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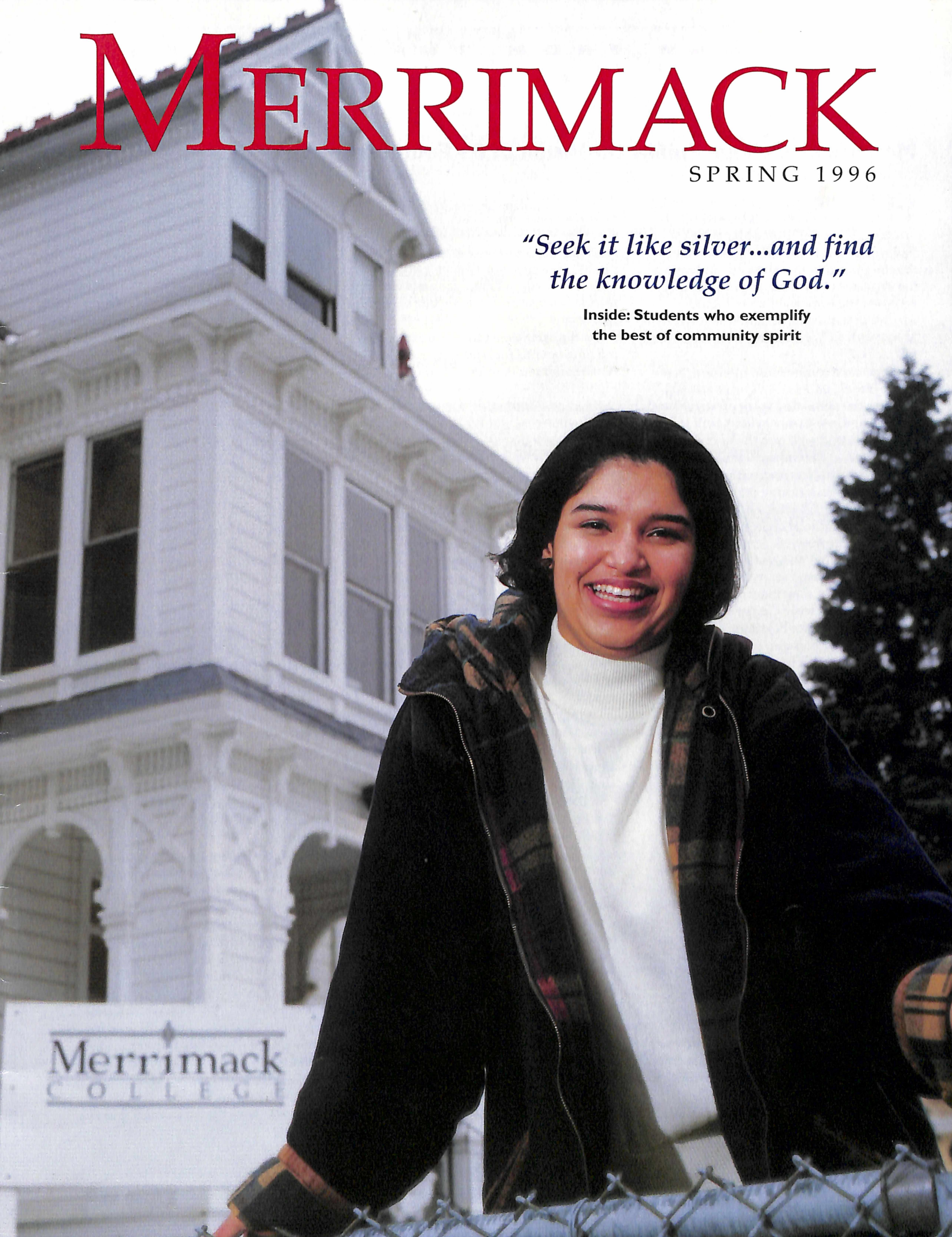
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Inside: Students who exemplify
the best of community spirit



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Merrimack College Fulfills the Vision of Its Founders

Half a century ago a group of visionary businessmen wanted to establish an "Academic Center" in the Merrimack Valley. The result—which exceeded their dream—was that the Augustinian Friars of the Province of St. Thomas of Villanova accepted the responsibility of higher education in the Merrimack Valley. And Merrimack College became a reality in the fall of 1947.

That same combination of vision, business acumen, and sense of responsibility remains the animating spirit of Merrimack College and, we firmly believe, will stand it in good stead well into the next century.

All of us at the college—students, faculty, administrators, and staff—have been working together during the last several months to keep Merrimack College in the forefront of Catholic higher education. Our leadership has been recognized in the local, regional, and national press with articles featuring our faculty experts, stories about our promoting inter-religious understanding through our Center for the Study of Jewish/Christian Relations, and our help in solving pressing social problems through our urban institute.

But beyond what we are doing now, the college community is also deeply involved in planning for our next fifty years. We hope you become part of that planning because you are Merrimack College, and we all owe something to those businessmen and Augustinians whose dreams we now live.

Let me give you a progress report of how we are living up to that dream.

Without students there would be no Merrimack College, and I am happy to report that a wide spectrum of potential students is finding Merrimack attractive, with applications up by 20 percent over last year. That represents an almost 31 percent increase over the last two years. The number of international students at the college also continues to grow and this year we have had 121 students from foreign countries on campus. To date, students from more than 50 foreign countries have applied for admission to Merrimack, so our effort to diversify the student body is bearing fruit.

Among the reasons Merrimack is so attractive to potential students is our resolve

that our educational program continues to meet the needs of students. We have, for example, initiated two majors this year—Biochemistry and Fine Arts—and an interdisciplinary minor in Women's Studies. Majors in Modern Languages and Environmental Science are being developed for the fall.

At the same time that we are introducing new options for students, our educational programs continue to be of the highest quality. We have received excellent reviews and continuing accreditation of our Engineering and Education programs and we know that as other programs come up for review by accrediting agencies, they will also receive top grades.

In our quest to provide the finest teachers available, we have added twenty-two new faculty members. With those appointments, a third of the faculty are new to the college within the last six years.

One cannot talk about any kind of education today without mentioning technology. I am pleased to tell you that the 1996 freshmen (the Class of 2000—doesn't that have a ring to it?!) in Ash and Monican residences will have access to the Internet and the college's databases from their rooms.

While we are, of course, primarily concerned with the education of students, our co-curricular programs are important and integral parts of student life. Students and alumni of color, for instance, have founded "Brothers and Sisters United." The organization, open to all members of the college community, is the brainchild of Rob Williams '87, Resident Director at Monican Center and adviser and mentor to BSU. And, as you know, we are eagerly awaiting beginning our new Division II football program next fall. In the meantime, our scholar athletes continue to score many victories: Men's and Women's Soccer have had winning seasons, and everyone is looking forward to another great year for baseball and Lady Warriors softball. Our men's and women's basketball teams made it to their tournaments this year, with the women, for the first time in college history, gaining victory over Stonehill.

As I am sure you are aware, one of our guiding principles is to keep Merrimack College affordable for students. Without



the scholarships the College itself funds and the generosity of our donors, many students would not have the opportunity to come to Merrimack.

Because of the real need students have during these challenging economic times, the scope and the amount of scholarships have grown dramatically. Five years ago, for instance, our Scholarship commitment was \$2.9 million annually. Today that figure is \$10.3 million.

In order for us to assist as many students as possible, we are focusing on fundraising, and that effort has shown gratifying results. We have had, for instance, a 30 percent rise over last year in Alumni Giving and, as of the magazine's publication deadline, an increase of 32 percent in alumni donors and a 39 percent increase in Parent Giving.

We have also increased the President's Council by 32 percent over this time last year, and have established new Alumni clubs in New York, Washington, and Philadelphia.

And, speaking of alumni, there have been unprecedented increases in alumni volunteers as members of the Career Network for students and alumni and in our Admissions effort. Alumni participation in Admissions has obviously had an impact on the increases in applications to the college, as I mentioned earlier.

You can see that the pot is bubbling here at the college, with new ideas and ventures, and some upward trends we intend to continue. The future has never looked brighter for Merrimack College, and for that we owe our thanks to you, our loyal alumni and friends. Together we continue to make the Merrimack dream a reality.

Many of the stories in this issue focus on community relationships. This was not planned, it happened coincidentally, but it is fitting for the Merrimack community. There is a tradition here of giving back. Our cover story profiles five students whose potential for success is rooted, not in their precise professional goals, but in a philosophy that enables them to see into the hearts of others.

It's what I call "seeing the big picture"—understanding and meeting your own needs while still embracing the people around you.

Nowhere is this better illustrated than in the story about Alan Kraunelis '81 (see "Merrimack News"), a seventeen-year employee of Malden Mills. Alan's story gives an insider's view of a community crisis and its survival, and shows how relationships are the substance of a rich and full life.

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On the cover: Niurka Balbuena, a junior, stands outside Merrimack College's urban institute where she was an "Accept the Challenge" student. Today she coordinates Merrimack undergraduates who volunteer for the "Focus in Transition" program. Niurka is giving back to the community—an important part of the Merrimack and Augustinian tradition. (See cover story). Photo by David Oxtan.

You Can't Neglect the Community

Alan Kraunelis is Giving Back

Last December, Alan Kraunelis '81 had just finished dinner and sat down to watch a movie with his son Matthew '91 when the phone rang. It was a co-worker from the Malden Mills plant in Methuen. There had been a fire. Injured employees were being taken to area hospitals.

Within ten minutes, Matthew had driven his father to the plant and Kraunelis, Malden Mills' Corporate Director of Industrial Relations and Human Resources, remained there overseeing aspects of the crisis management operation for the next day-and-a-half.

The electricity was off, the phone lines were down. Kraunelis and his colleagues used cellular phones to communicate with hospital personnel, firefighters and police officers, and inform the media.

That first day is a blur now. "All I know is I got to work at seven o'clock on a Monday morning," Kraunelis recalls. "And I was still there at seven o'clock the following Tuesday night."

But then the magic started. Alumni who live locally know how the Lawrence and Methuen communities helped the company which in turn provided generously for its employees, despite the mill's crippled production schedule. Local and national media reported for weeks on the heroism of Aaron Feuerstein, owner of the mill.

According to Kraunelis, the story of giving and generosity goes deeper than most media uncovered.

A few days before the fire occurred, Feuerstein had sent a hundred blankets to the Merrimack Valley Red Cross

for those in need. On the night of the fire, those same blankets were distributed to the neighbors of Malden Mills who had been evacuated into the cold air.

"The Red Cross was 'Johnny-on-the-Spot' that night. Within minutes they were there helping the employees," Kraunelis recalls. "So the next day, Aaron dropped off another hundred blankets to replace the ones that had been used."

Kraunelis shares a philosophy with Feuerstein to whom he reported directly for the first fifteen years of his employment:

"You can't neglect the community. You have to give back because the best position in life is to be a giver, not a taker. When you're a giver, you get back so much more. When we were down the community banded together to help us."

Kraunelis puts his money where his mouth is. For the seventeen years that he has worked at Malden Mills, he has

immersed himself in the Lawrence and Methuen communities, joining every organization possible. The list is extensive: He is on the board of directors of the Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce, the United Way, the Red Cross, the local Y.M.C.A., Neighbors in Need, the Regional Employment Board, the advisory board of Lazarus House, and has just stepped down as chair of the Methuen Zoning Board of Appeals. He is a member of the Friends of Merrimack, the Holy Family Hospital Men's Guild, the statewide School to Work Program Committee, and was just appointed by Massachusetts Governor William Weld to the Welfare to Work Committee.

Kraunelis has done a lot of giving in seventeen years. When you move in that many circles, you build relationships. When you build relationships people want to help when disaster strikes. Kraunelis' philosophy was right on the money.

The day after the fire, Kraunelis spotted the Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce standing outside the mill gazing at the glowing ashes. That afternoon twenty phone lines were installed at the Chamber's offices to enable a Malden Mills crisis team to communicate with its European operation, customers, and employees. Shortly after, Chamber members presented Feuerstein with a relief fund check for \$300,000.

When Kraunelis' friends at the United Way called, the message was "whatever you need we're there."

What the mill needed most was a place to gather its employees. Central Catholic High School administrators in Lawrence canceled a wrestling match and a basketball game to make the gym available.



At one of the events held in support of Malden Mills are (l to r) Peter Bowman, Alan Kraunelis, and Methuen Mayor Dennis DiZoglio '73.

Eagle Tribune photo

That night the employees learned that despite the shutdown of the plant, they would continue to receive full pay for at least thirty days. Those thirty days expanded to ninety.

Kraunelis understands his community from the inside out. He grew up in Lawrence, the middle son of working-class parents. Today he lives in Methuen with his wife, Vel, daughter, Kristen, a graduate of the University of New Hampshire and a registered nurse, and Matthew who is a lawyer (see class notes '91).

"I came up the hard way," he says. He grew up in a cold water flat. Life got tougher when Kraunelis' father, a mill worker, died and his mother began working two jobs. Despite the odds, Kraunelis and his two brothers graduated from college. Kraunelis received his degree from Merrimack's Division of Continuing Education working full-time and attending night and some day courses. College administrators were flexible in accommodating his schedule and he remains grateful for the support he received.

Today at least twenty Merrimack alumni are employed at the mill.

Perhaps it's his own background that makes him understand the employees of Malden Mills so well and inspires him during this recovery period. The majority of Malden Mills' employees are immigrants trying to make it in a new world. He says that without the continuing financial support of the mill, many would have lost their homes.

"I go to community meetings because I believe I should set an example. Maybe a guy from the next generation is watching me and thinking, gee, if a guy like Kraunelis, who came up the hard way can do it, let me see what I can do, too."

So, each day, Kraunelis sets out to maintain and strengthen ties within his community. Not only does he do it for himself and his family, he does it for the employees of Malden Mills and the community.



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A Promise is a Promise, But Next Time...Get the Zamboni!

The debut (and hopefully swan song) of Dick and the Dominoes brought tears of laughter to the eyes of many as they prayed the singing would stop and the hockey game resume. Some were calling for the Zamboni machine, but the singers were already flat.

Lead singer Dick was none other than College President Richard J. Santagati '65 (front, third from left), who had promised the Class of '96 that he would sing publicly if the students raised \$20,000 in pledges as their class gift over the next five years. The students met that challenge and raised it \$1000 for a total of \$21,000.

So last February 24 when Army came to play Merrimack at the Volpe Athletic Center, Dick led the Dominoes out on the ice and sang "These are Days" by 10,000 Maniacs, the senior class' theme song. The Dominoes are (from left, back) Dr. Albert DeCiccio '74, Dean of the Liberal Arts Faculty; Joseph Cartier, Vice President for Institutional Advancement; Dr. Theodore Long, Provost and Academic Vice President; Richard DeGaudio, Dean of the Business Faculty; and, partially hidden, Economics Professor Charles Tontar, advisor to the Class of 1996. Front row, from left: Mary Lou Retelle '76, Dean of Admission and Financial Aid; Diane Aprile, Acting Dean of Continuing Education; Santagati; and Dr. Joseph Kelley, Vice President for Student Life. Maryellen Colliton, Director of Student Activities, also was on the ice, but mercifully, was left out of the picture.

Malden Mills Owner to Receive Honorary Degree

President Richard J. Santagati has announced that Aaron Feuerstein will be among this year's honorary degree recipients. Feuerstein is the nationally acclaimed owner of Malden Mills in Lawrence, Mass., where the well-known PolarTec Fleece is manufactured. Following the devastating

pre-Christmas fire at his mill (see accompanying story), Feuerstein announced that all 2400 workers would receive their full pay for the next thirty days. At the end of the first month he extended the pay periods to another sixty days. Feuerstein won nation-wide recognition and praise for his gesture of decency, goodwill, and compassion toward his employees.

Christmas Celebrations



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N.Y. Alumni Celebrated in Style

Left, top: A Christmas party for New York City alumni was held last December at the New York Athletic Club. Member Bill Veale '51 arranged for Merrimack's use of the private club. From left are celebrants Kevin Roche '62, a Merrimack trustee, Julie Swanson '93, Maureen (O'Connell) Catalo '84, Robert Witko '88 and Joe Cardello '90. Roche was recently featured in the tenth anniversary edition of Irish-America Magazine (November-December 1995) as one of the top 100 Irish American corporate leaders. He is Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Dow Jones & Company, Inc.

Left, bottom: Audrey (Bustin) Caprio '79, Dave Moynihan '56, Merrimack President Richard J. Santagati '65, Elizabeth Strasser '64 and Jim McMorrow '62 share a light moment.



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Holiday Cheer for Boston Alumni

Right, top: The Class of '80 was well represented at the Boston Christmas party held at the Bostonian Hotel. Back row from left: Carl Ockerbloom '80, Greg Messer '80, Kathy Donovan Gibney '80, Maryann Robinson '80, Patty Sweeney '81 and Cathy Maloney '81. Front row from left: Peggy Wedick Flynn '80, Patty Mulrenan Harron and Ann DiNatale O'Brien '80.

Right, bottom: The Boston Christmas party was enjoyed by (from left): Chris Ross '95, Kim Rayla '95, Mike Consoli '94, Beth Addressio '95, Karen Yanus '94, Jared Whelan '94 and Danielle Capone '94.



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Class Competition Awards

Class Chairs and Agents were thanked publicly last January for their leadership in the 1996 Annual Fund.

In an appreciation ceremony held on campus, President Richard J. Santagati and Annual Fund Chairman Greg Burwell '80 recognized the solid efforts made by several outstanding classes which raised a total of \$283,000 for the college.

According to Burwell, alumni gifts support financial aid and student scholarships. He noted that this year's campaign tally is well ahead of last year's outstanding results.

Rose DiStefano '54 received the distinguished Merrimack Loyalty Award as the volunteer who performed beyond expectations.

The 1995 Reunion Leadership Awards went to: John Martin '55, whose class led the 'fifties decade in percentage participation, average gift size, and largest total gift amount; Marguerite Kane '60; Fred Driscoll '65; Joe Daly '65; Angeljean Chiamamida '70 and Joseph Russo '70, who led the class of '70's effort in reaching the highest gift total and highest participation in the decade of the 'seventies; Nancy (Arnesano) Petrucci '75, whose class had the highest number of donors in the 'seventies group; Greg Burwell '80, whose class led the 'eighties decade in average gift size and total number of gifts; Paul DiMare '85; and Darline Thorp '90, whose class led the 'nineties in all categories, including number of donors, size of gift, participation rate, and highest total gift amount.

The Rising Star Award, presented to a recent graduate for distinguished efforts for the Annual Fund, went to Lisa Trapasso '92. Several other alumni were also recognized for their leadership roles.

The highest number of class donors within a decade went to the class of '59 led by Dick Cain. Bob King '64 led his classmates to the highest average gift, highest number of donors and highest gift total. Jim O'Brien '61 and his classmates achieved the highest percentage of participation. The class of '71, led by Nick Chapman, had the highest average gift in the 'seventies decade.

The class of '82, chaired by Rev. Rich Clancy, had the highest number of donors. Mary Gorham Franco's class of '81 had the highest percentage of participation.

Top Ten List

Class	Total Gift Income	Class	Total Number of Alumni Donors
Class of '64	\$45,629	Class of '69	128
Class of '70	\$37,513	Class of '82	116
Class of '65	\$31,993	Class of '75	115
Class of '68	\$31,610	Class of '88	110
Class of '71	\$30,303	Class of '81	106
Class of '55	\$23,265	Class of '70	105
Class of '73	\$23,070	Class of '64	104
Class of '62	\$22,373	Class of '73	103
Class of '59	\$20,939	Class of '78	102
Class of '62	\$16,228	Classes of '83, '65	101



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Merrimack's Popularity is Growing Among H.S. Seniors

Alumni ambassadors helped attract record numbers of prospective students to the campus last fall. Above, a dedicated group of callers invite high school seniors to pay a visit. They are (from left, front) Pat Bruno '77, Tina Coufas '94, Phil McGovern '86, Molly (O'Donnell) Bresnahan '89, Rev. Joseph Gillin, O.S.A., Admissions Counselor; (from left, back) Joe Daly '65, Rich Josselyn '68, Bob Irving '64 and John Rafferty '62.

The alumni admission volunteers told prospective students about new majors and attractive athletic programs. Their efforts resulted in increased numbers of tours and interviews given over previous years.

"A comparison between last year's figures and this year's," said Mary Lou Retelle, Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid, "shows Merrimack is growing in popularity and public awareness."

Summer Lark Leads to Hollywood Career

Stephen Stapinski Makes his Movie Debut

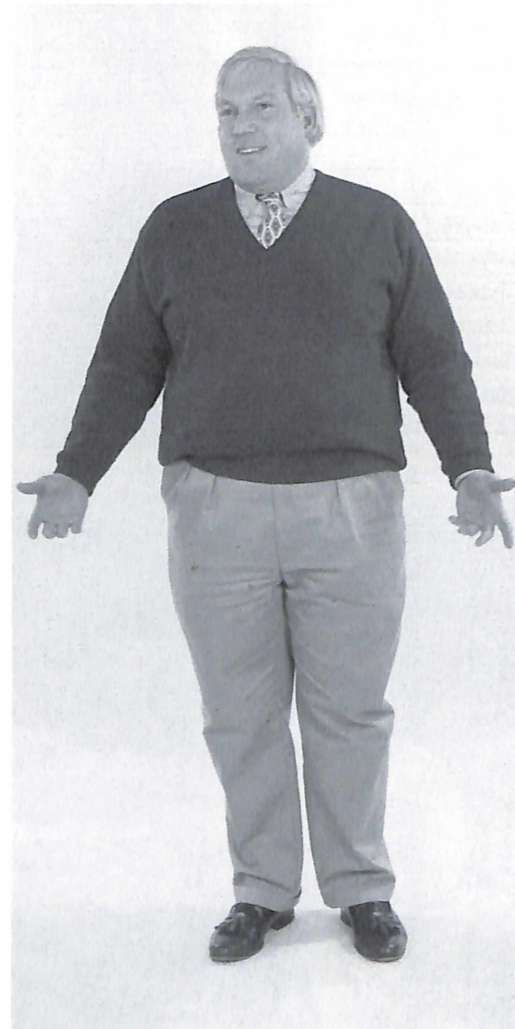
Stephen Stapinski '74 has grown since he graduated from Merrimack. His waist has grown that is. And his face has gotten a little fuller, too. But lately he doesn't mind at all if people notice. In fact, if the right people notice, his typical, middle-aged appearance can earn him some extra cash.

Last summer Stephen, 43, went to Ipswich to be an extra on the set of "The Crucible," and instead was cast as a lawyer. Hollywood actors Wynona Ryder and Daniel Day Lewis even lunched with him.

Why all the fuss? Because Stephen looks like a regular guy. Nothing fancy about him. His hair isn't dyed, his body isn't perfect, but he looks just fine for age forty-three and that's what Hollywood likes about him. Apparently, it isn't easy to find a regular-looking, middle-aged guy. Seems they all color their gray hair to look younger.

That's why the casting company of "Celtics Pride" called him next. This time Stephen plays a regular guy from Jamaica Plain and he is now eligible to join the Screen Actors Guild.

What an adventure for someone who, up until last summer, went to work every day as president of Merrimack Engineering in Andover, Mass., went home to his wife, Patricia, and ten-year-old daughter, Diana, and volunteered his time to the Kiwanis Club and the Board of Directors at Central Catholic High School in Lawrence, Mass. Not that anything has changed. It's just that now Stephen does something out of the ordinary every so often, and, maybe there's an Oscar in his future?



Eagle Tribune photo

Fifteenth Annual President's Cup Golf Tournament Set for May 13

The fifteenth annual President's Cup Golf Tournament will be held on Monday, May 13 at the Indian Ridge Country Club in Andover, Mass. According to Chair Gerald Camuso '72, this annual tradition is the cornerstone of the college's scholarship program for deserving students attending Merrimack College. In fourteen years the tournament has raised a total of \$843,000, providing scholarships for 134 Merrimack College students. The format will be four-man best ball. The entry fee is \$200 which includes a day of golf, use of the club's facilities, gifts and prizes, continental breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Register as a foursome or individually and group assignments will be made. Hole and Cart sponsorships are welcome. Anyone interested in being a sponsor or playing should contact Maureen Lanigan at 508/837-5448.

Reunion '96

Reunion '96 will honor the classes of 1951, '56, '61, '66, '71, '76, '81, '86, and '91 June 21-22. Friday features a golf tournament at Far Corner in West Boxford and an on-campus welcome back party. All of Saturday's events are on campus and include seminars, a family picnic, Mass, and class receptions. Local hotels will offer group discounts.

For details call or write Susan A. Wojtas '79, Director of Alumni Relations, at 508/837-5440, fax: 508/837-5225, or email: swojtas@merrimack.edu.

Fiftieth Anniversary Video in the Making

Wanted: Photos, home movies, and videos of your days at Merrimack for our Fiftieth Anniversary video. Mail your contribution to Kevin Salemme, Media Services, McQuade Library, Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike Street, North Andover, MA 01845. They will be returned. If you have questions, please call Salemme at 508/837-5000, extension 4205.

Homecoming Weekend

Top: Brothers and Sisters United held its first event during Homecoming/Winter weekend last February. The organization honored Merrimack basketball coach Bert Hammel with a Lifetime Achievement Award. Back Row from left: José Ocasio '95, Daman Keyes '99, Michael Goines '97, Harry Michel '97, Bert Hammel, Michael Burt '96, Steve Scott '92, Silas Betten '98 and Larry Merritt '96. Front row: Renée Faulk '98, Lakeisha Turner '99, Joelle Berthelot '98, Lawrence Hester '78 and Rob Williams '87 (advisor).

Middle: From left: Students Melissa Wakeham '97, Erin Edmondson '97, Danielle Ouellette '97, Tricia Geswell '97, Mike Nelson '97, Sheryl Benedict '97, Tony Silva '97, Beth Blankenship '97, and Jen DiPrizio '97 enjoyed the hay ride through campus held during Homecoming/Winter weekend.

Bottom: Homecoming brought together many college friends. From left: Alan Stanwick, Dave LaFontana, Marty Egan, Steve Phillips, Jay Doherty '94 and Jared Whelan '94.



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"Late Nite Catechism" Played to a Packed House

The Friends of Merrimack College presented the original Boston production of "Late Nite Catechism" at the college last January. The performance played to a sold out theater netting over \$7500 for the Friends of Merrimack Scholarship Fund. Pictured are Maureen Lanigan, Executive Director of the Friends, with Co-presidents Jay Doherty and Carol Poor. For information regarding membership in the Friends of Merrimack organization call Maureen Lanigan at 508/837-5448.

Former Warrior Inspires Community Spirit

by Tom Caraccioli
Sports Information Director

Recent stories regarding sports figures, teams and leagues have not always been flattering and have torn communities apart. Yet in this part of the country and at Merrimack College, sports have helped to create a feeling of community. Evidence of Merrimack's community spirit was on display last December 8.

The defending NCAA Men's Division I Ice Hockey team, the Boston University Terriers, visited the Volpe Athletic Center for a Hockey East game against the Merrimack Warriors. A glance at the schedule six months prior would not have signified anything important other than the fact that BU was the defending national champion.

Six months ago, former Merrimack Warrior hockey captain Mark Cornforth '95 was beginning a climb toward playing in the National Hockey League. Six months ago a young twenty-year-old freshman also was realizing his dream of playing Di-

vision I hockey at Boston University.

So, where is the connection? What has that to do with a game played on December 8? It has everything to do with December 8 and beyond.

For those who don't know, the twenty-year-old Boston University freshman was Travis Roy. On October 20, on his first shift in Division I hockey, Roy hit the boards after trying to knock the opposition off the puck. He only got a piece of the North Dakota defense man and was unable to cushion the impact with his hands. He hit head first and broke the fourth vertebra in his spine rendering him motionless and possibly paralyzed for the rest of his life.

From that day on, the perspective of every player, coach, parent, friend, and fan, was probably changed. Also from that day on, a new and deeper sense of community was established. There was an outpouring of support for Roy and his family through the donations of people in the sports world and those outside it. Over \$500,000 in funds, future rehabilitation and services have been donated since the accident. That brings us back to December 8.

On that date, a renewed sense of community visited the Volpe Athletic Center. Sure the defending national champions, Boston University, were in town to play the Warriors. But it was different. It was a night the Merrimack College community had decided to donate the proceeds from the game to the Travis Roy Fund. As a member of the Merrimack community, former Warrior captain and current Boston Bruin, Mark Cornforth, sent a telegram that spoke of how proud he was that Merrimack had chosen to assist in the fundraising efforts. In that spirit, Cornforth pledged his pay check

CHARLES "CHIC" KELLY WHERE IS HE NOW?

Many in the Merrimack athletic community will remember November 3, 1988, as many in the Boston University athletic community will forever remember October 20, 1995.

On that November day, junior varsity skater Charles "Chic" Kelly slid headfirst into the boards and was paralyzed. Unlike Travis Roy's injury which happened during a game, Kelly's injury occurred during a practice.

Today, Chic Kelly is a teacher at the Malvern Preparatory Junior High School in Malvern, Pennsylvania. From his wheelchair, Kelly teaches four social justice classes a day.

from that evening's game against the Tampa Bay Lightnings on behalf of Merrimack's fundraising effort.

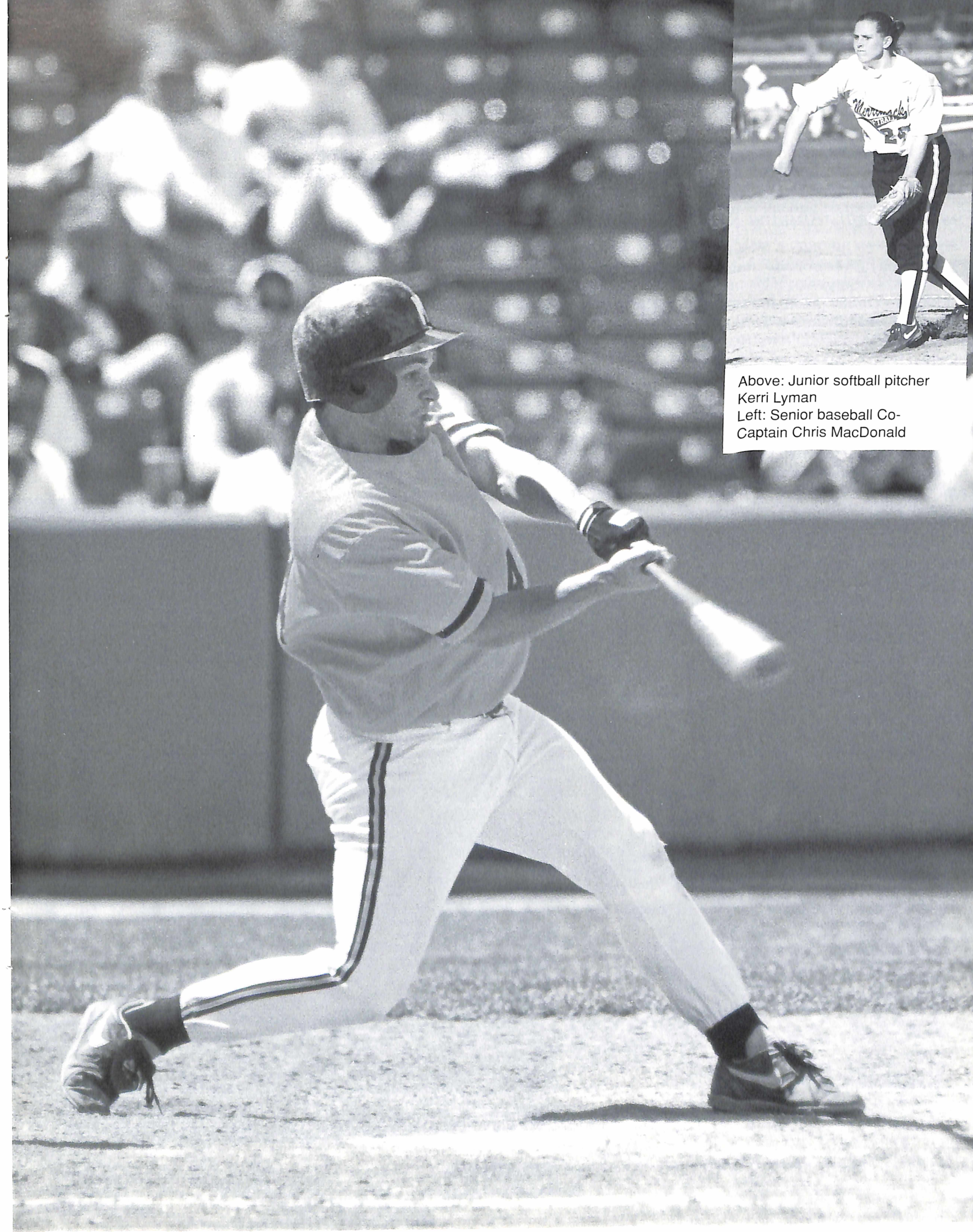
Attendance that night was standing room only. Almost 3000 fans were on hand, not only to see a hockey game, but also to show their encouragement for Travis' recovery. Hand-held banners and signs were visible throughout the night with notes of love and encouragement for the Boston University freshman. That sense of community brought to light what's really important in life.

The Merrimack College community, to use a common sports cliché, rose to the occasion on December 8, 1995. It's unfortunate that a tragedy caused this feeling, but maybe that is the silver lining in an otherwise dark cloud.

The word community is defined as a place of fellowship and sharing common beliefs and origins. The athletic world is a part of the community that may sometimes be considered trivial or unimportant. But sports also can create and change attitudes for the betterment of people. What is important is the generosity and concern of a community, including Cornforth's gracious gesture.



Former Merrimack Hockey Captain and current Boston Bruin Mark Cornforth '95.



Above: Junior softball pitcher Kerri Lyman
Left: Senior baseball Co-Captain Chris MacDonald

Ciejek Fellow Returns from England

First Recipient, Alumna Rose-Mary Sargent, Completes Research

Philosophy Professor and alumna Rose-Mary Sargent, Ph.D., '83, first recipient of the prestigious Ciejek Fellowship for Humanistic Research and Study in the Liberal Arts, recently returned from a trip abroad structured around archival research. The annual Fellowship is funded by alumni Dan and Linda (Fletcher) Ciejek, '70 and '71. Through their generosity, the Ciejeks are helping Merrimack College to enhance its outstanding academic reputation.

"A period of information gathering, reflection and writing for the teacher guarantees a better classroom experience for the students," Dan said. "Linda and I wanted to give faculty members the time needed to publish their findings and thereby enhance the reputation of the college's intellectual community."

Sargent received a substantial grant for the 1995-96 school year to conduct original research, publish her findings, and pass on her knowledge to her students. To that end, she set off this March for southern England to visit museums in London, Oxford, and Cambridge, where curators agreed to assist her in the examination of scientific instruments directly re-

lated to the subjects she teaches.

For fourteen days this March and April, she conducted research that provided the basis for the first annual Ciejek Lecture at Merrimack this spring, and at least five scholarly papers on the nature of experimental inquiry during the last four centuries. She also took slides of the scientific instruments for her classroom presentations.

Among the courses she teaches and co-teaches at Merrimack are "Perspec-

tives on Human Nature," "Philosophy of Science," "Approaching Modernism," and "Values in a Technological Culture."

These titles hint at the nature of her research in which she studies the construction and use of experimental approaches to show how our lives today have been affected by the science of yesterday. "I look at the history of science from a philosophical perspective

in order to show how it has developed and how we have gotten here today," she said. "I've tried to show how experimental practice is a fallible and complex human activity that is subject to the historical climate in which it is performed and thus may have both good and bad aspects."

Thanks to the Ciejek Fellowship, Sargent was able to reduce her teaching load of four courses to one this semester and apply some of the money to research expenses incurred locally. For example, Sargent extensively studied early scientific texts at the Harvard University Science Center and the Dibner Institute at the Massachusetts

Institute of Technology. The Fellowship money also provided for Sargent's trip to England.

Additionally, Fellowship funds were used to purchase more than 250 books on the history and philosophy of science that are now shelved at Merrimack's McQuade Library. According to Sargent, a full bibliography of the texts will be available shortly.

"It's been difficult to assign research papers without having the books for the students to use," she explained. "Now we have what we need."

For Sargent, books are the key to knowledge; the more she reads, the better she teaches. "Rose-Mary is a first-rate scholar and a wonderful teacher," says History Professor Peter Ford, who was her teacher and who now teaches with Sargent in the Humanities program.

Sargent holds a Ph.D. in Philosophy and a Master of Arts degree in History and Philosophy of Science from the University of Notre Dame, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy and History from Merrimack. She is the author of a book published in 1995 by the prestigious University of Chicago Press, entitled *The Diffident Naturalist: Robert Boyle and the Philosophy of Experiment*. In 1990 Sargent had traveled to London as a recipient of a National Science Foundation grant to conduct research on more than forty volumes of unpublished manuscripts written by Robert Boyle, inventor of the air pump and one of the founders of modern science.

Her numerous articles have propelled Sargent into the forefront of scholars concerned with Boyle and the philosophy and history of science, according to Liberal Arts Dean Albert C. DeCiccio, Ph.D. '74. She has taught at the University of New Mexico and the University of Notre Dame, and she received two highly competitive, post-doctoral fellowships to teach and conduct research at the University of

Minnesota and Northwestern University.

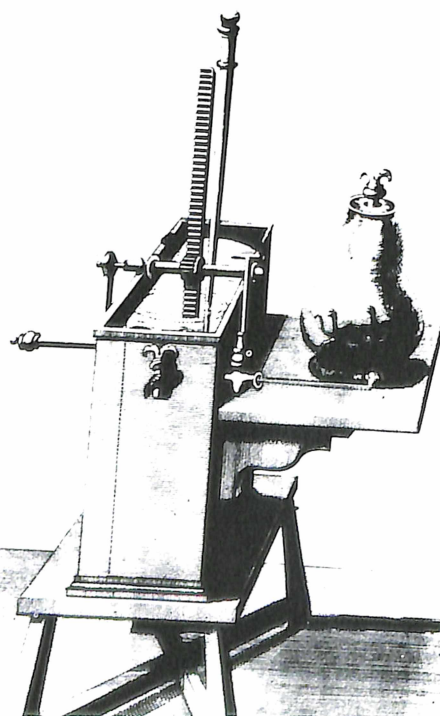
"It is indeed fitting that Rose-Mary Sargent is the first recipient of the Ciejek Fellowship," says DeCiccio. "Rose-Mary's ongoing research in the history of experiment will certainly distinguish Merrimack College. More important, it will provide the model for the kind of research and study our faculty can undertake to enhance their teaching."

Under the Ciejek Fellowship, Sargent will focus her research on the nineteenth and twentieth centuries by examining how experiments have been performed. She will conduct her research at the Royal Society of London, the National Portrait Gallery, the Royal Institution of Great Britain, and the National Museum of Science and Industry, all in London, the Museum of History of Science in Oxford, and the Whipple Museum in Cambridge. This summer she will conduct research at her own expense on the development of twentieth-century methodological tools in molecular biology at the archives of the Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole on Cape Cod.

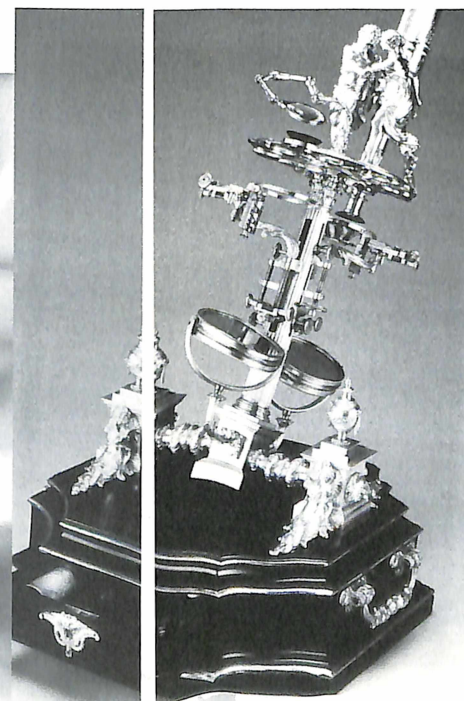
Next semester Sargent will return to the classroom with the experience of research and writing to share with her students. As the program's pioneer, her success is a tribute to the Ciejeks and their commitment to Merrimack's intellectual community.

1996-97 CIEJEK FELLOWSHIP RECIPIENT ANNOUNCED

The recipient of the 1996-97 Ciejek Fellowship is Dr. Marie A. Plasse, Associate Professor of English. Prof. Plasse will study the properties of the human body as a medium of theatrical expression in the plays of William Shakespeare. To this end she plans to conduct research at libraries in and around Boston, as well as the Folger Shakespeare Library in Washington.



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Seek it Like Silver

*"Raise your voice for understanding
Seek it Like Silver
Search as for hidden treasures...
And find the knowledge of God"*

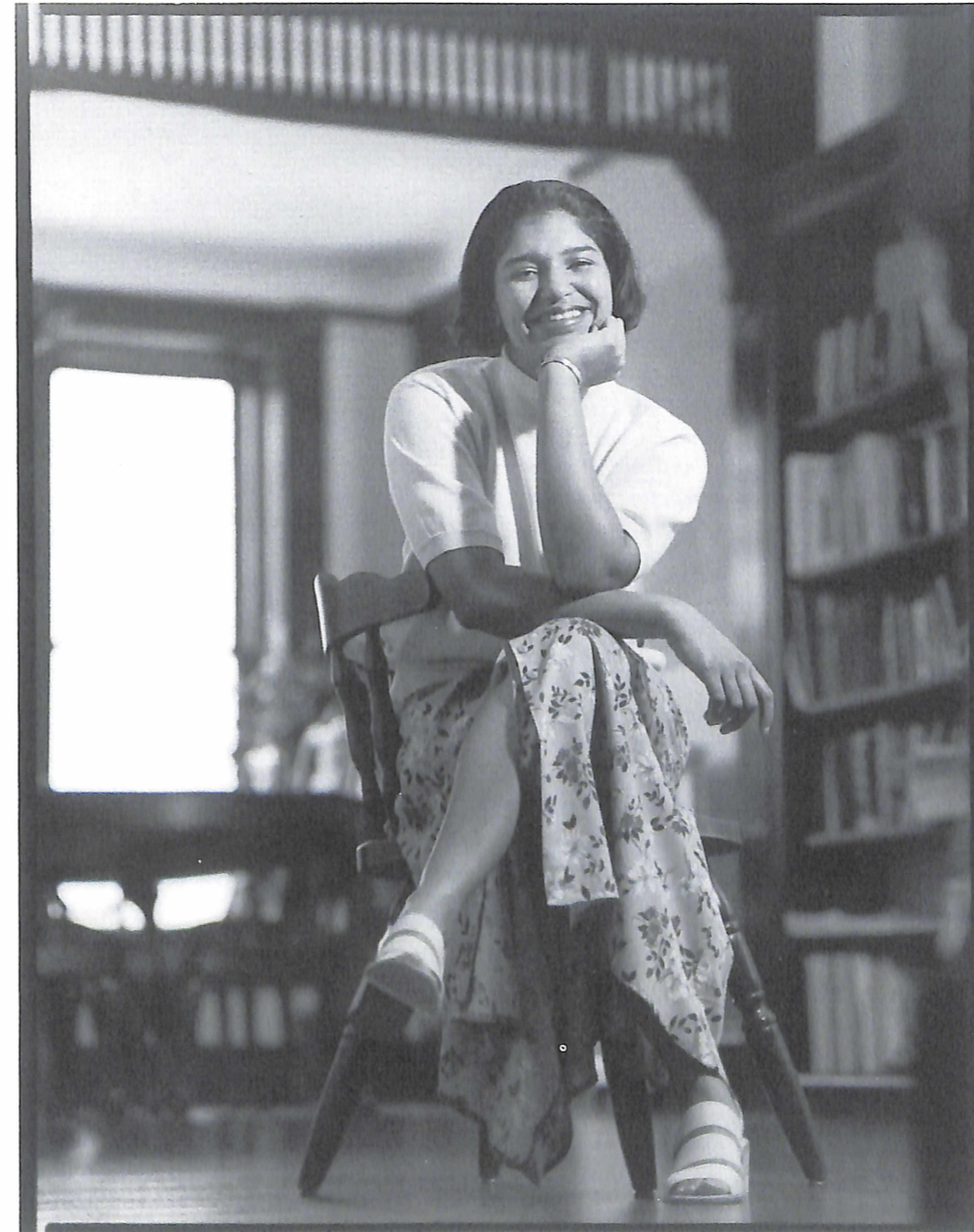
— *proverbs of Solomon*

When alumni were asked recently what they most wanted to read about in this magazine, a majority said "Tell us about the students." In response, the following pages provide profiles on five special people. Each represents a broad segment of the Merrimack student body.

Each exhibits a spiritual and intellectual growth that is unveiled as the story unfolds. Brian, Tim, Erica, Niurka, and Judith never stop growing, questioning, trying, and striving. The results are a fuller, richer life, that focuses on helping others and often results in unsolicited offers of support. For instance, as you read Brian Poulliot's story, notice how his professors guided him because they recognized potential and wanted to see it realized. Brian has been deeply involved in campus activities throughout his education here. In Erica De Simone's story, watch for examples of the give-and-take that is a natural part of her life. Erica received scholarships from community groups during her freshman year at Merrimack and has

also spent many years volunteering her time to Special Olympics. While many are desensitized to the problem of homelessness, Tim Carey is still passionate and has spent time helping people who live in shelters. In return he has had cultural experiences through his involvement with Campus Ministry and the Merrimack College urban institute that he would not have had otherwise. And then there's Niurka Balbuena, a former "Accept the Challenge" student from the urban institute, who recruits Merrimack undergraduates as tutors for minority high school students at risk of dropping out of school. Niurka, who eight years ago could not speak English, does this under the guidance of the urban institute staff for the Focus in Transition Program. And finally, Judith Ryan, a Continuing Education student, shows us there is no time limit to realizing a dream. In mid-life Judith is finally accomplishing her goal of becoming a high school English teacher. She's doing it for the purest of reasons: the love of teaching.

*Stories by Joyce Maxson Crane
Photos by David Oxtan*



Bringing the Old World to the New

Niurka Balbuena Accepts the Challenge

Niurka Balbuena lives between an old and a new world that cannot be reconciled, cannot be merged. In some ways she is old beyond her twenty-four years, in others she is an innocent still learning her way around foreign territory.

A naturalized United States citizen, she was born in the Dominican Republic, the eldest of five children: Jenny, twenty-two, an Art and Business major at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst; José R., twenty-one, a Merrimack Cooperative Education

It was the Merrimack College community, that gave Niurka the chance to have a better life. By learning to speak, read, and write English, doors opened and possibilities exploded.

student majoring in Civil Engineering; Lariza, seventeen, a senior at St. Mary High School in Lawrence; and José A., sixteen, a junior at Lawrence High School. In 1982 when her mother came to the United States leaving the children in the Dominican Republic with grandparents, Niurka took a major role in caring for her siblings. Then finally in 1988, after six years of laboring in a Lawrence factory, her mother was able to prove to the government that she could afford to bring her children to this country, and that's when life changed for Niurka.

Within a few months of attending Lawrence High School, the "Accept the Challenge" program, sponsored by Merrimack's urban institute, accepted her as a student. Immediately, she began attending classes in history, math, and science two days a week after school. The classes were designed to teach her English and help her go on to college.

It worked. Within a year she was completing post-graduate-level work at Lawrence High and attending night classes at Northern Essex Community College (NECC). By the end of 1991 she attended NECC as a full-time student and graduated three years later with an associate's degree in General Studies and a certificate in secretarial skills.

Once she had achieved the prerequisite of speaking fluent English, Niurka was accepted into Merrimack

on a full-tuition scholarship.

None of it was easy. Not knowing English was isolating and intimidating. But along the way she got a work study job in NECC'S admissions office. Being forced to answer the questions of others accelerated her fluency. Being involved helped, too. Despite her anxieties, she courageously joined NECC'S Alumni Association and the Women's Resource Group. She participated in Project Bread's Walk for Hunger and the Boston Harbor Clean-up.

"I like to be involved so I know what's going on," she says.

Now a junior and an accounting major, Niurka has acquired several honors in addition to her 3.5 grade point average. As a Merrimack student she has been nominated for the National Dean's List and the All American Scholar Collegiate Award. While attending NECC, she made the National Dean's List and was listed in *Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges* for two consecutive years. She was also recognized on the Talent Roster of Outstanding Minority Community College Graduates, and she won the 1993 National Hispanic Scholarship.

She says she wants to become a certified public accountant and then work for a manufacturing company. Niurka is not motivated by money. Coming from a country that has so little, she knows both the up and down side of it. She knows she can survive no matter what. What she wants is to be comfortable, to see her brothers and sisters settled comfortably, and to provide a better life for her mother, who now works at Malden Mills.

She says she'd never go back to live in the Dominican Republic even though she's proud of her heritage and loves her country.

"There's too much corruption there now," she explains. In Niurka's words, the country is disorganized and unpredictable. For example, elec-

tricity is rationed by the government because the equipment is old and can't accommodate a continuous demand. It took a while for Niurka to adjust to this country's brightness.

Nonetheless, she carries the values and traditions of her roots. She lives in an apartment on campus during the week, but each weekend she drives home to Lawrence to see her mother. Saturday is cleaning day and Sunday is spent with siblings just being together. Niurka says she's still amazed that sister Jenny could venture as far as Amherst.

"Merrimack is far enough for me," she says. "I like to be close to my home."

That's good for a lot more people than Niurka and her family, because Niurka has a special gift she can offer the young people of her community. Through the urban institute, under the direction of Executive Director Patricia Jaysane, and Program Director Scott Gage, Niurka coordinates the participation of Merrimack undergraduates in the Focus in Transition program. The program was designed to help inner-city eighth-graders from the Frost and Bruce elementary schools in Lawrence to stay in school and do well. Niurka recruits and trains Merrimack students, some of whom are bilingual, to help the eighth-graders complete their homework, think about career goals, identify favorite activities and courses, and find solutions to problems.

It was the Merrimack College community, that gave Niurka the chance to have a better life. By learning to speak, read, and write English, doors opened and possibilities exploded. But Niurka knows she owes her community and so she gives back, and by giving back she gets more. Today, so many years after she left the Dominican Republic and timidly began trying to assimilate into this new country, she's riding a wave to success.

10...9...8...Blastoff

Destination: The Stars

Brian Poulliot was destined for a different life from the one his hometown of Winslow, Maine could provide. Had he stayed he could have attended Colby College and settled near his parents and married sister. Instead, insight, opportunity and luck synthesized into a future of fulfillment and success.

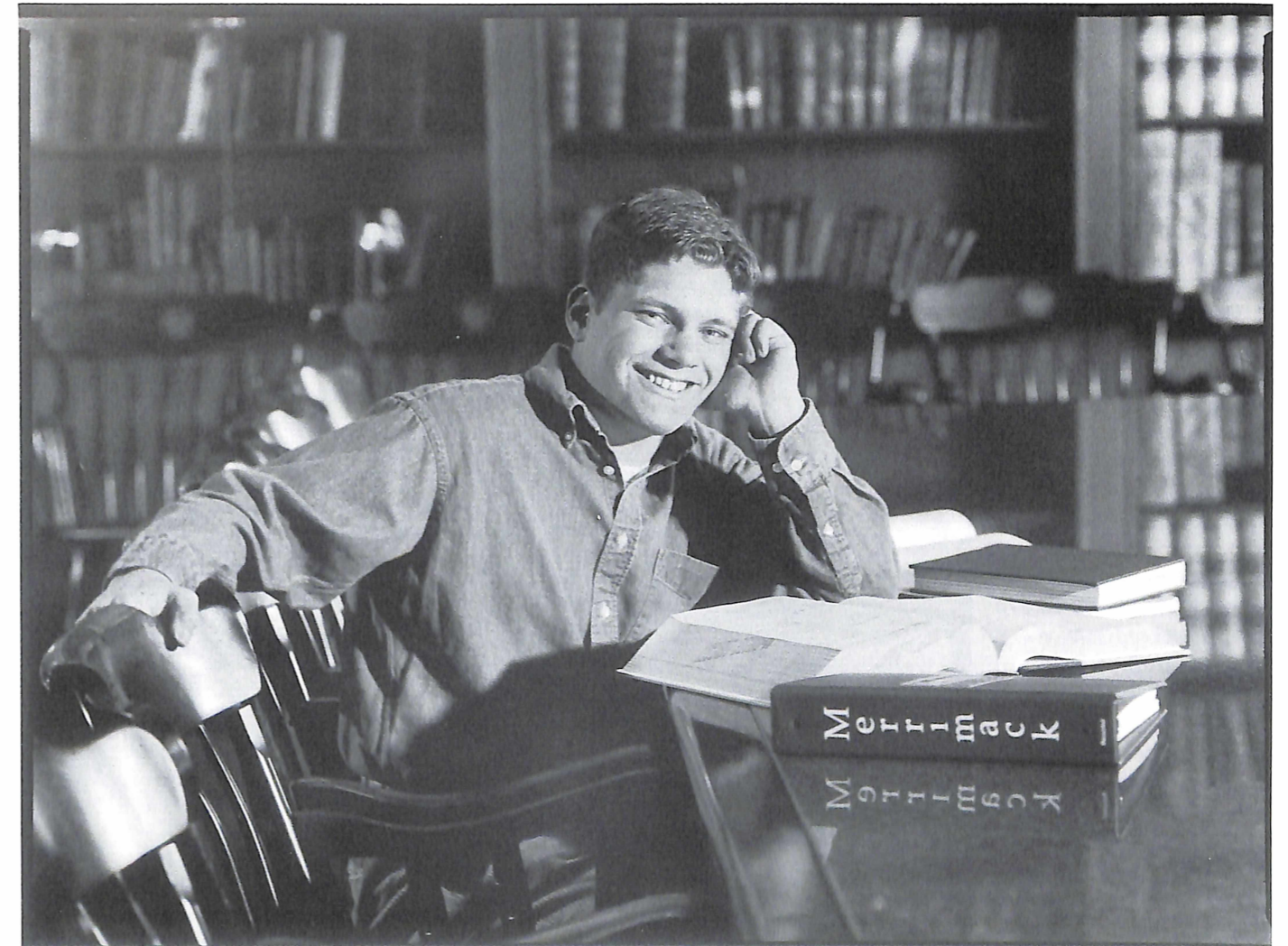
At age eighteen, Brian reasoned that Colby wasn't right for him. He is the son of a hardworking carpenter and didn't want to struggle for acceptance. Having graduated thirteenth in his high school class, his choices were many. Brian chose Merrimack, not because of the partial scholarship he received, but because he liked the feel of the school and the campus.

Insight helped put him in the right place at the right time. Then opportunity and luck kicked in. It came in the form of Donald Nelson, Assistant Professor and Chair of Accounting and Finance, who took an interest in him. Prof. Nelson recognized talent and potential early in Brian's freshman year and encouraged him to major in accounting.

Brian resisted. He was going to be a marketing major. After all, his future was set with Nabisco, which hired him each summer to work as a sales representative. But on the day he went to declare his major, Prof. Nelson just happened to be in the office.

One long talk later, Brian realized that his professor, now a mentor, was giving the best advice he'd ever get.

This June, Brian will graduate in the top five percent of his class and with a major in accounting. In September he begins work, not at Nabisco, but at Price Waterhouse, one of the six leading public accounting firms in the country, as a staff accountant.



He is an only son whose parents were waiting for him to graduate and come home to Winslow. But college is about breaking free and soaring high, and this was Brian's moment. Although he said it was one of the most difficult decisions of his life, he made the choice to stay around Boston where the opportunities are far better than in Maine.

"Merrimack is my home now," he said. "I've developed good friendships here and I don't want to leave."

It's been four years since he first moved to campus. That first semester wasn't easy. Anyone who remembers, will say he was quiet, maybe a little shy. But Brian's intuition steered him in the right direction once more. He got involved almost immediately. He started out on the Orientation Com-

mittee, welcoming other newcomers and giving tours around campus. He got to be known as the guy who walked and talked backwards. It won him friends. He has also spent four years fulfilling a work-study requirement in the Admissions Office.

That was only the beginning of Brian's involvement on campus. He has since served on the college's program board, strategic planning committee, and the New Volpe Study Committee, and last semester completed a term as vice president of the Student Government. He has worked with Campus Ministry attending retreats and participating in every leadership phase. This spring he participated in the alternative vacation to Bessemer, Alabama, just outside Birmingham, to help an impoverished

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congregation of Catholics. Brian and eleven other students worked eight hours each day improving the church's playground by sanding and painting the equipment and replacing asphalt with gravel. He is also a member of the American Marketing Association and has served as its vice president of community service and vice president of speakers. This year and last he attended the National Collegiate American Marketing Association Conference in New Orleans.

Of the people who have influenced him most throughout his college years, Brian credits two people in addition to Prof. Nelson. The first is Sister Elaine Polcari, S.S.N.D., Director of Campus Ministry. The second is Donald Hanson, Associate Professor of Accounting and Finance who Brian called "a great professor."

"Prof. Hanson would call on you unexpectedly in class. That would really scare me because I'd never been put on the spot like that before," he recalled. "And even if your answer was wrong he expected you to back it up."

Prof. Hanson also took the initiative of prepping Brian before his employment interviews last semester.

For all his successes Brian admitted he didn't know why Merrimack chose to feature him. Like so many questions in life, the answer was deep inside him. It wasn't because he'd gotten a job with Price Waterhouse, and it wasn't because of his impressive grades. Those characteristics helped him stand out. The reason he'd been noticed came from the words he spoke next:

"So many people do so much at Merrimack. I've gotten recognition, but there are many who have done a lot," he gently reminded.



Erica Extraordinary

An Optimist for All Times

Erica De Simone is a trusting optimist who will tell you exactly what she likes about herself. And why not? The honest approach has served her well.

"The reason I'm so good at what I do is because of my creativity level," she'll say with such a confident lilt that even if you're not an employer, you start searching your mind for a job.

It's as though an aura of magic surrounds her and everything she touches sparkles.

As she searches for her fourth Co-operative Education job for the summer of '96, an observer can only

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wonder, not whether she'll get any offers, but how many will pour in.

Erica knows how to make her life work, and not because she's had it easy, although she'd never tell you that. It's because she knows how to become informed and map a plan. If the plan doesn't go her way, she'll view the detour as a blessing.

She was born in East Boston, an area with a large population of first-, second- and third-generation Italians, as is Erica's family. In fact, she grew up in the same two-family house in which her father was raised and where her grandparents still live. Next year, as she completes her major in International Business and Marketing, she will spend a semester in either Milan or Florence to gain fluency in the Italian language and further her studies in the culture.

It's a long way to go for a sheltered, Catholic girl who, as a residential freshman, had her father take her home every Friday night. Now a junior, Erica's world has no boundaries.

"My career goal is to become a marketing consultant for international firms," she says. Erica plans to work for a marketing company and establish a reputation, then open her own

firm, rescuing viable but unsuccessfully promoted products.

Her ambitious plan is rooted in the belief that marketing requires optimism.

"You're not going to sell a product if you see only its bad points," she says.

As a Co-op student Erica has been acquiring work experience that will help her to reach her goal. Last summer at Scully Signal Company in Wilmington, she wrote press releases for trade magazines, prepared media placement scheduling information, and produced brochures on desktop publishing software. Her present job at Marshalls Inc., in Andover, has given her experience as a computer software analyst.

This summer she's hoping to work for a direct marketing firm in Boston. True to form, Erica has researched her choices and targeted firms that will provide her with the experience she desires.

At age twenty, she's already a proven commodity. Erica came to Merrimack on a partial academic scholarship provided by the college. In order to pay for room and board that first year, she needed other resources. So she researched and won scholarships from the Kiwanis Club of East Boston and the Italian Women's Club of Boston. Now her Cooperative Education earnings, which are considerably higher than minimum wage, supplement her living expenses.

"I work hard because I don't want to let my parents down," she says. Family is everything to her. She is a middle child whose older sister does accounting for a local race track where her father is a heavy-equipment operator. Her mother is a legal librarian for a major Boston law firm. Erica credits both parents with setting examples of community involvement. But it is her younger brother, born

with Down Syndrome six years after Erica, who is her inspiration. Because of him, Erica joined the Special Olympics while still in high school.

That involvement was the basis for her extracurricular activities on campus. She is the resident assistant for twenty-two women living in a campus townhouse, a peer educator to assist students with personal or substance-abuse problems, and a former tutor at the college's Writing Center. As the Co-op Council Secretary, Erica edits and publishes a newsletter twice a year, and was one of only fifteen Merrimack students invited last January to a career networking conference in New York City. She is also the philanthropic and fundraising chair of Theta Phi Alpha National Sorority. Her most recent event raised funds to purchase uniforms for a local Special Olympics team.

"You can see the difference between students who are involved and students who aren't," she observes. "There's more of a comfort level. The faculty and staff all know you. A student who's more involved is always around campus, always talking to somebody."

"And because we're so involved, we have to budget our time so we know when to study and when to call it quits and relax. I think that's going to help me, because I already know what it's like to have a full schedule and to be able, in between, to take a few minutes for myself."

Then Erica's extraordinary lilting voice explains why she's not only an optimist, but a person whom others trust; a person comfortable with helping others as a resident assistant and peer educator. She is someone whom others seek when personal problems arise.

"I'm a genuine person and I don't hide anything. You may not like me, but that doesn't mean I won't like you. I can work with anyone and still get the job done."



Simply for the Love of it

Judith Ryan Finally Teaches

Judith Ryan always wanted to teach high school English, she just happened to take a twenty-year detour that routed her through corporate America and then child rearing. Now, in her mid-life, she has found her way and says this is what she wants to do for the rest of her working years.

Through Merrimack College's Division of Continuing Education, this spring, Judy will complete requirements she needs for certification as a high school English teacher. Included is a twelve-credit student-teaching course at Haverhill High School where she practices teaching and assists with four eleventh-grade classes.

She spends every weekend preparing, finding ways to be creative and

engage the students, many of whom are bilingual. Latitude in the teaching curriculum allows her to teach poetry and she proudly displays samples of her students' best work.

"It's a real compliment when the supervising teacher will leave you alone with the students," she says. "That's when you know you're doing okay."

Judy has always done okay. A glance at her resume illustrates how successful she was in the corporate world. In the late 'seventies she managed a communication project for the Public Affairs Division of Union Carbide Corporation in New York City, managed public relations accounts for Hill and Knowlton, and ended her business career in the mid 'eighties as the Manager of Corporate Employee Communications for Pfizer, Inc. She left to start a family and today lives with her husband and teenaged daughter in Boxford.

In addition to teaching, she is taking a directed study on gender issues

in the classroom and a course on special education.

"Judy is atypical in that she's making a mid-career shift from the corporate world to education," says Dr. Brenda Brown, Associate Professor and Chair of the Education Department. "She's a role model for mature students considering teaching as a profession."

Brown notes that because Judy was able to attend school full-time, she is the first person to complete Merrimack's new post-baccalaureate program in one year. In addition, her communication experience, combined with a reference from a former supervisor, enabled Merrimack to waive the required writing courses.

Judy is one of five students currently enrolled in the post-baccalaureate program which was begun in September 1994. Her undergraduate English degree came from the University of Pennsylvania in 1976. Through the years she took other required courses so that when she arrived at Merrimack last September, Judy needed only five to become certified. She had to wait until her final semester to complete the student teaching practicum.

This spring there are thirteen Merrimack students teaching in communities surrounding the North Andover campus. Three levels of certification, elementary, middle, and secondary, are now offered through the Education Department.

Judy will begin looking for a teaching position when the semester ends. She says that teaching four courses and completing the other requirements leaves her little time to search beforehand. She's committed first to finishing what she started so long ago.

She'll tell you she's not out to change the world. She just wants to teach for the love of it.

"I want to do something meaningful to me and, if along the way, I help someone, that would be nice," she says.

A Gentler Approach

Passion Beneath the Calm

Timothy Carey is only twenty-two, but he knows he was meant to do good. So when you ask about his plans after graduation this May, his answer is both vague and yet self-assured.

"I'll work for a human services organization," he says without hesitation. In ten years, he says, he plans to be its director. He doesn't yet know which one or where, he just knows what he's meant to do.

While many of his classmates are jockeying for jobs in the corporate world, Tim, a philosophy/sociology major, serenely waits for the right offer to come, confident it will.

A glance at his resume proves he'd



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be an asset to any employer. Around campus he is respected for his activities and involvement, and well-known for his tireless energy. He has served on the Orientation Committee welcoming incoming freshmen, is a member of Phi Kappa Theta fraternity, and a three-year member of the Executive Board of Campus Ministry.

In addition to campus activities, Tim has acquired experiences about which other middle-class, young men know little.

Through Campus Ministry he has served meals to people with AIDS, helped physically disabled children ride horses as therapy at Ironstone Farm in Andover, and accompanied mentally disabled members of Fidelity House in Lawrence to the bowling alley each week to cheer them on.

He's been on two alternative spring vacations with Campus Ministry. During his freshman year he went to Wheeling, West Virginia, to help renovate shelters for runaway teenagers, and during his sophomore year he traveled to Washington, D.C., to live at the Creative Center for Non-violence, a homeless shelter three blocks from the White House. While there he cleaned walls, baked 2000 biscuits, did laundry, and played cards with the residents. He also shared sleeping space with the homeless families and says this experience taught him how much he has in his own life.

"I have a family who loves me, a family who supports me," he says. "I not only have a home where my parents live, but I have a college dormitory room which gives me a roof over my head. I have a car which transports me and gives me many options the homeless don't have.

"One night we delivered blankets to homeless people living across from the White House. It struck me that across the street from the most powerful man in the country, people use blankets as their beds."

In addition to the week-long trips, Tim attended weekend retreats as a team leader through Campus

Ministry's Merrimack Out Reach Experience (M.O.R.E.).

"I helped students realize their problems were not as big as they thought. The retreats gave me a chance to share myself."

Tim is also a lector and Eucharistic Minister at weekend Masses in the Collegiate Church of Christ the Teacher.

Last year from January to August he participated in a nine-credit program at the College's urban institute in Lawrence, under the direction of Dr. Patricia Jaysane, Executive Director, where he helped establish an online bulletin board to assist Merrimack Valley social service agencies match those in need with those who could help.

"We also helped communities to develop better services for themselves," he says. "We created the Lawrence-Methuen Enterprise Partnership to strengthen ties between the two communities and build a sense of pride.

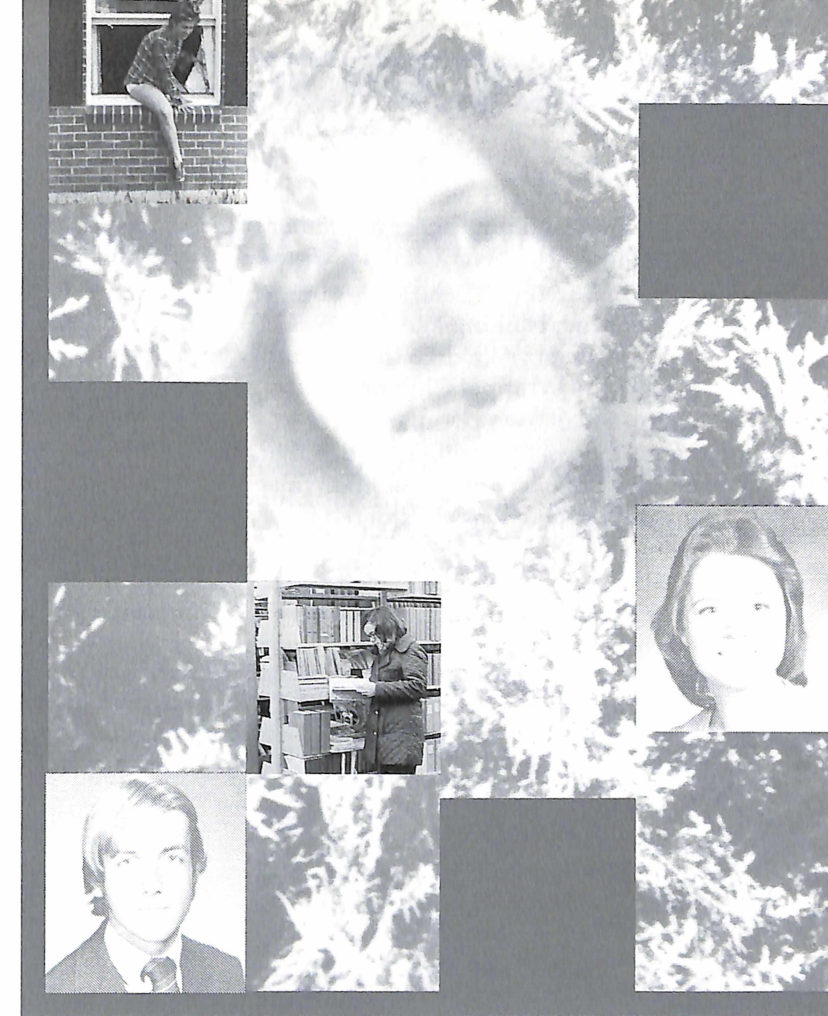
"I chose to live and study in Lawrence because I wanted to see the difference between the city and my hometown."

He also worked at shelters and delivered soup and sandwiches to the homeless at street corners.

He credits Sister Elaine Polcari, S.S.N.D., Director of Campus Ministry; Father Terrance Hyland, O.S.A., Campus Minister; Jacqueline McLeod, Executive Secretary of Campus Ministry; and Dr. Joseph Kelley, Vice President for Student Life, with strongly influencing him throughout his Merrimack experience.

The middle son of a family from Milton, Tim says his parents gave him the foundation for his religion. His faith is central to his life but he stresses that he's not "overly" religious.

"That's part of who I am, part of wanting to help other people," he says. "To me it makes sense to help others. I do that as part of our religion."



Merrimack in the 'Seventies

A patchwork quilt

By Christopher M. Cummings '96

We are surrounded by history.

Shafts of sunlight wiggle through the oblong windows of the Arundel Room's blinds, casting long streaks along the paintings of Merrimack College's founding fathers.

I look around. Three of the room's four cement walls are lined with old hardcover books stored safely behind glass. They're old, protected. The man who holds the key to those glass cases is seated across from them.

Bob O'Brien '73, Operations Manager of McQuade Library, leans into his chair and asks, "So you want to

know about Merrimack in the 1970s, hmmm?" He has squares, I am sure, for the patchwork quilt of Merrimack that I am trying to piece together.

"My most striking memory of that time period," O'Brien says, "was Nixon's Secretary of Defense announcing the end of the draft. I can't tell you how relieved I was to hear that. Every Friday night on the NBC news, I would hear the latest tally of American soldiers killed in Viet Nam—231 dead, 275 dead. The newscasters delivered the information like it was a weather report, or a football score. But they were talking about human lives. It was frightening."

O'Brien's fears increased, he says, as the war continued and graduation neared. "The draft was like a lottery," he says. "I was assigned number thirty-six which meant I was almost assured of being drafted as soon as I graduated. Lots of people I know went to college primarily to avoid being drafted. Now here I was six months away from graduation. I was prime drafting material."

Fate intervened. In January 1973 the draft ended. "I was stunned by the news," O'Brien says. "But happy. Tremendously happy. I was going to live."

The following people provided guidance for this cover story: Dr. Joseph Kelley, Vice President for Student Life; Maryellen Colliton, Director of Student Activities; Gail Doyle, Interim Director of Career Services and Cooperative Education; Sister Elaine Polcari, S.S.N.D., Director of Campus Ministry; Dr. Patricia Jaysane and Scott Gage, respectively, Executive Director and Pre-collegiate Director of Merrimack's urban institute; Dr. Brenda Brown, Associate Professor and Chair of the Education Department; and Christine Batty, Coordinator of Health Education.

Commuters, residents, and streakers

"I was a commuter for three years," says Mary Lou Retelle '76, Dean of Admission and Financial Aid. But not your average commuter. "I didn't have a car, so my mother would drop me off. I'd have her stop near the church, so no one would see me. After all, I had an image to keep up."

She was a biology major but, by her own admission, not at the top of her class. "In the graduation ceremony, we were grouped together by major," she says. "When I walked into the room with the other biology majors, people came up to me and said, 'Mary Lou, you're in the wrong room.'"

However, Retelle didn't walk away from graduation empty-handed. She got her diploma and won the Merrimack Medal for her contributions to the campus as a member of Student Government, a volunteer in the student-run second-hand bookstore, and a Powder Puff Hockey player. "I was happy to get the medal," she says, "especially since I wasn't going to get an academic one."

When she wasn't raising Cain as a student politician, Retelle volunteered in the college's second-hand bookstore. Located in the basement of Gildea Hall, the alternative bookstore was run entirely by student volunteers. "We were sick of paying what we thought were really high prices for our books," she says. So students swapped books in the store. The setup lasted about two years.

Many activities were popular, like the second-hand bookstore, but then quickly faded, like streaking.

She recounts the tale of the McQuade streaker. "He was running around the library and finally decided to leave. That was his big mistake because, in the 'seventies, McQuade had turnstiles in the lobby." Apparently, the female attendant saw the streaker, panicked, and locked the turnstile as the streaker passed through. "I heard it was ugly," Retelle winces.

Stunts aside, Retelle says that stu-

dents then and now share a number of social interests. "We used to go into clubs in Lawrence," she says, observing that the drinking age then was only eighteen. "We'd go to Vic's and then to the Whippet Club on South Union Street, two popular places to hang." So was the pub in Gildea that is now the faculty dining room. "Waiting tables there was considered a primo job," she says.

Students didn't divide their time only between studying, streaking, and bar hopping. They also went to restaurants. "Jack-in-the-Box was a favorite," Retelle says. "Twelve of us would pile into a GTO and drive down there at eleven o'clock at night. We thought it was cool to say, 'Hey, Jack, give us a dozen hamburgers.'"

After her third year of commuting, Retelle moved in with friends living in the Salem Townhouse. In the 'seventies, Merrimack hosted the rock groups Boston and the J. Geils Band, among others. "They played in the church basement to full houses," she says. "It was quite a scene."

When asked what has changed most since she graduated, Retelle says it's the trees. "Recently, I was in a meeting in the Arundel Room," she says. "I looked out the window and I couldn't see the campus over the trees. I remembered when I could see everyone on campus from the library. Maybe if the trees had been taller, I would have been a better student."

A different key

Rev. Thomas Casey, O.S.A., pulls the December 8, 1978 copy of The Merrimack Warrior newspaper toward him. He revisits an article he'd been interviewed for concerning the Jonestown Massacre.

"In the 'sixties and 'seventies there were a lot of countercultural things taking place," he says. "Lots of things were happening, but there wasn't any reflection. The Jonestown Massacre, with some 900 people dead, acted as a clarion call to look at civil disturbances and inner turmoil."

In 1978, the charismatic Jim Jones led a mass exodus of people from the U.S.A. to Jamestown, Guyana. Jones grew more and more paranoid in Jamestown until, eventually, he convinced his followers—members of the People's Temple—to follow his example and commit mass suicide. When news of the story broke, people had a lot of questions.

"I remember giving a homily at Phillips Academy not long after the massacre," Father Casey says. "The people were just shell-shocked. They wanted to know how such a thing could happen."

And the questions raged in the classroom as well. "Nothing official was done in the classrooms, as far as I can remember," he says. "But a number of us at Merrimack talked about Jamestown in class." Different disciplines looked at the massacre from a variety of angles: psychologically, economically, religiously. "Why would anyone follow this man out of the country and then commit suicide with him?" Father Casey remembers asking. His students couldn't answer the question, but they kept asking questions, searching for a reason.

That need to know, evidenced by students then and now, is what keeps Father Casey at Merrimack. "All teachers who take their jobs seriously will tell you that they are sustained by our students' enthusiasm, professionalism, and values," he says.

Father Casey smiles as he returns the newspaper to me. "Students in the 'seventies were fired up over social issues," he says. "Students in the 'nineties are just as questioning, just as critical as were the students of twenty years ago, but they don't have the same financial stability. They have a stronger sense of economic weakness than students in the 'seventies. Students today need to work to afford school. But they still have the same questions." He smiles, nods, and his eyes seem to fill with light. "Students are still searchers; they're just searching in a different key."

Leadership in the Augustinian Tradition

Interview with Rev. Michael J. Scanlon, O.S.A., Chairman of the Merrimack College Board of Trustees

How long have you served on the Merrimack board?

This is my second term on the Board, my eighth year.

What, in your view, is the function of the board?

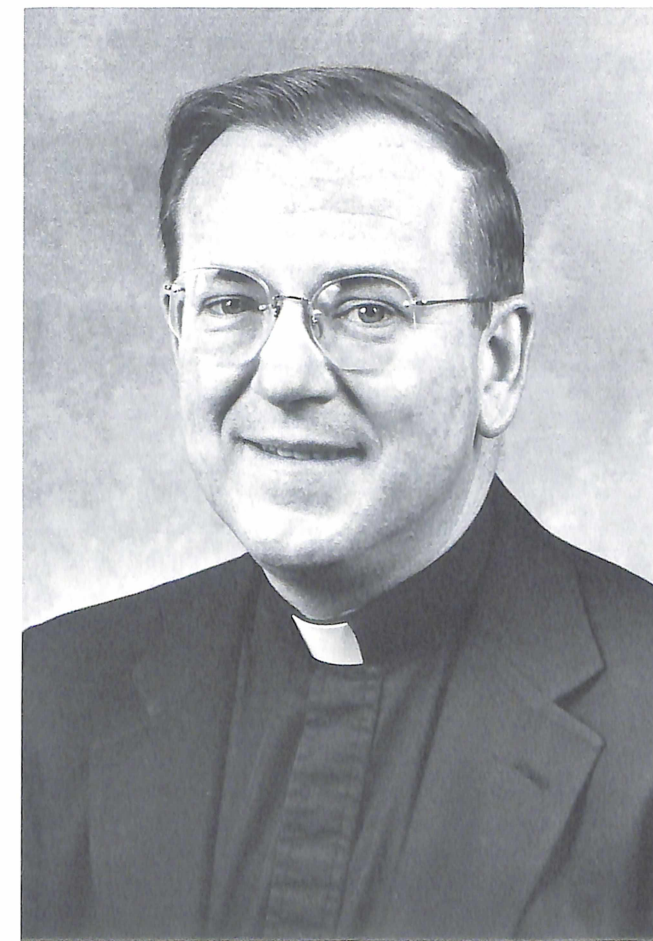
The Board has the ultimate responsibility for the whole college. It is concerned with its growth and development, as well as the well-being of the administration, faculty, staff, and students. It is responsible for the financial condition of the college and oversees capital campaigns. The Board also plans for the college's future. It must work with the Province of St. Thomas of Villanova regarding the Augustinian Order's role of sponsorship as a Catholic institution.

In what direction is the Board leading the college?

Our focus now is on the Capital Campaign in connection with the fiftieth anniversary of the college in 1997, but we are also concerned with supporting programs already in place and with evaluating new programs. The Board must ensure financial stability and the enhancement of the college's endowment.

Maintenance of our campus facilities will be a continuing concern. Enhancing facilities for student life is one of our most important considerations.

Would you address the Augustinian connection to Merrimack and describe in what ways the Board is working to keep those ties strong and meaningful?



religious communities) is experiencing diminished membership and few young vocations. The Order will not be able to supply as many Augustinian Friars to our various apostolic ministries, including higher education. Merrimack now has its first lay president. This situation is occurring everywhere as more Catholic lay people take responsibility for being the Church, in accord with the declaration of Vatican Council II that the Church is the People of God. We are fortunate to have a lay Catholic president who has been formed in the Augustinian tradition of Merrimack.

What are your thoughts on the college's direction under its first lay president?

The next century (maybe the next millennium!) will be the "Age of Laity" in Catholic Christianity. I am very pleased with our new lay president. Dick Santagati is a committed Catholic, formed in the Augustinian tradition of Merrimack. He is totally devoted to his alma mater. Dick works well with the board and with the Augustinians who sponsor Merrimack.

What are some of the highlights at Merrimack since you've been a member of the board?

There has been ongoing development of the academic program, as I experienced when I was chair of the Educational Policy Committee. Core

Humanities seminars are now in place. We have a new science building. Work toward enhancing the business department is progressing. All of these illustrate progressive developments.

What do you see as your primary function as chairman?

As chair of the Board, I am responsible for constructing the agenda of all five annual meetings and for chairing them. I also chair the Executive Committee which prepares for the Board meeting three weeks prior. The Board, as a whole, makes final decisions on new programs and tends to the development of all programs already in place.

What is your position at Villanova?

I hold the Josephine C. Connelly Chair in Christian Theology. This Chair was inaugurated in 1992 when I came to Villanova from the Washington Theological Union, where I taught Systematic Theology for twenty-five years. This is the first Endowed Chair at Villanova University.

Tell us about your background.

I graduated from Villanova in 1960 with a major in philosophy. In 1969 I received the Doctorate in Sacred Theology degree from Catholic University of America. I am a past president of the Catholic Theological Society of America, the professional society for the United States and Canada. I was vice president in 1986, president-elect in 1987, and president in 1988.

What aspect of Theology is your focus?

My field is Systematic or Philosophical Theology. Ordinarily, I teach one

The Reverend Michael J. Scanlon, O.S.A.

The Reverend Michael J. Scanlon, O.S.A., began a commitment to the Order of St. Augustine when he entered the Augustinian Academy in Staten Island, New York. During his study, he distinguished himself as a scholar of Latin and Greek and realized a number of academic achievements throughout his education. He completed his undergraduate degree at Villanova University, and his master's and doctoral degrees at Catholic University of America in Sacred Theology.

Father Scanlon taught Systematic Theology at Augustinian College and the Washington Theological Union for twenty-five years. In 1968 he became co-founder and second president of the Washington Theological Consortium. In 1976 he was appointed Prior of the Augustinian community at Austin Friars Hall in Washington, D.C. He is also a past president of the Catholic Theologi-

cal Society of America, the prestigious professional society for Catholic theologians. In 1968 he was awarded Villanova's Arts and Sciences Alumni Medallion, and in 1992 joined the faculty of Villanova University. That year he was honored with the Josephine C. Connelly Endowed Chair in Christian Theology, inaugurated by Villanova to reinforce its Augustinian heritage.

Father Scanlon has published numerous articles in the *American Ecclesiastical Review* and has contributed to the *New Catholic Encyclopedia*, the *New Dictionary of Theology*, the *Catholic Theological Society of America Proceedings* and the scholarly journal *The Thomist*. He has also contributed chapters to *Vatican, Islam, and the Middle East*, published by Syracuse University Press, and *Pilgrim People: A Vision with Hope*, published by the Villanova University Press.

graduate course each semester. Every fall semester I teach a section of the Core Humanities Seminar I (CHS I) which incorporates Ancient, Medieval, and Renaissance Thought. Every spring semester I teach the Core Humanities Seminar II (Modern and Contemporary Thought). There must be a Biblical (Old and New Testament) and an Augustinian component in the CHS I seminar. Ideally, there is an Augustinian component in CHS II through choosing modern and contemporary authors who have been influenced by the thought of Augustine.

Is there a common theme or message that you would like to convey through your teaching?

For years I have taught courses in Christian anthropology, wherein one of my favorite themes is the theology of freedom. I develop this in the context of contemporary "historical consciousness" which clarifies the intrinsically temporal nature of the self in society. While the past is constructive of the self, the self must construct the future. Closely related to this is the contemporary emphasis on language as key to self-understanding. As Aristotle said, the human being is the "linguistic animal," and language is the condition for the human being to become the "rational animal."

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Rita M. (Bonanno) Collins was elected president of the Advisory Board of Catholic Charities/North and to the Board of Trustees of Catholic Charities Archdiocese of Boston. She and husband Charles '54 live in Andover.

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Capt. Thomas J. Davies Jr., (T.J.), an acquisition management staff officer for the Department of Defense, is living in Uijongbu, Kyonggi-Do, Korea for three years and working at Camp Red Cloud. He spends each November and December in Hawaii on home leave and writes that he will be traveling to Manila this October. Thomas says he is the bachelor-father of three grown sons: Thomas K. Davies (aka: Choi Chong-In), Daniel K. Davies (aka: Ham'm Jae-Hoon) and Thomas Sung-Gu Lee. **Marilyn T. Karram-May** has been awarded the California Real Estate Broker's License. She is also a state-certified interior designer and an adjunct professor of architecture, art, and interior design in the Continuing Education Division of the San Diego Community College district. She holds graduate and undergraduate degrees in interior design, environmental design, education and business from San Diego State University and Merrimack. She is the single-mother of three grown children: Sharlene May-Tracanna, Luke May IV, and Sharon May. **Louise A. Pothier Muise (Portia)**, traveled to Tucson last December to attend her youngest child's (Joe) graduation from the University of Arizona with a theater production degree. She was accompanied by husband Benoit, and daughter and grandson Gabrielle and Harrison Koza. In addition to Gabrielle and Joe, Louise is the mother of Anne Yale, Peter Muise, Michele Muise-Kielkucki, and Suzanne Roberts. A program administered by **Mary (Piazza) Wesson**, that gives juvenile offenders a second chance, recently received the Kenneth E. Pickard Municipal Innovation Award at the annual meeting of the Massachusetts Municipal Association. The Alternative Sen-

tencing Program is sponsored by the town of Andover, Mass. Instead of a jail sentence, juvenile offenders perform work duties at community-based organizations to learn the value of active participation. She and husband Charles '54 live in Andover.

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Frank J. Leone Jr., former president of Leone's Furniture in Methuen, Mass., has retired from the retail business to pursue commercial real estate interests. He and his brother William have sold the furniture building to their old friends **Tom Quinlan, '62**, and **Dean Quinlan, '61**, treasurer and president, respectively, of Northeast Medical Archives. The Quinlan brothers are expanding their storage business, also located in Wakefield, Mass., and Providence, R.I., to the Leone building. Both families have established scholarships at Merrimack in their late fathers' names. Both have been active Merrimack alumni serving with the former Men of Merrimack and now the Friends of Merrimack. Frank also serves on the President's Council.

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Economics Professor **Edward T. Howe** was recently honored for twenty-five years of service to Siena College, located in upstate New York. He lives in Albany. A story about **Eileen Khoury** was a page one feature in the *Eagle-Tribune* of Lawrence, Mass. last Jan. 1, when she was voted that paper's Woman of the Year. The article highlighted her contribution as the guidance director at Lawrence High School, to underprivileged teens who have gone on to college. In 1992 Eileen was nominated Guidance Counselor of the Year by her peers. **Daniel J. Shine Jr.** was elected a vice president of A.T. Kearney, a global management consulting firm. Daniel serves clients in the aviation, aerospace and defense industries from the firm's Cambridge, Mass. office. He lives in Andover, Mass., with his wife Roseanne and sons Matthew and Jonathan.

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James Giordano is a pastry chef and part owner of Arthur's Pastry Shop, a family-run bakery located in Medford, Mass. His wife **Donna Langone '69** teaches English as a Second Language at the Brooks-Hobbs Magnet School in Medford. They have three sons: **Jami '95**, **Michael**, presently attending Merrimack, and Christopher who

is in elementary school. **Terry Samway** has founded the Kathryn Fox Samway Foundation in honor of his late wife who died of cancer three years ago. Terry has been a Secret Service agent for twenty-four years and now heads the Secret Service's congressional liaison office. In 1994 his first golf tournament raised \$91,000 for the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute which runs the cancer research clinic at the Fairfax Hospital in Fairfax, Virginia. It was there that doctors pro-

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

A HIGHER CALLING

Ginny DelVecchio Battles Illness

Every so often there is one among us who rises to a higher calling. Those of you who remember **Ginny (Scaturro) DelVecchio '66** and her husband **Paul '66** will not be surprised by the strength of character they are exhibiting as Ginny copes with a debilitating disease called Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, better known as "Lou Gehrig's Disease." Ginny knows intimately what ALS will do. It killed her mother ten years ago and brother eight years ago.

In 1987, not knowing that one day she too would be diagnosed with the disease, Ginny founded a patient support group in Massachusetts to help her mother. Three years later it grew into the Massachusetts Chapter of the ALS Association and Ginny served as its first president. Today she is vice president of the chapter as well as the administrative director of the United Methodist Nursery School where she also had taught for seven years.

These would be big responsibilities under any condition. For Ginny they are beyond that. Although she can no longer speak, a voice-synthesizer enables her to continue communicating with family, friends, and even her young students.

Paul is her other voice, crediting her with courage and optimism. He says it's hope for a cure that keeps them both going. To that end they have invested all their energy these days in raising funds for research. Their story has generated media interest and coverage from *The Boston Globe*, Channels 4 and 7 and local newspapers surrounding their hometown of Winchester.

The publicity is all for one thing, affirms Paul: to encourage contributions to the **ALS/Lou Gehrig's Disease Chapter, 7 Lincoln Street, Wakefield, MA 01880, (617-245-2133)**.

Since the DelVecchio family's association with Merrimack extends to the next generation, a younger group of alumni may also recognize the name. Ginny and Paul's sons both graduated from the college. **Peter** graduated in '90 and **Todd** in '92. Todd's wife is alumna **Shelagh (Dean) '94**.



Jim Burke '73 recently received the Harry Ankeles Community Service Award presented by the Peabody Chamber of Commerce. Pictured with him are Cynthia and Heidi Ankeles.

longed Kathryn's '68 life by using experimental drugs. Last year the tournament raised \$191,553. To contact the family, write to 1406 Crowell Road, Vienna, Virginia, 22182.

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Edward Camara Jr. sends greetings from New Bedford, Mass., where he was appointed director of the Office of Tourism and served as Rep. Barney Frank's delegate to the 1995 White House Conference on Travel and Tourism.

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Edward S. Buscema has been named chief financial officer of Sotas International, Inc., a producer of business application software located in Haverhill, Mass. Edward most recently headed his own private accounting practice. He was formerly employed by GE Software International, now owned by Computer Associates Inc. Edward is a certified management accountant who holds a degree from Syracuse University and resides with his wife Nancy in Andover, Mass. **John H. Handfield** has been appointed interim superintendent of the Hillsboro-Deering, Washington and Windsor, N.H. school districts. He holds a master of education degree from Suffolk University in Boston, and a doc-

toral of education degree from Boston University. John lives in Manchester, N.H., with his wife Geraldine and their daughter Amy. **Richard J. Josselyn** has joined WPI Termiflex, Inc., located in Merrimack, N.H., as controller. He and his wife Patricia reside in Andover. **Mary Lou (Albani) Wilson** was recently named Bedford's Business Person of the Year by members of the Bedford (N.H.) Rotary Club. She lives in the town with her husband Bruce and their four children. Mary Lou is the owner of Smile Awhile, a gift shop and function planning business.

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A. J. Belleville is included in the recent edition of *Who's Who in the East*. Belleville, assistant superintendent at the Essex County Correctional Facility in Middleton, Mass., is a former newspaper editor and continues to free-lance as a writer. He is currently in charge of compliance and accreditation for the Sheriff's Department, as well as the training division and armory, munitions, and policy development. **Jim Bourke** has joined Century 21 Jennings Agency in Keene, N.H., as a sales associate. Jim has worked for Ernst & Young in Boston, Concord Laboratories Inc., in Keene, as chief financial officer, and most recently, in his own accounting practice in Keene. He obtained his real-estate license in 1994. **Stephen Stankus** has spent twenty-five years teaching at the Presentation of Mary Academy in

Methuen, Mass., and was recently featured in the local newspaper for being one of only two male teachers at the all-girl school. According to Stephen, it's an ideal teaching situation: "...the worst discipline problem is an untucked uniform. Detention might run an hour a week...."

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U.S. Navy Captain **James T. Corbett**, was appointed commanding officer, Navy Public Works Center, San Diego, last September. He had served as the Center's executive officer since July 1994 touring as Force Civil Engineer on the staff of the Commander, Naval Air Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, San Diego, and as Commanding Officer, Naval Mobile Construction Battalion FOUR, which included deployments to the Persian Gulf in support of Operation Desert Shield; the Philippines in support of Operation Fiery Vigil; and South Florida as part of Task Force Andrew. During his tenure, Capt. Corbett's battalion won the Best of Type and the Peltier Award as the top Seabee Battalion in the Navy. He resides with his wife **Janet (Beard) '70** in Coronado, California.

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Nicholas J. Chapman recently opened a law office in Newburyport, Mass., concentrating in estate planning, trust and estate administration, business law and taxation. He resides in Haverhill, Mass. **Richard L. Chasse II** is a long-term planner. That's why he sold his successful flower business recently, so that in a few years he can board his thirty-five foot sailboat "The Office" and pursue a lifelong dream of sailing along the eastern seaboard. He's got one more exam to go before becoming licensed as a Coast Guard captain, and a son about to enter college who needs his financial assistance. These are the only things keeping him ashore. Once he pulls up anchor, Richard will spend winters in the Caribbean and summers in Waterville, Maine where he currently resides. The Massachusetts Water Resources Authority has announced the promotion of **William A. Kane** as senior program manager of Piping in the the Engineering and Construc-

tion Department, Waterworks Division. William will manage the design of twenty-nine new pipeline projects, as well as the ten existing pipeline rehabilitation projects now underway. He resides in Dorchester. **Teri (Schwartz) LeBeau** has been named corporate director of investor relations for Dow Chemical Company and ex-officio member of the finance committee of Dow's board of directors. Teri lives in Midland, Michigan, with her husband Joe, and son Matt, age 13. **Moiria Clark O'Brien** is the principal and special education administrator at Fisher Hill School in Orange, Mass. **James F. Poirier** has been appointed chief probation officer at the Milford Division of the Massachusetts District Court Department. Since 1973 he had been a probation officer at Framingham District Court. **Maureen (Roche) Riendeau** and her husband Paul recently bought a small restaurant in the center of Orange, Mass. She writes, "We are in the process of changing the name to the "Village Grille," changing menus by adding homemade soups and desserts, and generally learning the ropes of the food business. We are also learning to do without much social life, or even sleep! We do enjoy it, and eventually should carve out some time for ourselves.... I hope by June I (can) take the time off to go to...Reunion." **Jim Tutko**, Fire Chief of Danvers, Mass., oversees a new state-of-the-art fire station completed last fall. He lives in Danvers with his wife Brenda, daughters Erica, 16, and Hillary, 11, and son Jimmy, 14.

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William V. Cody has accepted a position as vice president-west coast with Heritage Propane Corporation. He and his wife Lisa live in Auburn, California. **Frank A. Colizzi** was awarded top listing agent and outstanding realtor for Femino Realty in Tewksbury, Mass. He has over twenty years real estate selling experience. The Woburn (Mass.) Business Association recently recognized **Peter D. Collins** for his contribution to the community. A past president, Peter received the "President's Award." He is an executive with the Collins Management Company.

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Lt. Andrew V. Melnikas, a firefighter for the town of North Andover, Mass., was recently given the state's first annual Fire and Life Safety Educator of the Year Award. Andrew, who teaches a fire prevention and safety course to elementary and pre-school students, was selected from a field of ten candidates. **Dr. Richard F. Shaw** was recently awarded the honor of full professor at Louisiana State University's Department of Oceanography and Coastal Sciences. **Deborah (Kelly) Woelflein**, English Department Head at Merrimack High School, was selected by the New Hamp-

shire Department of Education as Teacher of the Year. She lives in Nashua, N.H. with her husband **John '73**, daughters Beth, 16, and Laura, 13, and son John, 12. The Peabody Chamber of Commerce has awarded **James J. Burke, Esq.**, partner in the law firm of Antico, Barrett & Burke, the 1995 Harry Ankeles Community Service Award for "exemplifying the spirit of selfless dedication to the community."

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John A. Buccini Jr., was appointed Middle School head teacher of the Austin Preparatory School in

Reading, Mass. **Patricia Callahan Cluett** sends greetings from Cockeysville, Maryland, outside Baltimore, where she is a clinical social worker at Johns Hopkins Hospital. She and her husband Edward have two sons: Edward, 8, and Ryan, 4. **Janet Hotham**, was hired last fall as a first grade teacher at Chebeague Island School in Chebeague, Maine.

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Norma J. Brettell has moved her law office to Washington Street, Boston. She has maintained her own practice since 1989. Norma re-

ceived her Juris Doctor degree from the State University of New York at Buffalo School of Law in 1981. Last September **Ray Cebula** received an academic year appointment to Harvard Law School. He is an attorney with the Disability Law Center in Boston, and lives in Dracut, Mass. **Joyce (McDonald) Shannon** was named vice president of subacute services for the ADS group, a Massachusetts-based eldercare company which specializes in providing subacute and long term care in hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living communities and private homes. Last January **Dana K. Skinner** was named athletic director of the University of Massachusetts Lowell. He had been acting director. Dana

The Alumni Council President's Letter



Molly (O'Donnell) Bresnahan '89, Alumni Council President

pus ministry, Sister Elaine Polcari, S.S.N.D. These Lenten programs were truly enjoyed by the alumni, their families and friends who participated.

The Alumni Resource Committee continues to help alumni and students. One of its projects was to call recent graduates for the placement office. A job fair for recent graduates will be hosted this fall by the Catholic College Consortium of New England, an initiative by the placement office, to which the committee will lend its assistance.

In the coming months, the Alumni Council will be involved in several programs designed to benefit alumni and the college. With the help of the Admissions Committee, inquiries and applications to the college have grown substantially. We would like to thank all alumni who have participated in the fall and spring Alumni Ambassador programs. The results are terrific and we look forward to future success with this program.

The Nominating Committee will present a slate of candidates to the council at our

spring meeting. If you would like to be considered for appointment to the council, we encourage you to let us know. Your input and support would be welcome.

The Student Leadership night will be held this spring. The Student Liaison and Alumni Resource Committees work in conjunction with student life to coordinate this event for current and future student leaders. Alumni will speak on how being a leader at Merrimack prepared them for their professional and personal lives. This is an enjoyable program for students and alumni as they share experiences and learning about different careers. A reception is also planned for the senior class to welcome them to the alumni.

Mark Your Calendars for coming events! The June 6 Spring Fling will be held in Boston's North End. Reunion Weekend will take place on Friday, June 21, with a golf tournament at Far Corner in West Boxford, and a "Welcome Back" celebration; and on Saturday, June 22, with on-campus events. Morning semi-

nars include the Life of St. Augustine, Estate Planning, and Career Planning. These will be followed by a family picnic and Mass, at which the fortieth anniversary class will be honored with a medal ceremony. Honor class receptions will be held in the evening.

The new alumni directory will be published within the next few months. Everyone should have been contacted by Harris Publishing for up-to-date home and business information. If not, please call Harris Publishing directly at 1-800-546-9368.

With the many challenges and opportunities the college faces in the days ahead, alumni support is needed now more than ever. We will be entering into a fiftieth anniversary celebration for the college this fall. Please watch for event listings in *Merrimack*.

As always, I look forward to your comments and suggestions to build a strong alumni body. We have so much to achieve, and with a concerted effort we will reach many goals.



Dana K. Skinner '78

and Friends organization in Westford, Mass., which currently has a membership of 150. **Michael J. McBride** has been promoted to deputy director of capital construction in the Waterworks Division of the Massachusetts Water Resource Authority, after six years as senior construction manager on the Boston Harbor Cleanup. He will be responsible for the formation of a new construction unit which will build a \$450 million metro-west water supply tunnel and a \$400 million water treatment and disinfection facility in Westboro, Mass. He lives in Hopkinton, Mass., with his wife **Lori J. (Ferguson) '81**, and daughters Colleen, 6, and Kerri, 18 months

lives in Haverhill with his wife **Keiko (Hiramoto) '80**, son Alexander, 6, and daughter Abigail, 2 months.

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Susan (Gancarski) Dunse completed a Master's in Business Education last fall at Johnson and Wales in Providence, Rhode Island. She is a teacher at Southeastern Regional Technical School in South Easton, Mass. In her spare time she is the cheering coach at Durfee High School in Fall River, Mass. Susan lives in Fall River with husband Robert, daughter Laura, 11, and son Robert II, 8. **Mary Ann (Connolly) Quinn** was congratulated by Re/Max Top Achievers, Inc. for outstanding sales performance for the month of August. She and her husband Bob, live in Reading, Mass., with their daughter Emily and son Michael. **John E. Flynn** became town clerk of Watertown, Mass., last fall, after having served nine years as Deputy City Clerk for the city of Cambridge.

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Louise Burque Mermer has joined Nashua Pediatrics in Nashua, N.H., as a nurse practitioner. **Barbara A. Murray** received a master's of health profession degree from Northeastern University last June and is now employed by Harvard Pilgrim HealthCare as a senior systems analyst-clinical practice systems. **Elaine (Strahan) Nicholson** is the '95-'96 co-president of the Westford Newcomers

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Robert Bonsignore was elected to the Board of Governors for the Massachusetts Academy of Trial Attorneys. His law practice and residence are located in Medford, Mass. **Bill Herrion** notched a one-hundredth career victory last February as coach of Drexel University's (located in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania) basketball team, making him only the third coach in the school's history to reach triple figures and the first to do so in only five years.

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Richard Carr has joined the audit staff of Berry, Dunn, McNeil & Parker, a CPA firm in Manchester, N.H. Carr resides in Windham, N.H., with his wife Karen and children. **Peter Huie** joined WearGuard as operations supervisor in 1984 and is now director of operations, overseeing about one-third of the company's 1500 workers in Norwell, Mass. He is responsible for product storage, transportation and distribution. **Dwight Kitchen**, senior commercial sales engineer for Osram Sylvania Inc., was named sales engineer of the year at the recent Osram Sylvania national sales meeting. He lives in Downingtown, Pennsylvania, with his wife **Patricia Larkin '85**, daughter Bridget Michelle, 4, and son David Christopher, 2. **John Kozlauska, D.M.D.**, has relocated his office for the practice of family and cosmetic dentistry to his hometown of Lynnfield, Mass. He recently received a certificate of recognition

for his teaching at Tufts University School of Dental Medicine as a clinical instructor in operative dentistry. He is active in the American Dental Association, Massachusetts Dental Society and the North Shore District Dental Society where he is past chairman of the speakers' bureau and the public relations committee. He is a member of the Wakefield-Lynnfield Kiwanis Club.

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Alfred Amaral has been promoted to General Manager of the Concord division of Boston Gas. He has been employed there since 1984.

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As soon as **James D. Murphy** completes his cardiology fellowship at the University of Florida, Gainesville, this June, he will begin his new job as a non-interventional cardiologist with Huntsville Cardiology Consultants in Huntsville, Alabama. He will also start a private practice in Decatur, Alabama and a faculty appointment at the University of Alabama. He is presently living in Gainesville, Florida, with his wife Kathy Rose and son Ryan James (see births). **Kevin J. Tinsley** was promoted to vice president of Greenberg, Rosenblatt, Kull, & Bitsoli, after only one year with the CPA firm. He and wife **Joan (Colleran) '84** live in Shrewsbury, Mass. **Lynda (MacGillivray) Winter** has joined Home Health VNA as a visiting nurse. She and her husband Ray live in North Andover, Mass. They have two grown children.

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Anne Claprod has been promoted to marketing coordinator at Tri-Star Plastics Corp. in Shrewsbury, Mass., an international distributor of high-performance plastics and bearing materials. She oversees advertising, public relations, direct mail, promotion, trade show and Internet activities and projects. Anne lives in Holden, Mass.

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Kathleen (Bullovos) Marici, D.O., received the 1994-95 Family Practice Resident of the Year Award from the Crozer Keystone Health System in Springfield, Pennsylvania. She and husband Edward live in Philadelphia. **William Shouldice IV** is the secretary of the Agency of Development and Community Affairs for the state of Vermont. He lives in Montpelier, Vermont, with his wife **Susan (Affanato) '86** and their children.

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Stephen Adamo has been named Vice President in charge of the Rhode Island Loan Production Office for Citizens Mortgage Corporation. **Nicholas Ardagna** has been named project manager for the Channel Building Company in Haverhill, Mass. Nicholas lives in Lawrence, Mass. **John M. Shaheen** recently joined URS Information Systems in Wilmington, Mass., as a sales representative. URS sells computer hardware, software and service. John lives in Methuen, Mass., with his wife Christy. **Patrick "JP" Ford** has been promoted to senior vice president of National Hotel Realty Advisors of Portsmouth, N.H. He has been with the company since 1987 and two years ago was recognized as the top broker in the New England/Mid Atlantic Region by the Hotel & Motel Brokers of America. He lives in Exeter, N.H., with his wife and son. **Karen (Roy) Schaeffer** has opened her own marketing and design agency specializing in communication design for the financial services industry. She was formerly the marketing director of Telephone Credit Union of New Hampshire in Manchester. Karen lives in Manchester with her husband Daryl. **Dr. Joseph H. Pizzarello** has opened a family dentistry practice together with his wife Dr. Cristina Silvestro in Stoneham, Mass. After graduating college, Joseph accepted a commission in the United States Navy. As a department head aboard the USS Seattle, he was responsible for the dental health of personnel of the Theodore Roosevelt Air Craft Battle Group. During his tour, he participated in three cruises to the Caribbean in support of operations



John Kozlauska, D.M.D., '82

in Haiti, Puerto Rico, and Cuba. He also made two Mediterranean deployments in support of Operation Provide Promise, Operation Sharp Guard, and Operation Deny Flight. He and Cristina live in Saugus.

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Kathleen (Bracken) Ronan celebrated her first wedding anniversary last July with a trip to Alaska. In 1994 she received her master's degree in elementary education from Bridgewater State College and spent three months subbing for fifth graders at South Intermediate School in Weymouth. She is currently employed at American Overseas Marine Corp., Quincy, Mass., in the Finance Dept. Kathleen and her husband Mark live in Weymouth.

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Mark Cilea has moved his Bagel Basket Cafe and Coffee House in York Village, Maine, to larger quarters. The hours have expanded as well, turning the bagel shop into the only nightspot in town. Mark plans to hire solo or duet musical performers from local talent. By summer he expects his staff of eight to grow to 14. Mark is married to **Michelle (St. Amand) '90**. **Maureen LaBelle** is the pastoral minister at Lawrence General Hospital in Lawrence, Mass. **Scott J. La Creta** has been appointed sales manager of

OffTech, Inc., in Wilmington, Mass. His territory stretches from Bedford, N.H., to northeastern Massachusetts. He lives in Salem, N.H., with his wife Nicole DuLong. **Dan Murphy** is the director of operations for Foxboro Stadium. He and his wife Kathleen live in Quincy, Mass. **Christian St. Onge** is the service manager of Ski Market located in Danvers, Mass. He is a skier and snow boarder in winter and a surfer and biker in summer, and also builds the store's mountain bikes. **Jodie Ann (Woods) Scherer** and her husband Steven have moved from Hawaii to Thornton, Colorado, and bought a house. Jodie was recently promoted to reference laboratory specialist at Bonfils Blood Center in Denver. (See births for more news.)

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Chris Ann Scopa has been promoted to senior associate in the tax practice of the Boston office of Coopers & Lybrand, the accounting and consulting firm. Chris is a CPA who specializes in corporate taxation and has been with the firm since 1993. She lives in Malden, Mass. **Kelly A. Walters** left her position at the Massachusetts Maritime Academy to become assistant dean of admissions at Providence College in Rhode Island.

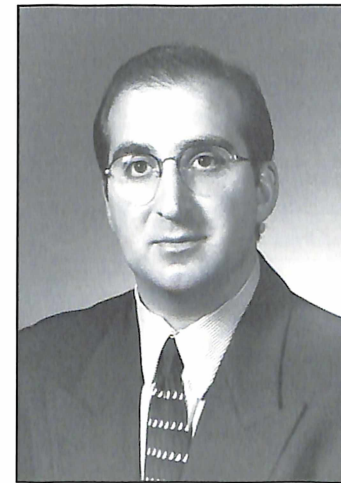
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Anastasia Andromidas has joined Realty World-Tom Saab Associates in Methuen, Mass. She has more than eight years experience in banking and finance. **Danielle J. DiMauro** is currently the program director of Meadowhouse in Waltham, Mass., which is a diagnostic and emergency shelter for emotionally troubled teenagers. She and her husband Noah Garden live in Walpole, Mass. (See Weddings.) **Matthew A. Kraunelis** has passed the New Hampshire bar examination and was sworn into the N.H. state and federal bar last November. In 1994 he was sworn into the Massachusetts state and federal bar. He is employed by Metropolitan Property and Casualty Co. in Tewksbury, Mass. **Sherly (Sheri) A. La Creta** has accepted a sales representative position with Sun

Microsystems in Chelmsford, Mass. She lives in Atkinson, N.H. **Dr. Melissa M. (Bitler) Sarner** received her doctorate from Tufts University School of Dental Medicine. She is presently an associate in a private practice located in Long Island, NY. She and her husband Lawrence live in North Babylon, N.Y.

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Michael T. Battista is employed by the Creative Entertainment and Business Affairs division of Walt Disney World where he is a statistical associate of special events. Michael reminds us that Disney's twenty-fifth anniversary celebration



Stephen Adamo, '87

begin on October 1, 1996 so make plans to visit him and Mickey soon! He lives in Orlando, Florida. **Second Lt. Sean F. Etmon** of the Marine Corps graduated from Officer Candidates School last December. He is attending the Basic School for Officers in Quantico VA. **Debra Hourihan** was promoted to account executive at McDougall Marketing, Advertising and Public Relations in Peabody, Mass. Her accounts include Marriott Hotels, Resorts and Suites, Lexington Savings Bank and Marshmallow Fluff. Debra lives in Medford, Mass. **Allison (Ali) M. McGurk** was recently promoted to senior analyst in naval aviation training system command. The computer-based program is for pilots and crew members who fly the F18, T45 and other aircrafts supporting navy, land, and carrier-based operations. Ali resides in Alexandria, Virginia

where she just bought her first house. **Janine Munsill** has joined the lobbying firm of Sullivan & LeShane in Hartford, Connecticut, as a legislative coordinator. **Joseph Patrick Sullivan** was sworn in to the Massachusetts bar last January. He lives in Newburyport, Mass. Last August **Julie A. Swanson** was promoted to the position of senior accountant at Deloitte & Touche located in New York City. The following month she received her CPA license in the state of New York. **James Wagner Jr.**, was recently promoted to assistant to the museum curator at the John F. Kennedy Library in Boston. John also lives in Boston. **Attention 1993 & 1994 graduates!** The Yearbook Office has extra yearbook copies and will give them away FREE. If you're interested please call 508/837-5000, ext. 4280.

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Shirine A. Nassar sends regards from Beirut-Lebanon: "When I first graduated, I worked for four months in Athens, Greece, with Consolidated Contractors International Company in the Estimation Department. In November '95 I moved back home to work with the same company on the rehabilitation and extension of Beirut International Airport in Lebanon as site engineer. I am the first woman engineer to work on site in the history of the company. It was hard at the beginning but now I've gotten used to it, as has everybody gotten used to me. Hopefully I'll be visiting the states in August 1996. I want to send my regards to all, especially sisters of Theta Phi Alpha, to C.J., Beth, Kim Liz, Van, Mave." **Matt Poska** is a teacher in the Lynn Public School system and an assistant coach for the Hamilton-Wenham Generals' hockey team. Matt won the John Carleton Award as the state's best goalie when he played for Merrimack.

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Patricia Albuquerque is training to be a pension plan administrator with Griffin Pension Services in South Hamilton, Mass. She lives in Salem, Mass. **Elizabeth S. Brown** won the annual scholarship award from the New Hampshire Commercial Fishermen's Association

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last November. She is the daughter of lobsterman Robert Brown who fishes out of Hampton, N. H., and lives in Exeter. Elizabeth is currently enrolled as an environmental engineering graduate student at Clarkson University in Potsdam, New York. **Katy Doyle**, former editor of *Merrimack Review* and *Mass Reaction* has joined the English Department of Austin Preparatory School in Reading, Mass. Katy has written for various publications and served as a writing instructor in the Merrimack Writing Center. She also led a workshop in

the Andover Breadloaf Writing program. **Julie Harte** is teaching first grade at Sacred Heart School in Pittsfield, Mass., and plans to join the Peace Corps next year. As a student here she was involved with the On-Stagers Dramatic Society and the Merrimack Outreach Experience. **Glenn Kealy** is a licensed practical nurse in psychiatric care and crisis management and an emergency medical technician. **Rachel Hayes** is currently working in real estate development at Hayes Development Corp. in West Concord, Mass.

Births

Ann (Giragosian) Daw '76 and husband Tom: a daughter Adrena Ann, July 15.

Donald Riccio '79 and wife Karen: a daughter, Nicole, Dec. 31. She joins her brother Tyler.

Margaret (Hoey) Doyle '80 and husband Michael: a daughter, Kelsey Ellen, July 6. She joins her half-sister Jessie.

Michael McBride '80 and wife **Lori (Ferguson) McBride '81**: a daughter, Kerri, Oct. 6. She joins her sister Colleen.

John Mordach '81 and wife Carol: a son, Samuel Albert, July 31.

Maureen (McBrine) Baptista '81 and husband Edward: a son, Matthew Robert, July 8. He joins his brother Brian Edward.

Darlene Clark '82 and husband David: twin sons, Troy and Colin. They join their siblings Eric, Britany and Lindsay.

Vincent Morgan '83 and wife Mary: a daughter, Anne, Oct. 21. She joins her brother Max.

David Farrell '84 and wife Heather: a daughter, Katie Elizabeth, July 27.

James Murphy '84 and wife Kathy Rose: a son, Ryan James, Dec. 18.

Thomas '85 and **Nila (Thoday) Doyle '88**: a son, Evan Thomas, April 28. He joins his sister Sara Christine.

Ann (Considine) Healy '85 and husband Kenneth: a daughter, Catherine Amelia, April 30.

Joy (Ely) Lenihan '85 and husband Jerry: a son, Samuel Jack, Oct. 12.

Martha (Miller) '87 and husband **Joseph Caporale '87**: a son, Joseph Jr., Oct. 16.

Christine (Mullins) Glover '88 and husband William: a son, Steven Ryan, Dec. 7.

Diane (Godin) Macy '88 and husband Phillip: a son, Matthew Phillip, Oct. 10.

Melissa (Roy) Morley '88 and husband John: a son, John Louis, July 29.

Maura (Neilan) Rodino '88 and husband Ross '90: a son, John Louis, Nov. 14.

Dianne (Fransen) Thiergartner '88 and husband Bradley: a daughter, Jessica Ellen, Aug. 2.

Molly (O'Donnell) Bresnahan '89 and husband Dan: a daughter, Megan Patricia, Nov. 1.

Brian Butler '89 and wife Sheila: a daughter, Haleigh Anne, Nov. 12.

Jodie Ann (Woods) Scherer '89 and husband Steven: a daughter, Shannon Laura, Nov. 21.

Nancy (Gonet) Drozewski '93 and husband John: a daughter, Megan Emily, July 22.



Roger LaPointe Jr., '89 and **Wendy Smith** wed January 20 at Merrimack College.

Cathy Valeri '77 and **Steven Lloyd** at Merrimack College, Sept. 15.

Mark Heffernan '81 and **Judith Mitchell** at Our Lady of the Assumption Church in Osterville, Mass., Oct. 8.

Cynthia Jo Murawski '81 and **Michael DiCera** at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Naugatuck, Conn., Oct. 7.

Jeanne Sutherland '83 and **Mark Murphy** on Aug. 6.

Catherine Denn '84 and **Andrew Freed** at Memorial Church, Harvard University in Cambridge, Mass., Sept. 10.

Jill Arsenault '85 and **Michael Erwin** at the Bluff House in Stowe, Vermont, Nov. 3.

Charles Dewire '85 and **Melissa Manning** at Parish of Christ Church, Andover, Mass., Aug. 19.

Ed Gorrigan '85 and **Anne McAdams '87** at St. Patrick's Church in Moretown, Vermont, Oct. 28.

Deborah Howley '86 and **Rich Mazzella** at St. Joseph's Church in Bronxville, NY, Nov. 18.

Antonio Alli '87 and **Jennifer Maes** at St. Mary Star of the Sea Church in Beverly, Mass.

Jayne Amirault '87 and **Kevin O'Brien** at Merrimack College, Oct. 21.

Laura Kenison '87 and **Daniel Rosengarten** at Andover Country Club in Andover, Mass., Aug. 6.

Susan Burns '88 and **Dennis Holland** at St. Malachy's Church in Burlington, Mass., Nov. 4.

Donna Gaudet '88 and **Andrew Hosmer** at St. Mary's Church in Lawrence, Mass., Sept. 9.

John Horrigan '88 and **Colleen Grover '89** at Annisquam Village Church in Gloucester, Mass., Sept. 3.

Kimberly Melican '88 and **Edward Herdiech** at Merrimack College, Aug. 19.

Paul Waystack '88 and **Karen Spinola** at St. Ann's Church in Gloucester, Mass., May 20.

Timothy Walker '88 and **Karen Howland** at Hardwick Congregational Church in Hardwick, Mass.

Sheila Boyajian '89 and **Mark Finstein** at the Natick Officers' Club in Natick, Mass., May 27.

Pamela Butler '89 and **David Patterson** at St. Catherine de Siena Catholic Church in Charlestown, Mass., Sept. 9.

William Cundiff '89 and **Dianne Brissette** at Blessed Sacrament Church in Walpole, Mass., Oct. 15.

Erin Muldoon '89 and **Keith McManus '90** at Cathedral of The Immaculate Conception in Portland Maine, Aug. 5.

John Hebert '90 and **Kellie Howell** at Immaculate Conception Church in Lowell, Mass., Sept. 23.

Weddings

Sandra Kushi '90 and **David Morrison** at St. Mark's Church, Oct. 14.

Suzanne Busineau '91 and **Anthony Antinoro** at Atkinson Congregational Church in Atkinson, N.H., Sept. 23.

George Clement '91 and **Maryellen Corkhum '91** at Merrimack College, Oct. 7.

Lisa Deeran '91 and **Larry Russo III '92** at Merrimack College, May 6.

Danielle DiMauro '91 and **Noah Garden** at Keeny Memorial Cultural Center in Old Wethersfield, Conn., Oct. 8.

Anthony Eramo '91 and **Allison McCabe** at Sacred Hearts Parish in Bradford, Mass.

Maria Grande '91 and **Jason Muise** at Holy Rosary Church in Lawrence, Mass.

Michele Machnik '91 and **Kevin Fleming** at St. Monica Church in Methuen, Mass.

Erin McGreevy '91 and **Edward Sullivan Jr.**, at St. William's Church in Tewksbury, Mass.

Kevin Rhodes '91 and **Maura Murphy** at St. Joseph's Church in Danbury, Conn., Sept. 9.

Thomas Dandeneau '92 and **Sheila Doe** at Arnolds Mills United Methodist Church in Cumberland, R.I., Sept. 24.

Charles Fellows IV '92 and **Rachel Lafrance '92** at St. John the Baptist Church, Westport, Mass., Dec. 23.

James Hatch, Jr. '92 and **Christina Savastano** at St. Joseph Church in Salem, N.H., Oct. 21.

Laura Palmisano '92 and **Daniel Graziano** at Merrimack College, Aug. 19.

Paula Pistorino '92 and **Patrick Higgins** at Merrimack College, Oct. 7.

David Pucci '92 and **Melissa Petrillo** at St. Mary's Church in Chelmsford, Mass., Nov. 4.

John Ryan '92 and **Ronda Carlson** at Rancho Las Lomas in Silverado, Canyon, California.

Wayne Bassett '93 and **Heidi Hudson** at United Methodist Church in South Yarmouth, Mass.

Michael Fruhbeis '93 and **Trisha Watkins** at St. Patrick Church in Pelham, N.H.

Matthew Hayes '93 and **Tara Coughlin** at Gate of Heaven Church in South Boston, Mass.

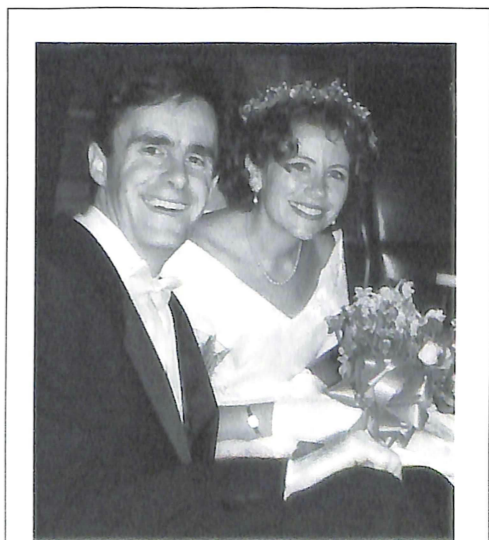
Jose Isidro '93 and **Theresa Farrell '94** at Immaculate Conception Church in Salem, Mass., Oct. 21.

Kelly King '93 and **Eric Spooner** at St. Peter Church in Higganum, Conn., July 1.

Mary-Beth Morin '93 and **Christopher Ham** at Merrimack College, July 16.

Ronald Cote, Jr. '94 and **Lynne Scheufele** at St. Patrick's Church in Natick, Mass., Aug. 19.

Robert Schena '94 and **Amy Blasdel** at Merrimack College, July 22.



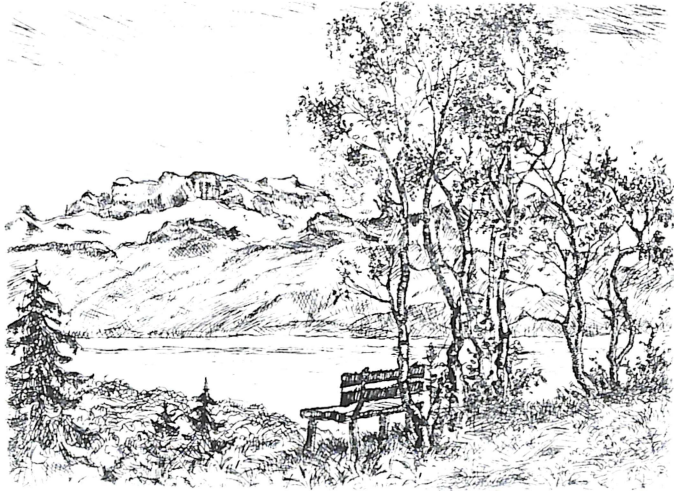
Raymond Joyce '82 and **Michele Caterina** wed September 9 at St. Zepherin Church in Wayland, Mass.

Deaths

Walter W. Currier '51 of Saint Clair Shores, Michigan, passed away on October 27. He leaves his wife Barbara; four children; John, Margaret O'Connell, Daniel and Mary; three grandchildren, Megan, Allyson, and Adam.

Walter G. Nutter '51 of Lowell, Mass., died September 17 after a long illness. He was 69. He was an Army veteran of World War II, having served with the 82nd Airborne Division as a paratrooper in the European Theater of Operations. He was a recipient of the Army of Occupation Medal, the European African Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, the World War II Victory Medal, and the Purple Heart. Dr. Nutter received his master's degree from Boston College, and his doctoral degree in psychology and sociology from Boston University. He was a 44-year employee of the city of Lowell. Dr. Nutter was a counselor for the Lowell School Department until 1976 when he began teaching psychology and sociology at Lowell High School. He also coached various girls softball teams in Dracut. Besides his wife, Pauline (Charette), he leaves five sons Walter Jr., Thomas, Steven, Timothy, David, four daughters; Patricia McDowell, Dorothy, JudiAne and Kimberlee Nutter; a brother George, two sisters; Eleanor Quinn and Mary Conole; eight grandchildren; also several nieces and nephews. He was also the brother of the late John, Robert and Joseph Nutter.

Louis J. Demetroulakos '56 of Lowell, Mass., died unexpectedly on January 5 at the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center. He was 62. Louis was a veteran of the Korean War. He received a master of science degree from Union College. He taught biology at Wilmington and Lowell high schools. In 1970 after teaching for several years, he became assistant dean of student affairs at Lowell Tech and in 1975 he became registrar of the University of Massachusetts-Lowell. He retired from this position in 1995. He was a member of the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, the AHEPA, the Men's Guild of D'Youville Manor and the Longmeadow Golf Club. Louis is survived by his wife Elaine (Margaretes-Andrews), two sons, James and Lucas; a daughter,



Dede; and two grandchildren, Marina and Arianna.

Nancy (Adams) Marisseau '61 of Gardner, Mass., died October 23 after an illness. She was 61. She earned a master's degree from the University of Massachusetts-Boston in 1989, and a master's degree from Fitchburg State College in 1992. She was a Navy veteran of the Korean War, serving overseas as a radio operator. She had been a substitute teacher and helped bring courses composed by the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination to the Gardner school curriculum. She also established the first library at the Elm Street School. Nancy helped Southeast Asian refugees to overcome language and cultural barriers and was a host parent to students from France, Mexico, Chile and Venezuela. In 1983 she received a Humanitarian Award from the Refugee Resettlement Program. In 1986 she was selected as a Grand Gardnerite as a "truly international woman." In 1994, she was honored by the Gardner Chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons as a Pioneering Woman for completing a

15,000-mile solo journey in her recreational vehicle, making a complete circle around the United States. She leaves two sons; Kenneth and Myles, two daughters; Medora and Simone, a sister; Barbara Rooney; and a granddaughter, nieces and nephews.

Brendan J. Callahan '61 of Bellingham, Mass., died December 15 at Milford-Whitinsville Regional Hospital. He was 56. He received his master's degree in organic chemistry at the University of Maine, Orono. Brendan had been employed for the past 24 years with Factory Mutual Research Corporation in Norwood, Mass., as assistant manager of the materials division. He was a former chemistry teacher at the University of Maine, Uxbridge High School and Concord-Carlisle High School. He was a communicant of St. Brendan's Church and held membership in the American Chemical Society. In addition to his wife of 28 years, Judith (Brill), he is survived by his mother Mary Callahan, three brothers; Thomas, James, Dennis; one sister, Catherine; and several nieces and nephews.

As this issue went to press, the Merrimack College community was saddened by the death of popular mathematics professor, **Dr. John W. Royal**. A Warrior Athletic scholarship fund has been established in his name. Contributions may be sent to Merrimack College, Dr. John Royal Memorial Fund, Office of Institutional Advancement, Box A-8, 315 Turnpike Street, North Andover, MA 01845. Condolences may be sent to Mrs. John Royal and family, 111 Peters Street, North Andover, MA 01845. A complete obituary will appear in the next issue of *Merrimack*.

John V. Cunningham '62 of Brewster, N.Y., and formerly of Maine, California and Connecticut, and a native of Medford, Mass., died suddenly at his home on September 9. He was 54. He received his master's degree in social work from Boston College and his master's in business management from Pepperdine University in Malibu, California. He served as an information officer with the 101st Air Defense Wing of the Maine Air National Guard. At the time of his death, John was the executive vice president of United Way of Tri-State Inc., where he had been employed for 25 years. He is survived by his wife Jeannette (Perron '65); twin daughters, Meaghan and Heather; mother Gertrude (Foley); sister Sheila Kadra; and several nieces and nephews.

Charles A. Aaronian '66, of Lawrence, Mass., died October 24 at the Holy Family Hospital. He was 68. He was employed at the Internal Revenue Service until his retirement and most recently worked as a security guard at Royal Crest Estates in North Andover. He was also a self-employed accountant and tax preparer. He was a 30-year volunteer for the American Cancer Society and founder of the Merrimack Valley Laryngectomy Club and support group. He taught hundreds of laryngectomy patients to speak. He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Theresa (Keegan); two sons Michael and C. Jeffrey; a sister, Mary Aaronian; two granddaughters; and several nieces and nephews.

John J. Gateley '71 died May 4 after a long illness. John was employed by the Boston Public Schools in various teaching and administrative positions from 1972 to 1995. He was also associated with Camp Joy in Boston having served as its director for many years. Kathleen Casey Boucher '71 writes that a gathering of his friends was held last March to celebrate John's love for life.

Alexander Hernandez '88 of Hialeah, Florida, passed away on August 29, 1995.

Paula A. Doyle '91 of Dorchester, Mass., passed away in September 1995.



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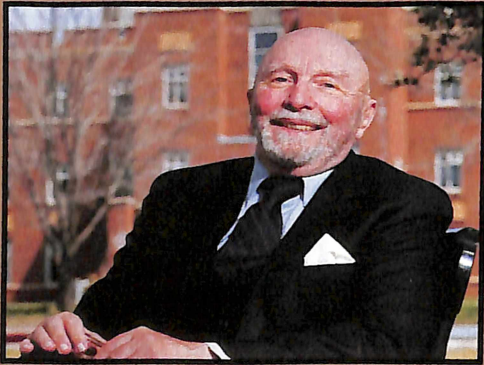
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