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# MERRIMACK

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Jane Walsh '75  
ushers in a new era as  
chairman of Merrimack's Board of Trustees

**INSIDE:**  
Are you really happy with your life?  
These alumni risked security for satisfaction



# MERRIMACK

## Merrimack adds something special to education

At Merrimack College we have always known we are "something special," but sometimes that "something" has been difficult to define. Now, however, our students have done it for us.

According to recent focus-group discussions on campus conducted by an independent consulting agency, Merrimack College students see their experience here as an "awakening of their minds and hearts."

If we had been asked to come up with an expression ourselves to characterize the Merrimack College experience, I don't think we could have phrased it any better. But to have this sentiment originate with our students makes it all the more gratifying and meaningful.

As our students explained in their focus groups, Merrimack College is giving them the opportunity to enhance not only their intellectual skills, but also to expand their capacities for love of God and their love of their fellow human beings. To some students, it is an awakening to a reality they did not know existed or did not fully appreciate in themselves.

At Merrimack College we spend many hours discussing, debating, and considering how we can serve our students best — and how we can impart to them the values upon which the college was founded and which the college has always cherished. To hear from the students themselves that we are achieving that goal, and that the students both recognize and appreciate it, is extremely satisfying for us.

The satisfaction comes because it is often difficult to put into words what differentiates a Merrimack College education for a student, and why it is unique. We offer intellectual enrichment, an opportunity to pursue a certain career, and a scholarly faculty



David Oxtan photo

President Richard J. Santagati

uncommonly skilled in, and passionately committed to, the art of teaching.

But other colleges and universities may offer similar benefits as well. What students discover, they tell us, is that there is something added to the education Merrimack College provides — and this "something" is the awakening of their hearts and an awakening of their minds. And because of this awakening, they begin to explore and find where they truly fit in this world — something not all of them understood when they were considering which college to attend.

This is gratifying news for all members of our community dedicated to enhancing the overall educational experience of our students.

So, while we are heartened, I can promise you we will not be complacent. We will continue to expend the resources to provide that something extra that makes a Merrimack educa-

tion special, while we continue to seek new ways to give future generations of Merrimack College students reason to report that a Merrimack education truly "awakens minds and hearts."

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### Editor's Note

It's spring, and the campus has Spring Fever.

Any day the sun shines calls for rollerblades and shorts, beach balls and frisbees, sunglasses and blankets on the townhouse lawns.

Soon, finals will be done and the sweet freedom of summer break will be unleashed for the students.

But what about the rest of us? We get itchy for change, too, but for most of us, the pace in July is no slower than in February.

And most of us have many more responsibilities than when we were frisbee players.

In this issue, Melanie Wilson, former editor of this magazine, investigates the cause of modern life's frenzied pace.

In the course of her investigation, Melanie found several alumni who have chosen to make *big* life changes. Reading about their choices might make you re-think your own.

Also featured in this issue is Frank Girard '62, CEO of one of the hottest companies in one of today's hottest fields: telecommunications. As we talked, Frank told me he felt the ethical and moral foundation he received at Merrimack were crucial to his success. "To be a full person, you must have a spiritual side, however that is manifested," he said.

With those words, he summed up the theme of this issue. From Jane Walsh '75, the first woman to preside over the college's Board of Trustees, to Christine Wenzel, a student active in Campus Ministry, you'll hear Merrimack's spirit sing through the people that make up our community.

As you turn the pages, turn your minds and hearts toward North Andover, and share in the spirit. There is indeed something special happening here.

Wendy Darwin Wakeman '93

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# Choosing a Better Life

*Making your dreams come true can mean saying goodbye to 9 to 5.*

By Melanie Wilson

Larry Bergeron '70 spied

them early on his first morning in Russia: two half-naked children playing in a dusty field.

One sat in a rusty wagon whose back half had been torn away; the other tugged at the wagon's handle, trying to drag his friend around.

The children, orphans rescued from the streets of St. Petersburg and sent to the remote country camp — a former Communist training camp — for the summer, looked at Bergeron. He, having never seen anything like them before, looked back. Bergeron offered them balloons and other toys, but like other homeless children he met there, what they wanted most, he says, were hugs and kisses.

Bergeron, who traveled to Russia with his wife and two of his children last summer to act as a short-term missionary, returned to his posh Connecticut home with an almost painful awareness of his own good fortune.

"If those kids could see my house," he thought, "they'd think I was the king of Russia. I drive fancy cars, I have fancy clothes, I have so much food."

As the vice-president of marketing for an international corporation, Bergeron had indeed done well for himself. His family

lived in a spacious, custom-built house in an affluent neighborhood; his five children lived a privileged life. Yet since becoming a born-again Christian six years before, Bergeron's conviction that God was asking him to do something more meaningful with his life — even to sacrifice some of his wealth for the sake of others — had grown. After the trip to Russia, the feeling was bearing down on him.

Late one Saturday night, while his family slept, he re-read First Chronicles. In one passage, David sits in his splendid "house of cedars" while God moves among the poor in their tents and tabernacles. And there Bergeron found his answer.

"I'm sitting in this luxurious house, and God himself is out there with people with no homes, people with no hope, people with busted marriages. I broke down and cried. God spoke to me in that passage and said, 'Go, have faith.'"

And so, just that simply, he did. Bergeron and his wife Wendy sold their home in two weeks — a feat that, given the depressed real estate market, seemed almost miraculous. Bergeron quit his job and began studying full-time to become a pastor. He and his family moved to a three-bedroom cape and now live on a quarter of his former income.

The sacrifice has been undeniable, yet the family still has the essentials. "The children gave up their dance lessons, their music lessons, their own private bedrooms, their wardrobes, some of their toys," he says. "They gave up a comfortable lifestyle, big birthday parties. But they didn't give up eating; they didn't give up a bed. Some people sleep on the streets."

They also have the love of their friends, their church, and the people in it. Real love, Bergeron says. Real understanding, real fellowship. On the day they moved, 18 men from the church showed up to help haul their

things; church women had been cooking for two weeks to help tide the family over.

"I didn't find that in the corporate world," he says. "In the corporate world you're on your own. The higher you go, the thinner the air gets. You don't have friends, you have acquaintances."

The prospect of stepping off the well-worn path — the one that yields riches and status and social approval, the one we are taught to pursue with near-abandon — is indeed daunting. Yet the number of Americans doing it is growing, and those thinking of doing it are gathering like an enormous wave behind them.

In a 1994 *U.S. News and World Report* survey, 51 percent of Americans said they would sacrifice a portion of their income for more time off; a quarter said they had recently moved to less hectic places to live quieter, more sane lives. The number of men working full-time has fallen to record lows — according to government figures, less than 70 percent of working-age men are now employed full time — and one of the country's top trends is a movement toward simplicity, in which people pare down their possessions and work commitments to a minimum.

## Searching for fulfillment

Why are so many people stepping outside the once well-defined boundaries of work to find meaning? Charles McVinney, a corporate training consultant and partner in Michaels McVinney in Boston, hears plenty of complaints about the corporate life — gripes ranging from an inability to carry out responsibilities due to limited authority to a lack of leadership. But he thinks the complaint is something much deeper. "My perspective is that people don't feel fulfilled; they don't feel like the work they're doing means anything. So what happens is that people work for money, to pay their bills. People will talk about liking their job, being glad they *have* their job. But if you ask them if their inner soul is satisfied, they look at you like you're nuts."

Ask Martha Reidl '82 about her former job as a corporate controller and she'll say it was great. She loved the people and liked the work. But there was a small problem. She and her husband, Karl '82, whom she met at Merrimack when they both were freshmen, never had time together. Her long hours, coupled with her commute and Karl's wildly



That's Larry Bergeron '70 on the far right. With him are members of the team he traveled with in Russia. After his experiences on that mission, he decided to leave his well-paid corporate job to become a minister.

unpredictable schedule as a commercial fisherman, meant not only did they have no time together, they had no time for anything. Not for family, not for friends, not even for errands.

"I could never get to the bank," Martha says. "It sounds like a simple goal, but for me, well, I hadn't seen a human being at my bank in years. It was all through the machine or mail, because I was never in town."

If the Reidls weren't in town — or rather, in town at the same time — they couldn't accept invitations to parties, a fact that frequently annoyed their friends. Nor could they see each other much. Togetherness, they found, had to be shoehorned into vacations. "We'd wave and say, 'See you on vacation,'" Martha remembers.

Community was also an issue. Though they live in Newburyport, a fashionable and energetic small city north of Boston, they didn't seem attached to it. "I never felt connected," she says. "We didn't have any children, so I didn't know anybody through the school system. Other than people from work who moved into town, I never seemed to do anything here."

Then one day it just stopped. Martha quit her job, and the couple — who had kicked around the idea of working together since col-

Illustration by Susan Ordahl



Karl Reidl '82 at the shop he and wife Martha '82 opened after they decided to change the course of their lives.

lege — hit upon the idea of opening a nature store, a place where they could be their own bosses, satisfy their love of the outdoors, and fashion a new kind of life together. Which is how they ended up with The Birdwatcher of Newburyport, their personal sanctuary from the hassles of modern work.

The store, within walking distance of their home, is peaceful. Classical music drifts out of speakers and floats among the hanging wind chimes; their dog Ringo dozes on a cushion. Though their work day can be long and the details all-consuming — “I dream about it, I shout out things in the shower, I give myself to-do lists even when I’m not aware of it,” Karl says — their time is finally their own.

One thing they’ve done with their extra time is give it to others, for free. “We’re like professional volunteers,” Karl says, noting their involvement in the nearby Parker River National Wildlife Refuge, civic and business groups, even the committee that decorates the downtown during Christmas. Suddenly they know everybody, and everybody knows them. Their friends and family know where to find

them, and even blizzards can’t keep them from opening their door for business. All of which leads them to one certain conclusion: they’re never going to work for anyone else again.

“We say we’re unemployable,” Martha says. “We’re self-employable. I can’t imagine having someone tell me I was late or early or whatever. I can’t imagine it anymore. This has de-stressed our lives. There are things I still worry about, but I’m not going to get an ulcer here. No matter how many hours I work.”

No longer worried about losing their jobs to downsizing or spending whole chunks of their lives in traffic, the Reidls eye the future optimistically. The couple intends to open a second location and retire early, possibly by their mid-40s. Then, they say, they’ll live as some of their globetrotting clientele do.

“We’ve got books on birding destinations all over the world,” Karl says, pointing to a crowded bookshelf in a corner of the store. “I don’t want to read about them. I want to go to them.”

And what about all the risks they took starting over? Like Bergeron, they simply had faith

that it would all work out in the end. Says Karl, “You just kind of walk over the edge and see what happens.”

### Conflicting desires

Walking over the edge, however, doesn’t come naturally. Clinical psychologist Gerald Dugal says that while human beings are excellent at adapting to new circumstances, most people only do so when they have to. To actually create a stressful new environment and then leap into it takes uncommon strength — a word that for Dugal encompasses a whole spectrum of qualities, including resolve, willpower, self-confidence, and the ability to overcome fear.

Furthermore, as unhappy as some people may be, staying where they are has instinctive appeal. “Security is probably the most basic human need we have,” Dugal, who works with students at Merrimack and also has a private practice, says. Whether that security is vested in personal identity, in status or in money, putting it on the line to achieve a dream, however cherished, makes us very nervous indeed.

Middle-aged people are particularly vulnerable to the conflict between security and change, he says. On one hand, they’ve finally collected enough experiences to be able to analyze them and intelligently redefine their life direction. On the other hand, such hard-earned wisdom comes at a time of high obligation to others.

“There are a lot of people who say that if it weren’t for the kids in college and the mortgage, they can see themselves doing blah blah blah,” says Dugal. “They’re stuck because they know they can make a certain amount of money doing whatever they’re doing for work, and even if they don’t like it, it’ll put the kids through school and pay the mortgage. They can’t quite see how they can live with themselves and have an identity if suddenly the kids have to cough up more for their own education or if they have to live in a smaller house. If it comes down to the difference between desire and security, for the vast number of people, security will win out.”

Looking at whether you’ve accomplished your early dreams — or even found work that has meaning for you — can be devastating, Dugal says, and given the daily distractions of life, people find that introspection easy to avoid. But for those contemplating a big

change, a clear-headed look at the real choice to be made is essential.

“The choice isn’t from problems to no problems. It’s from one set of problems to a different set of problems, since life is still an arduous and sometimes tragic journey,” Dugal says. “Would you rather have problems associated with trying to distill your life, give yourself time to think, give yourself a broader range? Or do you want to just keep what you’ve got and yearn for more?”

He encourages change-seekers to ask themselves two questions: what are they doing too much of, and what are they doing too little of. Then they must decide whether anything from the “too much” list can be crossed off, or if happiness requires a radical change.

After all that work, a painful truth sometimes emerges:

People may want to change their lives but can’t bear to give up all the perks their current lives afford them, all the secondary gains that are the rewards of life in the fast lane. If that’s the real conflict, Dugal says, it’s worth knowing; at least you’ll understand why you’re still in that unsatisfying job.

One easy way for the work-weary to change the quality of their lives is to make changes around the edges — taking a day off from work and sitting in front of the fireplace, for example. But no matter what degree of change they end up deciding on, the goal, Dugal says, should always make sense: while dreams of escape are normal, if you’re pinning your hopes on the lottery, it’s time to get real.

### Following the call

Our attitudes toward work are determined not only by our need to feel secure, but by our cultural beliefs about work — beliefs so deeply engraved on our collective psyche that we are hardly aware of them.

The modern notion of the goodness of work originated with the Protestant work ethic and the concept of vocational callings, says David Knepper, the chairman of Merrimack’s history

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department and a specialist in the American colonial experience. Though *calling* once referred primarily to the religious callings of nuns and priests, the concept was expanded through the Reformation to apply to any occupation or role. Everyone was expected to find his or her calling, and such callings — to farming, to teaching, to marrying, or to bearing children — were considered pre-ordained by God. Thus individuals must succeed, and, almost by necessity, employ the virtues of hard work and frugality along the way.

Add the Western notion of progress — one must always strive to grow larger and acquire more — and the economic vision of capitalism, and you end up with a people prepared to achieve, even to consider achievement the highest possible good.

Distinctly American events, such as the formation of a vast common market that united the separate colonies economically, created the opportunity for national growth and prosperity — a development that gave the hard-working and creative a chance to profit like never before. The country's bountiful natural resources, the development of railroad and river transport, the pull of the West — all fueled the economic fire.

Despite the vast amount of work to be done and the lack of modern tools with which to do it, workers in colonial times lived less hectic lives than the workers of today, Knepper says. And for a very simple reason: the law of the seasons, the law of light and dark, bound workers inescapably to nature. A nation of farmers, Colonial America worked when the sun rose and slept when it fell. They worked hard in spring and fall, intermittently in summer and very little in winter. Rest was imposed on them by physical laws that could not be broken — at least not for a time.

Artificial light became available in the form of inexpensive oil and gas lamps in the early 1800s, and it became possible to work after darkness. At about the same time standardized timepieces became widespread, and workers' time could suddenly be organized into shifts. A day was no longer a period of light followed by a period of darkness; it now consisted of 24 equal segments, each one a discrete unit telling workers what they should be doing.

"When you have both [timepieces and artificial light] available, you can regiment life much more, you can create an environment where you can work more, and you can become more productive — especially with the spread of the factory," Knepper says. The changes revolutionized work. "There really is a great dividing line in history: history up until the beginning of the 19th century, and all the time since." Given the radical changes these early devices imposed upon the nature of Americans' work lives, it's not hard to envision more modern

inventions — e-mail, say, or the cellular phone or laptop computer — as their present-day counterparts, making life even more convenient and efficient, but at a price we never agreed to pay. We still can't say where our relentless march toward progress will ultimately lead us, but one thing rings clear: Having defeated almost all natural barriers to work, we're now left in the unenviable position of having to spend more and more of our lives doing it.

## Taking a break

Most of us, perhaps, but not Cathie Maloney '82. An account manager for a multinational insurance company, Maloney knows she'll be working for the rest of her life. And so she wants a break. A real break, with a distinctive change of scenery. To that end, Maloney recently gave her notice and plans to move to England. The length of her stay is still up in the air — she'll be there for at least six months and perhaps up to five years.

No impetuous risk-taker, Maloney has prepared herself well. To save money, she put off buying a house and watched her car odometer tick over the 100,000-mile mark. She's done months of research and made four job-hunting trips to London; if she doesn't find a job, she'll use the city as home base for travel to Europe or Africa. Love of travel, in fact, is why she decided to make the move in the first place — that and a discussion she had with her mother, who loved to travel herself, but who died of ovarian cancer four years ago, before she had a chance to do much of it.

"Two weeks before she died she told me, 'Your father might talk to you about buying a house, and that would be a good thing to do, but I think you should travel. It's what I would do, and I think it's what you should do, too.'"

Her mother's words took on added urgency last summer when Maloney's doctor discovered a cyst on one of Maloney's ovaries. Although it turned out to be benign, the scare prompted Maloney to reconsider her priorities. "I was laid up for six weeks, and when you have time to sit around and think, you think about what changes you want to make in your life. I realized my life could end at any time. I could come down with an illness and not be able to realize my dream. Well, why not start now?"

Though she's searching for a job in her field, she'd be just as happy not to get one. She's tired of working. There's the long commute, an hour each way, and there's the nature of the work itself. "I would say at least 70 percent of my job is hostility and problems, and that burns you out after a while."

Escaping our own beliefs about work is assuredly not easy, and the number of people untying themselves from high-powered careers is testament to the amount of soul-searching going on. Soul-searching, and old-fashioned, painful decision-making. Says Dugal, "Anybody who's got half a brain, is energetic and has any desire to achieve is going to have more plans, desires and options than their ability to achieve them. Unless you learn how to pare it down, there will always be a wide gap between your expectations and your achievements. And it doesn't disappear with age, it doesn't disappear with anything. It disappears with doing something about it."

Undeniably, we are bound by the space and time given us, and we must make choices — do this thing instead of that, chase one dream at the expense of many others. No technology, Dugal says, can change it.

"As [theologian and philosopher] Paul Ricoeur says, Our hearts want to love everybody and be loved by everybody, our minds want to be filled with everything and be able to transmit everything, we want to be in every different place," Dugal says. "Modern conveniences hide the fact that we're still limited — they are different limits from when we were hunting woolly mammoth, but limits nonetheless. You're going to have to pick and choose."



David Oxton photo

A brush with serious illness made Cathie Maloney '82 rethink how she spends her time. "When you have time to sit around and think," she said, "You think about what changes you want to make in your life."

## Jane Walsh: Chairman of the Board

Members of Merrimack's Board of Trustees recently blazed new ground in electing Jane Walsh, president of Northmark Bank and a board member since 1994, the first woman to chair the board.

Recently, she sat down with Merrimack's editor to talk about the college, herself and her new role.

*Just reading your résumé is exhausting. Founded Northmark Bank at 33. Chairman of the Massachusetts Bankers Association. On the board of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, the local Chamber of Commerce, Winchester Hospital, and Nazareth Academy, to name a few. And now, Chairman of the Board of Merrimack. Does your day have more than 24 hours?*

No, but most days I wish I had just a few more hours. I can tell you that when I get to bed at night, I never have trouble falling asleep. I've always believed that you live to your fullest each day, so if 24 hours is all that we have, we'd better use it wisely.

*In what ways has your Merrimack education influenced you?*

My education, which reinforced the values that began at home, was a values-centered education, and I hope I carry around and act out those values every day of my life.

I'm a strong believer in Catholic education. It reaches beyond academic excellence and educates the whole person in preparation for a fulfilling life. I believe that's the true gift of a Merrimack College education. It taught me that giving back is the beginning of the road to true success in life. And I'm committed to helping the college continue to teach that lesson.

*Neither you nor President Santagati are Augustinian friars. That's a big change for Merrimack.*

Although Dick and I may not be Augustinians, the Augustinian presence is alive and well at Merrimack College. The Augustinians are in the classrooms, around the campus, in important administrative positions, and clearly evident at the Board level. I may not be an official Augustinian by vocation, but I absolutely share the beliefs, values and charism of the Augustinian order.

*You're the first woman to preside over our board. Does that mean anything to you? What does it mean for the college?*

For me, filling this position is an honor, regardless of whether I am male or female. For the public, it certainly makes for better print to be the first of anything. For the college, however, it shows a willingness and openness to men and women alike in positions of leadership and authority.

*What do you remember best from your days as a Merrimack student, other than all those daydreams of what you'd do if you ran the college?*

First of all, it was never on my radar screen that it would even be possible



to be invited to be on the Board, let alone to chair it. I never thought about being a bank president when I started as a teller 20 years ago, either. I do remember learning in a comfortable atmosphere. Merrimack was a small enough environment that you got to know your professors and classmates pretty well. You weren't just a number, you were a real person.

*Looking ahead, where do you see Merrimack going?*

I see Merrimack continuing to build on its reputation as a premier small Catholic college in New England. An education from Merrimack College is one of the best-kept secrets around. I plan, on my watch as Chairman, to let this secret out.

Mrs. Walsh, formerly Jane Currier, is a member of the Merrimack class of 1975. She and her husband Michael live in Winchester with their two daughters.

## Trustees approve new residence hall

A proposal to plan and develop a new residence hall for 300 students, mainly freshmen and sophomores, has been approved by Merrimack's Board of Trustees.

On the wish list for the new facility are common areas, study areas, academic advising offices, computer rooms, exercise areas, apartments for Resident Life professionals and Augustinians, and meeting space for First-Year Seminars and other educational and social programs.

The housing will more closely resemble traditional residence halls than apartments.

The need for a new facility, said President Santagati, is evident in the growing preference of students to live on campus — even if a student lives relatively close to the college — and the college's wish to provide the experience of community living to students who want campus housing.

The number of applicants and enrolled students has been rising, as has the number of resident students. And, while most students are drawn from the Northeast, the college has seen a marked increase in applications nationally as well as internationally, said Santagati.

Dr. Joseph T. Kelley, vice president for Student Life, noting the value of providing a sense of community for students, said all students benefit from an additional student residence and the co-curricular program that Merrimack offers students.

And, as an Augustinian college, Merrimack has a special heritage of community life and a responsibility to teach students how to build a focused and purposeful community.

Construction schedules have not been set, as planning for the new structure is still continuing.

## McGuire Elected Vice Chairman; Ciejek named to Board of Trustees

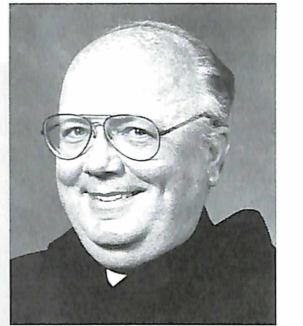
Rev. William McGuire, O.S.A., was elected vice chairman of Merrimack's Board, and Linda Fletcher Ciejek '71 was named a trustee at a recent meeting of Merrimack's Board of Trustees.

A Board member since 1993, Father McGuire is the Dean of Enrollment Management at Villanova University. Other posts at the Pennsylvania university he has held include Dean of Admissions, Assistant Dean of Liberal Arts, and Assistant Athletics Director of the university.

Father McGuire has served as trustee of Malvern Preparatory School, the Augustinian College, and Austin Preparatory School.

Father McGuire was treasurer of St. Thomas Monastery in Villanova; treasurer of the monastery at Msgr. Bonner, a member of the Augustinian Province's Finance Committee; treasurer of the province; and a member of the Statutes Committee on Finance for the St. Thomas of Villanova Province.

After earning a bachelor's degree at Villanova, Father McGuire earned



Rev. William McGuire, O.S.A.

a master's degree at Augustinian College in Washington and completed additional graduate work in education at The Catholic University of America.

Ciejek, until recently an independent fashion consultant, is a trustee of Noble Health Systems and Noble Hospital, Inc. She is a director of the Greater Westfield YMCA, a member of Holy Trinity Church's Finance Committee, and has been co-chair of the residential division of the Noble Hospital Capital Campaign, president of the Noble Hospital Auxiliary, parent co-chair of the Williston-Northampton School's Annual Fund, and a past director of the American Cancer Society.

Both graduates of Merrimack, Ciejek and her husband, Daniel, established the Ciejek Fellowship in Humanities at the couple's alma mater.

The Ciejeks have three children, Alex, Emily, and Katherine, and a daughter-in-law, Mary Jo.

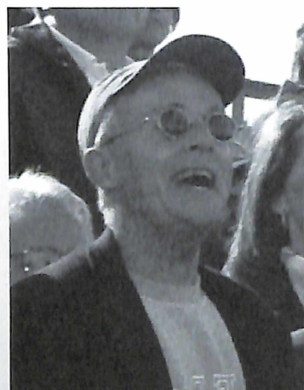
## Builder's Contribution Remembered

All the hoopla surrounding the college's 50th anniversary is helping to rekindle memories for many. Jeremiah J. Murphy Jr., of Rochester, N.Y., and his sister-in-law Irene Murphy, reminisced on Jeremiah Murphy Sr.'s contribution to the soon-to-be college.

Jeremiah remembers that his father rushed to complete the first building, built on Peters Street. "My father utilized a vee trench for the building footings to reduce the amount of cement required," Jeremiah wrote in a letter to the college. "To conserve costs, many of the floor joists were of previously used but sound lumber saved from the demolition of the former Water Street St. Augustine mission church. The sub floor was of red cedar — well-suited to withstand moisture and rot."

The building was dedicated by Richard Cardinal Cushing. Jeremiah said, "It was a miserable, rainy day. As the Cardinal raised his arm to sprinkle the Holy Water in Benediction, he said so all could hear, 'I'm really not sure any more water is necessary.'"

## Well-loved education professor dies



Rev. Dr. Thomas D. Bogardus, an assistant professor of Education and a member of the faculty since 1987, died Nov. 1. Father Bogardus was 64.

Born in Hoosick Falls, N.Y., Father Bogardus received his primary and secondary education at St. Mary Academy in Hoosick Falls. He attended the State University of New York at Albany and graduated with a bachelor's degree in history in 1956.

Father Bogardus taught at Colonie Central School in Colonie, N.Y., for two years before entering the Augustinian novitiate at New Hamburg, N.Y. in 1958. He professed his first

vows in 1959 and solemn vows in 1962. He pursued theological studies at Augustinian College and was ordained in 1964 at St. Nicholas of Tolentine Church in the Bronx.

In 1962, he earned a master of Modern European History degree at Villanova and in 1978 he received a doctorate from the Teachers College of Columbia University.

Father Bogardus served at Austin Preparatory School in Reading from 1964 to 1969. At that time, he was chaplain and counselor to Phillips Academy in Andover.

While pursuing his doctoral studies at Columbia, Father Bogardus was adjunct professor in theology and sociology at St. John's University and Notre Dame College on Staten Island.

In 1975, he was appointed principal of Archbishop Carroll High School in Washington, D.C., where he oversaw the reaccreditation of the academic program by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools and established scholarships for his students to Augustinian universities and colleges. He was a principal at St. Mary Academy in Glen Falls, N.Y.

He came to Merrimack in 1987 and in 1994 was named assistant professor of Education, a position he held until his death.

## Spectroscope Will Add Color to Chemistry Classes

Merrimack's chemistry department is renowned for its pioneering work in Microscale technology, where tiny quantities of chemicals are used in teaching laboratories. Soon the department will be on the cutting edge for its use of whopper-sized machinery.

A 300 megahertz nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectroscope is due to be delivered in August, thanks to grants from the National Science Foundation, the George I. Alden Trust, and Watts Regulator, Inc. The \$165,000 piece of equipment is the first for the department's planned Spectroscopy Center.

"Spectroscopy is the interaction of light with matter," says Dr. Cynthia McGowan, associate professor of chemistry. "We use spectroscopy to determine the structure of our chemicals and the different physical properties of our chemicals."

Spectroscopy shows her a picture of what a molecule looks like on the inside. "I use it the way a doctor uses an X-ray machine," she says. Other people in the department use it differently.

The NMR will be used for classes and research as early as this fall.

Also planned for the Spectroscopy Center is a Nicolet Magna 550 FTIR, a more sophisticated instrument used in organic, instrumentation, and inorganic chemistry courses; a Perkin Elmer Lambda UV-Vis Spectrophotometer, used for kinetic work in organic and physical chemistry as well as in biology; and ten networked computers.

Len DeSimone '57 has been paralyzed as the result of an illness. He is currently at the Whittier Rehabilitation Center in Haverhill. You can send him cards and good wishes c/o the center at 76 Summer St., Haverhill, MA 01830.

A group of his friends and former co-workers are organizing a fundraiser for his benefit. Please call John H. Obert '66, manager of alumni relations at 508-837-5107 or e-mail him at jobert@merrimack.edu for more information.



Leadership Night: Students listened to alums Ray Cebula '78 and Linda DeCiccio '86 talk on their involvement in student activities and their affect on their careers after Merrimack. Pictured above are Linda; Bill McAvoy '83, chairman of the Alumni Council's Alumni Resource Committee; and Jim Greeley '71, director of Career Services and Cooperative Education.

## Biking for a cure

Chris McDermott '93 is biking across the state, and he wants your help to meet his goal.

No, you can't push the pedals for him, but his goal is bigger than just finishing the course. Eight years ago, when Chris was a freshman, his mother died of cancer. He vowed to do what he could to find a cure.

The 194-mile Pan-Mass. Challenge is his opportunity. For the fifth time, he'll participate in the event that raises millions for the Jimmy Fund at the Dana Farber Cancer Institute.

"When people sent me donations in past years, they wrote of family members and their own battles with cancer. When I'm on that bike and it's 90 degrees, I just want to pull over and quit," Chris writes to Merrimack magazine. "Then I think of all those people, and that makes me go the next mile, climb the next hill, and cross the finish line."

Donations will be accepted until November 1, 1997. They can be sent to Chris McDermott, 66 Graham St., Quincy, MA, 02169.

## Clarification

In the last issue of Merrimack, we inadvertently omitted crediting Vo-Dinh Mai, illustrator of *Angel Child, Dragon Child*, by Michele Maria Surat '75. His work was reproduced on pages 20 and 21 of that issue.

Susan Wojtas photo



Alumni Retreat: Pictured above are Ray Joyce '82, Jeanne Kane '55, and Sheila Cote at the alumni retreat. Held in preparation for Lent, the March retreat was led by Rev. James Paradis, O.S.A. A Night of Reflection, focused on faith, was led by Rev. Joseph Gillin, O.S.A. in April.

## ARE YOU BEING SERVED?

Every now and then, we like to ask — How are we doing?

You're the only one who can answer the question, since Merrimack magazine is here to serve you.

To help us do our job better, we'd like you to answer the questions below.

You can mail your response to us at Merrimack magazine, Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike St., North Andover, MA 01845, or e-mail us at swojtas@merrimack.edu.

Everyone responding by July 1, 1997 will be eligible to receive a Merrimack College 50th Anniversary cotton throw. Thanks for your help.

1. How would you rate the overall quality of Merrimack magazine in comparison to other publications you receive?

- Superior to other publications
- Equal to other publications
- Inferior to other publications

2. Do you receive other alumni publications? How does Merrimack compare?

3. Rank the following sections of Merrimack magazine in order of their interest to you.

- \_\_\_\_\_ The President's Message
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sports
- \_\_\_\_\_ Where Are They Now? (alumni features)
- \_\_\_\_\_ General Interest Stories
- \_\_\_\_\_ Merrimack News
- \_\_\_\_\_ Class Notes

4. Rate your interest in each story in this issue, using a scale from 1 to 5, with 1 being the highest.

- \_\_\_\_\_ She's Chairman
- \_\_\_\_\_ Choosing a Better Life
- \_\_\_\_\_ From the Heart of Merrimack
- \_\_\_\_\_ Retreating and Advancing
- \_\_\_\_\_ Class Notes
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sports
- \_\_\_\_\_ President's Message
- \_\_\_\_\_ Where Are They Now? Frank Girard '62

5. What other magazines do you subscribe to?

6. What would you like to see more of in future issues? What would you like to see less of?





Carl Russo photo

Who was that masked committee?: Pictured above are the members of the committee that organized Merrimack's party of the year, the Mardi Gras Ball. Left to right are Teresa Russo, Jill McCann, Joan Dollard, Maureen Lanigan, Maria Rosati, Marybeth McInnis, and Kim Rayla.



Bob Lanigan photo

Irish Night: The Friends of Merrimack sponsored an Irish night in March, featuring internationally known John MacNally, who mesmerized the crowd with ballads like Danny Boy, How Great Thou Art, and The Wind Beneath My Wings. Also performing were the Northeast Winds. Pictured are, left to right, Emery Hutchins, Taylor Whiteside, John MacNally, and Allan McHale.

### Friends Plan Golf Tourney

Dust off your clubs and get ready for the 50th Anniversary President's Cup Golf Tournament planned this year for Monday, June 2, at Indian Ridge Country Club in Andover.

This is the 16th year for the tournament, which has raised nearly \$900,000 throughout its history.

The format will be foursome best ball. Men and women are welcome to play.

Fees are \$175 to play in the morning which includes breakfast, lunch, and dinner, and \$200 for an afternoon tee time which includes lunch and dinner.

This year's tournament is sponsored by the Friends of Merrimack.

Corporate sponsorships are welcome. Anyone interested in playing should contact Maureen Lanigan at 508/837-5448.

### Judge Fenton to receive the Tikkun Olam Award

Judge John E. Fenton Jr., Dean of Suffolk University Law School, will receive this year's Tikkun Olam Award from Merrimack's Center for the Study of Jewish-Christian Relations.



The reception and award dinner will be Tuesday, May 6, at the Copley Plaza Hotel in Boston.

The Tikkun Olam ("To Repair the World") Award was established to honor and recognize an individual in the community whose professional life has served as an example and an inspiration to both faiths in their efforts to improve relations between Christians and Jews.

## Sports Notebook

by Tom Caraccioli

**While the weather this winter was mild and temperate, action on the hockey rinks and basketball courts was anything but. Inspired play brought about wins that turned cold winter nights into glowing memories that warmed even the harshest skeptics. But while the winter teams turned up some heat, they were also, at times, left out in the cold.**

**The Warriors hockey team, after a slow start, turned up the heat on Hockey East opponents and gained a home-ice berth for the first time in the history of the program.**

**The Merrimack women's basketball team began its season with a championship at the Husson College-Paul Bunyon Classic and proceeded up and down a path that landed it in seventh place in the Northeast-10 conference. The Lady Warriors had two players reach individual career milestones and others begin careers that promise to reach similar heights.**

**The Merrimack men's basketball team experienced growing pains. For the first time since 1983-84, the team missed the playoffs. Winning three of the last five games wasn't enough to undo an earlier six-game losing streak.**



Al Pereira photo

Senior captain John Jakopin in action during the Warriors' 3-1 win over Maine at the Volpe Center.

### Hot times for the Warrior hockey team

After a slow start, the hockey team turned up the heat on its opponents and made its assault on the Hockey East elite. The Warriors became one of the hottest teams in Hockey East.

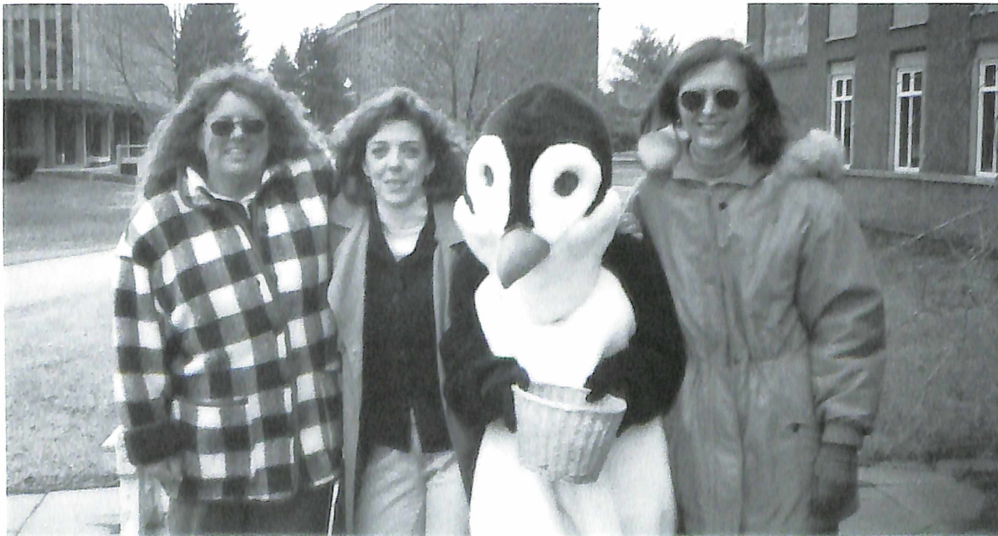
Avenging an earlier season loss to Colgate with a 4-3 win at the Syracuse Invitational Tournament, the Warriors gained a chance to play for a championship trophy in December. And although Merrimack fell to the ECAC's top team, Cornell, in the finals, the weekend in Syracuse turned out to be the start of a Warrior climb.

Merrimack reeled off wins in 10 of its next 15 games with a record of 10-4-1...Included were two wins over one of Hockey East's top teams, the Maine Black Bears...The Warriors defeated Maine, 3-1, behind the spectacular goaltending of Martin Legault (Sr., Gloucester, ONT)...Legault turned away 33 Maine shots and sophomore Rejean Stringer (Gravelbourg, SASK) supplied the heroics with his second game-winning goal of the season...The win was Merrimack's first over the

Black Bears since joining Hockey East...The fun didn't stop with Maine as Merrimack turned a month-long homestand into a 3-3 record and a steady ascent in the standings...But it was a 4-2 Valley Cup win over UMass/Lowell that brought a four-game winning streak that included four conference wins and what may be the biggest win of the season in a 5-4 overtime win over Maine at Alford Arena...Casey Kesselring's (Cambridge, ONT) overtime goal with :29 remaining stunned a sell-out crowd...Stringer tied the game with :57 left to send it to the extra period...Eric Thibeault (Sept-Iles, QUE) backstopped the Warriors with 36 saves...Merrimack's Drew Hale (Arlington, MA) was named Hockey East Rookie of the Week after scoring four assists following the Maine win.

A weekend sweep of Boston College put the Warriors into a two-way tie for the fourth seed in the Hockey East Tournament...The Warriors set six records in an 11-5 thrashing of the Eagles at the Volpe Center...

John Obert photo



The Winter Weekend penguin had treats for CEDAR committee members Chris Liebke '79, Diane Aprile '85, Acting Dean of Continuing Education, and Karen Ann Glennon '90. The group was headed for the skating party. CEDAR is an acronym for Continuing Education Division Alumni Reunited.

Sophomore Darrel Scoville (Regina, SASK) scored three goals and one assist in the first period, a record for most goals scored in a period by a Hockey East defenseman...The 11-goal outburst was Merrimack's most in a Hockey East game and the most in any HEA game played this season...The win marked the most conference wins Merrimack has had since joining

HEA...Legault broke the career-saves mark of 2,994 (set by Jim Hrvinak) by recording 23 saves on the night. He boosted his career mark to 3,005 and was named to the All Hockey East team...By recording over 3,000 saves, Legault distinguished himself by becoming the first goalie to record that number of saves...Senior captain Rob Beck (Flin Flon, MAN) was named the

Hockey East Player of the Week (2/17)...Stringer garnered the same honor in November...Beck also became Merrimack's 41st player to record 100-plus career points...Kesselring scored in 15 straight games...Jayson Philbin (N. Andover, MA) came on strong with a streak of 3-2-5 in a span of eight games near the end of the season.

## Ups and downs mark Lady Warriors season

The Lady Warriors started the season in a way Head Coach Debbie Cogan liked — 3-0 with a tournament championship...The Lady Warriors opened with SUNY/Albany and dismantled the Lady Greyhounds, 84-58...Senior co-captain Ivy Newcomb (Perry, ME) entered the game needing 13 points to reach 1,000...Newcomb finished with 17 points, taking care of the milestone in the first game... Merrimack next traveled to Husson College where the Lady Warriors captured the Paul Bunyon Classic in Bangor, Maine...Maine native Cherie Greateorex (East Corinth, ME) was named the Most Valuable Player of the tournament... Newcomb also was honored as an all-tournament selection.

Following a peak beginning, the Lady Warriors would experience their first valley after defeating New Hampshire College at the Volpe Center...Merrimack started its Northeast-10 Conference play with Bentley and proceeded to tailspin through the next five games...Senior Shawndra Applegate (Manchester, NH), who started out a steady force in the middle and remained consistent, showed her character in scoring 21 points in the Bentley loss...Applegate was instrumental in leading the Lady Warriors out of the valley with 29 points in the consolation game of the North Florida University Holiday Tournament... The Lady Warriors handled

Wisconsin Lutheran in their largest margin of victory, 91-54, all season...That win sparked a streak — Merrimack won three of its next five games...All the wins came within the conference and put the Lady Warriors in the hunt for a home playoff berth.

Applegate and Greateorex led the Lady Warriors through that string of wins before confronting another valley...Unfortunately, this valley persisted and carried on through the rest of the season...Five losses were followed by an 85-79 overtime win against LeMoyné but three more losses followed...Junior Amy Veilleux (Haverhill, MA) picked up her play and terrorized the offensive and defensive backboards by grabbing rebound after rebound... Veilleux had two games this season in which she grabbed 13 rebounds and another for 12...The emergence of freshman Christine Proctor also was noticeable in the Lady Warriors final push toward the playoffs...Proctor gained valuable minutes of playing time and didn't disappoint by scoring 12 points in a close loss to St. Anselm...Greateorex, who was named to the All NE-10 Conference second team, recorded her 1,000th career point in the OT win over LeMoyné, ending the game with 24 points.

The Lady Warriors defeated AIC in what some observers called an upset victory in the final regular season game...Having finished sev-



Al Pereira photos

One of Merrimack's newest members of the 1,000 point club and NE-10 Second Team All-Conference guard, Cherie Greateorex.

enth in the conference, Merrimack traveled to Stonehill College for the quarterfinal round of the NE-10 Championships...After starting out quickly and building a 12-point lead halfway through the first half, Merrimack fell to a four-point deficit at halftime and ended up losing 89-69...Junior Lynn Gaglioti (East Hartford, CT) assumed the torchbearing status for next year's Lady Warriors as she and Greateorex, who passed the scoring torch, led the team with 20 points each.



Al Pereira photos

Northeast-10 Second Team All-Conference member and leading scorer, Daren Alix.

## Slippery stretch knocks Merrimack men out of NE-10 Championship

Almost like a slippery patch of ice that sends your car into a skid, the Merrimack men's basketball team hit a stretch of ice in the middle of its season that cost it a spot in the Northeast-10 conference playoffs. It was the first time in 13 years in the league that Merrimack failed to make the postseason.

Two wins in the first three games was a positive start for Head Coach Bert Hammel's Warriors...One of Hammel's concerns entering the season was how well the freshmen would assimilate. Some of those concerns were answered early with wins over West Chester and Valley Cup rival UMass/Lowell...Senior Daren Alix (Haddam, CT) was named the NE-10 Player of the Week (11/25) after leading the Warriors with 38 points over UMass/Lowell...A two-game winning streak was interrupted by three losses before the Warriors closed out 1996

with their 12th Pepsi Invitational Tournament championship... Merrimack defeated Plymouth State and then sent the undefeated nationally ranked Pace Setters back to New York state with a 75-65 loss...Senior Chris Mohr (Barrington, IL) was named tournament MVP and Alix, along with freshman Deman Keyes (Jersey City, NJ), was named to the all-tournament team...Another win followed over highly touted Sunshine State Conference foe, St. Leo College, and then the road got slippery.

Merrimack came back north to resume NE-10 action and lost five conference games in a row...The Warriors stood 0-6 before winning their first conference game...Brown knocked down 20 points and junior Silas Betten (Evanston, IL) controlled the boards to pace the Warriors in a 79-56 win over Quinnipiac...Play continued to better with a 100-95 win over 18th-ranked

Bryant College and another win over Stonehill...The Warriors had one more surge left to try to secure the last playoff berth with a 91-83 win over Bentley College...Alix, having already scored his 1,000th career point earlier in the season, added another milestone to his playing résumé when he netted a career-high 47 points in the win at Bentley...It was the most points ever scored on Bentley's Dana Center court...In need of a win in the last game of the season, Merrimack fell 73-65 to AIC and the team's playoff hopes slipped away once and for all...Alix finished that game with 27 points and was again named NE-10 Player of the Week (2/23) after scoring 74 points in his final collegiate games.

## A Conversation on Campus Ministry

by Rev. Richard Jacobs, O.S.A. and Wendy Darwin Wakeman

It's almost inarguable. The Catholic and Augustinian spirit is the heart of Merrimack College. But what does it mean to be Catholic? What does it mean to be Augustinian? The questions generate passion, and trying to answer them is a bit like grabbing a handful of oxygen.

Still, discussing, debating, and sometimes even arguing about the college's Catholic and Augustinian spirit is a tradition here. Whether on the floor of the faculty senate or around the boardroom table, in the admission office or at curriculum-planning meetings, that spirit comes into play.

In 1990, kindling the debate, Pope John Paul II defined his vision for Catholic higher education entitling it *ex corde Ecclesiae* (from the heart of the Church). His vision challenges the Church's colleges and universities to make their Catholic identity more explicit.

To that end, President Richard J. Santagati is sponsoring a series of discussions, calling them From the Heart of Merrimack.



Sister Elaine Polcari, S.S.N.D.

The discussions bring together people who share a love for the college to discuss how to elucidate Merrimack's Catholic and Augustinian spirit.

The first group focused on Campus Ministry as it relates to that spirit. Participants included students Robert Wissolik and Andrea Lacasky; Robert '81 and Maureen Lanigan, and Sharon Broussard '69; alumni Frank '56 and Emilie '53 Collopy; Rosa Bertorelli, whose daughter Rita is a senior; and Campus Ministry staffers Sister Elaine Polcari, S.S.N.D. and the Reverends Scott Ness '84 and Joseph Farrell, O.S.A.

Also at the table were Casey Coburn, director of Public Relations; Rev. Richard Jacobs, O.S.A., assistant to the President; and Wendy Wakeman '93, Merrimack magazine editor.

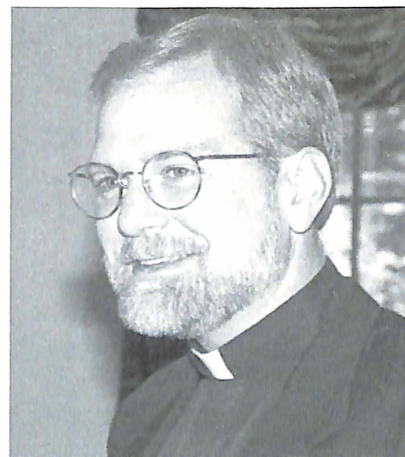
### Cherishing our heritage

The group convened over lunch in the President's House. Although many of the participants hadn't met before, discussion was both lively and enlightening from the start. Sometimes, opinions differed. But there was universal agreement on one point: Merrimack's Catholic and Augustinian identity is vitally important.

"Our Catholic and Augustinian identity is what makes us different as a college," Maureen Lanigan said. Lanigan, director of fundraising events at Merrimack, is the mother of two Merrimack students — Stephanie, a marketing major, and Kristen, a religious studies major. Her husband Bob is a graduate of the college.

She said, "Merrimack is very open, very liberal in allowing students to come to their own understanding of their Catholicity."

Sharon Broussard agrees. "We've kept the best of the 'sixties and 'seventies. I see other Catholic colleges



Rev. Richard Jacobs, O.S.A.

becoming more restrictive, and I find that disturbing."

Broussard spoke both from her experience of Merrimack as a graduate and her work with students as a counselor in the Health Center.

"Parents expect the human dimension at a Catholic school," she said. "I know with my own kids, I pray they'll make friends. Relationships are important — with each other, and with God."

Sister Elaine Polcari agreed. "One of the big things we try to impart is the feeling of belonging," she said.

Broussard and Polcari often work in concert with each other and with parents toward that goal. Broussard is likely to refer a student who is having trouble adjusting to campus life to Polcari, and both receive calls from parents concerned about their children.

"We get them involved in something," Polcari says. And, through their involvement, students make friends.

In making friends, a new student feels welcomed to Merrimack. Father Scott Ness said hospitality is a hallmark of Augustinian Catholicism. "Augustine would say get to know yourself very well and you will get to know God," he said, and added that the essence of Augustine's philosophy is sharing the experience of knowing God with others.

And Campus Ministry is a very hospitable place. "It's the nicest space on campus," Broussard says. The lounge, on the second floor of Gildea, is indeed a comfortable place, with easy chairs, tables, and a piano. With two walls of

windows, it is light and cheery, just the place to take a break from the rigors of academic pursuits.

### Opting for values

Rosa Bertorelli's daughter Rita studies international business. As a native of a small town in Italy, Rosa's family's social life centered on the church. She is bright and articulate and wears the top parenting qualification on her sleeve: an obvious, consuming love for her children.

"In our family, we stressed learning, maybe because I didn't have a great education. My parents didn't either," Bertorelli said. "And we have an old-fashioned background. We chose Merrimack because it is small, homey, and Catholic."

Her daughter has made a place for herself here, especially as a member of Merrimack, the service arm of Campus Ministry (see related story). That program was a pet project of discussion participants Emilie and Frank Collopy, whom Sister Elaine calls "the mother and father of Merrimack."

Both Emilie and Frank believe Campus Ministry deserves more attention, both financial and otherwise, at Merrimack. "We read about football everywhere. Anytime anyone speaks about the college, it's sports," Frank complained. "We need to talk about our faith."

The Collopy's commitment to Campus Ministry is deep, because for them it has been life changing. "The



Andrea Lacasky



Frank '56 and Emilie '53 Collopy

students have helped us grow, to be alive," Emilie said. "They taught us to listen, to respect, to allow them to go and find their God."

### Continuing the dialogue

The group agreed: the few hours spent hashing out ideas and opinions were worth the effort. The discussion not only provided valuable data identifying how Merrimack College communicates its Catholic and Augustinian spirit, it also provided a benchmark for the Campus Ministry staff to use in its continuous quality improvement effort.

More discussions are planned. This spring, From the Heart of Merrimack will take up the vocation of teaching.

From the Heart of Merrimack welcomes your input. If you're interested in participating in a discussion group, or if you'd rather put your thoughts on paper, you may write to From the Heart of Merrimack, Rev. Richard Jacobs, O.S.A., Merrimack College, Box A-8, 315 Turnpike St., North Andover, MA 01845, or e-mail at [rjacobs@merrimack.edu](mailto:rjacobs@merrimack.edu).

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**- Emilie Collopy**

## He's Making Telecommunicating Easier: Frank Girard '62

by Wendy Darwin Wakeman



Frank Girard '62

**W**hen Frank Girard '62 says, "I had to beg to get into Merrimack," it's hard to believe.

After all, Girard is now at the helm of one of the telecommunications industry's hottest companies: Boston Technology, a Wakefield, Mass., company with annual revenues approaching \$200 million and a customer list including telephone companies in the U.S., Canada, China, Thailand, Mexico, Japan, and Brazil.

"Father Smith took pity on me," Girard says, explaining that the courses he completed as an evening student could not be credited toward the day division program. (Rev. Francis X. Smith, O.S.A., was the college's first registrar and dean of admission.)

Girard began his Merrimack career as a part-time student. An industrial photographer by day, he attended classes three evenings a week.

"It wasn't easy," he says. "And if someone comes to me now with a résumé that says they went to college nights, I look twice."

With help from Father Smith and Girard's employer, he worked out a plan enabling him to be a full-time student, a "day-hop," as he says, and a part-time photographer. He made Dean's List his first semester.

Upon graduation, Frank married (Janice DuPont), put in a brief stint in the army, and started up the corporate ladder. His career path led him to top sales jobs at Burroughs, Key Data, Wang, and NEC.

It was at NEC, where he served as a Divisional Vice President, that Greg Carr approached him. Carr, Boston Technology's founder and chairman of its board, talked him into joining the then 17-member staff. That was nine years ago.

"It was a bit of a culture shock," Girard admits.

The little startup was very different from giants like Wang and NEC. The environment was very creative and certainly more relaxed, as most employees were in their early twenties. He says it was a lot of fun.

"When you grow with a company, you see everything," Frank says. He remembers watching the first Telco system Boston Technology ever sold go out the door.

Boston Technology produces a variety of systems, most aimed at making telephones more convenient. If you've called your voice mail from a remote location or used a centralized voice, fax, or pager message box, you probably used a Boston Technology product. The company supports close to 50 percent of the residential telephone mail boxes in the United States.

Its overseas sales are just as impressive. Last year, Boston Technology was one of six firms to receive the "E" award from the United States Department of Commerce, for excellence in exporting.



A sizeable crew of Merrimackians back up Frank Girard at Boston Technology. Shown above are (back row, left to right) Michael McCarthy '84, Michael Foley '82, Lucille Roy '86, Frank Girard, Philip Lynes, Diane (Raye) Scamporino '81, and John Christopher '77. In front (left to right) are Roland Boisvert '59, Eddie Doyle '59, Julie Driscoll '88, Brenda Lessard '74, and David Castle '92. John Mitchison '81, also a Boston Techie, arrived late for the photo.

Girard's last stop before being appointed chief executive officer last year was executive vice president for world sales.

Julie Driscoll '88, a corporate communications administrator at Boston Technology, recalls meeting him for the first time.

"Frank was a vice president, and I was kind of new and goofy," she says. "He stopped by my desk and asked if I went to Merrimack. He made me feel a little more at ease."

Since then, Driscoll has met more than a dozen Merrimack graduates at work. "There's a bond between people who went to the same college and work together," she says.

Driscoll says she knows she would have socialized with Girard if they had been contemporaries at Merrimack. "He's got a great sense of humor," she says.

At Merrimack, Frank was president of his fraternity, SBK. "We were the fun guys," he says, and laughs. "We could never party at the same place twice."

It wasn't all frat parties for Girard, though. He was also the editor of the newspaper and vice president of student government. At graduation, he won the loyalty award.

Father Smith made a good call when he took a chance on Frank Girard. And Frank Girard is glad he did.

"You get a good sense of self when you attend a school like Merrimack," Girard says, noting the college's emphasis on values and ethics. "Those things stay with you."

# Retreats and Advances: Campus Ministry Stays Strong

by Wendy Darwin Wakeman '93



Sister Elaine Polcari photo

Merrimack College student Vicki Glebus and a new friend - an orphan girl from the Dominican Republic. Vicki was one of 30 Merrimackians to give aid to the poor in Santo Domingo during this year's Alternative Spring Break.

**A**cting on Merrimack's Catholic and Augustinian heritage is the mission of Campus Ministry. Thanks to its work, students are participating in religious retreats in greater numbers than ever before, and volunteers are advancing into the community and the world, delivering the message that Merrimack cares.

## Helping others

While Fort Lauderdale and Myrtle Beach once again drew throngs of students during this year's spring break, some Merrimackians flew further south: to Santo Domingo.

"It won't be a vacation, but it'll be very fulfilling," predicted Sister Elaine Polcari, S.S.N.D., Campus Ministry Director. "The work will be hard. The conditions won't be great."

Students lived and worked among the poor, side by side with Catholic missionaries, in dispensaries, nursing homes, churches, and soup kitchens.

It's Alternative Spring Break, the flagship event for Merrimack. The service arm of Campus Ministry, Merrimack has been organizing groups of students to lend a hand for nearly three decades.

And although the Alternative Spring Break students lift more than frozen drinks, the trip always attracts a big crew. Heading to Santo Domingo were Sister Elaine, campus ministers Revs. Scott Ness and Joseph Farrell, O.S.A., and 30 student volunteers. It's the group's first-ever overseas trip.

Last year, Merrimack took on the problems of St. Francis Parish in a poor area near Birmingham, Alabama.

"I'm too busy to do much volunteer work during the week," said Josephine Thomas, a junior mathematics major who took part in the Alabama trip. But she believes in volunteerism. In high school, she taught C.C.D. and organized clothing drives in her parish.

The alternative spring break was a

perfect fit for her. "I'm not into going to Cancun and partying," she said.

At St. Francis, she and the others on the team scraped and painted buildings, puttied windows, pounded nails into the roof of an old storage shed, rebuilt swings, and catalogued library books. They also attended Mass and social activities at the mostly black parish.

There were big differences between Mass at St. Francis and Mass as the Merrimack students knew it. For starters, it lasted more than two hours. Liturgical dance and music were big parts of the service.

"It's all very laid back," Thomas said. And much friendlier. "During the sign of peace, everybody got up and greeted almost everybody else."

Maryellen Colliton, director of Student Activities, was also impressed by the warmth of the congregation. "I went on the trip to give of myself and to support the students," Colliton said. "But the people of St. Francis taught me so much. The presence of community was so important to them." Mass would be delayed, she said, as much as 45 minutes to wait for a family to arrive.

Colliton isn't alone in feeling that she received as much as she gave. Helping others often brings rewards. Just ask Karan Mathur.

Born and raised in India, Mathur came halfway around the world to attend Merrimack, attracted by the college's suburban Boston location and its reputation as a leading business school. But after living here less than a semester, he wanted to transfer.

"I found the place really lonely," Mathur said, describing himself as painfully shy and self-conscious.

Somehow, Sister Elaine heard about his predicament. She called him to her office and convinced him to join Merrimack. In a last-ditch effort to make a home here, Mathur took her advice.

Two years ago, he participated in the spring trip to Roxbury and Dorchester. Although the distance from Merrimack is insignificant, the communities are different worlds. The

students worked in a soup kitchen, at a school, and at a parish.

"In India, the disparity between rich and poor is tremendous. Working with poor people is taboo," he said. Because the work was such a stretch for him, he learned to be less self-conscious and more self-confident. He made a lot of friends, too.

Too many friends, perhaps. Now a junior, Mathur isn't as involved with Merrimack as he once was. He's too busy with other activities.

He founded an International Student Association and works with the campus chapter of Amnesty International. But he credits Sister Elaine's advice and Merrimack with keeping him here. "Getting involved kept me at Merrimack."

Merrimack is "a big eye-opener," he says. Of working with retarded adults on another project, Mathur said, "I felt uncomfortable at first, but it taught me about adapting to different situations."

Working with retarded adults is one of Merrimack's ongoing projects. While the Alternative Spring Break attracts a lot of attention, it's just one event on a full calendar.

Most weeks, three Merrimack projects are planned. Students — sometimes only a handful, sometimes a dozen or more — load into the college van to go into the community and give of themselves.

The mark they leave is lasting.

Parishioners at a Lawrence church use an old convent for retreats since Merrimack students cleaned and painted it.

Retarded adults enjoy competitive bowling because Merrimack students keep score. ("They applaud when we arrive," Sister Elaine says.)

People with AIDS at Julie House in Lowell get needed nutrients thanks to an Ensure supplement drive conducted annually.

## Turning inward

While Merrimack gives students an opportunity to advance into the community, Campus Ministry makes



Wendy Wakeman photo

That's the ticket! The hall outside of the Campus Ministry office was lined with students in the wee hours of a stormy February morning. The hot ticket? A spot on a religious retreat.

sure they're given ample opportunity to reach into themselves, too.

In greater numbers than ever before, Merrimack students are participating in the retreats organized by M.O.R.E., the Merrimack Outreach Experience.

The program has always been popular, but to get a spot on a retreat this March, students lined up outside the campus ministry office like scalpers before an Elton John concert.

First in line was a group of three freshmen: Maryann Markey, Jill Kenney, and Tara Luhta. They arrived at Gildea at 4 a.m.

Only 20 students are accepted for each retreat, and spaces are first-come, first-served.

The events of the retreats are top-secret. The people in line have only a vague idea of what's in store for them. Sister Elaine and the students who run the retreat say secrecy is important.

"You want people to experience the retreat for themselves," Christine Wenzel, a junior from Salem, Mass. and a member of the M.O.R.E. board, explained.

Without revealing too much, she explained the benefits of attending a retreat. "You're reminded that people care about you," she said. "You're reminded that you love yourself."

Benefits like those aren't easy to elicit, and the M.O.R.E. retreat lasts

only a weekend. So, to ensure a successful experience for each retreatant, a team of students begins preparations ten weeks before. They are responsible for everything, from planning Masses to cooking meals.

Retreats are held at locations on the Cape and in the Berkshires. Transportation is part of the package. To cover expenses, retreatants are charged \$35 each.

And they are told in no uncertain terms to leave the books behind. The retreat experience is intense; there's no time for schoolwork.

"You come back emotionally drained," says senior Michael Nelson, also a M.O.R.E. board member. "Going on retreat gives you an opportunity to know yourself and your friends better. You make new friends. And you also get to know God better."

The retreats are so popular, the campus ministry staff is adding more to its agenda, not all are strictly for students. A Busy Person's Retreat — reflection and prayer, wedged into hectic schedules an hour at a time — debuted this spring.

"People are hungering for a chance to reflect on their lives," Sister Elaine explains.

Wenzel expresses the same sentiment, with a twist: "Going on retreat is a little sanity break."

**M55 John and Ann (Hickey) Murphy** take humor seriously. The couple travels around the country teaching people to use humor and creativity to cope with chronic illness and life changes. They contributed stories to the book *Chicken Soup for the Soul at Work*.

**M57 Nancy (Duncan) Critchley** has informed us that her home in Tombstone, Arizona is a historic site. The entrance to the Mountain Maid Mine and the original mine shack and ore cart rails are in her backyard. The mine was the first filed by Wyatt and Virgil Earp. A clinical supervisor with Southeastern Arizona Behavioral Health Service, Nancy is looking forward to retirement in four more years... **Thomas Davies** has completed a four year tour in Uijongbu, Korea and is returning to The Pentagon and his home in Springfield, Virginia.

**M58 Joseph Faro** has had a great 1996. He first landed one of three at-large seats on Amesbury's first municipal council and then was named vice president of the council. Soon after, he received word that he has been qualified to practice before the nation's Supreme Court. Joe was nominated by Suffolk Law School Dean, John E. Fenton, Jr... **Patricia (Trainor) O'Malley** recently published *Bradford: The End of an Era* illustrating the area's history. Over 200 black-and-white-photographs bring the transformation and evolution of Bradford from the Civil War to the 1960s to life. She lives in Bradford where she is a professor of history at Bradford College.

**M60 Bernard Bryan** was recently nominated to *Who's Who Among America's Teachers* by former students also named to *Who's Who*. Barney has been teaching in the Saugus school system since 1963. He coached freshman basketball for 14 years and cross country track for 23 years. He is also an adjunct professor at Fisher College and Bunker Hill Community College.

**M61 Meline Kasparian** was recently named president of the 77,000 member Massachusetts Teachers Association. She had previously served as vice president and was a member of both the Executive Committee and Board of Directors. Meline was president of the Springfield Education Association from 1987 to 1994.

**M63 Kathleen (O'Neil) Mogan** was promoted to assistant vice president of commercial lending at Randolph Savings Bank... **Frank Battles** received the Mathematical Association of America's Certificate of Meritorious Service at the Joint Mathematics Meeting. He is a professor at the Massachusetts Maritime Academy.

**M64 George Corkery** has been appointed chief probation officer at Lawrence District Court. He had served as assistant chief probation officer at Essex Superior Court for 24 years. Prior to working for the probation department George taught school and coached sports teams at Central Catholic High School and Methuen Central Junior High School... **Paul Hoar**, an anesthesiologist at El Camino Hospital, was recently elected to a second term on the hospital's District Board. He has served as board president since 1994. He and his wife Judith live in Los Altos and San Francisco, California... **D. Paul Sweeney** has retired after more



Jim McMorrow '62; Mary Lou O'Connell, mother of Maureen O'Connell Catallo '84; George Catallo '84 (Maureen's husband); and Jack Quinn '88 are pictured at the New York Alumni Reception.

than 31 years with the Secret Service. In recent years, he has served as deputy special agent in charge of the Dignitary Protective Division. Paul had also served in the New York and Cleveland field offices and was assigned to the Justice Department's organized crime and racketeering task forces in Detroit and Boston from 1969 to 1973. In the late 1980s, Paul headed the Service's Congressional Affairs office in Washington. Upon his retirement, he received the Treasury Department's Albert Galatin Award. He and his wife Diana live in Bethesda, Maryland.

**M67 Alice Honeck** has joined Beazley Company Realtors as a sales associate. She received her real estate training at Gateway Academy and specializes in residential sales.

**M69 Rev. Phil Negley** graduated with honors from Andover Newton Theology School with a doctor of ministries degree. He was recently assigned by the LaSalette Missionaries to Mary Queen Church in Friendswood, Texas... **A.J. Belleville** is editorializing at the *Lynn Sunday Post*. He reflected on his Merrimack days in a column last fall. Seems A.J.'s son is on campus these days. Makes a parent think...

**M70 Marie (Riemitis) Pouliot** has accepted

a new position as senior alliance manager at Lotus Development Corporation. She and her husband Ronald '70 live in North Andover.

**M72 Meredith Boumil-Flynn** has been named assistant vice president and commercial lending officer for Enterprise Bank. She joined Enterprise in 1994. Meredith has been involved with both the bank's commercial lending and mortgage lending activities... **Steve McMahon** coaches the Londonderry, N.H. High School girls' basketball team, when he's not brokering investments at Prudential Securities.

**M73 Dorothy (Lozowski) Boisvert** was promoted to professor at Fitchburg State College and this year serves as chairman of the department of clinical laboratory sciences. She lives in Chelmsford with her husband Alfred and son Stephen... **Joseph Elia**, chief financial officer of Automated Medical Systems in Cambridge, was elected president of the Woburn Business Association. He, his wife Jeanne, and their daughter Jessica live in Woburn... **Gerald Hattori** has been appointed vice president of finance and chief financial officer for Nexar Technologies, Inc., a manufacturer of personal computer systems and enterprise servers based in Westboro. He lives in Londonderry, N.H... **Bernadette (Brunhuber) Tiernan** has written a book, *Start Smart Your Home-Based Business*. She is a small business consultant. Recently, she was invited to speak at Drumthwacket, the New Jersey Governor's official residence, by Gov. Christine Todd Whitman. She and husband **Bill '73** live in Ridgewood, N.J. with their children Katherine, Billy, and Caroline.



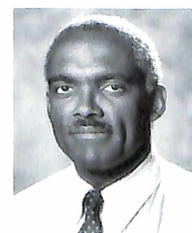
Bernadette Tiernan '73

**M74 William Cavanaugh**, a detective for the Manchester, N.H. Police Department, has been assigned to the Queen City's high schools and junior high schools. He has been with the department for 15 years serving in the patrol division and in crime prevention and was a member of the department's rock band, Friends in Blue. He plays guitar, tennis and racquetball.

**M75 Carol Haberman** recently accepted a position as first grade teacher at the Line School in Newfield, Maine. She had been employed as a special education technician at the Waterboro Elementary School. She lives in Sanford, Maine with her husband and children... **David Sidon** has joined the Gloucester Bank & Trust Co. as senior vice president and will oversee data processing and technology. He went to GB&T from Gloucester Cooperative Bank where he had been employed for the past 10 years, the last three as president.

**M76 John Mancuso** was named a manager at Coopers & Lybrand L.L.P. after twenty years with Weston Wyatt & Co. He received his MBA from Northeastern University. John lives in Woburn with his wife Toshie and their children John Paul, Michael, and Katie.

**M77 Lorraine (Pillman) Donaldson** has relocated to Del Mar, California, with her husband Albert and children Julie, Corey, Kyle, and Blake. She is an attorney specializing in intellectual property... **Clement Jones** was inducted into the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons... **Daniel Murray**, chief of the technology transfer branch at the Environmental Protection Agency in Cincinnati, has won Vice-President Al Gore's Hammer



Dr. Clem Jones '77

Award. The award recognized his contributions to the EPA's sewer overflow policy negotiating team. Daniel, his wife Megan, and children, Halle, Thomas, and Brenna live in Fairfield, Ohio.



Dan Murray '77

**M78 John Baczewski** recently returned to Massachusetts after four years in the Pacific Northwest. He has joined Amresco Advisors, Inc., a real estate and financial services company. He and his wife Clare live in Boxford... **Andrew Fontaine** is Weymouth's town engineer. Prior to his appointment to that post, Chip was a civil and structural engineer in the nuclear power industry. He lives in East Freetown... **Walter C. Meyer**, a tax director at Ernst & Young's Manchester office, has been named a principal at the firm. He has 18 years of experience in public accounting. He joined Ernst & Young in 1986. Walter is the treasurer of the New Hampshire International Trade Association, an executive committee board member of the New Hampshire Society of Certified Public Accountants, and a director of the United Way of Greater Manchester... **Michael Walsh** was appointed postmaster of the U.S. Postal Service in Salem, N.H. He has been with the postal service for 14 years. He and his wife **Maureen (Murphy) '79** and son Patrick live in Londonderry, N.H... **Roy Zagieboylo** celebrated his coming 40th birthday by running the Marine Corps Marathon. He wrote that he was "no **Dave McGillivray '76** but better than expected!" Roy lives in Glastonbury, Conn., with his wife Susan and son Drew.

**M79 Brian Bullock** has been named senior vice president and chief commercial lender for Enterprise Bank. He lives in Chelmsford, where he

coaches youth soccer... **John DiBitetto** is CEO of North American Companies in Bradford. He recently completed a term as president of the North East Builders Association of Massachusetts. He and his wife Christina live in Bradford with their children Nicole and Johnny... **Elaine (Carifio) Jean**, husband Paul and children Nikki and David, have moved again, proving that they are indeed nomadic. Paul's job with Concept Five Technologies and his frequent trips to Moscow made it practical to move to Sterling, Virginia. She remains semi-retired from a career as a technical writer and insurance marketing consultant, and is becoming involved in educational issues in the local school system... **Larry Thibault** won a Warner-Lambert Co. annual national achievement award for account managers. He works with national managed health care organizations. Larry lives in San Diego, Calif., with his wife Kristin and children Matthew and Kathryn.

**M80 Cindy Ann (Lachowicz) Daigle** has changed careers; she's studying computer applications. She has been appointed to administrative assistant for Marble Computer, Inc., a main frame computer software company located in Chichester, N.H. She lives in Concord, N.H., with her husband James... **Gregory Fallon** was elected chairman of the business department at Montana State



Rick Cain '78, Mark Duffy '78, and Paul Sullivan share a light moment at a Boston Alumni reception.

University-Northern. Greg has been a professor at MSU-Northern since 1992. He and his wife Marie '81 reside in Havre, Montana.

**M81 William Hart** was elected to a second term as attorney for Rockingham County in New Hampshire. During this term he will focus on improvements in the areas of workforce, caseloads, and prioritization of the cases handled. He lives in Exeter... **Nancy (Guglielmino) McMahon** has joined the staff of Seacoast Works in Wells, Maine as an instructor. Seacoast Works is a business and computer skills training school specializing in flexible scheduling and self-paced learning in a professional setting. Nancy brings more than nine years of experience in finance and office management into the classroom. She lives in Kennebunk... **Lee Slattery** has accepted a new position as advertising director of Conde Nast's *Sports for Women*.

**M82 Barry Begley** is the new postmaster for the town of Andover. He began his post office career as an Andover letter carrier in 1983. He is in charge of Andover's main post office, its three substations: North Main Street, Old Town Hall, and Ballardvale; and more than 100 postal workers. He and his wife Debbie live in Methuen... **William Hart** is the newest member of the Board of Assessors in

THE ALUMNI COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Fifty years is not a long time in the history of an institution. It is but a grain in the sands of time. Yet, in the fifty years since the founding of Merrimack College, the world has changed — man walked on the moon, the Vatican Council was held, and the Berlin Wall fell. The first students at Merrimack were all men, taught mostly by priests and from the Merrimack Valley. Today, our students are both men and women. They are taught by a mostly lay faculty and they come from around the world. Despite these outward changes, the distinctive character of the college as a Catholic and Augustinian institution has not changed.

In 1951, Merrimack welcomed its first alumni — a mere 111 men. Today, the alumni number over 16,000, men and women, from New England and beyond. To meet the needs of our growing alumni population, the Alumni Office has expanded our regional clubs to include Hartford and Southern New Hampshire along with Boston, New York City, Philadelphia, and Washington, D.C.

As the college and its number of alumni have grown, the alumni have become an increasingly important resource for the college community. Alumni assist the college in many areas — alumni serve as Alumni Ambassadors assisting the Admission Office in attracting new students (and future alumni) to our institution. Alumni assist the Office of Institutional Advancement by serving as class chairs and class agents. Alumni offer help to students and fellow alumni by being part of the Career Networking Program. Also, alumni serve on the College-Wide Council and the Alumni Council itself. In addition, alumni serve on special committees from time to time to assist the college in its many endeavors. By giving of their time and talents, alumni have become important assets for the college community.

As I conclude my first term as Council President, I would like to thank the members of the Executive Board, the Committee Chairs and the other Council members for their dedication and support. In addition, I would like to thank the Alumni Relations Office, Susan Wojtas, John Obert, and JoAnn Orso for their support and guidance. Their dedication to our alma mater makes all of the above possible.



Nick Chapman '71

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Everett. He has served as chairman of the Everett School Committee, Ward III councilman, and chairman of the Park Commission. William is the assistant to the president for public affairs at Bunker Hill Community College... Frank Vozzella is the new Burlington branch manager of Northern Bank & Trust Co. Frank lives in Wilmington with his wife Mary and his two children, Gennara and Frank Jr.

**M83** Leslie Despres is serving as a Mercy Corps volunteer at Catherine McAuley House in Plymouth, Penn., a shelter for homeless women and children... Robert Donovan has been appointed account manager for the Boston Teaching Hospital. He and his wife Linda live in Nashua, N.H., with their children Kelly, Kyle, Corey, and Colleen... Kevin Foley,

a member of the Massachusetts Board of Review in Boston, has completed the Administrative Law: Unemployment Compensation course held at the National Judicial College in Reno... Paul Mullan recently opened his own law practice in Worcester. He was previously with the Worcester law firm of Joseph J. Cariglia, specializing in civil litigation, notably personal injury. He

has also worked as a mediator and probation officer in Worcester Probate and Family Court. He's married to Kathleen (McHugh) '83.

**M84** Andrew Coppinger is the new principal of the Stratford School in New Hampshire. He has been teaching at Stratford since 1989. He lives in Lancaster with his wife Joanne (Roberts) '86 and daughter Abbey... Susan (Bachand) Hunter has been promoted to director of accounting research at United Asset Management Corp. in Boston. She lives in Andover with her husband Michael '84 and their children Jonathan and Jimmy... John Metcalfe was awarded tenure and promoted to associate professor in the biology department at Salem State College. He teaches microbiology and immunology to biology and nursing majors. He and his wife Karen live in Wilmington with their children Jessica and Kayla... Joseph Uniejewski has been appointed vice president of marketing for Gradient Technologies, Inc. He will be responsible for product management, marketing and technical marketing for the intranet security company based in Marlboro. He lives in North Andover.

**M85** John Karavolas is a civil engineer for the Mass. Highway Department in Boston and recently opened his own part-time civil and structural engineering firm in Peabody... Adele Keohan recently performed in An Evening of Song with the Vernon Street Music Center in Wakefield. A mezzo-soprano, Adele also studied at the Longy School of Music and the Boston University Theater Institute. She has been the cantor at St. Catherine of Genoa Parish in Somerville for many years, having been hand-picked by the late famed organist John Kiley after he heard her sing the national anthem at the Billie Jean King night at the Boston Garden... Nancy Otovic is a second-year resident physician at Hunt's Family Practice Center for Emergency and Ambulatory Care

Carl Russo photo



Reason Number 6 to come to reunion: Jack Driscoll and Nancy Callahan Matthews, both '74, were reunited at reunion, of all places! The question on everyone's mind is were they or weren't they in their undergrad days — and that answer is no! Looks like there may be wedding bells. So if you're looking for that special someone, join us at Reunion '97.

in Danvers having completed medical rotations in Queens... David Rembis of Haverhill has been appointed to the audit and small business department at Sullivan and Bille, CPAs, in Billerica.

**M86** Linda DeCiccio was promoted to employment operation manager at Bank Boston, the newly merged BayBank and Bank of Boston. She has also been appointed to the board of the Methuen Historical Society. Linda lives in Woburn... Treacy (Shields) Hennebert is a math teacher specializing in learning disabilities at the International School of Brussels in Belgium. She and her husband Thierry have recently completed a large project for the school: they've designed and built a state-of-the-art rock climbing facility. Thierry is the school's resident expert in all outdoor sports and sports training... Mark Knestout was ordained a transitional deacon for the arch-

diocese of Washington at St. Peter's Basilica, Vatican City. He has completed a degree in Sacred Theology at the Angelicum University in Rome and is now working on a degree in Moral Theology at Alfonsiana University, also in Rome. His ordination to the priesthood is set for June 1998... Philip Ouellette was recently promoted to the position of circulation manager for the Salem Evening News. He first joined the company in May of 1995 as the circulation home delivery manager. Philip lives in Lynn.

**M87** Joseph Caporale was recently elected chairman of the board of UNICEF New England. Executive vice president and director of operations of Ruotolo Associates, Inc., Jay has been a leader in the fund raising profession for nearly ten years. He lives in North

Andover with his wife Martha (Miller) '87... Michael Cecere has been promoted to manager at Gray, Gray & Gray CPAs in Boston. His responsibilities include audit, accounting, and tax services for clients in the oil heat, insurance, real estate, engineering, and energy industries. Michael lives in Chelsea... Tracy Blais Durkin has been certified as a Massachusetts municipal collector. She is the collector and treasurer for the town of West Newbury and is also the town's finance director... Susan (Demers) McCue, of Party Doctors, Inc., was voted one of the top five female disc jockeys in the nation at the Mobile Beat Magazine Convention. She lives in Salem, N.H. with her husband Kevin '87... Brian Sifferlen of North Andover has been promoted to divisional controller at Mellon Trust. At 33, he is the youngest controller ever at the company. He will be in charge of the information management and resource division. Brian joined Mellon Trust in 1995... Robin Withrow was named account manager of the design group for

Lehman Millet, Inc. She is responsible for client relations and project management. Robin lives in Reading with her son Ryan.

**M88** Dawn (Maynard) Dunn received a master's degree in computer information systems from Bentley College in May of last year. She and her husband Kevin live in Wilmington with their son Thomas (see births)... Robert Kilkenny has completed a master's degree in taxation at Northeastern University. He is a tax and financial analyst for Hadco Corporation and lives in North Andover with his wife Sara.

**M89** Christian Arcidiacono recently received CLARiON's engineering director's award for outstanding contribution. Chris is a hardware design engineer at CLARiON, a division of Data General Corporation. He lives in Haverhill... Joseph Frazier accepted a new position with Electrical Dynamics, Inc., as its chief financial officer. He and his wife Anne (Lambert) '90 live in Dracut with their new daughter Alexandra Marie (see births)... Joseph Pazera is in his first year of a three-year physician assistant program at D'Youville College in Buffalo, N.Y. He and his wife Ann Marie (see weddings) live in Buffalo... William Tibbetts recently opened Dynamic Chiropractic Health Care in Tewksbury. The health care center offers chiropractic, muscle, massage, and nutritional therapies. He and his wife Margo live in Tewksbury.

**M90** Kelly Crimmins was recently profiled for her work with North Andover Youth Services. She coordinates programs such as Girls' Group, Teen Talk, Survivors' Group, Life Skills, and Mission Possible, a self-esteem program at the high school... Andrew Heinze was inducted into North Andover High School's Athletic Hall of Fame for his overall performance in golf, football, baseball (co-captain) and hockey (captain)... Patrick McAvoy graduated *summa cum laude* from the Washington

Reunion Weekend is June 13 and 14 Honor classes are 52, 57, 62, 67, 72, 77, 82, 87 and 92



College of Law at American University and has joined his father's law practice, Guthro & McAvoy in Melrose... **Lynne (Monaghan) Parr** is the new employment manager for the Westin Hotel in Copley Place. She previously worked at Filene's in human resources. Lynne and her husband Chris live in Wakefield.

**M91 Susan (Stewart) Downer** has received a master's degree from Lesley College. She and her husband Chad (see weddings) live in Methuen... **Eleanor (Carlson) Kimball** is pastor of the East Barre Congregational Church in Vermont. She was ordained at the West Parish Church in Andover where she had been a member for many years. She is a 1995 graduate of the Andover-Newton Theological School... **Meghan (Sheehan) Lynch** recently obtained a position teaching special education children at the Greenburgh Eleven School District in Dobbs Ferry, N.Y. Prior to this, she was teaching special education preschool in Manhattan. She and her husband Peter live in Yonkers... **Charles Moran** is the new customer liaison for Holyoke's gas and electric department.

**M92 Maria Roberts** has joined the law office of Timothy D. Sullivan in North Andover. She will focus on family law. She will help broaden the firm's existing estate, business, and litigation services for the Spanish speaking community... **Paula Picarillo** is Merrimack's new women's field hockey coach. She joins Merrimack after spending the last six seasons guiding the women's field hockey program at Methuen High School... **Susan Szydlo** recently moved from Connecticut to Chicago. She's an insurance analyst for Aon Corporation.



Paula Picarillo '92

**M93 Brian Cresta** was selected for inclusion in *Who's Who in the East*. *Who's Who* includes 24,000 notable leaders from this region. Brian also won a second term as state representative. Brian and his wife **Michelle (Surette) '94** live in Wakefield... **Matthew Hayes** recently moved to Michigan, accepting a position as an account sales associate for NIKE's New Equipment Division. He and his wife Tara and their daughter Ashley Lynne (see births) live in Clinton Township... **Joline Romano** is the psychologist for the O'Donnell Middle School in Stoughton... **Kerri Sheeran** recently accepted a position as attorney for Murphy, McKenzie, Michaels & Sullivan in Boston. She lives in Woburn... **Jennifer Terraciano** graduated *cum laude* from Suffolk Law School. She was admitted to the Massachusetts Bar in December. She is an attorney at The Boston Company.

**M94 Robert Bartley** has received the certified public accountant designation from the state Board of Public Accountancy. He joined Kirwin & Hickey, CPAs of Tewksbury as an associate. He lives in North Andover where he is on the North Andover Youth Center Committee... **Robin Brothers** was appointed manager of Eastern Bank's branch in Lynnfield. She will be responsible for day-to-day operations of the banking office, business development, and community outreach... **Michael LaMarche** recently graduated from the Coast Guard recruit training program. During the training cycle at the center, students are taught general military subjects designed to prepare them for further academic and on-the-job training.

**M95 Kelly Burke** teaches at Bedford High School... **Dean Capuano**, his brother Daniel and David Bucci are the creators of Herbie the Hippo. Through a grant obtained by Cranston, R.I. Rep. Peter Palumbo, Herbie will be used to establish a "Street Smart Kid Safety" program for children in kindergarten through third grade.



Susan Wojtas photo

**Big Apple:** Alumni Council Executive Board members traveled to New York City for a New York Alumni reception. Pictured at Rockefeller Center are at-large members Wayne Bishop '92 and Chris Liebke '79, Council President Nick Chapman '71, Vice President Claire Holland '87, and manager of alumni relations John Obert '66.

In addition to personal appearances, Herbie uses coloring books, songs and rhymes to give young children tips for recognizing the dangers that strangers may pose. Dean lives in Cranston... **Daniel Hennessey** has entered St. John Seminary in Brighton. Before deciding to enter the seminary he worked in genetic research... **Daniel Pereira** is the assistant director for the recreation department in Lincoln. He will be responsible for some administrative work, but plans to spend most of his time working with middle schoolers in the department's Friday night programs and the town's basketball program. Prior to accepting this position he had worked for the Weston recreation department... **Matthew Wright** accepted an inside sales publishing rep's position at Schuster Publishing Co., in Needham. Matty lives in Reading.

**M96 Timothy Carey** is studying to be a Franciscan priest in Loretto, Penn... **Colleen Hennessey** is teaching at Bedford High School... **Mary Knapik** has been named assistant to the dean of admissions at American International College. She will be responsible for marketing the college, including visiting high schools and attending college fairs and college nights. Her territory includes southern New York State, Long Island, N.Y., and New Jersey. She lives in Westfield... **Kristen Picariello** has completed her first semester of grad school at American University. She is pursuing an M.A. in international affairs... **David Pirri** has started a year of service with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps. He will be teaching second grade at the St. Francis of Assisi School in the greater Montgomery, Alabama parish. Following his year in the volunteer corps, he plans a career in microbiology.

Weddings

**Jeffrey Turcotte '71** and Carol Lee Thornton at the Endicott Estate in Dedham.

**Greg Burwell '80** and Jane Hugo, at Sacred Heart Church in Wethersfield, Conn., Sept. 28.

**Susan Duesberg '80** and William Hardell at St. Mary Catholic Church in Shrewsbury, Sept. 22.

**Michelle Lavoie '83** and Brian Cote at the Church of the Nativity in Merrimack, Sept. 22.

**John Ronan '83** and Cynthia Trojan '90 at Merrimack College, July 5.

**Caroline Ambrosino '84** and Joseph Mirabella at Holy Rosary Church in Lawrence, Oct. 6.

**Kathleen Gallagher '84** and Scott Chaudoin at Our Lady of the Snows Church in Woodstock, Vermont, Sept. 7.

**Geraldine Follansbee '85** and Toby Stewart at The First Congregational Church in Haverhill, Aug. 25.

**Robert Kelley '85** and **Sondra Zielinski '85** at St. Joseph Church in Salem, July 13.

**Karen Saliba '85** and Steven Belair at St. Michael Church in North Andover, Aug. 24.

**Stephen Gagnon '86** and Martha Jane Kelly at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester.

**Doreen Hallissy '86** and Arthur McKean at Most Blessed Sacrament Church in Wakefield, Oct. 13.

**Joseph Pottle '86** and Kathleen O'Callaghan at Assumption Church in Chelsea, June 9.

**Katherine Coddair '87** and Daniel Moffat at St. Elizabeth Church in Seabrook, N.H., Sept. 21.

**Mark Collins '87** and Christine Manning at St. Raphael Church in Medford.

**James Gaudreau '87** and Susan Lynch at North Parish Church in North Andover, May 25.

**Giuseppe (Joseph) Ciavattone '88** and Patricia Foley on May 25.

**Gregory Coir '88** and Alexandra Lepore at the Unitarian Church in Newburyport, Oct. 13.

**Susan Becotte '89** and Bradley Gifford at the Trinitarian Congregational Church in North Andover, July 21.

**Robert Broadhurst '89** and Lynn Zappala at Sacred Hearts Church in Bradford.

**Kelley King '89** and Kevin Carney at Chatham's Bar Inn in Chatham, Sept. 28.

**Laurie Melillo '89** and Kurt Burzlauff at St. Michael Church in North Andover.

**Kimberly Nally '89** and Ron Lilja at Grace Episcopal Church in Norwood, Oct. 13.

**Joseph Pazera '89** and Ann Marie McBride at St. Mary Roman Catholic Church in Hudson, N.Y., Aug. 10.

**Debra Cisto '90** and Gary George at St. Michael Church in Lynn.

**John Cloutier '90** and Lisa Ann Farinella at Corpus Christi Church in Wethersfield, Conn., Feb. 3, 1996.

**Jeannine Fichera '90** and Robert Peluso at Holy Rosary Church in Lawrence.

**James Gillon '90** and **Karen Walters '93** at St. Anthony Parish in Fitchburg, Oct. 19.

**Scott Bandoni '91** and Jennifer Hull in Beaver Creek, Col., Aug. 10.

**Stephen Brauning '91** and **Irene Hanning '91** at Merrimack College, June 22.

**James Henderson '91** and **Linda Carleton '93** at Merrimack College, April 20.

**Christopher Jablonski '91** and **Simone Kent '92** at Merrimack College, June 8.

**Dianne Sanborn '91** and **Stephen Whelton '95** at Merrimack College, April 28, 1996.

**Meghan Sheehan '91** and Peter Lynch at the Immaculate Conception Church in Westhampton Beach, N.Y., April 27, 1996.

**Adam Soreff '91** and Janet Mason at the Marriott Hotel in Peabody.

**Christina Stanganelli '91** and Robert Holland at All Saints Anglican Church in Balgowlah, Australia.

**Susan Stewart '91** and Chad Downer at St. Monica Church in Methuen, July 20.

**Laurel Vant '91** and David Whitford at Old South United Methodist Church in Reading, Oct. 5.

**Diane Varjabedian '91** and Robert Hogan at Sacred Heart Church in Lynn.

**Christine Amato '92** and Michael Rizzotti in Haverhill.

**John Ford '92** and Gail Gorrow at Harris' Pelham Inn in Pelham, N.H.

**Susan Foulds '92** and Shaun Hefner at First Congregational Church in Salem, N.H., June 22.

**Dawn Orlando '92** and William Kelley at St. Monica Church in Methuen, July 5.

**John Pappalardo '92** and Kathleen Farrell at St. Joseph Church in Salem, N.H., Aug. 3.

**David Pucci '92** and Melissa Petrillo at St. Mary Church in Chelmsford.

**Melinda White '92** and Robert Petrucelli at St. Mary Church in Ridgefield, Conn., June 29.

**Teal Fowler '93** and Ursula Clermont in Batavia, N.Y., June 29.

**Cathy Gallagher '93** and Stephen Albert at Immaculate Conception Church in Stoughton, July 27.

**Michael Hart '93** and **Maryanne Tierney '93** at Our Lady of Mt.

Carmel Church in Ridgewood, N.J., Sept. 1.

**Nancy Leonard '93** and Mark Keegan at St. Michael Church in North Andover.

**Joseph Lussier '93** and Lori Redman at St. Matthew Church in Windham, N.H., Dec. 28.

**Janine Munsill '93** and David Braun at St. Mary Church in New Haven, Conn., June 8.

**Ellen Romanowski '93** and Donald MacKenzie at Merrimack College, Sept. 7.

**Richard Sciacca '93** and Kimberly Tobin at the Copley Plaza Hotel in Boston, May 18.

**Catherine Sroufe '93** and Douglas Wabnitz at the Church of the Resurrection in Tualatin, Ore., June 15.

**Melissa Stanganelli '93** and Michael May at the Casa Di Fior in Wilmington, Sept. 7.

**Jennifer Twomey '93** and Richard Perello at the Congregational Church in Middleton.

**Lisa Blinn '94** and Robert Hardy at the Sacred Hearts Church in Bradford, Sept. 7.

**Ann Chisholm '94** and **Christian Bondhus '95** at St. Francis Cabrini Church in Scituate, Sept. 28.

**Christine Cahill '94** and Mathieu Billings at Holy Spirit Parish in Indianapolis, Ind., July 20.

**Laura Ann Fisher '94** and Todd Mezzanotte at St. Elizabeth Church in Acton, Sept. 21.

**Jennifer Loughran '94** and Christian Raudelunas at Immaculate Conception Church in Lowell, June 15.

**Beth Alemian '95** and Duane Ratliff at Merrimack College, Aug. 10.

**Amy Morrison '96** and Jerry Collette on Sept. 28.



# A Wedding Album



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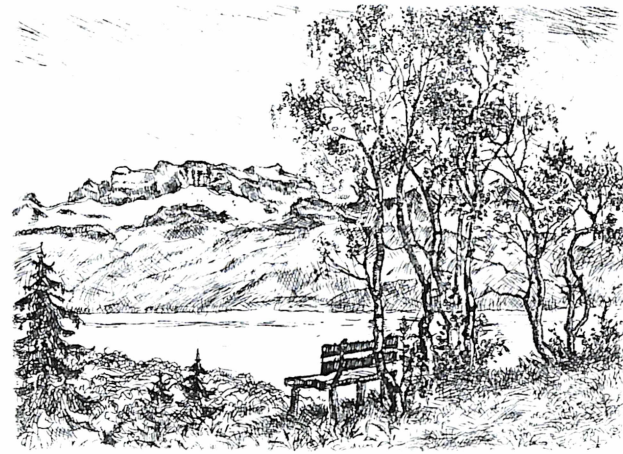
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- Karen Walters '93 and James Gillon '90 vacationed in Spain following their October wedding. In attendance were, back row left to right, Kim Winer '90, Brian Owens '88, Erin Butler '90, Kevin O'Brien '90, Susan (Gorham) Rizzo '90, Drea Sabshin '94, Tania Guimond '93, Tom Kirkman, the artistic director for the Onstagers, Kelly Walters '90, Kieran Murray '93, Denise Guttenberg '94, and Lisa Lee '90; middle row, Michael Peterson '90, Michael Gonthier '90, Dawn (Sinsigalli) Gonthier '92, David Grace '90, and the new Mr. and Mrs. Gillon; and sitting in front Michael Bartlett '90 and Al Rizzo '91.
- Meghan Sheehan '91 married Peter Lynch in Westhampton Beach, N.Y., on April 27.
- Ann Chisholm '94 and Chris Bondhus '95, seated, were married in September. Standing behind them are Pam Hanglin '94, Lisa Brogle '94, Robin Allie '94, Joe Doyon '94, Jean Doherty '94, Coleen Dolaher '94, Greg Farrington '95, Gail Goddard '96, Jim Arangio '94, and Kristen Civiello '95.
- When Allison Lemieux '92 wed Larry Caruso, Merrimack graduates were in abundance. Front row, left to right, are Jon Desmarais '92, Joan (O'Brien) Desmarais '92, Maureen (Archer) Comito '92, Mr. and Mrs. Caruso, Jeanne Passanant '92, Christina Cote '92, Aimee Bleau '92, and Tracey Bowker '91. Standing are Tim Garrity '91, Kris Lane '90 Paul Giggey '91, Lauren (Shamberger) Giggey '91, KT Bryan '93, Keith Hession '93, Jeanne (Murphy) Nindl '92, Suzanne Jensen '92, Beth Gully '92, Chris (Lagasse) Rennie '92, Christine O'Reilly '92, Mike Kirby, Lynn Foster '92, Erin McGuirk '92, and Patti Roth '92.
- Newlyweds Patricia (Foley) and Giuseppe (Joseph) Ciavattone '88 (front row) pose with Patricia's dad, John J. Foley '65. Standing behind them are Paul Galante '64, Thomas Boyle '87, Paula (O'Brien) Boyle '87, David Tagliaferri '87, Carol (Dillingham) Tagliaferri '87, Mark Sullivan, Leticia (Ruiz) Boyle '88, Matthew Boyle '88, Robert Kilkenny '88, Matthew Pietro '88, Dawn (Maynard) Dunn '88, Brian Gray '88, and Luigi Schirripa '95.
- Maryanne Tierney '93 and Michael Hart '93 were married in September.
- Mary Banusewicz '94 and Bryan Miller '93 left the country after their June wedding in Springfield. The couple is making a home in Calgary.
- Merrimack alums were well represented at 1991 graduates Karen (Robillard) and Joseph LoCoco. Front row, left to right, are Robert Pastore '94, Michael Drew '91, Jim Mansfield '72, Scott Robillard '94, Dan Pastore '93, John Barletta '91, Mark LoCoco, Sal Magazzu '91, Pat DeSimone '91, and Steve Reda, who plans to graduate in June. In the back row are Lisa (Venezia) Drew '90, Peggy (Gradel) DeSantis '91, Lisa (Raso) Lucey '91, Nancy Murray '91, the bride and groom, Sara Torra '92, Domenic LoCoco '92, Tammi (McRae) Magazzu '91, J.P. Magazzu '92, and Paul Giurleo.
- Rev. Thomas Casey, O.S.A., officiated at the August wedding of Joseph Pazera '89 and Ann McBride. Sharing in the festivities were classmates (left to right) Kieran Donally, Greg Waters '90, the groom, Timothy Coyne '89, and Tommy Herrion '89.
- Kimberly Nally '89 and Ron Lilja were married at the Grace Episcopal Church in Norwood in October.
- When Linda Carleton '93 and James Henderson '91 walked down the aisle in April, plenty of Merrimackians were cheering them on. Going up the stairs on the left are Chris Krako '91, Heather Sulkowski '93, Robert Simpson '91, Mike Ehrmantraut '91, Shelly (Bonert) Ehrmantraut '93, Marion Rafferty '92, Cindy (Cox) Zahornasky '93, Paul Zahornasky '91, Heather (Fleming) Young '92, and Lance Boynton '93. Going up the middle are the new Mrs. Henderson, Rita (Potter) Civiello '93, and Cathy (Sroufe) Wabnitz '93. And on the far right are the groom, Maryellen (Corkhum) Clement '91, George Clement '91, Kara (Zaccardi) Loiacano '93, and John Haley '93.
- When Cathy Gallagher '93 wed Stephen Albert, celebrating with them were (left to right) Keara (Funck) McCormack '93, Lisa Feeley '93, Charlene Capone '93, John Pallaria '93, Regina Rapp '94, Jenn DiMento '93, the bride, Michelle Brien '93, and Doreen Lemay '93.

## Deaths



**T. John Sullivan '53** of Chelmsford died Sept. 22. He was 68. He was an Air Force veteran of World War II, and prior to his retirement he was the chief planning engineer for the Norton Company of Worcester. He leaves his wife Katherine (Moran), with whom he recently celebrated his 41st wedding anniversary; three children; and twelve grandchildren.

**John J. Curtin '54** of Andover died Sept. 29 at his home after a long battle with prostate cancer. He was 63. He taught history and social studies at Andover High for 28 years. He also coached the cross-country team. John received his master's degree in education from Salem State College. As an army corporal in the fifties, he was assigned to the honor guard stationed at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Washington, D.C. He was a member of the Massachusetts Teachers Association, the Massachusetts Retired Teachers Association, the Appalachian Mountain Club and the Merrimack Valley Bird Club. He enjoyed walking and jogging. He leaves his wife Maureen (Sheehan) '54 and a son.

**Robert S. Salach '57** of Newburyport died Jan. 28 at Massachusetts General Hospital. He was 60. A financial analyst for Mentor Clinical Care of Boston, Robert leaves his wife Patricia (Petralia); six children; and 18 grandchildren.

**Mary Rowena Gonsalves '58** of San Francisco died Oct. 3 of breast cancer. She was 60. She worked at Massachusetts General Hospital and at medical centers in Toronto, La Jolla and San Francisco. Her specialty was bone research and the degenerative processes associated with weightlessness, a topic she researched for NASA. Her most recent research was developing new methods for bone regeneration. Bone research was of special interest to her because of a childhood injury which left her legs partially paralyzed. She taught English to Spanish, Mexican and Portuguese children and was on the Board of Directors for Centro Social Monsignor Julia A. Martins, a children and community services center in Ligares, Portugal.

**Philip A. Flowers '60** of Woburn died August 19. He was 64. He received master's degrees from Boston College in business administration and education and a Ph.D. in psychology from Heed University in Florida. He taught in the Burlington Public Schools. He later became the principal of the Paul Revere School in Revere. He then went on to Middleton and later Woburn as a school psychologist. After retiring from public education, Philip continued a practice in counseling and psychology. He was a member of the National School Psychologists Association and the Massachusetts Teachers Association. He liked cooking, gardening and the opera. He leaves his wife Edna (Mattucci) and three children.

**M. Anthony Lally '64** of North Andover died at his home on Nov. 16. He was 55. He received a master's degree in civil engineering from Northeastern University. He was the founder of M. Anthony Lally Associates, a local consulting engineering firm. He provided civil and environmental engineering services for local communities. He was a registered professional engineer in Massachusetts, Maine and New Hampshire; and was a member of the Boston Society of Civil Engineers, the National Society of Professional Engineers and the American Water Works Association. He was on the board of directors of the Andover/North Andover YMCA and a volunteer at Lazarus House in Lawrence. He leaves his wife Jeanne (Homsey); three children; and his mother.

**Alfred Prokop '69** of North Andover died Oct. 17 at Brigham and Women's Hospital. He was 49. He received a master's degree in microbiology from Northeastern University. He served with the Navy during the Vietnam War. Alfred was an avid runner and participated in the Boston Marathon three times. He was a quality control manager at Micro Medical Company of Portsmouth, N.H. and had also worked at Amicon Division in Danvers. He leaves his wife Ellen (O'Donnell) and two children.

**Francis "Chuck" Mitchell Jr. '71** of Gloucester died Nov. 22 at his home following a courageous battle with cancer. He was 47. He received his master's degree in education from Cambridge College. He was a special needs assistant at the Beeman Elementary School in Gloucester. He was a member of the Massachusetts Teachers Association and the negotiating team of the Gloucester Teachers Association. He was the building representative and was instrumental in forming the Arts Throughout the Curriculum at the Beeman School. He was also a member of the Theater in the Pines of Rockport and was in the choir of Our Lady of Good Voyage Church. He leaves his parents.

**Dennis C. Sweder '72** of Methuen died Dec. 4. He was 46. In addition to his Merrimack degree, he also received a bachelor's degree in dietary nutrition from Framingham State College. He worked as a nutritionist at Riverview Hospital in Red Bank, N.J. Dennis was an avid fisherman and he enjoyed cooking and foot-

ball. He leaves his wife Joan (McLoughlin) and his father. **Peter J. Piantidosi '73** of North Andover died Christmas Day of heart failure. He was 46. An insurance agent and broker, he founded the Piantidosi Insurance Agency of North Andover. Peter was on the board of directors of the North Andover Booster Club, where for the last ten years he coached basketball and baseball. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, was a former member of the North Andover Lions Club, and was a basketball referee and a member of the International Association of Basketball Officials. He leaves his wife JoAnn (Wilson), four children, and his parents.

**John E. Rougier '83** of Peabody died unexpectedly Nov. 8 at his home. He was 34. He was a CPA. John coached Peabody youth soccer, hockey and Little League teams. He leaves his two children and his father.

**Paul E. Tsongas H'87**, former U.S. senator and congressman from Massachusetts died Jan. 18. He was 55. He was Merrimack's commencement speaker in 1987, when he received an honorary doctor of laws degree. He was a graduate of Dartmouth College and Yale Law School. From 1962-1964 he was a member of the first group of Peace Corps volunteers to serve in Ethiopia. In 1969 he was elected to the Lowell City Council and in 1972 to the Middlesex County Commission. In 1974 he was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives and in 1978 to the U.S. Senate. In 1985 he joined the Boston law firm of Foley, Hoag & Eliot. In 1992 he was a Democratic candidate for president. In 1993 he and former U.S. Sen. Warren Rudman, co-founded the Concord Coalition. He leaves his wife Niki (Sauvage) and three daughters.

**Paul E. Hughes**, a 1989 St. Augustine Award Recipient, died Oct. 6 in Haverhill. He was 81. Paul received this award in recognition of his service to Merrimack as a member of the original fundraising committee. He was a long-time member of the Men of Merrimack. He earned his degree in industrial electrical engineering in 1936 from the Pratt Institute in Brooklyn. He worked for Western Electric for 35 years, retiring in

1976 as department chief of quality assurance at the North Andover plant. He was a life member of the Telephone Pioneers of America and served as the first president of the Merrimack Valley Works Chapter from 1970 to 1971. He was a member of the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee of the Lifelong Learning Program of Northern Essex Community College, the Cemetery Restoration Project of Plaistow and the Holy Angels Social Committee. He was also a member of the St. Jude Council, Knights of Columbus, Salem Fourth Degree Assembly and past grand Knight of the Christ the King Council. He leaves his wife Margaret (McCabe), seven children, and 15 grandchildren.

**Ernest F. Costello, Jr.**, Professor Emeritus of Physics and former Dean of the Division of Liberal Arts and Science at Merrimack, died Jan. 19. He was 73. He was a former trustee of Memorial Hall Library in Andover and a member of St. Augustine Church. He served in the Army during World War II. He leaves his wife Geraldine (Donnelly), five children, and six grandchildren.

**K. Winifred "Winnie" (Taffe) Kelley**, recently honored by the college for her service during its early years, died Dec. 6 at Academy Manor Nursing Home. She was 95. She served as secretary for the evening and summer programs at the college for 25 years. She will be remembered for her valuable contributions to the growth of the college and for her remarkable memory. After retiring from Merrimack, she served as a volunteer at the Holy Family Hospital. She was a lifetime member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, past president of the St. Clare League of Catholic Women, and active member of St. Patrick Holy Family Sodality, the Ladies of Merrimack and the Andover Garden Club. She leaves her daughters Clare Grant '56, Ruth Trepanier '63; sons Edward '61, Richard and Robert '68; 18 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

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**Giselda (DelPrete) Thompson '80** and husband John: a daughter, Julie Noelle, Dec. 28. She joins sisters Audrey and Emily.

**Janet (Crocker) '81 and Chuck Conlon '83:** a daughter, Abby, Dec. 2.

**Mark Heffernan '81 and wife Judy:** a son, Mark Matthew, Sept. 22.

**Barbara (Flasko) '81 and Gregory Shannahan '82:** twins, Sean Timothy and Taylor Helen, July 1. They join sisters Jamie and Kelsey.

**Linda (Dardeno) '82 and Robert Gerardi '82:** a daughter, Felicia Giovanna, Oct. '96. She joins sisters Alyssa, Sarina and Liana.

**James Guarino '82 and wife Lisa:** a son, Matthew. He joins Alyssa and Michael.

**George O'Shea '82 and wife Christina:** a daughter, Haley Christina, Dec. 30.

**Diane (Solimine) Edgett '83** and husband Alan: a daughter, Jacqueline Diane, Oct. 8. She joins brothers Andrew, Jordan and Adam.

**Susan (Ziegenbein) '83 and Nicholas Flint '81:** a daughter, Sophia Nichole, Sept. 12. She joins Alexandra and Madison.

**Patricia (Tierney) Pavlik '83** and husband Scott: a daughter, Joanna Tierney, Nov. 23. She joins Jessica and David.

**Grace (Sheehan) Blake '84** and husband John: a son Patrick William, June 14. He joins Rosemarie, John and David.

**Susan (Kelley) Dwyer '84** and husband Michael: a son, Casey Michael, Jan. 19. He joins brother Ryan.

**Joan (Pallone) Bompastore '85** and

husband Paul: a son, Andrew Paul, June 22.

**Barbara (Boisvert) '85** and Ralph Finck '83: a son, Christopher Michael, Aug. 19. He joins sister Eileen.

**James Casazza '85** and wife Lisa: twins, Benjamin and Emily, May 19. They join sisters Alise and Julia.

**Paula (Kingston) Lane '85** and husband Thomas: a daughter, Victoria Margaret, June 19. She joins brothers Thomas and Conor.

**Michael Allen '86** and wife Frances: a daughter, Rachel Marie, Feb. 6.

**Kathleen (Cadden) '86** and Paul Casazza '85: a son, Colin Paul, Dec. 16. He joins Michael and Rebecca.

**Lorene (Budzinowski) '86** and Jay Hannon '86: a daughter, Mary Elizabeth, June 26. She joins brother James.

**Sarah (Murphy) Scher '86** and husband Patrick: a daughter, Emma Marie, April 18. She joins brother Peter.

**Debra (Valanzola) Swanson '86** and husband Doug: a daughter, Julia Ashley in September.

**Linda (Moynihan) '87** and Eric Bean '87: a daughter, Haley Robinson, June 23. She joins sister Courtney.

**Joyce (Lydick) Censullo '87** and husband Donald: a son, Mitchell Donald, Thanksgiving Day (Nov. 28). He joins sister Julia.

**Shelly (Visalli) '87** and Robert Fowler '87: a son, Ryan Francis, June 6. He joins Michael and Nicole.

**Susan Gravallesse '87** and husband Joseph DiMambro: a son, Joel Michael, July 19.

**Brian Grosse '87** and wife Catherine: a son, Tanner Michael, Sept. 18.

**Lucine (Zeytoonian) Kapreilian '87** and husband Sam: a daughter, Sophia Tamar, Sept. 13.

**James McLaughlin '87** and wife Elizabeth: a daughter, Erin Elizabeth, Aug. 17. She joins brother Daniel.

**Maria (D'Eramo) O'Donnell '87** and husband Michael: a daughter, Shannon Maria, Aug. 28. She joins Michael and Brianna.

**Mary (Molander) Babilion '88** and husband Dickran: a daughter, Kelsey Lee, July 26.

**Marguerite "Peggy" (Coccoluto) Hill '88** and husband Tom: a son, Eric Thomas, Aug. 2.

**Tara (Yambor) Coyne '88** and husband John: a daughter, Jenna Rose, Oct. 1. She joins brother Ryan.

**Dawn (Maynard) Dunn '88** and husband Thomas: a son, Kevin John, Dec. 26.

**Susan (Flynn) '88** and William Eaton '88: a daughter, Meredith Shanleigh, May 26.

**Kimberly (Oppenheimer) '88** and Brad Kutcher '87: a son, Michael Scott, June 15.

**Lynne (Winer) Rogers '88** and husband John: a son, Liam Christopher, Dec. 12.

**Cheryl (Connolly) '88** and Timothy Roy '87: a son, Evan James Patrick, July 29.

**Lisa (Struthers) Whittington '88** and husband Bill: a son, Matthew Raymond, April 24. He joins sister Katie.

**Kathy (Pantazopoulos) Coufos '89** and husband Stephan: a daughter, Chrissa Rena, Jan. 10. She joins her brother Peter.

**Therese (Bourque) Daly '89** and husband Daniel: a daughter, Katherine Therese, Nov. 25.

**Karen (Cooke) Fowler '89** and husband Jack: a daughter, Jaime Catherine, Oct. 20.

**Janet (White) Morris '89** and husband Scott: a daughter, Melissa Anne, Dec. 31.

**Linda (Edwards) Noyes '89** and husband Robert: a daughter, Abigail Edwards, Sept. 21.

**Suzanne (Melanson) Shibel '89** and husband Christopher: a daughter, MacKenzie Nicole, March 4.



**Junior Warriors:** Dave Pasquarello '81 sent along this shot of his home team, with a note promising that Elisa, Emilia, and Benson were the Warrior Icemen's biggest fans at the Syracuse Invitational Tournament, held in December. Dave and the gang, including mom Jane, make their home in Liverpool, N.Y. Emilia Jane was born July 3.

**Catherine (Wilkinson) Duggan '90** and husband Tom: a daughter, McKenzie Sarah, July 29. She joins her brothers William and T.J.

**Anne (Lambert) '90** and Joseph Frazier '89: a daughter, Alexandra Marie, Sept. 10.

**Susan (Lacerte) '90** and Kevin Freeman '90: a daughter, Elizabeth Anne, Oct. 26.

**Susan (Fitzgerald) Teixeira '90** and husband Jaime: a daughter, Danielle Nicole, July 29.

**Marianne (Bracken) Adams '91** and husband Dana: a daughter, Hannah Jane, Aug. 11.

**Cheryl (Venza) '91** and Jody Chadwick '92: a daughter, Kelsey Ann, Sept. 3.

**Shannon (Kerrigan) Moore '91** and husband Jefferson: a son, Jack William, Nov. 25. He joins brother Jefferson.

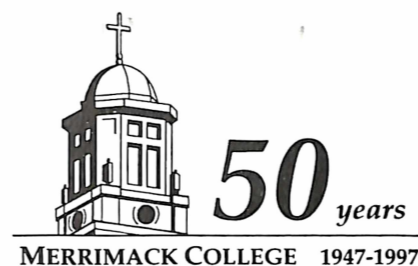
**Barbara (Kohr) '91** and Joseph Sullivan '91: a son, Brendan Joseph, Sept. 24.

**Rachel (Lafrance) '92** and Charles Fellows '92: a daughter, Molli Fallon, Sept. 26.

**Karen (Temple) '92** and Gerald Vincent '90: a daughter, Emily Patricia, Dec. 9.

**Matthew Hayes '93** and wife Tara: a daughter, Ashley Lynne, Sept. 26.

**Sebastian G. Zajdman '94** and wife Maria: a son, Thomas, November 19.



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**Triple the fun:** Brenda (Thuillier) '82 and Robert Modrak '83 doubled the size of their family with the Dec. 1 arrival of, left to right, Britany Louise, Anthony Robert, and Stephanie Rose. Big brother Christopher may not yet be five, but he can handle them.

**re•un•ion** (re-yoon-yen) *n.* 1. an act of reuniting, or coming together again; the state of being reunited 2. a reuniting of persons after separation 3. gathering together once again at Merrimack to celebrate with old friends and witness the advancements at the College. 4. an act of making a special gift to the College in honor of a reunion.

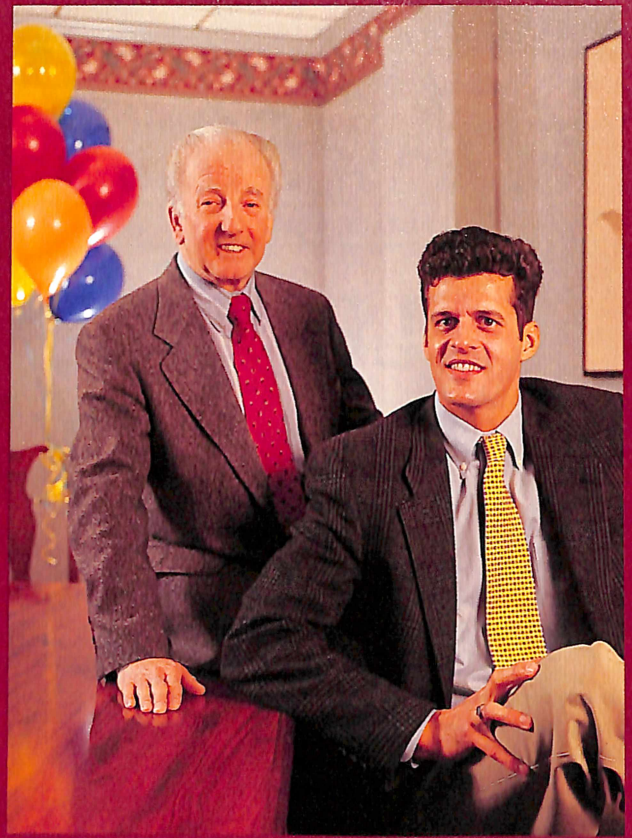
While we may have taken some liberty with the definition of reunion, we take very seriously the impact that your very special reunion gifts have on Merrimack College and her students.

In 1997, our reunion giving goal is 25-25: reunion classes providing 25% of total alumni dollar support of the Annual Fund, and 25% of total alumni participation.

We need your support! We owe it to future Merrimack alumni.

Merrimack means the world to us. The College has continued to grow in a reputation of academic excellence. Our current and future alumni are our best ambassadors of such growth and achievement. In addition, during this special 50th Anniversary year, alumni are supporting the College at a record pace. They see how important their gifts are to the daily life of Merrimack students. We look forward to adding your name and class to this year's Honor Roll of Donors in the spirit of our reunion year! Don't miss this opportunity to join in the celebration. Remember that the Annual Fund fiscal year ends on June 30th.

Thank you for your continued generosity and enthusiasm. We look forward to seeing you at Reunion Weekend!



Jim Maloney '52 and Wayne A. Bishop, Jr. '92  
Reunion '97 Co-Chairs.

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