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7, 8, 9 The OnStagers Dramatic Society of Merrimack College presents "Into the Woods"
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12 Annual Merrimack College Model Passover Seder with Rabbi Robert Goldstein presiding
2 p.m., Cascia Hall

13 The Annual McLaughlin Lecture Series presents Dr. Dan Anderson, one of the world's leading researchers of children and the media
7:00 p.m.

14 Career Series: Pursuing a Paycheck with a Purpose, Merrimack Club
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3-5 "The Courage to Remember" The annual commemoration of Yom Hashoah—The Simon Wiesenthal Center's acclaimed exhibit of the Nazi Holocaust
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6 30th Anniversary President's Cup Golf Tournament
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It's a new year and a good time to take a fresh look at Merrimack. I think you would agree that Merrimack is a wonderful institution. To begin the process of advancing Merrimack to a national and even international position of prominence, we have begun focusing our priorities around four key areas: student life, campus and facilities, academics, and alumni relations. In just the past six months, we have made notable progress in each of these four areas.

In the area of student life, we've taken steps to become more residential. To help offset students' costs and ease the financial burden for parents who may have lost a job in the current economy, we increased financial aid by more than $3 million from $18 to $21 million, and made changes to financial policies to enable more students to continue their education. We also made a considerable investment in establishing 24-hour access to the McQuade Library and Campus Center. And we provided opportunities for conversations with the President.

We've also made improvements to the campus and facilities, including the creation of the Merrimack Club for alumni and faculty events and renovations to classrooms, the Volpe Hockey Arena, the ground floor of the library, where we added Zest, a coffee cafe, and the Welcome Center for Admissions. We also updated our technology infrastructure and soon will be wireless campus-wide. In addition, we added club sports as well as women's golf and women's crew for 2011.

We're advancing our academic offerings with the addition of two new undergraduate programs in Sustainability and Information Technology. We took steps to expand our graduate and education programs. And we initiated a search for a new dean of the business school, and a new provost.

I'm very excited about the enhancements we're making in alumni relations. We've expanded homecoming to a new venue, created the Merrimack Club as I mentioned, which is a great venue for alumni events, added "Meet the President" receptions for out-of-state alumni (this spring in Florida and New York), and added five new frontline advancement officers.

These improvements are important to the College as it will make it more inviting for current and prospective students and provide faculty an improved teaching environment. We were mindful of the budget in making these changes and have ensured that improvements are made in a fiscally responsible manner. As we increase enrollments and fundraising, we hope to continue to make improvements to campus.

As we focus on our transformation, we recognize our alumni are crucial to our success. You are very successful role models for our students who see what is possible by going to Merrimack. Your input and involvement are extremely important as to how we recruit the next generation of Merrimack students—from admissions events and home interviews to networking with graduating students and helping us secure the future of the institution through philanthropic gifts and the generosity of your time.

I hope you will look to this magazine for new ways to connect back with Merrimack. We'll be showcasing you, our alumni, in every issue. And we'll bring you exciting opportunities to get involved and gain a real sense of purpose and ownership in the College and its future.

Christopher E. Hopey, Ph.D.
President
Merrimack’s ‘Seminal Moment’

New Board of Trustees Chairman and Merrimack Alumnus

Brian Mitchell on Shaping the College’s Future

A vision for the future of Merrimack College is taking shape under the new leadership of President Christopher Hopey and the Board of Trustees, led by new Chairman Brian Mitchell ’74. Mitchell is energized by what he sees as Merrimack’s potential to be a competitive and influential institution in the rapidly evolving higher education market.

“I firmly believe this is a seminal moment in the history of the College,” said Mitchell. “Merrimack is, by virtue of its location, in the history of the College,” said Mitchell. “Merrimack is, by virtue of its location, in the history of the College.”

Mitchell knows a thing or two about the quality of its faculty and programs, and the determination of the trustees, poised at the brink of something special as it successfully advances the mission of a higher education institution. After a productive six-year tenure, he recently stepped down as President of Bucknell University, one of the most selective universities in America. At Bucknell, he was the chief architect of the strengthening the Bucknell academic core and groundwork for what the University will become for at least the next 25 years,” said Mitchell. “I firmly believe that the potential to build sustainable momentum. Therefore, boards often see the future of the college as an extension of the world they wish existed. There’s a danger there because higher education can be as competitive as any industry in America.”

Mitchell shows a genuine sense of excitement about Chris’s leadership and the direction. “Chris brings energy, poise, determination, focus, management skills, program capability and the capacity to understand how the dots are all connected,” said Mitchell. “We found in Chris what the College desperately needed. He understands education. He’s prudent and can bring things to closure.”

“I was impressed with how he argued with great passion for Merrimack’s potential,” he continued. “He understands the Augustinian tradition and how to build a strong identity. He’s aware of the need to market and communicate the vision that he has for the College. My job is to make sure the board stands behind Chris.”

Mitchell brings to Merrimack a broad and deep understanding of how a higher education institution runs and an understanding of the role of the chairman.

“In my capacity as trustee of three institutions, I’ve learned that knowing what not to do is sometimes as important as what to do,” he explained. “One of the dangers I see for college and university boards is that they often alumni-based. Therefore, boards often see the future of the college as an extension of the world they wish existed. There’s a danger there because higher education can be as competitive as any industry in America.”

Mitchell strongly believes he and his fellow alumni have a role to play in the future of the College, from helping with admissions, marketing and communications to building the alumni network and contributing.

“I’m a fan of the Boston Red Sox,” said Mitchell. “If there’s one word that describes the Sox in this century, it’s ‘believe.’ For alumni, it’s time to believe in Merrimack. Under Chris’s leadership, there is the potential to build sustainable momentum.

“There are moments that allow alumni to believe that the place they went to is a better place, markedly stronger. I think that time has come for Merrimack. It’s time to make sure we secure our history and build on it as Merrimack becomes a stronger regional and national institution.”

Merrimack Welcomes Fr. Mickey

Rev. Anthony M. Genovese, O.S.A., new member of the board of trustees

As the new vision for advancing Merrimack’s mission develops, the core of the College’s identity remains its Augustinian tradition. Within this strong tradition, the Board of Trustees is pleased to welcome new member Anthony M. Genovese, O.S.A., affectionately known to many as Fr. Mickey.

Fr. Mickey comes to Merrimack having recently been elected Prior Provincial of the Province of Saint Thomas of Villanova. As Prior Provincial, he coordinates the ministries of the friars for the northeast (Pennsylvania, New York, Massachusetts), Venice, Florida, a monastery in Miami, Florida; Villanova University and Merrimack College. His responsibilities extend globally to South America, Asia-Pacific and Africa.

Fr. Mickey has strong ties to Merrimack. He knew Fr. Vincent McQuade, the College’s founding president, and cared for ailing Fr. Tom Kenny, the friar responsible for planting many of the trees that beautify the Merrimack campus.

“George Morgan did a lot of work for the College. Tommy Walsh. Great guys,” recalled Fr. Mickey. “They started with nothing. That’s the tradition to keep it going.”

Coincidentally, Fr. Mickey also shares a connection with Merrimack President Christopher Hopey. Fr. Mickey was the pastor of the parish President Hopey belonged to when he was Vice Dean at the Graduate School of Education at the University of Pennsylvania.

“Chris knows the impact we can have on education, because he lived here and participated,” affirmed Fr. Mickey. “He knows that it is the DNA of Merrimack—Augustinian and Catholic. He gets that. He really cares that students get the best experience at Merrimack. I see his excitement for what he’s taking on. I think anyone who’s that committed to it, it will work. God will take care of it.”

Fr. Mickey strongly supports President Hopey’s mission of growing enrollments and bringing the Merrimack experience to a broader student community.

“I like what Chris is doing with communications, rebranding of the administration, and offering what we have to other students,” said Fr. Mickey. “He’s going out to get them. Evangelization is what we would call it. What’s our heart’s greatest desire? Love. What are we always looking for? Truth. That’s what our communities are based on and that’s all Augustine. My role as a Prior Provincial is to help create the atmosphere that our communities can experience that and reflect that wherever they work.”

Fr. Mickey is based in the St. Thomas of Villanova Monastery in Rosemont, Penn.
America, accepting about 30 percent of its applicants and yielding
BRIAN C. MITCHELL was named Bucknell University's 16th
and humanities, life sciences, management and engineering. Its
undergraduate engineering program is consistently rated among the
top ten in America.
A past member of Bucknell's Board of Trustees, Mitchell is widely quoted in the national media, including National Public Radio, The Chicago Tribune, The Philadelphia Inquirer, and The Chronicle of Higher Education. His extensive knowledge of private higher education issues is underscored by a demonstrated leadership in strategic planning and in working within and outside the university community. Mitchell is a champion of the value of a liberal arts education working to establish new programs, for example, in bio-medical engineering, environmental studies, and public policy while at Bucknell. Mitchell is the principal architect behind the development of Bucknell University's strategic plan and its first comprehensive master plan since the 1930s. He led a major fundraising effort for Bucknell to raise at least $400 million over the next several years and which has already raised over $170 million from all sources to date. Mitchell is a specialist in and advocate for strong community-based partnerships as well as through his efforts, Bucknell has worked closely with its region to develop a new 30,000 sf, Barnes & Noble Bookstore in downtown Lewisburg, the renovation of downtown administrative office space, the rejuvenation of the iconic art deco Campus Theater, a business incubation center, Bucknell Landing which opens the Susquehanna River directly to Bucknell's faculty, students, staff and programs, and more than 10 miles in rails-to-trails projects in the region.
Working with Bucknell's faculty, he implemented a new arts and science curriculum, and expansion of the campus's engineering college, the move from department to a School of Management, and the migration to the five-course load that lowered the student/faculty ratio to 10:1. More than 60 new professors have been hired during his tenure, faculty salaries have been improved and rank among the most competitive in the country, sabbatical and travel funds have been increased, and the University opened a new Teaching Center. During his service, Bucknell moved its band rating to an outstanding AA2 and is regarded as one of the best managed universities in America, with a strong balance sheet and a history of consecutive balanced budgets. Its capital program remains rugged with little deference maintenance and through the construction or repurposing and rehabilitation of numerous buildings on campus during his six years at Bucknell.
A native of Lowell, Massachusetts, Mitchell graduated from Keith Academy and from Merrimack College in 1974. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Rochester. The recipient of numerous academic awards, he has received grants from the American Council of Learned Societies, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the American Historical Association, and the U.S. Department of the Interior and has consulted on many projects and programs, including serving as an advisor to the development of the Lowell National Historical Park.
A specialist in 19th-century urban, ethnic and labor history, Mitchell is the author of The Faddy Camps. The Irish of Lowell, 1821-1871 (University of Illinois Press) as well as numerous other books, edited collections, journal articles, op-eds and conference papers.
In addition to extensive teaching experience in Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Virginia, Mitchell was a program officer in the Division of State Programs of the National Endowment for the Humanities in Washington, D.C. before becoming president of the Council of Independent Colleges and Universities of Pennsylvania in 1991.
Mitchell is a past chair of the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Pennsylvania (AICUI), which represents Pennsylvania's 85 private colleges and universities, of the Pennsylvania Selection Committee for the Rhodes Scholarship, of the Association of Independent College and University Executives (NAICUSE) and The Patriot League Council of Presidents. He has also served on the boards of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (NAICUI), Pennsylvania Humanities Council, National History Day, and the Geisinger Health System, and was appointed by Governor Tom Ridge and reappointed by Governor Ed Rendell to the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. He was also a member of the board of The Annapolis Group, representing America's 125 most selective liberal arts colleges and universities. In April 2010, President Clinton asked him to speak at the Clinton Global Initiative Conference on an ambitious new program to attract the best and brightest community college students to highly selective institutions like Bucknell, as the result of a program developed there through a major grant from the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation.
Mitchell serves as the chair of the Board of Trustees of Merrimack College. He is also a member of the board of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation in Chicago and has served as a trustee of Washington University in St. Louis for five years. He was named a 2010 national award for individual contributions to American higher education by the POSSE Foundation at a major gala in New York City in May 2010.

Alexa Abowitz is Vice President for Administration and Legal Counsel. She oversees the College's administrative operations, including Human Resources, Information Technology, Physical Plant, Police Services, Purchasing, Risk Management and Sodexo. Alexa brings more than 15 years experience in managing legal operations, with extensive knowledge in employment law. Most recently, she was a partner at Cetrulo & Capone, LLP in Boston. Alexa has a B.S. and M.S.Ed. from the University of Pennsylvania and a J.D. from Villanova University.

Michael Accardi has been named Vice President for Enrollment and Financial Aid, and Partnerships. He comes to Merrimack from Northeastern University where he was senior associate director of the Office of Financial Aid and Partnerships. He is responsible for multi-year major gifts from alumni and foundations. He holds a B.A. in political science from the University of New Hampshire and a master's in public policy from the University of Denver.

Jim Dennis is Vice President for Development, working on development strategy to increase fundraising efforts which further enhance the Merrimack experience for students and alumni. Jim returned to Merrimack a year ago after overseeing leadership giving at Salem State College for nine years. Prior to that, Jim spent four years at Merrimack as director of resource development. He holds a B.S.B.A. degree from Merrimack College.

Father Ray Dlugos, O.S.A was appointed Vice President of Mission and Student Affairs in July 2010, overseeing residential life, student affairs, campus ministry, and community service. His new role will help to enhance campus life and personal attention for students as well as ongoing efforts to maintain living spaces that adhere to Jesuit values and Catholic mission. An Augustinian Friar from the Valesian Province, Fr. Ray has a Ph.D. in counseling psychology from the University of Albany, State University of New York. He is a licensed psychologist.

Kristin Greene leads the College as Vice President of Enrollment Management, Planning and Strategy. She is responsible for developing a long-term enrollment growth, retention and selectivity strategy and oversees the Division of Enrollment Management. Kristin has a B.A. from the University of Pennsylvania, an M.A. in international affairs from Johns Hopkins University and an MBA from the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania. Kristin has previously worked at Waterhouse- Cooper and Eduventures, the leading higher education consulting firm in the U.S.

Lisa Jebali serves Merrimack as Director, Office of the President. She manages the President's Office, special projects, presidential events and the president's schedule. Lisa joins the College from Northeastern University and has a strong background in event management and nonprofit administration.

Donna Swartwout is the Dean of Campus Life, overseeing Residence Life, Student Involvement, Hamel Health Center, Community Standards and Orientation. This expanded role will allow for greater innovation and improve the overall student experience. Donna received her Ph.D from the University of Maryland at College Park. Prior to coming to Merrimack she took some time away from higher education and was the Executive Director for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Nashua. Donna has worked at Colgate University, Loyola College in Baltimore, Md. and St. Michael's College in Vermont.

Sue Thorn has joined Merrimack as Vice President, Communications and Marketing. She is responsible for developing an integrated communications and marketing strategy that raises the visibility of the College nationally and internationally. She has extensive background in corporate and nonprofit communications and marketing; most recently she led communications strategy for Northeastern University. She holds a B.A. in communication from New England College and an M.S. in corporate and organizational communications from Northeastern University.
HORIZONS BROADENED WITH BEIJING INTERNSHIP

Christopher Chaves, a senior at Merrimack majoring in business administration with a concentration in accounting, has had firsthand, worldly experiences because of his decision to attend Merrimack College.

Interested in pursuing a degree in the business field, Chaves felt Merrimack College was the right choice for an institution to prepare him for a business degree as well as his desire to broaden his horizons. The strong sense of community, Chaves decided, and the openness to people from all walks of life would give him the support and security he needed to try new things and be comfortable anywhere in the world. Chaves enjoys the community aspect Merrimack brings, especially how welcoming the community is to different people from all different walks of life.

Last spring, Chaves studied abroad in Beijing, China with an internship in a software development start-up company. His job was to coordinate efforts with clients in Beijing and abroad. In addition to learning some Mandarin four to five days a week, Chaves said his experience opened him up to how different businesses work in different countries. Chaves remarked "the little things" were important to proper business procedures. "How to hand someone your business card or remembering to pour tea to the right side first" were small, yet vital aspects of business he learned. Chaves said through his time abroad, he learned the necessity to "be open to new experiences and to have a willingness to be open and adapt to different ways things are done."

Upon graduation, Chaves wishes to continue in a business background, with an interest in his concentration of accounting. He would like to use his abroad experience to find a job in a global business with an international company. His preparation from Merrimack College, Chaves said, has encouraged him to take on the world.

Mary Rose Mazzola
PUBLIC SERVICE AND POLICY ARE HER PASSIONS

If there is anyone who can accurately represent what public service and political science entail, it is Mary Rose Mazzola. Mary Rose, a junior at Merrimack and political science major, has devoted a good portion of her college career to public service and policy. Among many honors, Mazzola was the Political Science Department's recipient of the Lombard Scholarship to attend American University in the spring.

Mazzola previously worked at the State House in Boston, the hub of state legislature, heading up the Domestic Violence Task Force for the Massachusetts Caucus of Women Legislators, and this past summer worked as a policy assistant for the National Foundation for Women Legislators in Washington D.C. "It was a great experience working on domestic violence, and making legislators aware of domestic violence problems," said Mazzola. She created informational literature that advocated the need for domestic violence attention and preventive education that were distributed among lawmakers. "It is a very common issue in homes, and funding for awareness is the first to get cut from state and federal budgets," Mazzola explained.

Merrimack has really opened doors for Mazzola and helped her obtain her internships. "I really like how small and connected Merrimack is. Merrimack has connections everywhere, and it is very helpful."

Mary Rose Mazzola has been very passionate about her research in ovarian cancer legislation, after her aunt was diagnosed with it. Mazzola explains, "Merrimack takes the time to pay attention to their students; it offers services that you would not get at most colleges," she added.

Mazzola was recently honored by getting the opportunity to intern for Massachusetts Senator John Kerry's office. Mazzola's impressive public service record stems from inspiration from her family, and researching and working on ovarian cancer legislation, after her aunt was diagnosed with it.

Mazzola currently works at a law firm, but hopes to continue her work in public policy upon graduation. "I hope to get an internship, and see where things go from there."

Mary Rose Mazzola hopes to continue her research and work on domestic violence prevention, something she has grown very passionate about.

by Abigail Clark '12, Copy Editor, The Beacon
by Patrick Lawlor '13, Associate Editor in Chief, The Beacon
Richard Matson, a senior at Merrimack, is currently completing his undergraduate degree as a fifth year senior on co-op and will graduate this May. He has worked for two major companies as part of his cooperative education; Camp Dresser & McKee Inc. in Cambridge, Mass. and AECOM in Boston, Mass. and is looking to stay with the company as a full-time employee.

After his time here at Merrimack, he hopes to continue his education at Tufts University for a master's degree in science and engineering with a focus on infrastructure engineering. Matson plans to finance his graduate degree on a research grant from the National Science Foundation.

Matson has made quite the name for himself at Merrimack. Last year, he was the 2010 class president and that was only his first year being involved in Class Council. Rich's extreme interest has been for the American Society of Civil Engineers student chapter, something that he has been involved with since freshman year. He served as secretary, and for the past three years has been president. Matson is also the team captain for the Merrimack College Steel Bridge Team. He was a member of the President Ambassadors program, Merrimack's Programming Board, an Austin Scholar, a member of the Dean's Advisory Committee for the School of Science and Engineering, and had a work study job on campus to assist a professor with his labs for a Site Design class this past semester.

"I would not be the mature and driven person I am today without Merrimack's ability to encourage me to learn and grow," Matson said. One day he hopes to have his own engineering firm. "I want to thank Merrimack for five great years and a lifetime full of opportunities and memories, I look forward to staying connected," Matson added.

Alex Picardi '12, Staff Writer, The Beacon

Senior Lindsey deMont is proof of what a well-rounded liberal arts school can produce. deMont, a member of the women's soccer team, is graduating from Merrimack this spring with a dual degree in art history and finance. She has studied abroad in Florence, Italy, and participated in both of Merrimack's European pilgrimages, Convivencia and Pellegrinaggio.

Participating in the international programs has provided deMont with an exceptional learning experience. "It made me more independent, and through the programs there was a major self realization," deMont said. Being abroad and studying the art typically limited to textbook viewing gave deMont a "brand new light" into her study of Renaissance era art. "Being abroad really put the art in a social and cultural perspective," she said. Academics and travel are not the only things that deMont has succeeded in. She has also gained praise for her work on the field. deMont has earned Northeast-10 conference honors as well as New England wide honors for her defensive skills and started in all 20 games this year. Being part of a team heightened deMont's experience as well. "It is a whole different way to be connected; being part of a team you have a responsibility to your teammates and your team, and it really makes you want to give your best," deMont said. Upon graduating, deMont will pursue a doctorate degree in art history. She hopes to teach art history and broaden her research in the subject. deMont speaks highly of the Fine Arts Department at Merrimack. "I was lucky to find a connected department that would help me in any way possible," she said.

by Patrick Lawlor '13
Associate Editor in Chief, The Beacon
ACCOUNTING FOR
LONG-TERM COMMITMENT

Accounting Professor Richard DelGaudio dedicates nearly 40 years to students of Merrimack’s Girard School of Business

It was during an economics teaching fellowship as a student at Northeastern University that Professor Richard DelGaudio, Interim Dean of Merrimack College’s Girard School of Business and International Commerce, discovered he enjoyed teaching and working with students.

“My ultimate aim was to get into higher education,” recalls Professor DelGaudio. “I got an interview at Merrimack and became an assistant director of co-op. I taught half-time and did business co-op half-time.”

That was in 1972. During his 38 years at the College, Professor DelGaudio has served with distinction as a professor of accounting, as well as several terms as chair of the Department of Accounting and Finance and as both acting and permanent Dean of the business school.

“What has kept me here at Merrimack these 38 years? My colleagues, students, the atmosphere and the continued challenge to motivate students. I’m nearing retirement and I don’t look forward to it. I really would miss the people here—from the maintenance staff, to the administration, faculty and security. It’s been an experience that I’ll always cherish.”

During his tenure, Professor DelGaudio has witnessed his share of changes in the world of business, at Merrimack and at the Girard School of Business.

“When I first came to Merrimack, there were only seven professors in Business, total. We only offered three business concentrations—accounting, marketing and finance. Now we’re at around 22 full-time faculty. In addition to those initial three concentrations, we now have sports management, international business and management majors.

Shared Responsibility and Achievement

Professor DelGaudio has been nominated several times for the AlCPA Accounting Educator of the Year and was recently recognized by the Massachusetts Society of Certified Public Accountants with their Lifetime Achievement Award in Accounting Education. Still, he does not see his accomplishments as personal achievements. Rather, he attributes his success to the team he has worked with over the years.

“It always was a collegial atmosphere in the Business Department. So I really wasn’t responsible for anything solely. It’s always been a group effort where the faculty worked together to get things done.”

As Intern Dean of the Girard School, Professor DelGaudio looks to restore the faculty’s focus and shepherd the development of new programs.

“We’re in the process of developing a Master’s in Taxation and a Master’s in Science and Accounting. We’re also looking to develop other concentrations within the business school.”

As the College begins its search for a permanent Dean of the Business School, Professor DelGaudio believes candidates must possess fundraising skills and offer a vision of what a business education means at Merrimack.

Preparing Students for the Business World of Today and Tomorrow

Technology and social responsibility are among the key trends Professor DelGaudio sees having the greatest impact on the business world and ultimately influencing the way the Girard School prepares students for careers in business.

“Everything is automated, and I expect bigger changes in technology as we go forward. Then there’s the whole idea of social responsibility—businesses doing the right thing rather than focused solely on the bottom line. We prepare people to be ethical business people and be competent in the field that they choose. We try to nurture their intellect and provide challenging courses for them.”

It’s no secret the current economy has created a highly competitive environment for those pursuing careers in business. “Because of the economy, a lot of opportunities are limited, so the challenge for students is to do as much as possible and maybe get an advanced degree,” suggests Professor DelGaudio. “There’ll be more demand for them in the marketplace. Right now it’s just more competitive to get a job.”

In the Professor’s opinion, the Girard School’s primary strength is its practice-oriented faculty. He says, “Some faculty do consulting, some do research. Students get the benefit of both sides of that equation.”

Still, in his view, the rate of faculty in the future of the College is not solely tied to the classroom. He says, “I see faculty helping the Dean develop a vision for Merrimack in business. Once we have decided upon a new vision, we need to implement the courses and carry it out.”

In addition to its practice-oriented faculty, DelGaudio believes what sets Merrimack’s Business School apart is its personal approach.

“We emphasize teaching at the Girard School. That’s what we do best. That’s what we’re good at—inspiring students and nurturing their development. We’re not a number. We’re a person. There is a lot of interaction between faculty and students. If you talk to graduates, they’ll tell you they really enjoyed their days at Merrimack because of the interaction with faculty.”

That personal interaction is a powerful element of the Girard School experience at Merrimack, enhancing the College’s ability to develop students and inspiring Professor DelGaudio for nearly 40 years.

NO SUBSTITUTE FOR REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCE

Associate Professor of Accounting Elliott Puretz on giving students an edge in the job market

Longevity is a trend you can count on at Merrimack’s Girard School of Business and International Commerce. Associate Professor of Accounting Elliott Puretz joined the Accounting Department faculty in 1974, just two years after Professor DelGaudio.

“I work with very good people,” says Professor Puretz. “A lot of people like teaching at Merrimack. In the Accounting Department, four of five people have been there 25–35 years. People like the atmosphere. The students are wonderful young people. They’re courteous and hardworking. That’s been the case for years.”

Among the changes Professor Puretz has seen during his time at Merrimack is its transition from a commuter college to a residential one. He explains, “The College has gone from 75 percent commuter to now nearly 80 percent residential.”

Professor Puretz teaches Taxation and Financial Accounting and Reporting. These are areas that demand a commitment to staying current with the ever-changing laws and regulations.

He reports, “I bring in a lot of real-life experience based on what I see working with clients. It’s the same with the students. When they have internships or co-ops, they bring that into the classroom as well. We impress on them the importance of internships and work experience.”

Many of the accounting students at Merrimack accept internships at area CPA firms, financial services companies like Fidelity and Putnam, and private companies where they can perform accounting work or financial analysis. Students then bring these varied experiences to the classroom. Internships are but one aspect of what Professor Puretz emphasizes is the primary focus of the business programs at Merrimack—the student’s ability to get a job.

“The accounting students in particular are ready to go to work,” he says. “That’s what we focus on in the classroom. We do real-life cases. The students do tax returns. Some schools focus on concepts and research. We focus on learning to practice. We want them ready to start working and do it. And a lot of firms like that our students can get started without a whole lot of training.”

Professor Puretz is a member of the team actively involved in the search for the new Dean of the Girard School of Business. He’d like to see the new Dean bring a focus to developing new programs in accounting, particularly at the graduate level.
By most measures, 2010 was a good year for Michael Crowe, Chief Executive Officer, Crowe Paradis, LLC. During the second half of the year, he and Crowe Paradis co-founders Brette Abren and Kenneth Paradis successfully told the two businesses spawned from the venture they began together in 2002—Crowe Paradis Services Corporation (CPSC) and Crowe Paradis Holding Company (CPHC).

In September, CPHC, the Social Security and Medicare advocacy business led by Crowe, was acquired by Brown & Brown, Inc. (NYSE: BBO). Soon after, in December, CPSC, the national Medicare compliance company that serves the property and casualty insurance industry led by Paradis, was acquired by Verisk Analytics (NASDAQ: VRSG). The total combined value of the two deals was $180 million. A good year indeed.

Crowe will remain as CEO of Crowe Paradis, LLC. He explains, “One of the things that was appealing to me about this acquisition and our new parent, Brown & Brown, is that they run a decentralized business model, similar to Berkshire Hathaway. They look for a good management team with a good business model. They have a hands-off approach. I have a long-term contractual commitment. I plan to be here for a long time. I couldn’t have scripted it better.”

Lifelong Entrepreneur
Crowe’s path to entrepreneurial success came through Merrimack College, where he graduated cum laude in 1992, with a bachelor’s degree in political science. He chose Merrimack because he was interested in continuing his education in a Catholic school environment, following his high school years at Marian High School in Framingham, Mass.

I looked at all the small Catholic colleges in New England,” he recalls. “Merrimack was the best fit for me. It had the best sense of community and I liked the interaction between the students and the faculty.”

Crowe went on to earn his law degree from Suffolk University Law School in 1995, where his entrepreneurial spirit was clearly emerging.

“I’ve always been entrepreneurial, since I was young child,” he explains. “I had a sense that I wanted to work for myself and have my own business. I thought law provided the clearest path to achieving that. During law school, however, I realized that the practice of law was not something that appealed to me. I gravitated to business law classes."

While in law school, Crowe worked for Concentra Managed Care, a managed health care company that was started by two entrepreneurs out of their home.

“They grew it rapidly and went public,” recalls Crowe. “I had a front row seat to growing a business.”

From there, Crowe went to another early-stage start-up in Narick, working in the cost containment side of business. It was at this company that he met Kenneth Paradis, his future business partner. Paradis left the Narick start-up in 2001, operating a new start-up out of the bedroom of his condo. Crowe joined him a year later.

“We started with one client, a large national grocery chain, doing subrogation and recovery work in the state of New York, " says Crowe. "We decided to make it a national business. Within a year we landed ARG."
Networking is an essential thread among the five elements Crowe says are critical to starting a business—people, strategy, strategic relationships, execution and cash. The AIG won admiration from Crowe's network of business contacts. Networking is an essential thread among the five elements Crowe says are critical to starting a business—people, strategy, strategic relationships, execution and cash.

Good timing and a good idea don’t hurt either. As Crowe recalls, “The market timing was right for the idea for this business. We had strong demographic tailwinds at our back with baby boomers heading into their disability prime years and retirement. It was a huge untapped need with employers unable to meet needs of this demographic. We saw the possibility of growing a large national company.”

In 2004 Crowe and Paradis recognized an opportunity to build a compliance side of the business—Crowe Paradis Services Corporation (CPSC). Ultimately, with some private equity funding, they spun CPSC into a separate business based in New York and led by Paradis. Crowe remained to lead the original business.

Successful Entrepreneurs—Equal Parts Nature and Nurture

In Crowe’s view, entrepreneurs tend to share certain personality traits. He says, “An entrepreneur is the someone who craves a change in scenery, be open to risk and failure, and be a little A-D-D. Entrepreneurs also need to have a desire to learn and develop their skills. We expect our employees to invest in themselves and continue to grow and learn.”

As part of his own professional development, Crowe enrolled in MIT’s Entrepreneurial Masters Program in 2008 in which six entrepreneur CEOs from around the world met once per year for a week at a time. Crowe graduated from the program this past June. To further advance his commitment to grow as a chief executive, Crowe also employs a business coach.

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Interfaith Center prosper in unique collaboration

With the recent awarding of another grant by the William and Mary Greef Foundation, Merrimack’s Center for the Study of Jewish-Christian-Muslim Relations has now raised a half million dollars in two years. Thanks to the generosity of John Grieve and the Greef Foundation, as well as many other supporters of long-standing programs of interfaith education at Merrimack College, the Center’s influence and reputation have grown remarkably. Catalyzing the Center and the College’s reputation for leadership in interfaith education to international circles is the newly established Goldshner Prize for scholarship, which promotes Jewish-Muslim relations. The first prize was awarded to Prof. Mark Cohen of Princeton University, one of whose principle works is Under Crescent and Cross: The Jews in the Middle Ages. With renewed funding for this initiative, the Center’s internationally renowned committee of jurists will begin the second cycle of searching for this year’s Goldshner prize winner, honoring an individual who promotes Jewish-Muslim relations principally in active engagement and through works of popular culture and media.

Interest in the new minor of studies of Jewish-Christian-Muslim relations continues to grow, enrolling 25 students after only one year. Students are participating in internships to engage in collaborative interfaith work, especially around the issues of justice and peace. The Center also supports the College’s remarkable Convocation and Travel Internship program, as well as student participation in the Moroccan Exchange Program.

The Center for the Study of Jewish-Christian-Muslim Relations is the first interfaith academic center to expand its mission from study of Jewish-Christian relations to include Islam and therefore to focus on the study of all three Abrahamic religions. It promotes reverence, understanding and collaboration in works of justice and peace among Jews, Christians and Muslims.

Merrimack Adds Additional Sports, Renovates Facilities

The first-ever national ranking for the hockey team and the long-awaited completion of renovations inside Lawler Arena have led to a very successful 2010-2011 season for Merrimack athletics. And with plans for even bigger changes, headlined by the addition of more athletic programs and plans for significant facility renovations, the excitement continues.

President Christopher Hoopy and Director of Athletics Glenn Hofmann announced the signing late last year of a contract extension that will keep Merrimack’s Head Hockey Coach Mark Dennehy as the Warriors’ head coach through the 2015-2016 season. Renovations to the Lawler Rink, including the installation of all chair back seats were completed in early January.

By Brad Davis

“Completing the Lawler project is just the tip of the iceberg in terms of facilities,” Hofmann said. “We are planning dramatic changes to our facilities both in renovations and in some construction of new facilities athletics wise that will change the face of our college. In the next five years, Merrimack will look completely different. These changes will not only impact our student-athletes, but also our student body as a whole.”

As early as this summer, plans are in place to construct a new sports medicine and weight room facility, add new bleacher seating and press box on the turf field and to install a new gym floor with the possibility of playing basketball games inside Lawler Arena. Four new athletic programs have been announced in the past few months. Men’s and women’s indoor and outdoor track, as well as women’s golf and women’s crew, have brought the number of Merrimack’s intercollegiate sports from 16 to 22.

Rabbi receives 2010 “Friend of the Year” Award

Friends of Merrimack support student scholarships

Esteemed leader of Temple Emanuel, Rabbi Dr. Robert S. Goldstein of Andover, Mass., was presented with the 2010 “Friend of the Year” Award. The award is given to an individual who has continually exemplified the mission of the organization, which includes providing scholarship support to deserving Merrimack students. He is a member of the board of the Center for the Study of Jewish-Christian-Muslim Relations, and served as its chair from 1995-2010.

Last year, the Friends of Merrimack raised significant scholarship funds for deserving Merrimack students. At the annual Friends of Merrimack College dinner, they presented a check to the College for more than $150,000 for student scholarships, and they hosted the 29th Annual President’s Cup Golf Tournament, raising just over $47,000.

Rabbi Robert S. Goldstein (left) receives the “Friend of the Year” award from Peter LeFond, president of the Friends of Merrimack College.
ALUMNI EVENTS

MARCH
31 Illuminations Speaker Series: Understanding the Universe
6:30 Dinner and Lecture, Merrimack Club, Sakowich Campus Center. Register at www.merrimack.edu/illuminations

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14 Career Series: Pursuing a Paycheck with a Purpose
Merrimack Club 5:30 Lecture, 6:30 Networking. Register at www.merrimack.edu/careerseries
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4 Career Series: Strategies to Leverage Your LinkedIn Profile
Merrimack Club, 5:30 Networking, 6:30 Presentation. Register at www.merrimack.edu/careerseries
26 Illuminations Speaker Series: Mother-Child Visitation During Incarceration
6:30 Dinner and Lecture, Merrimack Club, Sakowich Campus Center. Register at www.merrimack.edu/illuminations

JUNE
6 President’s Cup Golf Tournament
Indian Ridge Country Club, Andover, MA. Sponsored by the Friends of Merrimack College
10-12 Reunion Weekend
18 Alumni & Family Day at the Lowell Spinners
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ALUMNI NEWS

Dear Fellow Alumni & Friends,

Nearly one year ago I accepted the presidency of the Alumni Association. Since that time the goal of the Association has been to increase alumni involvement, across the country, by getting involved with Merrimack through social media, attending programs and events, volunteering, and more. I have been excited to see so many of our alumni participating in Merrimack activities, and as we continue on in 2011 we hope to keep this exciting momentum going.

As we look ahead there are so many things to be excited about on campus, with the new renovations to the J. Thom Lawler Rink, Welcome Center, McGuade Library, and the new Merrimack Club—and I encourage each of you to return to campus to see the advancements for yourself. This year is also a defining point in Merrimack’s history, with the inauguration of our eighth president, Dr. Christopher E. Hopey. I urge you to stay connected, get involved and take full advantage of all that Merrimack has to offer.

I look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,

Daniel T. Harding ’80
President, Alumni Association

Alumni President’s Letter
THANKFUL FOR A STRONG FRAMEWORK FOR SUCCESS

When Paul McNulty ’70 thinks about Merrimack College, one particular experience stands out about his freshman year. He clearly remembers a professor not only offering him a ride home, but also taking off his jacket and giving it to Paul, telling him to return the jacket the next day. “That’s how close a community it was,” Paul said.

Paul began his academic career in accounting, but switched to a psychology major with a philosophy minor. He joined the Air Force after graduation and spent six years as an instructor pilot. He married his Merrimack sweetheart, Kate ’72, and together they moved to Texas; by then, Paul finally had his own car, a 1972 Beetle “that wouldn’t go up hill if you turned on the air conditioner.”

Eventually, Paul’s life came full circle: He went back into business, earning an MBA and working for a bank in New York, which led him eventually to become a director at Paine Weber. He remained there through the company’s takeover by UBS in ’02, finally retiring to Cape Cod in 2007 with Kate, an economics major at Merrimack who earned her master’s degree in education and taught math until her retirement in 2006.

He stays involved with Merrimack, Paul says, “because Merrimack gave me such a strong framework for success.” Everything he did at Merrimack set the stage for what happened in my life later. For instance, taking courses in philosophy and psychology really helped me handle bumps in the road. Merrimack instilled in both Kate and me a deep respect for the value of an education, which we have passed on to our children. We’ve made a commitment to pay back this institution that has meant so much to us and contributed to our success.”

"EVERYTHING I DID AT MERRIMACK SET THE STAGE FOR WHAT HAPPENED IN MY LIFE LATER." PAUL MCNULTY

COMMITTED TO MAKING MERRIMACK A BETTER PLACE FOR THOSE TO COME

If John Tannucciello ’90 were a student at Merrimack College today, he’d offer himself this advice: “Set high standards for your performance, sustain your efforts over time, and organize yourself for success. If you don’t have a plan, you can’t execute against it. If you do have a plan, you’re ahead of the majority of people.”

That advice has certainly worked for John. As an undergraduate at Merrimack, John completed a double major in finance and accounting. To enrich his business education, John and his twin brother, Michael ’90, established the Merrimack Entrepreneurial Network. They traveled to San Francisco as representatives of that group for a national convention in the late 1980’s, where they met Michael Dell before his company went public. John took away a key life lesson from that trip: “The question isn’t who’s going to let me do something, but who is going to stop me?”

Nobody, apparently. John went on to become a CPA, a CFA, and an MBA from Harvard Business School—where he found the classes “no harder or more challenging than the policy class I took at Merrimack that was case study based.”

Today, John is a partner and investment specialist with Dodge & Cox, a privately held firm in San Francisco that provides investment services to individuals, corporations, retirement funds and tax-exempt institutions. Despite his far-flung location in San Francisco, he remains involved with Merrimack, visiting when he can, staying in touch with past teachers and being a consistent donor.

“Having the honor and privilege to graduate from Merrimack means that I feel a deep responsibility toward the College,” he says. “We inherited this school from those who came before us, and we owe it to Merrimack to make the College a better place for those who come after us.”

JOHN TANNUCCIULLO ’90

RECOGNIZING SCHOLARSHIP AND SERVICE

Growing up, V.J. often visited his grandfather and on occasion found him talking with Reverend Vincent McQuade, the president of Merrimack College at the time. While he didn’t understand their conversation, he later imagined that Fr. McQuade was seeking a businessman’s opinion on how to develop Merrimack into a top ranked Catholic college.

Mr. Mill Sr. was a successful businessman in the area and also served as president of the Men of Merrimack. Upon his death, V.J. and his father established the Victor J. Mill Medal, to be awarded annually at Commencement to the top ranked student in continuing education. “My grandfather and I felt that one had to enhance their education in an ever changing business climate.”

V.J. graduated from Villanova University in 1965 and then served with the Navy in Vietnam. Following his military service, he joined the family business, a manufacturer of engineered pumps for industrial applications. In 1986, he succeeded his father as president and CEO of Lawrence Pumps, a firm his grandfather started in 1935.

More recently, he has devoted more of his time to community service. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of Lawrence Pumps, Inc., and the Board of Trustees at the Andover-North Andover YMCA. In addition, he serves as an ecumenical minister or homebound visitation at St. Augustine’s Church in Andover, and on the scholarship committees at the Lawrence Boy’s and Girls’ Club.

In 2008, V.J. established the Victor J. Mill III Scholarship for Excellence in Community Leadership, awarded to continuing education students in business who demonstrated a commitment to giving back to the community.

“It’s a wonderful feeling to not only invest in someone’s future, but also in the local community.”
HONORING A BLESSED AND GENEROUS DAUGHTER AND SISTER

When Deborah Skrekas '89 followed her sister, Georgia '85, to Merrimack College, she wasn't absolutely certain of her career path. After starting out in the sciences with a dream of becoming a veterinarian, she discovered a passion for business and switched majors, earning work experience through the College's Cooperative Education program.

She went on to earn her master's in business administration from Rivier College. Deborah was poised to play a large role in her family's Lowell-based insurance business, which her mother, Avra Skrekas, has operated with husband George for over 50 years. Then tragedy struck: Deborah was killed in a car accident on November 5, 1993 by a drunk driver. Her father, together with legislators, worked tirelessly for nine years to pass legislation to prevent future similar senseless tragedies that destroy families.

"DEBI DID SO MANY GOOD THINGS WHILE SHE WAS HERE, THAT WE THOUGHT WE SHOULD DO A FEW GOOD THINGS FOR HER." AVRA SKREKAS

"The anger is inside you when you lose a child, and you have to fight it every day," acknowledges Avra. At Deborah's wake, Avra heard countless stories about the generosity of her daughter, who was active in her Merrimack sorority. "I didn't know what a kind and giving person Debi was until so many kids came by for the wake and told me stories about how she'd helped this one or that one," says Avra.

To honor Deborah's generosity, the family decided to establish the Deborah V. Skrekas '89 Memorial Scholarship in her name, with preference given to a business administration major. Her sister, Georgia, also established the Deborah Skrekas '89 Memorial Award, which is given annually at the Presidential Scholars Honors Convocation to the top-ranking senior in business administration.

"Debi did so many good things while she was here, that we thought we should do a few good things for her," explains Avra, who still hears from Deborah's sorority sisters. "Her close friends still send me notes even to this day." It was that kind of close-knit community that drew both of the Skrekas sisters to Merrimack College, she adds. "There are so many lovely kids there."

"EVERYONE ADMIRE MY HUSBAND'S BELIEFS, GOODNESS AND HONESTY, INCLUDING ME." ANN ROYAL

FORMER PROFESSOR HONORED WITH SCHOLARSHIP IN HIS NAME

Ann Royal thrives on being busy. Despite a double knee replacement, she recently served as president of her senior living community in Groveland, Mass. and spends many weekends at her farm in New Hampshire, "where I can let my hair down."

Still, there's a part of Ann that longs for her past life as wife of Merrimack College professor Dr. John Royal—a fondly known around campus as "Doc Royal"—a life where she had her hands full raising their five children and tending the many gardens surrounding their six-bedroom brick house, where Ann rented out rooms to Merrimack students once her own children were gone. "I miss the college life," she admits.

Ann and John met in Lebanon, N.H., where she was teaching sixth grade and he was coaching high school football. After John earned his doctorate at Boston University, he became a math professor at Merrimack where he established the College's computer science program. He chaired the Math Department for 11 years. He was also a passionate athlete supporter who chaired Merrimack's Athletic Committee and attended and kept the time clock for nearly every home game with Ann.

At John's funeral in 1996, former Merrimack President Richard Santagati—once a math student of John's—emphasized Doc Royal's "unsurpassing generosity," Ann says, adding, "Everyone admired my husband's beliefs, goodness and honesty, including me." Ann established the Dr. John Royal Warrior Club Scholarship to honor his memory. First preference for the scholarship is a student-athlete majoring in mathematics, with second preference being a student-athlete majoring in computer science.

All five of the couple's children graduated from Merrimack, and one grandchild is a student here now. "The real value in a Merrimack education is the personal attention the student receives," Ann firmly believes. "Merrimack is a wonderful college."

Ann Royal (left) and her son, Douglas, (right), met with scholarship recipient, Jessica Piaccia '12.
REMEMBERING THE LESSONS OF A COACH AND MENTOR

When Randy Curran '78 was asked about contributing to a fund to name the new hockey rink after legendary Athletic Director and Hockey Coach Thom Lawler, "I never hesitated a moment to support the cause," he says. Randy came to Merrimack College sophomore year from the University of Toronto. His twin brother, Rick, was already playing hockey for Merrimack, and Thom Lawler invited Randy to join the team. With Thom's financial help, Merrimack became Randy's new home. In addition to being the co-captain of Merrimack's winning NCAA Championship Hockey Team, he was a resident assistant and worked at the Athletic Complex, where he eventually became Thom's "go-to guy for anything going on in the Complex. I loved the responsibility and trust he put in me."

These were invaluable experiences to his future career, adds Randy, now a managing partner and vice president with SUPERSport Worldwide, Inc., the sport industry's leading brand of performance issues. However, sports wasn't Randy's only college passion: As Merrimack, he was introduced to the business marketing program by an energetic and passionate young professor, Chuck Consiggy.

"Chuck took a genuine interest in our well being and helped us make the right choices that led to successful careers," says Randy, who made sure that part of his pledge to Merrimack goes to the business program. "The money hasn't been wasted: "We have both a hockey program and a business school to be proud of." Today, one of Randy's proudest possessions is an on-ice photograph hanging on his office wall of Thom Lawler with himself and his brother, Rick. "Thom's picture constantly reminds me of what Merrimack gave me," he says, adding that, when the rink is finished, there will be one seat high above the others on the visitor's side dedicated to Thom Lawler. Why that seat? Because Randy recalls the times at night coming into the cold, dark, empty rink to make ice for the group coming in, and looking up to see his coach. "Thom would be sitting up there, all alone, thinking about his team. I know the solutions to his concerns didn't come while sitting in a soft chair somewhere. They came while sitting on a hard wooden bench, in the cold and damp hockey arena that filled Thom's life. That is why I give, and why I am dedicating that seat to my coach. I remember."
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A LEGACY OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS GROWS

Some families are fortunate enough to send a son or daughter to Merrimack College. Others send so many from different generations that they become a legacy, like Nick and Nancy Petrucci’s family.

Nick and Nancy both graduated from Merrimack—Nick with a political science degree in 1974, Nancy in allied health a year later. Their daughter, Christine, graduated in June 2010 and daughter Joanna is expected to graduate from Merrimack in 2021. As noted earlier in this issue, the newly appointed President’s Advisory Board. “We contribute because Merrimack is important to our family and to our community,” says Nick.

STUDYING BEYOND THE MILKY WAY WITH DONATED CAMERA

Merrimack College’s astronomy students are able to see the night sky much more clearly with the donation this year of an Apogee UM3 CCD camera to the Mendel Observatory. The new camera, valued at approximately $10,000, was installed on the Mendel Observatory’s 20" OLS telescope. Donated by Apogee Instruments, Inc., the new Apogee CCD is used to study image detail in deep sky objects to an extent that was not possible before.
HEARST FOUNDATION AWARDS $100,000 TO ENDEDOW SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Merrimack College is the recipient of a generous $100,000 grant from the William Randolph Hearst Foundation in support of the William Randolph Hearst Endowed Scholarship Fund. The scholarships are awarded to academically promising, but economically disadvantaged students from Lawrence. Since 1999, the Hearst Foundations have contributed endowment funds to Merrimack College totaling $300,000.

Over the course of the last decade, six Merrimack College students have received assistance as Hearst Scholars in recognition of their academic achievements, extra-curricular activities and contributions to the community. In recent years, Merrimack College has made a concentrated effort to recruit and retain students from underrepresented populations. As a result, this funding is an investment in the education of a young adult, who is often pursuing the face of an adversity.

The Hearst Foundations are national philanthropic resources for organizations and institutions working in the fields of Education, Health, Culture and Social Service. For more information, visit www.hearstfnds.org

A REVERENCE FOR HISTORY BENEFITS MERRIMACK COLLEGE

Merrimack College is the lucky recipient of Robert Hall's extensive collection of books on American history with emphasis on the Civil War, as well as his writers' library for English majors. The collection of more than 500 volumes dates back to the 1700s and includes certain rarities, such as 71 volumes of the official records of Union and Confederate armies kept during the Civil War and a first edition of Uncle Tom's Cabin.

Robert, who lectures about history throughout New England, donated his collection to Merrimack as a memorial to his late wife, Jane Judson Hall, and her uncle, the Rev. Paul Judson, a former Merrimack trustee and pastor of St. Augustine Church in Andover.

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The Danversbank Charitable Foundation has awarded a $25,000 grant over five years to Merrimack College, specifically for the renovation of O'Reilly Hall, home to the College's Francis E. Gierad School of Business and International Commerce. The enhancements will better reflect professional settings to prepare students for success in a global economy.

The Danversbank Charitable Foundation Inc., established in 2008, is designed to further the philanthropic and community-based mission of Danversbank which has grown to the size of $1.9 billion in assets, with locations across Essex, Middlesex and Suffolk Counties.

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AT&T FOUNDATION SUPPORTS DIVERSITY AT MERRIMACK

Academically promising students had the opportunity to spend some time at Merrimack College and work with its faculty during the summer because of a generous grant of $100,000 provided by the AT&T Foundation. Now in its thirty-sixth year, Merrimack Accept the Challenge Program has successfully served over 400 high school students in the Greater Lawrence area and is now expanding to Lowell and Haverhill.

Accept the Challenge targets at-risk adolescents, ages 14–18, living in economically disadvantaged communities and who speak English as a second language. Its goal is to empower and guide students in their efforts to complete high school, prepare for college, explore career choices, and develop a sense of ownership in their community. Each year since its inception, 100 percent of Accept the Challenge seniors graduate from Lawrence High School—a significant accomplishment given the city’s above average dropout rate.

Through philanthropic giving, the AT&T Foundation invests in the areas of education, support for the military, and for humanitarian relief and development efforts around the globe.
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Gerald Jutras attended the "Honor Flight New England" on September 26, 2009. Honor Flight is a free flight for WWII veterans to the WWII Memorial in Washington, D.C. Each veteran flies with a guardian and no money is ever accepted of any veteran for any reason. For more information, visit www.honorflightnewengland.org. It was a very rewarding and touching excursion. Hats off to founder, Joe Byron, and his crew of many volunteers!

Sister Donna Fannon, HJS recently retired as a Catholic Chaplain at Cornell University, a post she held for 16 years. She currently cares for her 98-year-old mother. She hopes to be involved in spiritual director, particularly directing the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises, as time permits. She is also the formation director of her religious congregation, the Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart.

William Donahue retired from active dental practice in 2009 and is currently consulting and training dental offices in Dental Practice Management.

Denise (Yanouelau) Francis is a retired reference librarian now volunteering for the Philadelphia Museum of Art as a Park House guide, giving tours in the historic houses in Fairmount Park.

Kathy (Brown) Ramshaw retired from Convergys Corporation and is looking forward to expanding her volunteer activities.

Emilie (Bonin) Smyrjian recently published a cookbook with recipes compiled from the residents of Naples Estates in Naples, Fla. The cookbook, "Our Favorites," was released in October 2010. She has also had several poems published in the National Anthology of Poetry over the years. Emilie currently lives in Reading, Mass, with her husband of 36 years and her two sons. She spends the winter months in Naples every year with husband, Leo.

Jean Wade Foley Doyle recently finished work on her second book on the history of Newburyport, Mass. Jean is a retired history teacher and worked at Newburyport High School for 30 years.

Robert Lindley has moved back to the Phoenix metropolitan area.

Gayle (Lucas) Plouffe is a newly-appointed member of The Pelham Council on Aging and continues town conservation and forest management activities, having served three decades to date.

Ginny Rossini was honored with Andover's Educator-of-the-Year Award on June 10, 2010 at a dinner at the Wyndham Hotel in Andover, Mass. The award is sponsored by the Andover Rotary. Ginny taught at Andover West Jr. High from 1974-1977 and later in 1977 to raise her family left her daughters Cara '77 and Crislin '77 and son Tom '80. Shortly after completing her master's degree at Lesley University, she returned to Andover West Middle School in 1996. Most of her teaching career has been spent teaching math in grade 7. She has been a team leader and also the math department head at West Middle. Currently, she is teaching math in grade 6 and is the advisor to the Adventure Club and also the Kids on the Block, Ginny's husband, Walter Rossini '91, recently retired after working for 34 years at Andover West Middle.

Marylou Gibson is president of Virapur, a biotech company specializing in the production and purification of viruses for the research, diagnostic and vaccine industries. The company is celebrating 10 years of successful business in San Diego.

Susan Richards lives in Charlestown, Mass. with her husband, Rudy. Her stepdaughter, Marina, is starting her senior year in college in the fall. Susan works in a key account management position for a standards certification and testing organization in the Boston area.

Andrew Melnike is the new Fire Chief of the Andover, Mass. Fire Department. Mark Palange recently joined First Hartford Realty Corporation as a construction superintendent on the rehabilitation of the 501 unit Clarendon Hill Towers in Somerville, Mass.

Kathleen Zallia retired in 2008 after 33 years of teaching English at Andover High School. Kathleen now works at Johnson Veterinary Hospital in Lawrence and riding weekly.

Christine (Richman) Adamczyk is now the executive director of the Duke Center for Science Education at Duke University. She recently retired from GlaxoSmithKline after a 32-year career as a senior scientist and as the developer and director of the US-K-12 Science Education Program. She would love to hear from other alumni who are active in building the next generation of science, technology, engineering and mathematics’ talent.

Anthony Fallisi is the senior pastor of Anne Ashley United Methodist Church in Munhall, Penn. Normal Dixon was appointed inspector general for the public hospital system in New York City which consists of eleven large critical care hospitals and close to 100 clinics. The Inspector General’s office is responsible for investigating allegations of corruption, fraud, and other criminal acts committed in connection with the operations of the hospital system.

Mary Lou Murphy isretired USAF Retd.

Dan Murray met up with Mark Denney, Men’s Hockey Coach at the NCAA Frozen Four Ice Hockey Championship in Detroit, Mich., in April 2010. Mark Denney IL and Dan Murray, had a great time.

Mark Multigan Sr. and his wife became proud grandparents this year. They reside in Hurst, Tx.

William Drinkwater began teaching in the addiction programs at both the University of Massachusetts-Boston, and Cambridge College in spring 2010. His courses focus on counseling techniques and working with co-occurring disorders. William is married to Yvette Burke ‘79.

Elaine (Carterfield) Jean is now a staff writer and columnist with the Loudoun Independent newspaper in Ashburn, Va. She and her husband, Paul, live just outside of Washington, D.C.

Jean Harding is now leading Raytheon Integrated Air and Missile Defense Systems Center’s technical support on the PMSC Contract. He was transferred from the Raytheon Engineering organization, where he managed a variety of tasks for the PMSC program. Dan brings a broad spectrum of skills and 30 years experience in technical support, training, test design, test hardware and software engineering to his new position. He has also managed the installation and validation for both domestic and international Patriot Missile Facilities. Dan and his wife, Cathie ‘81, and their boards, Fuchu, live in Amesbury, Mass.

Alumni cousins, Cathie Maloney Harding ‘81, and Suzanne McBeth Kelly ‘82 (attended Merrimack from 1978-1982), got together after 30 years at a family reunion in Spring Lake, N. J. 36
Larry Montani caught up with Dr. Davis, professor of chemistry emeritus at Merrimack, at the Red Sox Fantasy camp held in Ft. Myers, Fla., on February 10, 2010. Larry was a member of the baseball team during his time at Merrimack and Dr. Davis was the faculty advisor. Both Dr. Davis and Larry were at the Red Sox Fantasy Camp Reunion Fenway Park on August 4, 2010.

John Wells is currently a research scientist at the ENMR VA Hospital in Bedford, Mass., and a member of the faculty at Boston University School of Medicine. He was recently reelected to the Webburn School Committee for a fifth term.

Peter Pratt has joined STV as a vice president. He is part of the firm’s Buildings and Facilities Division where he is serving as the regional manager for the New England region. STV is a leading, award-winning professional firm offering engineering, architectural, planning and environmental and construction management services.

Eileen (Hoir) Dube is one of a handful of people to have graduated from the dual master’s program between New England School of Acupuncture (in master in Acupuncture and Tufts University School of Medicine (master of Science in Pain Research, Education and Policy). Eileen has opened her practice, Merrimack Valley Acupuncture (www.merrimackvalleyacupuncture.com) in Plaistow, N.H.

Teresa (Gove) Arnold’s daughter, Jaclyn Arnold, is a member of the Merrimack’s Class of 2013.

James Jordon is working at Carnegie Mellon University as the program director of the master’s in biotechnology and management and is a distinguished service professor in biotechnology.

Stephen Macary is president of Santa Claus Anonymous, (SCA), a volunteer non-profit fundraising organization. Their mission is to have a positive impact on the development of youth in the greater Boston area by supporting programs for educational, social and character development.

Robert Ferrari was promoted to lead performance engineer at Hewlett Packard. Vincent Ragucci, III has been named a vice president in the Boston office of Parsons Brinckerhoff (PBJ), a global infrastructure strategic consulting, engineering and program/construction management organization. In his new position as strategic project manager, power and water, he will provide guidance to PB offices regarding state and local government affairs. Vincent is currently a member of the Board of Directors of Energy New England and previously served as a member of the Board of Assessors for the City of Everett, Mass., as well as having served five terms as an Everett City Council. His professional affiliations include the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce, U.S. Conference of Mayors Business Council, National League of Cities, Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Integrated Waste Services Association, and Electric Power Supply Association.

Theresa (Dollson) Peterson and husband, Thomas, celebrated the birth of their first grandchild, Destiny Rose Gaines, born on February 1, 2010.

Kim (Morse) Round was named chief information officer at Merrimack College as of April 1, 2011, and husband, Bruce, class of 1984, still resides in North Andover with sons, Jeff and Chris, who entered Merrimack in fall 2010.

James F. Ogorchock, shareholder of Sheehan Phinnex Bass + Green PA, was appointed to serve as director of associate development. James will oversee the firm’s associate development program.

Richard Pion is working for Old Dutch Foods Ltd., as business development manager.

Elizabeth Scott is training for her sixth New York City Marathon and running to raise funds for cancer research at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in memory of her dad.

Kathy Mahoney has a full-time real estate job at Greater Boston Home Team. Kathy also runs a side business called the Fun Sport & Social Group, a sport and social club for adults in the Boston area. The club just added a third indoor soccer facility in South Boston at the Boston Athletic Club, in addition to facilities in Revere and Webburn. Contact Kathy at kfsgr@hotmail.com or visit www.fsgboston.com for information.

Julie Arler-Mehl joined the LOH TeamWalk for Cancer Care Advisory Board. The walk was on Sunday, May 16, 2010 and all of the proceeds for the walk went directly to patients by paying for medication, wigs, support groups, transportation and supportive services to all patients.

Laura (Digiorlamo) Burn is the research enrollment coordinator in the Traumatic Brain Injury Research Program at Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital in Boston.

Ketty (Howey) Doan has joined Doan Advisors as principal, business development leading firm expansion within the healthcare and institutional real estate market sector.

William Eaton has been named director of U.S. sales and marketing for Bennett Environmental, headquartered in Oakville, Ontario. Bennett specializes in the incineration of highly contaminated soil from Superfund sites in the USA.

Chip LeBlanc was recently promoted to director of retirement benefits for Dethage America (parent company of Hannaford Bros. Co.).

Tony DeMarchi works in the Department of Language, Literature and Media at Gordon Gulf Community University. He is director of the Sandbelt Island Writers Conference. Tom is married to Dr. Karen Tolchin and they just had their first baby.

Mike Consoli performed in a musical theater cabaret called “Voices of Hope” at Boston Symphony Hall on September 16, 2010. The event raises funds for cancer research at DanaFarber through the Expect Miracles Foundation, specifically to find a cure for the six deadliest cancers: colon, pancreatic, lung, melanoma (skin), myeloma (blood), and glioblastoma (brain). Last year the group raised over $25K and hopes to double that this year. (Mike is also volunteering his time as the Ads/ sponsorship Committee Chair.) To donate or find out more information, please visit www.singouforcause.or and www.multifundsamitcancer.com.

Michael Falato was admitted to the Massachusetts Bar in June 2010.

Brett Fay launched his own Real Estate Company, American Beauty Group.

Joseph Bradley was recently hired as the division director for Robert Half Technology in Burlington, Mass.

Kristin (Picariello) DeSimone was recently hired by the United States Air Force, in acquisition support, based at MTRE Corp in Bedford as an acquisition support specialist.

Brendan M. Daly. CRPC is currently working as a financial consulatnt/investment advisor representative for Metlife Financial Group of Massachusetts, based in Norwood.

Jim McNiff has a beautiful three-year-old girl named Caenan. Jim recently left his job after 11 years with Perkins School for the Blind. He opened his own business, cleaning and sanitizing athletic equipment.

Jon Godde started a new business, KBK Sports, which helps charities and he recently worked with Rajon Rondo of the Boston Celtics, and with Jonathan Papelbon of the Boston Red Sox to write a children’s book. He does auctions at about 300 events a year now. Contact him at jgodde@lowellspinners.com for more information and to donate items for auctions.

Mark Nelson recently accepted a sales position from Intepmoco Controls selling instrumentation, temperature sensors, fluid level sensors, transmitters for the process control industry.

Jessica (Rancourt) Fogg graduated in spring 2010 from the University of Maine with a master’s degree in public administration and a concentration in health care administration. She is employed by the Maine Center for Disease Control as the district public health liaison for Penobscot and Piscataquis Counties.

Marlenne Kroshe was recently promoted to head of account management, Asia Pacific, for Interactive Data. She is responsible for their revenue and related client relationships across Asia Pacific and managing a team of people responsible for business development across our client base. Marlenne is also providing consulting services to American companies interested in opening offices in Singapore and Hong Kong.

Kyle Repucci was recently named principal of Epping (N.H.) middle and high schools. Kyle is the dean of students at the middle school. He previously taught English at Xaverian Brothers High School in Westwood, Mass., and at Dover (N.H.) High School. Kyle lives in East Rochester, N.H. with his wife Brooke and their daughter, Madeline.

Peri Belte was named “Rising Star” by the publication Super Lawyer’s for 2010 and 2009.
Nichole Kelly started her own small business, PRETTY Boutique, an online boutique that sells trendy, women's accessories and handbags. www.prettymy.com

John H. Kimball III is the executive officer of Headquarters Company, 25th Marine Regiment out of Fort Devens, Mass. Capt. Kimball has been at Fort Devens since 2008 and took command of the company in April 2010. Captan Kimball is a 2009 graduate of Massachusetts School of Law where he received his juris doctorate.

Allison (Jones) Williams is an IFBB (International Federation of Bodybuilders) professional athlete. She achieved Pro status in 2007 and has competed on stages throughout the United States, often competing against Women from Europe, South America, Canada, the islands and Australia. Her personal training business Web site is www.livingsanfitness.com. Allison recently wrote a cookbook, Clever Cooking for the Competitive. 02

Mark Gelades has a new job as network and systems administrator at Lasell College.

Tanya LoPresti recently completed her yoga Alliance 200-hour teaching certification through Core Power Yoga in Chicago, Ill., with an emphasis on breath, alignment and anatomy in both hatha and vinyasa styles of yoga. She is now teaching classes part time at the studio.

Michael Roberts resides in the Washington, DC area, and is now a consultant for the State Department.

Kristin Scott is engaged to Greg Keough and the wedding is planned for October 30, 2010 in Cohasset Mass. At The Red Lion Inn.

Christine Sordillo has been awarded the position of contract specialist for the United States Federal Department of Defense. She has been assigned to the Department of the Army and will work out of the National Soldier Systems Center in Natick, Mass. Christine has spent the past six years with the Town of Framingham as the purchasing agent and contract administrator in the Department of Public Works. 03

Keith Hery started his own property services business called HHH Property Services LLC, providing lawncare, plowing and home project needs, including painting and general construction. He created Keith@hhhpropertyservices@gmail.com for free estimates and special discounts for Merrimack alumni.


Steven Finocchiaro recently joined Winchester Financial Group of Stoneham, Mass., as an investment advisor.

TJ McQuaid became vice president, sales and marketing, for New England Rental & Supply, Inc. based in Quincy, Mass., servicing construction trades across New England.

Katherine (Primeau) Messier was married in 2008 and has a new job as director of marketing and broadcast services at Mobile Beacon.

Chris Vasta is dean of students at Xavierian Brothers High School.

Gloria Lee Brooks graduated from Mass School of Professional Psychology with a doctorate in clinical psychology (PsyD) in August 2009.

Sarah Cleveland graduated in May from Simmons College in Boston, Mass. She earned her master’s degree in social work degree, and a certificate in urban leadership. She works at Wayside Youth & Family Support Network in Milford, Mass. as a clinician.

Keri Conklin graduated in May with honors with an associate’s degree in nursing from Northern Essex Community College and will take the boards this summer to obtain her license as a registered nurse in Mass.

Keri Lannon graduated from Boston College’s MBA program in May 2009.

Christopher Seferolis received an MBA from University of Mass Lowell in December 2009.

Kristen Vadala was promoted to bank officer, branch service specialist. Kristen joined Enterprise Bank in October 2005. She has held various positions, leading to her current role as branch service specialist. She is a board member for the Scholars of Salem/Windham, a member of the Salem Chamber of Commerce and Head Coach of Andover High School’s girls’ volleyball. She is pursuing her MBA from Suffolk University.

Lyndsey (Ineson) Vavara is a sales operations manager for Nexcelom Bioscience in Lawrence, Mass. Josh Vavara has been an electrical engineer at Rockwell Automation in Chelmsford, Mass. for the past five years. Lyndsey and Josh were married on October 2, 2009. 05

Don Feuerstein ’05 and Nicole (deFur) Feuerstein ’06 were married on June 3, 2006. They moved to Chandler, Az, but have recently returned to Conn. They have two children, Kristin Lee 2, Patrick Daxton, 1.

Michelle Gage graduated in May 2009 from Springfield College with a master’s in social work and just received an LCSW. She is working for clinical & support options as an in-home therapist.

Rachael Kuzmick obtained her CPA (Certified Public Accountant) license.

Jesse Landrigan is working for State Street Bank in Quincy, Mass.

Jonathan Markey is an eleventh and twelfth grade English teacher at Plymouth North High School.

Laura Nelson graduated in July from the Mercy College of Health Sciences Clinical Laboratory Science program in Des Moines, Ia. She passed the required national board exam and is a certified medical laboratory scientist through the American Society of Clinical Pathologists. She works in the laboratory at McKee Medical Center in Lawton, Ok.

Nick Pomponio, after playing professional hockey in Europe since graduating in 2006, is attending law school at Whittier Law School in Newport Beach, Calif.

Adam Shepard’s first book, Scratch Beginnings, was chosen as a freshman common read at five colleges across the country, including Nichols and Salem State in Massachusetts.

Nicole Abbondandolo has been working for Blogher.com in the New York sales office since November 2009. She resides in New York City on the Upper East Side and is enjoying all that the city has to offer.

Kristin M. Pother is engaged to Steven R. Harrington. She recently earned her master’s degree in education curriculum and teaching in literacy from Lesley University in Cambridge, Mass. in May of 2009. Kristin is a third grade teacher at the Cambridge Elementary School in Amesbury, Mass. Steven is a mechanical design engineer for New Objective, Inc. in Woburn, Mass. They were married on August 1, 2009 at St. John the Evangelist Church in Townsend, Mass. with the reception following at Chocksett Inn in Sterling, Mass. 08

Jim Healey and Laura Fleming are engaged to be married on October 1, 2011.

Katherine Reissfelder and Daniel Donell are engaged to be married. A summer 2011 wedding is planned.

Michael Tortagia is a doctoral candidate and will receive a Psy.D. in 2012. He received his M.S. in clinical psychology in May, 2010, and traveled to South Africa in the summer of 2009 as a volunteer psychiatry intern and therapist. He looks forward to more international work in the future. Michael works in Northampton, Mass. and Williamstown, Mass.

Kymberly Wood is engaged to Randall Hendricks. The wedding is planned for September 10, 2011 in Southbury, Conn.

Nick Pomponio, after playing professional hockey in Europe since graduating in 2006, is attending law school at Whittier Law School in Newport Beach, Calif.

Brian Contona was promoted to short term investment trader for Securities Finance Trust Company in February 2010.

Beth Gionfriddo graduated from Boston College with a master of arts in higher education administration in May. Beth started as an assistant director of student activities at Nichols College.

Elizabeth Morrisson recently graduated from Boston College with a master of social work.

Agaila Aimee Tskirikelly and Whitney Wiggins traveled to Greece for the 2010 summer season. The two spent time in Athens, Messaloniki, and the island of Mytilene. 08/09

Eri Forrest ’08 and Steve Zaremba ’09 became engaged in October of 2009. Steve is currently working as a staff auditor for Feeley & Driscoll, P.C. in Boston. Erin is working towards her master’s degree in elementary education at Merrimack College. An August 2011 wedding is planned.

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Nathan Boynton has worked at Raymond IDS Headquarters since June 2009 as a software engineer doing validation for the Patriot Program.

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Jonathan Lantigua graduated from Merrimack College in December 2009. He then traveled to his native country for a few months, and is now working for a public school in Lawrence, Mass., as a paraprofessional.

Alumni fun and games! Basketball Women’s Basketball player and alumni gathered for a game in February 2010.

Field Hockey Women’s Field Hockey players and alumni gathered for a game on May 1, 2010.
Weddings


Kaitlyn E. O’Neill ‘04 and Nicholas A. Litwinetz, July 10, 2010, Zorino Vineyards, Sandown, N.H. Pictured: Bridesmaid Alison Fish ‘04 and other Merrimack alumni in attendance. Melissa (Corcoran) Inglis ‘04, Kerry Fitzgerald ‘04, Kristen (Stalter) Nelson ‘04, David Nelson ‘04, Shawn Kerr ‘04, Kristen (Domings) Kerr ‘05; Cara (Silvia) Bound ‘05; and Nicholas Bound ‘05. Alumni in attendance included: Kristin (Gagnon) Murney, Casey Sylves and Lisa (Baranowski) Serino. The event was DJ by Next Level Entertainment, Boston, Chris Serino ‘04 and Antonio Sardillo ‘05.


New Arrivals
Belinda (Brady) Hernandez ‘90 and husband Luis, a son, Andres Javier, May 13, 2008.


Patricia (Novelli) Edwards ‘93 and husband Jeff, a daughter, Caroline Abigail, in July 2009.

Michael Consoli ‘94 and Beth (Addessio) Consoli ‘95, a daughter, Anna Luca, November 4, 2009. She is welcomed by her big brother, Nicholas, 3.

David Montgomery ‘94 and wife Kristin, a daughter, Sydney Marie, May 3, 2010. She joins big brother Tyler.


Jim Bosco ‘95 and wife Heather, a son Nicholas James, July 7, 2009.

Debra (Schaefer) Fulweiler ‘95 and husband Justin, a boy, Ignatius Candler, December 19, 2009.

Paula (Novelli) Smart ‘95 and husband Ian, a daughter, Mia Sharan Smart, December 6, 2009.


Wendy (Goldman) Geist ‘99 and husband David, twin girls, Sydney Anne and Ivy Elizabeth, September 15, 2009.


Passages

Clifford J. Akey, Jr. ’51. After college he joined his father at Akey Insurance Agency and eventually ran the business with his brother, Ralph. Clifford was a communicant and usher at Blessed Sacrament Church. He was an avid Red Sox fan and season ticket holder.

Carol (Driscol) Hayes ’60, May 18, 2010.
Roger James ’67, April 17, 2010; his wife is Mary Ellen (Allen) James ’68.
John Fleming ’69, March 18, 2010.
Tom Stunda ’69, December 15, 2010. Tom was an active member of the community and an avid supporter and active alumnus of the Merrimack Alumni Association.
Elizabetli Weeks Oldrid ’84, September 19, 2009. Elizabeth died as a result of an automobile accident in Pembroke.
Elizabeth graduated with a bachelor’s degree in computer science and worked as a software engineer for 25 years. She is survived by her daughter, Alexandra.
Todd Swift ’94, April 1, 2010.
Jean Elliott, March 23, 2010, administrative assistant to the dean of Liberal Arts.
John Koziell, April 14, 2010, associate professor in the Management Department from September 1983 until December 2003. Donations can be made to the John and Suzanne Koziell Scholarship, a scholarship for students enrolled in the Girard School of Business and International Commerce, Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike Street, all, North Andover MA 01845.
Monsignor Paul T. Kamide, October 11, 2010, former Merrimack Director of Campus Ministry and professor of theology. He is credited with the College’s first Alternative Spring Break in 1970.

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Nicholas Palumbo ’01 and wife Amy, a daughter, Mia Donna, October 16, 2009. She joins big brother Vincent.

Jennifer (Caccavaro) Kosses ’02 and Richard Kosses ’00, a son, Riley James. Riley joins big brother, Brady, 2.

Cara (Hagerty) Richmond ’02 and Wes Richmond ’03, a daughter, Christine Ellen, April 22, 2010.

Danielle Palazola ’02 and Richard Gaio, a son, Dylan Paul, March 1, 2010. Dylan was welcomed by half brother Brett and half sister Julia.

Sarah (Rotb) Dusagen ’03 and husband Hans, a son Hyden Martin Paul, September 21, 2009.

Shannon (Britsch) Zamudio ’03 and husband Pascual, a daughter, Caroline Norah, November 30, 2009.

Jennifer (Dziekan) Daly ’04 and Jim Daly ’03, a son, Jack Thomas, March 9, 2010.

Justin Williams ’04 and Danielle Llee Williams ’04, a daughter, Haley Lynn, May 10, 2010.

Susan (Santilli) Blais ’99 and husband Steve, a daughter, Arden Marie, on April 12, 2010. She joins siblings Cameron and Arianna.

Jared Emond ’99 and wife Melissa, a son, Nolan Francis, May 12, 2010.


Jessica (Stygles) Murray ’00 and husband Patrick, a son, Sean Patrick Murray, March 8, 2010.

Lindsey (Berry) Rancourt ’00 and husband Guy, a son, Charles Robert, May 26, 2009.

Mandy (Hekkilla) Keit ’01 and husband, Adams, a daughter, Mirabel Rose, April 10, 2010. Mirabel joins her big brother, 2 year old, Andrew, and 1 year old sister, Abigail.

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