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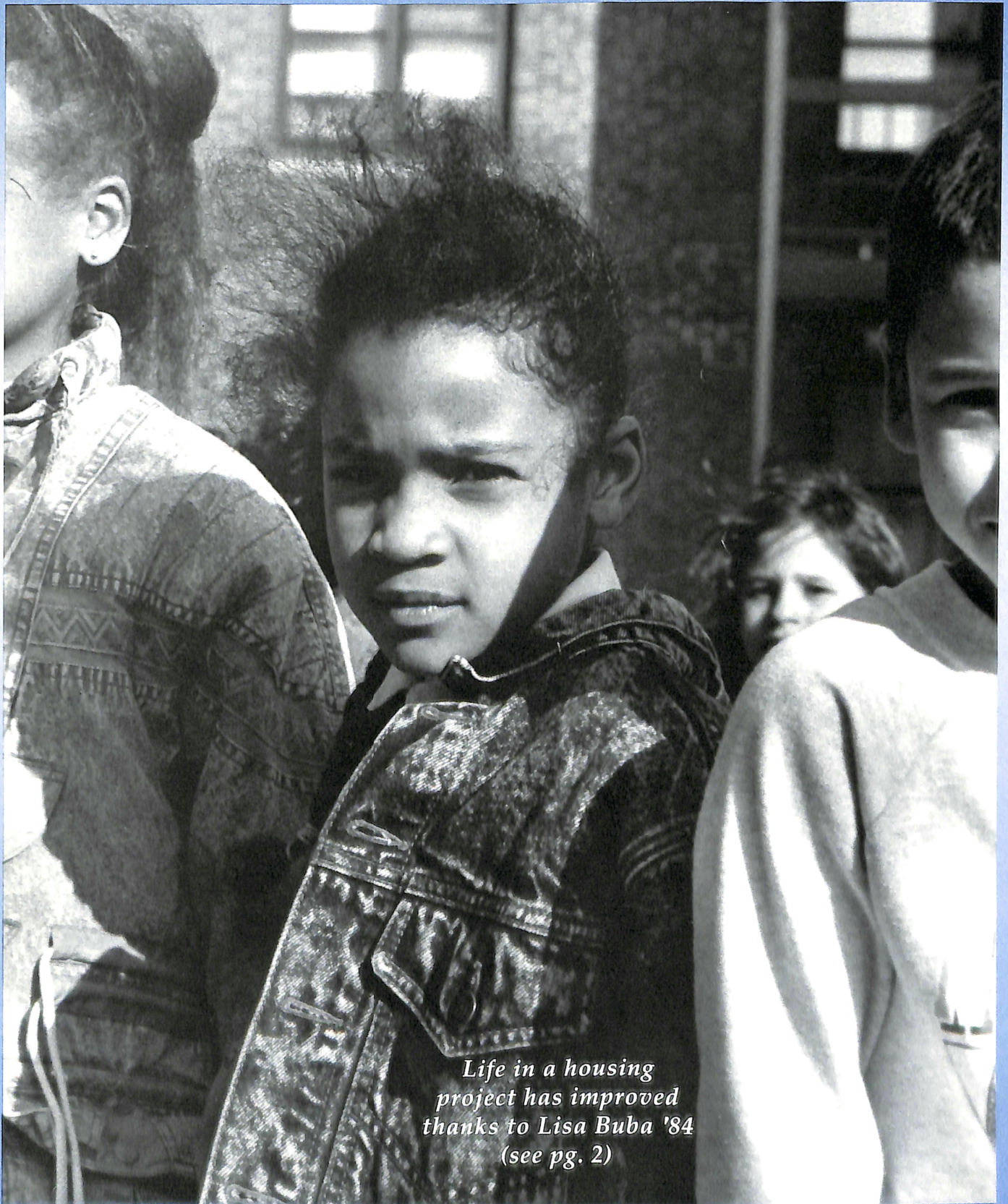
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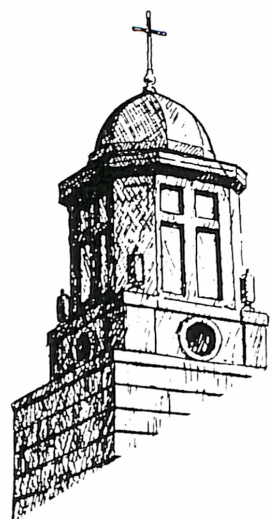
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# MERRIMACK



*Life in a housing  
project has improved  
thanks to Lisa Buba '84  
(see pg. 2)*





## REV. KEVIN KEELEN LOVES BEING AN AUGUSTINIAN

As a child Rev. Kevin Keelen dressed in his father's bathrobe and served Wonder Bread "eucharists" to his friends.

"In church I watched every move the priest made," said Keelen. No one in his family has ever been a priest, and no one influenced him, but deep in his heart he knew he wanted to enter the ministry. For a time in high school Keelen thought he would pursue a career in law, but he moved toward a life as a priest during his years at Merrimack.

"The strong sense of community at Merrimack and the support of the priests had an impact on me," said Keelen. And community is what the

priesthood is to Keelen. "I enjoy praying and being with the other priests here. There is a strong, deeply rooted feeling in helping and worshipping with others. The priesthood is a beautiful dimension," said Keelen.

Another member of the Merrimack community is Mrs. Annie Griffin, who is called "Dolly" by most people. Dolly's brother, many years ago, wanted to be a priest but couldn't because he had to support the family. Dolly, who remembers her brother's dream, now tries to make that dream come true for other young men.

After earning a B.A. in Political Science and Religious Studies at Merrimack, Keelen entered the Order

of St. Augustine and professed first vows on August 8, 1987. He professed his solemn vows in the Order on May 19, 1990. In May 1991, he earned an M.A. in Theology at the Washington Theological Union and, in August of that same year, was ordained.

Now back at Merrimack, Kevin is in charge of the M.O.R.E. Retreats and also the Right of Christian Initiation for Adults (R.I.C.A.) program. He continues his friendship with Dolly, who lives next to the campus, and continues to work in the ministry which he calls exciting and fulfilling. But now he uses a real Eucharist and has his own robes.



ON THE COVER: *The eyes of a child in Lawrence's Merrimack Courts housing project.*

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REV. KEVIN KEELEN, O.S.A., surrounded by Merrimack alumni, staff and administrators, after his ordination last year.

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# WHAT A DIFFERENCE A LISA MAKES

It is rare to be able to look at your life and say "I made a difference." Although Lisa Buba '84 is much too modest to ever say those words, the Merrimack Courts housing project in Lawrence and its residents, speak for her.

Buba, the manager of the project has, for many of the tenants, changed the way they think of themselves, their surroundings, and their future. Before she arrived, she said, garbage filled the fire escapes and the grounds were littered. Today the project is cleaner and tenants have a different attitude toward "the office." The attitude now, she said, is one of trust.

It took Buba two years to build that trust. She began by getting out from behind her desk and walking the project. As she got to know the tenants she began to see that the kids needed structured activities like Little League and aerobics classes. "The kids don't seem to think beyond today. These activities give them something better to do than hang around with gangs and get into trouble," said Buba.

When Buba first started her "walkabouts," suspicious tenants avoided her; kids stared as she walked by but didn't speak. That has all changed. Now hordes of kids follow her, chatting about their school work, their pesky brothers and sisters, or the latest project gossip. Buba isn't just a manager, she is a friend.

Although she gets along with the kids, she's not afraid to be a disciplinarian. Such as the time she assigned 50 hours of grounds cleanup to the oldest Dias boy for breaking windows during one of the many times he skipped school. That was two years ago. This year he learned the University of Massachusetts has awarded him a scholarship. "I'd like to think I had something to do with that," says Buba.

As the first woman to manage a project for the Lawrence Housing Authority, neither her family nor friends thought she could handle the job. But she was determined not only to handle it but to be exceptional.

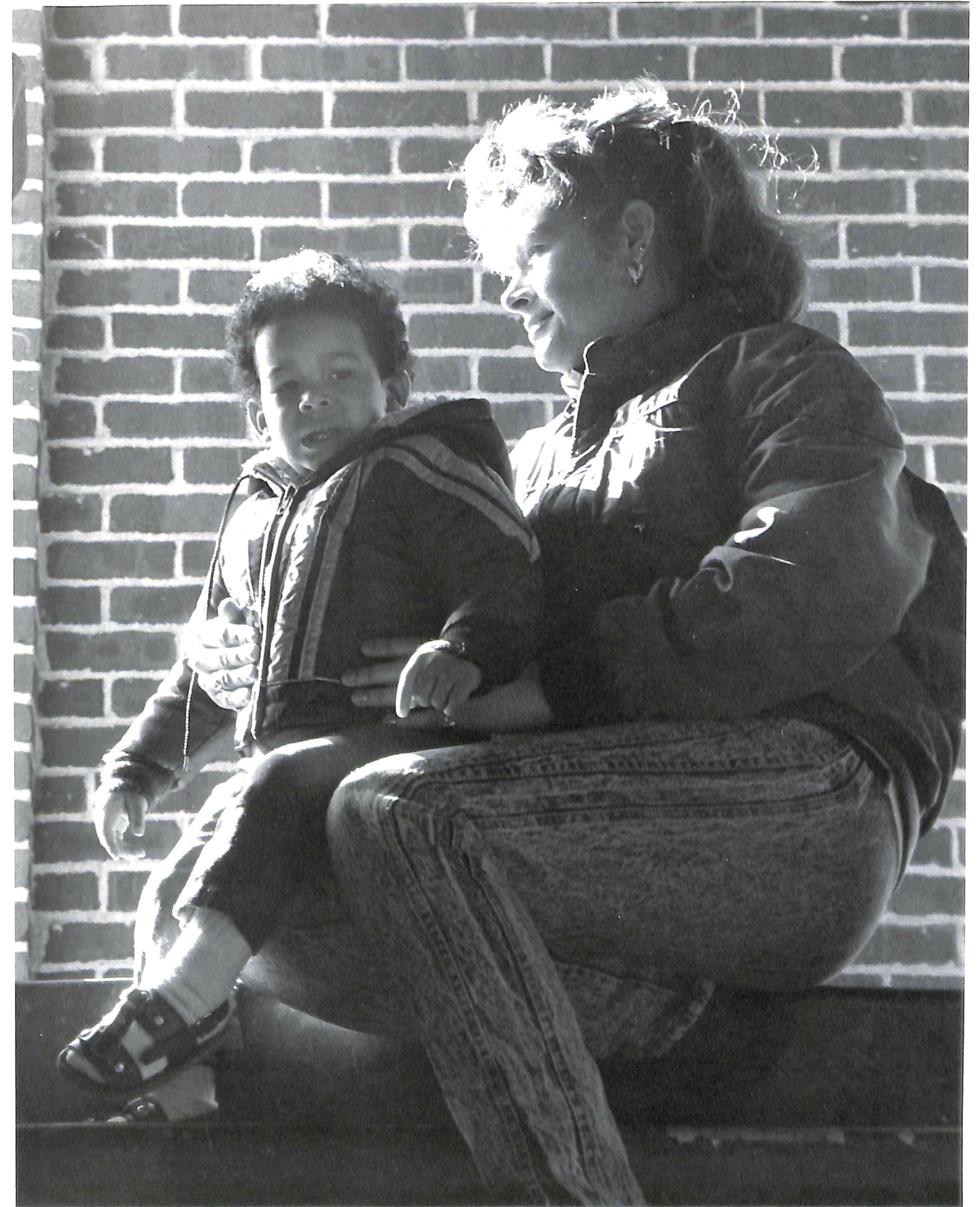
But determination alone has not made Buba a successful manager. Part of her success is, she says, because she has grown to care very much for the people in Merrimack Courts, and to care about the kids and their future.

And, it would seem, the families in the project also care about Lisa.

*Story by Tina E. Sutton  
Photos by David Oxtan*



LISA BUBA '84 - Manager of the Merrimack Courts housing project.



A MODERN MADONNA - A mother and her baby, residents of the Merrimack Courts housing project in Lawrence.



# THE ICE MAN

## Hockey Super-Agent Rick Curran '77

Working with hockey legend Bobby Orr and National Hockey League (NHL) superstars Wayne Gretzky and Glen Wesley isn't out of the ordinary for Rick Curran '77. His sports management firm, Representation Inc., which he founded three years ago, keeps Curran in contact with players in the sport he knows and loves the best: Hockey.

Curran played hockey at Merrimack, with his twin brother Randy '78, in the pre-mask days of Division II hockey when players' faces were visible to the fans, and exposed to the hazards of swinging hockey sticks, fast-moving pucks and the occasional punch or two. His passion for the game led him to a number of hockey-related positions, including two in Canada, one working with Bobby Orr at his summer hockey school and one with Alan Eagleson, an international sports agent.

"When I started with Alan I wasn't sure if anyone outside New England had heard of Merrimack. I soon found out that not only were people familiar with the college, they were impressed that I had played for Thom Lawler. Being identified with Merrimack hockey was, and still is, good for my business," said Curran.

While he was with Eagleson, Curran was business manager for Team Canada Juniors, which prompted him to become an agent. "I recognized younger players need agents they can trust. They didn't know what deals were good, bad, or indifferent, and I believed they deserved strong representation."

Because Curran believed all athletes should be represented equally, he established, with Bill Waters—a sports agent also from Eagleson's firm—a company that represents hockey players.

"Bill and I were ready to break off on our own. Alan viewed some players as more important than others and I didn't agree with that," said Curran.

Since the business began 12 years ago, Waters has made another move and is now assistant general manager of the Toronto Maple Leafs. Curran, now a well-known agent, represents 50 NHL players, including Bruins Glen Wesley, Glen Featherstone and Dave Reed. In addition to representing them and other players, Curran scouts rinks for potential NHL players, often working with parents and players in mapping out the players' future. "I invest time and energy in the hopes they will become legitimate NHL hockey players," said Curran.

During what Curran calls one of his busiest summers, he invested some of that time in Eric Lindros, the highly publicized number-one draft pick of the Québec

Nordiques, who was reportedly offered more than \$50 million over ten years for his talents. But Curran wouldn't confirm or deny the figure for Merrimack Magazine. "I gave my word to Eric, and others involved, not to discuss those deliberations and I won't," said Curran.

When asked if hockey players deserve such high salaries, Curran points out how much the NHL profits from their players. "A big salary is fair when you consider how much is being made by the NHL," said Curran.

The high salaries and the intense media visibility tends to make the athletes bigger than life. "People admire athletes so much they're uncomfortable around them. I learned from Bobby Orr that athletes are just people, and don't want to be seen as god-like," said Curran.

The players are modest and so is Curran. Referring to the success of "his" athletes, Curran said, "It isn't my doing. I'm dealing with natural talent and it all just falls into place," he said.

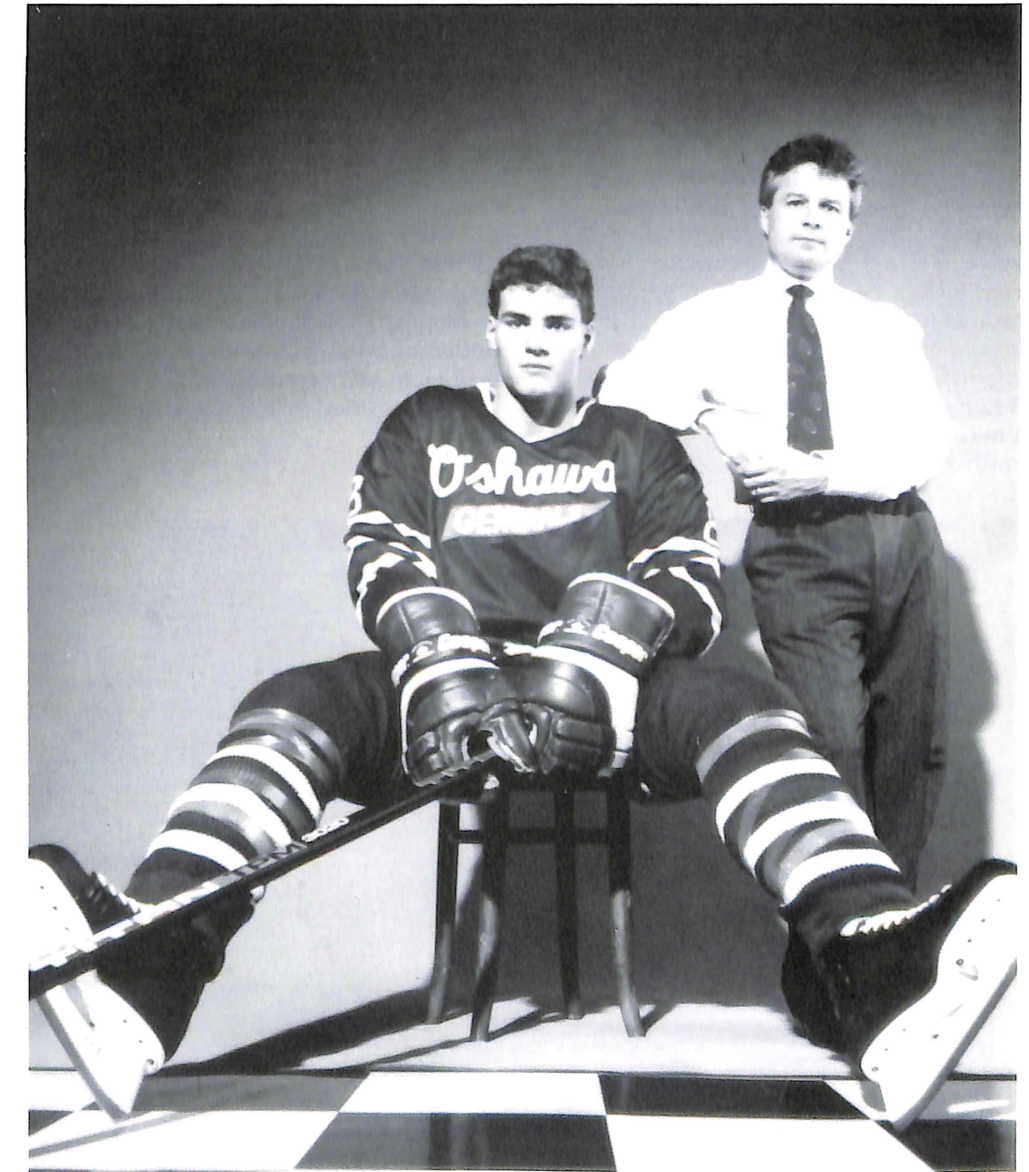
Making things "fall into place," however, requires many hours of work—work Rick loves and wouldn't trade with anyone. But that doesn't mean he doesn't feel the pressure.

"I share the enthusiasm and delight when a client gets a contract, when he scores the big goal, or his team wins the Stanley Cup. But I also feel the disappointment of a frustrated or depressed player."

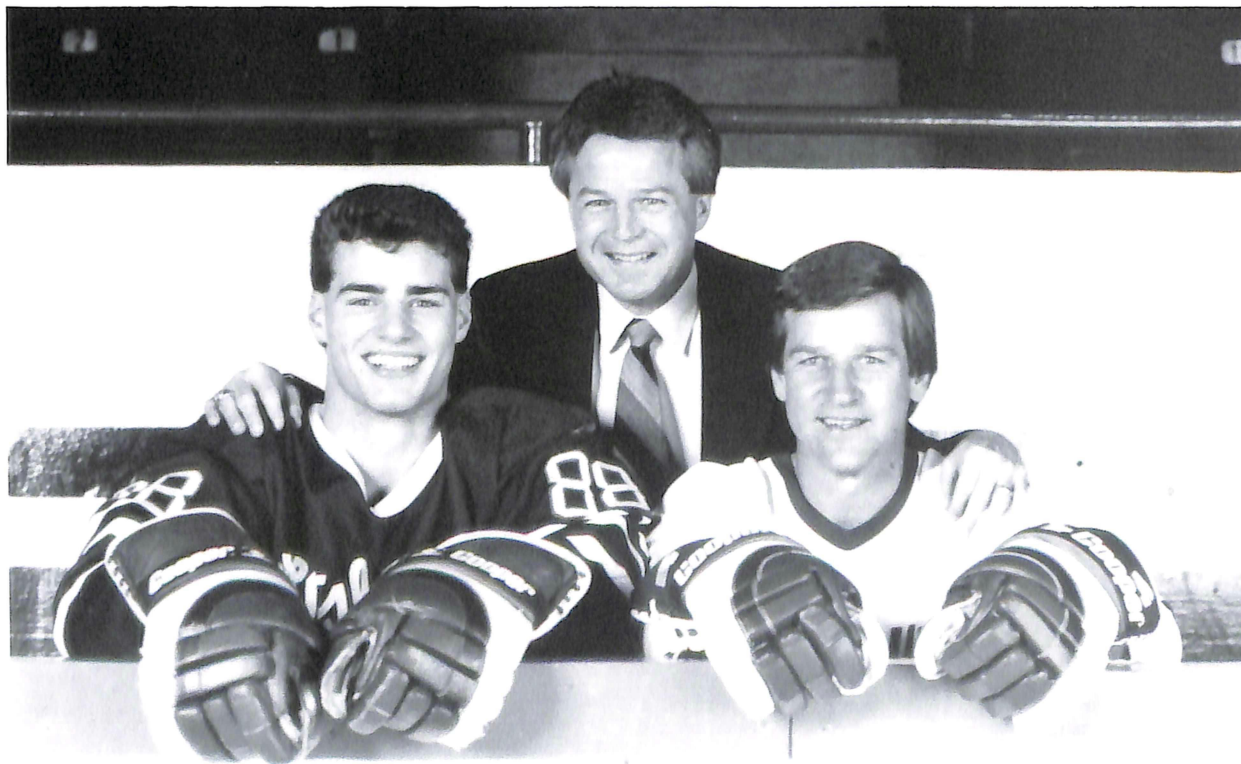
That self-pressure has been with Curran since his days at Merrimack. "They were four of the best years of my life. But I regret I was so worried about my future that I missed a lot of good times and relationships I could have pursued if I had been more concerned with the present."

What he doesn't regret, he said, is the guidance of Thom Lawlor, his hockey coach, and that of professor Charles ("Chuck") Comegys of marketing, who encouraged him to pursue a business degree. The support from Lawlor gave him confidence and discipline and the advice from "Chuck" gave Curran a clear idea of what he wanted to achieve.

Through the encouragement of his wife Lisa (Quigley) '78, his family, friends, and the professors and coaches at Merrimack, Curran has penetrated a high-profile business. His days on the ice are over but what he learned on and off the ice at Merrimack is still with him, said Curran. And with hockey talent still evident at the college, maybe the Merrimack-Curran story will have another chapter.



RICK CURRAN with Eric Lindros, the number-one draft pick of the Québec Nordiques. (Photo by Russ Conway)



RICK CURRAN '77 flanked by Eric Lindros and Bobby Orr. (Photo by Russ Conway)



# THE JOURNEY H.O.M.E.

WRITTEN AND PHOTOGRAPHED BY TINA E. SUTTON

Last March I drove to Orland, Maine, to join 16 members of Merrimack, a campus social action group, who gave up their spring break to volunteer at Homeworkers Organized for More Employment (H.O.M.E.)

The co-op, established in 1970, has grown from a retail store, where artisans sold their goods, to a multi-faceted organization involved in economic reconstruction and social rehabilitation through job training; providing shelters for the homeless, and high school and college equivalency classes; and building homes. Members are from a variety of backgrounds. Some are homeless, others are refugees from South and Central America, some have been

in jail and are trying to rebuild their lives and others are being protected by Amnesty International from political persecution.

Our "mission" was to help other volunteers and co-op members build homes, clear lots and load wood, but I discovered that they helped us more than we helped them.

In a society where social standing and job titles are high priorities, I realized how easily we forget what's most important. Co-op members, some who possessed only the clothes on their backs and the smiles on their faces, showed us that community, not where you stood in it, is what's most important.

Sister Lucy, one of the founders of H.O.M.E., said "We work like a machine. If one gear is missing the whole operation breaks down."

We were a part of that machine for a week and, during that time, I saw nothing taken for granted. Every job, even cutting up worn-out clothes for rug braiding material, was important. Every resource is used.

Recycled car parts went into tractors for the co-op's farms, and wood cleared from lots was used for building and heating. Dan Pereira '95, president of Merrimack said, "The co-op's strength is in its values, not in material things. Members see everything and everyone as valuable." The co-op's work ethic takes into consideration the people doing the work. There is time to work but time to take a break, too. "They don't try to rebuild the world overnight. They make a difference a little at a time," said Pereira.

H.O.M.E.'s land trust program probably makes the biggest difference in people's lives. The co-op buys hard-to-build-on, therefore cheap, land. The land is usually rocky and wooded, so co-op members clear it and build homes for needy families. Families are chosen by how badly they need a home. Many are single mothers or families where a parent is unable to work. Rent is charged according to income.

At a recently purchased lot, Rev. Frank Barr, John Hallee '94 and Dan Pereira, cleared trees. The usual silence of the Maine woods was disturbed by the high-pitched squeals of chainsaws. Lewis, a co-op member, motioned to John over the noise and indicated the next tree to tumble. A man of few words, Lewis spoke only when he thought there was something worth saying. He nodded or smiled to express his views and, when he did speak, it was in a shy, soft tone.

At the end of the day, when they had cut over 20 trees, Lewis told Frank, "You did a good job today, we got a lot done. A lot of us can't express...well, we appreciate you coming up here and helping. Not too many

people would even think about doing what you are doing... Thanks." His sun-weathered, deeply wrinkled face relaxed and then he smiled.

Down the road at the Soper Lot (each lot bears the name of the people who sold the land to the co-op) a radio blared. The music was interrupted by co-op member Phil, who yelled up to Allison Whittredge '93, maneuvering around the roof on the rubbery boards used as scaffolding. "What are yah doin up there girl?" He has a heavy Maine accent, difficult to understand and further complicated by the peppermint Lifesaver which seems to be permanently stuck to his tongue. The Lifesaver has taken the place of cigarettes, he explained, which he gave up 13 years ago. Phil is one of the co-op's founders and is grooming his successors. "I'm too old for this. I have seven children and 21 grandchildren and they've worn me out!"

Merrimack, in 1972, was the first college to volunteer at H.O.M.E. and students have returned every year since. Merrimack helped build the chapel in 1972 and helped rebuild it in 1990 after a tractor trailer skidded and plowed through the chapel, destroying all but its steeple. The sawmill was built by Merrimack volunteers and cartoons painted by students line the walls of the Learning Center, telling everyone that "Merrimack Was Here". Because of Merrimack's example, other colleges including Boston College, St. Anselm and Tufts, have also journeyed H.O.M.E.

H.O.M.E. helped me realize that everyone and everything is important. Whether you are a manicurist, a banker or night watchman, everyone is important. It also showed me how great it feels to help others, and— Oh Yeah, it helped me appreciate my bed and a hot shower too.



LEWIS' KIND LOOKS mirror his kind disposition which we all grew to love at H.O.M.E.



MERRIMACK VOLUNTEER John Hallee '94 clears wood from land recently purchased by a Maine co-op that builds homes for needy families.



MERRIMACK VOLUNTEERS who gave up their spring break to help at H.O.M.E. in Orland, Maine.



# TAKING THE AGONY OUT OF INSURANCE CLAIMS

The kitchen table was covered with bills, leaving only enough room for two coffee mugs which sat in nests of paper. Bill and Judy were grateful that their daughter Marie was alive after the car accident but now they faced losing their car and perhaps their home. Although they considered themselves organized, they could not keep track of the hospital bills and were receiving numerous notices from collection agencies.

Because they could no longer handle the situation they turned to Patricia Hogan '58 who, in 1988, founded Health Insurance Claims Service (HICS) in Charlestown.

"We process insurance paperwork," said Hogan. She identifies problems in policies and works with insurance companies, hospitals, doctors and her clients to solve problems.

Before starting HICS, Hogan was an economic forecaster and consultant. "I was on the road so much I felt I was losing blocks of time in my life. I knew it was time for a change," she said.

The idea for HICS began when she read an article about two women in North Carolina who solved health insurance problems for the elderly. "I realized people need help understanding insurance policies. I also knew my background in accounting, management, sales, and marketing would be ideal for such a business," said Hogan.

There is so much paper work for insurance claims that mistakes are unavoidable. "One error is compounded and becomes almost impossible to find unless you know the system," said Hogan.

She believes she can sort through a family's bills more quickly because she is not personally involved. "When people present me with shopping bags full of bills and collection notices, it's easy to see how they can get emotionally drained. They agonize over each notice and are unable to sort out the matter."

Having experience with over 50 insurance companies in the northeast and Florida, Hogan and her associates are qualified for the job. But Hogan wasn't always sure she was qualified to handle her own business.

Her mentor at Merrimack, Father John M. Driscoll, always encouraged Hogan to start her own business. "I never believed I could but Father Driscoll said I could do anything I set my mind to," said Hogan.

Setting her mind on Marie's case, Hogan discovered that Bill and Judy had multiple insurance carriers. By tracing the policies, Hogan found the wrong company was paying the bills and when they thought other insurance companies were duplicating payments, they stopped payments.

Because Marie's injuries were so serious, she still needs medical care and physical therapy. The bills will probably continue for the rest of her life, but Hogan now handles Marie's insurance claims to avoid further confusion.

"The biggest mistake people make is to wait too long to see someone like me. Creditors are already knocking at their door. When you first need medical attention is the time to seek help. Don't wait until you know the bill collector's first name," said Hogan.



PATRICIA HOGAN '58 owner of Health Insurance Claims Services.

# THE FIRST WEDDING BELLS HEARD ON CAMPUS

On April 7, 1971, Paul Bousquet '71 and Dorothy Katherine Neumann '71 were the first couple to marry in the Collegiate Church of Christ the Teacher at Merrimack College.

Paul and Dorothy became engaged during their senior year and planned to marry after graduation, but their involvement on campus and their friends at Merrimack prompted their desire to be married on campus.

After taking a Sacrament of Marriage course, their desire to be married on campus grew. "The professor who taught the course thought it was a great idea. I think he felt confident about our relationship since we both got an "A" in the course," laughed Dorothy.

Marriages on campus were not approved by the Catholic Church before the Bousquet's wedding because the Church did not consider college communities as parishes.

But with the help of Rev. John R. Aherne, then president of Merrimack, Cardinal Cushing granted them permission. Dorothy, vice chairman of the Student Government Association, invited members of student government to be part of the wedding party, while Paul, a brother of Phi Kappa Theta, PKT (now Nu Phi Kappa, NPK), invited fraternity members to be part of the ceremony.

The entire campus was invited to the ceremony, officiated by Rev. Aherne and attended by five other campus priests. After the Mass, invited guests joined the couple in the church auditorium for the reception. There was a buffet dinner, but don't ask the bride what was served. "I was so busy dancing and seeing all our friends I didn't eat a thing," said Dorothy. "Luckily, mom and I grabbed a bite at the Pewter Pot before the wedding."

After graduation the Bousquets moved to a small apartment in Lawrence. Paul joined the Army Reserves in the wake of the Vietnam War and Dorothy was left home alone. But she always remembers the kindness of local alumni. "I remember how friends called and stopped by with Chinese food. I don't think I could have survived

that time without their support," said Dorothy.

Surviving that difficult time in their marriage helped them learn what marriage is all about.

Their secret to a long-lasting marriage is understanding and being flexible said Dorothy.

Really knowing each other must have an important role in their relationship too, since they gave each other the same card last April when they celebrated their 21st wedding anniversary.



PAUL AND DOROTHY BOUSQUET at their 1971 wedding, the first held on campus.

The Bousquets now live in Glastonbury, Conn. Paul is a corporate tax manager for United Technologies in Hartford and Dorothy works at a local bank and manages the home. They have three children, Jennifer, 20, Marc, 17 and Christina, 12.

Dorothy said while it takes a lot of work to make a good marriage, she wonders if that "A" in the Sacrament of Marriage course had something to do with it too?



## IT WAS A SEASON OF AWARDS AND CHAMPIONSHIPS (AND A COUPLE OF DISAPPOINTMENTS)

BY JIM SEAVEY  
SPORTS INFORMATION DIRECTOR

### HOCKEY TEAM COMPLETES THIRD SEASON IN HOCKEY EAST

Merrimack's third season as a member of Hockey East, the most prestigious league in the nation, will be remembered as one that produced 13 victories.

It will also be remembered as one that produced hard work, excitement and a glimpse of the bright future that lies ahead for Head Coach Ron Anderson's Warriors. With five of the top six scorers returning in 1992-93, with a solid defense and experienced veterans, the fourth Hockey East season should bring more memories and excitement.

In scoring, Anderson's group of "Young Guns" were blazing in 1991-92, led by the talented junior duo of Dan Gravelle and Teal Fowler. Gravelle led the Warriors in scoring with 23 goals and 28 assists for 51 points, becoming the first Merrimack player to eclipse the 50-point barrier since the Warriors joined Hockey East. Fowler, one of the steadier players in the league, scored 20 goals and added 15 assists for 35 points. Both Gravelle and Fowler had solid totals in Hockey East play, as Gravelle notched 13 goals and 12 assists for 25 points in league action, and Fowler had 11 goals and 11 assists for 22 points.

Junior Alex Weinrich and sophomore Rob Atkinson provided another double-barrel punch. Weinrich and Atkinson posted identical scoring totals in the season with two goals and 18 assists for 20 points. Weinrich played in all 34 games, while Atkinson played in 29. Junior Bryan Miller quadrupled his career-goal total, scoring five goals (all on the power play) and 13 assists for 18 points.

Coach Anderson will have to replace five seniors who compiled 92 points this season. Agostino Casale saw action in 17 games, totalling 17 goals and 13 assists for 30 points. Rob Kelley provided some punch for the Warriors, scoring 10 goals and seven assists for 17 points, with three of his goals coming against top-ranked Maine. Jeff Massey (seven goals, eight assists), Claude Maillet (six goals, nine assists) and Brendan Locke (four goals, 11 assists) each scored 15 points in the year.



STEVE D'AMORE '92

Four other Warriors cracked the double digit scoring barrier in 1991-92. Junior John Barron scored six goals and seven assists for 13 points in 31 games, while the trio of junior Matt Crowley (seven goals, three assists), sophomore Jim Gibson (five goals, five assists) and freshman Mark Cornforth (one goal, nine assists) all scored 10 points. All three players missed time for injuries, but their return at full strength will benefit next year's team.

Senior goalie Steve D'Amore, who played in 32 of 34 games this season, will be hard to replace. He posted an overall record of 11-18 with 4.24 goals against average. D'Amore made 794 saves for a percentage of .868, with 525 of those stops coming in Hockey East play. He recorded his first collegiate shutout in a 2-0 win over

### DUDA NAMED TO ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA TEAM

Senior guard Gary Duda not only excels on the court, he has distinguished himself academically as well.

Duda was named to the GTE/College Sports Information Directors of America Academic All-America Men's Basketball team for District I, which includes schools in New England and New York. This Conshohocken, Pa. native and accounting major holds a grade point average of 3.29. He was the only Division II player in the Northeast to receive such honors.

Duda has earned three additional academic honors, including being named to

Northeastern, and was named Hockey East Player of the Week for the second time in his career after beating Boston College (3-1) and Northeastern. His season high of 42 stops came in the January game against Providence.

The 1991-92 season had plenty of excitement, with one of the most memorable, the 5-4 defeat of fifth-ranked Boston University. Merrimack fought back from deficits of 3-0 and 4-3, highlighted by sophomore Jason Pagni's power play goal, the first of his career.

Two wins over Union and Army also stand out. Merrimack scored eight times in the first period against Army, and three goals in each period against Union. Kelley's four goals highlighted a 12-1 romp over AIC, while the play of Quentin Fendelet '94 and Guy Ragault '93, keyed the Warriors' 3-2 triumph over Dartmouth.

Gravelle and D'Amore were named the team's Most Valuable Players for the season at the annual banquet in April, while Naylor was recognized as the Most Improved Player. MacLeod received the Francis "Buzz" Miller Unsung Hero Award, while Barron received the Fans Award. Cornforth was Rookie of the Year, while Crowley and McMillan were co-recipients of the Coaches' Award. Fowler and Weinrich were named co-captains for next season.

the National Association of Basketball Coaches Academic Honor Roll and the Northeast-10 Conference Academic All-Conference team.

In April, he was honored by the New England Basketball Coaches Association as the region's Scholar Athlete for Division II. Duda is also the third Merrimack athlete in the last year to be named as Academic All-America. Sophomore Kim Page was named to the Academic All-America volleyball team last November, while former women's soccer All-America Bethann O'Leary earned Academic All-America honors in May 1991.



MERRIMACK'S Northeast-10 Conference champions.

### MEN'S BASKETBALL CAPTURES NORTHEAST-10 CROWN

In one of the most classic storybook tales ever written, the Merrimack men's basketball team capped the 1991-92 season in Cinderella fashion by winning the Northeast-10 Conference championship for the first time in school history. The title was earned through hard work and effort, but will always be remembered for the leadership of seniors Steve Curran, Gary Duda, Calvin Lyles, Chris Lovett and Mark Pulaski.

In January, Head Coach Bert Hammel was helping his squad deal with a tough 96-93 overtime loss to Bentley, a loss that left Merrimack with an overall record of 8-10. From there the leadership of the seniors took over, as the Warriors won six of their remaining eight regular-season contests in February and had unstoppable momentum going into the conference tournament.

Merrimack entered the Northeast-10 playoffs as the sixth seed, meaning the Warriors had to travel to American International for the quarterfinals. Lyles and Pulaski led the way with 18 points each, as Merrimack posted an exciting 85-84 victory to advance to the Northeast-10 Final Four at Assumption.

What followed in the semi-finals against second-seeded Stonehill was an epic battle that couldn't be decided in regulation play—it took three overtimes and a number of incredible comebacks that led to an 88-87 victory. Duda led the way with 29 points, including seven three-pointers that came at

crucial times in the game. The win set up a match-up with Saint Anselm in the championship round. The Warriors were anything but tired after the triple overtime game with Stonehill and raced to a 52-41 halftime lead that led to a 92-77 victory.

Duda was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player, but all five seniors could have shared the title, since the play of Curran, Lyles and Pulaski, coupled with the smooth guard work of Duda and Lovett, carried Merrimack to the title.

From there, it was on to the NCAA Division II tournament. This was the second time in two seasons the Warriors reached the tournament, and the team gave their all before falling in the New England Regional semi-finals to Bridgeport by a score of 91-84.

The next night in the third-place game, Merrimack roared to a 28-9 lead and cruised to a 105-84 victory over Assumption. The evening was highlighted by Duda reaching the 2,000-point mark for his career. Duda is the third player in the school's history to accomplish that feat. He was also named to the all-tournament team for his efforts, averaging 24.5 points in the two games.

Hammel will be hard-pressed to replace his quintet of seniors and their memorable accomplishments. The Class of 1992 helped lead Merrimack to 76 victories, back-to-back appearances in the NCAA Division II tournament, the 1992 Northeast-10 championship and the 1989 ECAC Division II over the course of their careers.

### A YEAR OF EXPERIENCE FOR WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

After starting the season with three impressive victories over New Haven, Massachusetts-Lowell and long-time nemesis Saint Anselm, Head Coach Debbie Cogan's Lady Warriors ran into a tough schedule that featured four games against nationally ranked teams and a stretch of nine away-from-home games. But the women's basketball team finished its year strong, winning two of its final five contests over Quinnipiac and Springfield.

One of the bright spots in the season was the play of junior tri-captain Clare McInerney. McInerney became the sixth member of Merrimack's 1,000 Point Club in February when she scored 20 points in the 71-60 win over Quinnipiac. She is the second junior in Merrimack history to achieve that goal. She led the team in scoring for a third straight season, averaging 15.9 ppg, and ranked among the conference leaders in field-goal percentage. McInerney was named to the Northeast-10 and ECAC Division II second-team all-star teams, and was named to the Northeast-10 honor roll six times. She also earned a spot on the New England Tip-Off Weekend all-tournament team for the second straight year and enters her senior season with a total of 1,068 career points.



CLARE McINERNEY '93

At the team's annual banquet McInerney was named Lady Warriors' Most Valuable Player, while junior Sarah Lucey received the Sixth Man Award. Sophomore Lisa Ebert was tabbed the Most Improved Player, while juniors Tricia Lentz and Rachel Reynolds were co-recipients of the Coaches' Award. Coach Cogan announced that McInerney and Reynolds will be co-captains for the 1992-93 season.



# CAMPUS NEWS AND EVENTS

## ROBERT NOONE '52 AND ROBERT WHALEN '67 HEAD REUNION-GIVING CAMPAIGN



ROBERT NOONE '52



ROBERT WHALEN '67

While Reunion '92 Social Committee chairmen are organizing events for the June 5, 6 and 7 Reunion Weekend, reunion-giving chairmen Robert Noone '52 and Robert Whalen '67 are attempting to boost class participation through a new class agent program. Class agents are directed by chairmen like Noone and Whalen and encourage classmates' participation in annual giving.

"This is a great opportunity for alumni to express appreciation for the role Merrimack has played in our lives," said

Whalen, president and chief executive officer of Founder's Bank in Bryn Mawr, Pa.

Like many alumni, Whalen wants to return something to his alma mater. "Participation is the key to any successful fund-raising drive and everyone should recognize the need to re-invest in Merrimack," said Whalen, who was vice president of the Business Club during his years at Merrimack.

Co-Chairman Robert Noone, who owns a real estate appraisal firm in Peabody, Mass., is intent on having his class meet the

100 percent participation that was first achieved by last year's 40th reunion class. "I know, with the help of my classmates, we can match the class of '51's record. We'll be making calls and writing letters to encourage everyone to participate," said Noone.

Unlike other years, this reunion-giving drive will encompass all reunion anniversary classes. "With our new class agent program, we hope to make reunion giving our focus," said Rev. Fritz Cerullo, vice president of Institutional Advancement.

Other class chairs serving on the Reunion Giving Committee will be: Grace Smith '62, Dr. David Riscitti '72, Stephen Napolitano '77 and Richard Clancy '82.

## MERRIMACK CO-SPONSORS PUBLIC EDUCATION FORUM

A forum about public school reform and financing was held in January by the college and the North Andover League of Women Voters.

Participants included State Representative Mark Roosevelt, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Education, who proposed drastic changes in the state's role in education. Roosevelt said school districts should be given financial aid and his proposal suggests Proposition 2 1/2 adjustments and close to \$1 billion in additional state aid to school districts.

Other panelists were John Rennie, chairman of the Massachusetts Business Alliance for Education, Dr. George Blaisdell, North Andover Public Schools Superintendent, Dr. Steven Jenkins, Lawrence High School Principal and Norma Shapiro, president of the Council for Fair School Finance.

## NEW DRUG PREVENTION SPECIALIST APPOINTED

A new Drug-Prevention Specialist, Christine Batty, has been on campus since September, in a position funded by a federal grant.

She has coordinated and expanded existing alcohol- and drug-prevention programs and has instituted "Right Choice" to increase alcohol awareness among students, staff, faculty and administration.

Right Choice uses "peer educators", students trained to counsel fellow students about the use and abuse of alcohol. Students have also produced publications about alcohol abuse and organized alcohol-awareness events. Students counseling students is a new approach to alcohol awareness but Batty feels that Right Choice can effect changes in students' attitudes and behavior.



CHRISTINE BATTY, Campus Drug-Prevention Specialist

She also developed a pledge-education program for fraternities and sororities regarding responsible alcohol use, conducted presentations on AIDS and date rape, and works with individual students with drug- or alcohol-related problems.



THESE ELEVEN STUDENTS returned early from winter break to train as counselors in a new drug- and alcohol-abuse program. They are, back row (L to R): Dave Smith '93, Shannon Murphy '95, Janine Munsill '93, Allison Taylor '92, Jason Deschaine '92, and Jeannine Lacerte '95. In the front row, Kimberly Page '94, Michelle Page '93, Heather Goodwin '92 and Stacey Burton '93. Missing from the photo is Jeff McCormack '95.

## NATIVE AMERICAN SHARES VIEWS ON SPIRITUALITY

Sister José Hobday, a Franciscan nun of Seneca Iroquois descent, came to Merrimack in March and spoke on "Enriching the Catholic Tradition with Native American Spirituality."

She discussed the similarities between the Gospel and values held by tribal people. "Jesus teaches generosity—if someone asks for your shirt, give them your coat too. The tribal people say, 'Don't store your treasure up in barns; don't be selfish. Share,'" said Hobday.

She pointed out that Jesus, like the Indians, was close to creation as a source of teaching. He walked the land, and constantly reminded his followers to "look at the lilies" and learn about beauty and trust in God.

Although there are many religious similarities, there are many cultural differences, which makes the transition from the reservations to the "white man's" world difficult.

To make that transition easier, Sister Hobday has, for over 30 years, taught young Indians of many tribes and nations, to recover their spirituality and cultural heritage and to live effectively within the dominant culture.

The lecture was part of the Campus Ministry Lecture Series.

## COOPERATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM CAN BENEFIT STUDENTS AND ALUMNI

The Merrimack Cooperative Education Program is seeking companies interested in hiring Merrimack Co-op students.

The number of co-op students in need of a job for May has risen to 150 and the co-op office would like to maintain the 97 percent placement rate it achieved in September and January.

In addition to Business students, the office has 39 Engineering and Computer Science students.

If your company is interested in the co-op program call Neil Wilson, cooperative education coordinator, or Elizabeth Chisholm, assistant director of cooperative education, at (508) 837-5184.

## GIFTS IN MEMORY OF LOVED ONES

Alumni and friends of Merrimack may remember loved ones who have died through memorial gifts to the college. Gifts may be restricted to specific uses or may be given to the college to use at its discretion. Individuals remembered through such gifts will be included in the "Book of Life" in the chapel. Those listed

will be honored at Mass on the first Sunday of every month and remembered in the Augustinians' daily prayers.

For more information call Don Weinbach, director of the Merrimack Campaign at (508) 837-5455 or Dr. Joseph Kelley, Campus Ministry director at (508) 837-5450.





YOLANDA

## WHAT ARE THOSE LADIES UP TO?

The Ladies of Merrimack swept away winter blues with a Mystery Dinner Theater in March. All who attended were "actors" in the "Murder on the Campaign Trail" play enacted during the evening.

"A Night With Yolanda" dinner and fashion show is scheduled for Wednesday, October 21.

Yolanda, owner of Yolanda's in Waltham, specializes in bridal and formal

wear and has been a trend setter in the retail industry.

At the Ladies of Merrimack annual meeting on June 11, Cile Burbidge, well-known cake decorator whose work has been showcased at Tiffany's in New York City, will be the guest of honor.

For more information on Ladies of Merrimack events, call Maureen Lanigan, director of special events, at (508) 837-5448.

## TEE OFF WITH THE PRESIDENT

The Eleventh Annual President's Cup Golf Tournament will be held on May 11 at the Indian Ridge Country Club.

The format followed in past tournaments has been changed from a Scramble Play to a Four Man Best Ball. The entry fee is \$200, which includes a day of golf, gifts and prizes, use of club facilities, lunch and a prime-rib dinner.

For the eighth year, Telemachus Demoulas has issued a special challenge: the

Demoulas Foundation will match any sponsor's donation up to \$10,000.

Those participating may organize their own foursome, those who do not will be assigned to a team.

The tournament is being chaired by Gerald Camuso '72 and Juilen Lacourse. For information or to register call Maureen Lanigan, director of special events at (508) 837-5448.

## REUNION '92

Reunion '92, honoring the classes of '52, '57, '62, '67, '72, '77, '82, and '87, will begin on Friday, June 5 with the 18th annual Reunion Golf Tournament. Held at the Far Corners Golf Club in West Boxford, Mass., the tournament is open to men and women. Following a day of golfing, alumni are invited to a Welcome Back Party at 8 p.m. in the old "quad" and Gildea Hall. A hot and cold buffet will be served.

On Saturday, June 6, at 11 a.m., a three-hour cruise on the Merrimack River will begin the day. Food will be available and a Dixieland Band will provide entertainment. Saturday evening, a cocktail party and dinner dance will be held at the Host Rolling Green in Andover. Music will be provided by the Al Tobias Orchestra and promises to be a reunion highlight. In addition, attendance at Reunion '92 gives alumni a chance for two roundtrip tickets to London, which will be raffled off during the evening.

On Sunday, June 7, Mass and a brunch will end the weekend.

If you would like to be a member of the Reunion Committee or have any questions call Susan Wojtas '79, director of alumni relations at (508) 837-5440.

## ALUMNI AMBASSADORS WELCOME NEWLY ACCEPTED STUDENTS

A collaboration of the admissions office, academic affairs, and the alumni council has initiated an "Alumni Ambassador" program.

At the January workshop of the Alumni Council, Dr. Theodore Long, provost and vice president of academic affairs; and Dennis Farrell, dean of admissions, reviewed the admissions process.

Farrell spoke to the council about the diminishing demographics of college-age students over the next several years and explained the immediate need for admission strategies.

As a result, members of the council and other alumni have been contacting students accepted to Merrimack and answering questions they may have about the college.

"The response of both students and parents has been very favorable. We hope this program will continue," said Alumni Council President John Obert '66.

Alumni interested in participating in this innovative program should call Susan Wojtas '79, director of Alumni Relations at (508) 837-5440.



STUDENTS AT HOMECOMING '92, enjoy a laugh with Director of Student Activities, Rev. Patrick McStravog, O.S.A. Alumni and students enjoyed a weekend full of good times and sports.

## ALUMNI OFFICE INVITES YOU TO GOLF IN SCOTLAND

The Merrimack College Alumni Office, in conjunction with British Airways and Essex County Travel Service, is offering a week of golf in Scotland October 18 to October 25.

Included in the \$1995 per person (double occupancy) cost is roundtrip airfare to Scotland on British Airways, six nights' hotel accommodations, daily breakfast, greens' fees, car rental with unlimited mileage, all service charges, local taxes, touring map, luggage tags and travel documents. Reservations for play at Portland and Prestwick, St. Andrew's (old and new), Carnoustie and Royal Troon have also been arranged.

Departure will be from Logan Airport. Space, which is limited, is on a first-come first-served basis.

This is the second alumni trip escorted by Terry Monahan '66, owner of Essex County Travel Service, Newburyport, Mass. His phone number is (508) 465-4100 or (800) 222-8283.

Deposits of \$300 per person must be made by June 15. Final payment is due 60 days before departure.

Contact Alumni Relations Director Susan Wojtas '79 at (508) 837-5440 if you have any questions.

## CAMPUS BOOK CLUB WELCOMES ALUMNI

Student Life, which formed the book-discussion group "Tolle Lege" this semester, welcomes alumni to take part.

The group, whose Latin name means "Take and Read," which St. Augustine heard chanted during his conversion to Christianity, has discussed "The Autobiography of Malcom X," "Final Payments" by Mary Gordon and "Night" by Elie Wiesel.

The faculty, staff, students and administrators who are members of Tolle Lege decide on the books they will read and talk about. Leaders are volunteers from the group. Father P. Gerard Shaw, vice president of student life, said he would welcome suggestions for readings and volunteer leaders from alumni. Call him at (508) 837-5174.



In an effort to better serve alumni and friends, Merrimack is conducting an alumni survey. By updating alumni information we hope to be more responsive to you and make Merrimack a more attractive choice for students applying to college.

As our way of saying "thank-you" for returning your completed survey by June 15, we will award the following prizes to three respondents:

- A weekend for two, including dinner, at the Bostonian Hotel
- Four tickets to a 1992 Boston Red Sox game
- A Merrimack Captain's Chair or Rocker

Please take a few minutes to complete the survey, which you will receive within the next few weeks, and return it promptly. Thank you!



## CLASS NOTES

BY KRISTIN SMITH '92

## WEDDINGS

**Kathleen LaRonca '78** and Peter Miller at St. Luke's Church in Ho-Ho-Kus, N.J. on April 13, 1991.

**Norman E. Pashoian '79** and Barbara M. Gracey, at St. Joseph's Church in Washington, D.C. on October 12, 1991.

**John Joseph Donahue '80** and Patricia Ann Ellis-Henrikson, at their Haverhill, Mass. home on January 25, 1992.

**William H. Elliot '81** and Ellen M. Murphy, at St. Margaret's Church in Rumford, R.I. on October 13, 1991.

**Rafaela Ellis '82** and Ronald L. Nickolas, at her parents' house in Winter Park, Fla. on December 27, 1991.

**Mary P. McInnis '82** and Vincent M. Tinebra, at Blessed Sacrament Church in Saugus, Mass.

**Byron J. Chrissis '83** and Lynn E. Johnson, at St. Matthew's Church in Windham, N.H. on September 14, 1991.

**Robert Francis Hatem Jr. '83** and Gail Sandra Glidden, at Merrimack College on October 20, 1991.

**Thomas Paul Murphy '83** and Susan Elizabeth Hurley, at Centre Congregational Church in Lynnfield on October 12, 1991.

**Kimberly A. Young '83** and Curt F. Bletzer, at St. Columbkille's Church in Brighton, Mass. on October 12, 1991.

**John William Bucco '84** and Dianna Lisa Kaplan, at the Kaplan home in Beverly, Mass. on June 23, 1991.

**Eileen M. McDonough '84** and Kevin P. McManus, at Merrimack College on May 26, 1991.

**Nancy Frances Rosetti '84** and Stephen Michael Malone, at St. Agnes Church in Arlington, Mass. on April 21, 1991.

**Roxana P. Thrasivoulos '84** and William Kettinger, in Andover, Mass. on September 30, 1991.

**Susan E. Crevo '85** and Andrew P. Steneri, at St. Paul's Parish in Wellesley, Mass. on June 22, 1991.

**Stephen Richard Godek '85** and Dawn Marie Reuter, at Elms College Chapel in Chicopee, Mass. on November 2, 1991.

**Mark W. Griffin '85** and Susan Beaumont, at First Religious Society, Unitarian, in Newburyport, Mass. on September 7, 1991.

**Anne Kiley Quinn '85** and Kevin Nickolas, at St. Ann Church in Gloucester, Mass. on August 8, 1991.

**Elizabeth Zollo '85** and Arun Jani, at the Rolling Green Host Hotel's Garden Court in Andover, Mass. on October 13, 1991.

**Robert J. D'Urso '86** and Valerie A. Jaskelvicus '87, at Merrimack College on November 23, 1991.

**Joseph Michael Pierro '86** and Nancy Joan Peterson, at Merrimack College.

**Kevin J. Begley '87** and Kelly A. Byrne '84, at Merrimack College on September 7, 1991.

**R. Jeffrey Bernier '87** and Joan McNamara, at St. Catherine of Siena Church in Norwood, Mass. on December 1, 1991.

**Patricia Buckley '87** and Salvatore J. Filetti, at Merrimack College on October 19, 1991.

**Paul E. Bunnell '87** and Evelyn A. Rubera, in Bristol, Conn. on December 7, 1991.

**Robert C. Duncan '87** and Sandra G. Wilson, at Merrimack College on June 29, 1991.

**Karen Ann Finnegan '87** and Kenneth Michael Underwood, at Sacred Heart Church in Lowell, Mass. on October 5, 1991.



Mr. and Mrs. Donald J. Fox, Jr.

**Mary-Jo Barry '89** and Mark J. Robillard, at St. Michael Church in North Andover, Mass. on August 24, 1991.

**Michael Patrick Blood '89** and Deborah Ann Carreiro '89, at St. Joseph's Church in Needham, Mass. on September 14, 1991.

**Therese J. Bourque '89** and Daniel R. Daly, at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Medford, Mass. on December 7, 1991.

**Patrick M. Higgins '89** and Cara Lee Lewis, at St. Pius X in Montville, N.J. on October 26, 1991.

**Laurent Philip Lambert '89** and Lisa Ann Bracci, at Sacred Hearts Church in Bradford, Mass. on June 22, 1991.

**Lisa M. Lambert '89** and William McKenna, at Immaculate Conception Church in Salem, Mass. on June 8, 1991.

**Julie Allard '90** and Peter J. McCook, at Rye Bethany Church in Rye, N.H. on December 14, 1991.

**Patricia K. Donahue '90** and Kevin M. Crampton, at St. Margaret's Church in Burlington, Mass. on September 21, 1991.

**Kirsten Ann Poulin '90** and Kiernan Thomas Donnelly, at the Catholic Center at the University of Vermont in Burlington on October 19, 1991.

**Laura Mae Williams '90** and Craig E. Chesley, at St. Anne's Church in Hampstead, N.H. on November 30, 1991.

**Paige C. Murphy '91** and Edward B. Brown, at Our Lady of the Cape Church in West Brewster, Mass. on December 7, 1991.

**Kristin Elaine Rich '91** and Roby Joseph Prentiss, at the Holy Trinity United Methodist Church in Danvers, Mass. on September 7, 1991.

**Ann Kress Strong '88** and Michael Russo, at St. Rose of Lima Church in Topsfield, Mass. on July 13, 1991.

## BIRTHS

**Peter George Farfaras '69** and wife Phyllis: a son, Peter Ross, on October 8, 1990.

**Dennis C. Harrington '74** and wife Linda: a son, Owen James, on July 14, 1991.

**Joseph V. Buoniello, Jr. '75** and wife Dalia: a daughter, NoeElle Blake, on October 23, 1991.

**Elizabeth (Walsh) Ogundipe '77** and husband Abayomi: a son, Oluwarotimi Olamide Tokunbo, on December 27, 1990.

**Hugh MacKenzie '78** and wife Karen (Wenderoth) '78: a son, David Patrick Joseph, on January 24, 1992.

**Lorelle (Sangster) Hurlburt '79** and husband Brian: a daughter, Sarah Kathryn, on May 28, 1991.

**Madeline (O'Donnell) Piccolo '79** and husband Andrew: a daughter, Anne Elisa, on December 24, 1991.

**Jeffrey Tibbetts '79** and wife Elisa: a daughter, Rebecca Evelyn, on January 17, 1992.

**William "Bill" T. Wilkes '79** and wife Lynda: a daughter, Taylor Rosemary, on July 30, 1991.

**Elaine M. (Strahan) Nicholson '80** and husband Scott: a daughter, Lauren Elizabeth, on November 24, 1991.

**Judith (Cahoon) Egan '81** and husband Thomas: a son, Sean Thomas, on October 21, 1991.

**Timothy Ford '81** and wife Anne (Mason) '80: a son, Brian Mason, on November 18, 1991.

**Peter Lannan '81** and wife Jayne (Witzgall) '82: a son, Stephen Peter, on September 4, 1991.

**Peter M. Salvia '81** and wife Susan (Whitham) '81: a son, Peter Michael, on December 14, 1991.

**Barbara (O'Neil) Smith '81** and husband David: a daughter, Christine Marie, on October 21, 1991.

**Robin (Paolucci) Ullian '81** and husband Richard: a son, Douglas Brian, on October 28, 1991.

**Mary T. (Looney) Williams '81** and husband David: a daughter, Mary Theresa, on November 1, 1991.

**Martha (Fanning) Erickson '82** and husband Steven: a daughter, Caitlin Emily, on December 3, 1991.

**Gina (Molinari) Finn '82** and husband John: a daughter, Emily Frances, on July 8, 1991.

**William D. Manchester '82** and wife Patrice: a daughter, Courtney Ellen, on September 14, 1991.

**Martha (Toole) Murray '82** and husband Michael: a son, Philip Toole, on January 12, 1992.

**John C. Regan '82** and wife Elizabeth: a son, John Christopher Jr., on December 29, 1991.

**Gregory K. Shannahan '82** and wife Barbara (Flasko) '81: a daughter, Kelsey Elizabeth, on January 10, 1992.

**Susan M. (McManus) Finn '83** and husband Bill: a daughter, Kelly Elizabeth, on July 13, 1991.

**Marie (Zenkin) Goggin '83** and husband Vincent: a son, Joseph Walter, on September 24, 1991.

**Michael Hunter '84:** and wife Susan (Bachand) '84: a son, Jonathan Michael, on January 4, 1992.

**Janet (Wilson) McGuire '84** and husband Gary: a son Daniel Patrick, on March 28, 1991.

**John Mangano '84** and wife Beth (Begley) '84: a son, Dominic James, on June 21, 1991.

**Kathleen (Vigneaux) Surette '84** and husband Gary: a son, Timothy James, on September 28, 1991.

**Annemarie "Anne" (Grady) Bell '85** and husband Robert: a daughter, Katelyn Leigh, on December 19, 1991.

**Thomas A. Murphy '85** and wife Maryann (Harrington) '84: a son and daughter, Garrett Thomas and Meghan Harrington, on August 19, 1991.

**David J. Bigley '86** and wife Mary Beth (Ogorchock) '87: a daughter, Elizabeth Anne-Marie, on November 30, 1991.

**Paul M. Cullinane '86** and wife Jody R. (Cahill) '87: a son, Theodore Joseph, on December 2, 1991.

## IN MEMORIAM

**Major Paul A. Lanni '53**, a retired Army officer, died in December at his home in Groton, Mass. He was 74. He served in the Philippines in World War II, attained the rank of captain, and retired in 1968 as a major. While at Merrimack he was a basketball coach and director of the Andover Youth Center. His family includes his wife, Roberta; a son, Paul Jr. of Groton; and a daughter Elaina Blodgett of Nashua, N.H.

**Claire A. (Archambault) Kennedy '54**, the principal of the Rollins School in Lawrence, died Feb. 12. She had been an educator in the Lawrence school system for more than 25 years. After graduating from Merrimack, Kennedy received a master's degree in education from Salem State College. Kennedy, who was 58, was the widow of John J. Kennedy. She is survived by her daughter, Deborah McGowan of Londonderry, N.H. and sons John of Litchfield, Mass. and Kevin of Middleboro, Mass.

**Philip J. Doyle '56**, of Chelmsford, died last Christmas Eve after being stricken suddenly at his home. Doyle, 61, was the assistant clerk of the state senate for 16 years. He is survived by his wife of 34 years Angela; a son, James of Catonsville, Md; five daughters, Julie A. Sallah of Naperville, Ill., Jane E. O'Brien of Duxbury, Anne Anderson of Ayer, and Kathleen Cullen and Mary Doyle of Chelmsford.

**Lawrence J. Sullivan '67**, a conciliator for the Massachusetts Department of Industrial Acci-

dents, died of a heart attack last December. He was 46 and lived in Andover, where he had served on the Board of Selectmen. Sullivan was a member of the Men of Merrimack. After his graduation from Merrimack, Sullivan received a law degree from Suffolk University, and practiced law in Andover. He is survived by his father, Atty. Richard M. of Andover; two sons, Brett L. of Andover and Nathan D. of Lynn; their mother, Marsha Sullivan of Andover; and his fiancée, Dorothy Winn of Andover.

**John Beletsky** of North Andover, a Security Officer at Merrimack until his retirement in 1976, died in February. Beletsky, 80, helped to found the Salem Foodland in 1946. His daughters Betty Joan Potvin and Dorothy Carlson of Andover survive him.

**Floyd C. Green Jr.**, a retired Security Officer at the college until his retirement, died in January. Green, 61, lived in Middleton. He is survived by his wife Myrtle and daughters Linda Dennon of Gloucester, Geraldine Frnduto of Plaistow, N.H., Sandra Dukshire of Charlestown and Joy Bergeron of Lowell; and sons Patrick Griffin of Winthrop and Scott Griffin of Largo, Fla.

**John G. Witham**, a benefactor of Merrimack College, died January 16. He was 84, lived in Andover, and was for more than 50 years, a corporate attorney for Cabot Corp. in Boston. He leaves his wife Barbara and his son, William Whitham of Toronto.

**Gretchen (Goodrow) Lothrop '86** and husband Hal: a daughter, Kelly Marie, on June 30, 1991.

**Lisa (Swan) McCarthy '86** and husband John: a daughter, Alison Michelle, on June 18, 1991.

**Karen (Demers) Boucher '87** and husband Ron: a son, Bryan Hansen, on August 23, 1991.

**Thomas Boucher '87** and wife Amy (Carroll) '87: a daughter Rachel Mae, on November 2, 1991.

**Robert Allen Fowler, Jr. '87** and wife Shelly (Visalli) '87: a son, Michael Robert, on January 18, 1992.

**Jean (Kuzmeski) Trout '87** and husband Christopher: a son, Christopher D. Jr., on January 12, 1992.

**David R. Beanland '88** and wife Darlene: a daughter, Alexandra Sara, on December 7, 1991.

**Christine Burzalow '90** and husband Charles: a daughter, Lauren Elizabeth, on November 10, 1991.

**James Palmisano '90** and wife Amy (LaPlume) '89: a son, Nicolas James, on July 12, 1991.

**Cindy (Brown) Stoddard '90** and husband Steven: a son, Cameron James, on May 28, 1991.



## NEWS NOTES

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**Rita M. (Bonanno) Collins** was recently elected second vice president to the Board of Directors of Catholic Charities/North Suburban of Lynn, Mass. which serves Essex and Middlesex counties. The Swampscott resident is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Salem, Mass. Hospital Aid Association.

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**Louise A. (Pothier) Muise** has been elected to the Board of City Educators for the Folger Shakespeare Library, which houses Shakespearean memorabilia. She teaches English and journalism at McKinley High School in Washington, D.C. where she lives with her husband Benoit.

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**D. Paul Sweeney**, who is the Deputy Special Agent in charge of the U.S. Secret Service's Dignitary Protective Division, supervised security arrangements for Russian President Boris Yeltsin when he visited the U.S. last winter. Sweeney lives in Bethesda, Md.

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**Marietta (Mullen) Guaragna** of West Peabody, Mass. has received a master's degree in Education from Lesley College, and certification as a teacher of young children with special needs. She teaches in an integrated pre-school program at Early Childhood Center of Salem, Mass.

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**Helen M. Curtis** of Ipswich recently received an M.B.A. from Simmons College. She is chancellor for the Consulate of Peru in Boston, and is a consultant to several Boston area companies.

**Laurence M. Magner** has been named director of the Russian-American Educational Collaborative. Magner has helped develop a model program for the newly chartered organization which serves as a coordinating agency for American and Russian school systems interested in developing joint educational programs. He lives in Norfolk, Mass. with his wife Maryann and their two children.

**Paul L. Marino, M.D., Ph.D.** who lives and works in New York City, is the author of "The ICU Book", a textbook for medical students published by Lea and Febiger in 1991. He is also the director of critical care medicine for the Mount Sinai School of Medicine.

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**Constance (Connie) Pozniak, D.V.M.** has been elected to the Virginia Veterinary Medical Association. Pozniak, who lives in Virginia Beach, owns Boulevard Veterinary Hospital in Norfolk, where she practices household-animal medicine, surgery, and dentistry.

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**Kathy (Pitochelli) Hamel** has been promoted to sales manager for Edgewood Life-Care Retirement Community in North Andover, Mass.

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**James P. Tutko**, who has been a firefighter since 1971, was appointed chief of the Danvers, Mass. Fire Department. He lives in Danvers with his wife Brenda and their three children.

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**Donna Adie Birrow**, who lives in Chelmsford, Mass. has been notified that she has passed the Certified Public Accounting examination.

**Salvatore "Sal" J. Petralia** has completed a two-year study of Certified Financial Planning exams. Petralia, who lives in Litchfield, N.H. with his wife **Lynda Panebianco '72** and their two children, is a financial consultant for Shearson Lehman Brothers in Manchester.

**Dennis J. Wlodyka** has been promoted to group manager at the U.S. Treasury's Division of Criminal Investigation. He supervises special agents who investigate public corruption, organized crime, and other federal offenses. He lives in Methuen, Mass. with his wife Nancy and their three children.

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**Jean "Jay" J. Croteau, Jr.** has been elected to the Chicopee (Mass.) Board of Alderman for a seventh term. Croteau, who will chair the zoning subcommittee, lives in Chicopee with his wife Charlna and their two daughters.

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**Francis J. Hanley** of North Andover, Mass. has joined Robert E. Brownlow and Associates in Pittsfield, Mass. as a brokerage supervisor. Hanley, who specializes in planning clients' financial goals, lives in Pittsfield with his wife Judith and their three children.

**Hugh M. MacKenzie** has taken a new position as creator and manager of telemarketing at the Unex Corporation in Chelmsford, Mass. He was also featured in "SAIL" magazine's February issue for evaluating three multi-hull boats during a four-day sailing trip sponsored by the magazine. MacKenzie lives in Melrose, Mass. with his wife **Karen Wenderoth '78** and their three sons.

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**Joseph S. Kowalczyk, P.E.** of Methuen has been promoted to principal engineer at Camp Dresser and McKee Inc.'s headquarters in Cambridge, Mass. Kowalczyk, who has expertise in managing wastewater sludge, is an adjunct professor of civil engineering at Merrimack.

**Gary M. Lane** has received a doctorate in Education from the University of Massachusetts at Lowell. Lane lives in Bradford, Mass. and teaches English at Epping High School in Epping, N.H., and at New Hampshire College in Salem, N.H.

**Sharon M. Morris** was awarded a master of arts degree in Pastoral Counseling from Boston College. She lives in Brighton, Mass. and is a counselor at Xaverian Brothers High School in Westwood, Mass.

**Larry Thibault** has won the 1991 President's Advisory Council contest for Parke-Davis Pharmaceuticals. Thibault, a district manager, had the highest sales in the country. He lives in Modesto, Calif. with his wife Kristin and their son Matthew.

**Stanley T. Trocki** was elected to the Home Health Visiting Nurses' board of directors, a non-profit home and community health services agency that serves the Merrimack Valley and Southern New Hampshire. He has been the administrator of the Glynn Memorial Nursing Home since 1984, and lives in Bradford, Mass.

**Thomas R. Selling** has been promoted to regional manager of the Environmental Engineering Division for the Dunn Corporation of Concord, N.H. He was also appointed to the Environmental Engineering Section for Hazardous Waste Remediation for the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE). He lives in Laconia, N.H. with his wife Janet and their son Shane.



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**Douglas Kenney** has been appointed Branch Manager of the Quad Cities Branch for Fruehauf, an international truck manufacturer. Kenney recently participated in testing an off-highway, low-ground-pressure wagon designed for use in Antarctica.

**Barry A. Sullivan** has been elected to the board of directors of the Beverly National Corporation and the Beverly National Bank. He has also been elected a member, and appointed to the finance committee, of Northeast Health Systems, a parent corporation of Beverly Hospital. He lives in Beverly with his wife Susan and their three daughters.

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**John J. Meehan**, of Rye, N.H., has been promoted to assistant custodian for Classic Mixes, Inc. in Exeter.

**Steven Ferullo** of Westerville, Ohio has been promoted to national sales trainer of Ross Laboratories in Columbus. He has been with the company since 1989 as a key account manager.

**James Guarino** has been promoted to tax manager for Mullen and Company of Charlestown, Mass. He lives in Wakefield with his wife Lisa and their daughter Aylssa Joy, born last June 4.

**Michael Juliano, Donald Bowen, and Richard Waitt** have celebrated the second anniversary of their civil engineering firm, Meridian Engineering Collaborative, Inc. in Peabody, Mass. which has tripled in size since being founded.

**James Dorman** of Quincy, Mass. was named director of Keyport Life Insurance Company's administrative operations. He will be responsible for general and special market departments for the company he has worked for for nine years.

**Andrew V. Socha** has received a master's degree in Computer Science at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. He is a software engineer for General Electric at the Ordinance Systems Division in Pittsfield, Mass., and lives in Troy, N.Y. with his wife **Laura A. Foley '83** and their daughter Natalie Tonia Socha, born last December 27.

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**Christine (Lyons) Eliopoulos** of Tyngsboro, Mass. has received a master's degree in Computer Science from Boston University. She is a member of the technical staff specializing in computer security engineering for the MITRE Corporation in Bedford, Mass.

**Thomas J. Mahoney** of Andover, Mass. has been promoted to assistant vice president of the asset recovery group at the Warren Five Cents Savings Bank in Andover.

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**Laura (Biase) Meyers** of Orlando, Fla. has been promoted to director of marketing for Nickelodion Studios, part of Universal Studios in Orlando.

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**David J. Bigley** was promoted to vice president of Connecticut operations for the Comnet Mortgage Company in Bridgeport, Conn. He lives in Stratford with his wife **Mary Beth Ogorchock '87** and their two daughters.



**Kevin G. Creedon**, BayBank Assistant Vice President and Business Development Officer, has joined the BayBank Business Banking Group, a team of small- and large-businesses in the Boston area. He is also a member of the Brookline, Mass. Chamber of Commerce and lives in Brookline.

**Joseph M. Hurley** has joined Reardon Associates in Burlington, Mass. as a technical search consultant. The Tewksbury resident specializes in information systems, data and voice communications, and software and systems service.

**Debra "Debbie" J. Valanzola** of Framingham, Mass. has received a master's degree in Writing, Literature, and Publications from Emerson College in Boston. She is a senior technical writer for the IDX Corporation, also in Boston.

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**Kirsten Jensen Arnold** was admitted to the Massachusetts Bar in December after receiving a J.D. degree from the New England School of Law last May. She works for Atty. Richard H. Jensen in Needham where she also lives with her husband Shawn.

**Dr. Dorothy Kennedy-Kardas** recently received a doctorate in clinical psychology from the Forest Institute of Professional Psychology in Wheeling, Ill. She garnered awards for highest academic honors and outstanding professionalism. Kennedy-Kardas is a psychotherapist at Danvers State Hospital, where she has a fellowship, and will travel to Bern, Switzerland this summer to conduct further research in schizophrenia.

**Brian K. Sifferlen** has been promoted to an officer for the United States Trust Company of Boston, where he will be responsible for the investment operations department. He lives in North Andover, Mass. with his wife Patricia and their son Ryan.

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**Edward Rossi** of Littleton, Mass. has joined Mediplex of Wellesley as a healthcare computer consultant. He implements, installs, trains personnel for, and troubleshoots computer systems for all of Mediplex's Sub-Acute Division facilities.

**David R. Beanland** has been accepted to the University of Pennsylvania's Medical School and Combined Oral Surgery Program. He attends Tufts Dental School in Boston and is a respiratory therapist at Lawrence (Mass.) General Hospital. He lives in Andover, Mass. with his wife Darlene and their two daughters.

**Diane Boulanger-Prescott** has been appointed Director of Personnel for the Massachusetts Rate Setting Commission by Governor William Weld. The commission determines rates paid by the state for all medical procedures and services. She received an M.B.A. from New Hampshire College as well as a nursing home administrator's licence. She lives in Haverhill, Mass. with her husband David.

**Daniel F. Incropera** of Lawrence, Mass. has joined the auditing department at the Boston office of Grant Thornton, an international accountant and management consulting firm.

**John "Jack" P. Quinn III** of Chelmsford, Mass. has joined Standard Business Systems, Inc. of Boston as an account representative.

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**Robert "Bob" Kilkenny** of Maynard, Mass. has joined Macdonald, Levine, Jenkins and Co., P.C., of Boston, as a tax accountant.

**John A. Froio** of Malden, Mass. has been elected president of the Malden City Council, after being re-elected to the council for a third term.

**Vanessa M. Nicolosi** has accepted a position at Kaiser Hospital in Honolulu, Hawaii. She lives in Waipahu where she is "swimming with the dolphins in my spare time."

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**Maura P. McDonald** of Wilmington, Mass. has received an M.B.A. in Finance from Bentley College in December.

**Eileen Miquelon** of Woburn, Mass. has been notified that she has passed the Certified Public Accountant examination. Miquelon is employed by Wolf and Company of Massachusetts, P.C., a Boston accounting firm.

**Kristen M. Salines** of Saugus, Mass. is studying at Boston College for a master's degree in social work. She received honors for her first semester. Salines is also an independent-living facilitator at Supported Living Center of Chelsea.

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**Paul C. Neal** of Lawrence, Mass. has joined Quaker Oats as a sales representative covering territory from Lawrence, Mass. to Berlin, N.H.

**Raquel Tayag** of North Andover, Mass. has joined VNA HomeCare Inc. as manager of the data processing department. She supervises referrals for home care services for the Andover non-profit home care agency.



# CALENDAR

## MAY

- 8, 9 and 10 NPK/PKT 30th Reunion  
11 Eleventh Annual President's Cup  
17 Commencement  
20 Men of Merrimack Annual Dinner  
31 Ladies of Merrimack Flea Market  
(Rain Date June 14)

## JUNE

- 5, 6 and 7 Reunion, honoring Classes of '52, '57,  
'62, '67, '72, '77, '82, '87  
5 President's Council Appreciation Dinner  
9 Spring Fling (Bostonian Hotel, Boston)\*  
11 Ladies of Merrimack Annual Meeting

## SEPTEMBER

- 16 Alumni and Men of Merrimack, Red Sox  
Game and Reception

## OCTOBER

- 21 A Night with Yolanda, Dinner and  
Fashion Show

\* Call Susan Wojtas '79 at (508) 837-5440 for reservations and information

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*MERRIMACTION: Volunteers working the lumber mill in Maine. (Photo by Tina Sutton)*

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