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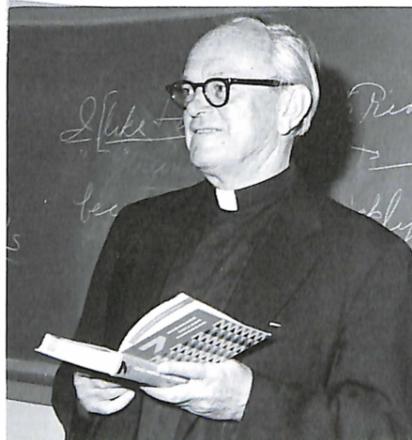
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And Gladly Would He Learn, and Gladly Teach

Though a significant number of my colleagues knew him longer, I was fortunate enough to be a department colleague of Father Joseph Flaherty's for well over 25 years, during some of that time as department chair, a position which, in my time, he categorically avoided despite pleadings. Now close colleagues, and the chair in particular, are the most likely people to hear students' cries of an instructor's cruel injustice and hardheartedness. Yet in all my time here, despite Father Flaherty's pride in his macho nickname, "No Charity Flaherty," not a single student offered a cry of woe or injustice about him. Instead, they came to the department office early in a fall semester to find out what "Flaherty courses" were to be offered the following spring so they could plan to take them.

The fact is, Father Flaherty's students loved him. Did not we all.... He was far too modest to recognize this caring as the reason that when he came into the department office between classes, hoping for a peaceful pause, including a quick cup of inky-black department-issue coffee and one of his unborrowably vile Camel cigarettes, he would routinely be frustrated by a following group of students teasing him, chattering with him, vying for his attention.

He would be astonished to discover he was the inspiration of such warm feelings. His illusion was that he exemplified the cool, rational, objective 18th century man. He never seemed to notice that this illusion was obviously contradicted by his zest for his courses in the lifeloving Chaucer, Shakespeare, and Jonathan Swift; by his wit and wonder in describing his exotic, upscale Philadelphia childhood; by his love for alumni occasions and conversational suppers with night-school colleagues at the close-by Hi-Spot (a unique family-run pub now, alas, replaced by a slick franchise); his



Rev. Joseph Flaherty, O.S.A.

pleasure in walking Rye, New Hampshire beaches and the Merrimack campus on fine October days like this; and, most strikingly, by his joy in the accomplishments of others, especially his students. The truth is Father Flaherty cared--quite uncoolly, unobjectively, and perhaps even irrationally--about the accomplishments of Merrimack's students: our struggling sports teams, for instance. And no one was a more enthusiastic supporter of the very successful Merrimack College Bowl team of 1970, whose prowess swept us all, including Father Flaherty, into the glamor of New York City high life for five successive weekends of TV tapings, eating at famous restaurants, going to Broadway plays, and ordering room service in the dead of night at our Class A hotel.

Father Flaherty taught kindness, understanding, and civility as well as Chaucer, Shakespeare, and Swift. On the first weekend we Merrimack Valley provincials crashed The Big Apple, for instance, our fiery, brilliant team captain got into a heated argument with a hard-boiled New York cabbie about the latter's wish to carry our luggage 15 feet to the hotel lobby--for a handsome tip, of course.

Father Flaherty who, with Dr. Roddy of the History Department, served as our Man of the World, saved the day. "Let him carry them," he told the team captain urgently, "and tip him at least 15 percent." The outraged student did, though grudgingly. "Fifteen percent! That's a dollar a foot!" he mourned all weekend. By the fifth week, the same young man, with the aplomb of a Rockefeller, was paying the team's taxis, negotiating our dinner checks, and ordering the wine.

Father Flaherty's special love was the city of London, which he visited whenever he could, especially in the theater season. One summer day he arranged for another inexperienced colleague and me to join him for a day's literary tour of London. What a whirlwind! He took us outrageously early in the morning on a ferry from Wordsworth's Westminster Bridge to the Tower of London, where Mary Queen of Scots was beheaded; marched us for hours through Christopher Wren's Westminster Abbey, where so many literary and historic figures are immured; treated us to lunch at Samuel Johnson's pub, The Cheshire Cheese; hauled us under exhausted protest onto a double-decker bus bound for working-class Hammersmith to see a genuine English pub; and ended the, I-guarantee-you, endless day with an hours-long session of a literary 20 questions quiz. Which, of course, he won by hundreds of points. When I had asked him that morning at Westminster why on earth Margaret of York was buried with the hundred-years-younger Henry VI, I got one of his classic "I am shocked!" expressions (no doubt well-known to his students). This look consisted of a two-heartbeat pause and double blink, accompanied by a jaw dropped in amazement. "You don't know why Margaret of York is buried with Henry VI?" he asked, seemingly astounded, repeating the question ritually throughout the day.

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On the cover:

Mary Claire Kennedy, the new mayor of Lawrence, Mass., is sworn in by City Clerk James McGravey, while in neighboring Methuen, Dennis DiZoglio is sworn in by Town Clerk James Maloney. All are Merrimack graduates.

From the Editor...

As the cover of this issue of the magazine illustrates--two mayors being sworn in by two city clerks, all of whom are Merrimack graduates--our alumni seem to excel in service to their community.

And a glance at the stories inside and the class Newsnotes will also reveal that, throughout the class years, many in the Merrimack family teach or serve in government. The story by Grace Armano Gilman '84, detailing her volunteer assistance in last year's floods in the midwest, further underscores the dedication to service of our alumni.

As Merrimack approaches its Golden Anniversary, it is gratifying to note that such old-fashioned ideals as service to our communities and our fellow human beings, upon which the school was founded almost fifty years ago, remain its ideals today.

Old-fashioned they may be; but out-of-style never.

Merrimack College is proud of the values it was built on, and prouder still that those values are constant in our never-constant world.

We hope your new year will be filled with challenges met, obstacles overcome, and satisfactions obtained that are equal to your strivings.

Casey Coburn

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Editor

Alumni Council is seeking nominees

The Nominating Committee of the Alumni Council is seeking alumni who are interested in serving on the Council. Council terms are for three years. If you are interested or want to suggest someone for nomination, please call the alumni office at (508) 837-5440.

Surrounded by Soldiers of Fortune

Dear Friendly Editor,

A soldier of Alumni Fund chairperson Kevin Roche caught up with me on a recent business flight, and put the arm on me for a donation.

Kevin then called personally to remind me that his records indicated I had indeed attended Merrimack and that suitable contributions would be required henceforth. At this point surrounded, my 1993 donation is enroute to North Andover and the pleasure is all mine.

See you in 1995.

Kevin Dailey, '75
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Sorry, guys

I should apologize to Deng Hsiao Ping and George Bush for any misunderstanding in the "Merrimack--Fall 1993" article about my corporate pioneering, specifically my activities in China.

As events such as Tiananmen Square in 1989 and others since point out, while barriers have fallen relating to foreign capital investment and entrepreneurial ventures in China, the Communist party remains alive under the leadership of Deng Hsiao Ping. I did not mean to imply that Communism had fallen, but economic reforms in China have been dramatic. Sorry Mr. Deng.

I also did not mean to imply that Gillette was America's first representative to China. Formally, George Bush was. However, in Shenyang, China's large industrial city in the northeast, Gillette was on-the-ground there before the U.S. consulate. Sorry George.

However, thanks for the recognition in "Merrimack - Fall 1993." Thanks also to all those who put together a wonderful Reunion weekend this past year. It was great to see so many old friends, and the article in "Merrimack - Fall 1993" was an opportunity to indirectly say hello to the many old friends I have not seen over my past 13 years of moving around the world.

Best regards to all,

Bob McCusker '68
Warsaw, Poland

Joe Sheehan changed his life

I am writing in regard to Joe Sheehan of Admissions. People like him work at Merrimack College for years and hardly ever get the recognition they deserve. It is my

hope that this letter may shed some light on the work Joe does to make Merrimack a better school.

Five years ago I came to this country with the wish to study at an American school. I talked with several universities in the U.S. and Canada, but none of them was very responsive, except Merrimack College. My only contact at Merrimack was Joe Sheehan. He showed me the school and conducted an interview with me. On the basis of this extensive interview, he encouraged me to apply to Merrimack because, he said, I had "potential." If it weren't for him, I would have given up my quest. I applied and started school the following fall. I made the Dean's List every single semester at Merrimack and graduated magna cum laude in 1993.

The time at Merrimack has prepared me well for my career. I found a job with a local software company during my junior year as a non-paid student intern. In my senior year I was promoted to account manager in international sales for major parts of Europe. When I graduated I was offered the position of international marketing manager. This month I received a further promotion to manager of the channels marketing department.

If it were not for Joe Sheehan, my life would have been different. I would not have had the courage to apply to another school and would have stayed in Switzerland. But Joe recognized my potential and gave me courage to try. I did, and today I am very glad I did. It paid off and I "made it" in corporate America. Joe has changed my life.

People like Joe work in the background of schools like Merrimack, but what they do is the most important job of all: they identify academic potential in students. Because of Joe, Merrimack has contributed, through me, to the local economy and society. He has the unique ability to recognize prospective students' abilities and give them the opportunity to realize them.

While Joe gave me the encouragement to attend Merrimack, it was the Augustinians who made it financially possible. I would like to extend my deep gratitude.

Andreas E. Widmer-Schultz '93
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From the Alumni Council president

Robert J. Cuomo '68

Last fall the Alumni Council sponsored many initiatives within the Merrimack community:

an orientation for new members, a joint Alumni Council/President's Council meeting, and an Alumni/Student Career Networking Night.

The Orientation gave new members an overview of the Council's purpose and the objectives of the standing committees. Father Deegan spoke about current events at Merrimack, issues facing the College, and his vision of Merrimack's future. Committee chairs outlined plans for the year.

The Fall Alumni Council Meeting, a joint meeting with the President's Council, addressed alumni business and included panel discussions on fiscal affairs, enrollment management and student life. Fred Barnes of The New Republic was the speaker. In October we had a successful Alumni/Student Career Networking Night with over 100 alumni and students. The Executive Committee is assessing future Networking Nights and the format they should take. We welcome your suggestions.

One of the Council's most important projects this year is the Alumni Mentor Leadership Program which, we hope, will help prepare our students for the working world. Plans are for 35 to 50 students to participate in the spring semester. I encourage students to participate as a means to foster their professional development. Alumni who participate would be making a substantial contribution to the College. Anyone interested may contact Susan Wojtas '79 or me.

The Council also plans to focus on the Alumni Ambassador Program. We are looking for more alumni to contact students who have been accepted to the College (and answer questions and relate their own experiences Merrimack).

Alumni can also contribute by assisting in College Fairs and in hosting receptions for students interested in Merrimack.

The Council undertakes projects on the basis of perceived need and if you see a need we have not identified, please tell us.

Please attend as many College-sponsored functions as possible so that, together, we build a stronger College community.

Sincerely,
Robert J. Cuomo '68

The new First Year Seminar challenges students - and professors

by Wendy Darwin Wakeman '93

Some intriguing offerings have made their way into Merrimack's course catalog this year. The new courses have titles like Faith Through Architecture, Love and Death, Native American Spirituality, Exile and Redemption, and Tales Out of School: Stories in Education.

The courses, which cover any and every subject from philosophy to biology, all fulfill a single requirement for Merrimack students — The First Year Seminar.

Dr. David Walsh, Merrimack's Dean of Studies, says the class is structured to allow students more control over course content, grading and class process and encourages participation and critical analysis.

According to Dr. Walsh, new students at Merrimack often have misconceptions about academic work. Some of those misconceptions are that the teacher should tell you what you need to know and you shouldn't have to read books; that writing a paper is going to books and writing down what's in them; that good scholarship is figuring out what teachers want and giving it to them; that working with others is cheating; and that the only important ideas are other people's ideas.

"Students who come to Merrimack don't necessarily understand the nature of a college education, or what's expected of them at this college in particular," Dr. Walsh says.

The course certainly helped Jessica Kooza, a sophomore from Waterbury, Conn., make the transition from high school to college. Jessica took the seminar taught by Dr. Walsh last year, although the course was not required of freshmen until this year. The topic, Psychological Perspectives on Civilization, interested her.

"The most important thing I learned in the seminar was a better approach to reading," Jessica says. "I learned how to take a work and really grapple with it — I'd even say 'chew it up.'"

The seminar experience helps students like Jessica prepare for college life and beyond. It helps prepare them for an intellectual life after college.

The general theme of the seminars is "Inquiry and Conversation on Civilization." The theme underlies the purpose of the seminars: to get students to think about how



Dr. David Walsh, Dean of Studies.

(David Oxtan photo)

a particular seminar topic connects with the broader contexts of their lives.

While most professors and students believe the seminars are an excellent addition to the curriculum, others would say they don't provide answers to all of today's education problems. "They aren't the panacea some would characterize them as," says Vincent Turano, a professor of both engineering and law, whose course, Environmental Science, Technology and the Law, was offered as part of last year's pilot program and again this fall.

Dr. Turano says trying to get students to participate in the seminar can be as frustrating as it is in other classes. He asks himself, "How do you get to them?" But, he says, he's seen the method work, too.

"The first time I taught the seminar, I left the second or third meeting and said to myself, 'This class is out of control,'" Dr. Turano reports. The students were trying to develop a grading system for the course. The system had to be fair and acceptable to both the students and to Dr. Turano. Together, they had spent hours on the task and gotten nowhere. "But I came back to the next class, and the students had done a near-spectacular job of developing a grading plan."

The system employed different record sheets for papers, oral reports, and group participation. The paper-grading sheet, for

example, included assessments on content, degree of difficulty, mechanics, style, and organization. "I couldn't believe what had happened," Dr. Turano says.

And, he adds, those who teach the seminars benefit too. Dr. Walsh concurs. "There's a problem in higher education," he says. "We're trained to teach the wrong way. We're taught

to come to class and transmit our knowledge to the students. We know a lot about our disciplines, but we don't necessarily know a lot about teaching."

"I'm an engineer," Dr. Turano says, "I know engineering." Being a part of the seminar has led him to study more about the art of teaching, and the seminar instructors gather once a week to discuss pedagogy. Both Dr. Turano and Dr. Walsh say they've applied some of the seminar's techniques to other classes with positive results.

But for Dr. Walsh, the nicest part about teaching the seminar is the close relationships he's developed with students. "I went to the Warrior's Den to pick up a sandwich and saw one of my students sitting at a table. I sat down and ate my lunch with him. I don't think I've ever done that before."

That kind of interaction is part of what the seminar encourages. The content of the course isn't facts. It's writing, library research, critical thinking and approaches to learning.

Dr. Walsh notes, "The most difficult thing for students is the notion of thinking for themselves." Both Dr. Walsh and Dr. Turano agree — the seminar is improving the quality of learners at Merrimack. Dr. Walsh says that more than half of his students are getting A's on papers.

And for teachers, the bottom line is the success of their students. ■

Japan gave her a greater appreciation of her Merrimack teachers

by Louise Pothier Muise '57

What does Kabuki, the ancient art of Japan, have in common with Shakespeare's plays?

Two summers ago, I traveled non-stop north and west over the Pole to find out. Ahead of the sun the entire time, there was no night on the 13-hour flight. When my group of about 30 American teachers, our instructors, and translators landed in Narita, it was still yesterday. Or was it tomorrow? The trip was the payoff for two years of studying "Theater East and West," a program sponsored by MARJIS (Mid-Atlantic Region Japan in the Schools) and the University of Maryland.

The course work on Shakespeare was nothing new to me, thanks in part to Father Flaherty and Merrimack. What was new to me was the work on the history and art forms of Japan. Professor Thomas Rimer of the University of Maryland, an accomplished Japanophile, lectured on the early periods of Japanese history, which were totally unknown to me. During these years, while Japan was closed to the West, the traditional arts of kabuki, Noh, Bunraku and Kyogen developed. Rimer has a fascination with the development of these forms of entertainment, and they were the arts we would focus on during our trip. In addition to the lectures, we were treated to demonstrations of koto music; a talk on Shinto (the religion prevalent before the arrival of Buddhism and still practiced by



Osaka Castle, the chief tourist attraction in that city.

some); and demonstrations of Japanese cooking, traditional dress and customs and language. We attended performances of both kabuki and the Bard's plays. We even did some acting ourselves.

All this to prepare ourselves for a ten-day tour of four Japanese cities: Osaka, Takematsu, Kyoto and Tokyo.

From the airport in busy Narita, we took a smaller plane to Osaka. Osaka was a good place to begin. It's a small, manageable city. There I saw Mama-sans on bicycles in among six lanes of fast-moving white Hondas. And there I saw the ubiquitous school children. Everywhere we went: at Osaka Castle, the chief tourist attraction in the city; at the Bunraku; and at the Buddhist

shrines, we saw groups of kids, apparently without chaperones, dressed in school uniforms and carrying backpacks.

In Osaka, in addition to a performance of old Japanese dance, we attended the Bunraku, Japanese puppet theater. The puppets are about half life size and are manipulated by men whose families have always been puppeteers.

The integration of music is one of the characteristics of traditional Japanese arts which make it different from Western art. During the Bunraku, a group of men sitting off to the side of the action wear costumes dictated by tradition and chant in highly stylized fashion.

From Osaka, we went to the island of Shikoku in the Inland Sea. We stayed in Takematsu, one of the island's principal cities. A port city, Takematsu is as busy as Baltimore, but until recently it was accessible only by ferry.

We traveled to Kotohira, a small town far inland on Shikoku. The three theaters we visited revealed a link between religion and theater. A recently restored kabuki theater, The Kanamaru-za, sits on a hillside next to Kotohira shrine, one of the most famous in Japan. The shrine, dedicated to the welfare of sailors, is reached by climbing 785 steps. While this theater was open for tours, we didn't see a performance. It was later, after a ferry ride to the still smaller island of Shodoshima, that we had a more intimate glimpse of traditional Kabuki.

At a village theater, also linked to a shrine, we saw and tried on traditional kabuki costumes, spoke with some of the actors who kept the tradition alive, and saw the colorful posters, many very old, which advertised kabuki.

At yet another inland theater attached to a shrine, we sat on a sunny hillside, as would Japanese who attend the performances, and watched traditional kabuki dances being performed. A Japanese television crew filmed us, and the evening news showed the American sensei (teachers) attending the very rural theater where

kabuki has been performed continuously since the sixteenth century.

From there, we were off to Kyoto, where we were each sent to stay with a Japanese family in their home.

My hostess had two children, a daughter in college and a son in high school. Her husband was in Indonesia on business most of the time, leaving her the responsibility of running the household and educating the children. She also had a job.

Why would someone this busy entertain a foreigner? Because she wanted her children to learn English. She wanted to give them a chance to converse with a native English speaker.

Everything I'd heard about Japanese mothers and their children's education seemed true. The daughter was a music major at Osaka University. The family livingroom was taken up with a grand piano, an upright and an organ. The son had a computer in the same room. He went to school all day and then to the Juku, the cram school for college entrance exam, in the evening.

In Kyoto, apart from our home stay, we American theater students attended Kyogen. Kyogen is like vaudeville; short, funny stories are acted out. We also met some Japanese drama teachers and actors who were part of the avant garde movement, which is highly influenced by the French and by Kafka.

The last stop on the pilgrimage was Tokyo, where we attended a Noh play. Noh is a form of ancient Japanese composite stage art based on four elements: song, dance, music and drama. The aim is to make the audience feel the sense of profound beauty both rhythmically and musically.

Everyone knows the plot by heart; there is rhythmic chanting; the costumes and the moves are all dictated by tradition. The actors are all male, as they are in bunraku, kabuki and kyogen. Kyogen, I learned, was originally composed as comic relief between acts of the Noh.

During our stay in the capital city, we also saw a contemporary avant garde troupe perform an adaptation of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" called "Moonlight" and visited the Waseda Theater Museum's display of artifacts from various Shakespearean productions in Japan. Which brings me back to the question I started with: What do Kabuki and Shakespeare's plays have in common? Both began in the sixteenth century. Both were a little outside of what some in their time considered proper. The Puritans in London thought Shakespeare's plays were a bad influence; Japanese in the court thought Noh was far more appropriate than Kabuki.



A traditional Japanese theater performance.

But perhaps, they are more remarkable for their differences than for their similarities. I remember Father Flaherty saying our education wasn't over when we left college. I also remember another favorite professor, Father Shannon, saying that from some of us he wanted answers, but he would be satisfied if others just knew what the questions were.

I've come to understand the fact that some 38 years after leaving Merrimack, I am just beginning to fully appreciate what some of the questions are. Merrimack was a great foundation. And my education isn't quite finished yet. ■



Robin Tate, a member of the American teachers' team, dons traditional kabuki, robe and wig during the group's visit to Japan.



Louise Pothier Muise '57, a teacher since 1966, teaches English and journalism at McKinley High School in Washington, D.C. She sponsors Tech Life, the school newspaper, is an adviser to Visions Unlimited, the school literary magazine, and directed the Learning Skills center at Trinity College. She has published poetry in The English Journal, Profile of a Poet, and New Voices, and is on the board of City Educators, a teacher advisory board to the Folger Shakespeare Library. Louise earned M.A.T. degrees in English and in reading at Washington's Trinity College. She and her husband, Ben, have six children and five grandchildren. (photo by Marvin Joseph)

Water, water everywhere...

by Grace Armano Gilman '84



Grace Armano Gilman with three members of the Timberland volunteer team in Missouri.

Grace Armano Gilman, '84, recently participated in a flood-relief effort coordinated by her employer, Timberland of Hampton, N.H., and City Year Corps (a volunteer group) of Boston. The following is Ms. Armano Gilman's account of the three days she spent in and around St. Louis last summer.

Day One

In the days leading up to my trip to the flood-stricken midwest, I had been both scared and excited at the prospect of joining Operation Noah's Ark in St. Louis. I wondered what I was getting myself into. My anxiety only grew upon arriving at the Salvation Army headquarters. A one-hour training session was all that prepared us to deal with the disaster aftermath.

I was amazed at the amount of devastation suffered by the victims of the flood. These people had lost almost everything. We would be going into the flood areas not just as clean-up volunteers, but as counselors and nurses, too. In a word, we would be healers.

With that in mind, the team embarked on its first mission — helping residents of Defiance, Mo. build levees around their homes.

The people of Defiance are disaster veterans. This was their third brush with flash flooding. For that day I was a Defiance resident hoping my home would be saved. We volunteers shared their weariness at yet another struggle to keep their homes intact. The County Commissioner said the town was one-and-a-half miles from the Missouri River banks, yet the only evidence of Route 94, just yards from where we stood, was the square sign barely above water.

One resident, an older woman, said "If it weren't for you volunteers coming in to help us, we'd pack up and leave."

That night on the ride back to the hotel, I thought, "This could happen to me." And I thought of the elderly woman in Defiance whose husband died of a heart attack after the first flood. She then closed up her house never to return.

Equally inspiring was his neighbor, a 70-year-old lady who returned daily to her home, though it had been condemned. Both she and her husband had endured heart attacks earlier that year, and her children, wanting to cheer them up, planned a party to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in June.

The night before the party, with everything set up in the yard for guests, the floods came and wiped out everything. When I asked what kept her going, she said, "This is my home."

In the same area, we saw several houses whose owners obviously hadn't returned since the initial flooding. The abandoned houses were destroyed. Sitting on one of the front porches was a cat, waiting for its family to return.

While picking up garbage, you can't help but think that a particular piece may once have been a family heirloom. Everything is sad.

Despite the bleak situation, the people are positive, eager to get on with their lives. The team also helped clean the town church, which was ruined. The pastor told us the members had raised funds just two years before to renovate and buy new pews. All this had been lost in the flood.

At the end of the day, the team was wrapping up to go when one of the City Year Corps members turned on some radio music. Lo and behold, the old man whose garage we had cleaned began break dancing. We all joined in, including the minister and other townspeople. These were strange circumstances indeed for a block party. I am proud to have been able to be part of Team Timberland. We brought hope to the flood-stricken region, and touched many lives, including our own.

The bonds we forged among ourselves will always be strong for each member of the team. I sincerely hope that other organizations will be motivated to help with the relief. The work of rebuilding the flooded communities has only just begun. ■

Day Two

The second day we assisted the Salvation Army at the central warehouse in St. Louis. Although I wasn't working directly with flood victims, I knew my task was important. I thought, "Someone, somewhere will eat and be warm tonight because I helped."

Donations had come from all over the country and the world. After seeing the Salvation Army helping the victims of disaster, I will no longer walk by the red kettles at Christmas time. So many people depend on them.

Day Three

This was the most heart-wrenching day. The team worked in neighborhoods that had been under water for nearly eight weeks. Some areas were still under water.

The towns of Festus and Crystal City still didn't have all their utilities back on line. Whole chunks of the town were condemned. We watched as two kids hopped into a row boat, rowed across town to the supermarket, loaded up on groceries and rowed back home.

That day, everyone was thankful for our waterproof Timberland boots.

We helped an old man, whose business was in his garage, clean out the mess. He said he had lost all of his pending work and would need to replace everything before he could open for business again. Despite his losses, he maintained a sense of humor that was inspiring.

Women's Soccer Captures Northeast-10 Regular Season Crown, Six Lady Warriors Earn All-Conference Honors

by Jim Seavey
Sports Information Director

When the Northeast-10 women's soccer pre-season coaches' poll was released, Merrimack was not given much chance, according to those polled. The Lady Warriors were picked to finish fifth in the league, meaning they would barely make the quarterfinals and travel somewhere for a post-season contest.

So much for pre-season polls.

Head Coach Gabe Mejail's squad had one of the most exciting and memorable seasons in the ten-year history of Merrimack women's soccer, as the Lady Warriors posted an overall record of 13-5-2 and shared the Northeast-10 regular season championship with Stonehill with an unblemished 7-0-2 mark. Merrimack finished the year ranked 13th in the nation in Division II and advanced to the conference championship match for the sixth time in ten seasons before falling to eventual champion Stonehill.

Mejail's club proved that The Mack was indeed Back in 1993. The Lady Warriors began the year by stopping Springfield's ten-game Northeast-10 winning streak by topping the defending league champs by a 3-2 final. After falling to New Hampshire College in the season's second match,

Daly becomes second two-time national all-America performer in women's soccer, named as 1993 Northeast-10 player of the year

As she was being taken off the field with a broken collarbone in October 1991, Merrimack forward Nancy Daly '94 wondered if she would ever play another women's soccer contest for the Lady Warriors.

After her freshman season ended with a broken leg in the second game of the season, Daly had made it through the first 11 contests of her sophomore year ignored by the injury bug until it bit that day at New Hampshire College. But her determination to return to the playing field would be the same that would earn her honor after honor over the next two seasons, as Nancy, in 1992, became Merrimack's third national All-America performer after notching 12 goals and 11 assists for 35 points. She was also named to the Northeast-10 and New England Division II first-team all-star squads for her efforts.

Merrimack then ran off a school-record eleven-game unbeaten streak (9-0-2) that included one of the biggest wins in school history, a 2-0 shutout triumph over seventh-ranked Adelphi. The Lady Warriors scored a school- and Northeast-10 record 64 goals in 20 contests and outscored the opposition by a 40-goal margin.

Leading the way for Merrimack were senior co-captains Meeghan Coffey of Watertown, Conn. and Nancy Daly of South Weymouth, Mass. Daly established a school record for most points in one season with 43 as she notched 15 goals and 13 assists. Coffey chipped in with a career-high 29-point effort on 11 goals and 7 assists for 29 points, and both seniors earned all-Northeast-10 first-team and all-New England Division II honors.

Sophomore Jessica Lanzo of Winchester, Mass. was also a high-scoring threat for the Lady Warriors this fall, posting 11 goals and 8 assists for 30 points. Junior Amanda Dion of North Easton, Mass. returned from a 1992 injury to post 7 goals and 13 assists for 27 points, while two other forwards, junior Beth Amwake of Willington, Conn. and freshman Danielle Ouellette of Billerica, Mass. were

also in double figures in points with 12 apiece. Both Lanzo and Dion were named to the Northeast-10 second team all-conference squad for their efforts.

A tough and stingy defensive unit contributed greatly to Merrimack's success, and that was keyed by juniors Kathy Nevin of Wallingford, Conn. and Meg Pollard of Barrington, Ill., along with freshman Kathryn Barkman of West Springfield, Mass. Nevin earned honorable mention Northeast-10 all-conference honors for her play, while Barkman was named to the first-team all-Northeast-10 squad from her sweeper position. Pollard notched her first collegiate goal on October 23 against Quinnipiac, and it proved to be the game winner in a 3-2 triumph. Freshman goalie Jennifer Kusz of Oxford, Mass. distinguished herself during her rookie season in net, as she posted an 11-4-2 record with a 1.13 goals against average, making 97 saves and recording 7 shutouts. Mejail was honored for his efforts by being named Northeast-10 Coach of the Year for the fifth time in his career. He had previously earned the award in 1985, 1986, 1987, and 1989. Mejail was also named New England Division II Coach of the Year.



Nancy Daly '94

With the threat of double and even triple team defenses looming on the horizon for the 1993 season, Daly didn't know if she could duplicate those efforts this fall. She didn't duplicate her 1992 campaign, but she did surpass it by scoring 15 goals and 13 assists for a school-record 43 points. Those impressive numbers and that determination to succeed brought more accolades, as Nancy was named to the NSCAA Division II National All-America team again this season, joining standout goalie Sue Plante '90 as the only two-time All-America selections in Merrimack history.

That honor was the cherry on top of an already packed sundae of honors for Daly in

1993. She also became the fifth player in Merrimack history to be named Northeast-10 Conference Player of the Year last fall for her 43-point effort. Over the past two seasons, Nancy has compiled 78 points (27 goals, 24 assists) and posted 90 points for her career in just 52 contests. Daly was also named to the first-team all-Northeast-10, all-New England Division II and NSCAA Northeast Region squads.

Joining Daly on the all-New England team were senior co-captain Meeghan Coffey and freshman Kathryn Barkman, who was also named an NSCAA Northeast Regional All-America, becoming just the second freshman in Merrimack history to earn that accomplishment.

Daly was honored at the NSCAA National All-America banquet during that organization's annual convention in Santa Clara, Calif. in mid-January.

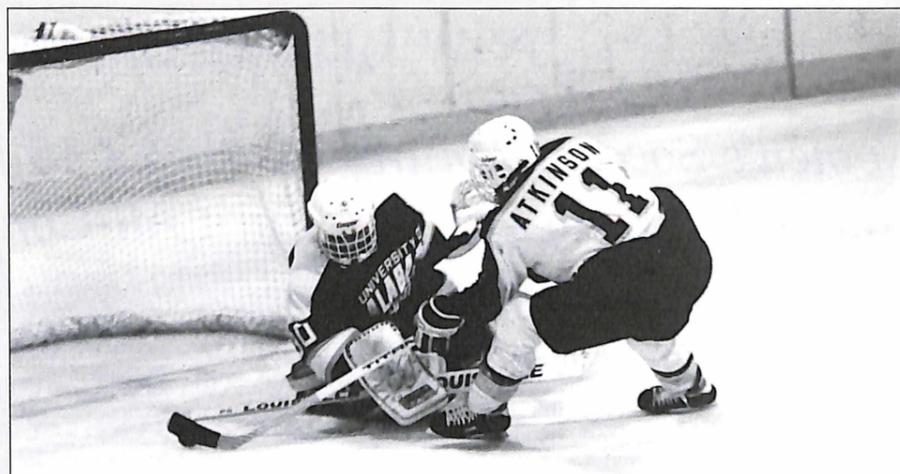
Men's soccer advances to Northeast-10 semi-finals for fourth time in five seasons

There are always certain things you can count on. Death, taxes, and the Merrimack men's soccer team reaching the Northeast-10 Conference semi-finals and excelling again in the post-season are three of them.

Head Coach Tony Martone's Warriors repeated that feat in 1993, as Merrimack upended third-seeded Bryant by a 3-1 final in overtime in the conference quarter-final round before falling to second-seeded Quinnipiac in a shootout in the semi-final round. The Warriors have advanced to the Northeast-10 semi-finals four times in the last five seasons and posted a deceiving overall record of 8-10-2 this fall that featured seven games against nationally ranked opponents.

The Never-Say-Die attitude that Martone's clubs are famous for was once again prevalent this fall. Merrimack made several stirring comebacks, including a 3-2 overtime win at St. Michael's that saw the Warriors overcome a 2-0 second-half deficit. Merrimack scored two goals in the final 11 minutes against Stonehill to post a 2-1 win and also posted impressive defensive efforts in wins over St. Rose, Massachusetts-Lowell, and LIU-Southampton. The offense also got into the act October 11 in scoring a school-record 10 goals in a 10-0 shutout victory over Assumption.

Sophomore Chris Pearce of Holbrook, Mass. led the Warriors in scoring with 10 goals and 6 assists for 26 points, while junior Joe Najim of Peabody has added 8 goals and 8 assists for 24 points. Sophomore Chris Cunio of Quincy, Mass. and freshmen Rich Fleming of Medford, Mass. and Chris Streeter of Springfield, Mass. all posted 13 points on the season for Merrimack as well. Sophomore Steven Lynch was 6-6-2 in goal for the Warriors with a 1.53 goals against average, as he made 83 saves and notched two shutouts. Pearce, Najim and team co-captains senior Dan Collins of Westwood, Mass. and junior John McAuliffe of Kingston, Mass. were all named to the Northeast-10 second-team all-conference squad for their efforts.



Hockey posts 7-7-1 first semester record; captures championship at National Capital Tournament

Merrimack's fifth season as a member of Hockey East has provided great excitement and promise. The Warriors of Head Coach Ron Anderson posted a first-semester record of 7-7-1 that featured Merrimack's best start since joining the nation's most prestigious league and capturing the championship of the National Capital Tournament at the University of Ottawa in late November.

Anderson, who stands just four victories shy of the coveted 200-win mark for his career, has received solid offensive production, a hard-hitting defense and sharp goaltending over the first half of the season as Merrimack has taken on some of the top teams in the nation. After opening with an impressive 8-2 win over Massachusetts-Amherst, the Warriors travelled to fourth-ranked RPI and used three goals in a school-record span of 31 seconds in the second period to post a 4-2 victory over the Engineers, handing RPI just its second home-opening loss in 20 years. A 6-5 win over Army and an overtime triumph over Colgate gave Merrimack its best start in six seasons at 4-0.

After taking on defending national champion Maine and nationally ranked Northeastern in Hockey East play, the Warriors travelled to Ottawa for the National Capital Tournament and posted wins over Western Ontario (5-3) in the semi-finals and host Ottawa (2-1) in the championship contest. It marked Merrimack's first tournament triumph since joining Hockey East. The Warriors ended the semester with another thrilling overtime victory, besting Providence 5-4

on a goal just 13 seconds into the extra session.

The line of seniors Rob Atkinson of New Brunswick, and Cooper Naylor of Nova Scotia, and junior Matt Adams of Andover, Mass., has been the hot trio for Merrimack to this point of the season. Atkinson leads the team in scoring with 10 goals and 14 assists for 24 points, while Naylor and Adams follow with 21 points each. The line has accumulated 66 of the team's 150 points through 15 games. Junior Dan Hodge of Lynnfield, Mass. was also in double figures with 5 goals and 8 assists for 13 points.

Freshman Martin Legault of Ontario has been solid in goal for Merrimack, as he has posted a 5-7-1 record with a 3.91 goals against average, having made 388 saves for an .892 saves percentage. Legault was named Hockey East Rookie of the Week on November 1 after recording 43 saves in the win at RPI and making a career-high 44 saves against B.U. on December 4. Legault was named Player of the Game after making 33 saves against Ottawa at the National Capital Tournament in front of his hometown crowd.

Another Warrior rookie, freshman John Jakopin of Toronto, also distinguished himself at the National Capital Tournament after helping Merrimack to the title with solid play on the blueline and a +2 rating for the weekend. He was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player and was a Hockey East Co-Rookie of the Week November 29.

Bacon named to GTE/CoSIDA District Academic All-America Volleyball Team

Junior outside hitter Melissa Bacon of Cumberland, R.I. was named to the 1993 GTE/College Sports Information Directors of America District I Academic All-America Volleyball second team after a vote of CoSIDA members in the New England and New York region. She becomes just the second volleyball player in Merrimack history to earn the honor and the seventh Warrior student-athlete to earn Academic All-America honors at either the national or district level during this decade.



Melissa Bacon

Bacon holds a 3.61 grade point average as a mathematics major and has been a three-year starter for Head Coach Rick Tidd's squad. She has been among the team leaders in service aces, blocks, kills and kill percentage over that time as well, and joins former volleyball letter-winner Kim Page '94 as the only spiker to earn Academic All-America district honors in the sport. Since 1990, Merrimack has had seven student-athletes honored as GTE/CoSIDA Academic All-America performers: Bacon, women's soccer standout Bethann O'Leary '91, men's basketball scoring specialist Gary Duda '92, and women's soccer and softball star Meeghan Coffey '94 have all been named to their respective district squads, while Page, softball All-America Judy O'Connell '95 and baseball pitcher David Miles '93 have all earned national Academic All-America status in this decade, with Page being the first two-time female national Academic All-America in Merrimack history.

Warrior Notebook

The Merrimack cross country teams enjoyed impressive seasons under the guidance of second-year Head Coach Chris Cameron. The men's team finished fourth at the Northeast-10 Championship and placed second at the St. Anselm Shacklette Invitational, while the women placed third at both the Gordon and Stonehill Invitationals. Freshman Rob Wissolik of Chatham, N.J. was named Northeast-10 Men's Freshman of the Year after placing 14th at the conference championships, while sophomore Denise Penachio of Medford, Mass. earned all-conference honors on the

Basketball quintets off to solid starts

The Merrimack men's and women's basketball teams have begun their seasons with positive results, as the men's team is 3-3 overall and captured both contests during the fourth annual New England Tip-Off Weekend and the women's team is off to its best start in two seasons with a 4-2 mark before Christmas.

Head Coach Bert Hammel's men's team upended New Haven and Massachusetts-Lowell in the New England Tip-Off Weekend, as the Warriors survived a power failure at the Volpe Center in the opener against New Haven to post a come-from-behind 74-68 victory. The game was moved across the Merrimack Valley to UMass-Lowell after power outages in North Andover. The next day, Merrimack put UMass-Lowell's lights out as sophomore Mike Goines of Jersey City, N.J. scored the winning basket and added important free throws in a 65-62 win. Goines was named to the all-tournament team for his efforts, while senior captain Ed Hammonds of Medford, Mass. was tabbed Outstanding Player of the tournament.

Merrimack's other win came in December in a thrilling 77-75 overtime triumph over Quinnipiac, as junior Mike Nugent of Plaistow, N.H. scored the winning hoop, with 20 seconds remaining in the extra session, and blocked a potential game-winning shot on the defensive end.



Mike Nugent

Goines leads the team in scoring by averaging 15 points a game, while Hammonds averages 11.2 ppg and 5.3 assists a contest. Junior Jose Ocasio of Lawrence, Mass. is the leading rebounder for the Warriors at 6.7 rpg. Hammel needs just two more victories to reach the 200-win mark for his illustrious 14-year career.

On the women's side, Head Coach Debbie Cogan's squad has used an up-tempo offense and stifling defense to post its best start since the 1991-92 campaign. The Lady Warriors began with a 73-68 win over New Haven at the New England Tip-Off Weekend and added an impressive 74-63 triumph over Keene State in their home opener. Merrimack, which is captained this season by senior Beth Pickles of

Methuen, Mass., ended its pre-exam schedule with back-to-back wins over New Hampshire College (75-63) and Quinnipiac (91-76).

Senior Karen Max of Cedar Knolls, N.J. leads the Lady Warriors in scoring, averaging 15.5 ppg, and she is second on the club in rebounding at 8.8 rpg. Freshman Ivy Newcomb of Perry, Maine is averaging 13.5 ppg and a team-high nine rebounds a game, while junior Helen Pikiell of Bristol, Conn. is averaging 12.7 ppg.

Newcomb was named both Northeast-10 and ECAC Division II Rookie of the Week December 13 after averaging 17.5 points and 7.5 rebounds against New Hampshire College and Quinnipiac.

women's side.... The Merrimack field hockey team completed its first varsity season this fall, and the Lady Warriors of Head Coach Carol DeCoursey were very competitive in their inaugural campaign. Merrimack defeated Salve Regina for its first varsity win on September 25 and also posted a tie against Division III power Bridgewater State. The team was co-captained by senior Karen Wallace of Scituate, Mass. and junior Julie Szala of Rehoboth, Mass.... The Warrior golf squad captured the championship at the Bowdoin Invitational and placed second at both the Franklin Pierce Invitational and the Northeast-10 Championship. Head Coach Stu Irving returned to the links after a five-year absence and was led by sophomores

Tim Gardner of Marshfield, Mass. and Chad Lozon of Groveland, Mass., who each earned all-conference honors.... Director of Athletics Robert DeGregorio is Acting Commissioner of Hockey East this year. He took over for Stuart Haskell, who took on fulltime duties as Commissioner of the North Atlantic Conference. DeGregorio was also appointed to a three-year term on the ECAC Executive Council at the ECAC convention in October.... Sports Information Director Jim Seavey was appointed to a three-year term as secretary of the ECAC Sports Information Directors Association. He also has been named national Division II Women's Soccer Statistics Coordinator for the Intercollegiate Soccer Association of America.

Two Augustinians join Board of Trustees

Rev. Arthur D. Johnson and Rev. John E. Rotelle, both Augustinian priests, are the newest members of Merrimack's Board of Trustees.

Father Johnson has been the pastor of St. Augustine Parish in Andover since 1988. He received his elementary education at St. Mary School in Lawrence and his high school education at Augustinian Academy in Staten Island, N.Y.

In 1959 he received a bachelor's degree from Villanova and, in 1963, the year he was ordained, a master's degree at Augustinian College in Washington, D.C.

Father Johnson taught religion and biology at Austin Preparatory School in

Reading from 1963 to 1961. During that time he headed the Science Department and was chaplain and soccer coach. He was active in the Boy Scouts, for which he received the organization's award for outstanding service. He also received the Adult Catholic Award for his work in Catholic Scouting.

Before coming to Andover, Father Johnson was Director of Novices for the Augustinian Order.

In addition to Merrimack College, Father Johnson is a member of the boards of St. Mary Church and School Society and the St. Mary Cemetery Board. He was an officer of the Merrimack Valley Catholic Schools until the organization was replaced with its current collaborative.

Father Rotelle is the director of the Augustinian Press in Villanova, Pa., and editor of various works including the English translation of the works of St. Augustine.

Prior to that he was director of Centenary Sixteen, the 1600th anniversary of St. Augustine's conversion to Christianity. Father Rotelle was also a communications officer for the Province of St. Thomas of Villanova.

The new trustee is a native of Ambler, Pa., a graduate of Malvern Preparatory School in Pennsylvania, Villanova University, and Gregorian University in Rome. He also pursued graduate studies at Collegio St. Monica and the Liturgical School of St. Anselmo in Rome.

Men of Merrimack will auction art

The Men of Merrimack, the college's honorary alumni society, will hold an art auction to raise money for its scholarship endowment. The event is planned for April 17 at the Marriott in Andover.

Conducted by Park West Gallery, the auction will feature a collection of over 200 custom-framed art works.

Tickets, which cost \$10, are available through Maureen Lanigan, Director of College Fundraising Events, at (508) 837-5448 or Tom Connors, chairman of the art auction committee, at (508) 685-2151.

Specific works by specific artists can be requested before the auction.

Networking program helps students succeed

October's career networking night was a tremendous success, and the program is continuing to grow. If you are not already on the Alumni Resource List, please consider joining the other alumni who are willing to share their expertise with students and other alumni in the job market. Your advice and encouragement can make their job hunting a much better and more productive experience. If you are willing to have students and alumni call you, please take the time to call Alumni Director Susan Wojtas '79 at (508) 837-5440.



John H. Obert '66

Obert named Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations

Merrimack's new Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations is a familiar face on campus. John H. Obert graduated from the college in 1966 with a degree in Business Administration, and has been active in Merrimack's alumni organization.

Mr. Obert was a member of the St. Augustine Awards Committee from 1989-1991 and its chairman for two years, has been a member of the Men of Merrimack since 1967 and served as its president from 1991-1993. While on the Council, he worked on the committee that established the Alumni Retreat Program.

Mr. Obert had been at the Doherty Insurance Agency, Inc., in Andover, where he had been controller since 1980.

In his new capacity, Mr. Obert is responsible for cultivating relations between the college and the business community, philanthropic corporations, and foundations. As the cost of educating students climbs, financial support from such organizations becomes more important.

Mr. Obert will also be the college's liaison to the Men of Merrimack.



(Al Peirera photo)

Men of Merrimack go over the top

The Men of Merrimack recently celebrated pushing the group's endowment fund figure over the \$1 million mark.

Above are club officers James L. Conlon of Andover, first vice president; Timothy Brennan '85 of Lowell, president; Father Deegan, president of Merrimack; Karl Gladstone of North Andover, past president and director, and a college trustee; and Jerome Jozack of Lawrence, second vice president.

Mr. Gladstone, when he became president of the Men of Merrimack in 1989, set the \$1 million mark as the organization's goal.

As an area businessman well-acquainted with other professionals, Dr. Gladstone said he was confident that businessmen in the Valley would willingly

invest in education. "I'm deeply gratified," said Dr. Gladstone "that my confidence has borne such fruit, and that Merrimack's present and future students will benefit."

Dr. Gladstone noted that what put the Men of Merrimack "over the top" in their goal were such fundraisers as the Jay Leno and Bill Cosby performances and a bequest from the late Roger Bower, former Men of Merrimack president and a banking executive in the Merrimack Valley.

The Men of Merrimack is an honorary alumni association of the college whose members, the large majority of whom are area businessmen, demonstrate their support and commitment to Merrimack through dues and donations.

For more information about the group, contact John Obert '66 at (508) 837-5107.



Getting into the Merrimack act with Richard Simmons were, from the left, Carol Poor, Ladies of Merrimack President; Maureen Lanigan, Director of College Fundraising Events, and Kathleen Scalise, First Vice President of the Ladies of Merrimack.

Fitness guru helps raise money for college

Fitness guru Richard Simmons was 'Sweatin' to the Oldies at the Volpe Center last fall, thanks to the Ladies of Merrimack. Mr. Simmons, who once weighed 300 pounds himself, has helped countless Americans lose weight through his television program, videotapes, and books.

Among the 500 people in the audience was Marianne Bruns, a 500-

pound woman who lives near the college. Mrs. Bruns' husband had written to Mr. Simmons to tell him about his wife's weight problem.

Mr. Simmons called the couple himself early in September and sent them complimentary tickets to the fundraising event. That kind of personal attention is a Simmons trademark, fans said.



Recipients of the 1993 St. Augustine Award Medals were, from the left, David A. Wilhelm '66, for Alumni Achievement; Richard Blain '74, for Service to Alma Mater; Yvonne Cote, for Service to the Catholic Community; Father Deegan; Jane (Currier) Walsh '75, for Alumni Achievement; Mary (Piazza) Wesson '57, for Community Service; and Emilie (Orlando) '53 and Francis '56 Collopy, for Service to Alma Mater. Mr. Wilhelm is president of The Forsythe Group, Inc., one of St. Louis, Missouri's largest real estate development firms; Mrs. Walsh is co-founder, president and CEO of Northmark Bank in North Andover; Mr. Blain and the Collopy's have given countless hours of service to Merrimack in many capacities; Mrs. Cote has instituted numerous Religious Education programs; and Mrs. Wesson has been instrumental in helping juvenile criminal offenders find better paths in life. (Joe Albert photo)

Reunion is coming!

Reunion '94 honoring the classes of '54, '59, '64, '69, '74, '79, '84, '89 will be held the first weekend in June. A golf tournament, welcome back party, seminars, family picnic, dinner dance, mass and brunch are among the events planned. There will also be a special reception for the fortieth reunion class. Joe Healey '64 is chairing Reunion '94.

The honor classes are invited to be the guests of College President Rev. John E. Deegan for the first night of Homecoming, Friday, February 4. Come and get a head start on Reunion!

For more information or to join the committee, please call the alumni office at (508) 837-5440.

Class Notes

by Beth Ann Adnessio '95

Births

William Siderwicz '72 and wife Christine: a daughter, Katherine Brooks, August 17.

Kevin A. Dunlavy '79 and wife **Maribeth (LeGendre) '81**: a daughter, Rebecca Alana, July 27.

Robert Cashman '83 and wife Susan: a son, Daniel Robert, July 27.

Kevin Tinsley '84 and wife **Joan (Colleran) '84**: a daughter, Michaela, July 23.

Michael Charwicz '76 and wife **Deborah (Wedge) '77**: a son, Brett Colby, August 24.

Giselda (DelPrete) Thompson '80 and husband John: a daughter, Emily Alexandra, September 22.

Christopher Graham '83 and wife Tanya: a son, Tyler Christopher, August 2.

Bryan Gustin '85 and wife **Andrea (Pompeo) '85**: a son, Sean Patrick, July 10.

John Ryan '77 and wife **Mary-Corinne (Lyons) '77**: a son, Shane Alexander, July 22.

David Fimiani '81 and wife Jo-Ann: a son, Christopher, August 1992.

Donna (Martis) Drane '83 and husband Joseph: a son, Patrick Joseph, August 9.

Paul A. Koch '85 and wife Patricia: a daughter, Julia Belle, in March.

Maura P. Doherty '78 and husband Stephen: a daughter, Megan Maura, October 22.

Robert D. Gerardi '82 and wife **Linda (Dardeno) '82**: a daughter, Liana Nicole, June 14.

Ralph Finck '83 and wife **Barbara (Boisvert) '85**: a daughter, Eileen Marie, September 30.

Michael Slauter '85 and wife Sandra: a daughter, Ashley Nicole, September 25.

Christopher J. Gordon '78 and wife **Linda A. DeMasi-Gordon '78**: a daughter, Maria Lynne, July 7.

Frederic J. Henjes IV '82 and wife Jill: a son, Frederic J. V, August 6.

Lisa (Doherty) Ludwig '83 and husband David: a son, Michael David, September 28.

Lynn (Turick) '86 and husband **Michael G. Gerrits '87**: a son, Matthew Joseph, May 1.

Brian Kozik '78 and wife Patricia: a son, Jeremy Francis, October 13.

Richard Turmel '82 and wife **Kathryn A. (Hussey) '82**: a son, Christopher David, April 30.

John Mangano '84 and wife **Elizabeth (Begley) '84**: a son, Samuel John, June 2.

Troy Kolden '87 and wife Diane: a son, Cory Angelo, June 23.

Kevin R. Roth '88 and wife Susann: a daughter, Katelyn Marie, March 24.

Deaths

Roger F. Breaky '51 of Wilmington, Mass. died July 15. He was 64. He was a member of Merrimack's first graduating class and was a teacher and guidance counselor in Wilmington for 37 years. He was also a sergeant in the Army during the Korean War. Surviving him are his wife, Barbara, his children, Roger Jr. of Nashua, N.H., AnnMarie of West Hyannisport, Mass., Kathy Donovan of Quincy, Mass., and Suellen of Medford, Mass.

the Army in Germany during World War II. Frank coached at Lowell High School and Little and Senior League baseball, as well as being a referee and umpire. He taught at Westford and Keith academies and Lowell High and, for 21 years, was vice principal of the Morey Elementary School in Lowell. He retired in 1991. Frank was the widower of Anne, who died in 1974 and Brenda, who died in 1982. He is survived by eight children.

Peter A. Connors '54 of Melrose, Mass. died on October 27 at age 60 after a long illness. He was born and brought up in Lowell. He was semi-retired and had been a certified public accountant at Savage and Weiner Company of Boston for 27 years. Peter was a Marine veteran of the Korean War, a member of the VFW in Melrose, and was past director and coach of the Melrose Little League. He leaves his wife, Janet (Sweet), his son, Lawrence, and his daughter, Ann, both of Melrose, and two brothers and a sister.

Robert G. Luddy '59 of Haverhill died at the age of 66 on July 25. Robert served in the Army during World War II and, during the Korean War, he was an instructor in the Army Chemical Corps School. He was purchasing agent for the

Essex County Gas Co.; manager of industrial development for the Greater Haverhill Chamber of Commerce; purchasing agent and senior buyer for the B.U. Medical Center and the Boston Medical Center Supply Service. Robert was also market manager of the Greater Haverhill Farmers' Market and a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Sisters of St. Joseph Association. He leaves his wife, Noreen, and a daughter, JoAnne Bilodeau.

Anthony Michaels '61 of Chelmsford, Mass. died in December. He was 79. Anthony earned an associate's degree at Merrimack and a bachelor's degree at Fitchburg State. A Navy veteran of World War II, Anthony served in the Pacific Theater, attaining the rank of chief warrant officer in radar electronics. He was chief engineer of radio stations in Lowell and in Lawrence, and was a senior engineer at Raytheon Company's Missiles Systems Division. He leaves his wife, Simone, and two daughters.

Edwin G. Kagan '72 of Woburn, Mass. died September 1 at age 70. He was a high school mathematics teacher in Lawrence and in Billerica for more than 26 years. He was also an optician. Edwin was a veteran of

World War II, serving in the Army Signal Corps, and was a member of the DAV and the American Legion. He is survived by his wife, Kate (Small); daughters Garva Berquist and Pamela both of Lowell, Mass.; a son, Marlin, of Chelmsford, Mass.; and a grandchild, Eric Berquist.

Norman S. Diges Jr. '76 of North Reading, Mass. died suddenly at his home on August 17 at age 38. He was born in Philadelphia and lived in North Reading for 11 years. He was a supervisor at the John T. Berry Rehabilitation Center. Norman is survived by three aunts, Doris and Alice Heidinger, both of Pittsburgh and Jean Svagzdys of Brockton, Mass.

Deborah Skrekas '89 of Lowell died November 6 after an automobile accident. She was 27. She was a member of the Transfiguration Greek Orthodox Church and was past president of the Greek Orthodox Youth Organization. Deborah had been attending Rivier College, from which she would have received an MBA in May. She had also been a buyer in the electronics industry. She is survived by her parents, George J. and Avra Skrekas; and a sister, Georgia "Dodi" Skrekas '85.

Cheryl Bond '69 and John A. Reina, in Sturbridge, Mass., October 9.

Richard Joseph Ezyk '74 and Dolores Ann Smith, at the Putney Chapel in Stratford, Conn., August 6.

Jeffrey C. Silva '76 and Sheryl N. Reinecke, at the First Baptist Church in Beverly, Mass last fall.

Edward P. Mahoney '77 and Deanna Petroni, in May.

Kelly Cox '83 and John J. Spinard, at Christ the King Church in Mashpee, Mass.

Maura Desmarais '83 and Joseph Flaherty, at St. Pius V Church in Lynn, Mass.

Kathleen A. McGarr, MD '83 and Edwin A. Braley, at the Star of the Sea Church in Beverly, Mass.

Carolyn Louise McMahon '83 and Scott K. Curtis Jr., at the Congregational Church in New Canaan, Conn., July 24.

Robert B. Dee '84 and Melinda Braithwaite, in St. Andrews, Scotland, September 3.

Ann Theresa Considine '85 and Kenneth Healy, at St. Anthony Church in Woburn, Mass., June 26.

Peter Kennedy '85 and Kimberly Thompson, in Brookline, Mass., October 24, 1992.

Thomas Sullivan '85 and Patricia Laughlin, at Withrow Nature Preserve in Brunswick, Maine, May 8.

Lisa Abramo '86 and Gerald Keohane, at Trinity Episcopal Church in Portland, Conn., August 21.

David E. Anthony '86 and Kathleen G. Franco, at Saint Anne's Church in Shrewsbury, Mass., September 25.

Timothy Michael McCarron '86 and Lauren Diane Stevenson, at the East Harwich United Methodist Church in East Harwich, Mass.

Joseph M. Sullivan Jr., '86 of Medford, Mass. and Patricia M. Roach, at St. Mary of The Nativity Church in Scituate, March 27.

Patti Brennan '87 and **Scott J. Nugent '89**, at St. Mary's Church in Longmeadow, Mass., June 12.

Roger C. Chadwick Jr. '87 and Sonya Vartabedian, at St. Gregory's Armenian Apostolic Church in North Andover, Mass., June 26.

Lisa Hilton '87 and George Drew, at St. Pius V Church in Lynn, Mass., May 22.

Weddings



Merrimack was well represented at Joe Sullivan's wedding last March. Alumni who attended were, front row, left to right, Rich Lane '85, George Ziegler '85, Mike Vakos '85, and Greg Roche '85. Back row is Lisa Desmarais Lane '86, Brian Fullon, Wade Smith '85, Betsy (Rourke) Ziegler '86, Patty Sullivan, Joe Sullivan '86, Bob Dolan '86, Chris Metcalfe '85, and Dave Scalisi '85.

Stephen Hosley '87 and Viviana LeBron, in San Juan, Puerto Rico, September 5.

Niki C. Ivanyi '87 and Walter R. Beddoe, at the Cobb's Mill Inn in Weston, Conn., June 4.

Thomas E. McCrorey '87 and Catherine Marie Gagnon, at the Regis College Chapel in Weston, Mass., June 26.

Mark L. McIntire '87 and Kelley M. Guinivan, at St. Richard's Church in Danvers, Mass.

Alison McLaughlin '87 and **Kevin Lahiff '88**, at St. Mary's Church in Springfield, Mass., August 21.

John M. Shaheen '87 and Christy L. Decker, at St. Joseph Church in Lawrence, Mass., June 27.

Laurie Ann Sullivan '87 and Donald Lawless, at Sacred Heart Church in Amesbury, Mass., New Year's Eve, 1992.

Michael John Sullivan '87 and Anne Marie Derro, at St. Ann Church in West Newbury, Mass., July 24.

Ronald Wyner '87 and **Allyson Murphy '90**, at Incarnation Church in Melrose, Mass., September 26, 1992.

Ann-Marie Austin '88 and Daniel J. Gardella, at St. James Church in Haverhill, Mass.

David English '88 and Jane Maureen Reddy, at St. Charles Borromeo Church in Woburn, Mass.

Robert G. Kirk '88 and Jennifer Anne Madison, at St. Joseph's Church in Bartlett, N.H., September 25.

Bryan Lonardo '88 and **Brenda Zakoian '89**, at Holy Cross Armenian Church in Lawrence, Mass., May 22.

Steven M. Stewart '89 and Colleen P. Gormley, at St. Monica Church in Methuen, Mass.

Sean P. Tierney '89 and Gail Grady, at St. Anne's Church in Readville, Mass., September 11.

Karen Disciullo '90 and Timothy Jones, in McDavid, Fla., June 1.

Susan Donati '90 and Jeffrey P. DiBuono, at Merrimack College, October 3.

William Feeney '90 and **Paula Alibrandi '91**, at St. Mary's Church in Wrentham, Mass., July 31.

Elizabeth J. Mazzie '90 and Michael Branca, at St. Mary's Church in Danvers, Mass., October 2.

JoAnn Palmerino '90 and Stephen Bourassa, at St. Joseph's Church in Wakefield, Mass., October 25, 1992.

Timothy Sirard '90 and Lisa Rossi, at St. Bernard's Church in Enfield, Conn., October 23, 1992.

Beth Winkowski '90 and Robert Hodgkinson, at Merrimack College, October 10.

Kristen A. Bartosch '91 and Richard W. Eagleston Jr., at St. Agnes' Church in Reading, Mass., June 19.

Melissa M. Bitler '91 and Lawrence E. Sarner, at Goddard Chapel, Tufts University, August 15.

Corrine C. Crisa '91 and David M. Hasbany, at St. Monica Church in Methuen, Mass.

Margaret Gradel '91 and Capt. James DeSantis, at Mariners Chapel, United States Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, N.Y., June 5.

Dominique Spina '91 and Nicolaos Kantzelis, St. Vasilios in Peabody, Mass., December 12, 1992.

Tracy Ann Baker '92 and Stephen P. McQueen, at Mary Queen of Peace Church in Salem, N.H., August 21.



Joining Lisa Abramo '86 and Gerry Keohane for their wedding celebration are Merrimack grads. from the left, Dave Larcenaire '87, Maid of Honor Maureen Mullen '86, Greg Dolan, Mike Cullen '86, Dave Nelson '87, Dave Gratiano '87, Brian Daccord '87, Lisa and Gerry.

News Notes

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Gerard J. Jutras of Pelham, N.H. has retired after 33 years as a key account sales representative for Borden/Prince Company of Lowell. Gerard and his wife, Helen, have five daughters and three sons. Happy Retirement, Gerard!

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Rita (Bonanno) Collins of Swampscott, Mass. was elected a director and first vice president of Catholic Charities/North Suburban. The Swampscott Reporter said that Rita's "talents benefit many business, church, hospital, and political groups on the North Shore." The talented Mrs. Edward Collins also has a degree from Ohio State University.

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And speaking of **Edward Collins**, he has been promoted to president of Morse Diesel International, a leading construction services company based in New York. Founded in the early '70s, Morse Diesel has been an active force in the Boston construction market. The firm's innovative client-oriented approach has made it the foremost construction management firm in the United States. In addition to constructing some major Boston landmarks, such as One Financial Center, 101 Federal Street, 125 High Street, the Marriott Copley and, their



Edward Collins '56

current project, the new Boston Garden, other notable projects include the New York Stock Exchange and Sears Tower. Ed will be responsible for strategic planning, developing management services, enhancing business development strategies and client relations. Ed was instrumental in launching Morse into growing market sectors, including research labs, industrial process facilities, sports arenas, convention centers, and transportation. Before his promotion, Ed was Chief Operating Officer and had also been Regional Executive Vice President. With his talented wife, **Rita** (see '54), he is a director of the North Suburban Catholic Charities. He is also a director of Boston's Catholic Charities and the United Way. Much to celebrate in the Swampscott household.

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Arthur Bower was re-elected to the Haverhill (Mass.) City Council. Arthur, a dentist, has been a City Councilor for the past 22 years. He and his wife have seven children and nine grandchildren.

districts throughout the region. John had been superintendent of schools in Fall River, Mass. since 1980. After graduating from Merrimack, John was a reporter for the Fall River Herald News and the Providence Journal and Evening Bulletin. He started teaching in the early '60s, received a master's degree from the University of Rhode Island in 1970, became Director of Bilingual Education in Fall River then Director of National Assessment and

Daniel F. Martin of East Longmeadow, Mass. has been named Hampden County Purchasing Manager. He was chosen from among 140 applicants.

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William Toomey was re-elected Councilor-at-Large in Peabody, Mass., an office he has held since 1974. William, who is in real estate sales, is married and has two children.

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John R. Correiro was named Director of the New England Desegregation Assistance Center at Brown University, an innovative program that focuses on issues of gender, race, and equity in school

Dissemination for Bilingual and Bicultural Education at Lesley College, and then was named Fall River superintendent. Fall River's loss is Brown's--and the region's--gain.

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Robert A. Martin of Falmouth, Mass. has joined the Jack Conway & Company real estate firm in Falmouth. Look Robert up if you're in the market for Cape real estate.

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Mary Margaret Carroll of Manchester, N.H. is a member of a task force to change the organization and work methods of the IRS service centers and district offices. While this assignment has taken her temporarily to Arlington, Va., Mary Margaret is based at the IRS in Andover, Mass. Any suggestions for her Task Force? Before April 15?

Eileen K. Jennings has been elected a director of the National Association of College and University Attorneys (NACUA). Eileen is counsel to Central Michigan University and has served on NACUA's committees for Continuing Legal Education, Publications, and the Legal Writing Competition. She has been a member of the Editorial Board of The Journal of College and University Law since 1986. In addition to her Merrimack degree, Eileen holds a master's from the University of Oregon and a PhD and JD, with distinction, from the University of Nebraska.

Joyce Ann (Esile) Sullivan of North Andover, Mass. has been listed in "Who's Who among America's Teachers." Joyce Ann is a math and science teacher at Sacred Heart School in Lawrence. Her husband, **Philip**, a guidance counselor at Danvers (Mass.) High School, was named Northeast Conference Coach of the Year for soccer in 1991 and 1992, and for track in 1992. The couple has three children, Michael, a 1991 Dartmouth graduate; Tara a 1992 Westfield State College graduate; and Erin, a Westfield State junior. What? No Merrimack?!

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Mary (Wood) Foreman is Teacher of the Year in Connecticut's Regional District 13, the first kindergarten teacher in the district's history to be so honored. She teaches in the Frederick F. Brewster School in Durham, Conn. She and her husband, Heyward ("Woody"), (Woody married Woody?) live in Rockfall, Conn. and have two sons, Mark, 23, and Bill, 20.

Mike Ivers is a disk jockey for WGAR-FM, Cleveland's top-rated radio station. He plays country music, and was quoted in a Fitchburg, Mass. newspaper (he used to work for a Fitchburg radio station) saying that "The reason country has become so popular is that all the other music formats have turned everybody off." Punk Rockers take note.

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Edward Camara Jr. of Mattapoisett, Mass. spent last summer as Shore Excursion Director on the M/M SeaSpirit for RSVP Cruises. Edward is a freelance travel writer for major national publications and is the author of the book "How to Plan a Professional Motorcoach Tour." He's working on a second book. You might run into Ed anywhere in the country, as he is a marketing consultant to the tour and travel industry and conducts workshops nationwide. Sounds like a great way to make a living.

John F. Mulhern, Vice President for Booz Allen & Hamilton Inc. of Arlington, Va., was named a partner in his firm which does international management and technology consulting. Jack, who manages the firm's international defense projects, lives in Gambrills, Md. with his wife, Carolyn, and their sons John Paul and Daniel.

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John Handfield is the new superintendent for the Sanborn (N.H.) Regional School District. John earned a master's degree at Suffolk University and a doctorate at Boston University. Before accepting the Sanborn post, the native Granite Stater was Assistant Superintendent

of Schools in Hooksett and had also been a teacher and an administrator in Pelham and Manchester--all in New Hampshire.

Donna Perry's new book, "Backtalk: Women Writers Speak Out," has been published by the Rutgers University Press. The book is a series of interviews with contemporary women writers from the U.S., England, Ireland, and The Caribbean. Donna is professor of English at William Paterson College in Wayne, N.J., and lives in Riverdale, N.Y.

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Courtney Atkinson of Newton, Mass. has returned to his job as his town's building inspector following a year's recuperation from a back injury.

James A. Caradonio has been named deputy to the Worcester, Mass. school superintendent. Jim had been assistant superintendent in the East Greenwich, R.I. school system, and had formerly been with the Boston public schools where he served in a variety of capacities, including director of citywide adult-vocational education, director of curriculum and staff development, coordinator of bilingual vocational education and bilingual student adviser. He was also a consultant to the Cambridge public schools from 1988 to 1990, and earned a master's degree at Northeastern and a doctorate at Harvard. What did you do in your spare time, Jim?

Paul V. Kelly, a Marine colonel who recently completed his assignment as liaison to Gen. Colin L. Powell, is now administrator of the U.S. operation on Okinawa. Paul has served all over the world in his 24-year military career. He and his wife, Linda, live in Virginia. They have a daughter, Susan.

Cheryl (Bond) Reina of Bradenton, Fla. was promoted to vice president of NationsBanc Mortgage Corp. in St. Petersburg. She was married in October to John. Cheryl has two daughters, Elizabeth, 20, a junior at Florida State University; and Christine, 15. Congratulations, Cheryl!

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Jeannette Bahre of Amesbury, Mass. has been named to "Who's Who in American Education" for 1994-95. Jeannette recently completed an



WESTERN NEW ENGLAND ALUMNI gathered together in the fall. Pictured are: Back row l to r: Basketball legend Ed Murphy '78, Marty Wright '78, Joe Mathews '59, Dave Donovan '62, Daniel Martin '57, Susan Healey '92. Middle row: Christal Murphy, Kim (Callaghan) Murphy '79, Eileen (Kelley) Wright '79, Kathleen (Kirby) Smith '82, Cheri Murphy, Al Wilhry '59, Bob Daly '65; Joseph Viamari '93. Front row: Charlotte Murphy, Elizabeth Wright, and Andrew Wright.

assignment for "Even Start," a federally and state-funded literacy program for parents and children. She has been a teacher for more than 20 years. Jeannette and her husband, Stephen (director of Merrimack's McQuade Library), have three children, Kimberly, 18, a Merrimack student; Christian, 12; and Rachel, 8.

John Collura of Amherst, Mass. co-authored the paper "Computer-Use Factors in Transportation Engineering Project Management" with Merrimack Professor Kim Eric Hazarvartian. The paper was published in the October issue of the ASCE Journal of Computing in Civil Engineering. John is at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst.

William R. Hamel was re-elected Town Clerk in Windsor Locks, Conn. William and his wife, Maureen, have a son, Liam, and live in Windsor Locks.

Marie A. (Riemitis) Pouliot has joined transACTIONS Unlimited Inc. in Andover as vice president of business development. She manages the sales and marketing of the company's networking and systems integration consulting services. Before joining the company Marie spent 15 years in the computer industry in a variety of sales/marketing and management positions. Most recently she was a marketing manager for Digital Equipment Corp. Marie holds an MBA from Babson College and a master's in mathematics from Northwestern. She and her husband, Ronald, live in North Andover.

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The Greater Salem (N.H.) Chamber of Commerce named **Thomas King** Distinguished Businessperson of the Year. Thomas had been district manager for Granite State Electric for 20 years before his recent early retirement from the company--but not from the world of work. Tom, who lives in Rye, N.H., says he is not ready for total retirement yet. Tom's experience includes district sales manager in Lawrence, Mass. for Massachusetts Electric and New England Electric. He worked for the parent company for 41 years. His community service includes serving as president of the Salem Area Chamber of Commerce and of the Merrimack Valley YMCA. He was also a director for the United Way, the Salem Board of Trade, and the Southern New Hampshire Association of Commerce and

Industry, where he was chairman of governmental affairs and the commission on community and economic development. Tom and his wife, Joyce, have a son, Benjamin. O.K. headhunters out there--Get goin'!

Patrick Lavoie, president of Dunlap Insurance Corp. in Portland, Me., was profiled last summer in the Portland Press Herald. His company has annual sales of about \$100 million, 205 employees in 10 branch offices throughout New England, and is the largest privately held insurance agency in New England.

Teri S. (Schwartz) LeBeau has been named director of marketing for Durable Goods in Dow Plastics, Dow North America. She will develop and execute marketing and business strategies for the organization. Teri joined Dow the year she graduated from Merrimack and has risen



FORMER WARRIOR HOCKEY PLAYERS who attended the Ottawa Hockey Tournament and reception in Ottawa last November are, l to r: Guy Ragault '93 of St. Jerome, Quebec; Tom Treacy '62 of Stoneham, Mass.; Dave Grieco '68 of Burlington, Ontario; and Tom Goss '69 of Orleans, Ontario.



ALUMNI, PARENTS, AND FUTURE ALUMNI GATHERED for Sunday brunch at the Westchester Hills Golf Club in White Plains, New York. Attending were Susan (Magro) Marchewka '75, her children: James, Victoria, and Katie; Ed and Katie (Rovegno) Larkin '75, their sons: James, Matthew, and John; John Forsman '58, father of Merrimack junior and On-Stager, John Forsman, Jr.; Alfred and Marilyn Sacco, whose daughter Stacie is a sophomore; George '84 and Maureen (O'Connell) '84 Catallo; Susan Duesberg '80; Brian '67 and Mary Jane McGuinness, and their children Brett and Dory; Andrew '76 and Kathy Markich and their twins: Matthew and Adam; Greg and Terry (Sheehan) O'Connell '74 and their children: Dory, Liam, Nell, Thomas, and Kieran. Rev. Fritz Cerullo, O.S.A., Vice-president of Institutional Advancement and Alumni Director Susan Wojtas '79 brought them news of the college.

steadily in the company's ranks. She has served on Dow's chemical recycle business opportunity task force and played a central role in its U.S. environment, health, and safety council. In 1988 she was named business director of chemical intermediates, a \$600-million business. In 1989 Teri received the YWCA Academy of Women Achievers Award. I shouldn't wonder.

Anne (Walsh) Tyman of Revere, Mass. has begun teaching Grade 1 at the McKinley School in Revere. After her Merrimack career Anne completed graduate courses at Salem State College. She has also taught in the Danvers public schools.

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Matthew S. Messina is the new medical director of the pulmonary department at St. Luke's Hospital in New Bedford, Mass. After graduating magna cum laude from Merrimack, Matthew, making a habit of academic honors, received, magna cum laude, an MD from the University of Rome. Matthew lives in South Dartmouth, Mass. with his wife and two children.

Peter H. Spang has joined the consulting and design engineering firm of Philip W. Genoves & Associates, Inc. in Woodbridge, Conn. as vice president and manager of engineering operations. He has more than 15 years' experience in

senior project management positions in environmental engineering. Spang lives in Southington, Conn. with his wife, Susan, and their two children.

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Jean J. Croteau Jr. of Chicopee, Mass., who is president of George J. Croteau & Sons Inc., builders and contractors, was re-elected to his eighth term on Chicopee's City Council. He is chairman of the council's Zoning Committee. Jean and his wife, Charlna, have three children, Greg, a sophomore at Eastern Nazarene College, Kathryn, a high school senior, and Beth, who is in the eighth grade.

Dennis DiZoglio was elected mayor of The City Known as The Town of Methuen. (Honest. You could look it up.) He was one of 11 candidates. After obtaining his degree in Political Science at Merrimack he received a master's degree in public administration, interned for the Merrimack Valley Planning Commission and for a state senator. He has been involved in community development in Greater Lawrence, in Taunton, and in Peabody, all in Massachusetts. A classmate of his also became a mayor. Read on.

Mary Claire (Langille) Kennedy, running against a former three-term mayor, was elected the first female mayor of Lawrence, Mass. in a race close enough for a recount. She still won. Mary Claire had been director

of the local welfare office and also managed, part-time, the Cedar Crest restaurant in Lawrence, a favorite gathering spot for local politicians. What better place to get the inside scoop? Mary Claire and her husband, Tom, have an 11-year-old daughter, Colleen, and a son, Tommy III, 9.

At the national convention of The League of United Latin American Citizens, **Cesar A. Monzon** of Framingham, Mass. was elected National Vice President for the Northeast and National Convention Chairman for the 1994 and 1996 Conventions in El Paso and Boston. The League has 130,000 members nationwide. Cesar is a Supervisory Information Services Specialist with the U.S. Census Bureau in Boston. He and his wife, Julie, have two daughters, Victoria Elizabeth and Anna Belen.

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Richard R. Blain of North Andover has been named corporate director of fund development for Caritas Christi, the Boston Archdiocese's health care system. Rick, who was also a St. Augustine Award winner this year (See page 11), is responsible for planning and developing fund-raising programs and activities for Caritas Christi facilities. He had been vice president of Ruotolo Associates, fund-raising, public relations, marketing and student recruitment consultants to non-profit

organizations. Rick and his wife, **Kathy (Monan) '71**, are the ordinally proud parents of two-year-old Christine.

Roland Boucher was re-elected to the Haverhill (Mass.) School Committee. Roland is Marketing Manager for D.C. Heath and Company and is married, with three children.

Joseph A. Gabriel of Methuen, Mass. was appointed head of Technical Services at the Gutman Library at Harvard's Graduate School of Education. He had previously been with the University of Lowell libraries. Joseph and his wife, Cathy (a 1978 Villanova graduate), have three daughters, Elisabeth, 11; Sara, 7; and Rebecca, 2.

Kathy Elizabeth Sneed Nelson of Ft. Collins, Colo. has been promoted to managing editor of NEWS 3X/400, an international technical magazine for IBM mid-range professionals. Her employer is Duke Communications International in Loveland, Colo. Kathy and her husband, Bruce, have a daughter Laura.

Mark E. Rumley, a lawyer in Medford, Mass., was recently profiled in his hometown newspaper. Some of Mark's accomplishments listed included his being Assistant City Solicitor and legal adviser to the North American Pediatric Pseudo-Obstruction Society. He's also a lector at his church.

Katherine (McCarthy) Scanlon of Winchester, Mass., who had been a substitute, was elected a permanent member of the Winchester school district. She received a master's degree at Framingham State and began her career in education as a guidance counselor. Katherine will teach kindergarten.

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John A. Buccini Jr. was elected principal of Northwood Elementary School in Pittsfield, N.H. He had been Assistant Principal at North Andover (Mass.) Middle School. After Merrimack John earned an MEd at Plymouth State College, and has taught in Fitchburg and Norton, Mass. and Plymouth, N.H.

Christopher G. Fallon was elected to the Malden (Mass.) School Committee. Christopher, a lawyer, graduated from Suffolk Law School, cum laude, and earned a master's degree at Lowell University. He and his wife have one child.

David Sidon is the new president of the Gloucester (Mass.) Cooperative Bank following an election by the bank's directors. David joined the bank as a director in 1985 and was hired as vice president the following year. He recently helped start the Gloucester Investment Corporation, a community-based commercial loan fund. After Merrimack, David earned a master's degree at Bentley College. David and his wife, Julie, live in Magnolia.

Mary Wilson has been elected an executive officer of Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Co. in Springfield, Mass. where she had been Vice President in the Investment Management's Securities Investment Division. She joined the company in 1982 as a securities analyst and has held a variety of positions in the investment area. Any tips for the not-so-nifty '90s, Mary?

Thomas P. Wozniak of Springfield, Mass. was elected to the Executive Board of the Northeast Association of College and University Housing Officers. He will be president of the organization, which has more than 140 institutional members, for the 1994-95 year. Thomas and his wife, **Madeleine (Paradis) '75**, have a son Kevin.

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Grrrr!! **Scott Gleason**, a Massachusetts trial lawyer, was the subject of a feature story in his local paper. He was described as a "lawyer known for high-profile clients" and for "taking on the city." His courtroom demeanor "ranges from mischievous choirboy to snarling pit bull." More important, perhaps, is his track record which, says a modest Scott, is "pretty good." Scott and his wife, Patricia, live in Haverhill.



AN ORIENTATION for new Alumni Council members was held in October. New alumni council members, Robert Isacco '94 and Joanne Bibeau '78 are welcomed by Council president Robert Cuomo '68 and executive board member Ray Joyce '82.

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Gary L. Mell has been appointed manager, company general accounting, at Lockheed Sanders in Nashua, N.H. Gary has been with Sanders for 16 years and was most recently manager of financial planning and analysis in the Surveillance Systems Division. Gary, a CPA, obtained a master's degree at Suffolk University.

Dan Murray of Fairfield, Ohio received a master's degree in Civil Engineering, with a major in Environment Science, at Northeastern University last spring. He is an environmental engineer with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in Cincinnati. Dan and his wife, Megan, have two children, Halle and Thomas.

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Steve Owens is president and owner of Owens Insulation in Danvers, Mass. and loves being independent. His company insulates mechanical systems in commercial and industrial buildings. His reputation for excellent and ethical service has been his best advertising and a few of his customers are Harvard, Dartmouth and the Archdiocese of Boston. Not bad for an independent. Steve's not totally on his own, however. He met his wife, **Susan Mullenbrock '78**, at their Merrimack orientation. They married a year after graduation and have produced Stephanie, 11, and Bobby, 3.

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Joseph P. Gurka was accepted at the Kirksville (Mo.) College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Joseph A. Lorusso of West Hartford, Conn. has established his own firm, Structured Finance Advisors and, as of last September, completed a successful first quarter. Joe is married to **Rose (Kelley) '79** and the couple has two sons, Joseph and James.

James A. Lynch III was elected president of the Somerville, Mass. Kiwanis Club. James is the vice president of Garrett-Lynch Insurance Agency in Somerville, Mass. and lives in Quincy with his wife, Margie.

Mary Ann Quinn, a realtor at RE/MAX Top Achievers in Reading, Mass., successfully completed the course Sales Strategies for the Residential Specialist offered by the Realtors National Marketing Institute. Mary Ann holds the prestigious Graduate Realtors Institute designation for continuing education in all aspects of real estate.

David Reilly, school department accounting and business manager in Andover, Mass., was appointed Town Treasurer. Before working for the school department, David was an accountant for a semiconductor company. He and his wife, Kathleen, live in Andover.

Steven J. Robinson has joined Fleet Bank of Massachusetts as vice president in Springfield. Steven had been vice president in the commercial loan department of Heritage Bank for Savings and assistant vice president at BayBank Valley Trust. In addition to his Merrimack degree, Steven holds an MBA from the University of Massachusetts.

Phyllis Tyler, an accountant in Lawrence, Mass., was the subject of a feature article in her local newspaper. The article focused on Phyllis's philosophy and faith. Some of Phyllis's quotes: "My religious life

Springtime in ITALY

There are still a few seats available for our April 21 spring trip to Italy.

Terry Monahan '66 of Essex County Travel will personally escort our tour. Call him or Jay at 1-800-222-8283 or 508-465-4100 for details. Final payment deadline is February 15, major credit cards will be accepted.





AT THE OTTAWA HOCKEY TOURNAMENT were, from the left-facing the camera, Carol (Gesing) Mahoney '65, Athletics Director Robert DeGregorio, Frank Mahoney '65, and Tom Treacy '62. The Mahoneys are from West Boyford, Mass. and are avid supporters of the Merrimack hockey team.

is not as strongly centered on the Church as many others'. I don't think that only in that setting is it possible to share a spiritual experience." "Religion is something you have to give away. It's a very lonely life if you live inside yourself all the time." Phyllis doesn't believe that women have a large enough role in the Church. "God gave me a mind to use...or he wouldn't have created intelligence." "God is an individual concept. God is found within other people. That's what the practice of religion is--recognizing that breath of God in others and responding to it.

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John L. Hoyt has been named an administrator of the accounting firm of Moody, Cavanaugh and Company. John lives in Lynnfield, Mass.

Joe Humby has been promoted to director of all the sales operations in New England and eastern New York for Standard Uniform Services in Agawam, Mass. Joe lives in No. Branford, Conn. with his wife, Mary, and their son, Michael.

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Robert J. Bonsignore, a Medford, Mass. attorney, was elected chairman of the New Lawyers' section of The Association of Trial Lawyers of America. The subject of a Boston Globe profile, Robert was described as "a tireless champion of the underdog and a lawyer of scrupulous integrity."

Kathleen (Doran) Gervais of Uxbridge, Mass. has been appointed mortgage consultant by Bay Finance Company, the mortgage affiliate of The Commerce Insurance Company.

She will be responsible for business development in the Worcester area.

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Peter Boyle has joined the Brattleboro Child Development

(BCD) child care center. Peter lives in Brattleboro, Vt. with his wife, Debbie, and sons Adam, 1, and Ryan, 3, who attends BCD's preschool child care program.

Paul Consoli is the 1993 President of the Haverhill, Mass. Board of Realtors and, in 1992, was the Haverhill Realtor of the year. Paul has been actively listing and selling property for 10 years.

Shawn Warren has been admitted to the partnership of KPMG Peat Marwick, the international accounting, tax and management consulting firm. Paul will work in the firm's Boston office. He lives in Tewksbury, Mass.

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William P. McNeil has received an award of merit from Friendly's Restaurants for whom he is an Assistant Manager. The award was for promoting restaurant cleanliness.

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Stephen Dukeman was re-elected to the Malden (Mass.) City Council and is chairman of its finance committee. He is also special assistant to the Deputy Commissioner of Revenue. His wife, Pamela, is the budget analyst for the Town of Westwood.

Mark Soltys of ERA Pat Demarais Associates of Salem, N. H. was named "Agent of the Month" in August. He produced the highest dollar volume for his office with a combination of home sales and rentals. Mark lives in Hampstead, N.H., with his wife and two children.

Kevin Tinsley of Shrewsbury, Mass. has received an MBA from Bryant College. Kevin is the manager at Love, Boilus Lynch & Rogers in Worcester. He and his wife, **Joan (Colleran)**, have two daughters, Alicia, 3, and Michaela, 1.

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Bob Hutchings of St. Louis Park, Minn. coached the Minnesota Speech and Debate delegation to a second consecutive national championship this past summer in Boca Raton, Fla. He was elected Vice-President of the Minnesota Speech Coaches' Association and has produced a training video for speech and debate coaches. She sells seashells....

Paul A. Koch has received a New Jersey Professional Engineer's License. He is also licensed in New York. Paul lives in Holmdel, N.J. with his wife, Patricia, and their three children, Katherine, Paul Jr., and Julia Belle.

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Michael J. Gallagher has been appointed to the Bank and Savings Institutions Taxation Committee of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Michael lives in Derry, N.H. and is a certified public accountant with T. C. Edwards & Co.

Lynn (Turick) Gerrits has received a master's degree in counseling psychology from Assumption College. She is employed by Digital Equipment Corp. in Maynard, Mass. Lynn lives in Leominster with her husband, Michael, and son, Matthew.

Timothy Hart received a JD degree, magna cum laude, from the University of San Diego, where he was a member of the Law Review. He has accepted a position with the firm of Gibson, Dunn and Crutcher in Los Angeles.

Robert Ferrari has been promoted to Senior Software Engineer at Beyond, Inc. in Burlington, Mass. Robert lives in Medford.

Mark D. Knestout, who is studying for the priesthood in the Archdiocese of Washington, was awarded a master's degree in international management last summer at the

University of Maryland. He is now studying at North American College in Rome.

Maureen Mullen has been appointed Senior Producer/Director for American Safety Video Publishers of Naples, Fla. She received a master's degree in communications journalism, summa cum laude, from Boston University College of Communication. Maureen lives in Naples.

Kevin P. Scanlon of Somerville, Mass. received a JD degree from New England School of Law. A cum laude graduate, he also received the Amos L. Taylor Award for Excellence in Achievement. Kevin is a law clerk to the justices of the Massachusetts Superior Court.

William C. Shouldice IV of Montpelier, Vt. has become the new Secretary of Development and Community Affairs for Vermont.

Karen R. Sweeney has become an associate at Warner & Stackpole of Boston, Mass.

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Gina M. (Bombardieri) Girouard is the new owner of The Hair Salon of Duxbury, Mass. She is a full-time hair stylist as well as the salon's manager.

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Catherine P. (Cook) Baranofsky is the newly elected president of the Reading (Mass.) Business and Professional Women's Organization/USA. She recently attended the 74th annual conference, "Women Make the Difference," in Reno. Cathy is an insurance agent for Metropolitan Insurance Company in Lexington and serves on the Board of Health for the Town of Reading. She lives in Reading with her husband and two daughters.

Kevin Lahiff has joined the Providence loan center as a residential loan officer for The Boston Five Mortgage Corp. Kevin will be responsible for developing and maintaining loan production for The Boston Five, offering such services as residential mortgage lending, home equity loans, second mortgage refinancing and educational seminars. Kevin lives in Somerville, Mass.

Kevin R. Roth has joined Block Drug Company, Jersey City, N.J., as an Assistant Product Manager. He lives in Bridgewater, N.J. with his wife and new daughter, Katelyn Marie.

Paul Szymanski is the new business administrator for the North Andover, Mass. Public Schools. Paul lives in North Billerica.

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Stephen P. Caren has been appointed Vice President for The Bank of Boston in Atlanta, Ga. He will co-manage The Florida Territory Structured Finance Loan Portfolio. Stephen lives in Alpharetta, Ga. with his wife, Priscilla, and daughters, Heather and Stacey.

John C. Potts of Lawrence, Mass. has recently joined Weston & Sampson Engineers Inc. in Peabody as an associate project engineer.

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In September, **Kathleen Mahoney** of North Andover, Mass. received a master's degree in Sports Management from Northeastern University. Kathy has freelanced for the Boston Marathon, the Reebok 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament, and Coca-Cola "Hoop City" in New Orleans. She is also a member of the Host Committee for the World Cup.

Sean McNiff was recently discharged from the U. S. Army Reserve based at Hanscom Air Force Base, Mass. Sean served nine months in the Persian Gulf where he was

awarded The Bronze Star, The Army Commendation Medal, and The Southwest Asia Service Medal. He is a computer programmer at Computer Fulfillment in Winchester, Mass.

Daniel J. Wanamaker was recently promoted to District Manager in the metro New York area for E & J Gallo Winery, Yonkers, N.Y.

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Dianne Cruz of The Lawrence Youth Commission will, in her professional capacity, be working with Lawrence High School girls.

Gerald P. Major of Yorktown Heights, N.Y. was promoted to International Business Developer in the London office of MicroWarehouse, Inc. Gerald has been with the company, which is a direct marketer of microcomputer software and peripheral products for users of Macintosh and IBM personal computers, since he graduated from Merrimack.

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Kathryn Clisham of Vernon, Conn. is a kindergarten teacher for The Vernon Public Schools. Along with this position, she is pursuing her master's degree in Early Childhood.

Julie DiFilippo of North Andover, Mass. is a volunteer teacher at Mother Caroline Academy in Dorchester, Mass. The school, a new one for financially disadvantaged inner-city girls, is run on a "a shoestring" by the School Sisters of Notre Dame. Despite the lack of wealth, the new school is garnering much admiration and area publicity. What do the students like best about it? "No boys!"

Thomas Trepanier of North Andover, Mass. has begun a two-year stint with the Peace Corps. His new home is Nicaragua, where he will be a small business developer.

Calendar of Events

- February**
- 4 Men of Merrimack Hockey Night: Merrimack vs. Boston College
- 4-6 Homecoming/Family Weekend
- 12 Alumni and Friends Retreat
- 13 Men of Merrimack Raffle
- March**
- 24 Murray Symposium
- 26 Ladies of Merrimack Theater Event: The Rockettes at the Wang Center
- April**
- 17 Men of Merrimack Art Auction
- 21 Alumni and Friends Travel to Italy
- 21 Murray Symposium
- May**
- 9 President's Cup Golf Tournament
- 14 Ladies of Merrimack House Tour
- June**
- 3-5 Reunion Weekend, honoring the classes of '54, '59, '64, '69, '74, '79, '84, and '89
- 14 Spring Fling (time and place to be announced)

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Last fall, Fred Barnes of The New Republic and television's The McLaughlin Group spoke at a joint meeting of the Alumni Council and the President's Council. Mr. Barnes talked about life inside the Washington Beltway and the future of higher education. Pictured above are Mary Lou and Bob Edmunds, both class of '66 and co-chairs of the President's Council; Mr. Barnes; Alumni Council President Bob Cuomo, '68; and Rev. John E. Deegan, O.S.A., president of Merrimack. (Al Pereira photo)