentage of graduates who contribute to the college. This number is considered a good indicator of the college's institutional health.

Merrimack is fortunate to have graduated gifted and generous people in its first half-century. Today, the college finds itself on the cusp of an era - one in which it will develop into one of the finest small Catholic colleges in the nation.



The architect's vision for a renovated Gildea Hall.



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1. Early Supporters: The family foundation represented by Jacqueline and Irving E. Rogers Jr. pledged \$1.5 million to build a cultural arts center on the North Andover campus, helping to build the campaign's considerable momentum.

2. Sister Elaine Polcari, SSND, director of campus ministry; Trustee Alice R. Murray; Rev. Joseph Farrell, O.S.A., campus minister; and Ann Royal, staunch college supporter and widow of beloved math professor John Royal were all smiles as they helped launch the college into a new era.

3. Anne and Mary Regan sparkled for the camera.

4. Still laughing: Rita (Bonanno) Collins '56 obviously enjoyed the evening. She's pictured with hubby Ed '56, co-chairman of the capital campaign.

5. Maureen Lanigan, director of college fundraising events, shares a smile with the Hon. Michael T. Stella Jr. '65, a newly elected member of the college's Board of Trustees.

6. Left to right are Alina and Joseph T. Kelley and Arleen Roche. Dr. Kelley is vice president for student life; Mrs. Roche, a dedicated member of the Friends of Merrimack, is the wife of Kevin Roche '62, vice president of finance and chief financial officer of DOW JONES & Company, Inc. and a trustee of the college.

7. Attorney James J. McInnis '57, former trustee, and Dr. Robert Cuomo '68, chief economist at Boston Edison, chat with members of the Massachusetts Legislature - Representative Donna M. Cuomo and Senator John D. O'Brien. Of course, Donna and Bob see a lot of each other on the home front.

8. Get Down: While speeches and commentary are de rigeur for such an event, Merrimackians know how to celebrate!

9. Old Friends: Pictured with President Santagati are Armita and S. Peter H'71 Volpe, generous supporters of the college. The Athletic Center is named for Mr. Volpe, formerly a member of the Board of Trustees.

10. Interim Dean of Science and Engineering Dr. Kathleen (K.C.) Swallow and her husband Stephen.

Photos by David M. Barron

LIFE ON CAMPUS: Leading by Example

An ongoing discussion about what makes Merrimack different focuses on resident life.

by Mary Beth Donovan '80, with Rev. Richard Jacobs, O.S.A.

Resident Director Cristina Delgado said she will never forget the evening Rev. Scott Ness, O.S.A. '84, arrived at Monican Center to bless the building.

After leading prayers in the main lobby, Father Ness walked through the hallways, stopping before each resident's door to sprinkle holy water and give a blessing. As he progressed, a growing number of students followed him. Others opened their doors to see what was going on.

While many students seemed a little intimidated by the event, they embraced it, said Delgado. "Father and his blessings were literally touching their lives, their personal space. It felt neat," she said.

That unexpected, perfect moment defined for her why and how Merrimack is different from other colleges, Delgado said.

She told the story to other Merrimack community members who met in one of two focus groups to talk about the college's identity as a Catholic institution founded on the teachings of St. Augustine. The discussions centered on resident life and how it relates to the Merrimack spirit.

From the start, that relationship is challenging, one that begins with the perceptions many new students have about campus life. Several participants pointed to Animal House, a movie that paints college life as one big, wild party devoid of learning and responsible behavior, as a main point of reference for many students.

"I think some kids believe there is total freedom, no boundaries, when they first come here. They are looking for

new experiences. They want all the amenities of home, without their parents," said Stephen Waluk, a junior and head resident advisor.

"Some come with a lot of baggage. They need to bolster their self-esteem and understanding. They may have had hurtful lives before they arrived here," said Elaine Grant, director of resident life.

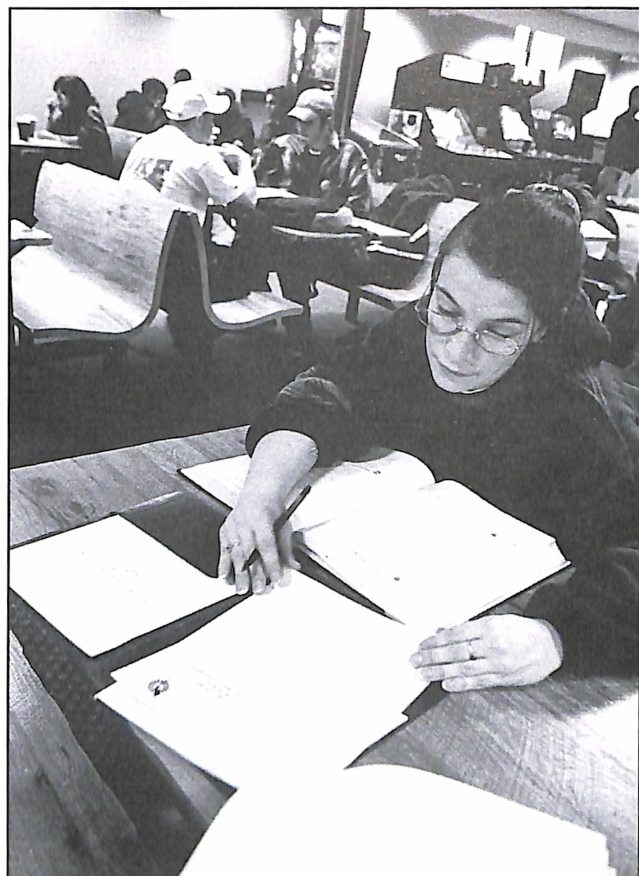
And in the face of all that, living on campus contributes in large part to the intellectual and emotional growth for many college students.

"As parents," said Janet Smart, "we hoped our children would experience and grow in the same spiritual values we taught them at home, but in a more adult way. Campus residency can provide for that need, as we've seen at Merrimack with our daughter, Stacy."

Add these issues and expectations to the everyday struggles of getting laundry done, being away from everyone you know, and trying to study, and problems can erupt.

That is why resident life is so crucial to the college's educational program, and why the people involved in resident life must be knowledgeable in their leadership roles, participants said.

"Jesus taught by leading," said George Scotti, a fifth year co-op student. "We have to be role models and have our values assessments in place. We must challenge by example and get others to buy into it."



David Oxtun photo

Among the needs identified by participants in the discussions were better athletic training and workout facilities, common spaces for informal gatherings and conversation, and more formal, comfortable, and quiet spaces for reading and reflection. The student shown above studies in the midst of the bustling Warriors' Den.

A student resident advisor, for instance, who spends a night drinking and when on duty chastises his students for drinking will get no results or respect, he said.

Other staff members said their own mistakes and difficulties adjusting to campus life encouraged them to seek advice from other students. Erica DeSimone, a fifth-year senior and resident advisor, said she used to leave campus every Friday afternoon and return Sunday nights. She and her roommate had a rocky relationship. She turned to a student advisor for help and found that she was able to transform the whole experience into a positive one.

Now, she takes great satisfaction in helping other students through their own adjustment struggles. When students knock on her door with a simple question they probably know the answer to, DeSimone knows they really just want to talk. She always invites

them in.

At the beginning of this school year, DeSimone read a poem about self value and respect to the young women on her floor. While some giggled at the message which celebrated traditional values, others thanked her and asked for copies. "They may not know it at the time, but some of these students are really looking for guidance. We have to be ready to offer it," DeSimone said.

Waluk said he was at first very disappointed by campus life. A serious student, he had a hard time fitting in when he felt others were devoting more time to socializing than studying. "At first I hated it. It was not what I expected and I suffered for that," he said. He became a resident advisor to help people who may feel as he did.

The secret to keeping the Merrimack spirit alive for campus life may be not only in gestures of understanding and empathy, but in sending clear messages of what is expected and what constitutes responsible behavior, the participants said. "From the first day of school on," said Grant, "there are meetings and messages designed to tell students what is expected of them."

"There's a dilemma that resident life personnel in every college confronts, the same challenge that we parents deal with at home. That is, we all know the kids will do things we'd prefer they wouldn't. So, the question is, how will the college balance what is legal with student experimentation and learning?" asked Bill Gibelli, a parent whose son is a first-year student.

Gibelli suggested that the college formulate a statement of principles which students and their parents agree to when they come to Merrimack. He also suggested that these principles be used to guide decision-making when students go too far.

Whether codified or not, all rules seem to lead back to the Golden Rule, Grant added, rephrasing the adage: "Respect each other and the campus community."

"Rules can be helpful to students. But there has to be consistent follow through," said Grant.

Waluk suggested the rules might be easier to follow if there were more open discussion about why they exist. "If we were able to explain those rules I think it would be more helpful to students. I

think people need to understand what Merrimack stands for, why this place is different, why they chose to come here," he said.

"Merrimack is not a seminary. Residents will be exposed to a number of experiences and situations. The purpose is to learn to think about issues as Catholics do," said one participant. That appears to be happening more and more.

DeSimone pointed to a display of St. Monica set up in Monican Center. Some residents had no idea where the building's name came from, or that St. Monica was St. Augustine's mother. "It was really neat that people were interested in it," she said.

In her conversations with others on campus, DeSimone has talked about why St. Augustine, a man who made some serious mistakes and learned and matured from them, can be someone students can identify with. She said she would like to see more information about St. Augustine and the Catholic tradition offered to students in their religious studies classes.

The participants said there are other simple ways to make sure the message that makes Merrimack special resounds through campus and beyond.

"I think the school should be more proactive, maybe with programming and workshops, a seminar on St. Augustine. No matter how students get there they will be touched," DeSimone said.

Others suggested more symbols of faith, like statues and crosses, around campus. Those reminders would be a symbol, to the people who live and work on campus and to those who visits what the school represents, they said.

Reflecting on the college's transformation from a commuter campus to a more residential one and voicing the same concerns being addressed by the capital

campaign, Rick Blain '74 said, "The buildings need to be upgraded and new structures designed to provide students the kinds of experiences that are appropriate to a residential culture."

Among the needs Blain discussed are athletic training and workout facilities, common spaces for informal gatherings and conversation, and more formal, comfortable, and quiet spaces for reading and reflection.

DeSimone suggested fireside chats in the dorms where professors could debate ethical issues facing the world today. They could talk about why some campus rules exist.

"It would make people think about their choices," said DeSimone. Waluk said he has found his own way to spread the word that Merrimack is a Catholic institution based on St. Augustine's teachings.

Each weekend, before he goes to Mass, he puts on a tie and makes his way through his dorm making small talk. Inevitably someone will ask why he is so dressed up. "I'm going to Mass. Want to come?" is his stock answer. Sometimes, he gets takers.

And when his friend Father Ness visits, Waluk likes to leave his door open. Students walking by typically do double takes when they see a priest. Not so long ago, every dorm had an Augustinian in residence, said Waluk. "This is my way of bringing the Church back to resident life, and it's a pretty simple thing to do. Why should it be so strange now?"



Participants in the first of two discussions on the topic of residence life are pictured above. Left to right, they are Alice Murray, member of the Board of Trustees and friend of the college; Elaine Grant, resident life director; Cristina Delgado, resident director; Rev. Richard Jacobs, assistant to the president; Erica DeSimone, resident advisor; Stephen Waluk, resident advisor; and George Scotti, resident advisor.

Mary Beth Donovan photo

New residence hall aims to spark community

Three hundred first-year students will live and attend classes in a state-of-the-art building next year

by Mary Beth Donovan '80



Ground was broken in the fall for the new residence hall. The first snowfall stopped work briefly, but the project remains on schedule and under budget. Visible in the background, for points of reference, are Cascia Hall's steeple, the top of O'Reilly Hall, McQuade Library, and the Mendel Center. David Oxtan photo

In August of this year, Merrimack will open a new residence hall, a home away from home for three hundred first-year students.

The John E. Deegan, O.S.A. Hall, named after former Merrimack College president and Prior Provincial of the Augustinians, will be state-of-the-art. All rooms will be wired for data, voice, and video. There will be conference rooms, computer rooms, and three lounges on each floor. But the building will be much more than new bricks and mortar and sophisticated technology, promises Dr. Joseph T. Kelley, vice president for student life.

"It will shift the culture of the campus, and what happens there will be very visible to everyone on campus," Kelley said. "The idea is to help the first-year students create a real sense of community."

Some classes or seminars for first-year students may be held in the new hall's conference rooms. Commuter students will be invited to use the lounges and other common areas.

Merrimack leaders began talking about building three years ago, when it became evident that the college's growing national and international reputation was attracting more students

who wanted to live on campus. Elaine Grant, director of resident life, said an increasing number of students from area communities have also been opting to live on campus rather than commute.

"And every year it has been getting a little bit more crowded," said Kelley. Currently there are 1163 residents on campus, while technically there is only room for 1060. As a result, three students might live in rooms created for two; or, instead of four students sharing a suite, there are five.

"Given that trend and the future we are predicting for increased demand, it became obvious this is what we need," Kelley said.

Construction on the \$10 million project started in August and has been on schedule, according to Kelley. To finance the project, the school received bonding from the Massachusetts Bond Insurance Agency, in effect earning an AAA rating for its debt. The college will thus save up to \$3.5 million in interest, and the revenue generated by the rooms will exceed the interest and principal payments.

The three-story red brick building was designed with input from students and staff and will be completely accessible to people with disabilities, Grant said.

It is located in the center of the campus, between O'Reilly Hall, a classroom building, and Ash Hall, the residence hall formerly known as Austin Hall. Its construction will create a traditional campus yard, complete with a cloistered walkway and a small park area.

Inside the buildings, "clusters" of 8 to 18 students - two to a room - are aimed at creating small communities within the larger community. Each cluster shares bathroom facilities and a study area. In addition, there will be a chapel, computer room, and conference and lounge areas. A staff of student resident advisors and other resident life staff members will also live in the new residence hall.

"We hope what emerges will reflect the living college," said Kelley. In addition to the new building, there are plans to upgrade Ash Hall, which also houses primarily first-year students.

The investment is a sound one, said Grant. "Studies have shown that students living on campus have higher grade point averages and more access to the professors. If they find a link to the community, students are more likely to stay and succeed."

Three elected to board

Three new members have been elected to Merrimack's Board of Trustees: Cynthia P. Danaher, the Rev. John P. Stack, O.S.A., and The Hon. Michael T. Stella Jr. '65.

Danaher, last year's commencement speaker, is general manager of Hewlett-Packard's Medical Products Group. Prior to that position, Danaher was the general manager of Hewlett-Packard's Medical Products Group Imaging Systems Division. She joined Hewlett-Packard in sales development in 1984. Before her tenure with Hewlett-Packard, Danaher worked for General Electric Company in its Medical Systems Division. She received a B.S. degree from the University of Vermont and an M.B.A. from Harvard.

The Rev. John Stack, O.S.A., is dean of students at Villanova University and has served in that position since 1982. Previously, he was the vocation director for the Province of St. Thomas of Villanova and chaplain at Monsignor Bonner High School in Drexel Hill, Penn. Stack received a B.A. and an M.S. from Villanova.

The Hon. Michael Stella Jr. '65 is presiding justice at the Lawrence District Court. Previously, Stella served as an associate justice of the Lawrence District Court. He has also been in private practice and was an assistant district attorney for Essex County. A native of Lawrence, Stella received a B.A. from Merrimack and a J.D. from Suffolk University Law school. He is married to Barbara A. (Donovan) '67.



Photo by Frank J. Leone Jr. '61

Coffee Talk: Pictured left are President Santagati and Dan Warner, editor of the Pulitzer Prize-winning Eagle-Tribune, a newspaper that serves northeastern Massachusetts and southern New Hampshire. Warner was guest speaker at the Friends of Merrimack New Member Coffee in September. He spoke on media coverage of the deaths of Princess Diana and Mother Teresa. The Friends, through membership and fundraising events, provides scholarship aid to Merrimack students. For membership information, call Kim Rayla at (978) 837-5121.

Smart classroom aids smart students

We've always known that there are smart students at Merrimack, but smart classrooms?

You bet. Thanks to grants from NYNEX and an anonymous corporate donor, the third floor of Cushing now hosts a state-of-the-art, multimedia instructional center - known familiarly as a smart classroom.

Designed to foster collaborative learning through advanced technology, the smart classroom makes textbooks obsolete. The 24 student stations are equipped with full audio and video, and the instructor console allows teachers to work with students individually or as a group.

Professor Debra Burns of the English department says she first used the technology in a course she taught at the University of Rhode Island. Next semester, she'll hold an introductory writing course in the classroom.

The fifteen Merrimack students will participate in a discussion about democracy with over 100 students nationwide. The program, nearly two years old, began with students discussing issues surrounding the 1996 Presidential elections. Students talk to each other and to teachers via the internet. They'll also write papers, using the world wide web as a source, in addition to library resources.

The format means students write more often than they would in a traditional setting. "The only way you can contribute on the internet is to write," Burns says.

She adds that students are good at the kind of conversations found in "chat rooms," where little regard is given to conventions like spelling, punctuation, and syntax, but in class they're asked to do more.

"We focus more on rhetoric and informed opinions," she explains.

Burns has taught this class at Merrimack before, using the equipment in the computer lab in McQuade. The students had to double up on computers, and the machines weren't all the same. She says smart classroom technology will make learning much easier for the students.

And that, in turn, will make for smarter students.



Jocelyne P. Fauerbach photo

Dr. Jane Tompkins signs a copy of her book, *A Life in School*, for Merrimack student, Robert Koen, after Academic Convocation. Tompkins' message — that most of what is important in life isn't learned in school — is one Merrimack students are encouraged to examine.

Unusual Message Sounds at Academic Convocation

Dr. Jane Tompkins, an English professor at Duke University, cautioned students against focusing solely on academic achievement, saying "College, while it opens the world to you, can also be narrowing."

Colleges can be places lacking spirit, morality and connections to the important aspects of life, like taking care of your body, heart, and soul, she said.

While unusual, Tompkins' message fits with Merrimack's goal: to awaken both the minds and the hearts of its students. Her book, *A Life in School*, was required reading for first-year students this year.

She spoke at the hour-long Academic Convocation, held in September to officially open the school year. Founders' Day was celebrated in conjunction with Convocation. Honored were Richard Cardinal Cushing and the Archdiocese of Boston for their role in Merrimack's beginnings. The Most Reverend John R. McNamara, Regional Bishop, represented the Archdiocese at the event.

Other speakers included Dr. Jack P. Calareso, vice president for academic affairs; Dr. Joseph T. Kelley, vice president for student life; and President Richard J. Santagati.

The event was the culmination of a series of ceremonies marking the opening of the new academic year.



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David L. Maher
President
American Stores

Osco's people are people who care

The Osco Drug Company was recognized by Merrimack at a ceremony for its donation of the building now known as Cascia Hall.

The building, formerly the Fellowship Bible Church, was moved from its original site at the intersection of Routes 114 and 125 to its new location to the south of Gildea Hall.

Osco had purchased the property and intended to demolish the church and a small classroom building adjacent to it. President Santagati knew Merrimack could use the space and asked David L. Maher, a former neighbor and president of Osco's parent company American Stores, if the company would donate the buildings and the cost of moving them to campus. Maher agreed.

Cascia Hall has been named to honor St. Rita of Cascia, an Augustinian nun who was canonized by Pope Leo XIII.

Talking Theology

Adults are being offered an opportunity to go back to school - CCD, actually - at an area parish, and Merrimack is helping make it possible.

A two-year series of theological discussions, entitled "Faith Seeking Understanding," is planned at St. Michael Parish in North Andover. Noting that, once confirmed, most Catholics spend little or no time reflecting on the teachings of the church, the parish developed the series to help parishioners review and, perhaps, reframe their faith.

The faculty, drawn primarily from Merrimack, includes Dr. Joseph T. Kelley, vice president for Student Life; Dr. Jack Calareso, vice president of Academic Affairs; Rev. Scott Ness, O.S.A. '84 and Rev. Joseph Farrell, O.S.A., campus ministers; and Dr. Warren Kay, associate professor of Religious Studies.

Investment Strategy Means Big Rewards

When it comes to investing its endowment, Merrimack has chosen the road less travelled. And it has made all the difference.

As of June 30, 1997, the endowment stands at \$18.4 million, up from \$15.7 million the year before. In fact, in each of the three most recent years, endowment growth has been impressive, thanks to the college's unusual investment strategy.

"A number of years ago, we did some modeling to increase our return, but not our risk," Donna Couture '82, Merrimack's controller, explains. "We saw how that was possible - through changing our asset allocation."

The traditional investment choices of colleges Merrimack's size are predominantly domestic stocks and bonds. Merrimack has a broader range of investment holdings, including international stocks and bonds, real estate, and investments in small companies.

"We're thinking like investment people. It really doesn't matter how large or small your endowment is," Jim Wilson '67, chairman of the college's investment committee, recently told the Chronicle of Higher Education. Wilson is a senior vice president of Martingale Asset Management, a Boston-based investment firm. "You gain an awful lot by diversifying your portfolio, and you lose very little."

Origami Anyone?

by Jocelyne P. Fauerbach

For many, math is a subject to struggle with. "Most people think of math as a four-letter word," Dr. Tom Hull says with a grin. Hull began teaching math at Merrimack last fall. But give him some colored paper and a little time to fold it, and he can make it fun.

"Origami can be used to illustrate many math principles," Hull says. Origami is the Japanese art of folding paper into decorative shapes. "By creating something, whether it be a sphere or a butterfly, kids learn to enjoy math. Origami helps by taking away the phobia that most kids associate with math."

Hull was introduced to origami at the age of eight, while visiting an uncle in Boston. His uncle handed him an origami book and his affinity for folding paper into unique shapes took hold then and there.

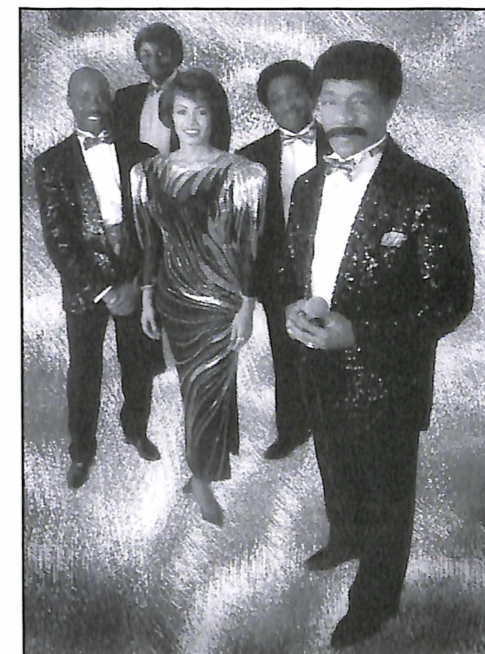
"I remember folding my first model out of tinfoil on the car ride home," he says. "As a kid, I always liked anything having to do with spatial relations including puzzles, games - and origami."

As an undergraduate at Hampshire College in Amherst, Hull started to explore the relationship between mathematics and origami. Although Hampshire does not require its students to declare a major, Hull concentrated on mathematics. He was encouraged by professors to continue exploring the relationship between math and origami, but there were limited resources and research available on the topic—something Tom hopes to change in the coming years. He has written a book, *Origami, Plain and Simple*, and is at work on another, featuring Russian origami designs, due out later this year.

Much of Hull's origami research involves the paper's crease patterns—the networks of points and lines. It is this same type of research that is often used for understanding complicated phone and computer networks.

If you walk by his office in Mendel, you'll see his paper creations from giant colorful spheres to winged demons adorning the bookshelves. Some models are based on algorithms, with patterns so intricate that no two colors intersect. Some of the designs are so intricate, it's hard to imagine they're just folded pieces of paper. One model was a few years in the making.

So the next time you get stuck folding that paper swan or solving a tricky math problem, you know who to call.



In 1955, The Platters could be heard on nearly every car radio in the country, with such hits as "Only You," "Smoke Gets In Your Eyes," and "My Prayer." On March 7, Herb Reed, the only original Platter left performing, will appear with his group at a Friends of Merrimack scholarship benefit. For more details, call Maureen Lanigan at (978) 837-5448.

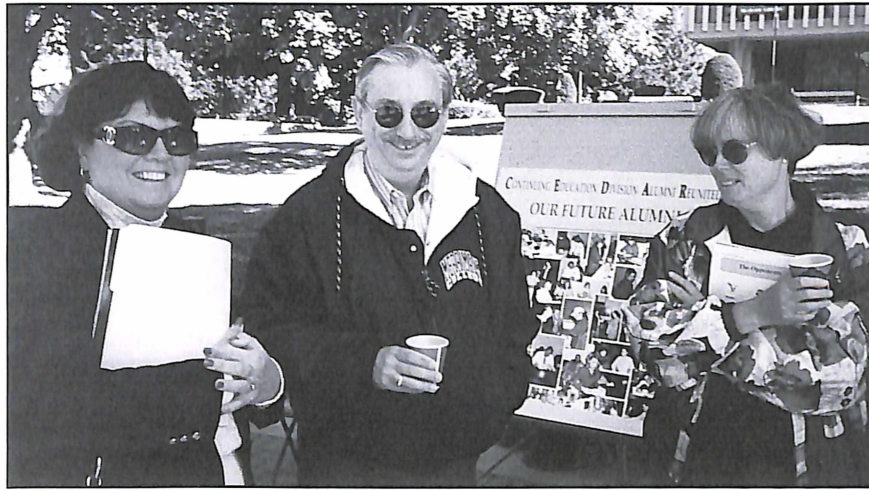
President's Cup Tees Off June First

The seventeenth annual President's Cup Golf Tournament, sponsored by the Friends of Merrimack, will be held on Monday, June 1, at the Indian Ridge Country Club. All golfers, men and women, are welcome.

Player fee is \$200 for morning or afternoon tee times. The cost includes greens fees, cart fees, breakfast, lunch and dinner. Corporate sponsors are being solicited for the event.

All proceeds from the tournament benefit Merrimack College students directly, in the form of scholarships.

For more information on playing or sponsoring, please call Maureen Lanigan, director of fundraising events, at (978) 837-5448.



John H. Obert photo

Welcome: Pat Bowman Skeffington '88, left, stopped by the CEDAR (Continuing Education Division Reunited) reception to chat with George Rogers and his wife, Marguerite. Rogers is the new director of Continuing and Professional Education.

HELP WANTED

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

Qualifications: A willingness to make new friends, try new things, and have fun, too. If this sounds like you, consider joining the growing group of alumni volunteers actively participating and contributing to the success of the college and its programs.

For information about any of these programs, contact the alumni director, Susan A. Wojtas '79 at swojtas@merrimack.edu or call the alumni office at (978) 837-5440, fax (978) 837-5225 or return the form at right.

Alumni Ambassadors

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

Fundraising

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

Career Networking

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

Reunion

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

Regional Clubs

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

Continuing Education Alumni

Continuing Education Division alumni have their own alumni club, CEDAR (Continuing Education Division Alumni Reunited). Special events are held and a newsletter is published.

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Warriors look to climb towards Hockey East elite

by Thomas J. Caraccioli

When a student-athlete signs on to play for Merrimack College and Head Coach Ron Anderson, he is expected to do two things without question: work as hard as possible and graduate.

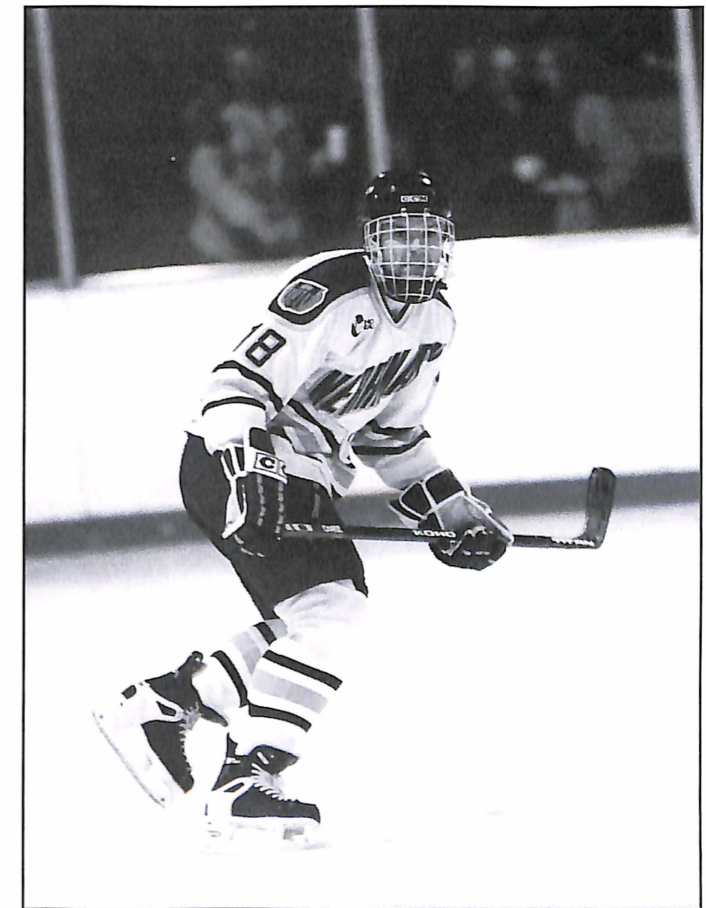
Those two objectives are the backbone of Anderson's program, a program that graduated eight seniors last season and earned its first home ice berth in the Hockey East Championship Tournament.

The loss of eight seniors may be daunting to some but Anderson is

optimistic. "I like what we have returning this season," he said. "I think we have an awful lot coming if we can plug a few key holes."

Indeed, the Warriors have a lot coming back.

Merrimack welcomes seven of its top ten scorers back for the 1997-98 season, firepower that includes



Al Pereira photo

Senior Martin Laroche wears the Captain's "C" this year.

Warrior Club Helps Keep Athletics Strong

Can you recall every last play in the game when you batted in a winning run? Did your best college moments take place on the ice? Have you insisted that your daughter play soccer, since you know you never would have gotten your sheepskin if Coach hadn't pushed you to get better grades? Is the sports section the first one you read when your Merrimack magazine arrives?

Then there is a club just for you. Since 1985, The Warrior Club has been working to support and build upon Merrimack's athletic program. Through scholarships and equipment purchases, the Warrior Club helps our student athletes succeed on and off the playing fields. The club is growing under the leadership of Jack Twomey '56, president; Joe Day '60, first vice president; and Steve McMahon '72, second vice president. Minimum membership dues is \$100 per family per year. Benefits include The Warrior News, a special publication just about Merrimack athletics; special schedule mailings; and events at home and away games.

For more information, call Robert M. DeGregorio Jr., director of athletics, at (978) 837-5341.

three of the top four scorers: senior alternate captain Casey Kesselring, junior alternate captain Rejean Stringer and junior sniper Kris Porter. These three alone combined for 47 goals, 37 percent of Merrimack's goal-scoring prowess, last season.

It was no mystery that goal scoring is what stoked the Warriors to their best Hockey East finish ever and it will be no different this season. "I think the big difference for us last season was our goal production in the second half of the season," Anderson said. "We have three of our top four goal scorers back, and if some of the younger guys from last year take their game to the next level we should be all right."

With that in mind, let's look at the Merrimack College Warriors by position:

MEN'S BASKETBALL OUTLOOK

"The best thing about freshmen is that they become sophomores."

CBS College Basketball Analyst Al McGuire

FORWARD

Senior **Casey Kesselring** caught fire in the second half of last season and fashioned a 15-game consecutive scoring streak that enabled him to lead the Warriors in scoring. Kesselring's 1996-97 offensive output also put him among Merrimack's Top 50 All-Time scorers.

Rejean Stringer and **Kris Porter** teamed all season long in 1996-97 to combine for 34 goals on Merrimack's most potent offensive line. Stringer earned Hockey East Player of the Week honors and led the team in goal-scoring. Porter was a consistent sniper throughout last season and, while leading the Warriors in power play goals with nine, also finished among Hockey East's top scorers in that same category.

Martin Laroche returns for his senior year donning the captain's "C," the only Warrior to have played in all 36 games last season. Senior **Jason Feeley** also returns for his final season in Merrimack's blue and gold. The gritty winger will continue to add spark and desire as a Warrior forward. Sophomores **Sandy Cohen**, **Jayson Philbin** and **Chris Halecki** can only be expected to improve after solid rookie seasons.

DEFENSE

The Warrior defensive corps is probably the least of Anderson's concerns, as he returns eight of ten defensemen. The blueliners have historically been big and talented in protecting the Merrimack end of the ice. In that tradition, the Warriors boast sophomore **Drew Hale**. The 6'4" defenseman will be looked upon to continue the type of gritty and rugged play opponents expect of Merrimack blueliners.

Junior Darrel Scoville stepped up his play in both ends of the ice and the offensive defenseman finished last season with 23 points. Scoville will be vital in engineering the Warrior power play. Senior **Ryan Guzior** enters his final season in a leadership position that will

force him to continue to perform in both ends of the ice. A gifted player who possesses poise, he will also play a significant part in the Warriors' special teams.

Junior Roland Grelle returns to action after breaking his wrist in last season's second semester. Grelle is a rugged blueliner whose toughness will be a key component in the defensive end of the ice. **Junior Chris Silvestro** enters the 1997-98 season with high expectations. After a season in which he returned from serious back problems, Silvestro played in 14 games last season. Fully rehabilitated, look for Silvestro to jump into the middle of Merrimack's lineup.

Sophomore **Andrew Fox** returns after a freshman season in which he potted a goal and three assists in 25 games. Not a classic Merrimack defenseman in stature, Fox is a smart player who will move the puck well and use his body judiciously in denying opponents scoring opportunities. The Merrimack coaching staff see sophomore **Mike Rodrigues** as a tough "lunchpail-type" of defenseman who plays a rugged game behind the blueline. With 16 games under his belt in his rookie season, Rodrigues looks ready to blossom.

Sophomore **Tony White** played in 22 games for the Warriors last season. Used primarily as a defenseman, White is a versatile player, valuable due to his offensive and defensive skills.

GOAL

Most Hockey East observers will point to Merrimack's goal as its key to success in 1997-98. The Warriors will entrust the cage to sophomore **Cris Classen**. Classen saw action in five games last season and the coaching staff feels the young goaltender made noticeable progress throughout his first campaign in Division I hockey. Classen's cat-like reflexes and stand-up style will aid him in facing Hockey East's elite goal scorers.

NEWCOMERS

Anderson, along with assistant coaches Stu Irving, Andy Heinze and Mike Geragosian, welcome a mix of tough and speedy forwards and goaltenders to Merrimack this season. Hoping to find success for the next four years will be: **Ron Mongeau**, **Vincent Clevenger**, **Fred Nelson**, **Julien Jorgensen**, **Tom Welby**, **Roland Sperlich** and **Joey Gray**. Also new to the program will be sophomore **John Kovalsky** and juniors **Tim Thompson** and **Jim Sapienza**.

Mongeau is a proven productive player who skated last season at Canterbury (Conn.) Preparatory School. Clevenger, also from Canterbury Prep, joins the Warriors with excellent offensive skills and good size. Nelson is a forward from the Valley Junior Warriors, a local junior team, who possesses an excellent scoring touch and will be a smart prospect.

Jorgensen, formerly of the Quesnel Millionaires in the British Columbia Junior Hockey League, is a great skater, quick, smart, and with the potential to be a very creative offensive player. Welby played with the Nipawin Hawks of the Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League and is a well-schooled, stand-up goaltender who plays the angles and is extremely competitive. Sperlich spent last season playing goal for the Neepawa Natives. Gray is a local product from South Weymouth, Mass., who is familiar with the Volpe ice after playing Hockey Night in Boston. Sapienza returns to the Warrior hockey program after playing 10 games during his freshman season. Thompson and Kovalsky come to the program following play with the Valley Junior Warriors.

Success for the Warriors, like all the teams in Hockey East, will be contingent upon scoring goals. Merrimack's history of having a solid defensive club is proven. With the Warriors' offensive surge last season led by seven underclassmen, Coach Anderson and his staff are hoping that production will carry them to success during the 1997-98 season.

That sentiment is what Merrimack College men's basketball head coach Bert Hammel is counting on for the start of the 1997-98 season.

What follows is an insider's guide to Warrior basketball.

FORWARDS

No. 40 Reginald Carter One of the most physically gifted athletes on the Merrimack campus, Reggie Carter enters his sophomore season with expectations that, if fulfilled, could make him one of the most revered athletes Coach Hammel has had in his program. **Hammel's View:** He could be an all-star in this conference... He will be our go-to guy... He has to believe in himself and want to prove to himself and everyone else that he can dominate.

No. 42 John McVeigh Senior John McVeigh will be the team captain this season after scoring 113 points last season. McVeigh is consistently one of the hardest working Warriors and will be a starter at center. **Hammel's View:** Gets the maximum potential out of his talent... He is a very intelligent player who understands the game... He will benefit from the talented players that surround him.

No. 50 Matt Gibson Sophomore Matt Gibson had a very good freshman season last year and played in 25 games. The Andover native scored 185 points (7.9 ppg) and was tough in the paint. **Hammel's View:** We're hoping that we'll reap the benefits of his growing pains last season... He, along with Brown and Carter, learned the game last year. He had a tremendous summer and he is our guy in the middle who has to get it done for us... He can score against anybody.

GUARDS

No. 12 Shawn Brown Sophomore Shawn Brown is the floor leader who played in all 26 Merrimack games last season. Brown was the centerpiece of the up-tempo Warrior offense and will be looked upon to do the same this season. **Hammel's View:** Matured from his freshman year... He has a better idea of how to run a basketball team... He will have to be our leader on the court.

No. 22 Jeff Caron Junior Jeff Caron always seems to enter the new season in great shape. The 1997-98 season is no exception in that Caron arrived physically stronger and mentally tougher. With two years of collegiate experience, Caron could be a surprise star on the horizon. **Hammel's View:** Expected to increase his role in the offensive scheme... He has a better understanding of how to move without the basketball... He is a very good outside shooter.

No. 32 Richard Barden Sophomore Richard Barden spent last season learning the game at the collegiate level. Barden played in eight games and hustled constantly. **Hammel's View:** Definitely has a better idea of the college game... He can compete at this level physically and will play a contributing role.

No. 33 Brian Johnson Sophomore Brian Johnson played in five games last season and learned a great deal in his first year of collegiate basketball. He possesses a good shooting touch and should see more action this season. **Hammel's View:** He could be the surprise player on the team this season... He is a player who can play on the perimeter, the post. He needs to believe in himself, that he can be a very good player.

No. 44 Kirk Stockwood After taking last season off, senior Kirk Stockwood returns to the Warrior program with renewed enthusiasm and determination. He is an extremely hard worker who can shoot the ball and carry an offense when he hits. **Hammel's View:** Has come back with fire in his belly and wants to prove he can succeed again... He is physically and mentally ready to play this season... He is a tough kid who is ready to play.

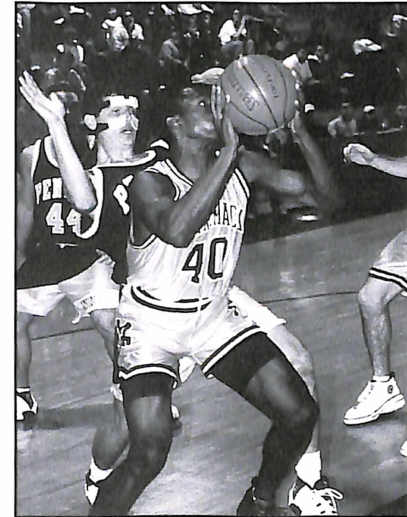
NEWCOMERS

Coach Hammel and assistant coach Steve Curran also welcome four new Warriors into the program. Freshmen Michael Dunn and Matt Van Leeuwen will experience college basketball for the first time while junior Barry Spears will enjoy his first season in Warrior blue and gold as well.

No. 20 Barry Spears: **Hammel's View:** Will be eligible at Christmas and will play when he returns... Very athletic and has the ability to get to the basket... He can rebound with the big players despite his size... We expect big things.

No. 23 Matt Van Leeuwen: **Hammel's View:** We expect him to play and compete for playing time... He can shoot the ball and has a great attitude.

No. 34 Michael Dunn: **Hammel's View:** Had a great high school career at Central Catholic... He is a power forward and has good skills inside... It might take some time for him to adjust to this level of play but he should manage well.



Coach Bert Hammel says of sophomore Reggie Carter, "He could be an all star in this conference."

Al Pereira photo

Hard work will determine the path of Lady Warriors

Women's basketball head coach Debbie Cogan sums up her 1997-98 team in two words: defense and run.

Those two words will be the backbone of Cogan's strategy as she enters her twelfth season behind the Merrimack bench. "We are going to be an exciting team to watch this season," said Cogan. "We will be playing more up-tempo offense and work extremely hard in the defensive end of the court."

FORWARDS

No.13 Lynn Gaglioti Senior co-captain Lynn Gaglioti will be the offensive catalyst for the Lady Warriors this season. She enters her final season having scored 741 points and will be the focus of Cogan's perimeter game plan. **Cogan's View:** A very important part of the team whom I'll challenge constantly throughout the season... She could be one of the better players in the Northeast-10 this season and is vital to our program because of her experience and versatility.

No. 20 Beth Kelly Senior Beth Kelly brings the emotional leadership a young team will need in order to compete in the Northeast-10 Conference. Kelly only played 12 games last season and was plagued by injuries. **Cogan's View:** Beth is our emotional leader... She will play the four position this year and we will count on her to take her emotion onto the court every night.

No. 33 Amy Veilleux Senior co-captain Amy Veilleux rounds out the returning crop of forwards who will guide the Lady Warrior offense this season. Veilleux is a 6'1" center who played in 25 of 26 games last season. She is Merrimack's main threat on the boards and will be expected to continue to show fierce determination in the paint. **Cogan's View:** She is the foundation on the inside... Needs to be a leader on the floor every night and we will rely on her smarts.

GUARDS

No. 3 Heather Cretella Sophomore Heather Cretella appeared in 18 games last season coming off the bench. Cretella is a tough guard who makes opponents work for every point they get. **Cogan's View:** Had a good off-season and is more confident coming into this season... Will probably come in off the bench and needs to be an aggressive player both offensively and defensively.

No. 11 Megan Burke Came in last season as the starting point guard and led the Merrimack offensive charge. She played in all of the Lady Warriors 26 games last season and averaged 7.9 ppg and shot 81 percent from the free-throw line. **Cogan's View:** Best off-season of any returning player... She worked extremely hard on the court as well as in the weight room... This year she will play in her more natural position as a two-guard... She deserves to have a good season because of her hard work.

No. 32 Christine Proctor Sophomore Christine Proctor possesses a tenacious attitude when the scoring lane opens and she sets her sight on the hoop. Entering her second season of collegiate basketball, Proctor could become a very important player in the Merrimack scheme. **Cogan's View:** She also worked very hard over the off-season... Offensively, she is very talented and we'll expect big things from her after a lesson-filled freshman year... She has the potential to be a very good player in the NE-10.

No. 34 Madeline Pagano Touted last season as one of the most fundamentally sound players to enter Merrimack, Pagano saw time in 13 games last season. As she enters her second season of play, playing time will increase and comfort-level will rise. **Cogan's View:** Solid player who has improved... She is a solid fundamental player who will be able to be stabilizing force when she enters the game.

NEWCOMERS

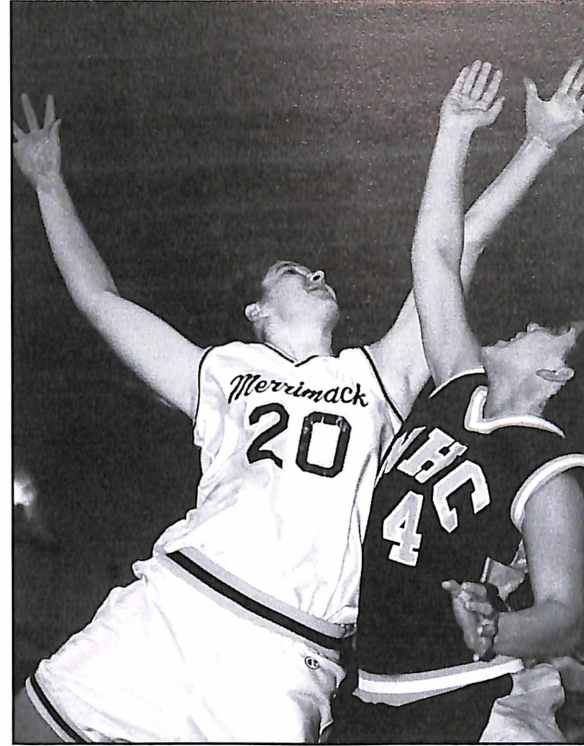
Coach Cogan and assistant coaches Julie Dabrowski and Ed Kelley welcome four freshmen to the Merrimack College women's basketball program this season. Karen Vitolo, Amanda McNamar, Rebecca Rotti and Lee Barrett all will try to leave their mark on the Merrimack campus in the next four years. Here are Coach Cogan's views on the newcomers:

No. 12 Karen Vitolo: **Cogan's View:** Point guard who handles the ball... She will push the offense... Terrific point guard who will gear the offense towards up-tempo play.

No. 21 Lee Barrett: **Cogan's View:** Good athlete who will challenge for playing time... Made the team and will work hard to continue positive progress.

No. 40 Amanda McNamar: **Cogan's View:** Talented player who has great concentration... Looks to be a big contributor this season... Uses both hands well and will be a strong influence.

No. 52 Rebecca Rotti: **Cogan's View:** Tallest player in the program (6'3")... Big upside but needs experience through playing times... Enthusiastic about learning the game at the collegiate level.



Al Pereira photo

Senior Beth Kelly played in only 12 games last year, but she's the team's "emotional leader," Coach Debbie Cogan says, and the Lady Warriors count on her energy.

CLASS NOTES



Robin Good photo

Friends and classmates gathered to honor the memory of Frederick Fossa '63 at a reception held for major donors to the scholarship endowment established in his name. Shown above are Pat O'Brien '64, Larry Murray '65, and Anne Murray '65.

M52

Daniel R. Harrington Jr. has retired as principal of the Dr. Albert B. Consentino Middle School in Haverhill, Mass. Dan has been in the Haverhill school system for 45 years.

Research Triangle Institute and a consultant for a U. S.-funded municipal management project in the Republic of Kyrgyzstan, a country in Central Asia. His consulting activities have also taken him to Romania.

M57

Dr. Joseph Pappalardo has retired from his post as a professor of education at Westfield State College. He and his wife, Wilma, plan on spending more time at their summer home in Kennebunkport, Maine with their children and grandchildren.

M59

Antoinette McDermott is the Christian service coordinator at Our Lady of the Woods Faith Community Church in Woodhaven, Michigan. She is in charge of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, the Stephen Ministries and other community programs.

M61

James P. Gordon has been chosen for the position of executive secretary for the Town of North Andover. He served as its town manager from 1989 to 1995. He is a senior financial advisor for the

M63

Frederick Gabriel has been appointed to the faculty at Epping Middle High School in Epping, N.H. He has over 25 years' teaching experience which includes teaching physical science, life science, marine biology, biology, chemistry, ecology, and microbiology in high schools and colleges.

M64

Last year, the USS Constitution, best known as "Old Ironsides", celebrated its 200th birthday. A Marblehead newspaper column reminded readers that **John Powers** was once its commander. John served as the historic frigate's 53rd commander, from March 1967 to June 1969. Old Ironsides is berthed at Pier One in the Boston Naval Shipyard.

Reginald Tardif has retired as head of the Social Studies department of Georgetown High School. He has been at Georgetown High for 32 years, in

that time serving as the advisor of the Student Council, president of the Georgetown Teachers' Union, and organizer of the Close-up Program, an activity designed to help students increase their understanding of the workings of government.

M65

Frances Caron Robbins has been awarded a Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology at Northeastern University. She has begun a post-doctoral fellowship in clinical neurology at Tufts New England Medical Center's Department of Psychiatry. Previously, Frances was a clinician at the Greater Lawrence Mental Health Center.

M66

Cynthia "Penny" (Tabit) Hahn has been appointed the associate academic dean of Bristol Community College in Fall River, Mass. She has been associated with the college since 1984, when she joined the faculty as an instructor in chemistry. Penny has published many articles and is the author of two chemistry textbooks. BCC has

twice awarded her its Silver Shield for outstanding contributions. She has received a number of other awards for her contribution to the field of science education, including the state-wide Pride in Performance Award.



Cynthia Hahn '66

M67

John McMahon has been appointed vice president of business development at Payton Construction Corp.

Hon. John M. Perone has been appointed by Governor George Pataki to the New York Supreme Court as a trial judge in the criminal part. Judge Perone is a former Assistant D.A., was a member of the New York State Assembly and New York State Senate. He has been a trial attorney since graduating from Villanova School of Law.

ALUMNI EVENTS CALENDAR

The alumni relations staff has a number of events planned for the coming months. For more information on these and other activities, call Susan Wojtas '79 at (978) 837-5440, or email her at swojtas@merrimack.edu, or contact John Obert '66 at (978) 837-5107 or jobert@merrimack.edu.

February 20-21	Winter Weekend
February 28	Alumni Retreat
March 19	Washington, D.C. alumni reception
March 28	Snow Date for Alumni Retreat
March 29	Southern Connecticut Reception
April 1	Night of Reflection
April 18	Alumni Council Spring Meeting
April 25-May 2	Alumni and Friends Trip to Greece
June 19-20	Reunion '98

M68

Denis Dupuis has been promoted to director of substance abuse services at Northern Essex Mental Health Services in Newburyport, Mass. He has a Ph.D. in transpersonal psychology. He is a licensed mental health counselor and a nationally certified master addictions counselor.

M69

The Rev. Gerard J. Boulanger has been appointed co-pastor of St. Mary Church in Jewett City, Conn. He took his vows as a member of the Missionaries of Our Lady of LaSalette in 1970 and was ordained to the priesthood in 1973. Father Boulanger serves on the admissions board for candidates seeking entrance into the religious order.

M70

Richard A. Bernard was recently promoted to the rank of Hachidan (8th Degree Black Belt) in the art of Shorin Ryu Karate. He was also upgraded to the teaching grade of Hanshi-Chief Grand Master Instructor-the highest possible teaching grade one can attain in a traditional martial art. Richie was previously inducted into the World Martial Arts Hall of Fame. He is also the co-founder of Shidokan International, an international martial arts organization responsible for the licensing of martial arts schools and their staff, certification of rank and curriculum accreditation. He is the President of House of Samurai, Inc. in Londonderry, N.H.

Joe Russo is president of Communication Ink, Ltd. The company's graphic design and advertising agency won three first-place Granite Awards this past June. The awards were presented by the Advertising Association of New Hampshire for the design of marketing, packaging and point of purchase merchandise for the Nutfield Brewing Company in Derry, N.H. Communication Ink was also selected for excellence from among 10,000 entries in the American Graphic Awards competition in August. Only 7% of the entries were recognized for excellence in graphic design. Joe is also co-chair of the Merrimack College New Hampshire Alumni Club. He lives in Windham, N.H.

ALUMNI COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Another semester has come and gone at Merrimack and, as with each new year, changes are evident all around the campus. A new residence hall is under construction. Warrior fans inaugurated a new football field this fall and a cultural arts center and expanded student center are in the works.

Despite all of the outward changes, the college remains committed to its mission as a small, Catholic, Augustinian institution of the professions, liberal arts, and sciences. This commitment to community, which grows directly out of Augustine's teachings, is reflected in the many activities of our alumni and our Alumni Council.

There are many opportunities to become more active in the alumni community. Elsewhere (page 16), you'll find a form with information on our subcommittees. It's our invitation to you to join us. I hope all of you will consider being part of the alumni team.

At the September council meeting, members heard committee reports. As you read over the minutes of the meeting, you'll see a tremendous depth and breadth of the contributions which alumni make to the college community.

The Admissions Committee, chaired by Joe Daly '65, reported that more than 1,500 calls were made this last year by more than 225 alumni volunteers to prospective Merrimack applicants.

The Alumni Resource Committee, headed by Bill McAvoy '83, held its Career Networking Night in November for students and alumni. In addition, the committee sponsored the Alumni Resources Networking List, which included 800 alumni who are

available for mock interviews, guidance, career planning, and most important networking.

The Student Liaison Committee, headed by Pat Bowman-Skeffington '88, focused on student life and student government, enhancing the college experience for our students by becoming student advocates. The CEDAR (Continuing Education Division Alumni Reunited) Committee, our newest committee, is chaired by Karen-Ann Glennon '90. CEDAR publishes a newsletter for DCE



Susan Wojtas '79, director of alumni relations, and Nicholas Chapman '71, president of the Alumni Council, are pictured at the Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration.

students, faculty and alumni. The committee held receptions for DCE student, faculty, and alumni throughout the year.

The Catholic Action Committee, this year under the leadership of Joanne Bibeau '78, organized a Night of Reflection and an Alumni Retreat in cooperation with the campus ministry office. The 1998 retreat will be led by campus minister Rev. Scott Ness, O.S.A. and held February 28; The night of reflection will be April 1.

The Nominating Committee has a new chairman, Rose DiStefano '54. As it does each year, the committee nominated new council members and the officers and members of the executive board.

As president of the Alumni Council, I offer my personal thanks to the council members, alumni participants, and committee chairs for their dedication and support of these programs.

David M. Barron photo



Carl Russo photo

Every day is reunion at Central Catholic High School. More than a dozen staff members are Merrimack graduates. They work in administration and teach and coach students. Left to right: Mary Beth Donovan Grassi '80 of the development and alumni office; John Housianitis '81, social studies teacher; Susan Stewart Downer '91, girls' varsity basketball coach; Karen Moynihan '73, English teacher; Sully Grella '96, math teacher; Peter Palladino '86, athletic director; Frances (Moriarty) Cook '72, biology teacher; Robert Rooseboom '68, social studies director; Chris Sullivan '85, English teacher and admission director; Dan Cargill '79, business manager; Carol Petralia Cultrera '73, math teacher; Dave De Fillippo '70, guidance director; and Jeanne R. Burns '72, vice principal. Missing are Vincent Pastore '85, math teacher; Richard Licare '79, boys' varsity basketball coach; Kim Page '94, girls' varsity soccer; and Keri Guertin '96, junior varsity girls' basketball. Central Catholic is a co-educational high school in Lawrence. It has 1,000 students from 30 different communities, is 65 years old and is run by the Marist Brothers.

M72

Deborah (Coury) Chianese has joined the social services staff at Project Care, an independent, non-profit health care agency. She has more than 20 years of experience with the Connecticut Department of Public Assistance, first as a staff social worker and then as a supervisor.

William McLaughlin has joined Carlson Real Estate Better Homes & Gardens in the Tewksbury office. He is a member of the Northeast Association of Realtors and Baystate MLS.

Kathryn Shanley has been promoted to vice president of external affairs at Delta Dental of Rhode Island. As vice president of external affairs, she is responsible for professional relations, customer service, marketing support, corporate communications, public relations, legislative affairs, and advertising and promotion. She joined Delta Dental in 1992 after a 13-year career with Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Massachusetts.

Donald B. Young is the new chief financial officer for the town of Amesbury, Mass. Previously, Donald served as the finance director for the City of Beverly, Mass.

M73

Bob O'Brien was interviewed by John Macone in an article for *The Eagle-Tribune*, "50 Years of Merrimack College History Displayed." Bob, along with **Kevin Salemme '88** and Professor David Raymond, was instrumental in putting the 50th anniversary exhibit together. The popular exhibit was on display from May to September in the McQuade Library art gallery. Bob also compiled the brochure, "A Merrimack Album, The First Fifty Years," a timeline of Merrimack's history. Bob reminds his classmates that their 25th reunion is coming up. He hopes to see everyone there.

M74

Rev. John Dolan has been appointed pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Fitchburg, Mass.

M75

Steve Alexander has been promoted to vice president of public affairs for Stoorza, Ziegau & Metzger, the largest independent public relations firm in California. Steve will be working closely with team members in both the Public Affairs and Life Science

and Technology divisions. Steve served as a commissioner of the San Diego Park and Recreation Board and was a gubernatorial appointee as Chairman of the State

Board of Behavioral Sciences. He volunteers as a Public Information Officer with the American Red Cross and works with the Rolling Readers program, spending time each week reading to elementary students. He also serves on the Aseltine School Finance Committee, where he has spent over 20 years helping students with learning disabilities.

John Howard is an information systems security manager at the Naval Security Group Activity in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

Brian J. Malynn has been awarded a Juris Doctor degree, *cum laude*, from New England School of Law. He was the recipient of both the Trustee and the New England scholar awards. He is a pension and benefits analyst for Mitre Corporation in Bedford, Mass.

Tom Wozniak and colleagues at Western New England College presented a program at the annual conference of the Northeast Association of College and University Housing Officers. The session, which described the college's pilot program on freshman community standards, was recognized at the conference as "Best of the Northeast." Tom and WNEC colleagues will present the program at the national conference next summer.

PASSPORT

TO REUNION '98 June 19-20, 1998

Reunion '98 honors the classes of '53, '58, '63, '68, '73, '78, '83, '88, '93!

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M76

Marie Cappello has been promoted to executive director for the Rockingham Economic Development Corp. in Exeter, N.H. The REDC provides economic development financing for growing and expanding businesses. They serve 37 communities in Rockingham County.

Wayne Lima's Kings's Row Band has been the opening act for three consecutive years at the Warwick Musical Theatre in Rhode Island. The band released its new CD "By Request" this summer.

Julie A. Sidon has established a private practice as a certified public accountant in Gloucester, Mass. She holds a Master of Science Degree in Taxation from Bentley College. Julie was previously employed as a manager in Horovitz & Frisch, P.C., C.P.A.s, in Gloucester.

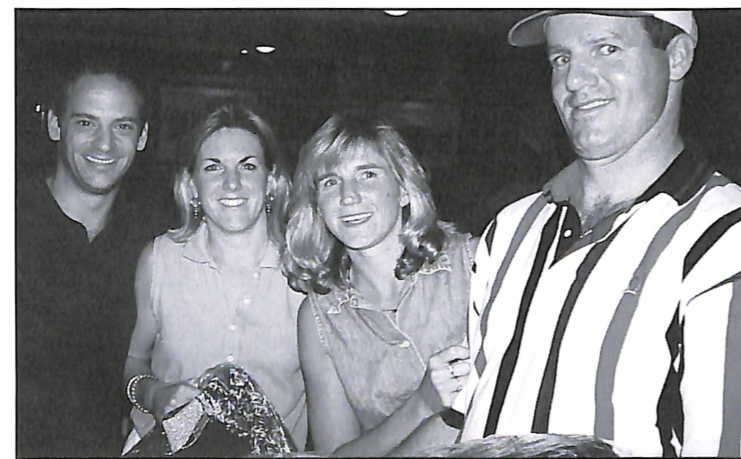
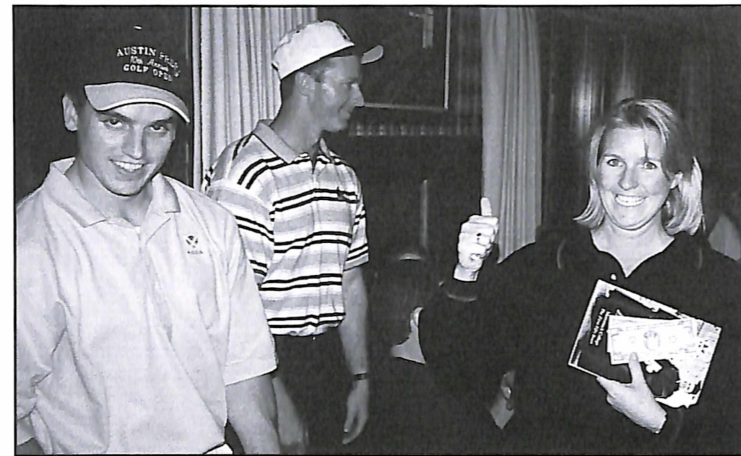
Dr. John W. Verbicky has been named president and chief executive officer of Chemfab Co. in Merrimack, N.H. John holds a doctorate in organic chemistry from the Georgia Institute of Technology. He lives in York Beach, Maine.

M77

Jack Walsh has been named director of inspectional services for the town of Framingham, Mass.

M78

John F. Conforti has joined the real estate firm of R. M. Bradley & Co. Inc. in Boston as a residential broker. He is past president of the Downtown Council of the Greater Boston Real Estate Board's Residential Association of Realtors, and in 1993 was named the Downtown Council Realtor of the Year, based on his business



TOP: Hackers' committee members Tim Moynihan '88 and Chris Ouellette '87 are shown above with Jenn Hoppe '91, winner of the women's longest drive hole. BOTTOM: Winners of the annual Hackers' Golf Tournament (co-ed division) are Bob '85 and Kelley (Halloran) Pavinelli '87 and Alison (McLaughlin) '87 and Kevin Lahiff '88.

success, community involvement, and significant contributions to the profession. John is a member of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the Boston Athletic Association and the Edgartown Yacht Club. He lives in Boston.

Michael P. Walsh has been sworn in as the Salem, N.H., postmaster. A 14-year employee of the U.S.

Postal Service's New Hampshire District, he now supervises more than 70 employees, handling more than 100,000 pieces of mail each day. Michael lives in Londonderry, N.H., with his wife, Maureen and son, Patrick.

M79

Christopher Nichols has completed the Asset Management Education Program offered by the National Endowment for Financial Education's Institute for Wealth Management. He is the principal of Nichols Financial Services in Mashpee, Mass.

Thomas Selling has started his own civil and environmental engineering consulting company in Laconia, N.H. He writes, "Business is great. Without the exceptional education I received at Merrimack, this would not have been possible. I'd like to

John H. Obert '66 photos

thank each and every professor for their dedication and pursuit to seeing that each individual student excels to the best of their ability. My only regret — I wish I'd started my own company five years ago!"

M80

Gregory G. Fallon has joined the business management faculty at Siena Heights College in Adrian, Michigan. Fallon served in the US Navy and Marine Corps. He is also a member of the American Management Association, Service Corps of Retired Executives, Disabled American Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, Vietnam Veterans of America, American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and A/C Engineers, and the Society of Manufacturing Engineers. He and his wife, Marie '81, live in Saline, Mich.

Joseph Humby is with Ameri-Pride in Connecticut, selling to major accounts in Connecticut, western Massachusetts and Westchester County N.Y. He and his wife Mary live in North Branford, Conn., with their son Michael.

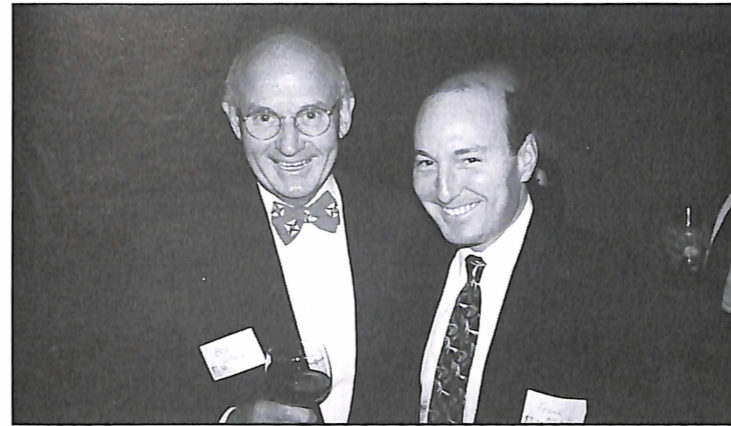
M81

Daniel A. Cameron is an account manager at Massachusetts Electric Company. He was recently elected director of the Everett Chamber of Commerce.

Christine (Burke) Goodson is employed by Florida State University and has recently been promoted to Director of the Oxford/FSU Adult Summer Program.

Mark M. Heffernan has been appointed an associate by R.M. Bradley & Company Inc. He works in its Commercial Real Estate Brokerage division. Mark volunteers on the Ouimet Scholarship Fund Drive to benefit high school students. Originally from Worcester, Mass. he and his wife and son now live in Wellesley, Mass.

Steve McCurdy works at the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection and has been selected by the state and Suffolk University as the 1997 Fellow for Excellence in public management. The fellowship is awarded to one person each year. He will pursue a master's degree in public administration.



Say "Cream Cheese!" It is Philadelphia, after all. Bob Whalen '67, president of the Delaware Valley Alumni Club and Atty. Frank McGill '82 are pictured at a Merrimack alumni dinner held at the Philadelphia Country Club. Rev. John Driscoll, O.S.A., H '97 was the guest of honor at the event in recognition of his service to Merrimack as chaplain and trustee. Father Driscoll is the former president of Villanova University.

Howard Stanton III has been elected senior vice president and chief financial officer of the Cargill Bank and treasurer of its holding company, Cargill Bancorp, Inc.

Barry Sullivan has sold the accounting firm he co-founded, Sullivan & Dooks, to American Express Tax and Business Services, Inc. He will join American Express as a director and will relocate his office to Wakefield, Mass. In July he was elected President of the Beverly Rotary Club. Barry and his wife Susan live in Beverly, Mass.

with their three daughters, Laura, Katie, and Kelly.

M82

Mary Jackson is employed by Cash America International. She has been promoted to vice president of government relations of the company.

M85

Joel Brown has been appointed vice president of the business

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development team at CORE Marketing in Newburyport, Mass. CORE is one of the country's largest marketing and sales channel development companies. He previously worked at NYNEX.

Charlie Dewire is employed by Old Mother Hubbard Dog Food Company and has recently been named Regional Sales Manager of the Year at the American Pet Products Manufacturers National Trade Show in Philadelphia.

Mark Haddad, formerly the Littleton, Mass. town administrator, has accepted a job as Cohasset's first town manager. He and his wife, Angela, have one son, Philip.

Susan (Crevo) Steneri has been promoted to regional employment manager for the northeast region of the American Express TRS. She lives in Wayland, Mass. with her husband, Andrew.

M86

Jeff Higgins lives in Derry, N.H. with his family and has opened a law practice. He will practice in the areas of Elder Care Law, Estate Planning, Family Law, and Personal Injury Law.

M. Paul Iannuccillo, a state representative for the 16th Essex district in Massachusetts and vice chairman of the House Committee on Banks and Banking, has joined the law firm of Morris, Rogers, and Phillips. He will concentrate in residential and commercial real estate law, zoning health care, and elder law.

Joseph Pottle, regional sales manager for Cain Food Industries, has been appointed to the World Institute of Food Technology.

M87

Robert Porack is brokerage director for the Boston office of Baystate Financial Services. The firm specializes in estate planning for families and businesses. He and his wife, Jennifer, have two children, Jared and Nathan, and live in Walpole, Mass.

David Sullivan has been elected by Tofias, Fleishman, Shapiro & Co., P.C. as a shareholder in the accounting and auditing group. He is a member of the firm's retail services group and specializes in evaluating and analyzing business operations. David is a member of

the South Shore Chamber of Commerce and is president of the Boston Aid to the Blind. He is a member of the board of the New England Retail Financial Executives Association.

M88

R. Patrick Durkin recently joined Enterprise Bank as accounting manager. Patrick lives in Lowell, Mass.



R. Patrick Durkin '88

Daniel Garvey has been appointed an account executive at Providence-Southern L.L.C. He previously worked at the Naval Education Training Center in Newport, R.I., where he served as energy manager. He is a member of the Association of Energy Engineers and the Economic Development Committee for the Town of Middleton, R.I. He lives in Middleton.



Dan Garvey '88

Jack Quinn lives in Manhattan and is the senior developer of Lotus Notes database for Jefferson Insurance.

M89

Louis Bonasera, a certified public accountant, is controller for Oxford Health System Inc., a skilled nursing and rehabilitation facility. He is also pursuing a master of taxation degree at Northeastern University.

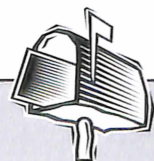
Keri (Whelan) DiNapoli is a first grade school teacher at the Joshua Eaton Elementary School in Reading, Mass.

M90

Carla Cesso-DeSimone received a pharmacy degree in May. She is employed as a registered pharmacist for CVS Pharmacy in Malden, Mass. She and her husband, Dave, live in Revere.

John Iannuccillo graduated from Harvard Business School with an MBA. He is an investment manager of equities at Dodge &

Please Mr. Postman...



When we received word that Michael P. Walsh '78 was named postmaster in Salem, N.H., we weren't surprised. After all, Merrimack has a past with the post office. According to our records, a passel of parcels are processed by postmasters who are also, predictably, alumni of the college. There's George Aggott '69 in Dunstable; Barry Begley '82 in Andover; John P. Meuse '84 in Hopkinton; John M. Driscoll '74 in Reading; and of course our own Paul Dearborn '94, master of Merrimack's posts.



Jocelyne Fauerbach photo

Strolling around: This family photo was snapped during Welcome Back week last fall. Shown are Jim Dennis '89, director of resource development, and his wife Leila with their three little ones: Dean 8, Patrick 2, and Anna 6 months.

Cox, an investment management firm in San Francisco.

William Katinoglou joined the North Shore Bank's Peabody office as a mortgage loan representative. He is a member of the North Shore Association of Realtors.

Kevin O'Brien and wife Beth have bought a house in Wakefield, Mass. Kevin is a senior analyst at Bard Cardiology.

Lorraine Rossi has joined the Professional Practices Division of Burns & Levinson, LLP, as an associate attorney. Her practice focuses on representing design professionals, attorneys, accountants, and real estate brokers in defense of malpractice claims. Lorraine lives in Revere, Mass.

Greg Waters received a master of arts degree in writing from Northeastern University. He is the head of the English department at Turner's Falls High School. Greg lives in Greenfield, Mass.

M91

Michael Ehrmanntraut has joined American Insulated Wire Corporation as Safety Manager for the Pawtucket, R.I. facility and is the captain for the Jamestown, R.I. Fire Department. He and his wife, **Shelly (Bonert) '93**, live in Jamestown with their horse Jake.

Hats off to **Cherie Hutchinson**, who included a copy of Merrimack magazine with some learning materials for her fourth grade class

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WINTER 1998



Say "Cheeseburger in Paradise!" This group of Merrimack alums danced to the left and danced to the right at the Jimmy Buffett concert in August. Back row, left to right: Bob Lanigan '81, Brent Rafferty, Jen Mednis '95, Shane Loughlin '95, Paul Harding '95, Dave Lanzoni '95, Chris Ross '95, and Mark Goble '95. Front row, left to right: Maureen Lanigan, Catherine Franco '95, Beth Addessio '95, Kristen D'Angelo '95, Meg Pollard '95, Beth Amwake '95, Kim Rayla '95, Nancy Daly '94, and Mike Consoli '94.

at the Campbell School in Dracut! Devoted pupil of Ms. Hutchinson Adam Ziaja reported that he wrote a poem about the photo of Spunky T. Clown on the back of the issue — how could she have know that Adam is a Spunky groupie?

Andrew Price is a product manager for ArcSoft in Freemont, Calif. He lives in San Francisco.

M92

George Boukouvalas is a performance analyst at Fidelity Investments.

Karen Smith graduated with a master in divinity from Weston Jesuit School of Theology in Cambridge. She was chosen by her classmates to deliver the student address at commencement. Karen works in the campus ministry department at Regis University in Denver, Colo. as the retreat director and Christian life communities coordinator.

M93

Alexander Cain was appointed an assistant district attorney for the Essex County District Attorney's Office. He has been assigned to the Lawrence District Court and will be prosecuting criminal cases on behalf of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. He lives in Andover, Mass. with his wife **Paula (Norton) '93**.

Mike Doneghey has been named head hockey coach at Fairfield University, a Division I Independent that plays in the ECAC South conference.

Kieran Murray lives in Arlington and is a claims examiner with Lexington Insurance Company in Boston.

M94

Mary Basiliere is the director of emergency services for the Pioneer Valley chapter of the American Red Cross.

Anthony Cesso has recently received a master's degree in criminal justice. He is a police officer in Revere, Mass. specializing in the domestic violence unit.

Michelle (Surette) Cresta has been voted by Wenham, Mass. selectmen as the town's new accountant. She is married to Wakefield state representative **Brian '93**.

Michael K. LaMarche is a Coast Guard Seaman Apprentice. He recently graduated from recruit training at Cape May, N.J.

M95

Elizabeth Brown has been added to the staff of Marin Environmental Inc. as an environmental engineer in the engineering and

support services section. She lives in Moodus, Conn.

Mark Conway has completed a horticultural internship at the Winchester, Mass. Country Club, the third ranked golf course in the state. He writes, "My bachelor's degree from Merrimack has given me a huge advantage over others in my field. I have been able to move up quickly due to this."

Mark Fleming entertained audiences with his portrayal of the comic character Dogberry in the Shakespearean play "Much Ado About Nothing" at Maudsley State Park in Newburyport, Mass.



Sharing a Smile: Elizabeth Hurley '96, Barbara Begin '97 and Karen Ann Glennon '90 enjoyed a few laughs during Family Weekend last fall. All three are Continuing Education Division graduates; Glennon is chairman of CEDAR. Continuing Education Division Alumni Reunited.

Jean Henchey transferred to Brussels, Belgium in March for her employer, the MITRE Corporation. She is a national representative and information systems engineer. When she's not travelling around Europe on business, Jean says, she's learning the local languages and flying around recreationally.

Vasilios Nol Mantia has earned a master's degree from the Simmons Graduate School of Social Work.

Alisa Placco is employed at Metalor USA Refining Corp., a subsidiary of Swiss Bank Corp., as a Staff Accountant. The company refines gold, silver, palladium, and platinum. She handles all the accounting aspects of the refinery.

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Michael Snyder recently had an article published in the technical journal IEEE Transactions on Broadcasting. Michael is a hardware development engineer for Avid Technology Inc., where he is involved in projects dealing with serial digital video.

Br. Timothy Demetrius Carey has entered his second year with the Franciscan Friars Third Order Regular Province of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus in Laretto, Penn.



Brother Timothy Demetrius Carey '96

John H. Obert photo



At the marriage of Philip Manning '91 and Cindy LaSpina, a group of Merrimackians posed for a photo. Standing, left to right, are Kevin Mulqueen '91; Edward Cerruti '90; Nicole Romano '92; Leanne Paul '92; Shery Frazier '92; the bride and groom; Julie DiFilippo '92; and Erika (Knight) Cormier '92. Kneeling are Paul Manning, currently a Merrimack student; Michael DeBurro '91; David Mahoney '93; Claude Cormier '91 and Steve Elston '90.



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Maria Russo '95 married Anthony F. Mancini at St. Anthony Church in Everett. After a reception at the Hyatt Regency in Cambridge, the two honeymooned in Hawaii.



Shown above are guests at the marriage of AnnMarie Mahoney '87 and Michael Phemmer. Standing, left to right, are Carol (Gesing) Mahoney '65, the bride and groom, Vickie (Mann) Davis '88 and Pam (Doyle) McVane '87. Kneeling are Frank Mahoney '65 and Rev. Joseph Gillin, O.S.A.. Father Gillin, admission counselor at the college, performed the ceremony. The groom is pursuing a computer science degree at Merrimack.

Susan Palmucci '84 and Timothy Taylor at Mays Chapel in Timonium, Md., March 8.

Carolyn Chamberlain '88 and Rodney Thompson aboard the Mount Washington on Lake Winnepesaukee, N.H., May 17.

Karen Mathews '88 and Peter Fine Jr. at St. Cecilia Church in Wilbraham.

Robert Dominic Ponzini '88 and Nadine Ziakas at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Manchester, N.H.

Lisa Cote '89 and Richard Barthelmess at St. Mary of the Annunciation Church in Danvers.

Paul Doucette '89 and Elena Reis at Merrimack College on July 5.

Debra Santomassino '89 and Scott Gray at Hampton United Methodist Church in Hampton Falls, N.H.

Kevin O'Brien '90 and Beth Kachinsky at St. Mary of the Hills Church in Milton, March 15.

Alisa Rulli '90 and John Malatesta at St. Margaret Church in Burlington, June 15.

Philp Swintak '90 and Brenda Abatiello at St. Kevin Church in Warwick, R.I., July 26.

Kathleen Finnegan '91 and Matthew Monahan at Incarnation Parish in Melrose.

Philip J. Manning '91 and Cindy L. LaSpina at Merrimack College on September 13.

Robert Roselli '91 and Maureen Prendergast at St. Brendan Church in Bellingham, May 17.

Derek Doo '92 and Lisa Martins at St. Teresa Church in Pawtucket, R.I., May 24.

Julie Fragala '92 and Don Marsh at Merrimack College on February 8.

Jennifer Lionetti '92 and John Quilghini Jr. at Holy Rosary Church in Ansonia, Conn., June 7.

Domenic LoCoco '92 and Sara Torra '92 on August 16.

Marion Rafferty '92 and Paul Mallett at St. Joseph Church in Malden, May 25.

James Staunton '92 and Catherine DeYoung at Holy Family Church in Marshfield, January 4.

Aimee Capone '93 and Robert Derry Jr. at St. Stephen Church in Hamden, Conn., May 31.

Eric Kelly '93 and Jennifer Chistolini at Saint Ann Church in Dorchester.

Robert Sciaudone '93 and Mechelle Burns at Immaculate Conception Church in Malden, June 28.

Stacey Bemis '94 and Anthony Fournier in Auburn, Maine, October 5, 1996.

Jean Marie Doherty '94 and James Giannelli at Holy Trinity Church in Harwich.

Deborah Brooks '95 and Michael Duggan Jr. at St. William Church in Tewksbury, June 21.

Kristine Caron '95 and Robert Esdale at Union Congregational Church in Braintree, June 21.

Patricia Hasty '95 and Steven Corby at Trinitarian Congregational Church in North Andover, June 14.

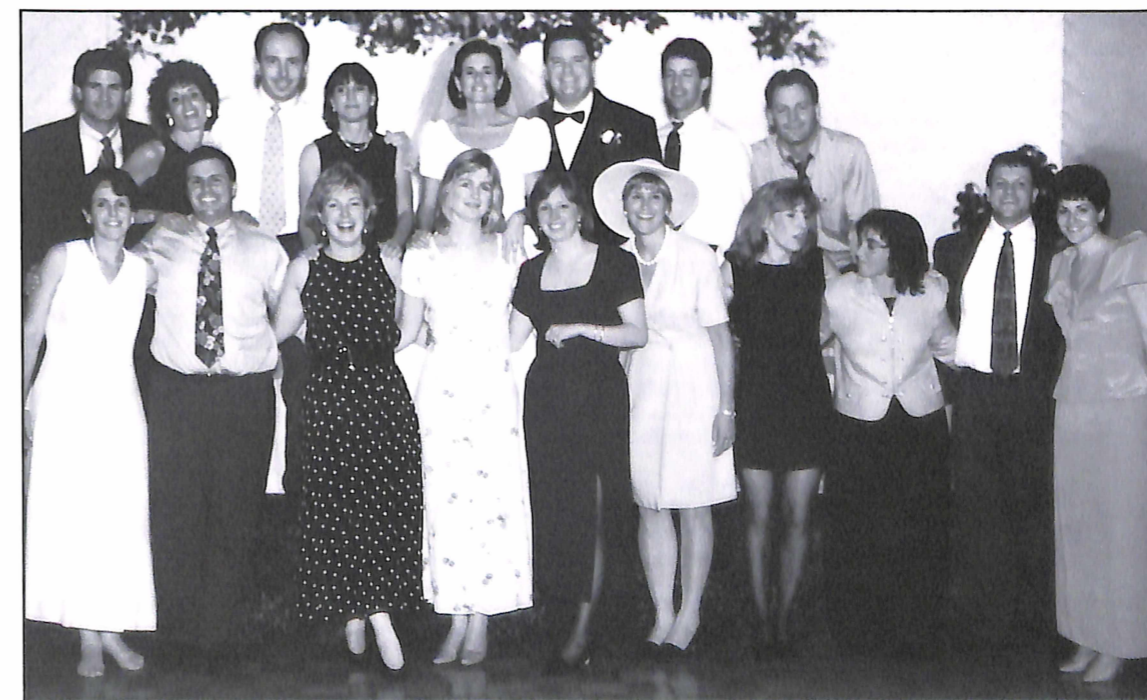
Jeannine Lacerte '95 and Brian Witts at Sacred Heart Church in Lawrence, May 24.

Paul T. Licciardi '95 and Janet DiDio at Holy Rosary Church in Lawrence, June 7.

Dennis Egan '96 and Marla McConnell at St. Stanislaus Church in Adams, September 20.

Michelle Ouellette '96 and William Rowe at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Methuen, May 31.

Stacy Viara '97 and Hilmer Klang III at The Congregational Church in Seekonk, June 7.



A big Merrimack crowd turned out at the marriage of Heidi Vass '87 and Mark Gudaitis. Shown above are (back row) Michael Wiles, Donna (Magnanti) Wiles '86, Paul Cullinane '86, Jackie (Pierz) Davis '86, the bride and groom, Jon Davis '86, Rich Peters '87, (front row) Anne Marie (Mitchell) Magerman '86, Mike Barrett '85, Jody (Cahill) Cullanane '87, Paula (Tavomey) Barrett '86, Susan (Ferrick) Peters '86, Cathy Gardetto, Meg (Dardanello) Bruno '86, Holly (Johnston) Cloutier '86, Dean Bruno '84, and Karen (Sweeney) Shea '86.



Just 17 more years: Frank SanFilippo '87 and his wife Lisa sent along this photo of Anthony Frank II on his first birthday, with a note saying he'll be raring to start his first year at Merrimack in 2014. Dean of Admission and Financial Aid Mary Lou Retelle '76 has opened a file on him.

Ted Wynne '80 and wife Susan: a son, Andrew Carlson, October 2. He joins brothers Teddy and Thomas.

Joyce (Sacco) Buccheri '84 and husband David: a son, John Anthony, March 1. He joins brothers David and Joseph.

Christine (Lyons) Eliopoulos '84 and husband Peter: a daughter, Mia Christine, November 23, 1996. She joins sister Julia.

Sharon (MacLeod) '84 and **Howard McBride '84**: a daughter, Caitlin Erin, August 21. She joins Erin and Patrick.

Elizabeth (Minahan) '85 and **Michael McLaughlin '87**: a son, Stephen Michael, May 16. He joins sister Katie.

Renee (Coressel) '86 and **John J. Kennedy '87**: a daughter, Meghan Elizabeth, August 1. She joins brother Daniel John.

Lisa (Swan) McCarthy '86 and husband John: a son, Brian Patrick, August 26. He joins sisters Alison and Julie.

Elizabeth (Rourke) '86 and **George Ziegler '85**: a daughter, Meghan, January 28.

Joseph Sullivan '86 and wife Patricia: a daughter, Mary Catherine, September 12.

Joyce (Ryan) '86 and **Christopher Sullivan '85**: a son, Aidan Daniel, October 9, 1996. He joins brother Liam.

Laurene (McDaid) Costello and husband Patrick: a son, Brendan James, September 16. He joins Bryan and Victoria. Brendan is also the grandson of **Jack McDaid '57**.

Michael Manning '87 and wife Kathleen: a daughter, Jennifer, June 13. She joins her sister, Kaitlin.

James Murphy '87 and wife Pamela: a daughter, Vasia, June 2. She joins, George and Christa.

Robert Porack '87 and wife Jennifer: a son, Nathan, May 23. He joins brother Jared.

Marcia (Miquelon) Stankiewicz '87 and husband James: a daughter, Allison Marie, June 14. She joins brother Brian.

Jacqueline (Burke) Curtin '88 and husband Robert: a daughter, Alexandra Grace, May 29.

Richard DeMild '88 and wife Joanne: a daughter, Kelsey Rose, April 6.

Melissa (Roy) Morley '88 and husband John: a daughter, Jenna Nicole, February 24. She joins brother John.

Maura (Neilan) '88 and **Ross Rodino '90**: a son, Philip, June 30. He joins brother John Louis.

Maura (O'Connor) '88 and **Frank Schofield '92**: a daughter, Bridget Lauren, April 8. She joins sister Fallon Christine.

Maura (Ordway) Ciampi '89 and husband Mike: a son, Matthew George, December 16, 1996.

Amy (LaPlume) '89 and **James Palmisano '90**: a daughter, Jenna Noel, July 26. She joins brother Nicolas and sister Alexa.

Roger LaPointe, Jr. '89 and wife Wendy: a son, Paul Matthew, July 6. Paul Matthew is also the grandchild of **Shirley (Kalil) LaPointe '57**.

Gina (Pellegrino) Peach '89 and husband Raymond: a son, Christopher Joseph, March 1. He joins brother Raymond.

Sean Tierney '89 and wife Gail: a son, Devan Sean, July 16.

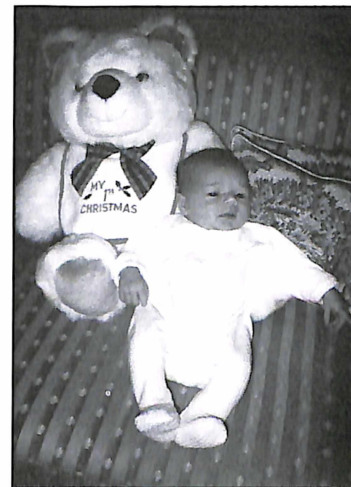
Sheila (Biden) Shelley '90 and husband Mark: a daughter, Caitlin Priscilla, June 19. She joins brother Patrick Francis.

Lisa (Morrill) Wells '90 and husband M. Scott: a daughter, Alycia Marie, March 13. She joins brother Andrew John.

Christie (Donohue) '91 and **Frank Storniolo '92**: a daughter, Grace Patricia, September 15.

Kimberly (Nugent) Hamer '91 and husband Scott: a daughter, Haileigh Jill, August 11.

Nancy (Shannon) '86 and husband **Robert Holland '87**: a daughter, Colleen Shannon, September 26. She joins brother Christopher Blake.



Leticia (Ruiz) '88 and husband **Matthew Boyle '88**: a daughter, Luisa Maria, October 29. (photo above)

Karen (Provencher) Harrington '88 and husband Francis: a daughter Kelly Ann, October 23. She joins three brothers, Brian, Paul, and Matthew.

Karen (Smith) Reblin '88 and husband Scott: a daughter, Abigail Elizabeth, October 16. She joins brother Daniel Michael.

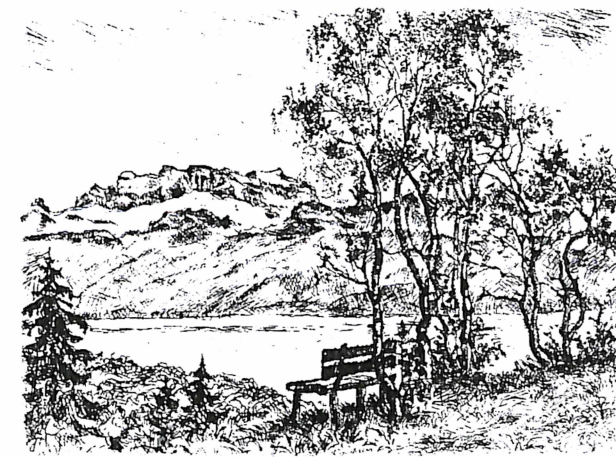
Linda (Fleming) '90 and husband **Robert Bombard '90**: a daughter, Elizabeth Claire, August 3.

Christina (Melota) '89 and husband **Donald Fox, Jr. '87**: a daughter, Brianna Marie, October 16. She joins brother Donny.

James Vincent DeCarolis '53 of Tewksbury died November 1 after a brief illness. He was 68. A well-known area builder, developer and avid tuna fisherman, DeCarolis founded James V. DeCarolis Builders and the Decca Building Corporation. Together, these firms developed much of North and West Tewksbury. He was a communicant of St. William Church in Tewksbury. He was a member of the New England Builders Association, the Greater Lowell Builders Associations and the Tewksbury-Wilmington Lodge of Elks. He is survived by his wife, Pauline E. (Surette); two sons and a daughter-in-law; James and Christine DeCarolis of Pepperell and **Peter DeCarolis '88** of Tewksbury; four daughters and a son-in-law, Jeanne DeCarolis of Haverhill, Patricia DeCarolis of Merrimac, Sandra McGonagle of Chelmsford, and Suzanne and Richard Southworth of Tewksbury; six brothers; two sisters; three grandchildren, Andrew Southworth, James McGonagle Jr., and Bruce Bilapka; and many nieces and nephews.

Frank Nocera '59 of Methuen died October 26 at home. He was 60. He was a cost accountant for H. G. Harris Co. and for General Mills. Recently he was a self-employed businessman. He leaves his wife, Carol (Belanger) Nocera of Methuen; his mother and stepfather, Louise (Testa) Healy and John Healy of Lawrence; a son, Frank J. P. of Lowell; daughters and their husbands Susan and Paul Fionte of North Andover, Donna and Ralph Gordon of Newburyport, and Linda and Paul Martel of Methuen; six grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Meline Kasparian '61 of Amherst died of cancer August 15. She was the president of the Massachusetts Teachers Association and an activist in Democratic party politics. Kasparian taught literature, writing and theater at the junior and senior high school levels for 25 years in Springfield. She also worked closely with the



Black Repertory Theatre at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. She was a member of the Amherst Town Meeting and appointed to the first Amherst Housing Review Board. She served as a member of the Amherst Town Democratic Committee for 13 years. She is survived by her mother Arevalo of North Andover; a sister, Janice Gormley of Huntington; a brother, Kaspar of Arlington; a niece and two nephews.

Simon J. Donovan '63 of Winchester died September 3. He was 68. Donovan was retired from the Arlington Trust Company, where he was communication manager. He had worked at New England Telephone for 28 years and was the former business manager for the Massachusetts House of Representatives. He was a Past Grand Knight and member of the Board of Trustees of the Winchester Knights of Columbus. As a young man he served in the Marine Reserves. Simon leaves his wife, Eileen (Meagher); three sons, Simon, of Tucson, Arizona, David of West Roxbury, and Mark of Brooklyn; four daughters, Kathleen Provenzano of Winchester, Juleen Gantley of Bradenton, Fla., **Maureen Donovan-Oliver '79** of Arlington and Eileen Donovan-Kranz of Winchester; two brothers, John H. Donovan, Jr., of West Barnstable and Rev. David I. Donovan, S.J. of Boston; a sister, Sister Julie Donovan, SND of Worcester; and six grandchildren.

Ann (Thomas) Barry '64 died of ovarian cancer October 8 at her home in Bowie, Maryland. From 1987 to 1992, she had worked for Digital Equipment Corp. She also

had tutored homebound students. She was a supporter of the National Trust for Historic Preservation and a member of the Sacred Heart Church in Bowie. She had been a Girl Scout leader and had done church and community volunteer work. Her hobbies included travel, and she lived in Britain and Germany for several years. She is survived by her husband, Gerald; two sons, Paul of San Diego and John of Athens, Ga.; a daughter, Kathleen Berry of Cary, N.C.; her parents, Joseph and Clementine Thomas of Florida; and three brothers.

Ann Dwyer '64 of Wakefield died October 24 at home. She was 55. She was a real estate agent and was a partner with McConville & Gillis Realtors for eight years. She is survived by her children, **Vincent Manzi '91** and his wife Kelley, **Patrick Manzi '94** and Matthew Gillis, all of Wakefield; **Michael Manzi '91** and his wife Diana of Stoneham; and Laura Sinars and her husband Douglas Sinars of Chicago. She was the sister of **Judith Bode '62** and Mary Nolan, both of Wakefield. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Julianne and Nicholas.

John W. Erickson III '65 died October 14. He was a math and history teacher at the Crossroads School in Danvers, where he also coached football and basketball. While at Merrimack, Erickson scored over 1000 points in his basketball career. He was honored by St. Joseph Church in Malden for his service. He had taught CCD there for more than 25 years. He leaves his wife Christine; children, John IV, Gary and Stacy; and nine grandchildren.

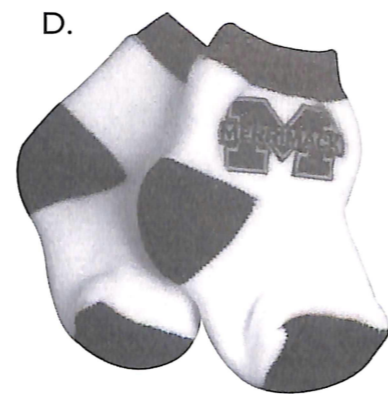
Richard J. Archung '66 of Middleton died September 20 at home after a long illness. He was employed as an account executive for Konica Business Machine Company in Bedford. He was a communicant of St. Agnes Church in Middleton and was an avid golfer. He leaves his wife Marie (Makela); parents, Philip and Gladys Archung; a daughter, Christine; a son, Danny; a sister; a brother; and several nieces and nephews.

James T. Bowse '69 of Mendon, Vermont died unexpectedly June 17 at his home. He was 49. He was president and C.E.O. of the Rutland Regional Medical Center in Rutland. Bowse was a member of the Rutland Country Club and Rutland Area Hockey Association. He served as a Trustee of Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Vermont, the Rutland Area Nurses Association, the College of St. Joseph, and the Vermont Health Plan. He leaves his wife, Margaret (Lahey); parents, James and Lois (McGorty) Bowse of Waltham; a daughter, Kelly of Mendon; a son, Thomas of Mendon; a sister; two brothers; and nieces and nephews.

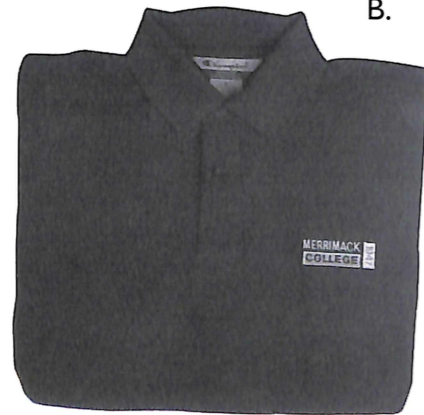
Philip E. Nolan '72 died unexpectedly in October at his home in Lowell. A teacher at the Greater Lowell Technical High School, he had received a master's degree in education from Johnston State College in Vermont. He is survived by his wife, Linda (Smith); a daughter, Kelly; a brother; a sister; and several nieces and nephews.



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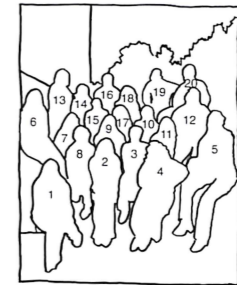
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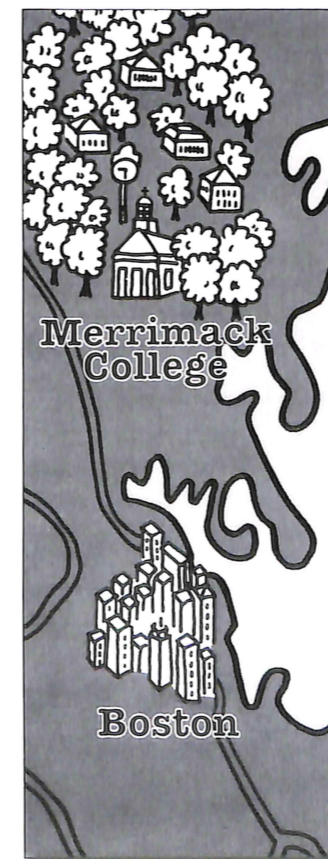
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