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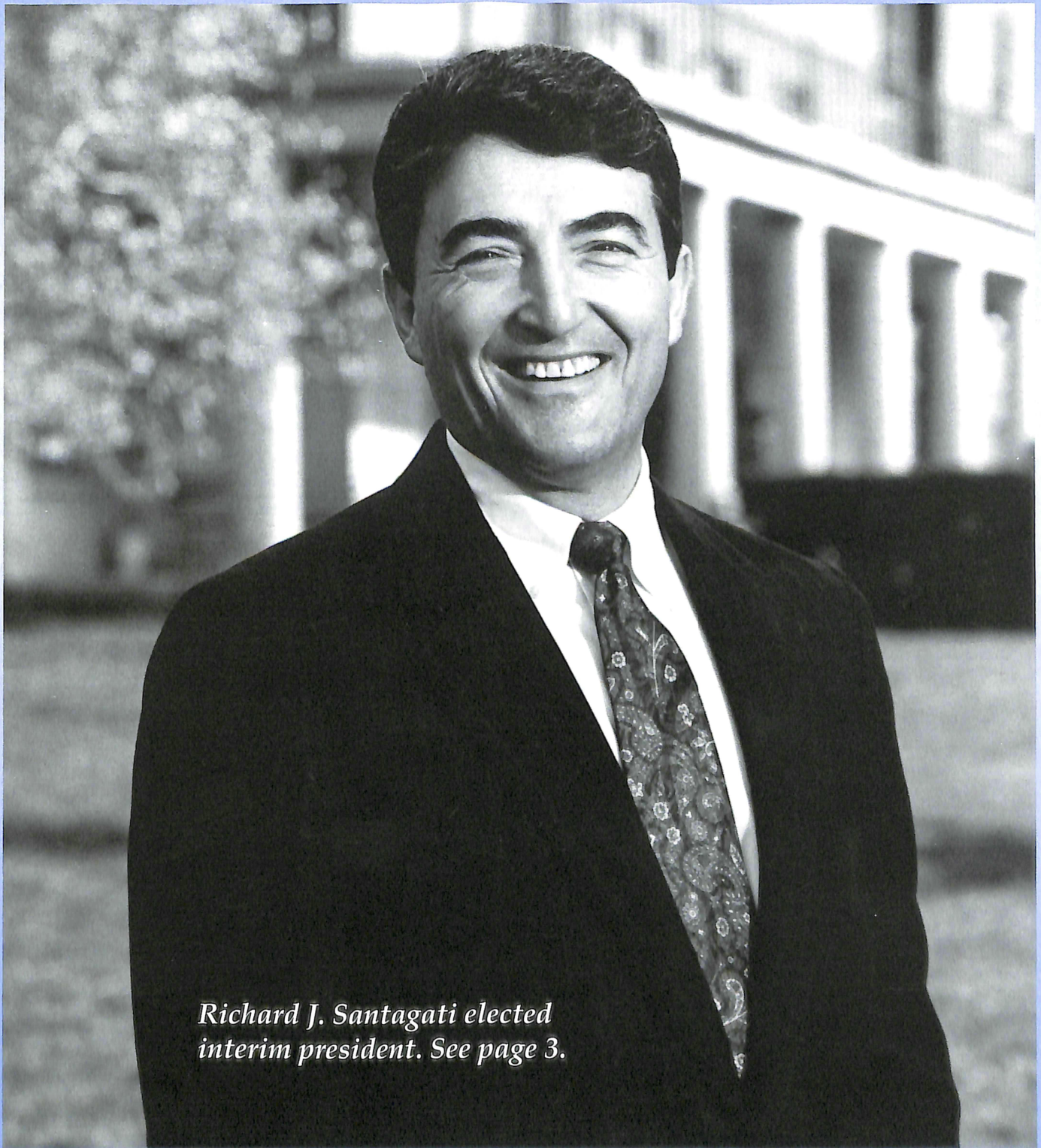
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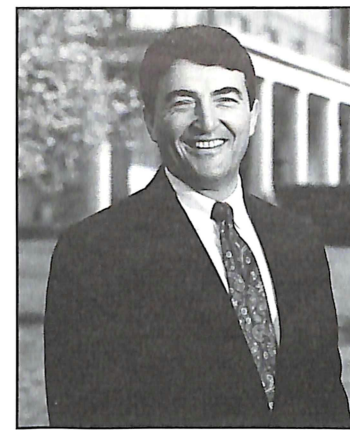
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On the cover:
Interim President
Richard J. Santagati '65

(Photo by David Oxtan)

From the Editor...

Two elections lead this issue of Merrimack magazine - the election of Rev. John Deegan to Prior Provincial of the Augustinian Friars and the subsequent election of Richard J. Santagati as interim president. Merrimack has grown and changed tremendously in the thirteen years of Father Deegan's tenure, and even as we look to the future, we join the entire college community in honoring his accomplishments and all that he has made possible. We wish him well in his new post.

Also in this edition is the strange-but-true tale of three Merrimack professors, the chemistry technique they pioneered, and the comic book - yes, comic book - they all ended up in. It's a serious topic with a twist.

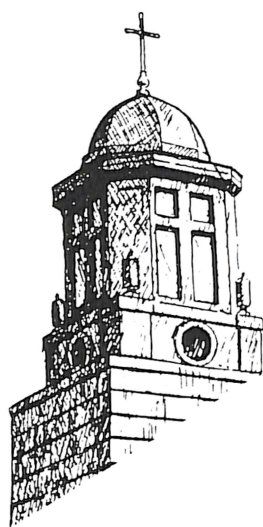
Elsewhere, one Merrimack alumna tells the story of her eight-year trek to the graduation podium against the clock, against the elements and seemingly against all odds. Don't worry; she makes it, but not without a tale to tell. Another alumnus tells a different story - this one of his commitment to making television accessible to blind and visually impaired viewers.

We hope you enjoy this issue of Merrimack magazine, and that summer, wherever you spend it and whatever your plans, lives up to your wildest and sweetest expectations.

Melanie Wilson

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Editor

Marc McGeehan of the (Lawrence, Mass.) *Eagle-Tribune* deserves credit for the photographs appearing on the cover of our last issue. We failed to give it to him then, so we give it to him now. Thanks, Marc.



New duties in the service of God



Rev. John E. Deegan, O.S.A.

Rev. John E. Deegan, O.S.A., president of Merrimack since June 1981, was recently elected Prior Provincial of the Augustinian Friars, Province of St. Thomas of Villanova.

The Province of St. Thomas of Villanova includes approximately 300 religious men serving in apostolates located along the Eastern shore of the United States from Massachusetts to Florida. The Province also sponsors missionary activity in Japan and Peru.

In his new duties, beginning in June, Father Deegan will oversee the involvement of the Friars in some 30 parishes and two secondary schools, as well as Merrimack College, Villanova University, and the Washington (D.C.) Theological Union.

Expressing surprise at his election, Father Deegan said that he

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was humbled and honored by the action of his brother religious in electing him and pledged to do everything in his power to be worthy of their trust.

He asked for the prayers of the Merrimack College community as he concludes what he called a

wonderful chapter in his life and prepares for new responsibilities in the service of God.

The Merrimack College Board met February 5 and elected Richard J. Santagati, chairman of Merrimack's Board of Trustees, as interim president. (See article, page 3.)

During Father Deegan's tenure as president, the college's endowment increased from \$240,000 to \$12.5 million. He inaugurated Merrimack 2000, a campaign to prepare the college for the challenges of the 21st century; oversaw the construction of the \$8 million Mendel Center; and established the Urban Institute in Lawrence.

He also worked to position Merrimack as one of the leading Catholic colleges in the Northeast, setting high professional standards for faculty, establishing the Computer Center and instituting writing and math centers at

McQuade Library. He increased student financial aid and scholarship endowment, established scholarships for minority students and summer academic and sports camps for inner-city boys and girls.

Father Deegan was born in Newburgh, N.Y., in 1935, and attended grade school and high school at St. Mary's Academy in Hoosick Falls. He entered the Augustinian Novitiate in New Hamburg in 1954 and professed first vows as an Augustinian a year later. He graduated from Villanova University in 1957, receiving a master's degree in history from Villanova in 1961 and another in secondary educational administration in 1965. He was ordained to the priesthood at Merrimack's Collegiate Church of Christ the Teacher in 1961.

In 1972 he completed his studies for a Ph.D. in educational administration at American University in Washington, D.C.

Merrimack's 'Warriors'

(Editor's Note: Dr. Joseph Kelley, vice president of Student Life, wrote this letter in March to the editor of the Wilmington Town Crier.)

To the Editor:

I read with interest your "Point of View" column on February 9, 1994, headed "Another Insulting Nickname Bites the Dust." I am vice president for Student Life at Merrimack College and in that capacity I have administrative responsibility for our athletic programs. As you mentioned in your article, the Merrimack teams play under the title of "Warrior." The logo associated with that title is an Indian head with local tribal headdress.

A number of years ago, several constituencies on campus were concerned about the insult which use of that title and logo inflicted on tribal peoples. We entered some serious discussion about these concerns. At that time, the Merrimack student newspaper, the Warrior, decided to change its name. Our athletic teams did not change their name.

We received a lot of criticism, specifically from alumni, for even considering changing the name of our athletic teams, but that was not the reason we did not abandon the tribal title "Warrior." In March of 1992 we had Sister José Hobday, a Roman Catholic nun who is an expert in native spirituality and herself a member of the Seneca Iroquois people, deliver our annual Campus Ministry lecture.

We took advantage of her visit to seek counsel regarding the title "Warrior." She encouraged us to do two things: One was to consult the local tribes to get their feedback regarding our use of the title "Warrior" and the specific logo which Merrimack uses. She also helped us to understand that "warrior," in most tribal traditions, does not refer exclusively or even principally to a role in battle or physical combat. The warrior, in tribal tradition, is the one man or woman who has fought the inner battle and has overcome obstacles and roadblocks to the development of the spirit and the perfection of the soul.

She thought that this broadened and deepened understanding of "warrior" might serve as a very noble aspiration for our student-athletes. Rather than abandon the title "Warrior" she thought we could, with the permission of local tribes, borrow the title in such a way that our students themselves benefitted in their growth and development from the wisdom of tribal peoples. The student-athlete at Merrimack is a warrior in the sense that participation in athletics, academic excellence and personal

and spiritual development helps bring him or her closer to realizing the ideal of the warrior as understood in the tribal tradition.

Athletics is an important dimension, but only one dimension, of being a true "warrior." Hobday's remarks helped us to rethink the use of the title "Warrior." We still have much discussion to entertain and we certainly in no way accept the degrading use of mascots and misunderstood gestures, but the noble tradition of the warrior is one which our students, and all students, would do well to imitate.

Dr. Joseph T. Kelley
Vice President for Student Life

Pedaling for Cancer

Dear Merrimack Community:

At the end of last year, during the spring semester, I wrote asking you to sponsor me in my fight to end cancer. The response was overwhelming. I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

The donations I received from the Merrimack community totaled over \$1,000. Along with my family and friends I raised over \$2,000. Again, I thank everyone for their support.

In my first semester at Merrimack College, something happened that changed my life. My mother, who fought cancer for approximately five years, lost the battle. That

was in 1989; she was 55. I was never so devastated in my life. I always wanted to do something in memory of my mother, and help find a cure for this deadly disease. So, in the fall semester of '92, I decided to take part in one of the largest fundraising events of The Jimmy Fund. It is called the Pan-Mass Challenge. That semester, my uncle lost his battle with cancer.

The PMC is a 192-mile bike ride from Sturbridge to Provincetown, Mass. This ride takes place on the first weekend in August. In 1993, I rode my first PMC. It took me a combined 16 hours over two days to complete the 192 miles. The PMC raised over \$2.3 million for The Jimmy Fund in 1993.

Well, now it's time to get ready for the 1994 Pan-Mass Challenge. Once again, I will get on my bike with the other 1,500 riders and pedal my way closer to a cure for cancer. Just like last year, each rider must raise at least \$900. This is a task no one can do alone. I need your support. Please join me in the fight to end cancer. With your support we might someday be able to say, "Remember when there was no cure for cancer?"

Gratefully,
Chris McDermott '93

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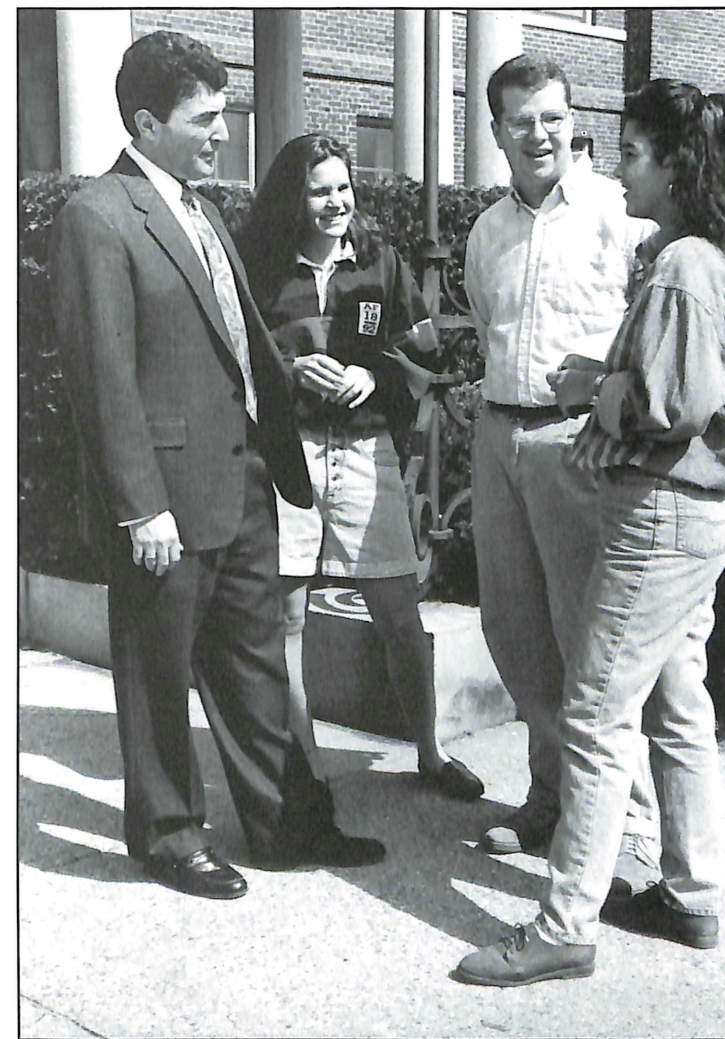
We sincerely apologize to our donors for errors printed in the recent FY'93 President's Report. We are aware of the following mistakes, and wish to correct them here:

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Page 52, column 1, should read:	Mrs. Audrey Goldstein
Page 56, under Warrior Athletic Endowment Fund, should read:	
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A note to donors

Beginning this year (calendar 1994), the IRS requires that donors who give more than \$250 to non-profit institutions be able to prove the size and nature of their claimed gift(s). We will be sending you a statement in January 1995 that will provide you with this necessary documentation. As always, we thank you for your support.

Santagati to steward Merrimack through transition



Interim president Richard J. Santagati chats with students outside Austin Hall. (Photo by David Oxtan)

At a special meeting on February 5, the Trustees of Merrimack College unanimously elected Richard J. Santagati, chairman of Merrimack's Board of Trustees since 1988 and a Merrimack alumnus, as interim president.

Mr. Santagati will serve until a search is completed for a new Augustinian president. The selection was made after consultation with various constituencies of the college, according to outgoing president Rev. John E. Deegan, O.S.A., whose 13-year tenure at Merrimack ended when he was elected Prior Provincial of the Augustinians of the Province of St. Thomas of Villanova in Pennsylvania.

In nominating Mr. Santagati, as called for in the by-laws of the Board of Trustees, Rev. John Hagen, O.S.A., the present Provincial of the Augustinians, said "Mr. Santagati's broad experience and his service as chairman of the Merrimack board, as well as his dedication to the Augustinian Catholic mission of the college, superbly qualify him for the interim position."

During his term as board chairman, Mr. Santagati, who has also been chairman of the Merrimack 2000 campaign since 1988, has "worked well with faculty, administration, staff, and students, and exhibited a collegial approach in his leadership of the board," said Father Hagen.

Father Deegan said the members of the Board of Trustees, in selecting an interim president, considered these qualifications: Mr. Santagati's understanding of the college mission, proven senior-level leadership abilities, involvement in higher education, management skills, background in financial matters, and understanding of the strategic planning process the college has been engaged in for the past two years.

The board was also most eager, said Father Deegan, that there be a smooth

chief executive officer at Gaston & Snow law firm, and as president and chairman of NYNEX Business Information Systems.

He is a member of MIT's Sloan School Board of Governors, is president of the Society of Sloan Fellows, a member of the Board of Trustees of Lawrence General Hospital, chairman of the Lawrence General Hospital Foundation, and former overseer at Wellesley College's Center for Research on Women.

In June of 1989 Mr. Santagati was appointed by the State Board of Education to a special blue-ribbon Chelsea Oversight Panel to monitor the experiment between the Chelsea school system and Boston University, as a representative of the Board and the Governor of Massachusetts.

Mr. Santagati was the commencement speaker at The State University of New York in 1985, when he received the university's Distinguished Service Award. He received an Honorary Doctor of Commercial Science Degree from Merrimack in 1988.

Mr. Santagati, in accepting the board's selection, said that he will continue to support the policies and procedures in college governance undertaken by the present administration at Merrimack. He said he would also

focus his efforts on continued refinement and execution of the strategic plan of the college, and finalize the organizational requirements associated with that planning process, which will, he said, ensure the long-term financial viability of Merrimack.

"I will endeavor to continue the positive efforts in the area of institutional advancement and fund development," said Mr. Santagati. "And I hope," he continued, "to be a conduit for communication between the various constituencies within the Merrimack College community."

A native of Lawrence, Mr. Santagati now lives in Andover with his wife, Marilyn. They have three children.

transition from him to Mr. Santagati, and then to a permanent president.

A search for a permanent Augustinian president will begin as soon as possible, according to Father Deegan.

Mr. Santagati holds a master's degree from the Sloan School of Management at MIT, and a bachelor's degree (1965) from Merrimack.

At the time of his election as interim president, Mr. Santagati was the chairman and chief executive officer of Artel Communications Corporation in Hudson. He has also served as a partner at Lighthouse Capital Management, Inc., as

Merrimack professors make it big by thinking small. Very small.

by Caroline Louise Cole
Special to Merrimack magazine

Thanks to the help of three Merrimack College professors, Archie Andrews successfully ran a chemistry experiment without blowing up the lab at Riverdale High School this spring.

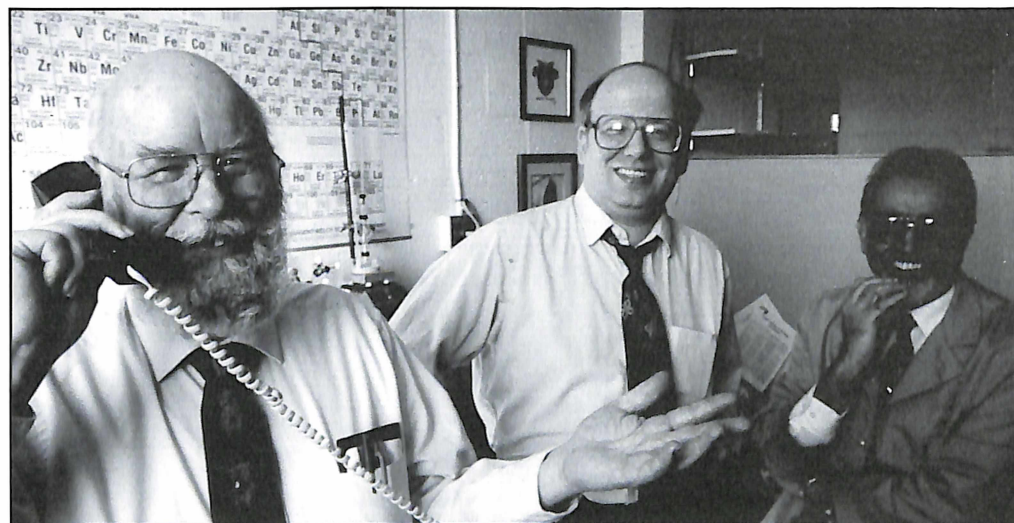
Archie, the hero of the popular comic strip of the same name, and his long-suffering chemistry teacher, Mr. Flutesnoot, discover the techniques of microscale chemistry in a story sequence entitled "Let's Have a Blast" which appeared in the April *The Jughead with Archie Digest*, No. 119.

The new system, which allows beginning students to run traditional classroom experiments using fractions of the amount of compounds normally required, thus reducing the chance for accidents and toxic waste by-products, was pioneered by Merrimack professors Ronald Pike, Zvi Szafran and Mono Singh in their chemistry classes at Merrimack over the last decade.

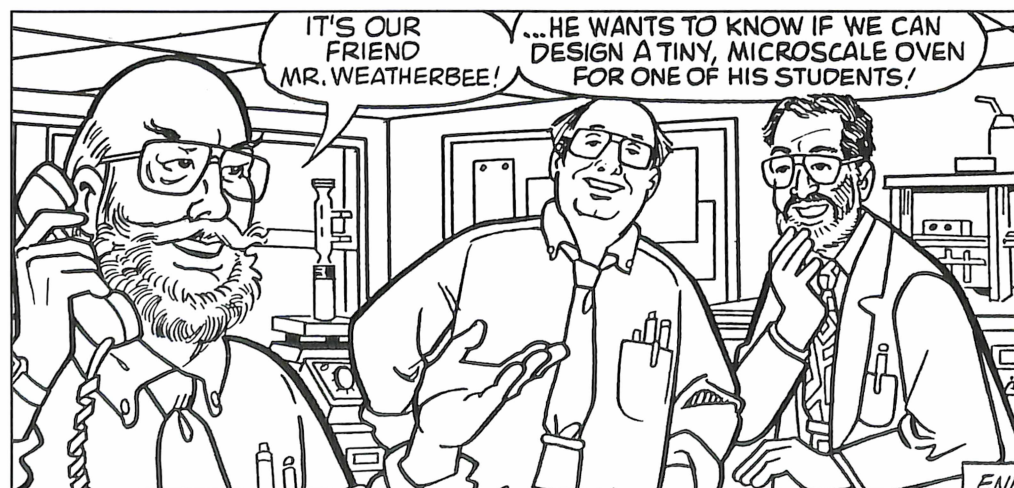
The mini-experiments with dollhouse-sized equipment have proven so popular the college won a \$250,000 grant in August 1992 from the federal Environmental Protection Agency to outfit and staff a training center for elementary and high school teachers. The professors named their recently refurbished suite of labs and conference rooms in Cushing Hall NMC², chemistry talk for the National Microscale Chemistry Center.

"Microscale chemistry is safer because smaller quantities mean there is less exposure to the inherent dangers of chemistry," said Dr. Szafran, who is also an avid comic book fan and suggested the storyline to Archie Comic's president, Michael Silberkleit, in a letter to him last summer. "As Archie has proven every spring since I can remember, even common chemicals found in most school chemical supply closets are toxic and potentially explosive if they are not handled properly."

The microscale techniques are less costly because they virtually eliminate the need for the expensive ventilation systems that today's environmentally conscious students are demanding, and they lower the cost of hazardous waste disposal, Dr. Szafran said. "That old joke about following your nose to the chemistry lab is no longer true," said Dr. Szafran, "because most microscale chemistry



Drs. Ronald Pike, Zvi Szafran and Mono Singh gather in the college's National Microscale Chemistry Center. (Photo by Ken Yuzkus, courtesy of the [Lawrence, Mass.] Eagle Tribune)



The three professors as they appeared in the April issue of *The Jughead with Archie Digest*. (Panel art courtesy of Archie Comic Publications, Inc.)

experiments are done in enclosed jars that contain the vapors. And because we are using 100 to 1,000 times less of the chemical compounds than before, we are spending less to buy the chemicals and less for their eventual disposal. Insurance costs can also decrease."

The Merrimack professors have already been successful in introducing their techniques to more than 1,000 college chemistry departments, in part because the idea has been around for some time.

Graduate students are taught how to run experiments using the precise measurements required in microscale chemistry in their advanced qualitative analysis courses, Dr. Pike said.

"The desire among chemists to use as little of their compounds as possible is nothing new," said Dr. Pike, who estimates the country's 30,000 institutions teaching chemistry generate nearly 9,000 tons of hazardous waste a year. "What makes our system revolutionary was the introduction of

micro-quantities to freshmen. That was made possible with the invention of the electronic scale. Suddenly we had a piece of equipment that allowed even the most bungling students--the Archies in our classes--to measure tiny quantities accurately. What we did was redesign the experiments and the equipment to take the smaller amounts."

Because chemical reactions take place on the surface of objects, just reducing the quantity of a compound by 100 times doesn't produce the same results as normally would be expected, Dr. Pike said. "Imagine, if you will, a block of iron," he said. "Contact with the oxygen in the air produces rust but the rusting reaction is taking place from the outside in. The amount of time the reaction would take on a large block of iron is much longer than with a small cube because of the different surface-to-volume ratios."

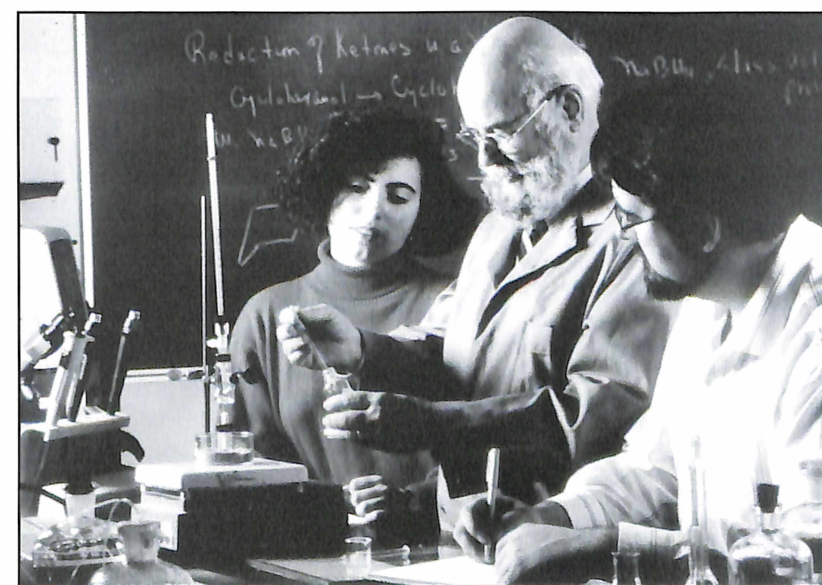
Dr. Pike and his colleagues had to come up with a system for making common chemical reactions happen at a rate that was slow enough for students to observe with the smaller amount of compounds. "Since the whole point of running an experiment is to allow students to see it happen, we failed if the reaction happened too quickly," Dr. Szafran said, saying the adjustments often took several years to get right. And the smaller containers demanded the invention of new equipment. "For instance, instead of using stirring rods, we use a magnet," said Dr. Singh, pointing to a tiny metal triangle inside a liquid-filled beaker. "We set it on a platform that has a motor-driven rotating head and *voila*, stirring motion with no chance of a spill."

'We've cut in half the time it takes to run experiments so chem labs can either be shorter or you can do twice as many experiments.'

- Dr. Ronald Pike

the time it takes to run experiments so chem labs can either be shorter or you can do twice as many experiments," Dr. Pike said.

Along the way the Merrimack team discovered chemistry was suddenly more attractive to women because they could more easily manipulate the thimble-sized beakers and flasks. "It is a subtle thing, but the benches of most chemistry labs are built to accommodate the larger male frame, and when you add several feet of tubing and other glassware, our shorter students, who



Above: Students at work in the National Microscale Chemistry Center. Left: Chemistry students Patricia Novelli and Stanley Mallory, with Dr. Ronald Pike. (Photos by David Oxtan)

are mostly women, often were up on chairs doing balancing acts to set up their equipment," said Dr. Szafran, noting that eight of his ten graduating seniors last year were female. "After a while, having to do such antics can be a psychological block to the subject matter."

Because many of their experiments are simpler to set up and run, the college professors realized they could be easily adapted to high school and elementary classrooms.

With the federal funding, Merrimack is now offering a series of free workshops to high school and elementary teachers to introduce them to the microscale program. Scheduled workshops have waiting lists and the seminars have attracted teachers from Sweden, Egypt, Mexico and Australia.

"Microscale is certainly the way we want to go," said Richard DeRosa, chairman of the science department at Wilmington

High School. DeRosa, who sent two of his chemistry teachers to a microscale workshop last summer, said he is trying to convince his school committee to fund the initial investment of \$100 a student to retrofit his labs with the smaller equipment. "Right now we're scraping the barrel to find \$3,500 a year to run the traditional program and I am asking for three times that for next year to get started, but the benefits of the program make it very desirable."

In the Archie episode, Riverdale's Principal Wetherbee doesn't need much convincing when he visits Professors Pike, Szafran and Singh. Unfortunately, though, he's left with a new problem when Archie misreads the recipe for bread in Ms. Crouton's home ec class. "Archie is still Archie, and even with microscale, we expect he'll be having mishaps at school for some time," said Silberkleit, chuckling at the story's still-explosive ending.

Heroes: You have yours, I have mine

by Dorothy Feinman '76
Special to Merrimack magazine



Dot Feinman with longtime companion Dante. (Photo by David Oxtan)

Say "hero" and visions immediately spring to mind. The visions are almost always of dazzling deeds done in a very limited time frame--five men dashing into burning buildings, astronauts merrily prancing on the moon, Hillary scaling Everest or Lindbergh skimming the Atlantic whitecaps to land in France. These deeds have a beginning and an end and often are appropriately celebrated with medals, ticker tape parades and intense media coverage.

I would like to offer an alternate hero class.

There is a small, obscure (almost to the point of invisibility) portion of academia that is barely recognized by colleges and universities as a whole. There is no *esprit d'corps*, old school tie, or old boy (or girl) network in this group because the people involved do not function as a group but as a collection of individuals. I'm referring, of course, to "Continuing Ed"--an amorphous term signifying little or nothing to those not involved with it.

There are reasons for this. The people in "Continuing Ed" cut across the spectrum of age, from recent high school grads to dodderers, and each seems to have her or his own agenda. Let me dispel one myth, however, most are not there for "enrichment." Whether the young grad or the dodderer, most want desperately to acquire a college education.

Many drop by the wayside but many more persevere and try not to show their pride in finally making it because, after all, it seems a little freaky to be getting a bachelor's degree when you are 56.

I am writing from an obvious bias because I've been there. I graduated from Merrimack at age 56 after attending eight years of night classes, and because of my age, felt like a complete ass doing it. Fortunately, I also felt almost completely invisible except to my sons who, with a

mixture of pride and amusement, buoyed me through the process.

Some people who knew I was graduating that year said, "Oh well, you won't go to the ceremony, of course." As if it were somehow a little off-color. "The hell I won't," was my response. Herculean efforts should be rewarded with ceremonial rites even if they come at odd times.

Being a Continuing Ed student may be the loneliest pursuit known to man--even beyond the Maytag repairman; at least he has his basset hound. But a CE student has only himself or herself through the unending years of texts, term papers and tests. Scott of the Antarctic had his companions and his dogs, but when you leave the comfort of your car and trudge across the frozen tundra of the campus during a January ice storm with the sleet blowing in your face, you have to wonder if there isn't a strong strain of masochism in you. You also wonder if God will remove 27 years of purgatory from your

sentence if you can make a good plea bargain.

Summers are a little better except for the August nights when the heat, which hasn't been able to find its way through the pipes all winter, suddenly discovers its strength and decides it might be a good time to demonstrate what it can do if it really tries.

There is another cast of characters in this little drama--they are the professors who have to impart knowledge to this motley crew of zombies. I'm convinced there is a special cloud set up for them in heaven where they will never again

have to grade the same term paper for the fourth year in a row or teach anyone to write a declarative sentence. So God bless the Jim McGradeys, the Virginia O'Neils, the Paul Sheas, and all the others who maintained their equanimity and their sense of humor and evinced a real interest in the flotsam that drifted into their classes. My hat's off to them for their patience.

So there are no burning buildings and no dramatic deeds, but as far as I'm concerned, each night is a triumph of the human spirit.

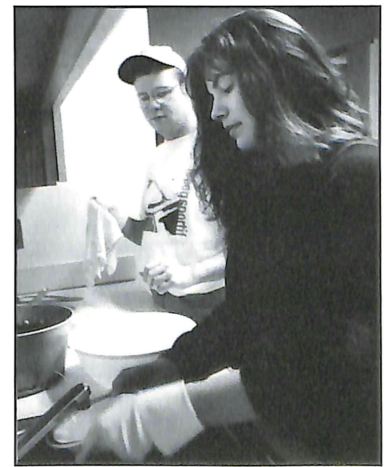
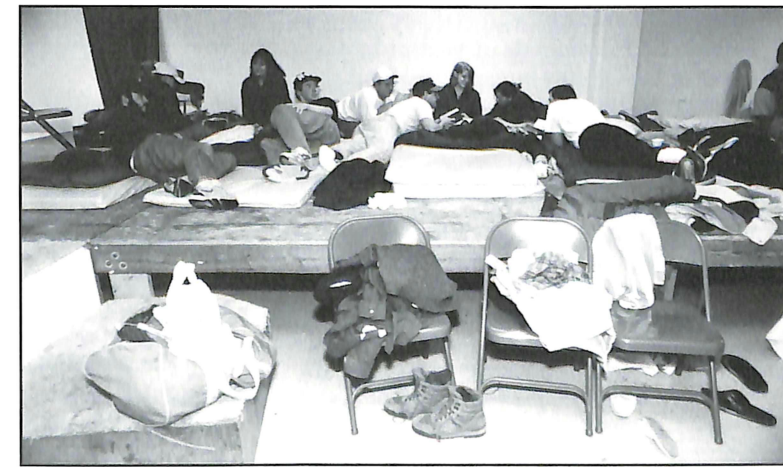
And sometimes, in class, through the waves of fatigue, you suddenly hear something that puts things in a different perspective and you see things from a whole other point of view and you light up inside, the tiredness is gone, and I don't know what to call it but "learning."

Would I do it all over again? Damn right I would!

Editor's Note: Dorothy Feinman graduated summa cum laude in 1976. She is still a student, this time in Casey Coburn's writing class at the Andover Senior Citizens' Center.



It wasn't glamorous, but that was the point. Above, Tim Carey '96 mops the floor at the Center for Creative Non-Violence in Washington, D.C., where members of the student group Merrimaction spent spring break. Below, left, the students get ready for bed in the basement. Right, Lauren Como '97 washes dishes after a staff meal. (Photos by Pam Price)



'I learned what I had'

They baked 3,000 biscuits and peeled 200 pounds of potatoes; they washed walls and laundry; they distributed blankets to people sleeping on the street then returned wearily to sleep on the floor themselves.

But the toughest job facing the 15 Merrimack students who spent spring break at the Center for Creative Non-Violence in Washington, D.C. was a bit quieter and more reflective.

"I learned exactly what I had and what was important to me, and that's my family, a home and people who care for me. I learned a sense of my own responsibility and who I am," said Tim Carey '96. Carey is vice president of Merrimaction, the student

volunteer group that for many years has given up spring break to help improve the quality of life for homeless and disadvantaged people around the country.

The Center for Creative Non-Violence is the largest homeless center in the world, providing shelter for some 1,200 men and 150 women each day. In addition to cooking and cleaning there, the students socialized with the residents, playing cards with them and getting to know them.

Campus Ministry director Sister Elaine Polcari, who accompanied the students on the trip, said the group saw residents in all phases of rehabilitation, including some residents who, because of mental illness,

had no hope of ever leaving the shelter at all.

Like many of the homeless themselves, the students often found themselves tired and hungry, and unable, after a long day, to find a private corner for themselves. That too is in keeping with the life of the poor, Sister Elaine said. And that was exactly the point.

"The students were very affected and moved, happy that they went, though it was hard. They began to take a look at what they had and appreciate it more."

- Melanie Wilson

by Jim Seavey
Sports Information Director

**Hammel captures
200th career win . . .**

If Bert Hammel were directing a movie, he couldn't have created a more dramatic script for his 14th season as head men's basketball coach.

The season began with a two-game sweep in the New England Tip-Off Weekend. Merrimack literally shot the lights out in its home opener against New Haven, as a power failure in the Volpe Center forced the teams to complete their contest at UMass-Lowell. The Warriors then rallied in the final 10 minutes to post a 74-68 win and followed that up by returning UMass-Lowell's hospitality by notching a 65-62 victory over the Chiefs in the final minute of play. Another dramatic Volpe victory in December occurred in a 77-75 win over Quinnipiac, as Merrimack got a strong effort and timely shooting in overtime to record the triumph.

After upending St. Joseph's of Maine in the first round of the Pepsi Invitational, Hammel stood one win away from a coaching milestone at Merrimack. That milestone came Jan. 12 when the Warriors held off Bryant 75-73 and presented their coach with his 200th victory.

Perhaps the most dramatic moment of the season came Jan. 25. Trailing St. Michael's by three points with four seconds to play at the Volpe Center, Merrimack inbounded the ball 93 feet away from its basket. A St. Michael's player nicked the ball on the inbounds pass, but miraculously it landed in the hands of Warrior sophomore Chris Mohr of Barrington, Ill. Mohr turned and faced the basket from some 35 feet away--and drained a three-pointer at the buzzer to tie the game. Not only that, but he was fouled on the play, stepped to the foul line with no time remaining and calmly sank a free throw to give Merrimack an improbable 69-68 victory.

Hammel's troops also notched regular season wins over Assumption (84-70 and 80-76), Stonehill (86-75) and again over St. Michael's (87-81) before heading into the Northeast-10 Conference playoffs to face Bentley, who the Warriors fell to twice during the regular campaign. But Merrimack put together one of its best all-around efforts of the year and pulled off a 78-67 victory over the Falcons and advanced to the quarterfinal round against eighth-ranked AIC. The Warriors again stayed with the highly regarded Yellow Jackets throughout the game before falling to the

eventual league champions to end the season.

Sophomore Mike Goines of Jersey City, N.J., established himself as one of the top young players in the Northeast-10, as he led Merrimack in scoring at 16.2 points per game, including a career-high 25 points against both St. Joseph's of Maine and St. Michael's. He also led the team with 67 steals and grabbed four rebounds per game. Goines, who led the Warriors in scoring in 16 games, earned a spot on the Northeast-10 all-conference team for his efforts.

Mohr and junior José Ocasio of Lawrence were both second on the team in scoring at 9.2 points per game, while Ocasio and junior Mike Nugent of Plaistow, N.H., shared the team lead in rebounding, averaging six boards per contest. Mohr scored a career-high 23 points at St. Michael's, while Ocasio and Nugent both registered a season-high of 18 points against Springfield and AIC, respectively. Senior captain Ed Hammonds of Medford, Mass., averaged 8.7 points per game and led the team in assists with 167, an average of six per game, while Nugent averaged 8.6 points per outing.

Goines was named as Merrimack's Most Valuable Player this winter, while Hammonds was the recipient of the Greg Newman Award. Hammonds concluded his career with 497 career assists, fourth best on the Warriors' all-time list. He was also only one of 10 Division II players selected to compete in the NEBCA All-Star Game at Holy Cross.

**. . . as does Anderson, whose
Warriors match last
season's league victory total**

After last season's 14-win effort, Merrimack head hockey coach Ron Anderson said that the first four years of the Warriors' membership in Hockey East had laid the foundation for success in the years to come. Now, he said, "it's time to build the rest of the house."

Well, board-by-board and brick-by-brick, that house is being constructed.

Anderson guided his troops to an overall record of 16-19-2 this season, Merrimack's highest win total since joining Hockey East, and a seventh place finish in the nation's most competitive conference with an 8-14-2 mark, matching the highest

league victory total set in 1992-93.

A season that began with cautious optimism saw Merrimack's best start since joining Hockey East. After blitzing the league's newest member, UMass-Amherst, in



Cooper Naylor

the opener by 8-2 in front of the NESN cameras, the Warriors travelled to Troy, N.Y., to battle the RPI Engineers, then ranked fourth nationally. With a resounding "whack-whack-clank-whack" sound rattling the back of the

RPI net in the second period, Merrimack scored three goals in a span of 31 seconds, effectively silencing a sell-out crowd en route to a 4-2 win. It marked just the second time that RPI had lost a home opener in 20 seasons. Two more wins over Army (6-5) and Colgate (3-2 in overtime) gave the Warriors 4-0 out of the blocks.

The second weekend of November brought a visit from defending national champion Maine, and a first-night crowd of nearly 3,000 saw Merrimack battle the Black Bears, who one year ago to the day posted a 14-1 win over the Warriors. After forging a 4-4 tie with 10th-ranked Northeastern, the Warriors headed north to Ottawa and the National Capital Tournament. A 5-3 win over Western Ontario bolted Merrimack into the championship game against the University of Ottawa, and solid defense and great goaltending catapulted the Warriors to a 2-1 title game victory.

Upon the team's return, Merrimack battled the eventual national runner-up Boston University to within a goal before falling 4-3, but the Warriors ended the first semester on a high note with a 5-4 overtime win over Providence on NESN.

After splitting a pair of games at Division II power Alabama-Huntsville (including a 5-0 shootout triumph), Merrimack posted an impressive 6-3 victory over fifth-ranked New Hampshire Jan. 8, its second win over a top-five team this season.

The Warriors then took on sixth-ranked UMass-Lowell, nearly pulling out a win in the opener before falling 2-1. In the second game Merrimack salvaged a 4-4 tie after trailing by two goals in the third period.

One of Merrimack's most exciting stretches of action since joining Hockey East began Feb. 2 at Boston College, as Merrimack rallied from a 3-1 third period deficit to post a 4-3 overtime triumph, the third extra-session win of the year. But the most special moment of the winter came a few days later at Volpe Center when the Warriors came from behind to defeat BC once again by a 6-4 margin, earning Anderson his 200th career victory.

Another win over UMass-Amherst (4-1) preceded what could be called Merrimack's finest effort of the season--a 4-2 win at New Hampshire in the Warriors' last appearance at the fabled Snively Arena. The victory was Merrimack's first at Snively and first in Durham since 1961.

Merrimack dropped its final seven contests of the season, but five of those final seven were on the road. The Warriors fell in the quarterfinal round of the Hockey East playoffs to UMass-Lowell but showed that they could play with the best in the nation--and in the conference.

Senior Rob Atkinson of New Brunswick piled up career-high numbers, leading Merrimack in scoring with 17 goals and 24 assists for 41 points, including eight power play tallies and two game-winners. Atkinson became the second Warrior to be selected to compete in the East-West Shrine All-Star Hockey Classic at Maine, joining Dan Gravelle, who was named last season. Senior Cooper Naylor finished second on the team in scoring with 12 goals and 26 assists for 38 points. Junior Matt Adams of Andover, Mass., was a potent sniper for Merrimack with 14 goals and 19 assists for 33 points, while junior defenseman Dan Hodge of Lynnfield, Mass., scored nine goals and 22 assists for 31 points and led the team with a +7 rating.

Freshman Tom Johnson of Burlington, Ont., enjoyed a fine rookie season for the Warriors, scoring 11 goals and adding 14 assists for 25 points. Senior Jim Gibson of Havertown, Pa., and freshman Claudio Peca of Mississauga, Ont., each notched 21 points on the year, as Gibson had 12 goals and nine assists and Peca added 10 goals and 11 assists. Junior Mark Goble of Manotick, Ont., followed up his Hockey East all-rookie season of last year with nine goals and 11 assists for 20 points, while junior Mark Cornforth of Montreal, Que., notched a total of five goals and 13 assists for 18 points.

Two freshmen established themselves as premier defensive performers in Hockey East in 1993-94. Defenseman John Jakopin of

Toronto, a 1993 fourth-round draft pick of the Detroit Red Wings, became the second straight Warrior to be named to the Hockey East all-rookie team with two goals and eight assists for 10 points. He was named Most Outstanding Player at the National Capital Tournament in Ottawa and Hockey East Rookie of the Week Nov. 29.

Goaltender Martin Legault of Gloucester, Ont., showed great tenacity, quickness and aggressiveness between the pipes for the Warriors during his rookie campaign, as he made 1,007 saves in 34 outings with a 3.77 goals against average. He made a career-high 44 saves against Boston University Dec. 4 and was named Hockey East Rookie of the Week twice. He made 30 or more saves on 18 occasions over the winter and topped the 40-save plateau four times.

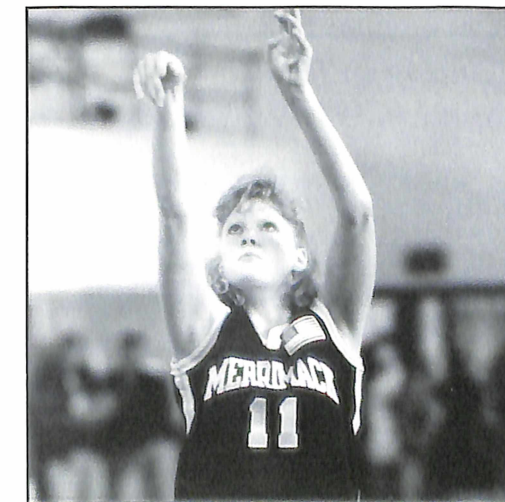
**Lady Warriors knock on
door of Northeast-10**

I hear you knocking, but you can't come in....

Debbie Cogan, however, won't stand for it. Her Lady Warriors certainly knocked on the door of the Northeast-10 elite in 1993-94, and that door is about to come down.

After being picked to finish ninth in the pre-season coaches' poll, Merrimack battled for home court advantage in the playoffs throughout the season. At one point, the Lady Warriors were tied for third until a lapse in an official's eyesight enabled St. Anselm to escape the Volpe Center with a one-point win at the buzzer.

Ah, but revenge is sweet, and it came on the final day of the season. In one of the finest efforts in Merrimack women's basketball history, the Lady Warriors upset 17th-ranked St. Anselm by a 63-58 final for the program's first-ever win at Stoutenburgh



Karen Max

Gymnasium. In the process, Merrimack clinched sixth place in the final conference standings (its highest ever) and captured its 12th win of the campaign, the highest total of Cogan's tenure.

After beginning the year with a win over New Haven and a one-point setback at UMass-Lowell, Merrimack opened its home schedule with a convincing win over Keene State. Wins over New Hampshire College and Quinnipiac set the stage for the Lady Warriors' trek to Florida, where Merrimack dropped a game on the court to Florida Tech. However, a forfeit win was awarded to the Lady Warriors for use of an ineligible player.

Four tough losses followed the Florida Tech game, but Merrimack got back on track with home wins over Bryant and Assumption, followed by a 20-point victory at Springfield. That set the stage for perhaps the Lady Warriors' finest home effort of the season -- a 78-55 win over perennial Northeast-10 power St. Michael's.

Following the loss to St. Anselm, Merrimack rallied for a win at Quinnipiac, only to be followed by three very tough and close losses (by a combined 16 points) to Bryant, Assumption and AIC. In the last home game of the year against Springfield, however, the Lady Warriors put together a solid 78-61 win and kept in the hunt for a high playoff seeding. That would come in the form of the win at St. Anselm. Ironically, the two teams would meet again in the quarterfinals of the NE-10 playoffs, when despite a close contest Merrimack fell short 76-74.

Three seniors provided leadership both on and off the court for 93-94 Lady Warriors. Beth Pickles of Methuen, Mass., captained the squad and led the Northeast-10 in the category she always excels in --floorburns. Her defensive tenacity and rebounding kept opponents off guard at all times, as the 1990-91 Northeast-10 Rookie of the Year averaged 5.3 ppg and 4.6 rpg. Lisa Ebert of North Easton, Mass., provided additional spirit and spark in a reserve role, as she appeared in 15 games during the season but played a large role in preparing Merrimack for battle night in and night out.

Karen Max of Cedar Knolls, N.J., led Merrimack in scoring (16.0 ppg) and rebounding (8.2 rpg) and earned all-Northeast-10 honors for her efforts. She became the seventh player in school history to score 1,000 career points, and concluded her career with 1,057 points, fifth on the all-time list.

Sophomore Keri Guertin of Haverhill, Mass., established a Merrimack record for most assists in one season with 165, as she finished second in the league in assists per game (6.1).

Men of Merrimack raffle a success

The third annual Men of Merrimack raffle in February raised more than \$12,500, the largest amount ever. More than 75 prizes were donated by local businesses, board members and friends of the college. First prize winners were Donald Nevers and Thomas Actis, who split the \$5,000 prize. Other top winners were: Joan McNulty, second prize, who won two airline tickets to Ireland on Aer Lingus; Gary Matthews, third prize, who won two airline tickets to London on British Air; Ed Moore, fourth prize, who won two airline tickets to London on Virgin Atlantic; and Bob Kelley, fifth prize, who won two airline tickets to anywhere in the U.S. on American Airlines.

More than 300 Men of Merrimack and their guests attended Hockey Night in November as the Warriors took on BC in a Northeast-10 game. Basketball Night, in January, also drew a crowd, this time to cheer Merrimack on to victory over Bryant. "A Christmas Carol," the Men of Merrimack's annual family event, was a rousing success, with more than 100 guests in attendance. The play was performed at the Northshore Music Theater in Beverly.

In April, the group hosted a fine arts auction to benefit the Men's Scholarship Fund. The event was presented by Park West Galleries and featured original paintings, watercolors and hand-signed limited-edition lithographic work by more than 40 artists, including several of the world's most famous. More than \$15,000 was raised, with the proceeds going to scholarships for Merrimack students. The event took place at the Marriott in Andover.

The annual Men of Merrimack banquet will be held at 5:30 May 18 in Gildea Hall. Tickets are \$35. Call Maureen Lanigan, director of college fundraising events, at (508) 837-5448.

Ladies of Merrimack applaud 'Joey and Maria'

More than 200 Ladies of Merrimack and their guests attended a dinner theater performance of "Joey and Maria's Wedding" April 9. The event raised over \$4,500 for the college.



Eyeing the artwork for sale at the Men of Merrimack's fine arts auction in April were, from left, Tim Brennan, president of the Men; interim Merrimack president Richard Santagati; director of college fundraising events Maureen Lanigan; and Tom Connors. More than \$15,000 was raised for Merrimack scholarships. (Photo by Carl Russo, courtesy of the [Lawrence, Mass.] Eagle-Tribune)

The Ladies' annual meeting will be held July 8. The group's annual Spring Flea Market is scheduled for June 12 in the main parking lot on campus, and a trip to Boston's Wang Center, for a performance of "Phantom of the Opera," is set for July 30 at 2 p.m. Anyone interested in attending should call Maureen Lanigan at (508) 837-5448.

Coming in June: Reunion '94 Weekend

Reunion '94 weekend, honoring the classes of '54, '59, '64, '69, '74, '79, '84 and '89, kicks off June 3 with the 20th annual Reunion Golf Tournament at Far Corner Golf Club in West Boxford. The shotgun start is at 8 a.m.

Other events include a Welcome Back Party, scheduled for 8 p.m. to midnight at the Volpe Center. The new observatory in the Gregor Mendel Center for Science, Engineering and Technology will be open, weather permitting, for star-gazers.

Saturday begins with an eye-opener in

the lobby of the Mendel Center. Later that morning a series of of back-to-school lectures will be held on topics ranging from lowering the cost of your child's education to the implications of national health care reform. There will be a tree planting in memory of Rev. Joseph Flaherty, O.S.A. at 12:30; a family picnic at 1:30; a class of '54 reception from 4 to 6 p.m.; and a Reunion '94 reception and dinner from 6 to midnight. An alumni mass will be held at 11 a.m., followed by brunch from noon to 2 p.m. All alumni are welcome at all events. Call Susan A. Wojtas '79, director of alumni relations, at (508) 837-5440 for more information.

President's Cup Golf Tournament set for May 9

The 13th annual President's Cup Golf Tournament will be held May 9 at the Indian Ridge Country Club in Andover. The format will be four-man best ball. The entry fee is \$200, which includes a day of golf, gifts and prizes, continental breakfast, lunch and prime rib dinner, and use of the club's

facilities for the day.

For the 10th year, Telemachus Demoulas has issued a challenge: The Demoulas Foundation will match any sponsor's donation up to \$10,000.

Those interested in participating may either organize a foursome or register individually and be assigned to a group. The tournament is once again being chaired by Gerald Camuso '72 and Julien Lacourse. Hole and Cart sponsorships are welcome. Anyone interested in being a sponsor or playing should call Maureen Lanigan at (508) 837-5448.

Retelle to join Merrimack as dean of admissions

Mary Lou Retelle '76 has been named Merrimack's new dean of admissions and financial aid. Ms. Retelle, currently director of admissions and enrollment management at Potsdam College of The State University of New York, is already well-known to the Merrimack community. After earning her master's degree in education from Northeastern University in 1979, she returned to Merrimack to serve as assistant, and then associate, director of admissions and financial aid. In 1988 she was acting dean of that office. She begins her new post June 1, taking over from acting dean John Hamel.



After months of work, Cushing Hall's much-deserved facelift is nearly complete. The extensive remodeling resulted in seven new classrooms, two computer labs, three seminar rooms and, in the building's Fine Arts Center, a darkroom, a music-listening/seminar room, and classrooms for art. In addition, Merrimack was recently awarded a \$100,000 Stevens Foundation grant for construction of a lecture hall/auditorium in the building's basement. Renovation elsewhere on campus improved the looks and accessibility of several buildings. In Gildea Hall, an elevator was replaced and new ramps, restrooms and handrails installed. In the Volpe Athletic Center, renovation resulted in an expanded weight room with additional fitness equipment, better lighting and mirrored walls. An aerobics fitness room was built off the gym, and the women's locker room and shower facilities were nearly doubled. Remodeling of Sullivan Hall is next; work begins this summer. (Photo by David Oxtan)

'Wall Street Journal' publisher Kann to speak at commencement May 22

Peter R. Kann, chairman and CEO of Dow Jones & Company, Inc. and publisher of *The Wall Street Journal*, will be the main speaker and receive an honorary doctorate at Merrimack's commencement May 22.

Other honorary doctorates will be awarded to Wayne A. Budd, former US Associate Attorney General; Dr. Margaret MacCurtain, O.P., a distinguished Irish historian; and Richard P. and Janet McCoy. Mr. McCoy is the largest McDonald's owner/operator in the country and founder of the First Guaranty Savings Bank in Salem, N.H. Mrs. McCoy has been active in area civic and charitable organizations.

Mr. Kann joined Dow Jones in 1963 as an intern in *The Wall Street Journal's* San Francisco bureau. In 1967 Mr. Kann became the *Journal's* first resident reporter in Vietnam. In 1972 he won the Pulitzer Prize for distinguished reporting on international affairs for his coverage of the 1971 India-Pakistan War.

Mr. Kann was appointed publisher of the *Journal* and editorial director of Dow Jones' publications in 1989. The same year he was named president and chief operating officer of Dow Jones and became chief executive officer in January 1991 and chairman that July.

Mr. Kann is a member of the Pulitzer Prize board, trustee of The Asia Society, the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, Spelman College and The Aspen Institute.

Wayne Budd, now a senior partner at Goodwin, Procter & Hoar, is the former Associate Attorney General of the United States, the third-ranking position in the Department of Justice reporting directly

to the Attorney General.

Mr. Budd was also U.S. Attorney for the Massachusetts District for three years in the late '80s. He was recognized in 1991 as one of the nation's outstanding U.S. Attorneys.

Among his many honors, Mr. Budd received the Attorney General's Distinguished Service Award for outstanding performance, Boston NAACP's Distinguished Service Award, the Martin Luther King Memorial Award, the Paul Robeson Award of Boston College's Law School, and the Thurgood Marshall Award of the Massachusetts School of Law.

Margaret MacCurtain, O.P., a Dominican Sister and Lecturer in Irish History at University College Dublin since 1964, has published widely and is a frequent book reviewer and essayist. Next November she will be a facilitator in a Boston conference of women from the U.S. and the north and south of Ireland.

She was a recent guest lecturer at Boston College and has lectured extensively throughout North America and Britain.

Richard McCoy, whose offices are in Windham, N.H., is the country's largest McDonald's owner/operator. In addition to his accomplishments in the business world, he and Mrs. McCoy have been involved in numerous civic and philanthropic organizations.

Mr. McCoy was inducted into the Massachusetts Restaurant Hall of Fame in 1992, has been treasurer for the past 15 years of the McDonald's Advertising Cooperative, is a director of the Salem, N.H., Boys' and Girls' Club and a trustee of Purnell School in Pottersville, N.J. Mr. McCoy also founded the First Guaranty Savings Bank of Salem, N.H.

Janet Hicks McCoy is a member of Boston's Junior League and the Vincent Club, and a member of the board of the Genesis Fund.



Peter R. Kann

Class Notes

by Beth Ann Addressio '95

Births

Dan Murray '77 and wife Megan: a daughter, Brenna Elizabeth, February 20.

MaryLou (Matthews) Beausoleil '78 and husband Robert D.: a daughter, Erin Mary, October 23.

Michael McClure '78 and wife Ann (Schab) '81: a daughter, Catherine Mary, January 6.

Don Riccio '79 and wife Karen: a son, Tyler Jonathan, March 12.

Karen J. Brouillard '80 and husband Christian P.: a son, Joseph Roland, January 30.

Carmine Catalana IV '80 and wife Dana: a daughter, Rebekah Caroline, December 19.

Philip Arcidi '81 and wife Theresa (Hansen) '83: a son, Alfred Robert, June 26.

Ellen (Flynn) Bedrosian '82 and husband Stephan: a son, Evan Stephan, October 10.

Jim Hopkins '82 and wife Lisa: a daughter, Julianne, January 24.

Fred Moynihan '82 and wife Milissa (Hatem) '82: a daughter, Leah Elizabeth, March 15.

Pete Lancaster '82 and wife Kim: a daughter, Megan, Dec. 4.

Peter J. Caulo '83 and wife Betsy: a son, Peter Gillan, October 28.

Matthew P. Madden '83 and wife Debbie (Whitehorn) '83: a son, Matthew Jeremiah, July 10.

Nancy E. (Slane) Belinsky '84 and husband Lawrence: a son, Samuel Robert, January 18.

Grace M. (Sheehan) Blake '84 and husband John R.: a son, John Paul, April 9, 1993.

Denise (Murphy) MacDonald '84 and husband David: a son, David Lawrence, October 9.

Ann (Soucar) Farrell '85 and husband William V.: a daughter, Jean Marie, November 21.

Linda (Dellatto) Ford '85 and husband Steven: a daughter, Erica Danielle, July 30.

William Hunter '85 and wife Ann (Rooney) '85: a son, Robert Paul, March 23.

Thomas McClure '85 and wife Ann (Faldetta) '85: a daughter, Emily Ann, February 4.

Annette (Moscato) Papia '85 and husband Vincent James: a son, James Vincent, March 1.

Ann (Soucar) Farrell '85 and husband William V.: a daughter, Jean Marie, November 21.

Nicholas LaPlaca '86 and wife Christyne (Freeman) '87: a daughter, Rebecca Nicole, December 15.

Jean A. (Jones) LaSala '87 and husband Ronnie J.: a son, Zachary John, December 7.

Elina (Ruiz) Gurney '88 and husband Joseph: a son, Joseph Andrew, Jr., March 2.

Mark Paquette '88 and wife Suzanne (Thomas) '88: a son, Mark Andrew Jr., October 18.

Jay H. Arthur '89 and wife Priscilla B.: a son, Joshua Harrison, December 23.

Karen (Legor) Geraghty '89 and husband Jack: a daughter, Jennifer Elizabeth, May 17.

L. Philip Lambert '89 and wife Lisa: a son, Peter Matthew, January 15.

Sandra Marie (Pelusi) McNamee '89 and husband A. Miles: a daughter, Madeline Rose, December 11.

Debra J. Valanzola '86 and Douglas M. Swanson in Negril, Jamaica, October 24.

Marguerite J. Coccoluto '87 and Thomas J. Hill III, at St. Joseph's Church in Woburn, Mass., October 10.

Karen T. Cofsky '87 and Jeffrey T. Green, at St. Mary's Church in Worcester, Mass.

Mary Kathleen Dowd '87 and Chip Dupuis, at Saint Patrick's Church in Pelham, N.H.

Stephen Edward Hosley '87 and Vivian LeBron, in Puerto Rico, September 5.

Nancy M. Shannon '86 and **Robert B. Holland, Jr. '87**, at St. Eulalia's Church in Winchester, Mass., January 22.

Mark Cilea '87 and **Michelle St. Armand '90**, at St. Brendan's Chapel in Biddeford Pool, Maine, December 4.

Jean A. Jones '87 and **Ronnie J. LaSala**, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Palm City, Fla., April 25, 1992.

Karen Roy '87 and **Daryl L. Schaeffer**, at Blessed Sacrament Church in Manchester, N.H., November 28.

Carol Christine Strong '87 and **Gerard Raymond Beland '87**, at Merrimack College, October 9.

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

Mia Rose Garlisi '88 and **David Nielsen Proud**, at St. Christopher's Church in Chatham, Mass., November 13.

Dennis Gaudet '88 and **Carolyn Wood**, at Sacred Heart Church in Lawrence, Mass.

Lee David Hayes '88 and **Mary Lynn Zappulla**, at the Congregational Church of Wells in Wells, Maine, September 18.

Mary Jo Linnehan '88 and **John F. Keefe**, at Immaculate Conception Church in Lowell, Mass., October 17.

Dawn Maynard '88 and **Thomas Dunn** in Warwick, R.I., March 5.

Maura Neilan '88 and **Ross J. Rodino '90**, at St. George Church in Worcester, Mass., July 24.



Merrimack was well-represented at the wedding of Dr. Kathleen Bulovas '86 and Dr. Edward Marici. Pictured are: Paul Fanning '86, Sheryl York '86, Linda DeCiccio '86, Dr. John Royal, Peter Darling '86, David Tomasso, Claire Holland '87, Kathleen Bulovas '86, Gerry Follansbee '85 and Joanne Fossella '86.

Karen O'Conner '88 and **James Culbert**, at Merrimack College.

Linda Jane O'Donnell '88 and **Donald Roger Fortini**, at St. Mary of the Annunciation Church in Danvers, Mass.

Maria-Rose Augeri '89 and **Armand J. Thibodeau**, at Merrimack College.

Christopher D'Ambrosio '89 and **Susan McNiff '89**, at Merrimack College, July 24.

Michael DiMauro '89 and **Melissa Robinson '93**, at Merrimack College.

Michael James Fischer '89 and **Janice Ann Carter '89**, at Merrimack College, July 17.

Susan Patricia Hunter '89 and **David Joseph Lagas**, at St. Mary's of the Nativity Church in Pembroke, Mass., July 10.

Brian Paul Kearney '89 and **Marianne Glynn**, at St. Catherine of Siena Chapel in Norwood, Mass.

David J. Letizi '89 and **Pamela J. Taylor**, at United Church of Christ in N. Hampton, N.H., August 28.

Lisa M. Morrill '89 and **M. Scott Wells**, at Merrimack College, September 11.

Mary Anne Strubell '89 and **James Reynolds Pelletier '90**, at St. Edward Church in Stafford, Conn.

Brenda J. Abraham '90 and **Michael L. Soucy**, at St. Anthony Church in Lawrence, Mass.

Sheila A. Biden '90 and **Mark A. Shelley**, at Merrimack College, August 7.

Laura Campino '90 and **Scott Hapgood**, at Sacred Heart Church in Quincy, Mass., November 27.

Michael J. Cloutier '90 and **Jacqueline M. Crane '90**, at Sacred Heart Church in Amesbury, Mass.

Paul Joseph DiMartino '90 and **Paula Jean Venturelli '90**, at St. Agnes Church in Arlington, Mass., October 16.

Elizabeth R. Kalinowski '90 and **Kenneth D. Sarni '90**, at Merrimack College.

Elizabeth Julie Mazzie '90 and **Michael Branca**, at St. Mary of the Annunciation Church in Danvers, Mass.

Erin Marie O'Hearn '90 and **Nickolas W. Moudios**, at St. Spyridon Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Worcester, Mass.

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

Susan Margaret Rudd '90 and **Robert W. Hughes**, at St. Agnes Church in Arlington, Mass., December 4.

Claire Salter '90 and **Bill DeLuca**, in Avon, Conn., July 3.

Sandra Ann Smith '90 and **Edward Albert Klemm III**, at All Saints Episcopal Church in Wolfeboro, N.H.

Kerry Ann Adams '91 and **Kirk M. Bredbenner**, at Atkinson Congregational Church in Atkinson, N.H.

Jennifer Lynn Curtiss '91 and **Patrick Joseph Sclafani**, at Our Lady of Grace Church in Chatham, Mass., September 18.

Brian Dwinell '91 and **Dianna Goddu**, at Merrimack College, August 28.

Christopher John Harvey '91 and **Kerry Lynn Zembko**, at St. Robert Bellarmine Church in Andover, Mass., August 7.

Scott Kelley '91 and **Carol Ann Donohue '91**, at Our Lady of the Angels Church in Worcester, Mass., July 10.

Christopher L. McLaughlin '91 and **Susan Negrelli '92**, at St. Sebastian's Church in Middletown, Conn., October 2.

Paul E. Saindon, Jr. '91 and **Michele Curran**, August 21.

Janet D. Theriault '91 and **William Choquette**, at St. Anne's Church in Salem, Mass., October 30.

Robin Brosco '92 and **Derek M. Licata**, at Merrimack College.

Kimberly DeGaetano '92 and **Gregory Palmer**, at Mary Queen of Peace Church in Salem, N.H., October 23.

Arlene Marie Ryan '92 and **Marc J. Tarantino**, at St. Mary's Church in Winchester, Mass., December 4.



Mr. and Mrs. Marc Tarantino

Weddings

Bill Cody '72 and **Lisa Sue Soderman**, in Maui, Hawaii, February 15.

Jo-Anne M. Donohoe '82 and **Edgar Arthur Anderson**, at St. Mary of the Nativity Church in Scituate, Mass., October 30.

Paul Long '82 and **Karen Wegrzyn**, at First Parish Church in York, Maine, January 1.

Patricia Ann Lynah '82 and **Laurence Long Tropeano**, at The Hartwell House in Lexington, Mass., July 11.

David C. Matson '82 and **Diana M. Sullivan**, at St. Bernadette's Church in Randolph, Mass., September 25.

Michael J. Nash '82 and **Mary Lou Kidd '87**, at Merrimack College, November 6.

Joan Anne Powers '82 and **Robert Mark Barsamian**, at St. Mary's Church in Charlestown, Mass.

Barbara Jo Angelillo '84 and **Kevin Michael O'Rourke**, at Our Lady of the Lake Church in Verona, N. J., November 6.

Michael McCarthy '84 and **Lori Ann Roderick**, at the Immaculate Conception Church in Nashua, N.H., September 18.

Thomas Casey '85 and **Erin Michelle McCormack**, at St. Mary's Church in Chelmsford, Mass., September 25.

Timothy M. McCarron '85 and **Lauren D. Stevenson**, at the Harwich United Methodist Church on Cape Cod, Mass.

Laurie Ann Abbott '86 and **W. Jeffrey Stack**, at Groveland Congregational Church in Groveland, Mass., August 27.

Dr. Kathleen Bulovas '86 and **Dr. Edward Marici**, at the Holy Rosary Church in Lawrence, Mass., June 12.

Elizabeth Ann Fioccoprile '86 and **Wayne Ronald Casagrande '86** at Merrimack College.

Peter Z. Shabowich '86 and **Diane Calderan**, at St. Pius V Church in Lynn, Mass.

Joseph M. Sullivan Jr. '86 and **Patricia Maria Roach**, at Saint Mary of the Nativity Church in Scituate, Mass., March 27.

Deaths

Edward L. Regan '51 of York Harbor, Maine, died Feb. 24 after a long illness. He was 65. He was employed for many years at LaCaisse Populaire-St. Marie's Bank in Manchester, N.H., and most recently as the assistant manager of Springer's Jewelry in Portsmouth, N.H. He belonged to St. Christopher-By-the-Sea Church and was also a member of the York Rotary Club. He is survived by his brother, the Rev. John J. Regan, Jr., of Sun City, Arizona.

D. James Brady '56 died Jan. 31 in Dansville, N.Y. He was 80. He was a retired lieutenant colonel in the US Army and continued on in the Reserves. He was employed by Xerox Corp. in Rochester, N.Y., from 1964 to 1979. Upon retirement he moved to Seattle, Wash., where he worked part-time for S.C.O.R.E. He moved to Orchard Park, N.Y., in 1983. He is survived by two daughters, Mary DiMarchi and Maureen Prichard; two sons, Daniel J. Brady Jr., and Charles Brady; two sisters; two brothers; eight grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Mary (Sullivan) Byrne Potvin '57 of Andover, Mass., died at her home at age 56. She retired in 1992 from the Andover Senior Citizens' Center where she had for three years been director. She was a member of St. Augustine Church. She leaves her husband, J. Walter, her daughters Kimberly Schott and Ellen Hassett, and her mother Mary M. (Fallon) Sullivan of Andover.

Francis T. Sullivan '57 died of cancer on March 10 at his home in Andover, Mass. He was 58. He had been a school teacher for the past 36 years, spending the last 32 at Lawrence High School in Lawrence, Mass. He was the chairman of the social studies department for 20 years, and was well-known for instituting the popular model United Nations classes that reached hundreds of students in communities as far away as Boston. In 1988 he received the Kennedy Library Award for his efforts. He also served as guidance counselor for eight years and as acting principal. He leaves his wife, Beryl; son, Sean; daughter, Lisa, and nieces and nephews.

Dr. Roy G. Faria, Jr. '59 of Peabody, Mass., an administrator and teacher in the Peabody school system for the past 32 years, died Jan. 8 after a long battle with cancer. He was 56. After graduating from Merrimack, he went on to obtain his master's degree from Salem State College in 1962. In 1971 he received his Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study from Boston University and in 1982 his Doctor of Education from Boston College Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. He served as chairman of the Peabody Conservation Commission for five years, was a trustee of the Brooksby Farm Reservation, a life member of the Peabody Historical Society, and a board member of the Portuguese Americans for Higher Education. Faria, a member of the Elks, served on the group's Special Olympics committee and was a state judge of the Scholarship Awards. He was a member of the board of directors of the Boston Globe Drama Festival, the College Board Scholarship Services Committee and the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. He served as president of the Peabody Federation of Teachers and vice president of the Mass. Federation of Teachers, and was a member of the Alumni Board of Directors at the B.U. School of Education. He was also a member of Phi Delta Kappa. He is survived by his wife, Linda C. (Bezemes); his daughter, Alison Roy Faria, 8; his parents, Roy G. and Theresa (Plante) Faria, Sr.; his sister, Nancy Winchell; and many nieces and nephews.

Gail R. (Piscopo) Hynes '59 died at age 57 at her residence in Georgetown, Mass. She was employed as a social worker for the city of Boston from 1959 to 1965. Later, she was a certified nurse's aide for 14 years at the County Manor Convescent Center in Newburyport, Mass. She was a parishioner of St. Mary's Church in Georgetown. She is survived by two sons, Thomas J. and James M. Hynes; two daughters, Alice R. Bailey and Kelly L. Hynes; a sister, Diane M. DiMento; two granddaughters, Alicia A. and Angela A. Bailey; and many nieces and nephews.



Joseph E. Marquis '59

Joseph E. Marquis '59 of Londonderry, N.H., died Dec. 7 at age 62. He was a veteran of the US Navy, where he served as a radio operator. He taught for several years at the former Lowell Technological Institute and was most recently employed as an engineering manager at Raytheon Company. He was a Cub Scout leader at Sacred Heart Church in Lawrence and treasurer of the Balmora Homeowners' Association in Londonderry. He leaves his wife Joan; daughter, Charlotte Frizzell; and sons Ernest and Kevin Marquis.

Edward J. Fitzgerald Jr. '60 of Groveland, Mass., died at 59 following a long illness. He was a civil engineer for the Mass. Department of Public Works for 20 years and played a key role in planning the "Big Dig." He joined the firm of Sasaki Associates, Architects and Enginners in 1981 and retired as a full partner in 1991, after successfully running a subsidiary in Newport Beach, Calif. He was responsible for the design of the 12-acre waterfront park in Charleston, S.C., and the Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Mass. He was also a fellow of the Institute of Transportation Engineers. He leaves his wife, Patricia (Benjamin) '56; a son, Edward J. III; two daughters, Noreen Batdorf and Susan; a sister, Maura Carney; aunts, uncles, and several nieces and nephews.

Donald Lavallee '63, a lifelong resident of Haverhill, Mass., died March 9 at age 68. He worked for 39 years as a department chief at AT&T in North Andover before retiring in 1982. He was a 40-year parishioner of Sacred Hearts Church. He leaves his wife, Barbara M.; a son, Donald A. Jr.; two daughters, Dr. Maureen M. Lavallee and Susan M. Luscomb; a brother, Richard; three grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Frank Peter Maselli, Jr. '64 of Chestnut Hill, Mass., died on Jan. 8 after a brief illness. He was 52. He was a partner in Tile

Creations of Watertown and a member of Bear Hill Golf Club in Stoneham. He also raised championship soft-coated Wheaten Terriers. He is survived by his father, Frank P.; two sons, Steven and Jeffrey; a daughter, Allison; sisters Joanne Irving, Judith Maselli, and Carol Ruback; granddaughter, Nicole Maselli; and fiance Susan Winston.

Art Josselyn '67 of Churchville, Penn., died on Jan. 8 at Medical College Hospital. He was 48. A lector and faithful attendant at St. Vincent de Paul in Richboro, Penn., he was a systems engineer for Eastman Kodak for over 25 years and Chancellor of the Knights of Columbus. He also served in the US Army in Vietnam. He leaves his wife, Carole Ann; his daughter Suzanne; a brother, Richard '68; a sister, Marjorie Dickey; two nephews and one niece.

Anthony S. Pardi '77 of Methuen, Mass., died on Feb. 4 after a brief illness. He was 50. After attending Merrimack, he graduated from the University of Oklahoma with a degree in chemical engineering. He worked for Gillette in Andover, Mass., for 17 years, for Polysar-Novacor for seven years and for D.S.M. Thermal Plastic Elastomers in Leominster, Mass., until his death. He was a communicant of St. Peter's Catholic Church in Portland, Maine. Surviving him are his stepmother, Elvera Stephens Pardi; two sisters, Carolyn A. and Michaelene E.; and two brothers, Steven R. of Portland and Michael A. of Standish, Maine.

Albert J. Duprez '79, a resident of Wilmington, Mass., for 20 years, died on Jan. 18 while shoveling snow. He had retired only three months earlier as a chemical engineer with Raytheon Co. in West Andover, Mass. He was very active in the Boy Scouts of America and had given over 15 years of service to the Merrimack Valley Chapter Red Cross. He also worked on the staff of the Special Olympics and Exceptional Children's Week at Camp Fatima. He was a member of Access Is Mandatory. He is survived by his wife, Bertha (Gouveia); a daughter, Christine; a son, Steven; a brother, Victor; and several nieces and nephews.

News Notes

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Edward McMahon, vice principal at the Welch School for the last eight years, has retired from the Peabody, Mass., school system after more than 38 years. He spent 20 years as a unit director at Kennedy and Higgins junior high schools.

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Bernard Bryan has joined the teaching staff of Saugus High School in Saugus, Mass. Bernard taught math at the middle school level for more than 20 years, taught night courses at the college level, and has been a high school coach for 23 years.

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Sally Ann (Freedman) Connolly is a guidance counselor at North Shore Technical High School in Middleton, Mass., and has recently been selected Affiliate Counselor-of-the-Year by the Massachusetts School Counselors Association. Sally is president of the Northeast Counselors Association, the largest affiliate of MSCA. She also serves on MSCA's conference and public relations committees. She lives in Danvers, Mass., with her husband, Dr. Eugene Connolly, professor at Northern Essex Community College, and their four children.

Gerald Curcuro, a resident of Bellows Falls, Vt., will teach math at Robert College in Istanbul, Turkey during the 1994-1996 school years.

Robert College was founded in 1863 and is the oldest American institution of higher learning outside the United States.

Barry Longval is the president and owner of Security Investments Group, a stock brokerage and insurance agency in Falmouth, Mass. He's not all business, though: on display in his office are more than 300 antique carpentry tools. Barry says he would be delighted to give free tours to anyone visiting the Cape Cod area this summer.

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John F. "Jack" McKinnon was the subject of a recent profile in the Lawrence, Mass., *Eagle-Tribune*. As chief executive officer at AT&T

Merrimack Valley Works and chief manufacturing officer at AT&T Transmission Systems, he oversees the largest AT&T manufacturing plant in the world, employing about 6,000 people. He lives in Andover, Mass., with his wife, Elaine, and their six children.

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Mary Jordan is an instructor for the U.S.A. Computer Training Center in Faneuil Marketplace, Boston, Mass.

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Joseph A. Graziano of Saratoga, Calif., has been named executive vice president and chief financial officer

From the Alumni Council president

It was with mixed emotions that the Alumni Council learned of Father Deegan's resignation as President of Merrimack College. We are saddened by what his loss will mean to the College but gladdened by his election to serve as the Prior Provincial of the Augustinians of the Province of St. Thomas. During his tenure at the college, Father Deegan made many significant contributions. He was responsible for the growth of several programs and was instrumental in dramatically increasing the endowment.

Under his leadership the College was able to construct a new Science and Engineering building and offer increased financial aid to incoming students.

The College is extremely fortunate in that it was able to select such a worthy successor to Father Deegan. Dick Santagati '65 has an established history of long service and deep commitment to Merrimack College. As chairman of the College's Board of Trustees, he has been involved in many crucial decisions. He served as chairman of the Capital Campaign for the Mendel Center



Robert J. Cuomo '68

for Science, Engineering and Technology and was instrumental in securing the necessary funds to complete the project. His

business background will bring a needed perspective to the College in the challenging months that lie ahead.

The Merrimack College Alumni Council stands ready to assist Dick Santagati in his mission to effectively guide the college through the 1990s. We will continue to expand our efforts in the Alumni Ambassador Program and our role in the Alumni Mentor/Leadership Program. With the deep resources available within the alumni community, the council can serve as an effective sounding board for administrative decisions as well as provide the needed people to execute those decisions. We look forward to a productive association.

It was with regret that we received the news that Father Fritz Cerullo will be leaving Merrimack at the end of June.

Father Fritz has come to be known as a Merrimack institution and will be sorely missed. He has been singularly responsible for creating a strong bond between individual alumni and the college. His fundraising accomplishments have been significant and he has been a key liaison with the local community. We wish Father Fritz well in his future endeavors and will think of him whenever we think of Merrimack's growth as an institution.

During the past few months the Alumni Council has participated in a number of initiatives directed at current students and recent graduates. In January the College conducted a special Mass and reception for students completing their degree requirements in December. At the beginning of April, students were able to interact with and listen to alumni on how their careers at Merrimack helped them prepare for their professional life.

The January reception for the students was particularly well-received. The concept originated with the students and was tried for the first time this year. Program events included Mass in the Collegiate Church of Christ the Teacher and a breakfast reception in Murray Lounge with remarks from Father Deegan, Fr. Joseph Gillin,

Director of Student Activities, and Susan Wojtas '79, Director of Alumni Relations. As parents of a student who completed his degree requirements in December, my wife and I were favorably impressed.

The Leadership Dinner at the beginning of April provided an excellent opportunity for current students to interact with graduates and learn how their college experiences prepared them for their careers. Excellent networking took place and hopefully long-lasting mentor relationships will result. We sincerely hope that Merrimack students will look to the college's alumni for guidance and counsel in their careers.

The Alumni Council undertakes projects on the basis of perceived need. If there is a need within the Merrimack College community that we have not identified, please bring it to our attention. We will do everything possible to assist you in obtaining the resources to address that need.

Please attend as many College-sponsored functions as possible. In this way we can network with one another more effectively and be a stronger college community.

Sincerely,
Robert J. Cuomo '68

at Apple Computer Inc. He will serve on the company's board of directors. Joseph also serves on the boards of Intellicorp Inc., Claris Corp. and Taligent.

Reo N. Hamel of Acton, Mass., was a speaker at the March meeting of the Sudbury Job Search Group. He discussed the pros and cons of consulting and contract work. Reo has been involved in personnel management and career development for more than 20 years.

James L. Johnson will be returning to MITRE's Bedford, Mass., offices after working on the Peace Shield Air Defense System in Saudi Arabia for the past four years. He is a member of the company's technical staff. Jim plans to retire soon with his wife, Joan, to a 200-year-old house in South Dennis, Mass. they recently restored. Jim and Joan have five children and six grandchildren.

Ann Honey Mastroianni is a chemist with the Barnstable, Mass. Water Pollution Control Division. She lives in East Sandwich, Mass.

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David M. Farmer, J.D., has been promoted to senior vice president of federal affairs for the Alliance of American Insurers. He joined the Alliance in 1977 as head of the association's southeastern regional office in Atlanta and was promoted to vice president of federal affairs in 1984. Prior to that, David was an attorney and director of state legislation for the National Assn. of Professional Insurance Agents.

George F. Scollin, a counselor at Manchester Central High School in Manchester, N.H., is part-time academic advisor at New Hampshire

College, where he has just been named a "Certified Continuing Educator." He teaches introduction to psychology, human growth and development in the continuing education division. George and his wife, Maura, have three children, Shelagh, 20; Terry, 19; and Katie, 16. They live in Amherst, N.H.

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R. Paul Pasquine has joined the United Bank of Bangor as a senior vice president and senior trust officer. Besides Merrimack, he also graduated from the American Banker's Association National Trust School. He was previously employed by Fleet Bank in Ellsworth, Maine and Union Trust Co. in Bangor. He lives in Bangor.

James Rivet has been re-elected to the Barrington, N.H., school board. James is owner of Rivet Landscaping. He lives in Barrington with his wife, Elizabeth, and their children, Ann and Michael.

Chris Warner has been promoted to country manager of American Airlines on the Cayman Islands. Previously, Chris was the company's general manager in Bermuda, Lake Tahoe and Reno.

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Richard Bernard is founder/director/president of the House of the Samurai, Inc. in Londonderry, N.H., an internationally licensed, sanctioned and accredited karate dojo (training hall) that boasts over 400 active students. Recently, Richie was promoted to the rank of Nanadan, 7th Degree Black Belt, in

the art of Chubu Shorin Ryu Karate. He is the only person in the world ever to receive this rank by the All Japan Karate-Do Federation through the Japanese Ministry of Education. He also holds the rank of Rokudan, 6th Degree Black Belt, in the art of Goju Ryu Karate.

Angela Jean Chiamida has been selected from over 200 applicants as president and chief executive officer of the Greater Portsmouth, N.H., Chamber of Commerce.

Patrick J. Smith is a lawyer in Rockville, Md. After graduation, Pat was Lowell District Court Magistrate for six years, then moved to Washington, D.C., as legislative aide to the late Hon. Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill. Since 1979, he has practiced law in Rockville, served as special counsel to the United States Sentencing Commission, and received four pro bono service awards. He is recognized nationally as a criminal sentencing expert. Pat was majority leader of the Maryland delegation to the Democratic National Convention in 1992. He lives in Rockville with his wife, Joan, and their children, Anna Lisa and Audra Kaye.

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Paul Fleming has opened his own advertising business, Fleming Communications, in Newport, R.I. It is a full-service, integrated communications company servicing a variety of consumer product, consumer service and business-to-business clients. Paul and his family live in Newport, R.I.

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Bill Cody has been promoted from manager to regional marketing director for the ENRON Corp. in Auburn, Calif.

James E. Foley has been promoted by Sandoz Pharmaceuticals Corp. of East Hanover, N.J., to executive director of its diabetes division. His responsibilities will include diabetes drug discovery and international drug development. He lives in Sparta, N.J., with his wife, Rosemary, and their two children, Annarose and Ryan.

Navy Cmdr. **Kevin J. Feeney** recently completed the Reserve Officers National Security Decision-Making Course. Kevin was one of 21 naval reserve officers selected from

units nationwide to attend the class. The two-week course is taught at Naval War College in Newport, R.I.

Linda Morey is a top-producing associate with DeWolfe New England Real Estate and was recently appointed the manager of the Beverly sales office in Beverly, Mass. Linda lives in Salem, Mass., with her husband, Jay Burnham.

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Charles Naso was appointed data processor at the Parlin Junior High School in Everett, Mass. He will coordinate all computer records throughout the Everett school system.

Maria P. Quintana is manager of the Essex Street Plaza Branch of Shawmut Bank in Lawrence, Mass. Maria lives in Methuen and has four children.

Mark R. Shaw was recently elected president of the Salem, Mass., Chamber of Commerce. He also serves as president of the Salem Rotary Club and has been awarded the club's Paul Harris Award.

Naureen C. Stone was promoted to marketing manager of the Adiprene/Vibrathane, Uniroyal Chemicals polyurethane prepolymer product line. In her position she will be responsible for the Royalcast line of products and will have responsibility for covering the Far East. Naureen has held various positions in quality control, research and development and technical service. She lives in Middlebury, Conn., with her husband Stephen.

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Nancy G. Athas was appointed vice principal of West Springfield (Mass.) High School. She lives in Holyoke, Mass., with her four children.

Janet Mallard, a self-employed CPA, has become the Girl Scout Cookie Team Leader for Nashua, N.H. Last year, \$25,000 was raised to benefit the troops in Nashua. Janet lives in Nashua with her husband and two children.

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Mary Beth (Fallon) Choquette earned a master of library and information studies degree at the



Attending the seventh annual American Society of Civil Engineers dinner in April were (back row) Paul Nason '68, Craig Rachupka '91, Mark Peterson '94, Daischa Wescott '93, Jim Keane '90, John Watson '93 and Rich Raiche '93, and (front row) Claire Holland '87 and Paula O'Brien '87. (Photo by Al Pereira)

University of Rhode Island last May. Mary Beth and her husband live in Hollis, N.H., with their daughters Julie, 15, and Danielle, 14.

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Robert Fries is new president and chief executive officer of the Olympic Regional Development Authority in Lake Placid, N.Y. He directs a 1,000-person work force and has an \$18-million annual budget, and his responsibilities include managing the Olympic Center, the Olympic Speed Skating Oval, the Mt. Van Hoevenberg Recreation Area, the Olympic Jumping Complex and the Whiteface Mountain Ski Center. He began his career as controller of the Waterville Company, owners and operators of the Waterville Ski Center in New Hampshire. In 1981, he became Waterville's vice president and general manager. Under his direction, Waterville hosted more World Cup ski races than any other site in the world, including the 1991 World Cup finals. Before joining the Olympic Regional Development Authority, he was senior vice president and general manager of the Breckenridge, Colo., Ski Corp.

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Dr. David N. Bardwell has been promoted to Assistant Clinical Professor of Restorative Dentistry at Tufts University School of Dental Medicine, where he has been a faculty member since 1990. He teaches in the divisions of Operative Dentistry and Fixed and Removable

Prosthodontics. David is also co-director of the Post-graduate Fellowship Program in Esthetic Dentistry. He maintains a private practice located in North Andover, Mass., and is conducting research in some of the latest cosmetic restoratives at the Tufts University Gavel Center for Restorative Research. He lectures locally in the field of esthetic and cosmetic dentistry. He lives in North Andover with his wife, Catherine, and their two sons, Adam and Zachary.

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Thomas L. Hughes Jr. has been promoted to senior vice president and market manager of the government services division of Fidelity Investments Institutional Services Co. Tom lives in Topsfield, Mass., with his wife, Patty, and their two daughters, Kelly and Maddie.

Elaine (Carifio) Jean is currently on sabbatical from her job as a technical writer/editor for the health insurance industry. Elaine eventually plans to return to the world of writing as a freelancer on topics of general interest, but at the moment, she writes, she is "involved in the much more challenging role of raising two children under the age of 4." She moved to Williamsburg, Va., last year with her husband, Paul, and their two children, Nikki and David.

Jane (Dolan) Raabis has received a master of education degree from Worcester (Mass.) State College and has also received certification to teach biology at the secondary level in Massachusetts. She teaches

biology at South High Community School in Worcester, Mass. She lives in Worcester with her husband, Ed, and their daughter, Sarah.

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Mary-Ellen Berg, a realtor since 1985, has recently joined RE/MAX Omega Group. Mary-Ellen has closed over \$1.6 million in residential sales and has been a buyer's broker for three years. She is a team coordinator for the RCIA Program at St. Lawrence Church and a member of the Villa Augustina Board of Directors. She is a longtime resident of Goffstown, N.H., with her husband and son.

Ann M. Daly is now affiliated with Roslyn Garfield Associates in Provincetown, Mass., where she lives. Ann holds both Rhode Island and Massachusetts broker's licenses. She is a member of the National



Claude Cormier '91, Erika Cormier, Leanne Garvey '92, Kieran Murray '93, Paul Grenham '92 and Sheryl Frazier '92 enjoy Homecoming festivities in February.

Association of Realtors and is on the computer design committee of the Cape Cod Multiple Listing Service.

Donald Keller is the new chief executive officer at St. Andrews Hospital in Boothbay Harbor, Maine. He had been chief operating officer of Winthrop Hospital in Winthrop, Mass., and executive director of a home health care agency, an occupational health company, and a 136-bed skilled nursing facility, all owned by R.E.W. Foundation, Inc. He lives in Boothbay Harbor with his wife Carol, and children Matt and Amy.

Dr. Michael J. Onyon has joined the Hampton, N.H., Vision Center as an independent optometrist.

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Mark M. Heffernan has recently joined Merrill Corporation as vice president of New England sales. Merrill is the third-largest financial printer in the country.

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Robert M. Astill has been named general credit manager of New England Frozen Foods Inc. in Southborough, Mass. He lives in Winchester, Mass.

Janet Chambers has joined the accounting firm of Bannon & Ryan in Worcester, Mass., as a partner. She was previously a partner at Lainer, Child & Chambers and has expertise in business planning; computerized financial systems; and estate, corporate and individual tax planning.

William Hart has been named chairman of the Everett School Committee for 1994. Bill is a six-year veteran of the committee. His responsibilities will include guiding the school department during a period of rising school population.

Dr. Mark T. Muldoon has received a doctorate of science/toxicology at the University of Maryland. He and his wife, Jennifer, have moved to College Station, Texas. He works for the FDA.

Donna M. Tinsley has recently accepted a position at SemiTest, Inc. as controller. The company manufactures test equipment for the semiconductor industry. She lives in Peabody, Mass., with her new husband, Joseph.

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Lisa Buba is a member of the Housing Authority in Lawrence, Mass.

Selma (Schwartz) Flieder has retired after 22 years as facilities coordinator in Andover, Mass. She was the senior staffer in charge of renting all town buildings, schools, fields and halls. She was also the manager of the Welcome Center in the historic Old Town House on Main Street for the last three years. Selma is married to Saul "Bucky" Flieder and they have three grown sons, Stephen, Jeffrey, and Michael.

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Deborah N. Migridichian has been named president of CEA Drilling Services Company Inc., a newly incorporated company providing drilling services for environmental, geotechnical and structural engineering and consulting markets throughout the northeast. Deborah lives in Sturbridge, Mass.

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Christopher M. Barrett, GRI, has recently been named president of the Eastern Middlesex Board of Realtors. Chris lives in Wakefield, Mass., with his wife, Kim, and their daughter, Taylor.

Seeing what they haven't before

Forget focus groups and fancy surveys. If anything in the world should be obvious, it's that blind people don't spend much time in front of the television. Right? Well, wrong. Studies show that blind people watch just as much TV as sighted people; they just don't get as much out of it.

But all that is changing. There is a revolution underway in broadcasting for visually impaired viewers, and **Ray Joyce '83** is on its front lines.

Mr. Joyce, marketing director for specially produced "descriptive" videos at WGBH in Boston, spends his time giving blind and visually-impaired viewers options they never had before - options not only in what they see and hear, but in how much of their surrounding culture they understand.

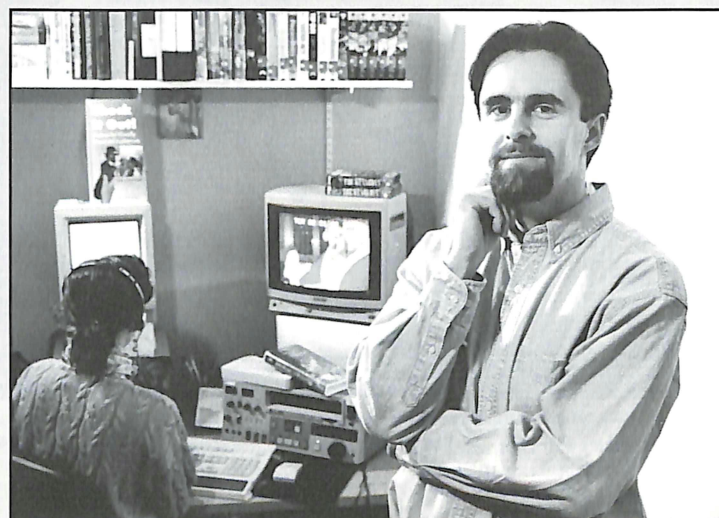
Taking advantage of new technology that allows videos to be verbally described for viewers, Mr. Joyce buys rights to well-known PBS series and Hollywood movies - he's handled pieces as diverse as *Eyes on the Prize*, *Sister Act* and *Beauty and the Beast* - then markets the technically enhanced tapes back to the people who need them.

The issue, Mr. Joyce says, is one of fairness and inclusion - people who've never before been able to stand around the water cooler at work talking about the latest movie can now do it, thereby entering mainstream society in a way they haven't before.

The service doesn't attempt to replace sight with words, Mr. Joyce says; it simply tries to make movies and television - the most vivid products of our popular culture - more accessible.

"I go to blindness conventions and people stand up crying, saying this is the first time they've been able to enjoy a movie with their children. The most spine-tingling one for me was at the movie *Ghost*. At the end the main character is going off into heaven, and the way (the tape) describes the light, the gauzy white light ... something clicked with this woman who had been blind since birth, and she had a sense of what light was for the first time. You're talking about more than entertainment now. You're talking about changing people's lives."

In helping to change other people's lives, he's also changing his own.



Ray Joyce '83. Behind him, a video is being "described" for blind viewers. (Photo by David Oxtan)

Mr. Joyce graduated from Merrimack in 1983, a year tailor-made for a young man armed with a degree in marketing and a desire to succeed in the world. And succeed he did. For four years, he worked at the then-booming Wang Laboratories, focusing his considerable energies on one thing: turning a personal and corporate profit.

The trouble was, something was missing.

That something, as it turned out, was meaning. "Going in day in and day out at Wang, I started looking around me at the people I worked with. Many of them were older than I was, and they were all making good money, but for the most part, they didn't seem that happy. Was I supposed to follow this same path? If I didn't feel I was touching people's lives in any way, what was the point?"

And so he quit his job and joined the Peace Corps, working for a year in Costa Rica, where he helped an isolated women's collective market jams and jellies.

Upon his return, he earned his master's in business administration from Boston University, focusing this time on the non-profit sector. The American with Disabilities Act was just changing the non-profit landscape, and so work with disabilities seemed a natural, as did the opportunity to finally make a difference.

Mr. Joyce didn't have to look very far to find his niche.

WGBH, which 20 years before had pioneered efforts in captioning for deaf viewers, was just beginning to describe its regular

programming for the blind and visually impaired community. New technology allowed descriptions of scenes to be inserted into the natural pauses in dialogue, and then made it possible for the enhanced programs to be accessed by viewers at home. The described videos Mr. Joyce markets are produced the same way and are as simple as any video to use: viewers need only pop them into a regular VCR.

The job, marrying as it did his interest in disabilities with a love of movies and television, was a perfect fit for him, and he's tackled it with something akin to joy.

"I've enjoyed all my jobs in the last 10 years, but this is the first one I've absolutely loved. It's not a job; it's really a career, a love of the work."

The described videos are available through conventions and special braille and large-print catalogues. They cost the same as ordinary videos; libraries are also beginning to make them available to the public for free. In an encouraging development, Mr. Joyce says that Hollywood is even beginning to show interest in testing the concept in movie theaters.

Anyone interested in more information about described programming or videos should call (800) 333-1203, or contact Mr. Joyce directly at (617) 492-2777, ext. 3479.

- Melanie Wilson



Pictured at Homecoming in February are Joseph Day '60, Tom Humphreys '62, Frank Pollard '64, Tom Treacy '62, Paul Gilmartin '65, Kevin Foley '64 and John Obert '66. (Photo by David Oxtan)

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Karol Bisbee, R.N., was recently named administrator of Quincy (Mass.) Hospital's new transitional care unit. The TCU was developed to provide essential services to patients who need physical, occupational, speech or respiratory therapy.

Joseph (Jay) Caporale, Mid-Atlantic regional executive of Ruotolo Associates, Inc., has been named vice president of the company. Jay and his wife, Martha, live in Fort Lee, N.J.

Brian Sifferlen has been promoted by the First Data Corporation of New York to senior accountant. In his new position he will handle all accounting functions for the company. Brian lives in North Andover, Mass., with his wife and two sons.

Michael Tighe and his father, Fran, have founded a new industrial cleaning products company in Worcester, Mass.

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Diane Boulanger-Prescott has been promoted to director of human resources for Massachusetts's Executive Office of Health and Human Services. In her new position she is responsible for directing the human resources function within the 17 agencies in the Health and Human Services Secretariat. Diane lives in Haverhill with her husband, David.

Wayne Texeira has been promoted by Hudson (Mass.) National Bank to marketing officer. Wayne is also enrolled in the MBA program at

University of Massachusetts at Lowell. He lives in Berlin, Mass., with his wife, Kathleen.

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Brian J. Cote has been appointed an officer at the Chase Manhattan Private Bank. He is responsible for managing the individual stock and bond portfolios of private banking clients. He is also currently pursuing an MBA in corporate finance at Fordham University in New York City. Brian lives in Hoboken, N.J.

L. Philip Lambert is a product specialist at Pencil Pushers in Burlington, Mass. He lives in Burlington with his wife, Lisa, and their son Peter.

Jean I. Perreault has been promoted to vice president of the operations department of Pentucket Bank in Haverhill, Mass. Her responsibilities include overseeing the branch system, the finance department, and the operations department. She has been involved in banking for 30 years. Jean is also a director of Friends of the Haverhill Public Library and has been an English-as-second-language tutor with the Greater Haverhill Adult Learning Program.

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Eric A. Beck was recently promoted to principal environmental engineer, supervising the underground storage tank program in the Division of Waste Management of the Department of Environmental Management. In addition, Eric and his wife, Susan, are expecting their first child in early August. They live in Bristol, R.I.

David Dismas had been accepted into the doctor of theology program at Boston University's School of Theology. He is a priest in the New England Diocese of the Apostolic Orthodox-Catholic Church. David serves at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Revere, Mass., and is chapel coordinator for the Boston University School of Theology. David will receive his master of divinity degree from BU this spring with the designation: Master of Divinity with a Specialized Curriculum in Biblical Studies.

Kirsten A. Donnelly recently left Bolton Valley Ski Resort as a marketing manager and joined Media & Marketing Consultants as an account executive. Kirsten and her husband, Kieran, live in Burlington, Vt.

William Fahey has been hired as youth services coordinator for Andover, Mass. As advisor to the newly formed Youth Council, made up of high school and middle school students, he will develop support programs for teens and work with drug and alcohol prevention groups. William also is a volunteer at the Haverhill Youth Service Department.

Michael A. Iannuccillo will attend Harvard Business School this fall. He is involved in the Membership & Marketing Committee of the M.I.T. Enterprise Forum and is treasurer of People Making a Difference Through Community Service, Inc. He was recently a consultant in the Valuation Services Group of Coopers & Lybrand's management consulting practice in Boston, Mass.

Eileen M. Miquelon has been approved by the Board of Public Accountancy to practice as a certified public accountant in the state of Massachusetts. Eileen is employed as a senior accountant at Wolf and Company, P.C., and lives in Woburn, Mass.

Douglas A. Royal has been named a manager of the Systems Integration Consulting Group at Tofias, Fleishman, Shapiro and Co., P.C. Prior to TFS, Doug was a consultant for a company in Salem, N.H.

Claire Salter is a first grade teacher at the Butler Elementary School in Avon, Mass. She received a master's degree at Lesley College last May. Claire and her husband, Bill, live in Whitman, Mass.

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Brendan Cosgrove is employed in Strategic Marketing Asia/Pacific for Northern Telecom and is now living and working in Wanchai, Hong Kong.

Jennifer Hatem has been named health instructor-liaison for the Greater Lowell Regional Vocational-Technical School.

Peter McManus of Lynn, Mass., has been named to the Dean's List at Palmer School of Chiropractic College in Davenport, Iowa. He is working toward a doctor of chiropractic degree.

Calendar of Events

May

- 9 President's Cup Golf Tournament
- 18 Men of Merrimack banquet

June

- 3-5 Reunion '94, honoring the classes of '54, '59, '64, '69, '74, '79, '84 and '89
- 12 Ladies of Merrimack Flea Market
- 14 Spring Fling/Boston Harbor Cruise

July

- 30 Ladies of Merrimack/ Wang Center

September

- 10 Hackers Golf Tournament
- 16 Alumni Night at the Red Sox

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IT'S SINK OR SWIM AT MERRIMACK - Actually, in this case, it's neither. This wire-and-concrete canoe, built by civil engineering students to compete in a concrete canoe contest held recently at the University of Maine in Orino, floats. Which, the students would tell you, is exactly the point. Pictured are, from left to right, Don Mills '94, Brian Bubela '96 and Matt Pierkarski '96. (Photo by Al Pereira)