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Building the new Garden

Ed Collins '58
and
Mike Hunter '84

The changing Merrimack

THIS PAST FALL we held alumni gatherings in Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, and New York City.

At each location we found unanimity among alumni – no matter what their graduating year – regarding their sentiments toward Merrimack.

My colleagues and I were also gratified not only by the numbers of alumni who attended the events but the overriding love and support demonstrated for Merrimack.

Because many of those attending the events, no matter where they were from, had the same questions and comments about their alma mater, I thought I would take this space to share with you the information given at those meetings.

Mary Lou Retelle, our new dean of admissions and financial aid, graduated from Merrimack in 1976, and had an unexpected and pleasant mini-reunion of her own with a number of her classmates. They enthusiastically endorsed the College's plans to expand recruiting locations and to reintroduce a Merrimack presence into the mid-Atlantic states. Those states had been part of our recruiting efforts in former years, but for a number of reasons, staff and budget constraints among others, admissions representatives had not been visiting there. We have also begun recruiting in Asia, and have already had results: three students from Singapore, one from Taiwan and one from Japan have transferred to Merrimack, and 20 more Asian students are expected in the fall.

Alumni approved of the admissions office's more aggressive strategies, and volunteered to help interview prospective students, host receptions in their homes, and provide referrals to admissions.

Because these generous offers were forthcoming in all three cities, we think there are many more of you out there who would like to help our recruiting effort. If so, please call Susan Wojtas, director of alumni relations, at (508) 837-5440, or the admissions office at (508) 837-5100.

Many of those attending the events had not been back to the campus in a long time (one alumna had not been back since she graduated in 1967) and were eager to know what the campus looks like now. Let me give you a word sketch of how Merrimack looks today.

The trees many of you knew in the 'fifties as spindly saplings have matured to

the point where leaf-raking is a major effort in the fall. This year students in the fraternities and sororities demonstrated their community spirit by volunteering a weekend to help with leaf cleanup. This is the true meaning of the "Greek Spirit."

The utilitarian architecture of Cushing and Sullivan halls is still utilitarian, but anything but predictable. With our own physical plant department acting as construction supervisor (resulting in significant savings), the interiors of the two classroom buildings have been totally renovated, refurbished, and reconstructed. We have brighter and roomier classrooms, labs, and faculty offices; student lounges and seminar rooms; and more attractive and energy-saving windows. Faculty and students have been delighted by the changes.

As most of you know, our new science and engineering center, the Mendel Center, boasts not only state-of-the-art labs and equipment, but the best astronomy observatory north of Boston. It serves our own students and members of the surrounding communities, who are invited to monthly "stargazing" nights.

Our relatively new student apartment buildings, St. Thomas and St. Ann, are as comfortable and attractive as any private apartment complex. They are reserved for upperclass students, many of whom learn very quickly how to cook and clean for themselves. While not listed in our course catalogue, this kind of education is useful indeed.

Many of our alumni were curious about faculty they had at Merrimack. Here is what is happening to a few.

Bill Garrett has been retired for a couple of years and lives in his native south, in Louisiana. But that doesn't stop him from coming back twice a year, once in the spring for commencement, and once again in the fall – for leaf-peeping, I suspect.

Peter Ford is still teaching at Merrimack and his history classes are as popular as ever.

Ralph Parrotta has been retired for the last few years but remains busy in his community with activities such as visiting nursing homes. During the winter, however, Ralph knows the only place to be is Florida.

George Wermers is planning to retire



Interim President Richard J. Santagati

next year and is teaching every other semester at the moment. Geraldine Branca and "Bud" Keohan are also still teaching. Gerri's students of Chaucer are doing themselves, her, and the College very proud at regional conferences. Bud is teaching more journalism courses and is still the biggest Warrior booster on campus.

Speaking of the Warriors, both the men and the women are doing superbly, not only on the field but in their studies as well. We are very proud of our student athletes, and have had seven academic all-Americans since 1990.

While we seek to enlarge our pool of applicants to Merrimack, we are not intending to grow large. The bigger number of applicants gives us the opportunity to admit the kinds of students we think will benefit most from a Merrimack education – students who are pretty much the same as you were: bright individuals willing to work hard, who know right from wrong, and who have many shared values.

While some things have changed at Merrimack – more and improved facilities, a lush landscape, and the growing diversity of our student population – much more has remained the same. We still live by our mission to educate thinking, caring, and spiritually aware students; we still live by our Augustinian traditions of seeking truth within a community; and we still have a faculty that sees and treats students as individuals. As for the future, we hope we'll be able to enlarge and improve our athletic facilities and to establish a student center and a cultural center, and we hope to judiciously add programs and courses in order to serve students better. With the kind of enthusiasm for Merrimack that we witnessed at the alumni meetings, I am confident those hopes will become a reality.

Thank you for that enthusiasm and for the loyalty you continue to show. We need that loyalty, and we appreciate it greatly.

Ed Collins '56 grew up in Peabody, Mass., and like many other kids before and since, loved the Boston Celtics. Little did he know that some 40 years later he and the company he now heads would be building the team's new home, the Shawmut Center. In this issue we visit the site and talk to Collins and fellow alumni Mike Hunter '84, Collins' supervisor of construction. In this edition we also profile Dianne Cruz '92 and the tutoring program for minority girls she directs. In our essay and faculty sections, we hear from Wendy Wakeman '93, who writes about life inside a close Congressional race, and from Professor Charles Tontar, who helped the city of Lawrence, Mass., devise a plan to deal with one of its most serious problems: arson.

We appreciate your kind comments on the newly expanded and designed Merrimack magazine. Remember, though, that you're at the heart of it – we welcome (and in fact rely upon) your ideas, personal news, photos and essay suggestions. Keep them coming!

– Melanie Wilson

On the cover: Ed Collins '56 and Mike Hunter '84 on site at the new Boston Garden, to be officially known as the Shawmut Center. (Photo by David Oxtan)

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Three cheers

Dena Caporale cheered for her local teams in high school, but she never imagined that one day she'd become, well, a pro, ending up at Foxboro as a cheerleader for the New England Patriots. But that's exactly what happened. After competing against 400 other young women in auditions last spring, Caporale, 20, "amazed" herself by winning a slot on the 40-member squad. A sociology major at Merrimack, Caporale credits her win to her dance background, but it surely has something to do with her enthusiasm as well. She practices with the squad for 10 hours a week and for an additional four hours before each game. Expertly made-up and dressed to the nines in red, silver and blue sequined uniforms, the cheerleaders then proceed to exercise their considerable energies on the crowd – a crowd which, by the way, was sold to capacity every game this season. Caporale also, as per contract, attends pre-season training camp, makes public appearances, and has her own trading card, just as the players themselves do. (With whom, she emphasizes, the cheerleaders are strictly forbidden to fraternize: "The only time we actually see them is on the field.") She recently won a "Rookie of the Year" award, naming her the best of the 15 rookies on the squad, and hopes to be back next year. Maybe, even, for many years after that. It could happen: The oldest cheerleader on the squad is a ripe old 31.



History, where it's made

A course in biblical history, conducted where that history was made, is being offered by Merrimack next summer.

Dr. Warren Kay, religious studies professor, will lead the study tour from June 30 to July 15 in Jerusalem, Galilee, Caesarea, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Jericho, the Dead Sea region and Athens.

The course is aimed at those interested in the historical roots of the western intellectual tradition, and the history and geography of the biblical world.

Another off-campus course, this one in marine natural history, will be held on Appledore, part of the Isles of Shoals off the New Hampshire coast, from May 23 to 30. The course will present an overview of marine science, focusing on the biology of intertidal marine organisms and the island's natural history. Dr. Larry Kelts of the college's biology faculty will lead the course.

To register for either, call the Continuing Education office at (508) 837-5101.

Engineering a victory

Last year it was building a concrete canoe that floated. This year it was constructing a 20-foot steel bridge in less than five minutes. For engineering students competing in annual contests, life's just one – how to put it? – highly unusual challenge. At the Steel Bridge Competition, held in November at the University of Maine in Orono, students from 11 regional schools constructed bridges off-site, then reconstructed them segment by segment. Merrimack's bridge, made of thin-walled conduit and threaded rods with turnbuckles, held 2,500 pounds without buckling, earning a third-place rating overall. The Merrimack team put the bridge together in about 7 1/2 minutes, overshooting its own target time but winning points for strength.



BRIDGE BUILDERS: (left to right) Jeff Curley, Michael Cashin, Jeff Ferrero, Mark Terrien and Michael Drum, with bridge.

Up in the ratings

U.S. News & World Report's "America's Best Colleges" has ranked Merrimack in the first tier, or top 25 percent, of regional colleges in the North. The magazine rated Merrimack 16th out of 92 institutions in academic reputation, which puts Merrimack in the top 13 percent of its category. Last year, in a category that included all Northeast colleges and universities, Merrimack was ranked 71st out of 168 schools. According to U.S. News, Merrimack's more impressive position this year is due to its improved academic reputation and its high commitment of fiscal resources to educational programs. In related news, Mary Lou Retelle, dean of admissions and financial aid, reports that inquiries from prospective students are up 60 percent from last year. In addition, more high school students visited the campus this fall than last, and came from a wider geographical area. Why? Good press, the recent national win of the women's softball team and a wider recruiting area, for starters.

Elections infinitum

No matter how you feel about the recent elections, one thing is undeniably true about them: they're over. For most of us, anyway. Not, however, for political science professor Eugene Declercq, who's using the lull between national campaigns to set up the Institute for Campaign Research.

According to Declercq, the institute will be devoted to the nonpartisan, comparative and systematic examination of the political campaign process in the United States, and will address myriad related issues, including how campaigns impact on voting behavior.

The institute, to be located in Cushing Hall, isn't up and running yet, but it should be open by late spring to students and non-students alike. Declercq makes one proviso, though: as a strictly nonpartisan resource, it will not make materials available to those doing research in support of particular parties, candidates or referendum issues.

Declercq, who has spent the last several months collecting campaign materials, hopes that in time the institute will be a major resource for scholars. He notes that some of its materials, though, will be impossible to utilize without special equipment. Making sense of polling data, for instance, requires a computer specially adapted for that purpose. Anyone wishing to contribute materials or supplies should contact Declercq at (508) 837-4300.

Urban Institute HUD grant the envy of bigger schools

When it comes to winning federal funding for innovative projects, small colleges can't always compete with universities. In the case of a \$464,000 grant awarded last fall by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, though, smaller turned out to be better.

The grant, one of only a handful awarded to schools around the country, went to fund the Urban Institute's efforts to revitalize Lawrence through a variety of projects aimed at housing, health, education and safety. The institute, which is located in Lawrence, has been in the city for seven years and in that time has tackled all these issues and more; in fact, according to Dr. Patricia Jaysane, director of the institute, it was the institute's comprehensive approach to urban development that made it unusual among grant applicants, and that won it support at HUD.

"We were highly competitive for this grant because we had systematically been developing relationships and programs in a wide variety of areas," she said.

Now universities with freestanding institutes of public policy or urban development – those which seemed more natural candidates for such a grant – want to know Merrimack's secret.

"We've been getting a lot of faxes and letters and phone calls from

universities who seem to be much more endowed than we are in this type of program. But what happens with universities is, because they have these institutes, they focus on economic development or planning or possibly housing, but very rarely on education We were able to look at the community comprehensively. That's partly because we're small, and because the community we're working with is somewhat smaller. We didn't suffer from specialization the way universities do."

Among the other grant recipients were Yale, the University of California at Berkeley, Texas A & M and Trinity College in Hartford.

Some of the projects the grant will fund are:

- An electronic bulletin board information center
- Assistance for local community development corporations
- Updating of minority business and service directories
- A drop-out prevention program designed to help eighth-graders make the transition to high school
- Training for small business owners
- A bilingual newsletter

New sports medicine major serves up the tough stuff

About 10 years ago, for a master's thesis, Scott Abbey researched how he might – hypothetically speaking, of course – set up a sports medicine curriculum at a small New England college. Already an athletic trainer at Merrimack, Abbey looked at sports medicine programs in colleges throughout the region and discovered that most of them lacked one critically important element: emphasis on the biological sciences. Their students took anatomy and biology, sure. But immunology? Genetics? No way.

So when, at the behest of Dr. Marcia Walsh, head of the allied health department, Abbey helped devise the college's new sports medicine major, he didn't pull any punches. "It's got a tougher academic base than any program in the Northeast that I know of. The program closest in requirements is Ithaca."

The new program prepares students in one of three areas: exercise physiology, pre-physical therapy or athletic training. Though the tracks vary somewhat, all of them are demanding. Students study chemistry, cell biology, immunology – all the courses, in fact, that any future doctor would be required to take.

The going may be tough now, but Abbey knows it will pay off for students in the end. Their firm grounding in science will not only give them a competitive advantage in a growing field, but also help get them into the graduate schools that most will enter when they leave Merrimack.

Medical-based training will also teach them to deal with more than sprains and bruises, crucial for sports medicine specialists taking care of athletes far from home. Just ask Abbey; he's been there. "When you're in Fairbanks, Alaska with the hockey team and the only health center around is closed at 10 p.m., you've

got to take care of whatever comes up," he says.

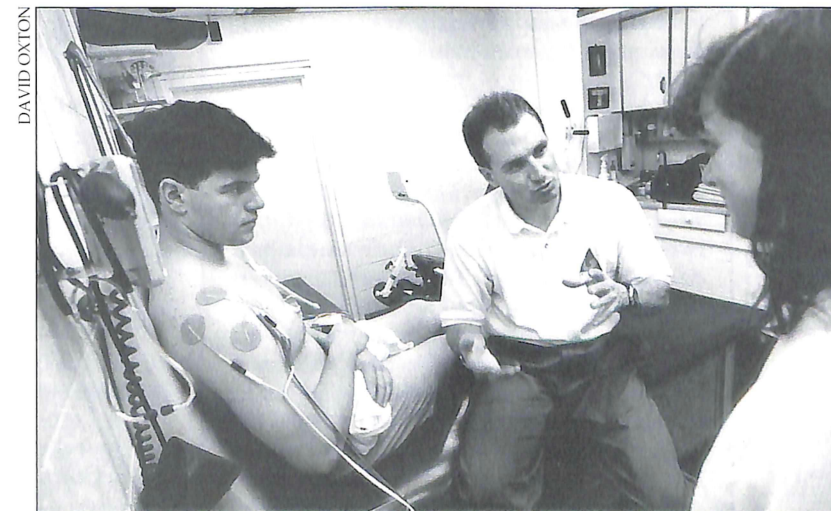
According to Abbey, heavy interest in the program at Merrimack – 34 freshmen enrolled this year, with more expected in the future – reflects the growing interest in allied health professions nationally and an increasing diversification within the medical industry itself. "It used to be that your dentist cleaned your teeth. Now there are hygienists. We save the special stuff for the specialists and delegate the rest to the allied health professions."

Walsh agrees. With an aging population, the current emphasis in medicine is on prevention rather than treatment, and

the slant is away from traditional, physician-based care. "Where before, if you had a back injury, you would be at the doctor's getting a prescription, today, instead of going the traditional Western route with surgery and drugs, why not try physical therapy or some other non-traditional approach?"

It's a trend, Abbey adds, that should make health care more accessible and cheaper for everyone.

In addition to training students to go into sports medicine, the program will also help prepare them for careers as nurse practitioners, physicians' assistants, chiropractors or osteopaths.



HOOKED UP: Brendan Reen '96, a catcher on Merrimack's baseball team, receives electronic muscle stimulation for a sore arm during a sports medicine class. Scott Abbey, center, instructs Nicole Siciliano '97 in the fine points of the treatment.

Father-son team makes Doble a winner for Merrimack co-ops

Tom Salinger didn't want to be the kind of engineer who designed things that couldn't be made; thanks to his experience in co-op, he won't be.

Salinger, 21, has worked two semesters and one summer at Doble Engineering, a Watertown company that provides specialized testing equipment and engineering services to the electric power industry. At Doble, Salinger works on small-scale hardware designs, quality assurance and more, getting the kind of experience under his belt that most students won't until long after graduation.

Though involvement in co-op lengthens his education by a year, Salinger is sure he's spent his time wisely. "If all you do is go to school and you don't have experience, I don't see you as being able to participate in valid and quality work. You're going to have an academic basis, but you're not going to understand the real world, or how things have to be done. Academics can fool you; it's all theoretical and ideal. It's not reality."

The Merrimack co-op program, now 22 years old, is unique among small Catholic colleges in the region, joining universities like Northeastern in preparing students for real-world jobs. The program places from 150 to 175 students a year in semester-long jobs, and many students, like Salinger, stay

on at co-op jobs even after the term ends.

Salinger was Doble's first co-op student from Merrimack; up until then, the company



REAL TIME: Wayne Bishop Jr. '92 (left), Wayne Bishop Sr. and Tom Salinger '95 at Doble Engineering in Watertown, Mass. Salinger is a co-op student in engineering at the company.

used co-op students only from Wentworth or Northeastern. That makes sense; Wayne Bishop, Sr., vice president of operations, simply didn't know any other schools offered the program. That's where Wayne Bishop, Jr., came in. Wayne, who graduated from Merrimack in 1992, clued his father in

to Merrimack, and Wayne Sr. liked what he saw.

It has to do, he says, with the quality of the students.

"I look for somebody who can stand on his own; you don't have to stand over him and guide him the whole way. We've had really good luck with Merrimack students. We really have. They're more hands-on; they've had some good real practical experience."

Wayne Jr., who went to work as a contracts administrator at Doble after graduation, agrees, and says the benefits go both ways.

"I've talked to Northeastern co-op students who get stuck copying pages at copiers or at other do-nothing jobs. Co-op students like Doble so much because we do everything here under one roof – the development of the product, the engineering, the design of it."

Salinger says Merrimack's co-op program and the extra education it provides students is "one of the biggest reasons" he came to Merrimack. "You tend to question the academics a little further so you can understand them more thoroughly. It's not that you doubt them or question the person teaching them, but for myself, with co-op I bring a lot more enthusiasm to it."

Boosting business in Nicaragua

In the bungalow he lives in outside of Managua, Nicaragua, Tom Trepanier '93 doesn't have a refrigerator, a TV or a phone. Coming from America, he's used to such amenities, but in a third-world country, he finds they just aren't necessary. Instead he spends his time reading, chatting with his neighbors and getting used to the slower rhythm of life just a few degrees north of the equator. That is, of course, when he's not working.

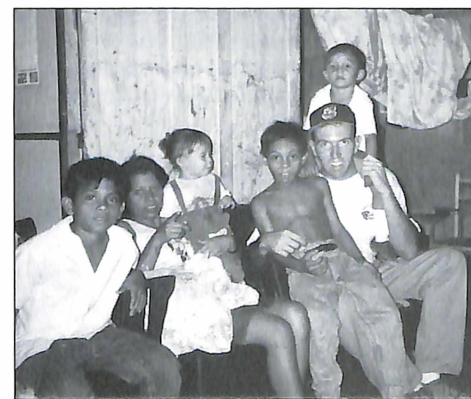
Trepanier, 24, who graduated with a degree in international business, is a Peace Corps volunteer at a Nicaraguan loan agency that lends money to small, medium and micro enterprises – the sort of mom-and-pop businesses that banks don't serve. Mom-and-pop, or more likely just mom, because Trepanier says that about 70 percent of his agency's clients are women.

Problems like divorce and joblessness mean that women frequently become the sole family breadwinner, a

difficult role to play in a poor, male-dominated society. "As it stands, it's tough for them ... they have to be real inventive about what they do. They have to be the sole supports, the managers of the money, the ones who take care of the kids."

A typical client, he says, might be a woman engaged in a popular Nicaraguan business: making and selling tortillas at home. Traditionally women have used wood to stoke their fires, but breathed in over a long period, the smoke eventually damages their lungs. Trepanier's agency – it goes by the acronym ACODEP – makes such women loans that include gas stoves, thereby improving their health, their business efficiency and, as a bonus, the environment as well: as Nicaragua begins to develop, Trepanier says, deforestation is becoming a problem.

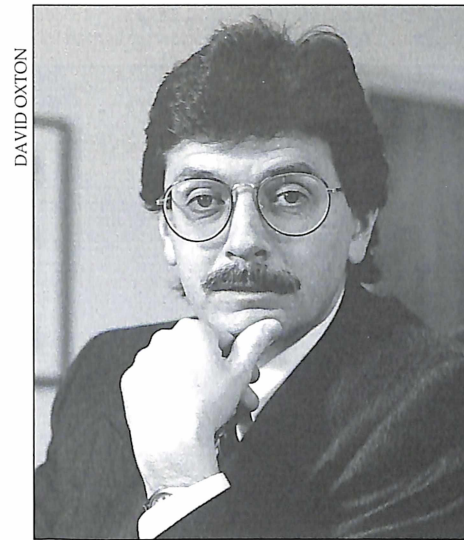
Trepanier, who grew up in Lawrence but only now, with total immersion in a Hispanic culture, has learned to speak Spanish fluently, has another year in



BEING NEIGHBORLY: Tom Trepanier '93, a Peace Corps volunteer in Nicaragua, at his neighbors' house.

Nicaragua before his term is up. He encourages others to look toward the Peace Corps for unusual opportunities, and to write him with questions about the Peace Corps or his experiences in Nicaragua. His address is: Thomas J. Trepanier, c/o Cuerpo de Paz, Apartado Postal 3256, Managua, Nicaragua, America Central.

Joe Cartier: Serving the interests of college and donor



JOSEPH CARTIER joined Merrimack in November as the college's new vice president of major gifts and planned giving. He comes to Merrimack from Babson College, where for the past two years he was director of an \$80-million fundraising campaign. He has also been associate director of major gifts and director of special gifts and regional campaigns at Boston College. *Merrimack* magazine recently had an opportunity to discuss his role at Merrimack and learn more about the intricacies of fund development.

What constitutes a "major gift" to Merrimack?

Any gift which in and of itself has a significant impact on a particular program, or on the college as a whole. At least 70 percent of pledge totals in campaigns come from that level of giving.

What about the smaller amounts pledged during the Annual Fund drives? Aren't they important?

Annual Fund giving is critical in that it includes unrestricted revenues that are very important in their amount and in their flexibility – they can be used as needed in any given year. With the Annual Fund, we want to see a very high participation rate and progressive annual increases, especially from alumni. It shows a high level of school spirit, confidence in the administration and leadership, and it also becomes leverage for certain types of giving from corporations and foundations. Some foundations require that you have a certain level of preliminary participation before they'll make a gift.

How does the concept of "planned giving" fit into the equation?

In my view, major giving and planned giving is really the same thing. It's a highly personalized plan based on the particulars of

each family's circumstances. Most people, when they hear about planned giving, think of a bequest, something that is deferred and way off in the distant future. There are a variety of ways to do planned giving, some of which *do* involve a deferred gift, such as life income plans where people put assets into trust and retain the income for their lifetime. After their lifetime, the principal comes to the college.

But what's also included in planned giving that doesn't leap to mind are non-cash assets, gifts of appreciated security, gifts of real estate and the cash value of life insurance. Artwork and gifts of closely held stock are other examples. What it all comes down to is sitting down with people willing to explore methods of planning a major philanthropic commitment. It begins with their intent. We work with them to design a gift based on their needs, the needs of their family and their wishes for the future of Merrimack. There are enormous tax and income benefits to donors and their families that people should be aware of as they refine their own financial plans and as they experience some of the milestones of life, like the sale of a company or retirement, for example.

And how does the donor benefit from planned giving?

In many ways: guaranteed income for life; elimination of capital gains tax; reduced or eliminated estate and gift taxes; or assured transfer of family assets to heirs. There's also the satisfaction of a personal financial commitment to an institution that holds an important place in their lives.

A good example might be gifts that relate to retirement plans. People ask themselves, "Where am I in my retirement plans? In 10 years, am I going to have what I need and what I want?" You may be refining that, putting more into your 401 K or IRA. Those same funds can be used to create a deferred-gift annuity to Merrimack. You receive a charitable deduction now and at the point of retirement, a guaranteed fixed income for life, just as you would from your company plan, 401K, IRA or other plan. The difference is that Merrimack will ultimately be the beneficiary of the principal assets, otherwise taxed at a rate of as much as 80 to 90 percent to your heirs.

How important are major gifts to an institution's future?

Let's take Harvard. Harvard has an endowment of over \$5 billion. Last May it announced a campaign for \$2.1 billion. Clearly there's a lot of major giving involved in that. So the idea that a high level of endowment interrupts the need for private support is not necessarily a valid one. The reason Harvard is doing this is that it's looking for incremental value. Even though it's Harvard and is very good at what it does, people there look out and see a vision of what they would like the school to be in the decade to come, and it's going to take more money. It's the same for us. Capital funds provide money for major projects; endowment provides permanent on-going operational funds and capital growth opportunities; and Annual Fund provides annually expendable funds. Without this support, the only way to accomplish our goals is to build cost into the price structure, which hurts us competitively. We can't compete with St. Anselm and everybody else if we suddenly add \$2,000 to every student's tuition bill. So major gifts create a new stream of income that creates exciting new opportunities for our students.

Who makes major gifts?

It's anybody who feels a level of commitment, ownership and responsibility for an institution that has had a significant impact on his life, family or career.

Also, people are increasingly giving because they see it as an investment. They understand the critical importance of education to our country. As the marketplace becomes more international we find ourselves in competition much more directly with the rest of the world, and the rest of the world is getting ahead. People understand just how important it is to our society to educate tomorrow's leaders. They see it as something we can't afford not to do.

They also see it as an exciting opportunity. When people are involved at the college and really feel what its mission is and say, "If only there were more resources here, we could move to a new level of leadership and impact" – that's when major gifts happen. We want people to be very thoughtful about their gifts. We don't expect the process to happen overnight. It's based on quality and real understanding. ─

Garland, Newsham and Ryan join board

Rev. William T. Garland, O.S.A., superintendent of Catholic schools in New Hampshire; John W. Newsham, vice president of New England Electric System; and Dr. Edward Ryan '64 were elected trustees of Merrimack College at the board's October meeting.

Garland, an Augustinian priest and a native of Arlington, Mass., has been superintendent of Catholic schools in the Manchester, N.H., diocese since 1991. He oversees 26 schools throughout the state. His professional life, which has centered on education, has included teaching, administration and research. He has taught at the graduate school level, served as principal, and directed special education projects.

As a staff member of Arthur D. Little, Inc., in Cambridge, Garland was a major participant in a number of projects, including studies dealing with diverse planning and management problems in public and private education.

Garland earned a doctorate at Harvard and, as a research fellow there, was a member of the Harvard/Boston Task Force for Schools Planning. He earned a bachelor's degree, cum laude, from Villanova in 1958.

John Newsham, who lives in Shrewsbury, Mass., was elected vice president of New England Electric system in 1991. Among his responsibilities are thermal and hydro production, transmission operations and support, and labor relations.



John W. Newsham

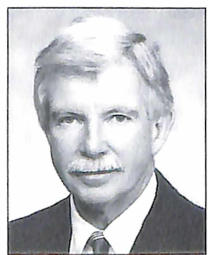
He also is a director of the Maine, Vermont and Connecticut Yankee nuclear companies; director and vice president of the New England Power Company; and director of New England Power Service Company and New England Electric Resources, Inc.

Newsham was director of New England Electric's thermal production from 1987 to 1991, and was elected a vice president of three transmission service companies associated with the Hydro-Quebec transmission interconnection in 1983.

From 1950 to 1983 he served in a variety of positions for New England Electric's service and retail subsidiaries.

Newsham holds undergraduate and graduate degrees from Northeastern and an associate degree from Roger Williams Junior College.

Edward A. Ryan, M.D., is a 1964 graduate of Merrimack and a 1969 graduate of Tufts Medical School. An eye surgeon and ophthalmologist, Ryan is an assistant surgeon at the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, an associate surgeon at Beth Israel in Boston, and a member of the ophthalmology staffs of the Melrose-Wakefield and Winchester hospitals in Massachusetts, and the Wentworth-Douglass Hospital in Dover, N.H..



Dr. Edward Ryan '64

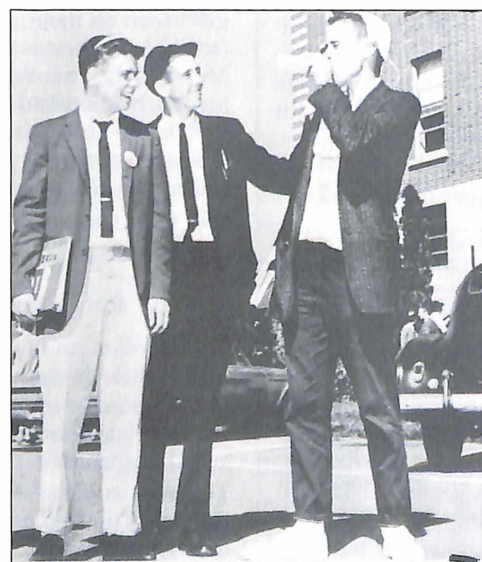
Ryan is an instructor at Harvard Medical School and has also taught at Tufts Medical School.

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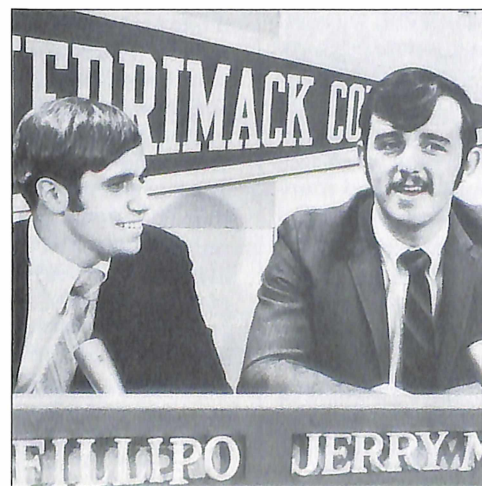


COURTESY OF THE LAWRENCE [MASS.] EAGLE-TRIBUNE

A BENCH FOR FATHER FLAHERTY: Dr. Catherine Murphy (left), interim college president Richard Santagati and Dr. Geraldine Branca seated on a new marble bench honoring longtime English professor Rev. Joseph A. Flaherty, O.S.A., who died in 1993. The bench was donated by Friends of Father Flaherty.



BEANIES AND THE COLLEGE BOWL: In 1965 beanies were still de rigueur for freshmen (left); by 1970 (bottom) sideburns had replaced them as a fashion statement. Both classes are among those being honored at Reunion '95, set for June 23 to 25. See more information about Reunion on page 9.



The Way of Faithfulness

Associate professor Padraic O'Hare's most recent book, *The Way of Faithfulness: Contemplation and Formation in the Church*, (Valley Forge, Trinity Press International, 1993), was awarded first prize by the Catholic Press Association as the best book in education for 1994.

O'Hare, a member of Merrimack's religious studies department since 1988, has written three previous works. His new book, *Busy Life, Peaceful Center: A Book of Meditating*, will be published by Thomas More Press this spring.

The Way of Faithfulness develops a notion of religious formation within the church which places priority on developing a meditative or contemplative people. It contains chapters on the nature of contemplative being, factors in church and society that advance or retard such development, contemplative peacefulness at work and in the family, and a chapter of meditative practice itself. Below are excerpts from this work.

From the introduction

I WANT EVERY local religious community within the church to invite its members to engage in meditative practice in order - slowly, patiently, with ironic appreciation of how many steps backward each of us will inevitably take - to cultivate a contemplative mode of being. A state of being calm, collected, interiorly silent, present to each event moment by moment, ready; in a word, interiorly peaceful while calmly poised in the present moment for each new action. Only such a state of being enables a person to sustain a psychological posture of gratitude moment by moment, reverence for themselves and others and each evolving moment, that is reverence for time. Only the contemplative being can resist violence; only the contemplative being has the resources to create hospitable social environments in which this reverence, rather than violence, is lived.

On Contemplation

The path to escape hell and embrace equanimity is one of simple practice leading to uncluttered consciousness. Meditation and contemplative being are one; the gentle practice and the state itself are the same. It is necessary, however, to speak of this state of being in analytic terms, and so a number of qualities will be examined. These qualities constitute what hereafter will be referred to simply as contemplative being - the pres-

ence or mindfulness which arises from concentration and leads to understanding, composure or calmness, and finally silence or stillness. The sum of these qualities is expressed as the "practice of the presence of God" in many Western traditions, and is described as emptiness - *Shunyata* - in the language of Eastern spirituality. After examining these qualities, we will turn to the moral substance of contemplative being, the "other side of the coin": compassion. The analysis will conclude with a discussion of the universal contemplative experience of "letting go" and the feelings of gratitude and thankfulness which this experience engenders.

On work

Whether work functions in a person's life as "job," "career," or "calling" (to employ Robert Bellah's distinctions), the emotional and material importance of work is self-evident. If work degenerates into drudgery, it has the potential to distort and destroy persons, relations, even cultures.

Aquinas said that there "can be no joy in life without joy in work." Freud said that a sane person is one who is able to work as well as to love. These two elements of sanity - work and love - are related. If one's work life entails unremitting competition and requires that one behave in purely expedient fashion, and if this work neither claims nor promotes one's loyalty to activity, excellence, or common effort, it is questionable whether "at the end of the work day" love is possible. As Dick Westley says: "The question becomes, is one who is present in a competitive way in the utilitarian world of work all day really able to be present in relational and expressive ways at home and at play?"

...Quite simply, the religious community has an essential role to play in connecting the ability to contemplate to the work lives of members. To be free of work as drudgery, treadmill, and alienation, to survive brutal work or work in the "grey region," to respond wisely in the face of work-related failure, the members of religious communities must encounter in these communities an explicit invitation to heal the pain of work and firm support to resist staying at meaningless work."

On family life

The family is the first, indispensable environment for the cultivation of contemplative being. It is the human and physical environment in which either such being is nurtured or a trajectory of scattered and wounded being is established. An essential feature of contemplative being ... is being delivered to ourselves as subjects. Maria Harris connects family life with this elemental condition for growth in contemplative being when she writes that "the family, because it is a primary place of suffering and undergoing as well as a place of joy and celebration, is in the unique position to give human beings one of the first experiences of *receptivity to themselves*." Such a receptivity to self is linked to contemplation by Augustine, who writes: "Descend into thyself; go into the secret chamber of thy mind. If thou be far from thyself, how canst thou be near to God." Consider these observations alongside those of Beavers and Hampson, as they conclude their description of borderline dysfunctional families: "Individual family members have little ability to attend to and accept emotional needs in themselves and others."

...Faced with a picture of conflictual, manipulative, violent and scattered family life in which there is more absence from than presence to one another, what can be said about efforts to build families that are grounds of contemplative being? We can begin as "vagabonds of the obvious" by insisting that first adult members of families must seek to change themselves into contemplatives. Annette Hollander points to this when, speaking of a child's spiritual life, she says, "As parents we cannot 'transform' our children, but to the extent that we can *train our consciousness* we can support [the spiritual life] unfolding in our children." Hollander's reference to training our consciousness parallels that of Monica Furlong when she speaks of inner growth: "As the children grow ... so must the parents, just as miraculously and demandingly, except that theirs is an *inner growth*." Pope John Paul II points to the same transformation of adult consciousness in family life when he speaks in *Familio Consorto* of the familial need for "a profoundly restored covenant with divine wisdom." ┘

E V E N T S



The Clancy Brothers and Robbie O'Connell

The Clancy Brothers and Robbie O'Connell, hailed by *The New York Times* as "the acknowledged masters of Irish folksongs," are back, and just in time for St. Patrick's Day. The band will perform at Merrimack at 8 p.m. March 14. The show is sponsored by the Men of Merrimack and proceeds will go to the scholarship endowment fund. Tickets are \$15 and \$22.50 for unreserved bleachers and floor seats, and \$50 for reserved floor seats with a reception with the group after the show. Call (508) 837-5045.

Since it first captivated American audiences on the Ed Sullivan show in the early '60s, the band has blended music, history, poetry and wit into a distinctly Irish tapestry, and is today considered the most popular force in Irish entertainment in the United States. A testament to the band's popularity came at the recent star-studded Bob Dylan tribute in Madison Square Garden, when it brought the capacity crowd to its feet with a graceful rendition of "When the Ship Comes In."

The March appearance will be the band's second at Merrimack. Reserve tickets in advance; a sellout crowd is expected.

President's Cup Golf Tournament

The fourteenth annual President's Cup Golf Tournament will be held May 8 at the Indian Ridge Country Club in Andover. The format will be four-man best ball. The entry fee is \$200, which includes all golf and cart fees, gifts and prizes, continental breakfast, lunch and a prime rib dinner, and use of the club's facilities for the day.

Those interested in participating may either

organize a foursome or register individually and be assigned to a group. Both morning and afternoon tee times will be available.

The tournament is once again being chaired by Gerald Camuso '72 and Julien Lacourse. Corporate sponsorships are welcome. If you are interested in being a sponsor or playing in the tournament, please call Maureen Lanigan, director of college fundraising events, at (508) 837-5448.

Ladies of Merrimack House Tour

The Ladies of Merrimack will host their annual Spring in the Andovers House Tour from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 13. For tickets, call Maureen Lanigan at (508) 837-5448.

Men of Merrimack Annual Meeting

The Men of Merrimack Annual Meeting will be held at 5:30 May 24 in the resident dining room in Gildea Hall. Tickets are \$35. Call Maureen Lanigan at (508) 837-5448.

Alumni Retreat and Reflection

Alumni, family and friends of alumni and the college are welcome to begin the Lenten season with Merrimack's fourth annual Alumni Retreat Day on March 11. The program, called "A Day of Refreshment: Opportunity for Slowing Down, Quiet Time, and Prayer," will be led by Sr. Dorothy Welch, C.S.J.

On April 5, a night of reflection focusing on the Good Friday experience will be held.

For information or to reserve space at either event, call Susan Wojtas '79, director of alumni relations, at (508) 837-5440.

Reunion June 23-25

Reunion '95 honoring the classes of '55, '60, '65, '70, '75, '80, '85, and '90 will be held June 23-25. The weekend includes a golf tournament and welcome-back party on Friday. The classes who graduated in years ending with 4, 6, 9 or 1 are also invited to share in the festivities on Friday night.

Saturday activities include campus tours, an outdoor Mass, and special class events. Shuttle buses will be provided to bring alumni to the campus from local hotels; special Reunion '95 rates are available. A day in Newburyport is planned for Sunday.

Additional information will be mailed to reunion classes this spring. If you want to be involved with the reunion or have any questions, please call director of alumni relations Susan A. Wojtas '79 at (508) 837-5440.

SUSAN WOJTAS



RED MASS: Merrimack College celebrated a Red Mass on Sept. 23 in the Collegiate Church of Christ the Teacher. The Mass, which coincided with the commencement of the full term of the Supreme Court, was Merrimack's first. The Mass originated in the thirteenth century and received its name from the scarlet robes worn by participants and priests. The Red Mass has also traditionally opened the Sacred Roman Rota, the Catholic church's supreme judicial body. First celebrated in the United States in 1928, the Mass, which invokes divine blessing and guidance upon the legal profession in the dispensing of justice and upon educators preparing new generations to enter the legal profession, is now celebrated by many dioceses. Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence J. Riley

celebrated Merrimack's first Red Mass, stating in his homily that "true law protects the community by creating change." Following the liturgy, attorney Wayne A. Budd, senior partner of Goodwin, Proctor and Hoar in Boston, addressed the legal professionals attending the service. Budd cautioned against simply throwing convicted criminals into jail without attempting to find other answers. He also cited the many good works and pro bono hours contributed by lawyers throughout the country for the good of society. Above, from left to right: Rev. Kevin Dwyer, O.S.A.; Rev. William Wallace, O.S.A.; Rev. George Carlson; Rev. Arthur O'Rourke, O.S.A.; Rt. Rev. Lawrence J. Riley; Rev. George Morgan, O.S.A.; Rev. Edward Doherty, O.S.A.; and Rev. John V. Casey, O.S.A.

THE IRISH AT MERRIMACK:

(Above) The Clancy Brothers & Robbie O'Connell; (below) Sen. Edward Kennedy at an appearance on campus before the November elections. Kennedy spoke on student financial aid.



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Calendar

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Spring Phonathon '95

"Merrimack provided me with an excellent education and prepared me for grad school in a manner that was second to none. I'm pleased now to be able to return something to the college."

It is comments such as these made by Merrimack College alumni that make participation in the Annual Fund Phonathon personally so enjoyable and rewarding for volunteers, says Nancy (Arnesano) Petrucci '75, national Annual Fund chairwoman.

This year's Spring Phonathon will take place from February 13 to March 6. If you have not yet responded to the 1994-95 Annual Fund appeal, you may soon be contacted by a fellow Merrimack alumni volunteer. He or she will ask for your investment

in the future of Merrimack through a gift or pledge payable through June 30, the end of the campaign.

Gifts and pledges are critical sources of unrestricted funds that can be used in a given year to provide new student or academic programs, scholarships, library support and more.

"While Merrimack's reputation for academic excellence seems to strengthen each year, this advancement does not come easily or inexpensively. As alumni, we play an essential role in supporting the college's efforts through our financial endorsement and commitment," says Petrucci.

If you are interested in volunteering, call Mike MacNeil, Director of the Merrimack Annual Fund at (508) 837-5106 (FAX 508 837-5225).



KEEPING IN TOUCH:

(Left) Jane (Clabault) Piro '84, Dana Catalana, Carmine Catalana '80, and Paul Piro '84 were among those attending the regional alumni reception at the Four Seasons Hotel in Philadelphia last November. Bottom, left to right: Emilie Orlando Collopy '53, Bob Tosi '90, Joanne Bibeau '78 and Claire Holland '87 are pictured at the Alumni Christmas Party in Boston.



Men's soccer team records best season in school history

By Jim Seavey
Sports Information Director

WHEN PREPARATIONS began for the 1994 Merrimack men's soccer season, head coach Tony Martone was cautiously optimistic about his club's chance. With 15 letterwinners back from a team that advanced to the Northeast-10 Conference semi-finals in 1993, Martone figured to have enough experience to make a run at the league title and make things interesting during the Warriors' 25th-anniversary season.

Martone's optimism turned into excitement over the course of the fall as Merrimack became the talk of New England Division II soccer by posting a school-record 16 victories and capturing its first-ever Northeast-10 Conference regular season championship with a perfect 9-0 league mark, advancing to the ECAC Division II Championship for the first time as well.

Consider the following:

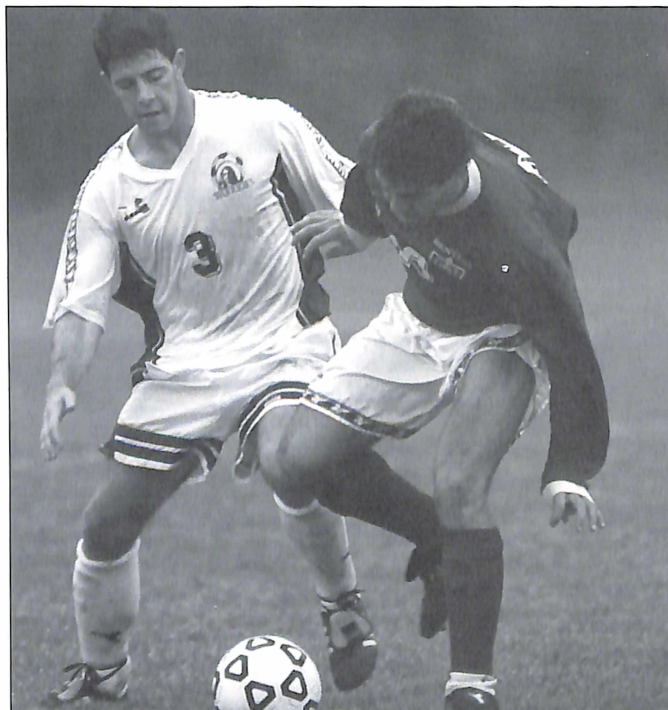
■ Merrimack's 16 victories surpassed the previous school record of 12 triumphs set during the 1990 season. The Warriors also earned their first national ranking in Division II, climbing as high as 18th in the ISAA Division II National Top 20.

■ The Warriors' seven-match winning streak from Sept. 28 through Oct. 15 was the longest in school history, breaking the old mark of five, set first in 1983.

■ Merrimack set school records for team goals (71), assists (106) and points (248), as the Warriors outscored the opposition by a 71-34 margin, including an impressive 32-4 margin in Northeast-10 play. Merrimack scored eight goals twice this season and scored four or more in 11 contests in averaging 3.23 goals per outing.

The season began at the Bentley Westin Hotel Labor Day Classic Sept. 3,

as the Warriors faced 20th-ranked East Stroudsburg in the opening round. Trailing 2-0 in the first half, Merrimack came to life with a pair of goals in a 37-second span to tie the contest and tallied



BATTLING BENTLEY: Steve McAuliffe in action.

twice to post a 4-2 win, its first win over a top 20 team in four seasons. That triumph served as a springboard for a second round win over Dowling (5-2) as well as a later 4-0 win at UMass-Lowell.

The Warriors began Northeast-10 Conference action against defending league champion Bentley, and Merrimack kept its streak going with a 1-0 win on the Falcons' home field. A 4-2 win over NE-10 rival Springfield gave the Warriors their best start ever, and even a 4-2 overtime loss at 11th-ranked New Hampshire College a week later did nothing to dampen the enthusiasm of this relatively young squad.

Merrimack began its school-record winning streak Sept. 28 with a 4-2 win over Bridgeport, going on to win a showdown for first place in the Northeast-

10 two days later with a hard-fought 1-0 overtime win at perennial league power Stonehill. Victories over Assumption, Saint Anselm, Saint Rose and Sacred Heart followed, and one of the most special wins of the season was recorded Oct. 15 when the Warriors presented Martone with his 100th career victory, a 3-0 triumph over Bryant.

Following losses to regional powers LIU-Southampton and Franklin Pierce, Merrimack got back on the winning track and clinched its first Northeast-10 regular season crown by upending Quinnipiac 4-0. The Warriors won three of their last four regular season outings, including triumphs over Saint Michael's and American International, and hosted their first Northeast-10 semi-final match Nov. 3, defeating Quinnipiac by a 5-1 final to advance to the conference championship match to face Bentley, where the Falcons eked out a 2-1 win over the Warriors despite solid play at both ends by the hosts. Despite that loss, Merrimack gained its first-ever berth in the ECAC Division II Championship and battled LeMoyne in the semi-finals for 57 scoreless minutes before falling by a 3-0 final.

Several outstanding individual performances highlighted what was really a team effort in creating excitement this season. Sophomore Rich Fleming led the Warriors in scoring with 17 goals and 12 assists for a school-record 46 points. Fleming also led the Northeast-10 in scoring with those statistics and was ranked in the top 10 nationally in scoring throughout the season. Freshman Steve McAuliffe made an impression with 10 goals and 18 assists for 38 points, and he was named the Northeast-10 Freshman of the Year for his efforts. McAuliffe's 18 assists ranked him third nationally in Division II in that category.

One of the highest honors for the team went to Martone, who was named by his peers as the Northeast-10 Coach of the Year for the second time in his career, as he previously earned the honor in 1987. □

WOMEN'S SOCCER ADVANCES TO NORTHEAST-10 CHAMPIONSHIP FOR SEVENTH TIME

Five victories. Another national top 20 ranking in Division II. Advancing to the Northeast-10 Conference championship match for the seventh time in nine seasons.

Ho hum. Just another season for the Merrimack women's soccer team. After all, the level of excellence that head coach Gabe Mejail has brought to the Lady Warriors during the 11-year history of the program has placed Merrimack on the map as one of the powers in Division II, and that excellence continued in 1994 both as a team and with some outstanding individual play.

The Lady Warriors notched their highest victory total since the 1986 season when Merrimack won a school record 16 contests, and Mejail's troops climbed to as high as 17th in the ISAA Division II National Top 20 during the season. The Lady Warriors saved their best effort for the final week of the season, as Merrimack, seeded fourth in the Northeast-10 playoffs, shocked top-seeded Saint Anselm with a 1-0 overtime victory in the semi-finals to advance to the conference championship for the seventh time in nine seasons before falling to Quinnipiac.

Potent offense and a tough, aggressive defense proved to be the right formula once again this season for Merrimack, as the Lady Warriors outscored their opponents by a 63-24 margin. Merrimack scored nine goals in a game twice during the year and scored four or more goals on seven occasions. The defense chipped in to help record 12 shutouts in 23 contests and finished the season ranked ninth nationally in Division II in team defense.

Merrimack began the season with its final outing against longtime Northeast-10 rival Springfield, and the Lady Warriors looked sharp in posting a 2-0 victory. After dropping a tough 1-0 decision to 14th-ranked New Hampshire College, Merrimack came back to post eight consecutive wins, including a 2-1 overtime triumph at Adelphi and shutouts over Bridgeport, Sacred Heart, Holy Cross, New York Tech and LIU-C.W. Post. The Lady Warriors' unbeaten streak reached nine with a come-from-behind 2-2 tie against defending Northeast-10 champion Stonehill, and a four-game winning streak followed a tough overtime loss at Saint Anselm with wins over Assumption (4-1), New Haven (2-0), Bryant (7-0) and LIU-Southampton (3-0).

After dropping a decision at eventual national champion Franklin Pierce, Merrimack dropped a pair of well-played but agonizing one-goal decisions to Quinnipiac and American International as well as the final regular season outing at 11th-ranked Keene State. The Lady Warriors got back on track in the Northeast-10 quarterfinal, however, as Merrimack dispatched American International by a 1-0 final, setting up the showdown with top-seeded Saint Anselm. The Lady Warriors survived several scoring chances by the Hawks in regulation and scored the game-winner with five minutes to play in the second overtime to advance to the conference title match for the second straight season.

Senior All-America forward Nancy Daly concluded her career with another record-breaking performance for Merrimack, as she led the Lady Warriors

in scoring for a third-straight season with 16 goals and 12 assists for 44 points, eclipsing her own school marks for goals and points in one year that she established in 1993. Daly also became the Northeast-10's all-time leading scorer with 45 goals and 43 assists for 133 points, breaking former Springfield great Angel Schofield's record of 127 points. Daly was one of three players in the nation this season to score against eventual national champion Franklin Pierce, and her last goal proved to be the game-winner in the Northeast-10 semi-finals against Saint Anselm.

Junior Jessica Lanzo enjoyed another solid campaign for Merrimack, as she ranked second on the team in scoring with 12 goals and 11 assists for 35 points. Sophomore Danielle Ouellette and senior Pauline Skehan each scored six goals and added seven assists for 19 points, while freshman Kim Hall netted three goals and eight assists for 14 points.

The Lady Warrior defense was anchored by senior captains Kathy Nevin and Meg Pollard, as Nevin chipped in with a goal and four assists for six points and Pollard added a pair of assists. Junior Suzi Jezyk and sophomore Kathryn Barkman also had outstanding seasons on defense, as Barkman added two goals and two assists for six points and Jezyk had three assists. Sophomore goalkeepers Alyssa Nargi and Jennifer Kusz split time in net for most of the season, as Nargi was 5-4-1 with an 0.88 goals against average, making 52 saves for an .839 saves percentage with three shutouts. Kusz posted a 10-3 mark in goal with a 1.05 goals against average, as she made 79 saves for an .849 saves percentage with nine shutouts. □

Barkman, Bacon honored in respective sports



Kathryn Barkman

Sophomore soccer sweeper Kathryn Barkman was named to the National Soccer Coaches Association of America Division II National All-America team, becoming the fourth Lady Warrior in school history to earn that distinction, joining Sue Plante '90, Bethann O'Leary '91 and Nancy Daly '95 as national honorees. Plante and Daly are the only players in Merrimack history to be named to the All-America team twice during their careers.

Barkman anchored a Merrimack defense that allowed just 24 goals in 23 matches this season. She is a two-time all-Northeast-10 Conference first team performer and last season became the first freshman in school

history to be named to the NSCAA All-Regional team.

Merrimack senior outside hitter Melissa Bacon was named to the 1994 GTE/College Sports Information Directors of America District I Academic All-America volleyball team (first team) in a vote taken by CoSIDA members in New England and New York. Bacon holds a 3.71 grade point average as a mathematics major at Merrimack. She has been a four-year starter for head coach Karen Willms' Lady Warrior volleyball squad and has ranked among the team leaders in service aces, blocks, kills and kill percentages over that time.



Melissa Bacon

BUILDING THE NEW GARDEN

■ For fans, it's a new era; for Ed Collins '56 and Mike Hunter '84, it's the best job in town

SOME MORNINGS, on his way to work, Ed Collins '56 would stop off at 7 o'clock Mass to say a few extra prayers. Prayers, he says, for "divine guidance." Everyone in the building industry in New England wanted the job, but with all of his memories – he'd been there for Bob Cousy's retirement game in 1963, for heaven's sake – Collins wanted it a little bit more.

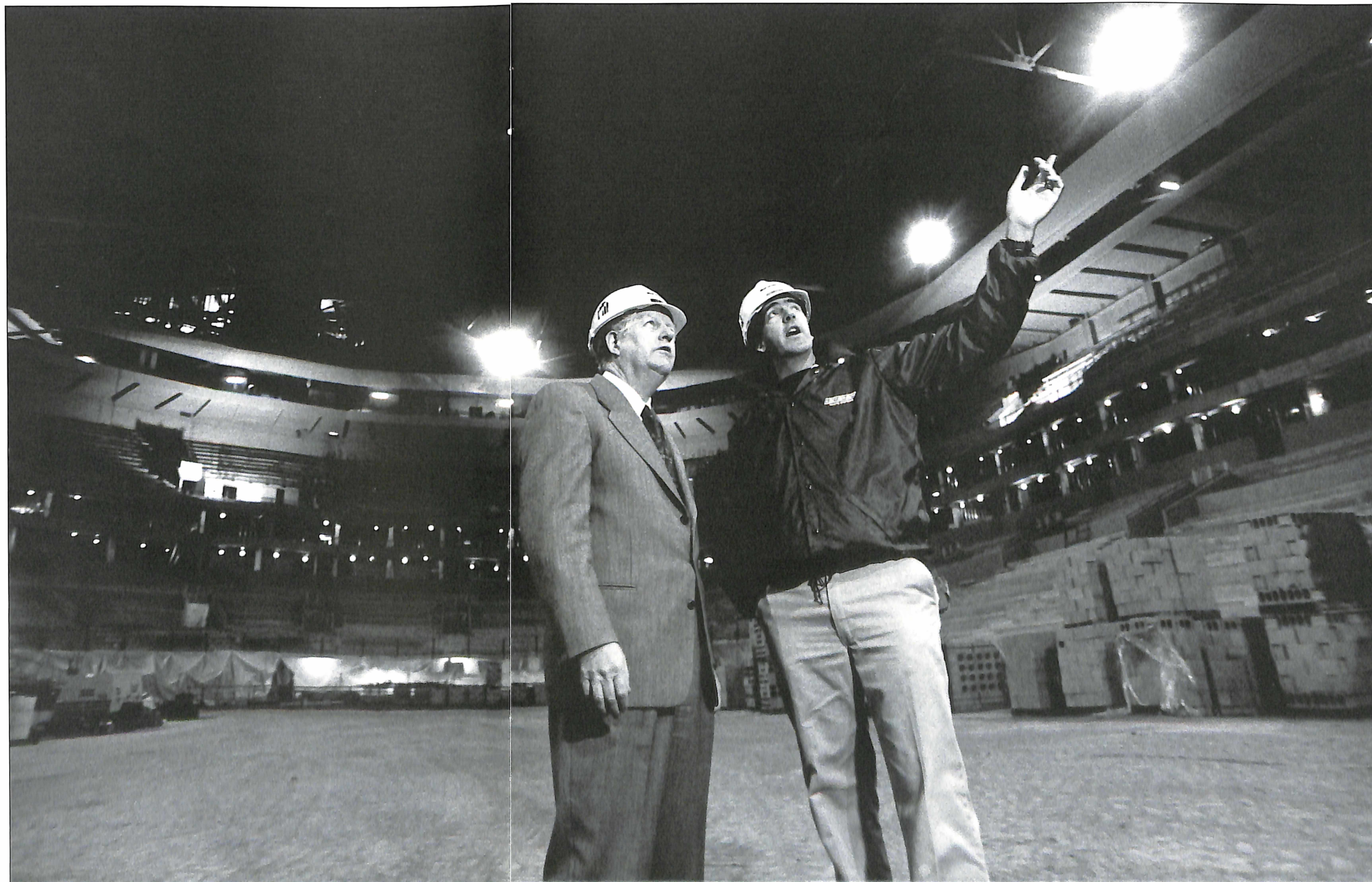
Mike Hunter '84 had his own interest in the project. A lifelong Celtics and Bruins fan, Hunter was lucky enough, as a child, to have a grandfather who could sneak him in for a peek at the locker rooms, or, during the off season, for a chance to meet circus performers. As head electrician at the arena, after all, his grandfather had all the cache he needed to make any little boy's dream come true; such trips, Hunter recalls, were the "highlight" of his boyhood.

It may have been the prayers or it may have been the memories, but in the end both men got what they wanted: the chance to build the \$160-million Shawmut Center, the "new" Boston Garden. For Collins, president of Morse Diesel International, the firm building the project, and Hunter, the company's supervisor of construction, it is a unique opportunity indeed.

One early December morning the two walk around the mammoth interior – the roof is on at last, but it is cold and, in the far reaches of the building, still dim – to survey the ongoing work. All around them is the orderly chaos of their trade: A sheetrock drill drones somewhere, cinder blocks lie in stacks around the concrete floor and workers in hard hats pass by, tools in hand. Hunter, who supervises the site's 300 workers, is a virtual one-man command post, taking frequent breaks to shout into his walkie-talkie; Collins, who drops by the site often from his downtown office, casts an expert eye on work being done in distant corners.

All of which seems ordinary enough – this is a construction site, after all – except when you consider that Hunter and Collins are strolling over what is roughly center court for the Boston Celtics. Or what will soon *be* center court. When you consider that, and notice for the first time how the murky light reveals the curve of the newly poured stadium seats and luxury boxes, and how the floor is depressed so that it can later be filled with water for ice, you begin to understand why Collins and Hunter admit to so

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THE BIG PICTURE: Ed Collins '56 and Mike Hunter '84 survey work on the new Boston Garden, to be officially known as the Shawmut Center. Work is due to be completed in September.

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much emotion. We are talking about the Celtics, after all, and the Bruins, and glaring lights and the tickets and the playoffs and the many thousands of wildly cheering fans.

"This is one of the reasons I wanted to come back and work on this project," says Hunter, who recently returned to Morse Diesel after a hiatus. "A lot of people here feel the same way. If they had to pick any building in Boston to work on, it would be this, because it's the Garden."

For Collins, too, whose company has built national landmarks like Lincoln Center, the Sears Tower and the National Gallery of Art, this project has special significance, both because he has always been an ardent Celtics fan and because he quite literally started his career only a few feet away, as an engineer with the Army Corps of Engineers at 150 Causeway Street.

"There's a lot of feeling," he says. "There's so much history to it We worked very, very hard to get this project."

(Part of his passion for the project comes from the fact that his son is involved in it as well: Kevin Collins, a civil engineering graduate of Ohio State, is senior project manager on site, managing all day-to-day operations. He's worked at Morse Diesel for more than 15 years, first as a laborer during his high school summer vacations and then, after graduation, as field superintendent at Boston's Copley Place. Eventually he assumed management responsibilities at other sites in Boston and in Chicago.)

Although the company has built similar arenas – the \$175-million United Center, home of the Chicago Bulls and Blackhawks, opened last fall – work on the Garden has been particularly complicated.

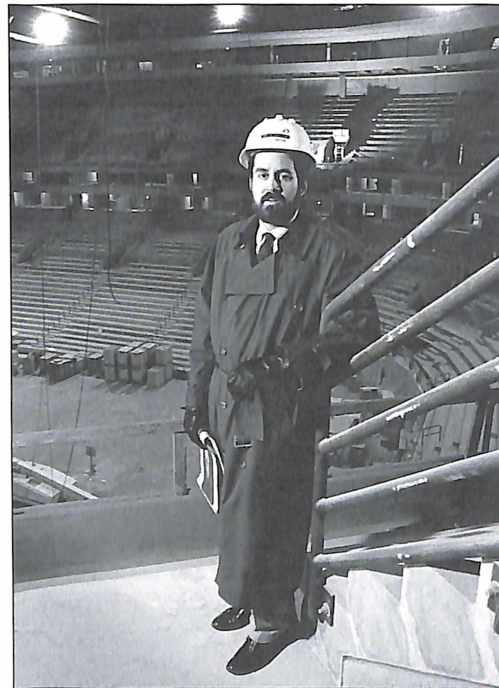
The challenge is due largely to location. The new building had to be shoehorned between two existing buildings and the highway; when finished, it will be just nine inches from the back wall of the old Boston Garden, two feet from the adjacent 150 Causeway Street, and just eight feet from an I-93 on-ramp.

Access for workers, naturally, has been limited, and what access there is wasn't even built with them in mind: The one single-lane ramp into the building – the site through which all supplies are brought in and taken out – was constructed at a modest twelve-degree incline, the steepest angle up which circus elephants, occasional future

occupants of the building, can walk.

Because the building couldn't be built from the outside in, it had to be built from the inside out, with trusses – the long beams of steel holding up the roof, put in place to eliminate the need for view-obstructing posts – literally assembled on the future playing floor and hoisted by cranes.

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ON TOP OF THE PROJECT: Kevin Collins, senior project manager for the new Shawmut Center.

These challenges and others prompted Tom Beckenbaugh, vice president of Ellerbee Becket, the firm that designed the building, to call the new Garden "the most complicated sports arena job" he had ever encountered. Yet Collins and Hunter say the benefits to the fans will be obvious.

When it is finished in September, the 10-story arena will have a seating capacity of 19,600, over 5,000 seats more than the old Garden. There will be 2,516 premium seats, 104 executive suites on two levels, air-conditioning, padded seats, a tiled concession area, and – for the first time – unobstructed views from every seat.

One thing that *won't* change, though, is the famous parquet floor.

"As a Celtics fan I don't think the changes are a big deal, because they're bringing the floor over from

the old building, and that's what had the mystique," says Hunter. "I think most of the fans will feel the same way. You'll be able to see (the action), and in May it won't be 90 degrees in here."

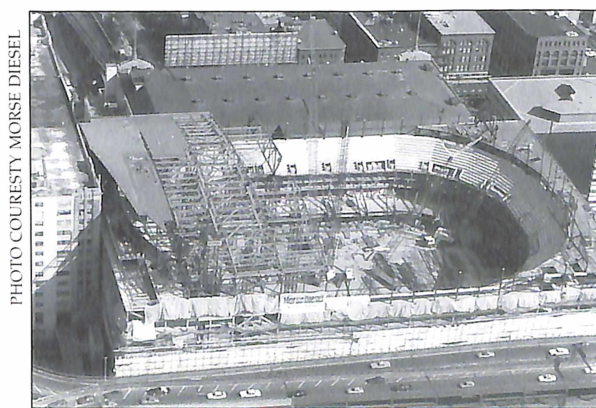
Hunter intends to be at the new Garden the night it opens, as either a ticket-holding fan or as a construction superintendent seeing to some – to any – last-minute detail. Collins, of course, will be there as well, showing off the place to VIPs.

Such grand openings are the stuff his career has been made of, though as a boy growing up in Peabody, the future looked far different. "I went to St. Mary's of Lynn, and in those days they didn't have any career guidance to speak of. In my family you grew up thinking you'd be a teacher or a mailman. A civil service job meant job security. My parents had been through the Depression, and security is what they wanted for their children. I didn't have any concept what I wanted to do, though. But some of my classmates were talking about going to Merrimack. I thought about it, and began to think I ought to at least make an application.

"At that time tuition was about \$500 a year, and you could work and earn that and live at home and commute. So even if you weren't financially helping your family, you weren't a burden to them, either."

He commuted with five friends, one of whom had a car. Thirty-five freshmen had enrolled in the college's civil engineering department. Collins still remembers Father Crawford's opening words to the new students: "He said something like, 'Look at the classmate sitting next to you, because he might not be here next year.'" And Father Crawford was right: only nine of the original group finished

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LOOKING ON: An aerial view of the Shawmut Center during truss construction. The existing Boston Garden can be seen above the new site.

Teaching Success

Minority girls face obstacles in math and science; Dianne Cruz '92 aims to do something about them

By Melanie Wilson

SPLIT A BUNCH of high school girls into teams and ask each team to design a city park, and this is what you'll get: a row of construction-paper fantasies full of glittery rivers, arching paper bridges, graceful half-shell bandstands and trees sprouting tufts of green yarn.

But underlying the fantasy is hardheaded logic and the kind of real-world legwork that can tax even professional landscape architects: the price of each pretend brick, bit of rope and park bench is painstakingly calculated, and every layout is drawn to scale. Then there are the legal considerations, the ethical considerations, the environmental considerations, all invisible but crucial to the outcome. Can bridges have steps? Will the sewer overflow when it rains? Parks, it turns out, are more than fantasy; they're facts-and-figures reality.

For the girls who designed them, those facts and figures are part of an even more important lesson. Math and science, it turns out, is everywhere, and venturing into it can be ... well, fun.

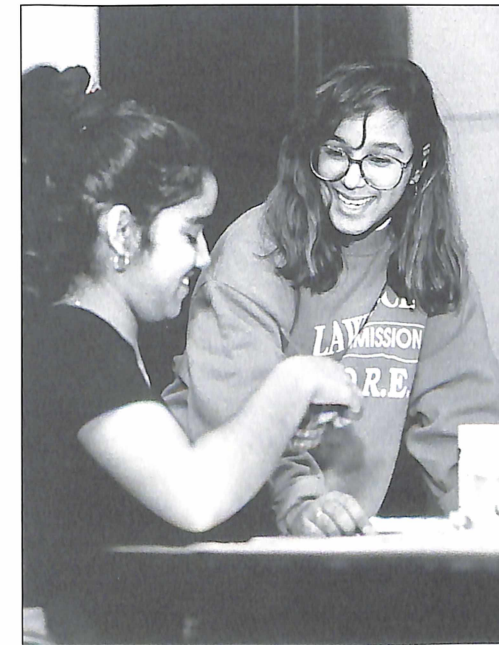
The girls are students in "Explorations in Math and Science," an after-school program for minority high school girls who have shown aptitude in those areas but who, without help, may fall through the academic cracks. The program, sponsored by the Lawrence Youth Commission, means to give the girls the extra boost they need to succeed in their high school courses and, if they choose, to go on to math- or science-related careers later on.

Of course, succeeding in what is still a man's world isn't just a matter of education.

It's a matter of confidence as well. And that's where Dianne Cruz comes in.

Cruz, 25, who graduated from Merrimack in 1992 with a degree in electrical engineering, knows just what these girls are up against. As a student at Lawrence High – the same school her students attend – she tiptoed timidly through her nearly all-male science and

math classes, relying on a small cadre of special friends for support. "There were three Hispanic girls and we kind of stuck together," she said. "One of us would say, 'Please, I need to take this class, will you



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EXPLORING MATH AND SCIENCE: Dianne Cruz '92 with one of her students. The classes are held in the Lawrence Public Library, across the street from the high school her students attend.

take it with me?' And so we would do it that way. In my honors calculus and physics, we were the only two or three girls taking it. The rest were boys."

And that, for reasons that are just becoming clear to educators, makes a lasting difference in girls' chances for success.

"In math class I was very quiet. I would stay in the background and not say anything at all. It was like I knew the answers, but by the time I was ready emotionally to raise my hand, someone else had already said it, usually a boy. That's how it was in all my math and science classes. They were ready to give the answer, whether it was right or wrong."

At Merrimack she was a full-time student with a part-time job, a husband and

two young children. The classes were tough – "I wasn't in the mode of going home every night and spending hours and hours studying" – and in truth she still felt alone. "In most of my classes, I was the only woman. There were some other girls in engineering, but we were all at different levels, some coming in, some going out, so in most of my classes I was by myself. It was kind of scary."

But the rockiness of the journey made its ending even sweeter. Receiving her diploma, she felt "very, very elated, very proud. I was the first one from my family – even though I'm the youngest – to go to college and graduate. My family gave me a big party. I felt that I'd accomplished a lot, not just for myself, but for Hispanic women in general."

The program makes victories like Cruz's more likely for participants by bolstering their skills and offering them sympathetic guidance. Because unless they get it now, Cruz says, they could start slipping down an already-slippery slope.

All the girls in the program are considered "at risk," she says. Their academic difficulties may stem from their inability to speak English well, or from poor school attendance. Or they may have more complicated social problems that hurt their chances for success. Some, for instance, may be living with relatives temporarily while their parents attempt to emigrate; others know they may eventually have to quit school to help support their families.

And so while the program highlights academic skills, it also emphasizes more general career counseling, continually trying to point out that the girls can do anything they want in life.

"The Spanish girls I see coming now, most of them want to be flight attendants. I say, 'Flight attendants?' I start asking them, 'What are your goals? What are the things you'd like to do?' And it turns out they really like doing science-related things." The more they learn about various careers, the more interested they get. "They see that, yeah,

the program. They still keep in touch, Collins says.

Collins remembers instructors like Bill Haskell and Ralph Parrotta fondly – “they were great people and great educators,” he says – and also recalls the many GIs on campus, and the lesson implicit in their presence.

“They were a great influence. At that time there weren’t many left from WWII; most of them had participated in the Korean War. They made you realize how important it was to work toward an education. Not all of them were drafted; some volunteered, because they didn’t know what they wanted to do, but they soon realized the difficulties of the real world.”

The Corps of Engineers, headquartered at 150 Causeway Street in Boston, gave Collins his first job after graduation, helping design dams after the devastating hurricanes of the mid-’50s; later he went on to head long-term projects for Sylvania and Xerox. In 1974 he joined Morse Diesel and today, as president of the company, is responsible for all the company’s operations, spending much of his time in the New York corporate office, managing 500 professionals in 12 cities and supervising projects ranging from the \$5-million Francis Scott Key Museum in Georgetown to the \$650-million McCormick Place Convention Center in Chicago.

During the building boom of the ’80s, he says, the company’s Boston office was so busy that it opened two buildings – One Financial Center and the Marriott Copley hotel – on the same day. “You can literally stand on the corner of Congress and Atlantic streets and see a panoramic view of all the projects we’ve built in Boston,” he says.

Hunter, who began working for Morse Diesel as a student in Merrimack’s co-op program, says the new Garden should last 100 years, and in an impermanent world, that means a lot. “That’s one of the things I like about building buildings – that it’s not a piece of paper or something you file away in a computer. A building is there for your lifetime. I haven’t seen anything I built come down yet, and I don’t think I will.”

He says Merrimack’s civil engineering program prepared him well for the world beyond school. His work experiences have borne that out. “I measure up to people who went to MIT and RPI (Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute),” he says. “Never once have I felt inferior to them. Whether that’s a combination of school or co-op, I’ve always measured up.” □

they could probably be an architect, or maybe an engineer or a doctor or medical technician.”

Considering how the economy looks from their end, they need all the enthusiasm they can get, Cruz says.

“Some of them are very, very discouraged about the job situation. They say ‘There are no jobs anyway.’ I tell them, if you don’t go to school there are no jobs for you. But if you have a college education, then you can have a job, and a job that you’d like to do and want to do.”

To help them relate their educational experiences to the job market, the program sponsors frequent field trips to local businesses. They are eye-opening experiences for both the students and the companies they visit, Cruz says: The girls see professionals engaged in interesting, well-paying work; the businesses see that they themselves often aren’t hiring the numbers of minority women they should be.

In fact, Cruz says, minority women constitute less than two percent of the workers in math and science fields – something that she hopes the program will help change. “It’s not going to happen overnight. The girls know that; they see that. When they visit a business, they can see the workers are mostly white males, and they see that has to be changed. It stirs them to want to go out and do it.”

Interestingly, it has stirred Cruz, as well. Because she had two small children, she put off going into her field after graduation. Now she’s been reinvigorated, falling in love with her chosen profession all over again. But the thing is,

now she loves teaching, too. With these girls, she sees her contribution as especially vital. “These are girls who need to be taught with love and power,” she says, “and I don’t think they’re getting that.”

For their part, the girls seem grateful for two things: Cruz’ gentle touch, and the creative assignments she dreams up for them.

One assignment had the girls constructing a tower out of paper and 10 paper clips. The project was fun, but its real purpose wasn’t lost on Melisa Peguero, 15. “It was to teach us to think,” she says.

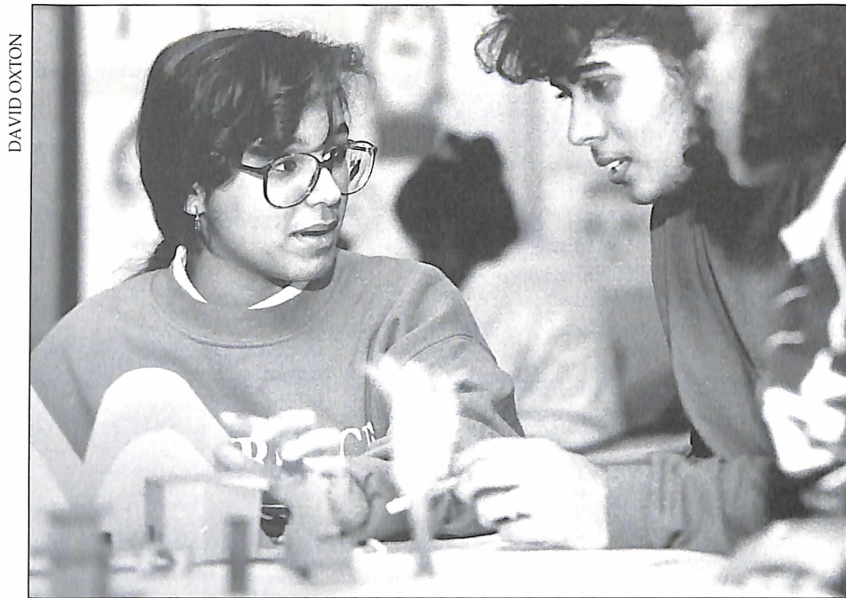
Such offbeat assignments are an everyday feature of the classes. “In school, we have to do the things they say; here we have to, too, but it’s more for us to learn. Here, it’s fun.

If we want to talk about fractions, we use food – this is one-third of that.”

For Kennia Mejia, 17, the program is a welcome twist on an old routine. “It’s different from school because here, Dianne runs the class nicely and more tenderly. Some teachers, it’s like, ‘Do what you want.’ Here, it’s ‘If you don’t understand, come talk to me and I’ll explain it better.’”

Walquidea Perez, 15, says the program has not only helped her in her regular classes, but has also given her something constructive to do after school. She laughs, “Sometimes we get so into it that we don’t want to leave. Dianne says, ‘Go home! Go!’” □

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CLASS PROJECT: Dianne Cruz '92 with her students.

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In Lawrence

Professor Charles Tontar on arson, the plan to address it, and the city's coming rejuvenation

By Melanie Wilson

WHEN CHARLES TONTAR began looking closely at the statistics on arson in Lawrence, Mass., he discovered a startling fact: for a couple of years in a row in the early '90s, Lawrence had twice as many structural arson fires as any city in Massachusetts – nearly 150, when statistically the number should have been closer to 70 or 75.

That fact led Tontar, an economics professor at Merrimack, to write an unusual proposal.

Called the Community Fire Protection Plan, the proposal focused on controlling the scourge of arson through the people most intimately affected by it – the firefighters themselves. “The average firefighter goes out and puts out a fire. What we have firefighters in Lawrence doing now is gathering information on housing in their areas. The centerpiece of the plan is that firefighters – more so than city inspectors or anybody else – have a real central need to know the quality of housing because they might be going into those buildings.”

And what do they do with the information they gather? Protect themselves, for one. And, just as important, use the

information to fight irresponsible landlords in court. “Because of fire code regulations, the fire department can much more effectively go to court than the city can. If a landlord owns an [unsafe] building in Lawrence and also a home in North Andover and he doesn’t remediate the condition – board the building up, remove the fire hazard – you can fine him and attach his home in North Andover.”

Though still limited in scope, in the two years since its implementation the plan seems to have made a difference. A big difference. “In the one trial area there had been a stunning decrease in arson fires, whereas the area outside of that had the normal increase in the number of arson fires,” Tontar says.

Though the data for 1994 aren’t in yet, the drop in arson that Tontar anticipates can also be attributed to vigorous investigation of cases and prosecution of arsonists, he says.

The idea for the proposal, which Tontar wrote in concert with an all-city task force trying to find solutions to the arson problem, originally came from firefighters’ Local 146 and its former president, Bill Middlemiss, a fact that Tontar says has been critical to its success.

Tontar knows, however, that no plan will be enough to get at the heart of the city's arson problem. Arson in Lawrence is linked to even more intractable social and economic problems, and plans aimed at reducing them – such as those being made by Merrimack's Urban Institute, which recently won a HUD grant for the purpose – will have to be put in place before lasting progress can be made.

Tontar, who specializes in urban and regional economics, works both at Merrimack's Urban Institute and as a member of the Merrimack Valley Project, a consortium of community groups and churches working on economic problems in the area. Part of his role in the project has been figuring out why Lawrence's problems exist in the first place, a task that inevitably led him backward in time. Because for Tontar, the secret to understanding Lawrence – both why its recent past is so troubling and its future probably quite bright – lies in its origins and in the historical events that have buffeted it about but never completely destroyed it.

The story explains a good deal about Lawrence, including why arson – a symptom, after all, of much deeper problems – ever developed.

To start with, Lawrence is a tiny city, really – only about six square miles. At the time it was founded, that made sense: "Lawrence was probably the most planned city in the United States," Tontar says. The land was purchased by the Boston Manufacturing Company to build textile woolen mills ... it was designed to be a 19th-century mill town." A mill town where the river powered the industry, where everyone quite literally lived and worked together, and where residents could get anywhere they needed to go by walking.

With the advent of new technologies, though, the mills abandoned the city; its design, so convenient for its time, now became the problem rather than the solution. "With the shift from water power to steam power and then other sources of fuel, and then, even more important, with the shift from railroad to automobiles, Lawrence became spatially obsolete," Tontar says. "That's been the case for the entire 20th century. As early as WWI, Lawrence as a manufacturing center was in decline."

So unlike nearby cities with similar histories but much more space, Lawrence had the land neither for new manufacturers, says Tontar, nor for the middle-class residents that might have pushed for educational reforms and modern urban development. Neighboring Lowell has its national urban park; Lawrence, due to the geographical limits put in place by its founders, has little hope of creating such amenities for itself.

With Lawrence as with all cities, demographics have been everything. Always an immigrant city, immigrant workers once did quite well in Lawrence. "They had good jobs, union wages, health benefits," Tontar says. "With WWII they got the GI Bill. Then, in the '50s and '60s they

got interest rate deductions to go buy homes when the highways were being built, so you had a natural process where the children and grandchildren of the original immigrants had sufficient education – many of them went to Merrimack, in fact – to move away from Lawrence. Why live in a three-story tenement when you can live in a home in a suburban community? So one aspect of the city's history is the immigrant outflow, which is a success story. The other is that what's left behind is old housing."

Old housing, true, but the cheapest in the region, and thus attractive to the new wave of immigrants that came in the '80s to find jobs in the then-booming economy. But when the economy deteriorated and the area's real estate market collapsed, those same people lost their jobs and landlords began walking away from their mortgages. Two things then happened simultaneously, and together they helped launch the arson problem: Proposition 2 1/2 cut police and fire staffing, and real estate speculation led to ownership of tenements by far-off banks that in some cases didn't even know they owned them. The stage, then, was set. Due to a long series of outside events, Lawrence was full of abandoned buildings. And that spells trouble. "In Lawrence at this point, if a building just sits there, it is eventually going to burn," Tontar says.

Tontar will continue to study the data coming from the new fire protection program; if they remain good, HUD has indicated that it will grant funds to continue and even expand it. In the meantime, with the separate HUD grant made recently to the Urban Institute, Merrimack will begin helping the city devise a comprehensive revitalization plan to deal with the other social problems that continue to cripple it.

In addition to dealing with its current problems, the city must, ironically, also plan for what Tontar thinks will be its next stage – its probable rejuvenation. On the wrong side of so many historical trends, Lawrence may just be on the right side this time.

That, oddly enough, is due to its land, which developers will be wanting, and soon. Farmland in North Andover and Methuen is, after all, being used up, and when it's gone, Lawrence, for so long a magnet for regional problems, will become attractive to investors at last.

That, coupled with what Tontar sees as a new spirit of cooperation within the city itself, will finally pay dividends for Lawrence and for people like Tontar who care about it.

"One of the things that's very positive in Lawrence is that the city is beginning to come together in recognizing itself as a community," he says. "Lawrence is one of the most Hispanic cities outside of the southwest, and one of the reasons to be optimistic is the emerging leadership coming out of the Hispanic community. That's a positive dynamic. There are a lot of people in Lawrence who have a commitment to the city and to its revitalization, and I'm one of them." □

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'...A most refined and proper atmosphere...'

The young Merrimack stressed rules, regulations, religion – and old-fashioned learning

By Niki Melanson '95

Editor's note: This article is the second in a series that will appear in Merrimack magazine in anticipation of the college's 50th anniversary.

THE FIFTIES. It was a time of poodle skirts, saddle shoes, McCarthyism, the Cold War, the Korean War, and of course, Merrimack. The fifties proved to be a seminal decade in the growth and development of the budding young college. It was the era in which the founding fathers quite literally paved the way for future students: In the summer of 1951 the college was in desperate need of a sidewalk to connect Sullivan Hall to Cushing Hall, but the construction workers were too busy finishing buildings to lay the concrete. Following the advice of Archbishop Cushing, who said "Nothing attempted, nothing done," Fathers McQuade, Gildea and Crawford got down on their hands and knees and paved the new walk themselves.

Aside from a newly paved sidewalk, the fifties also witnessed the completion of Austin Hall, O'Reilly Hall, Tagastan Hall (renamed Gildea in 1972) and the Collegiate Church of Merrimack College. Financial resources for the construction of these and other buildings, such as the gymnasium, came courtesy of big fundraisers like the Penny Social held at the Lawrence Memorial Stadium in 1949 and a mammoth nine-month-long million-dollar drive. But perhaps the most important addition to Merrimack, and certainly the one that many students are most grateful for today, was the addition of a female student body: the college went co-ed. Father McQuade was reluctant at first

to allow women into the college, and he was not alone. He seemed to be following the advice of Rev. Edward V. Stanford, Educational Director of Augustinian Schools and Colleges, who wrote to Father McQuade and strongly suggested that he not introduce co-education, at least not right away. Father Stanford advised Father McQuade to "resist the suggestion tactfully, plead for the chance to get the college

Loathe to displease the Archbishop, Father McQuade tactfully advised the prelate that a recent meeting of the Augustinian Provincial Chapter had "favorably discussed" the idea of the college admitting women. The Archbishop interpreted Father McQuade's remarks as a resounding acceptance of the idea. So excited was he that he immediately alerted the press that Merrimack College would become co-

educational in the fall of 1950. In fact, Father McQuade first became aware of Merrimack's co-educational status over his car radio while driving from Boston to North Andover. J. Leo Cronin, one of the members of the committee that first proposed building Merrimack, was with Father McQuade in the car. He recalled: "Father McQuade turned deep red, muttered something under his breath, and snapped off the radio."

Father McQuade eventually, of course, warmed to the idea, and the 1950 freshman class included eleven women. Because it is important to give credit where credit is due, here is a list of those brave, pioneering young souls: Estelle T. Bernadin, Barbara A. Coughlin, Catherine C. Cullen, Grace

Delamare, Patricia A. Hart, Margaret M. Hickey, Loretta Konopacka, Georgen Laite, Antoinette J. Mazzaglia, Beverly Briggs and Helen M. Toohig. The first woman to graduate from Merrimack was Mary Claire Hickey, a transfer student from Emmanuel; her sister Margaret had been the first woman accepted to the school. (Their sister Ann, also a Merrimack alumna, writes the essay accompanying this article.)

These young ladies wasted no time in making their presence known. With the help of Father Galloway, they formed the Horseback Riding Club. Their writing skills



MARCHING FOR MERRIMACK: Augustinian priests form part of a ceremonial parade at a fundraising rally for Merrimack held in Lawrence Memorial Stadium in 1949.

underway for men without the complications of women; be noncommittal about the future." For most of 1950, Father McQuade struggled with the question: while women students would surely complicate the life of the college, introducing instructional, building and possibly even disciplinary problems, they would also enrich the student body and make up for the drop in enrollment of veterans that was anticipated. Archbishop Cushing was strongly in favor of the college going co-ed, yet in the end, he left the decision up to Father McQuade.

Where once were cows

By Ann Hickey Murphy '55

were exhibited in the "Coeds' Corner" section of the *Warrior*, and they made their voices heard as members of the debating team.

Brown Bags and Mandatory Mass

Student life in the fifties did have its drawbacks. For example, students had to brown-bag their lunches. Being an unfinished school meant that Merrimack still had a few bugs to work out of the system. All too often the heating system would fail and coats and scarfs were regularly worn to class. It has also been documented that in "the early years, the clocks in Sullivan Hall had the habit of indicating several different times..."; funny how, at least from a student's perspective, some things never change.

Academic, social and religious life were integrated for these early Merrimack students. Attendance at Mass was obligatory and faithfully recorded on "Mass attendance cards," which were gathered from the students each Friday at the Collegiate church. There was also a mandatory three-day retreat requirement for each student, not to mention the compulsory evening prayers for the dormitory residents. So serious were the college's priests about overseeing their students' spiritual development that one alumnus, who during his years at Merrimack lived with fellow students in an apartment off-campus, recalls the fathers paying unexpected visits to check that no beer was on the premises.

An excerpt from the 1951 yearbook reads, "Our faith in God is the ultimate meaning for all of us." Organizations such as the Fraternity of the Holy Name and the Cana Society further illustrate the careful attention the college paid to the spiritual and religious lives of its students and their families. The annual Communion Day was the highlight of the year for the Fraternity. On this day, fathers and sons would attend Mass together. Following the early morning Mass they were invited to attend a Communion breakfast typically held in Merrimack's gymnasium. Guest speakers were often invited to speak before the morning meal; in 1950 one such speaker was a young congressman by the name of John F. Kennedy.

The Cana Society was organized on behalf of Merrimack's married students. In November of 1949, all of the college's forty married students attended an organizational meeting. Ultimately, the society enabled the students to bring their wives on campus for lectures about domestic relations as well as for social events.

I remember Merrimack when her land was for cattle and grazing, when chestnut trees shaded her meadows and victory gardens dotted her fertile fields. In the springtime of 1941 my parents bought the large brown house with the wrap-around porch situated directly across from this giant farmland. This was our home at 274 Turnpike Street from my second grade until I graduated from Merrimack in the class of 1955 ... and these are my memories of those bygone days.

During my grammar school years, I never dreamed that the rural grange which I eyed from my front lawn would ever become a college. Indeed, it was perfect for softball games in the warm summer evenings, for walks with my chubby beagle hound Dolly, for runs around the old racetrack, and for finding nuts under the spreading chestnut trees. It was our open space that we neighborhood kids shared with the cattle who were being fattened for beef, and from it we watched pictures in the clouds as they drifted toward the western sky.

As I graduated from grammar school in 1947, there was mysterious talk about a college coming to our neighborhood; a college that would change my life in so many ways. My parents and our family knew Father McQuade, Father Gildea and the other early pioneers of this Augustinian undertaking and I

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Beanies for All Frosh

But college life was not all rules, regulations and religion. Students had ample time for fun and entertainment. What today might be called hazing was, at least in the fifties, considered good-natured rites of initiation. The initiation in question concerned the incoming freshmen, or "frosh." It was the duty of the Sophomore Orientation Committee to welcome the newcomers. As a part of this welcome, both the male and female frosh were made to wear beanie caps, or "regs." These regs were little blue hats with a bright yellow "M" and a blue-and-gold badge with the wearer's name, nickname and home town spelled out for the entire student body to see.

In addition, no frosh were allowed to occupy a seat in the cafeteria until after Thanksgiving. Any violators of the rules were handed a punishment determined by a student tribunal. The freshmen's only consolation was to remember that what goes around comes around, and they would eventually have their turn on the Sophomore Orientation Committee.

Dances were the entertainment order of the day and Merrimack had plenty. There was the Freshman Hop, the informal Cotillion sophomore year, the Junior Prom and, of course, the Senior Ball. In between, the student body was kept busy with the

Barn Dance, the Sweater Dance and the Mardi Gras Festival.

A discussion of the college's early years would not be complete without considering the births of two of Merrimack's most popular sports – basketball and hockey. Not only were these sports a mainstay of the college but they were also Merrimack's first varsity sports. The year 1949-50 marked not only the first basketball season but also the first winning season. The Warriors, under the guidance of coach Paul Lanni, finished with a 7-2 record. This groundbreaking team was recruited from extensive intramural efforts originated by Father Cullen, the college's athletic director. The starting lineup or "first five" were George Lane, George Wermers, Frank Countie, Dan Harrington, and Ed LaRivier.

The history of the hockey team was a rags-to-riches story. This team's humble beginnings began in 1956 when Father Paul Thabault and a few volunteers built an outdoor hockey rink. This rink was located in a field northwest of the Student

Union building and served the team until arrangements with Phillips Academy could be made to use its facilities. The rink was outfitted with lights so that night games could be played. In the hands of the team's coach, Jim Reynolds, the Warriors finished their first season with a 4-4-1 record.

In the end, the 1950s represented not



JUNIOR PROM: Paul LeMaitre '60 and Natalie (Frost) Mullen '62 dial F for Fun.

only Merrimack's second decade of existence but also a "second spring" for the college. Sullivan Hall, Cushing Hall, Austin Hall and the Collegiate Church of Christ the Teacher were all finished and fully operational. From the one long, rectangular structure simply known as Guild Hall, the "Miracle of Merrimack" had grown and prospered to include a campus of seven buildings and a student enrollment of 900. □

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remember my mom and dad's positive response when we, along with many of our neighbors, were asked to make room in our homes for the first male dormitories. My parents turned our unfinished attic, where we once played on rainy days, into three comfortable bedrooms and a bath, room enough for six students.

In 1947 Merrimack was open to only males; many were returning from the war, using their GI Bill to pay their tuition. Those in our home were like big brothers to my two sisters and me, and we watched them go to classes in the early primitive buildings of the untried college.

This was the year that *Finian's Rainbow* opened in New York, when Anne Frank's diary was published, and when General George Marshall called for the European Recovery Program, known as the Marshall Plan.

Yes, I remember my high school years, studying Latin, French, English literature, science, mathematics and history. And as I read books and practiced my squeaky violin, I watched my childhood playing fields become a college. I saw the students studying and I marveled at the large brick buildings standing tall where once wild daisies grew. We came to know Father Smith, Father Galloway and all the others who would gather around our piano after supper and sing songs with students, teachers, family and friends.

In the spring of 1950 when my sister Margaret was deciding about college, an amazing decision was made by the Augustinian fathers! They decided to allow young women to study in these hallowed halls ... so, Margaret Hickey, now Margaret Patnaude of North Andover, became the first woman to apply and be accepted as a "co-ed." Margaret graduated in 1954, and continues to own and operate the Red Oak Farm in North Andover with her husband Neil.

It was 1953, remembered by baseball fans because the Boston Braves moved to Milwaukee and by music lovers because we were all singing "Doggie in the Window" and "I Believe." Merrimack was again on our Hickey family list of "firsts" as my sister Mary Clare Hickey, now Mary Clare Milan, became the first woman to graduate from the college. She was a transfer student from Emmanuel

College and my mom, who was then a widow, was most proud of the first of her three daughters to graduate from Merrimack. Mary Clare lives in Amherst, N.H., with her husband John, and she teaches school in neighboring Milford.

Now, let's go back a couple years to

1951. The newspapers and radio told us that the 22nd Amendment to the Constitution was passed that year, limiting the numbers of years a U.S. president could serve; we were humming songs such as "Hello Young Lovers" and "Come On-a My House"; and I began my freshman year at Merrimack. Instead of carrying a softball and bat across to those green fields, I now carried French, biology and history books.

I had been at college only a few weeks when plans were made for a Sadie Hawkins dance ... this meant that the girls asked the boys to the dance! What a choice we had, because there were very few girls and lots and lots of boys! After algebra class in October of 1951, I asked a tall, handsome freshman to be my date ... and he has been my date for a lifetime! In August, John and I will celebrate our 37th wedding anniversary. Many said women in those days went to school first for their MRS. and second for their B.A. or B.S. Perhaps they were right, but it certainly made for an interesting mix of studies and social life!

Merrimack, in the 1950s, was far different from the established school of today. There was only a scattering of buildings and very little landscaping; in fact, when it rained we often walked through muddy pathways from class to class. Yet it has something which today's students do not have. There was an abundance of Augustinian priests in their long robes, walking on campus and through hallways, stopping to talk to students, giving advice and chatting whenever needed. I remember Father Cullen, who was like your favorite uncle; Father Flaherty and Father Shannon, who scared me to death; and a kind lay teacher, Mr. James St. Germain, who inspired all of us to be our best and learn the lessons of history. There was a family feeling at Merrimack then: we knew we were part of a college yet to be tested, we were young, our lives stretched before us and we all had great fun together!

To help pay my college bills, I worked

the switchboard in the evenings and on weekends at Austin Hall. I remember one day when I was very sick with the flu and Father McQuade stopped by to say hello. I must have looked terribly ill or maybe I was mixing up all the calls, but he took pity on my ashen face and said, "Miss Hickey, let me drive you home." Of course, I sat in the back seat of his car, for this was 1955, but the first president of Merrimack was quite kind to this lowly undergraduate student.

In June 1995 my husband John and I, who both graduated from Merrimack in 1955, will return for our 40th class reunion. John received his B.A. in English and I received my B.A. in history. We later went on to receive higher degrees in education. John was director of special education in the Hingham public schools for 23 years; state supervisor of education with the Massa-

chusetts Department of Education; and currently practices speech and language pathology in Boston-area hospitals and nursing homes. I have taught school, worked in counseling and in television production, but my true love is writing. Several publishers have been kind enough to publish my books on family life and parenting, and I continue to write articles each month for magazines and newspapers.

We have raised a son and daughter who are now young adults. Both are happily married and both are attorneys. MaryEllen practices education law and is partner with her Boston-based firm, and John is assistant U.S. attorney in New Orleans. It was the love of learning that John and I found at Merrimack which helped us raise our children and inspired them to study and to achieve. We also have two adorable granddaughters, Katie and Jenny, and it is like beginning all over again when we care for them.

As I come to the end of this piece, I do not regret that Father McQuade and the Augustinian fathers decided to turn the open farm land into halls of learning. Surely he is smiling down from his heavenly seat and in his own special way, he must be very proud of the seeds of knowledge he sowed so long ago. □



John F. Murphy and Ann M. (Hickey) Murphy

I'd rather be Beth

by Wendy Darwin Wakeman '93

Election night, 1994. I'm in a hotel suite, described in the press as the *Torkildsen War Room*. On the television screen, results are pouring in from around the country...Pataki over Cuomo in New York, Nethercutt over House Speaker Tom Foley in Washington State, Ollie North goes south.

I'm glued to the computer screen in a back corner of the room. Bedford—we're up, but not by enough. Burlington, same thing—we're up by fewer than a thousand votes. We're not maintaining the margins we need to win this thing.

People who love politics live for the excitement of election night, and the most recent November elections were long on excitement. Especially if, like me, you're a Republican.

I confess—I'm a political junkie. In the even-numbered years, you'll find me on a street corner holding a sign, or in some low-rent office addressing envelopes, or in a corner at a cocktail party huddling with four or five fellow political operatives, discussing strategy and gossiping about who's got what chance to win.

Last year was no different. I was settled comfortably at a desk job where the most challenging aspects of my day were arriving on time and staying at the office until five. Then I got the call. And since politics is my vocation, I answered. My new job: managing an incumbent Republican's congressional campaign.

Peter Torkildsen, the first-term congressman from the North Shore, was staffing up. Torkildsen's 1992 win was unusual to say the least—he beat Nicholas Mavroules, who had served 14 years in Congress. And in the district he served, Democrats outnumbered Republicans three to one.

But the word on Torkildsen was that he hadn't won so much as Mavroules had lost. Most pundits believed the seat would be returned to the Democrats in '94.

I like tough campaigns. I prefer working for novice candidates running for seats held by the other party, and as a Republican in Massachusetts, home of Ted Kennedy and Cambridge, most of my party's candidates fit that bill. But with Torkildsen—well, this race would be unusually challenging.

Roll Call, the newspaper that follows the goings on of Capitol Hill's inhabitants, had

Torkildsen on its "Top Ten Most Vulnerable Incumbents" list, and kept him there throughout the election cycle. And the national Democrats targeted Torkildsen as one of the Republicans they believed could be toppled.

The first time I ran for anything, I was eight years old. Stephen Caron and I had tied for first place as "best class writer," and were forced into a run-off. Everyone put their heads down on their desks and the teacher asked for a show of hands. I've never admitted this, but I voted for Stephen, because he spelled his name with a "ph" instead of a "v." I lost. By one vote. Had I voted for myself, I would have won. By one vote.

But that loss taught me some valuable lessons. First, the electorate casts its votes for strange reasons. Second, take nothing for granted.

In the ballroom downstairs at the hotel, Channel Five has its cameras set up waiting for Torkildsen to address the crowd of supporters. Town-by-town election results are posted on an overhead projector, and CNN blares from the television sets in the front two corners of the room. It's ten o'clock, and I give the "It's going to be a long night" speech from the makeshift stage at the front of the room.

About a half-dozen paid staffers formed the core of the Torkildsen team. Someone handled the press, another events, another fundraising, yet another grassroots field organization.

Early on, Peter cautioned me to remember that a campaign can be defined as a series of crises culminating in an election. Campaign management is crisis management. Each week brought something new—from the candidate being hospitalized with food poisoning two weeks before the election to nearly running out of money a week later.

John Tierney, a lawyer from Salem, survived a contentious primary for the opportunity to run against Torkildsen. Once the primary was won, Tierney had the resources of the national Democrats on his side. Even the Clintons got into the act: Hillary Clinton travelled to the North Shore in the final week to campaign for Tierney.

In the final weeks, Tierney gained tremendous strength. Contributions poured

into his campaign from labor organizations and the myriad other political action committees that traditionally fill liberal candidates' coffers. And the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee bought precious and pricey television time on Tierney's behalf.

Television was an area of dissension for our campaign. Because there were so many other candidates, we weren't sure our message would get through the jumble of campaign ads. Against the judgment of our media consultant, we decided against making television our primary medium.

Instead, we would use direct mail to deliver our message. John Tierney was on the tube constantly in the ten days before election day. We had bought a small amount of cable time, but our commercial never aired on the broadcast channels.

Votes in cities like Lynn, Gloucester, Peabody, Newburyport and Haverhill take longer to tally, and we anticipate losing those cities. By 10:30 p.m., we've heard from volunteers in enough precincts to know that while we're losing (in all but Haverhill), we're losing by smaller margins than we had projected. Smaller wins but smaller losses. When all the votes are in, we win by 7,461 with 238,985 votes cast. At one in the morning, John Tierney calls to concede.

You'd think that after my first experience running for office I'd have called it quits, but I didn't. I ran again in eighth grade, for student council. My opponent, whose name I've forgotten, was friends with a girl named Beth, who made the rounds of the junior high, strong-arming votes.

I finished second in a field of five, and I'll grudgingly admit that the winner was a great student council representative. She stayed after school every day to attend meetings and fought for reforming lunchroom rules. Since I finished second, I was alternate. I was allowed to go to the meetings, and I could vote—if someone was absent. I didn't fulfill my duties.

Beth, on the other hand, had made a lot of friends on the student council campaign, but unlike the winner for whom she had worked so tirelessly, she didn't have to go to meetings at all.

Again, I learned something: that being a candidate wasn't the right role for me in politics. I'd rather be Beth. ┘

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Arthur V. Johnson, Jr., recently retired as assistant principal of Dunn Middle School in Danvers, Mass., after 39 years in the town's school system. The school yearbook remarked of him: "It is said that a man's character is what he really is. In the case of Mr. Johnson, the two are one; he is a teacher, counselor and a friend. We thank him for his years of dedicated service to the children of Danvers."

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Patricia Hogan recently became a secretary for the Friends Meeting at Cambridge in Cambridge, Mass. "Finally my work and spiritual life is integrated," she writes. "Not only do I handle the accounting, write and edit the monthly Bulletin, and the Minutes of Monthly Meeting for Business, but also am a presence in the Friends Center to all who come or call. Because Quakers have no ministers, each of us minister 'Walking cheerfully over the earth seeking that of God in everyone.'" She lives in Charlestown, Mass.

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Janet (Sauerwein) O'Brien recently graduated from Westfield State College with a masters degree in psychology. She was inducted into Psi Chi psychology honor society. Janet is a social worker/clinical therapist for Catholic Charities Counseling Services, Pregnancy Support Services of Berkshire County and Berkshire Medical Center's inpatient psychiatric unit. She and her husband George live in Lee, Mass. They have two children.

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John J. Markey retired as special agent for the FBI after 30 years of

government service. He now works as a loss control specialist and trainer with Banknorth Group, Inc., in Burlington, Vt. He lives in Shelburne, Vt., with his wife Eileen.

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Denise McCarthy is principal of the Wetherbee School in Lawrence, Mass. She lives in Andover.

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Starting in July, **Daniel Leclerc** became the Mendon-Upton Regional School District's first director of curriculum and professional development. He lives with his wife **Gail (Fitzmaurice)** '65 and children Jonathan and Elizabeth in Belmont, Mass...**Margaret "Peggy" MacInnis** has been appointed principal of Holy Trinity School in Lawrence, Mass. She is the first lay principal in the school's history. She lives in Andover...**Phyllis B. (Valliere) McCarthy**, a teacher and vice principal at St. Patrick School in Pelham, N.H., was one of three women honored as New Hampshire Catholic Educators of the Year. She was also selected for the 1994 edition of "Who's Who Among America's Teachers."

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Frederick F. Driscoll, who is employed by the Department of Electronics and Computer Science at Wentworth Institute of Technology, was named the Henry C. Lord Chair in Electronics through 1996. He lives in Andover with his wife Jean...**Daniel S. Shine, Jr.** is a principal with EDS' Management Consulting Services, which focuses on the aerospace and defense industry. He has been in the aerospace industry more than 25 years. Daniel and his wife Rosanne live in Andover.

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Joseph Butler, Jr., was recently elected director of technical services for the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers Electromagnetic Compatibility Society. He and his wife Catherine live in South Hamilton, Mass...**Robert Fries** was recently appointed president of Stratton Corp. Fries has held management positions in ski resort operations and development for 21 years and most recently was president and CEO of the Olympic Regional Development Authority in Lake Placid, N.Y. IntraWest, which appointed Fries to his new position, owns and operates resort and ski operations at Blackcomb and Panorama in British Columbia, Mont Tremblant in Quebec and Stratton Mountain. Fries lives in Stratton, Vt., with his wife Tina and their two children...**Linda C. (Fredette) Kinsey** recently began a freelance writing career and has been published in several Berkshire County newspapers and other publications. Linda and her husband John live in North Adams, Mass. They have three daughters, Barbara, Deborah and Janice.

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Gloria (Trudeau) Deschene received a masters degree in education from Fitchburg State College. She is a French teacher at the McCarthy Middle School in Chelmsford, Mass. She lives in Methuen with her husband James...**Alexander Infanger** was recently appointed principal at the Locke Middle School in Billerica, Mass. He and his wife Joy live in Billerica...Voters in the town of Littleton, Mass., recently made history by electing the first woman ever to serve on the board of selectmen. **Karen (Duggan) McNamara** edged out her closest opponent by only 39 votes. Karen is a management consultant for businesses and nonprofit organizations and has lived in Littleton for over twenty years...

Maureen (Sullivan) O'Neill has been appointed chairman of North Shore Community College's division of liberal arts studies. She holds doctorate degrees in counseling and psychology and a masters degree in guidance and counseling from Boston College.

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Robert A. Lindley, Jr., of Mesa, Ariz., received a masters degree in organizational management from the University of Phoenix in May. He works as a support specialist for MicroAge Computer Company in Tempe.

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Matthew J. D'Agostino recently left his position as assistant principal of the Frost School in Lawrence, Mass., for the same post at the Leahy School in Lawrence. He says, "It's like going home again; it's the school I attended as a child and where my teaching career began in 1974." He lives in Methuen with his wife Christine and their children Lauri, who is a sophomore at Union College in Schenectady, N.Y., and son Jimmy, a freshman at Methuen High...**Robert H. MacDougall, Jr.**, of Wakefield, Mass., is manager of Roadway Express in Boston...**Brendan Sheehy** of Andover, Mass., has been appointed supervisor of officials of Hockey East. He has officiated and coached at both the high school and collegiate level, and from 1987-82 served as a scout for the Montreal Canadiens. He was assistant coach of Merrimack's hockey team in 1971, the year Merrimack won the ECAC Division II championship, and in 1978, when it won the national title. He most recently served as president of the Andover Youth Hockey Association. Brendan also oversees the operations of Brendan Sheehy & Associates, which represents companies in the sporting goods field.

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Frank A. Colizzi has joined Femino Realty Services as a sales associate. He lives in Methuen, Mass., with his wife Christine and their sons Marc and Christopher...**Dr. Matthew Messina** has joined the staff of Sippican Healthcare Center in Marion, Mass., as medical director of pulmonology. He has written many articles on the subject and is a regular contributor to medical and research journals. He also maintains a private practice in New Bedford...**John Anderson, Jr.**, was recently appointed manager of Ostram Sylvania, Inc. in Beverly, Mass. He holds six U.S. patents for his work on fluorescent lighting.

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Navy Comdr. Kevin Feeney recently completed the Reserve Officers' National Security Decision Making Course, taught at Naval War College, Newport, R.I. He and his wife **Claudia (Haddad) '71** live in Concord, Mass., with their children...**Daniel F. Loughry** has been appointed a U.S. Administrative Law Judge for the Office of Hearings and Appeals of the Social Security Administration in Los Angeles. He and his wife **Lois (Bugnacki) '71** live in Glendale, Calif...**Anne (St. Germaine) Murphy** of Natick, Mass., chairman of the math department of Walnut Hill School, has been awarded a study grant on "Calculus with Calculators and Computer Enhancement" in preparation for the 1994-95 AP Calculus Exam, which will require the use of graphic calculators.

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Tim Callaghan has been promoted to vice president of operations at Phoenix Controls Corp. in Newton, Mass. He lives in Nashua, N.H., with his wife Cindy and their children Lisa and T.J.

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Joseph Gulla has been appointed president and chief operating officer of O'Grady /

Peyton International, a medical services provider based in Boston with locations worldwide. He lives in Plaistow, N.H., with his wife Karen and their children Michael and Katie...**Kenneth J. Swymer**, assistant vice president of Netherlands Insurance Companies in Keene, N.H., recently received a scroll of appreciation from the American Institute for Chartered Property Casualty Underwriters for 10 years of educational leadership in the insurance field. He and his wife, Noreen, live in Keene with their three children.

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Kevin C. Doyle, who has worked as sports editor at the *Newburyport Daily News* since 1978, was recently selected 1994 New England Sports Columnist of the Year for newspapers with circulations of 30,000 or less. Doyle was honored for a column reflecting on the death of Boston Celtics star Reggie Lewis. He lives with his wife Judith and children Sean and Terrence in Amesbury, Mass. He and Judith recently celebrated their fifteenth wedding anniversary...**David McGillivray** celebrated his 40th birthday in August on his feet: Since 1966, one of his gifts to himself has been running his age. As he gets older, the run gets longer and the accomplishment means more. He is a longtime marathon runner and president of Dave McGillivray Sports Enterprises, a race promotion company. He lives in North Andover with his wife Susan and their sons Ryan and Max...**Rev. Brian Sheridan**, a missionary of Our Lady of LaSalette in Hartford, Conn., recently was the host for a SongFest at Lourdes in Litchfield. Brian travels extensively seeking support for the LaSalette missions.

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Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Robert H. Cheyne recently graduated from Field Medical Service School at Camp Lejeune, N.C. The course emphasizes battlefield survival, personal protective measures and the basic tactics and use of weapons for self-defense...**Jim Comosa** has been named senior vice president and Northeast regional manager for North American Mortgage Company in Waltham, Mass. He will be in charge of North

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Melissa Smith '95

■ As Merrimaction advisor, she worked with the group's executive board to develop and direct student volunteer activities. She visited each of the group's half-dozen volunteer sites, made innumerable connections and organized untold events. Her goal? Management.



Chris Cummings '96

■ An English major, he uses his ample communication skills as a tutor at the college's writing center, as the only student on the presidential search committee, as layout editor at the Argus and as president of the Commuter Council. His goal? Journalism.

American's seven regional offices located in New York and states northward.

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Stephen Avedikian, Jr., has been named vice president of manufacturing and customer support at Precision Robots, Inc., in Billerica, Mass. The company manufactures factory automation systems...**Paula-Lee (Sullivan) Chambers** received a juris doctorate degree from the Massachusetts School of Law in Andover, Mass. She is employed by the New England Regional Office of Hanover Insurance Company in Worcester, Mass. She lives in Westford, Mass., with her husband William and their three children...**Bill Keller** has been promoted to district sales manager of Hewlett-Packard in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. He is pursuing an MBA in international business at the University of Miami. He and his wife Audrey will move to the Chicago area in

early 1996. They live in Boca Raton...**Ann O'Connor**, director of the Civil Conciliation Program at the Lawrence District Court in Lawrence, Mass., helps clear up civil-case backlog by encouraging people to settle their differences before they get to a judge. She lives with her husband, Terry Downes, in Andover.

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Ken "Hank" Duane, who works as executive vice president for Nautica Int., has moved to New Canaan, Conn., with his wife Jincie and their children Mackenzie, Patrick, Catharine and Kevin...**Paul A. Reilly** is working toward a masters degree in social work from Fordham University; his wife **Nilda (Martinez) Reilly '80** has been promoted to account executive at the Robert E. Linnett Insurance Agency. They live in Caldwell, N.J., with their sons Christopher and Michael. Nilda writes: "Both boys are active in sports such as

soccer, baseball and basketball. We look forward to perhaps having them also attend Merrimack."

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Daniel A. Cameron, a senior commercial and industrial representative with Mass. Electric, has been named a director of the Everett, Mass., Chamber of Commerce. He lives with his wife in Malden...**Alex Filopoulos** is a broker of fresh fruits and vegetables. His new business, A.F. Brokerage Co, is located in Everett, Mass. He lives in Malden with his wife Cynthia...This fall **Sean P. McGowan** began teaching math, physics and biology at Bedford [Mass.] High School. Previously he worked as computer manager for a Harvard University crystallography lab at Children's Hospital in Boston. He and his wife Kathleen live in Andover with their children Kelly, Meghan and William.

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Dr. James A. Duca is a chiropractor in private practice in Worcester, Mass., and also a sports physician for the Worcester Ice Cat Hockey Team. He lives with his wife Donna and their sons Michael and Alex in Shrewsbury, Mass...**Paul R. McDonough** of South Boston, Mass., is project manager at HNTB Corp. in Boston. He is a professional engineer in Rhode Island with previous registrations in Massachusetts and Maine...**Ralph J. Quinn** has been transferred from Peabody, Mass., to Rochester, N.Y., as controller of the area's Kraft Foods plant.

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Dr. Kathleen McGarr Braley was recently named a fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians at the academy's annual scientific assembly in Boston. She received her medical degree from the Medical College of Virginia in 1987, and did her residency training at the Maine Medical Center in Portland. She is now employed by the Manchester, N.H., Health Care Center...**Rick Filosa** recently received a juris

doctorate degree from New England School of Law and is now an associate with the Boston law firm of Bingham, Dana & Gould. Rick will be sitting for the Mass. Bar in July. He lives in Marblehead with his wife **Jane (Fay) '82** and their two children Matthew and Elizabeth...**Mark Ukleja** is a special agent for the FBI in Washington, where he specializes in investigating white collar crimes. "Every day," he says, "is unpredictable." Mark lives in Virginia with his wife Kristin and their children Emma and Sam.

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Jonathan McCosh recently became a member of the Raymond, N.H., Municipal Executive Committee. He works as manager of a nonprofit visiting nurse association in New Hampshire...**Peggy McLeod** is administrative assistant at the New England Conference Council on Ministries. She lives in Andover and is mother of three sons and a grandmother.

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Edith (Green) Houlihan has just finished her fifth season as varsity volleyball coach at West High School in Manchester, N.H. She lives in Hooksett with her husband Bob and their daughters Paige and Marina. She competes in volleyball matches at the national level...**Ron Ploof** has written his first book, *The Edison Effect*, to be published in March. The book, he says, "teaches people how to be entrepreneurial, self-managing, and oriented towards lifelong learning in an information- and service-based economy." Ron and his wife Tara live in Tewksbury, Mass., with their children Bryen and Stephanie...**Stephen A. Terrile** recently moved from Boca Raton, Fla., to Austin, Texas to join the Austin branch of Skjerven, Morrill as a patent attorney. He specializes in protecting the intellectual property aspects of computer hardware and software. He lives in Austin with his wife Kathleen and their children Megan and Shannon.

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Linda M. DeCiccio of Woburn, Mass., was selected as BayBank's

employee of the month in May '94 for her contributions in hardware installations and was recently promoted to senior HR systems specialist. Linda also was elected human resources officer of BayBank Systems, Inc. in Waltham. She will be awarded a certificate in human resources management from Bentley College...**Leeann Pawlowski** has joined the staff of Jack Conway & Co.'s Canton, Mass., real estate sales office...**Susan Peters**, a sales associate at Christopher J. Barrett Realtors in Wakefield, Mass., was recently recognized by RELO, an international relocation network that helps transferred individuals and their families, as a "superstar" for her efforts in the field. She lives with her husband **Rich '87** in Wakefield...**Kevin P. Scanlon** has joined the litigation department of Barron & Stadfeld in Boston. He lives with his wife **Kathleen (Colliton) '86** in Somerville, Mass...**Dr. Paul A. Willette** is an attending emergency physician at the William W. Backus Hospital in Norwich, Conn. He recently made a presentation at the Society of Academic Emergency Medicine annual meeting in Washington, D.C. Paul lives with his wife Mary Christine and their son Spencer Paul in Groton, Conn.

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Robert T. Hamilton and his wife Mary Ellen recently moved from Boston to Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., where Bob is an audit manager with Arthur Andersen LLP...**Dennis Hendrickson** is owner of "The Usual" restaurant in Lowell, Mass. Old college chums in the area should stop by for a visit, he writes. He lives in Lowell with his wife Pamela and their children Jack and Tricia...**Betty McKenna Leonard** received a masters degree in electrical engineering from Northeastern University in June. She lives in Haverhill, Mass...**Kathleen McMurtrie** recently became an

accountant for the Roman Catholic Diocese of St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands. She was also recently certified as a Level I sailing instructor. She lives with her husband Maurice Chabuz and daughter Carolyn Adele on St. John.

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Steven Mauro is a district manager at the *Savannah News-Press* in Savannah, Ga. He lives in Savannah with wife Martha and their daughter Abigail Sarah.

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Susan M. Becotte of North Andover recently graduated from Northeastern University with a masters degree in biology...Attorney **Christopher Casey** has been elected to the Essex County Commissioners, where he joins **Marguerite Kane '60**. This was Chris' first run at elective office; since being elected to the board, he has been voted chairman. He and his wife Sharon live in Lynn, Mass...Don't tell **Roger LaPointe, Jr.**, any fish stories; he's got the biggest one of all. Last summer Roger landed three giant blue fin tuna in his 22-foot center console boat, which he keeps docked in Newburyport. The fish weighed in at 621 lbs., 550 lbs. and 500 lbs. The blue fin tuna, he reports, is considered the "gold medal" of big game fishing, with some weighing over 1,000 lbs. and swimming up to 45 mph. He sold all three fish to Japanese wholesalers for consumption in sushi restaurants in Japan. When not fishing, Roger works as an account executive at Dean Witter in Boston...**Jodie Ann (Woods)**



CATCH OF THE DAY: Roger LaPointe, Jr., (left), with one of the three big tunas he caught last summer.

Scherer is a senior medical technologist specializing in hematology and blood bank. She recently transferred to Queens Medical Center in Honolulu from Brigham & Women's Hospital in Boston. She and her husband, Corp. Steven Bruce Scherer, are stationed at Kaneohe Marine Corps Base...**Anthony Scricca** has been appointed branch manager of Household Finance Corp.'s Danbury office...**Jean LaPointe Trim** received her MBA from Bentley College last May and was recently appointed assistant vice president, private banking, of BayBank in Burlington, Mass. She is enrolled in Boston University's certified financial planner program. She and her husband, **Chris '91**, live in Newburyport. He works as an account executive at Dean Witter in Boston.

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James R. Ferraro of Waltham, Mass., recently received a juris

doctorate degree from New England School of Law...**Brian Hayward** of Wayland, Mass., went to Merrimack on a four-year hockey scholarship and walked away with no debt. But he knows that not everyone can be so lucky. For this reason he spends part of his time running a scholarship matching service that helps parents and students locate sources of financial aid for college. According to Brian, \$6.6 billion of scholarship money goes unclaimed each year...**Claire Marchand** received a juris doctorate degree cum laude from Suffolk University. She is a paralegal in Haverhill, Mass., and has two children...**Gerald R. Vincent** and **Karen (Temple) Vincent '92** have moved to Portsmouth, N.H., from Danbury, Conn. He is an electrical/software engineer for Vitronics in Newmarket, N.H., and plans on graduate school in the spring.

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Laura Breen has been hired as a middle-school math teacher in the Revere, Mass., school system. Previously she worked in a financial consulting firm...**Danielle J. DiMauro** has received her masters in counseling psychology from Lesley College. She works as co-coordinator of Project Outreach, which provides counseling, crisis intervention and psychoeducation to students in the Waltham public schools. She is also an adolescent therapist at Middlesex Outpatient Services...**Victor Fournier** recently graduated from Massachusetts College of Pharmacy with a bachelor of science degree. He works at New England Medical Center in Boston...**Alexandra S. Giavis** of Lowell, Mass., recently received a juris doctorate degree from Massachusetts School of Law. She attended the XIVth International

Congress of Comparative Law in Athens, Greece...**Matthew Kraunelis** earned a juris doctorate degree from Suffolk University Law School last spring...**Michael Pasciak** has joined T.C. Edwards Co. in Salem, N.H., as a staff auditor...**Scott Ragusa** of Malden, Mass., has accepted a new position as branch manager of Olsten Staffing Services in Burlington, Mass...**Robert S. Holman** has been hired as a staff accountant in the audit department of Moody, Cavanaugh and Co. in North Andover. He lives in Burlington, Mass.

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Jody Chadwick of Gloucester, Mass., is an account executive for Devine & Pearson, Inc. Advertising in Quincy, Mass...**Derek Doo** was recently promoted to senior associate in the business assurance/audit practice of Coopers & Lybrand, LLP in Boston, Mass. He is also a volunteer for the March

of Dimes and lives in his hometown of Sharon, Mass...**Brother Frank Grimaldi**, interfaith chaplain at Lawrence General Hospital for the past



Derek Doo

three years, recently left to join the staff of St. Stanislaus Church in Chicopee, Mass., where he now lives...It started as a hobby, became a part-time job in college, and now has turned into a business. **Suzanne Levesque** recently opened Earthstones Jewelry Workshop in Andover, where she both sells her own jewelry and offers classes where customers can make their own...Being field hockey coach at Methuen [Mass.] High isn't enough for **Paula Picarillo**: she's also an English teacher at the school and recently wrote a play, "Something Strange Happened on the Way to Heaven," which was performed by the school's drama club. "Watching the play was like being in a fantasy world," she admits. "I have it on film. Every once in a while I pop it into the VCR."...**Kevin Yetman** sends a missive from the wild: "In August," he writes, "after months of debating, I walked away from a great job at Cabletron Systems in Rochester, N.H., in order to attend graduate school full-time at the University of Alaska at Fairbanks. My goal is a masters in computer science with the software engineering option. It is a two-year program. On top of my studies, UAF also awarded me a teaching assistantship. It's a wonderful place and an experience I'm not going to forget." He continues: "Merrimack plays UAF up here twice this year - I'm still not sure who I should pull for." (Ed. note: It depends whether you want to root for a winner or a loser. Merrimack won both games.)

history and traditions, communications, and the techniques of military instruction...**Brian M. Cresta** was recently elected state representative from the 22nd State Representative district in Mass. Brian, who is a Republican, served for three years as municipal liaison and budget analyst for state Sen. Richard Tisei of Wakefield...**Brian Desharnais**, an engineering graduate student at the Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology in Terre Haute, Ind., was honored recently for his participation in the American Society of Civil Engineers' Daniel Mead Writing Contest. His paper, "Is Competitive Price Bidding for Professional Services Ethical?" will be published in *Civil Engineering* magazine...**Marine Pfc. Sean F. Etmon** recently graduated from the Unit Diary Clerk's Course at Camp Lejeune, N.C...**Michael R. Gagne** has been promoted to associate radio frequency engineer for Nextel Communications. Following last year's earthquake in Los Angeles, he led a team from Nextel that assisted in reestablishing badly needed communications systems...Who says family businesses are in decline? **John Kurdzionak** works with his parents at The Watchmaker, the family watch and clock shop, in Stoneham, Mass. He says he learned how to repair timepieces early, from his father. "We had about six clocks in every room," he says. He even makes house calls.

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Robin Allie recently became a first grade teacher at the St. James School in Biddeford, Maine...**Douglas Andrew**, of Methuen, Mass., is the president of Andrew's Service & Towing, Inc. He will be the third generation to work in the family business...**Joseph M. Doyon III** recently became director of business development at Xenegenex Inc. in Waltham, Mass. He lives in Belmont.

Rev. Edward J. Burns, O.S.A., director of business administration at Merrimack from 1947 to 1951 and of liberal arts and sciences from 1959 to 1968, has retired. His new address is: Casa San Lorenzo, 16400 N.W. 32nd Ave., Miami, FL 33054-6492.

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Marine 2nd Lt. Kevin F. Coughlin recently graduated from The Basic School in Quantico, Virginia. The course includes instruction on land navigation, marksmanship, tactics, military law, personnel administration, Marine Corps

Alumni: Living Reflections of Merrimack

Do alumni make a difference? In our busy lives we often question the impact of our efforts. We often ask such questions as: Does what I'm doing really matter? Am I really making a difference or am I just going through the motions? In some cases we have only a marginal impact but in other cases we do make a substantial difference. As alumni I submit to you we have a significant influence on the current existence and future growth of Merrimack College.

Alumni advance the mission of the College in many ways. From serving on formal committees established by the Alumni Council to becoming leaders in their communities, Merrimack College alumni make the College a stronger institution. Some alumni serve on committees that serve students directly, such as the Admissions Committee, which is responsible for the Alumni Ambassador Program, and the Alumni Resource Committee, which is involved in the Student Leadership Program. Others serve their community through public service such as mayor, councillor, selectman, school committeeman and parish council member. In all cases, alumni are the College's representatives, reflecting the driving force Merrimack College is in their lives.

A quick review of the participation of Merrimack graduates on Alumni Council committees shows the substantial impact they have had on the College. Two alumni sponsored programs have been particularly effective. They are the Ambassador Program and the Alumni Resource Program.

The Alumni Ambassador Program works in collaboration with the College's Admissions Office in contacting students expressing an interest in Merrimack. For the past two years, alumni have called students who have been accepted to Merrimack and have offered to answer questions and describe their experiences at Merrimack. This year the Alumni Ambassador Program is expanding its role to contact students who have expressed an interest in Merrimack. This will be particularly helpful, as the number of inquiries has increased from approximately 11,000 last year to approximately 16,000 this year. There is undoubtedly no more effective marketing technique than personal contact and interaction with a living reflection of Merrimack. Alumni are a concrete symbol of what a Merrimack College education can do.

The Alumni Resources Program has assisted the College's Placement Office in cultivating the careers of Merrimack College graduates. Initially,

the Alumni Resources Program focused on conducting "Alumni Resource Night," where alumni and students would come together and discuss career opportunities in different fields. As the program evolved, alumni would also assist not only students but other alumni, with over 650 alumni included on our career networking list. Most recently alumni have been assuming a lead role in the Student Leadership Program. In this program alumni meet with students in a variety of settings to discuss career experiences. This spring alumni came to the College and spoke with students about career opportunities in their particular field. Students also visit alumni in their work environment to develop an appreciation for the industrial world. To the extent that alumni can serve as mentors, they can make the transition from college to the working world a highly successful one for Merrimack College students.

The College's graduates are also making a significant difference in their communities. We have many alumni serving in elected office at the local, county and state level. Also, the College's graduates are very active in their parishes, serving in such capacities as finance, liturgy and spirituality advisor, just to name a few. Devoting substantial time as coaches in various youth sports programs is also a hallmark of the College's graduates. In short, alumni are very active in their communities and make a clear contribution to society's quality of life.

In returning to my original question, "Do alumni make a difference?," the answer is a resounding yes. From assisting the College directly through active participation on formal committees to serving devotedly and effectively in their communities, alumni are making a real difference in improving the quality of life. As each day passes, we are continuous reflections of what Merrimack stands for.

Sincerely,
Robert J. Cuomo '68



Robert Cuomo '68

What They're Doing Now

Editor's note: "What They're Doing Now" is a new feature in Class Notes that highlights the activities of alumni. Write Merrimack magazine with suggestions on who you'd like to see profiled.

What's an English major to do? If she has a flair for writing promotional copy and a working knowledge of the International Monetary Fund, she might do what Molly O'Donnell-Bresnahan '89 did - go to work for World Congress, Inc.

Bresnahan, 27, started at the Burlington-based company in August, just in time to rush to its premier annual event, the World Economic Development Congress, held this year in Madrid, just prior to the IMF World Bank meeting. The company, which organizes international private sector conferences, is only four years old, but business, apparently, is booming: the Madrid event brought together over 1,200 delegates from 86 countries with more than 32 ministers of state. Though all of them came to learn - the conferences are educational in format - the real focus, not surprisingly, was on making deals and networking.

The company will produce three flagship events in 1995: the Second Annual Congress of the Americas, to be held in Mexico City; the Fourth Annual World Economic Development Congress, held in Washington; and the Second Annual Americas Telecommunications Congress, held in Miami. These events focus primarily on power and project financing, institutional investing, technology and telecommunications.

In Madrid, Bresnahan, who, as marketing manager/international conferences, works to build audiences for just such events, went into high gear. "No job isn't your job on site. I'm not above hosting receptions for our delegates or making photocopies for the next session that's going to be happening."

Indeed, the art of persuasive discourse and knowing your audience is what Bresnahan's job is all about.

Among the speakers in Madrid were George Schultz, former U.S. Secretary of State; Chaim Herzog, former president of Israel; and Yasser Arafat, chairman of the PLO, who proved to be an impressive if somewhat anxiety-provoking guest. "We were told we were lucky that one, he showed up, and that two, he was on time,"



Molly Bresnahan

Bresnahan says. "He's known for not always making appearances when scheduled. About an hour before he spoke his security came in the hotel where he was going to speak to look for bombs, and they towed every car from the street. His entourage was just enormous. It was really exciting to have him with us in Madrid because two weeks later he was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize."

Bresnahan's job, which she landed after three years in the institutional trust division of The Boston Company (now Mellon Trust) and a stint at another conference management company, is "not for the fainthearted," but it makes use of her interest in business, her ability to meet deadlines and - last but certainly not least - her skill with the English language.

Bresnahan, who also is vice president of Merrimack's Alumni Council, says she owes much of her success to her alma mater. "I think if it wasn't for Merrimack, I wouldn't be where I am today. I'm thankful for the complete education that allowed me to move on and grow...I can sit back and say, 'I accomplished this goal, I made it happen,' and the foundation I received at Merrimack was the enabler."

Bresnahan lives in North Andover with her husband Dan.

B I R T H S

Anthony DiDio '75 and Nancy (Angelini) DiDio '77: a son, Anthony Christopher, July 12. He joins his sister Marion Rose and brother Angelo.

Annemarie (McGowan) Witzgall '78 and husband James: a daughter, Lauren Rose, Aug. 3.

J. Michael Fralinger '79 and wife Kim: a son, Christopher Daniel, Nov. 16.

Anne (Mason) Ford '80 and **Timothy Ford '81**: a daughter, Colleen Monica, Sept. 10. She joins T. Patrick and Brian M.

Jim McCurdy '80 and wife Pamela: a son, Zachary James, Jan. 22. He joins his sister Courtney.

Eileen (Knowlton) O'Donnell '81 and **Michael O'Donnell '90**: a son, Michael Robert, Oct. 11. He joins his brother Edward and sister Kathleen.

Joan Anne (Powers) Barsamian '82 and husband Robert: a son, Robert Pasquale, July 13.

Laurie (Santamaria) Langone '82 and husband Michael: a daughter, Allison Marie, Aug. 24. She joins her sister Michele Leigh.

Douglas R. Finnegan '84 and wife Nancy: a son, Tyler Joseph, Oct. 29, 1993.

Mike Hunter '84 and wife Sue (Bachand) '84: a son, James Paul, July 25. He joins brother Jonathan.

David Keefe '84 and wife Donna: a son, Patrick Francis, Oct. 11. He joins his sister Erin.

Wendy E. (Beeman) Slepian '84 and husband Richard: a daughter, Alexandria Joyce, Aug. 25.

Paul Casazza '85 and wife **Kathleen (Cadden) '86**: a daughter, Rebecca Lauren, May 25. She joins her brother Michael.

Kelly (Riordan) Gilgen '85 and husband Rob: a daughter, Erin Elizabeth, March 24.

William Leavis '85 and wife Debra Ann: a daughter, Amber Marie, Oct. 23.

Ellen (Leonard) Springer '85 and husband Kenneth: a daughter, Emily Jeanne, June 25.

Susan E. (Osborne) Gagnon '86 and husband David '93: a daughter, Kristen Ann, June 1.

Gretchen (Goodrow) Lothrop '86 and husband Harold: a son, Brian Thomas, Dec. 30, 1993.

Stephen Palladino '86 and wife **Maureen (Carlin) '87**: a son, Kyle Matthew, Aug. 14. He joins his brother Kevin.

Paul A. Willette '86 and wife Mary Christine: a son, Spencer Paul, March 7.

Karen (Demers) Boucher '87 and husband Ron: a son, Trevor Robert, June 23. He joins his brother Bryan Hanson.

Joyce R. (Lydick) Censullo '87 and husband Donald: a daughter, Julie Ruth, Nov. 3.

Robert Fowler '87 and wife **Shelly (Visalli) '87**: a daughter, Nicole Elizabeth, Feb. 4. She joins her brother Michael Robert.

Dennis C. Hendrickson '87 and wife Pamela: a son, Jack Dennis, April 29. He joins his sister Tricia.

Michael P. Manning '87 and wife Kathleen: a daughter, Kaitlin Marie, Aug. 24.

James E. Mitchell, Jr. '87 and wife Anne: a son, Thomas W.H., Oct. 24.

Jeanni (Kuzmeski) Trout '87 and husband Christopher: a son, Justin Walter, July 27. He joins his brother Christopher, Jr.

Maria (D'Eramo) O'Donnell '87 and husband Michael: a daughter, Brianna Elaine, September 29. She joins her brother Michael Patrick.

Robert Porack '87 and wife Jennifer: a son, Jared Michael, Oct. 12.

David McSweeney '88 and **Laura (Murano) '88**: twin sons, Cameron Terence and Sean Lawrence, April 20.

Gregg T. Picillo '88 and wife **Eileen (Larnard) '90**: a daughter, Molly Joan, August 31.

Janice M. (Corkery) LeClair '88 and husband Kevin T.: a daughter, Jillian Sullivan, June 14. She joins her siblings Justin Gregg; Luke Daniel; and Megan Eileen.

Joseph N. Russo '88 and wife Donna: a son, Nicholas Thomas, May 4.

William J. Merritt '90 and wife **Maureen (McNulty) '89**: a son, Cody Thomas, Sept. 17.

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W E D D I N G S

Jodie Ann Woods '89 and Corp. Steven Scherer on Nov. 13, 1993.

Johanna A. Beal '90 and **Sean E. D'Urso '91** at Merrimack College.

Christopher Bowker Jr. '90 and Janine Allosso at the Immaculate Conception Church in Malden, Mass.

Janice Christo '90 and Christopher P. Tyrell at the Swedenborg Chapel in Cambridge, Mass.

Michael G. Donovan '90 and **Gina Amico '92** at Merrimack College, June 18.

Heidi Fagan '90 and **Stephen White '90** at St. Susanna's Church, Dedham, Mass., April 30.

Thomas Fyrer '90 and Michelle Lanouette at Merrimack College.

Maria L. Mistretta '90 and Alfred F. Gal Jr. at St. Raphael's Church in Medford, Mass., Aug. 20.

Stella Papafagos '90 and **Andre Khoury '92** at the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Lowell, Mass., May 15.

Noreen Ann Reardon '90 and David Crandall at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Medford, Mass., June 11.

Brian Shaffer '90 and **Annemarie Buckley '91**, at Merrimack College.

Julie Arloro '91 and Vineet Menta at Merrimack College, Oct. 22. They will be married for a second time in India this autumn.

Marianne Bracken '91 and Dana Adams on Oct. 22.

Shannon Kerrigan '91 and Jefferson Moore at St. Timothy's Church in West Hartford, Conn., May 14.

Michael Machnik '91 and Heather Neely at St. Joseph's Church on the Hill in Camillus, New York.

Steven Patrie '91 and Theresa Nihan at St. Pius V Church in Lynn, Mass., Sept. 11.

John Ryan '91 and JulieAnn Jolikko on Oct. 15.

Janet Theriault '91 and William Choquette at St. Anne's Church in Salem, Mass.

Adria Giampa '92 and Richard Durkin at Merrimack College.

Christine Lagasse '92 and Donald Rennie, Jr., at St. Mary's Church, Chelmsford, Mass., Oct. 1.

Karen Johnson '92 and Kevin McCarthy in Chelmsford, Mass., July 16.

Robert Mitiguy '92 and Mendy Lynn Spillane at First Congregational Church, Burlington, Vermont, Aug. 27.

Kathleen Murphy '92 and Timothy Lynch at Merrimack College, Nov. 19.

Kristina Lynn RisCassi '92 and Andrew Klopfer at St. Patrick/St. Anthony Church in Hartford, Conn., June 25.

Christine Saake '92 and Scott McGrory at St. Mary's Church in Colts Neck, NJ., Oct. 15.

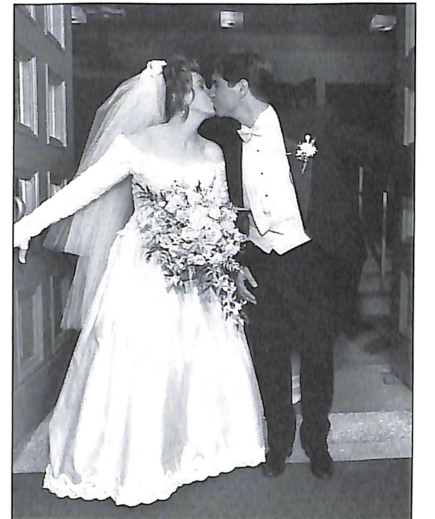
Denise Dyer '93 and David Littlefield at Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Portland, Maine, Oct. 8.

David Lane '93 and Darlene Garrett at King's Grant Inn, Danvers, Mass., Nov 14.

Chong Lee '93 and Olga V. Han at the home of the groom's parents in Haverhill, Mass.

Kara Zaccardi '93 and Anthony Loiacono at Holy Rosary Church, Lawrence, Mass.

Derek Jenner '94 and Amy Jackson at DiBurro's, Haverhill, Mass., Aug. 13.



Brian Shaffer '90 and Annemarie Buckley '91

Robert J. Meuse '51 formerly of Cincinnati, Ohio, died Oct. 8 in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. He was 72. He was an accountant for IBM for 24 years before retiring in 1984. A U.S. Army veteran, he served from 1942 to 1945 with the infantry in the European theater and received a Purple Heart and a Distinguished Service Cross. He was also a graduate of Burdette College and earned a master's degree from Xavier University in Cincinnati. He leaves his wife, Claire; daughter Lorraine; three brothers George, Paul and John; and two grandchildren.

Thomas Crabtree '52 of Derry, N.H., died Aug. 9. He was 68. He lived most of his life in North Andover before moving to Derry. He was the president and founder of U.T.S. of Mass., an electronics and engineering company. Mr. Crabtree was a veteran of the Army Air Force and served in World War II. He leaves his wife, Mary; sons, William, Steven and Mark; a brother, Walter; nine grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Michael S. Schena '53 died Nov. 19 at his home in Methuen, Mass. He was 62. He was a 1949 graduate of Haverhill High before going on to earn his degree from Merrimack. He was a member of Merrimack's Alumni Council and was active in many alumni programs over the years. He is survived by his wife Eleanor and his children.

Anne (O'Clare) Gallant '54, formerly of Methuen, Mass., died Oct. 15 in La Crescenta, Calif. She was 59. She was an office manager for State Farm Insurance Agency in California. She leaves her husband, Jack '59; sons, John, Charles and Michael; a daughter Deborah Pyott; her mother, Mary (Fostie) O'Clare; her brother, Russell; five grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

James B. Devine '59, formerly of Lowell, Mass., died Nov. 4, at his home in Fernandina Beach, Fla. Employed by the U.S. government for more than 15 years, he held positions as senior international adviser to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, assistant director of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and deputy assistant secretary of State for Nuclear Energy. He was also counselor of embassy in London. He is

survived by a brother, John; a sister, Margaret; three nephews, two aunts, and an uncle.

J. Beverly (Mitchell) Gallant '60 of Westport, Conn., died Sept. 13 in Norwalk. She was 56. After graduating from Merrimack, she received her master's degree in social work from New York University. She was a social worker at the Veterans Administration Hospital in West Haven, Conn. She is survived by her mother, Clare Mitchell; two sons, Paul and Matthew; a daughter, Nancy; a brother, Joseph; and her former husband R. Paul.

Anthony Tamilio '61 died Dec. 7 at his home in Lowell, Mass. He was 62. He resided in Chelmsford for over 30 years prior to moving to Lowell and was a former communicant of St. Mary's Church. An electrical engineer, he more recently was employed as a real estate agent in the Lowell area. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and served in the Korean War. He is survived by his wife, Helen; his mother, Josephine; a son, Anthony; a daughter, Lisa; two brothers, Frank and James; a sister, Teresa; and several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Richard J. Melia '64 of Lawrence, Mass., died while jogging during his vacation in Lincoln, England. He was 52. He had lived in central New Jersey for 10 years. He was employed by AT&T for 30 years, and had worked as vice president of international sales operations at AT&T Network Systems since 1989. He leaves his wife, Denise; son, Richard J. Jr.; daughter, Jennifer; stepson, Joseph; his mother, Mary; brothers, Kevin, Joseph, Thomas and Frank; his sisters, Marcella Wilson, Maryanne Harrington, Catherine Geary and Jane Anderson.

Louis F. Champagne '65 of San Pedro, Calif., died Sept. 22 after a short illness. He was 52. After graduating from Merrimack he went on to earn a master's degree from American University in Washington, D.C. He was employed as a physicist in the aerotech industry at the time of his death. Mr. Champagne is survived by a sister, Clare Young of Boulder, Colo.

Robert J. Lever '67 of Lawrence, Mass., died on July 20 at his home. He was 56. He enjoyed gardening and was an avid dart player. He was also an attendant

of St. Augustine Church. He is survived by his mother, Gertrude M. (Forgan) Lever; his children, Mark, Scott and Pegi-Anne Perry; his brother, James; and several aunts, nieces and nephews.

James E. Guilfoyle '69 formerly of Worcester, died on Dec. 5 after a long illness. He was 47. He was founder and owner of WB&C Recovery Services in Haverhill, Mass. He leaves his wife, Cynthia; a son, Lance; a daughter, Heather A. Vigler; two stepsons, James and Ronald; three stepdaughters, Robin, Catherine and Theresa; his mother, Alice; a sister, Kaida; and 11 grandchildren.

Dr. Anthony B. Savastano '69 died Nov. 18 in Methuen, Mass. He was 47. He practiced dentistry in Lawrence, Mass., for over 20 years and lived in Atkinson, N.H. He was manager of several local softball teams, and enjoyed boating and fishing. He attended Holy Angels Church in Plaistow, N.H. He leaves his father, Anthony Savastano; and several nieces and nephews.

Alex E. Nahigian '85 was killed by an alleged drunk driver in an accident on the Southeast Expressway Nov. 12. He was 31. A lifelong resident of Lexington, Mass., he worked as an accountant for several real estate investment firms, including Hunneman & Company Coldwell Banker in Boston, where he was employed at the time of his death. He was a member of the Simon W. Robinson Masonic Lodge and worked with the DeMolay youth group. He loved music, and while at Merrimack had appeared in several theater productions. According to a friend, he had been planning to apply for admission to the Berklee School of Music. He leaves his parents, Alexander M. and Louise (Seymourian) Nahigian; two brothers, Gregory and Martin; a grandmother, Arsine Seymourian; a sister-in-law and several nieces and nephews.

Elizabeth A. Prout '85 of Andover died in her home Dec. 9 after a long battle with cancer. She was 73. She was a member of St. Augustine Church and the John Lester Greene Writer's Group. She leaves six children, U.S. Navy Rear Adm. James G., Moira K., E. Claire, M. Sheila, Michael K. and Terence P.; a sister, Margaret Jensen; 13 grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Rabbi Fox dies at 72

Rabbi Dr. Samuel J. Fox, the first Jew to chair the religious studies department at Merrimack, died Dec. 26. He was 72.



Rabbi Fox

Rabbi Fox, of Lynn, Mass., joined the faculty at Merrimack in 1968. While at the college, he taught undergraduate religious studies courses in Judaism, introduction to the Old Testament and Wisdom Literature and Contemporary Problems. He also taught courses in archaeology and Near Eastern religions and prophecy and social justice.

He chaired the religious studies department for six years and retired from Merrimack in 1992.

In 1990, the school started a lecture series in honor of Rabbi Fox dealing with Judeo-Christian studies.

In addition to teaching at Merrimack, he also taught philosophy and humanities at the University of South Eastern Massachusetts, Quincy College and Salem State College.

He was ordained a rabbi at the Rabbinical College of Yeshiva University. He received a master's degree from Butler University and a doctoral degree from Harvard University.

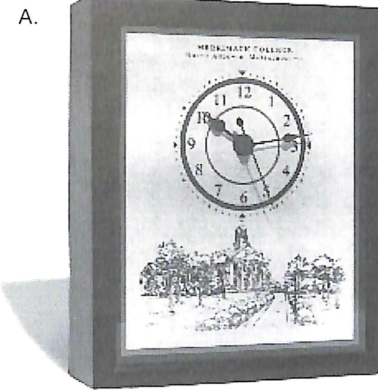
He served as spiritual leader of Congregation Chevra Tehillim and Congregation Anshe Sfard in Lynn for 35 years.

Rabbi Fox was a syndicated columnist and noted for his more than 1,000 television programs highlighting religious and community concerns. His weekly column on customs and ceremonies appeared in more than 100 newspapers throughout the world.

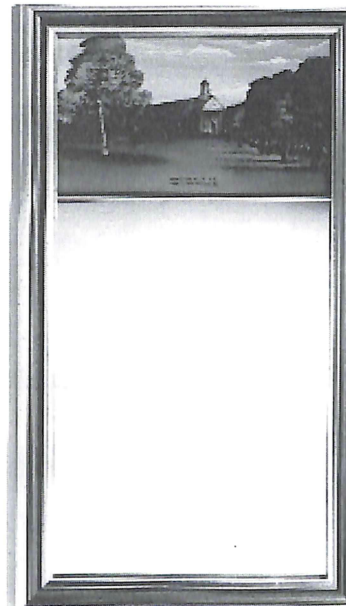
He was a religion editor of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency and was the author of a number of books including "Hell in Rabbinical Literature."

Rabbi Fox was president of the Massachusetts Council of Rabbis and the Orthodox Rabbinical Council of Greater Boston.

He was the widower of Edith (Muskin) Fox, who died in 1991. Surviving family members include a son, Joseph; his mother-in-law, Rose; sisters, Tobey Weinstein, Esther Edelman, Miriam, Tuvia and Adele Muskin; and 16 nieces and nephews.



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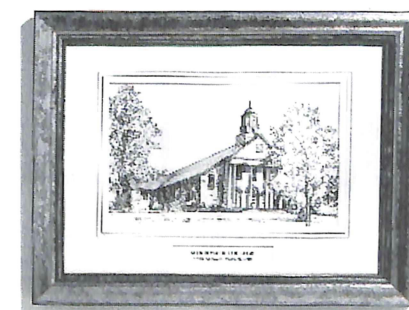
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Even interim president Richard Santagati got involved in Merrimack's Great Campus Cleanup last fall. He was joined by seniors (from left) Rich Button, Lesley Nadeau, Michael Prendergast and Denise Booras. The event, the brainchild of members of Merrimack's fraternities and sororities, was held to underscore the college's sense of community. About 100 students joined the effort, and were supervised by members of Merrimack's ground crew.

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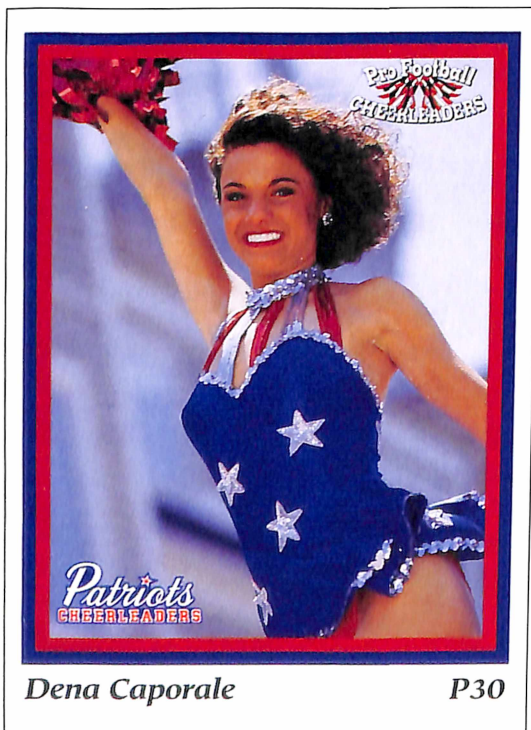
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