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Commencement speaker Warren Rudman chats with Class of ’95 president Rayna DiMillio
Moving forward, step by step

On June 16, as this issue of Merrimack magazine was going to press, the Board of Trustees unanimously elected Richard J. Santagati as the fifth president of the college. Santagati had served as interim president since March 1, 1994. The announcement was made by Rev. Michael Scanlon, O.S.A., S.T.D., the newly elected chairman of the board. Santagati, the college's first lay president, is a 1965 Merrimack alumnus.

Due to the announcement, the College became more selective and has revamped his staff to maximize marketing and has increased weekend programming. The College also established an International House for foreign students, developed "wellness" programs, and increased faculty participation in residence hall programming. Because of a program developed at Merrimack, we hosted the New England College Alcohol Network conference in April, which was covered by a regional television station.

No one knows better than I that Merrimack is blessed with hard-working, dedicated, and talented people. Fortunately, however, it takes more to keep a college going. It takes resources.

During the first half of the 1990s, Merrimack faced a situation that threatened its enrollment and revenue base. We had to rethink how we were doing things, and during this academic year there has been a major organizational restructuring which we believe will give administrators more freedom to focus on new programs and applications this year and more high school students visited the campus than in recent years. The fact that Merrimack remains a Catholic institution steeped in Augustinian tradition is one of our main "selling" points.

Also important to students, and a source of pride to Merrimack, are new modern languages, fine arts and biochemistry majors; women's studies minor; and environmental science program. Added to our relatively new sports medicine major and the initiation of men's football and women's lacrosse, the academic and athletic offerings at Merrimack are proving attractive to potential students.

Equally important to students are the co-curricular offerings, and during the past year Student Life has dramatically increased weekend programming. The office also initiated a Sponsor Series, established an International House for foreign students, developed "well living areas" in residence halls, established support services for disabled students and increased faculty participation in residence hall programming.

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Our students continue to exhibit a social conscience, which does the College proud. Some students, for instance, spent weekend retreats at Lazarus House for the homeless in Lawrence. Many others have spent spring breaks working with the homeless and underprivileged in Washington, D.C., and in Dorchester and Roxbury, Mass.

In addition to looking outward, our students have proven they care about their alma mater and its future. In a first for the school, about 300 seniors pledged more than $32,000 over the next five years as their class gift.

Faculty at Merrimack have traditionally been outstanding teachers, and they have garnered recognition for excellence in their disciplines.

For example, Dr. Geraldine Bonacca, chair of the English Department, received a National Endowment for the Humanities grant for her study of early British manuscripts. Dr. Branca also received the Outstanding Teacher of the Year award at this year's commencement.

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Members of the Merrimack community, students and alumni:

I entered Merrimack in 1989 full of expectations and dreams, most of which would turn out to be true. A big part of those dreams, unfortunately, was missing. In December 1989, cancer took over my mother's life and she lost her battle with the deadly disease.

I knew my getting into college made her very proud. I just wish she were there to see me do all the other things that would have made her proud. Like graduate, for one.

I decided in the spring of 1991 to do something, in my mother's memory, to help end cancer for good. I signed up to raise about $2,200. In these times, it meant a great deal to me and I have not forgotten it. We still managed to raise about $2,200. In these two years, your support has meant a great deal to me.

I am writing to ask for your support. If you would like to join me in my fight to rid this world of cancer, I would greatly appreciate it. Any donation would be gratefully accepted, whether it is $5, $10, or whatever.

Also, if someone you know has died from cancer or is currently fighting the disease, please let me know their name and I will dedicate a portion of my ride to them or to their memory. I hope the day will come one day soon when cancer can say goodbye to the disease we call cancer.

For information about the ride please feel free to write or call me any time. It would be more than happy to talk to you. Thank you all for your support.

Sincerely, Chris McDermott '83

Please send donations to:
Chris McDermott
146 Taylor St.
North Andover, MA 01845

Mike check payable to PMC/Jimmy Fund.

Dearest Reader:

I just received the latest issue of Merrimack magazine and have been very interested, interesting and well-presented. I can say that I basically read it over to cover it over in one sitting, except for one article which I wanted to read separately, so that I could better grasp the full impact. As an older graduate, it was like a walk down Memory Lane as I was at the same time getting a peek into the future. Richard Sargent's opening remark nicely highlighted the history of the school by talking about some key staff and faculty people at the College, while at the same time discussing the present condition and programs. He also looks at the future by talking about the proposed student center/cultural center and improvement of the athletic facilities. His mention of the trees will bring back the memory of my witnessing a lot of those plans (and then learning) at my former school and people. Recently, I had the opportunity to talk to the cutting-down of one of those trees, and since that didn't seem possible, I am decided to count the annular rings, which totaled 35, which in itself is rather scary.

Reading the article about my classmates, Christopher Collins' article "The value of opportunity housing" has been selected for publication in the issue of the Civil Engineering class of 1956 that "only nine finished... and still keep in touch," it is of interest to note that all nine are still married to their original spouses and that these marriages have produced 36 children, and by now the count would be over 100. 1 am writing to talk to this issue and to the people who your efforts and those of others to be commended.

Sincerely,
Frank Collins '56

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Microscale honors: they just keep coming

Merrimack's National Microscale Chemistry Center has received the Environmental Merit Award from the New England Division of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The annual award recognizes outstanding contributions to the environment.

Microscale chemistry, developed in part by professors at Merrimack, reduces the amounts of chemical used in experiments. Using microscale techniques, students are exposed to smaller quantities of chemicals, lab air quality is improved, chances of fires or explosions is eliminated: storage space is reduced, and excess chemicals and glassware go down. Further, since only a minute amount of chemical waste is generated, experiments are far less hazardous to the environment.

The techniques are also beginning to be used in elementary and high schools.

Treble Chorus moves to Merrimack

In a move meant to enhance both educational and cultural opportunities for students, Merrimack will become home to the Treble Chorus of New England.

The Treble Chorus, considered the area's premiere youth chorus, currently includes 75 children from 13 towns in Massachusetts and New Hampshire. Its primary goal is to cultivate the musical abilities of its members and to increase participants' enjoyment of classical music. Many of the chorus's "graduates" continue their musical studies at universities or conservatories.

In addition to having its offices and rehearsal spaces at Merrimack, the group will conduct its traditional week-long summer workshop at the college. The workshop provides training in music theory, voice, foreign language diction, and ensemble-and-sight-singing. The chorus has performed at Boston's Symphony Hall, the Boston Conservatory, the New England Conservatory, and at Great Woods with the Pittsburgh Symphony. The chorus and its conductor have sung for Seiji Ozawa and Michael Tilson Thomas, as well as with major opera companies and symphony orchestras in the United States. Members of the Treble Chorus have appeared with the Boston Lyric Opera, notably in La Bohème, and in Paramount Pictures' "School Ties.

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Three majors and a minor

Merrimack has added three new majors—biochemistry, modern languages, and fine arts—and one new minor, women's studies. All four are intended to unite the existing women's studies courses already being offered and give students in languages such as Spanish, French and Italian, giving them the chance to study abroad and to understand the language in the context of its originating culture.

Students enrolled in the fine arts major will also explore language and culture. "The origins of man, the human race and the history of humankind are very important," says Dr. Ellen Longsworth, chair of the fine arts department. "By studying artworks, we will better understand ourselves and our history." Fine arts majors will explore how human beings have sought to express themselves creatively in art, music, film, theater and literature throughout the world. The program will prepare students for careers as art critics, arts program consultants and arts coordinators.

Also new to the curriculum is a major in criminal justice in women's studies. The program, interdisciplinary in approach, "will bring students and faculty together to discuss the changing roles of women and men in the workplace, the family and the community," says Dr. Rose-Mary Sargant '83, assistant professor of philosophy. The program will also offer courses that focus on the criminal justice system: An overview of the criminal justice system, and a capstone course, "the criminal justice system in the community.""
We want to take the time to determine 'Come here and use Merrimack College.' ... and maybe one of the hottest spots in all of Canada. It's where the local community as well. So, we could do ... and go into space. There's a bit of confusion. They don't want the family to know what's being said. To have ... make up for that, I want to.
In Oklahoma, peace in the eye of the storm

Claire Murphy '68 couldn't believe it. She just couldn't. Her daughter, a senior in college, is being interviewed for the first time in her life. "She knew we worked with people in that building," Murphy recalled. "She knew she was in the right building. She had read the newspaper. But she had never been there before. You couldn't have survived." Due to her business—she helps small towns all over Oklahoma get HUD assistance for civic projects—Murphy did know people in the Merrimack, Federal Building in Oklahoma City. And suddenly two of her favorites were gone.

Ted Allen, for instance, was gone. He was in charge of housing and planning for the federal building, a highly sensitive office. As 1 see it, it's the way you must do it. It's part of who I am. I enjoy this. It's part of my life. It's a calling to be a parent, to take care of these kids. Although all the students speak excellent English, Sheehan says the college must not assume they are as comfortable with American life as they seem. "We have to learn from and listen to them. We should just integrate them with everything, and then they'll figure out that there's a bit of a mistake, and they'll get too much of a shock." And so Sheehan's new housing man at HUD, who was an advocate for the hearing-impaired. And another one, John1 Wilson, who was born and raised in Texas: "She was the second one recovered. We had a big preparation story. Murphy thinks of another victim, the fair-haired, blue-eyed young woman, whom she knew best. "The funeral for Ted Allen had over 600 people. Of the many giving the eulogy, I'm here today to find a way not to cry. I've lost too many people, and I'll never get them back. It's too hard, and I don't want to cry."

"As I told David Walker's wife at his funeral, I suggested, 'I'm going to write what you have to say.' "

"As a Woodstocker in the business, she began turning to the local newspaper. "We spent a week running through the newspaper—very hard stories about people's lives, about the attack. You couldn't believe it until you saw it in print. You didn't want to believe it. It was a waste of time. It was a tragedy. We knew that Ted and David were gone, that 20 people were dead. We were thinking of getting some rescue workers to find them. In the span of 10 days, they said her families went through their papers. Murphy attended Allen's funeral as well. As I told David Walker's wife at his funeral, she said, 'You need to look at the TV. There are just this hushed sense of witnessing something...There's a constant trickle of traffic there, policemen on horseback, media on scaffolding they set up there, and we were able to think of a few of the men in uniform and tell them our friends had been found the night before, and that their families were grouped there who could see something and get on with their lives."

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### Events

### Regional clubs organizing in Washington, Northeast
Alumni in the New York City, Washington, D.C., and Philadelphia metropolitan areas have been holding meetings to organize regional clubs. The response of alumni has been outstanding. If you are interested in being part of the planning group in one of these areas, please contact the alumni office at Merrimack. Phone (908) 837-5340, Fax (908) 837-5225 or e-mail swojtas@merrimack.edu. The office will put you in touch with the alumni group in your area.

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Membership in the Warrior Club is open to anyone interested in supporting student athletes and athletic programs at the college.

Annual membership dues are $100 per individual or family. Benefits to all members will be a Warrior Club membership (first year only), a Warrior Sports Update bulletin, social events at home games, invitations to selected team banquets and invitations to receptions on the road with travelling teams. A member listing, will also appear in the Update bulletin.

If you are interested in joining, contact Merrimack's director of athletics, Robert DeGregorio, at (908) 837-5341.

### Alumni Council Meeting
September 30

### Alumni Night at the Races
October 13

### Hacker's Golf Tournament
September 8

### Alumni Fun:
Above, Nick Chapman '71 catches a train during last year's alumni trip to Switzerland. Below: at Homecoming, Jane O'Neill '82, freddy McKee '92, Tina Value '94, Sheila Knauff '93, and Sr. Elaine Polcari, director of Campus Ministry.

### Alumni callers boost Phonathon results
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### College president Richard J. Santagati opens 95-96 year

### President's Cup nets $45,000 for scholarship fund

### The 14th annual President's Cup Golf Tournament was held May 8 at Indian Ridge Country Club in Andover. Over 145 golfers participated in the four-man scramble, whose proceeds were donated to Merrimack. Scholarship funds were raised, in part, through the efforts of alumni. The response of alumni to the request was outstanding, and the charity portion of the tournament was over by 6:30 p.m.

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### 1995 Fall Phonathon

###warrior athletics in the 90s from classes '51 through '94, classes held in November and April helped boost the annual fundraising efforts. The students weren't interested in hopping a northbound steamer for Alaska? (And who, in a certain existential sense, wouldn't be?) In any case, and all philosophy aside, now's the time to sign up for another year's alumni trip. If a cruise off the Alaska coast sounds good to you, contact Susan A. Wojtas '79 at (908) 837-5440 for more information.

### Annual renewal of dues

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### The college has decided to join the Ladies and Men of Merrimack into one organizational structure. The new group will be called "The Friends of Merrimack College."

### The primary purpose of the Friends of Merrimack will be to provide financial support to the college through membership and fundraising efforts. The membership will be open to all individuals committed to advocating the mission of the college, and will be based on annual renewal of dues payments in the same manner that the former groups were structured.

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A new executive board of the Friends of Merrimack College will be formed, says Lanigan. "We are appointing an ad-hoc committee of members from both boards to come up with an organizational structure and by-laws governing the new organization. After the by-laws and structure have been developed, they will be presented to President Santagati and will move toward commencing with activities by the new organization for next year.

The structure should be in place by the end of this fiscal year and will include new members and members of the current existing boards. The college's goal for next year will be to host one major event, probably in the spring, with perhaps a smaller event in the fall.
Baseball team earns its first NCAA national ranking

By Jim Seavey
Sports Information Director

Early this spring, head coach Berry Rosen looked at the baseball team in wonder: They had lost 10 senior letterwinners, including the entire starting infield and four starting pitchers. A large bloc of Merrimack’s brightest had graduated, leaving some large shoes to fill. After all, 1994’s team had set a school record of 30 wins, a level that could this year’s team, minus last year’s stars, top that mark.

Easy. By capturing titles right from the start, the team was already above the .300 mark at .311. The Warriors won both Northeast-10 and the ECAC Division II championships with a final overall mark of 28-13, including an 18-4 slate in Northeast-10 action. The NE-10 title was Merrimack’s first tournament crown since 1990, coming with a 4-2 triumph over Springfield, while the ECAC championship was the Warriors’ first since 1989 with an 8-6 triumph over Plymouth State.

Rosen’s troops also won their second straight Northeast-10 regular season title and have a 36-7-1 mark in conference action over the last two seasons.

During their annual trip to Florida over spring break, the Warriors won one and lost one; however, perhaps was the biggest in school history, since Merrimack had used those runs in the ninth to post an 8-6 triumph at eventual national champion Florida Southern. After returning north, the Warriors were an incredible 27-6 (.818) and earned their school’s first-ever ranking in the NCAA Division II Top 20. (In May, Merrimack ranked 20th in the nation.)

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Merrimack’s first-ever American Baseball Association All-Star Game at Fenway Park

Junior outfielder Jerry Parent enjoyed a phenomenal season, leading Merrimack with a .485 batting average (73 hits) that included 19 doubles, four triples, five homers and 43 RBI. For his efforts, Parent was named the Northeast-10 and the ECAC Division II Player of the Year and became Merrimack’s first-ever American Baseball Coaches Association First Team All-America conference. Parent, who has 149 hits in the last two seasons, also became the first player in school history to appear in two New England Collegiate Baseball Association All-Star Game at Fenway Park.

Junior third baseman Chris MacDonald and senior outfielder Derek Campe-Campins also score this spring; both players joined Parent at the New England Collegiate Baseball Association All-Star Game at Fenway Park, marking the first time in school history that three Warriors appeared in the contest. MacDonald batted .399 (59 hits) with 11 doubles, four homers and four RBIs. Parent, who has 149 hits.

Senior Jason Goimlet was a double threat this spring, batting .393 with 29 RBIs and posting a 5-4 mark on the mound with a 3.02 ERA in nine starts. Junior David Melchionda batted .370 in 29 games for Merrimack, while senior Mike MacCutcheon batted .328 in 38 contests. Sophomore Garret Learkin was also above the .300 mark at .311 with five homers and 30 RBIs. Senior Jason Janeway returner in 1995 and led the Northeast-10 in earned run average with a 1.99 ERA and a 6-3 mark. He was also named the Most Valuable Player of the Northeast-10 Playoffs after tossing a complete game in the title contest.

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Next up: football, women’s lacrosse

Merrimack has joined the tradition of starting a football program as well as a women’s lacrosse program, bringing the number of varsity athletic programs to 7. Although Merrimack fielded a club football program since 1989, this is the first time the sport will have varsity status. Merrimack has been admitted to the Eastern Collegiate Football Conference, which will pit it against Bentley, Assumption, Stonehill, M.I.T. and others. Merrimack will begin league play in 1996. The team will expand to a full schedule the following season.

The establishment of women’s lacrosse brings the number of programs offered to female student-athletes to nine. Lacrosse, top will be a就有 file play in the spring of 1997, becomes the second women’s sport offered during the spring season.

Lady Warriors strong after another NCAA bid

The Lady Warriors’ 1994 national campaign wasn’t that hard to follow: awards and accolades abounded as the story went. Merrimack’s squad posted a final record of 40-11 and captured its fifth straight Northeast-10 Conference championship.

Ranked as high as third in NCAA Division III, the Lady Warriors in the NCAA College Sports Information Directors of America academic honor roll for the fourth time in school history as they broke the .300 mark. MacDonald and senior outfielder Jamie Newell returned to form in the spring of 1995 and led the Northeast-10 in batting average with a .356 mark. MacDonald batted .343 in 29 games for Merrimack, while senior Mike MacCutcheon batted .328 in 38 contests. Sophomore Garret Learkin was also above the .300 mark at .311 with five homers and 30 RBIs. Senior Jason Janeway returner in 1995 and led the Northeast-10 in earned run average with a 1.99 ERA and a 6-3 mark. He was also named the Most Valuable Player of the Northeast-10 Playoffs after tossing a complete game in the title contest.

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Three named academic all-Americans

Merrimack dominates Hockey East Academic Honor Roll

Thirty-nine student-athletes were named to the 1994-95 Hockey East Academic Honor Roll, which honors players maintaing a GPA of 3.0 or above. Merrimack took 10 of those 39 spots, beating Boston College, with only two spots, and closest competitor University of New Hampshire, with six spots. The 10 Merrimack students were: Matt Adams, Rob Beck, Mark Cornforth (his fourth time on the list), Chris MacDonald, Matt Goble, Tom Johnson, Casey Kesselring, Martin Laroche, Ziggy Marszailek and Eric Thibeau.

Chris MacDonald has posted a .536 grade point average as a business administration major at Merrimack. He becomes the second baseball player in school history to be named as a National Academic All-American. MacDonald helped head coach Berry Rosen’s squad to both the Northeast-10 and ECAC Division II championships in 1995. The squad overall record by batting .399 with 11 doubles, four homers and a team-best 47 RBI. He was one of three Warriors to appear in the New England Intercollegiate All-Star Game at Fenway Park and he was the Most Valuable Player of the ECAC Championship.

Rosen was a two-sport standout throughout his career and an accounting major with a 3.36 GPA. He capped his brilliant performance on the tennis court for head coach Rick Edelman by being named as the 1995 Northeast-10 Co-Player of the Year despite missing three matches this spring. His overall career single record was 30-13, and he was the 1994 New England Singles Runner-Up. On the ice, Mark was a two-year team captain for the hockey team, scoring 77 points as a defenseman. He is also a three-time member of the Hockey East Academic Honor Roll.

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"HOTTING HOME: Jerry Parent stays up to bat."
A total of 522 students received degrees at Merrimack’s 45th commencement May 21. Former Sen. Warren Rudman, the ceremony’s main speaker, urged students to find out who they are and what they stand for. Honorary degree recipients were Eartha Dengler, founder and director of the Immigrant City Archives in Lawrence; Timothy Home, CEO, chairman of the board and president of Watts Industries, Inc., in North Andover; and Dr. Thomas H. O’Connor, Professor of History Emeritus at Boston College. Nicole Melanson of Lawrence was valedictorian.

**Success stories**

**Alice MacCormack: Overcoming the odds**

A sk Alice MacCormack two years ago if she’d be marching with her class at commencement, and she couldn’t have told you. She wanted to — in fact she’d promised herself she would try — but was it a sure thing? No, it was not, and for a reason she never could have predicted.

Her long drama began in a single, terrible instant in the summer of 1993. MacCormack was on vacation, at home in Freehold, N.J., between her sophomore and junior years. Everything was fine. Then one Sunday evening, while driving to a friend’s house, a truly unthinkable thing happened: she was hit by a drunken driver. She was only a few miles from her home, and the last in a line of three cars all hit by the same man. The first car in line was sideswiped, the second hit head on — the driver of that car, by coincidence an acquaintance of Dr. Joseph Kelley, vice president of student affairs, with Rev. Maurice Mahoney, O.S.A., a missionary visiting from Japan; and (bottom far right) valedictorian Nicole Melanson.

**Mark Cornforth: Playing — and studying — to win**

Passion for sports runs hot in Mark Cornforth’s veins. The award-winning captain of Merrimack’s hockey and tennis teams is more than just another college athlete. With a degree in accounting, Cornforth, alone among this year’s graduates, has contracts pending with both the Big-Six accounting firm Peat Marwick in Boston and the American Hockey League.

The journey to Merrimack for Cornforth was a long one, beginning in Montreal. To be considered for hockey scholarships in Canada, students must play in a hockey league. For Cornforth, joining one meant moving to central Ontario, more than 1,200 miles away from home.

At 16, Cornforth moved in with a host family. Such families, known as "billets," provide food, shelter and emotional support in exchange for a small amount of money. The transition from his birth
Alice MacCormack

MacCormack's, from preceding page

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family to his new family wasn't easy. "I didn't know who they were when I moved in with them," Comforth says. "They were nice to me, though. They really wanted me to succeed." Comforth got along well with his foster family, playing hockey with the couple's children in the basement. He also kept in frequent contact with his own family in Montreal. The emotional support both families provided helped him through the long, arduous competition to get into Ontario's Central Junior Hockey League.

Since college scholarships are available only to league players, competition is fierce. But Comforth, one of Ontario's best transplant players, made the cut. While playing in Ontario, Comforth was courted by a number of college and university coaches. But Merrimack's hockey coach Ron Anderson impressed Comforth the most and managed to recruit the young all-star. Comforth said farewell to his families, both natural and adopted, and prepared for a new life in the United States.

Over his four-year hockey career at Merrimack, Comforth totaled 77 points as a defenderman, scoring 17 goals and 60 assists. In addition, he was the tennis team's captain and number-one singles player. Success in sports translated into success in the classroom. He was a dean's list student, a member of the Hockey East All-Academic Team honoring hockey players for maintaining a 3.0 average or above (Comforth graduated cum laude), and a co-recipient of the David A. Rafferty III Memorial Award, which recognizes academic and leadership achievement within the college community.

"I've learned a lot at school, both on the ice and in the classroom," Comforth says. "There is a direct relationship between school and sports. If you're good both, you play for competition; you play to win. I approach the school the same way I do, say, hockey. I compete to win.

Recently, Comforth completed a two-game contract with the Syracuse Crunch of the American Hockey League. As a free agent, Comforth eagerly awaits his future. "I'm waiting right now to see if I get picked up by the NHL," he says. "Hockey is my first love, after all. Accounting, though-- he pauses for a moment of contemplation-- "that wouldn't be so bad either."

By Christopher Cummings '96

Exploring the real 'real world'

Bioengineering professor Larry Kelts gets his students out of the classroom and into nature

We're going to Herring Gull. Be sure to grab some sticks," Meghan Clapp, a freshman biology major, gave biology professor Dr. Larry Kelts a strange look as she picked up the nearest branch. When she enlisted in this Division of Continuing Education course, she didn't think she would need to be armed. She glanced at her five classmates; they all wore similar expressions of confusion, but did as Kelts instructed. "We had no idea what he was talking about," Clapp says, "but we figured it's real quick. The seagulls began attacking us."

Picture it: on your right side is a sheer cliff, dropping straight into the ocean. Walking between the two wouldn't be so hard, you'd think. Until the male seagulls, fiercely protective of their nests, begin beating their wings in your face, deluging you and pecking at your head. That's why you need the stick to carry over your head: seagulls attack the tallest moving objects they see.

The seagull barrage was Kelts' way of welcoming his six students to Appledore, one of a group of small islands known as the Isles of Shoals located six miles off the coast of Portmouth, N.H. Since their discovery in the 1600s by John Smith, the Shoals have been home to fishermen, pirates, lobstermen, writers, painters and now academics. Overseen jointly by Cornell University and the University of New Hampshire, Appledore Island is in fact known as the "academic island," complete with labs, lecture halls, eating facilities and dormitories. At Appledore, students from schools across the nation explore the largest intertidal ecosystem on the northeast coast.

Kelts has been teaching the Appledore course for nearly two decades, first at Cornell, then at Merrimack. "The course is important because it gives biology majors and non-majors hands-on experience in a natural setting," Kelts says. On Appledore, students explore the ecosystem, identify birds and vegetation, and learn about the Shoals' natural and human history. It's a lot to learn in a mere week. "The course is taught in seven days total," Kelts continues. "They earn three credits for the week, but don't let the short time span deceive you. The course..."
One day we were looking at scallops, "Ouellette recalls. "For hours, we’re looking at scallops, nothing but scallops. Finally, Larry lets us go back to our dorms to sleep. In the middle of the night, Mog woke me up." What was she doing? "I was twisting in my bed," Clapp says, laughing. Ouellette cuts in, "She was whispering ‘Scallops, scallops’ over and over again.”

From the way they carry on during their fifteen-minute break, Ouellette and Clapp appear to be the best of friends, though in fact they’d never met before boarding the ferry. Spontaneous friendships are common among the students who enroll in Kelts’ DC2 course. “During the trips, we learn more than just biology or ecology,” Kelts says. “We learn about ourselves.”

Many students who go on the trips have never been away from home for an extended period of time. To grow as a person, he says, “you have to leave the nest and enter the real world.”

Appledore is only one of Kelts’ on-site biology courses. In 1990, he taught a continuing education course about Jamaica, which included a two-week stay on the island. Recently, Kelts ended a semester-long course about Belize and Guatemala with a two-week trip to Central America for a firsthand look at the terrain. The trip, a first for Kelts, was held during spring break. While their classmates soaked up the rays in Palm Springs, Kelts’ students waded into pasture for cattle, who have destroyed the land, leaving it barren. During their two-day stay in Guatemala, Kelts and his students also visited the Mayan ruins of Tikal. There, human history and the natural world collided in a unique way: while listening to the tour guide explain Mayan culture, spider monkeys descended from the trees and raced among the group’s feet. Group members immediately took out their binoculars and cameras and gave chase to the monkeys. This unexpected, in-your-face encounter with nature was one of the best parts of the trip. "It was better than the Discovery Channel," says Stacy Mondeaux, a senior biology major who went on last year’s trip. "Instead of watching the jungle and the animals on television, we’re walking through the jungle, feeling the heat, hearing the howler monkeys screeching in the distance."

Kelts says he hopes to offer the Belize trip again, possibly in 1997. Next year, he has his sites set on an even more exotic locale: the Amazon. "We’re all excited about this one," Kelts says. "The rain forest trip is still on the drawing board, but if this works out, we’ll be entering one of the wildest, most exciting places left on earth." In the Amazon, Kelts and his students will study the climate, geography, and evolution of a river basin that floods for half the year, creating conditions for the most diverse collection of plants and animals of any rain forest in the world. And one well worth exploring. "The tropics can help us fight disease," Kelts says. "Pharmacological companies are exploring rain forests, searching for cures in animals and plants before miners and farmers destroy them."

Madagascar’s periwinkles are a good example. One of the tiniest species found there has given scientists a drug which can slow leukemia in children. Since the Amazon is so large, many cures may lie there, Kelts says; the only way to know for sure is to look. Kelts plans on doing some exploring of his own. In August, he will travel to Brazil to develop the course’s curriculum. Even after nailing down exactly what he wants to study, he says the plan might change by March. "The natural world is unpredictable," he says. "When I arrive with the students in the spring, we will encounter things that I didn’t see in the summer." Not wild animals and snake attacks, though. Animals are extremely wary of human encroachment, and experienced tour guides will be on hand should any trouble arise.

As Kelts embarks on his trips, his students learn as much as possible while remaining safe. "I’m very concerned for our safety," he says, adding that he never embarks on a trip without researching the area and tour guides. Kelts chose Ecotour Expeditions, a Cambridge travel group, for the Amazon trip. The company has a reputation for leaving the natural areas it visits undisturbed, as wild and untamed as when they arrived. After all, Kelts says, he wants to study the environment, not destroy it.

Back at the Isles of Shoals, Meghan Clapp says she’s glad she enrolled in the Appleford course, but is ready to go home to friends, family and television. "This has been a great experience for me," she says. "I learned a lot about the environment. I have dug through seaweed, picked up snails, and learned how to identify birds I didn’t know existed. Hey, I even survived the seagulls -- I feel like I can do anything."
...Spirits unleashed, yet guided and centered...'

Newly aggressive students push creed of democracy and personal freedom at 1960s Merrimack

By Christopher Cummings ’96

Editor’s note: This article, based on E.G. Roddy’s “Merrimack College: Generations and Growth 1947-1972,” in the third in a series that will appear in Merrimack magazine in anticipation of the college’s 50th anniversary. Thanks to Prof. David Raymond for direction.

The Sixties rocked our country and the world. The effects of the bloody, losing war in Vietnam rippled through colleges and universities across the United States. The Augustinian College of the Merrimack Valley was not immune to the growth and turbulence of the times. The 1960s sparked dramatic changes in the college’s landscape, curriculum, leadership and identity.

One of the earliest changes of the decade at Merrimack was the growth in the number of resident students. During the 1950s, Merrimack realized greater numbers of students were living near campus in private, college-approved homes and apartments. In 1959, thanks to a federal Housing and Home Finance Administration loan of $725,000, dorm construction began. In September 1960, Merrimack’s two dormitories, Austin and Monican centers — male and female dorms, respectively — were opened.

During the sixties, Merrimack also faced an identity problem. Many outsiders didn’t appreciate the concept of shared power. He apprised the faculty of new students as well as faculty. A Warrior editorial dated October 22, 1965, changed the college community into decision-making processes by establishing the Academic Congress, composed of faculty, students and administration. The Congress was an important first step, but Ahern warned the college there was “a long way to go.”

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Before the publicity generated by the Academic Congress, others had an identity problem. Many outsiders didn’t know the official name or purpose of the school. Originally named The Augustinian College of the Merrimack Valley, some people called it The Augustinian College, others Merrimack College. Still others thought the school was a Catholic seminary. To remedy the confusion, on May 2, 1969 — 22 years after the school’s founding — its name was officially changed to Merrimack College.

In total, the 1960s were a time of tremendous growth for the college. Residents helped shape Merrimack’s social atmosphere. Religion became a matter of free choice rather than controlled conduct. The curriculum was substantially revised. The college’s administration opened up to increased faculty and student participation. At a time when the nation was in turmoil and campuses throughout the country were torn apart by internal strife, Merrimack grew both as a institution and as a community...
The girls of Mother Caroline's

By Julie DiFilippo '93

As I walked into the building for the first time, I couldn't imagine that in just two short weeks it was going to be my school. The walls needed to be plastered, there were no desks or chairs, not even a book. That night, as I went to bed for the first time in this new place, I questioned what I was doing here.

But that was the first and last time I questioned going to Mother Caroline Academy. As the two weeks went by, the old buildings were patched up, the Mass, was transformed into a beautiful school building, I lived five teachers, another principal and an executive director gathered for the first time. We cleaned, moved furniture, purchased school supplies and got to know each other. In two weeks we opened the school to 30 girls. I cannot remember who was more nervous, me or them.

My journey to Dorchester had begun months earlier. A month before graduation, I had learned about a new middle school in Dorchester for disadvantaged inner-city girls. The program would provide them with an extended day program, including classroom learning, extracurricular activities and evening study. At Merrimack I was a co-op student, and had worked at IBM, Kodak, PennWell and EG&G. I enjoyed it but I wanted to do something more. I would go downtown... I loved doing it. Heard about the girls and that they needed help. I went through Campus Ministry, and I couldn't resist. I would be teaching a few classes, coaching on the basketball team, participating in school programs, evening study, weekend field trips and a bus driver's schedule. I would be living at a school not more than 12 hours a day, six days a week, with one afternoon/ evening off a week. I signed up immediately!

That August I moved into an old convent that formerly housed 50 nuns. Now it was home to a group of business people, even after we all for the same reason: to work with inner-city youth. Even with our very busy and hectic schedules, we did spend some time together socially. Often, late at night, we watch TV or play Scrabble, and sometimes we go to Sunday Mass or brunch together.

My life changed when I moved to Dorchester. I felt like I was living in a whole other world, yet I only am 35 minutes away from my family and five minutes away from the public school I used to go to. If anything, sometimes it feels more like a million miles away.

The lives of the girls I work with are so different from my own when I was growing up. Many come from single-parent families. They come from small homes with many siblings, and live in violent neighborhoods. Many do not go outside unless they are going to church or to their family members. Many of them have never even been to downtown Boston. The girls have been to North Andover, where I could go outside to play, ride my bike, take a walk, or see a friend I wanted to. Now most of the time, when I go out, someone comes for safety. Last year a person carrying a gun on our street was shot and killed. A few nights later many of us from the neighborhood gathered for a walking vigil for peace. I have discovered Dorchester to be a beautiful place to live. People have told about another one and they are concerned about the violence in their neighborhood.

One of the girls I love the most is about one student who was always complaining to me about the school. There was too much homework, she hated the uniforms, there were no boys, the day was too long... yet she would come to every field trip and event. One day in the schoolyard she came up to me and said, "Ms. D., I really love it here, but don't tell anyone." I always knew she did, but it was wonderful to hear her say it.

Unfortunately I cannot live as a volunteer for ever. The boys and girls I work with are children and we cannot hold them forever. I will be very sad to leave at the end of the school year. I know I will still be part of these girls and boys. In my heart, I know that some of them looked at me and told me it was OK, because she had known that even though they had gone on to continue their career. Another girl reminded me that I'd taught her how to use a computer, and made me promise I would teach her everything I knew before I left so she could teach the new students next year. I have no doubt she still teach them, too.

Over the past two years I have learned more from these girls than I have taught them. When I was younger I babysat for a particular family for many years. In their kitchen they had a poem about how dishes, laundry, making the bed and accompanying can wait until another day, but children cannot, because they are only young once. I have a great respect for what these children can do. Children are only young once and if you cherish, teach and spend time with them, they will fill your life with joy and love.

I was shocked to discover that many of them hadn't learned about Indians, the American Revolution, explorers or slavery.

A life against the grain in Japan

Father Patrick McStravog grew up in Philadelphia with six brothers and sisters. Then as now, the city was a bastion of Catholicism. "When I was a child," he says, "I was a good-faith member of the Church. All the McStravog children were baptized by Augustinians; the boys went to Augustinian school; Augustinian priests were frequent guests in the McStravog home. And of course McStravog went on to become a priest himself."

Although the family was not very strict, McStravog says he learned to be a hard worker from an early age. "I have discovered Dorchester to be a beautiful place to live. People have told about another one and they are concerned about the violence in their neighborhood."

With all this as background, it's hard to escape the impression that McStravog is more than just a typical Augustinian. Augustinians, as McStravog says, are comfortable with the church and its stories as anyone is likely to be. The reason for this, he says, is that the Augustinian mission in Japan is a country in which Christians constitute only a tiny minority and where life, frankly, could be hardly be more alien.

"I've already discovered some assumptions I made in my own life aren't true in my work in Japan," he says. "I was told by a telephone interview from Tokyo. "When I was in the States, I always took it for granted that everybody knew what a Christian is, who Jesus Christ was, that there were 12 apostles, that Jesus was crucified and died, and it was, or learned about Indians, the American Revolution, explorers or slavery. Now it is hard to be a Christian in Japan, because it's countercultural."

By Father Patrick McStravog

Sawako Nakato, Toyo University

In the early '90s, has been intrigued by Japan as a society that was attacked, nearly became a victim himself; just the fact he left school 20 minutes early on the morning of the assassin kept him from being one of the thousands injured.

During McStravog's short tenure in the country, he notes, "There was a big earthquake in Japan as well: the Kobe earthquake. McStravog didn't travel to the city himself, because a group of volunteers from his parish went to clear rubble and feed the homeless. During his time in Japan, McStravog is helping carry out the latest phase in an Augustinian missionary movement that began three centuries ago. Augustinian friars first entered Japan by accident, in 1594, when the Portuguese navy was driven by a typhoon into the port of Hirado; the friars, who had been on their way to the Philippines, disembarked and decided to note that the Church might one day find a hospitable home in Japan. In 1602, two friars arrived in Hirado to found a mission there, and within the decade the movement blossomed.

It would, however, be short-lived. In 1614, the Edict of Enthronement ordered all missionaries out of the country. In Nagasaki, churches were razed and convents burned, and missionaries throughout Japan were ordered to come to the city and board ships. Only two friars stayed. Hiding in the mountains, venturing out at night to minister to Christian converts, they were eventually tracked down and expelled. Mahoney decided to learn more about the culture of the people by spending some time in a Zen Buddhist monastery. He went on to study Christianity. Eventually, as my language skills developed, Father Mahoney, who attended Merrimack in the early fifties and is now a colleague of McStravog's, said he intends to learn as much about Japanese culture—including the language, which he speaks fluently—as he can. He points to Father Maurice Mahoney, who attended Merrimack in the early fifties and is now a colleague of McStravog's, said he intends to learn as much about Japanese culture—including the language, which he speaks fluently—as he can. He points to Father Maurice Mahoney, who attended Merrimack in the early fifties and is now a colleague of McStravog's.
Patricia Cuddy Zipps and her husband, Albert A. Goebel, have been married for 36 years. They have two daughters, Chris and Mark. They reside in E. Brookfield, Mass., and are the parents of four sons, Brendan, Ryan, Kevin and Sean. Annette DeLiso's Parkins is a former assistant principal of John D. McKernan elementary school in Medway, Mass. She is also an adjunct faculty member at Framingham State College and Framingham State International Program. She lives in Milford, Mass., with her husband Lee. Rosemary Chianese is a member of the Brookline, Mass., Teacher of the Year. "I don't have kids," she says. "But I have hundreds here. Sometimes I think I have the patience to do the job because I don't have children at home." Rosemary and her husband Larry live in Chesire, Conn., with their daughter Jennifer. Elizabeth Steel has been named pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Wakefield, Mass. She lives in E. Brookfield, Mass., with her husband Richard.

The Connecticut Vocational and Industrial Clubs of America has named Frederick L. Haddad the Vocational Educator of the Year for his contributions to the field. He is a consultant for the Connecticut State Department of Education and was the recipient of the Career Education Award of the Year in 1985. He lives in West Hartford, Conn., with his wife Regina (Kinnin) '65 in West Hartford. He is an English instructor at Windham Technical School in Willimantic, Conn., has been selected to receive the Willi Fox Award for outstanding achievement. He studied at the University of Connecticut and the University of Connecticut School of Education.

John 5. Larkin and his North Andover, Mass., architectural firm successfully underwent two consecutive quality reviews. John, a certified public, lives in Haverhill, Mass. George Pearson has been named to the rank of major in the Rhode Island Army National Guard. He works as a detective in the Providence (R.I.) Police Department's Bureau of Criminal Investigation. He and his wife, Nida live in Johnston, R.I., with their sons Christopher and Eric.

Richard Leger is a tax auditor with the Massachusetts Department of Revenue. He lives in Peabody, Mass., with his wife Helen. He is a past president of Richard and Timothy Henry. Timothy was born in March.

Brian Bullock was recently promoted to senior manager, commercial lending at Bank of America. He lives in Lowell, Mass. He is a graduate of Boston College and is a member of the 2025 Club. His wife, Sue is a Homemaker. He enjoys skiing and tennis.

Gino J. Banini has been promoted to executive vice president and chief operating officer for Beacon Construction Company Inc., where his current responsibilities include overseeing the company's packaging equipment division. He lives in Scotch Plains, N.J. His wife, Denise is an administrative assistant for the company.

Kevin St. Onge '77

An English major, he edited the college's academic anthology, acted in the study center and played at the Portland State Baptist Church in Haverhill. His congregation is "looking for the word of God from me," he says. "I hope I deliver. His goal? To be ordained as a Baptist minister.

They're so full of wonder," she says of her first-graders. Her goal? Education.
Assistant managing director for major business markets at NYNEX Corporation. She is responsible for marketing in the NYNEX's small and medium business markets, including direct calls and sales. Anne lives with her husband Robert in Methuen, Mass., and their daughter, Diane. Gaston Silva has been named senior vice president of the construction mortgage center in Lowell, Mass. She has also been on the board of directors of the Merrimack Valley Housing Partnership and the Merrimack Repertory Theatre.

Dan Desmond is president of Demand Landscape Contractors in North Andover, Mass. He lives in Andover with his wife, Barbara. Desmond and his wife, Dawn, William R. Hart Jr. was recently sworn in as the new director of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. A former Marine, he lives with his wife, Diane, in Wakefield, Mass. Desmond Landscape Contractors in North Andover with his wife, Dianna. Shortly after retraining as a financial advisor, he became executive vice president of Boston to stay home full time with her children, Emily and Ed. She and her husband Tom live in Winchester, Mass.

Annie Marie Hennigan O'Sullivan graduated magna cum laude from Boston College with a B.S. in civil engineering.

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Stephen Affanato, a second lieutenant with the U.S. Marine Corps, recently reported for duty at Camp Lejeune, N.C. He has been with the Marines since December 1992. Jennifer (Hatem) Carey is a teacher at the Greater Lowell Regional Vocational Technical School and is working toward her master’s in health education. Jennifer still plays tennis competitively throughout New England in the singles, doubles, mixed doubles and (with dad Bob ’68) in the father-daughter division. And there’s more tennis that comes from: Jennifer’s husband Marc is the head tennis pro at Cedardale New England in the singles, High School girls’ team. She and her teammates are Northbury. Michael J. Carrano recently received his professional engineering license from the state of California. He is a project manager for the U.S. Navy in San Diego. He lives with his wife Nancy and their daughter Kate in La Mesa. John McQuaid was recently promoted to coordinator of the Pete Maravich Athletic Club and is a head tennis coach for the Metheny High School girls’ team. She and her teammates are Northbury.

Debra Hourihan has been promoted to assistant account executive in advertising account service at McDougall Marketing. Advertising and Public Relations. She lives in Medford, Mass. Joesephine Bajaj is a personal assistant at Nynex Mobile in Woburn. Mrs. Hourihan is in Peabody. Richard Schiavo was named administrator of the Pond Meadow Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. He lives in N. Quincy.

Tina Crofts is an assistant account manager with McCarthy Insurance Agency in Woburn, Mass. She lives in North Andover. Matt Peake is an eighth-grade history teacher at Marshall Middle School in Lynn, Mass. He also coaches hockey and baseball at Lynn English High School. He lives in Lynn. Elizabeth Wholey has recently moved to Chesterfield, Mo., to study chiropractic at Logan College of Chiropractic. Christopher Wood also attends Logan College of Chiropractic. He lives in Chesterfield. Ms., where the snow accumulation, he notes hopefully, is in almost zero.

WHAT FRIENDS ARE FOR: At the Oct. 14 wedding of Frank Philip Rampulla and Laura (Rudel) Zutes at Our Lady of Lourdes in Brockton, Mass., Nov. 5.

William Flynn ’68 and Margaret Hardwick, Sept. 24.

Catherine Hartnett and James Walmsley ’83 at St. Joseph’s Church, Pepperell, Mass., Nov. 12.

Christine Miller ’84 and Michael Wagnagat at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church in Revere, Mass.


Karyn Murphy ’85 and Shawn Mulgahan at St. Joseph’s Church in Stow, Mass. Nov. 27.

Mary Stanton ’85 and Philip DeGrace at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Hamburgh, Mass., March 31.

Stacey Zettas ’86 and John Alboro at St. George Orthodox Church in Lynn, Mass. Sept. 2.


Frank Saffilotti ’87 and LisaFrancina Mirisola at Gate of Heaven Church, South Boston, Mass., Oct. 14.


Colleen Condangino ’88 and Kevin Horan at the Church of St. Columbkille, Nov. 19.

Timothy Moynihan ’88 and Peggy O’Hare at Our Lady of Lourdes in Brockton, Mass., Nov. 5.

Karen Reynold ’88 and Sean Cunningham at AMB Church, Chelmsford, Mass., Nov. 5.

Amie Zackrison ’88 and Mark Gamble at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church in Revere, Mass.

Eric Conte ’89 and Chun-Yi (Crystal) Wu at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church in Lawrence, Mass.

James Dennis ’89 and Leila Tanen on June 26, 1994.

Maura (Brabham) Dollery ’78 and husband Stephen, a daughter, Erin Bath, Jan. 25. She joins her sister Megan Maura.

Kevin Sullivan ’78 and Donna (Doliglenni) Sullivan’77 at a daughter, Colleen, March 7. She joins her sister Katie Marie.


Patricia Reardon ’81 and wife Maureen; a son, Joseph Patrick, Dec. 6. He joins his brother Timothy James.

Joan (Zaleski) Dempsey ’82 and husband John; twin daughters, Kaitlin Mary, Megan Elizabeth, Dec. 20. They join their brother Sean Patrick.

Catherine M. Reardon ’83 and husband Brian; a daughter, Jennifer Marie, Jan. 4.

Timmy Hassan ’84 and wife Erane Marie; a son, Michael Xavier, Feb. 3. He joins his siblings Rosemary and John Paul.

Adrienne (Pucci) Luisi’83 and husband James; a son, Christopher James, June 28, 1994. He joins his sister Jennifer and Jessica.

Katherine Lyon ’80 and Brian Campbell at Merrimack College, Sept. 25.


Lisa (Kociemba) Kennedy ’82 and husband David at Our Lady of Lourdes in Brockton, Mass., Nov. 5.


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Jennifer Moynihan ’81 and husband Michael; a son, James F. Ill, Sept. 9.

Paul Hewett ’86 and Deirdre (Camilla) Hewett ’86; a son, Kyle Spencer, July 5, 1994. He joins his siblings Caitlin Ryan and Connor WALLING.

Antoinette (Cinolino) Carlin ’91 and her husband John; a son, Stephen, Dec. 17.

Sandy (Panzo) Lewis ’91 and husband Michael; a daughter, Hannah Marie, Oct. 28.

Karen (Ninigan) Underwood ’76 and husband Kenneth; a daughter, Christopher Michael, April 10.

Tara (Ambrose) Floyd ’94 and her husband John; a son, Ryan John, Feb. 2.

Karen Smith (Reilly) ’85 and husband Scott; a son, Daniel Michael, Jan. 15.


Mary (Coughlin) Taskey ’87 and husband John; a daughter, Jennifer Marie, June 30.

Lisa (Morrill) Wells ’90 and husband Scott; a son, James, Nov. 12.


Garrett Moore ’91 and wife Stacie at Our Lady of Lourdes in Methuen, Mass., Jan. 7.

Elisa (Papalustro) Mele ’91; a daughter, Lauren Rose, Oct. 17.

Carolyn (Bosio) Connolly ’86 and husband Michael; a son, Douglas, Dec. 4.

Richard Grant ’86 and wife Ana; a son, Steven Rafael, Dec. 2. He joins his brothers Richard and Michael.

Jay Hannon ’86 and Lorene (DeSantis) Hannon ’86; a son, James, Feb. 3, 1994.

Karen Murphy ’85 and husband Paul; a son, Kyle Andrew, Sept. 10.

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Patrick Maraghy ’86 and wife Gena; a daughter, Meghan Elizabeth, Dec. 22.


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Paul Hewett ’86 and Deirdre (Camilla) Hewett ’86; a son, Kyle Spencer, July 5, 1994. He joins his siblings Caitlin Ryan and Connor WALLING.
DONALD F. WALLACE '51 of Georgetown, S.C., died Feb. 7. He was a contractor and was known as "Pop" by the many residents there. He was a veteran of the 1st Marine Air Wing Division during World War II and was awarded several medals and citations. He leaves two brothers, Timmie and James and several nieces and nephews.

F. RICHARD MORRIS '52. Died Jan. 27 at his home in Seabrook Beach, N.H. He was 66. He lived in Andover for more than 40 years before moving to Seabrook Beach. An avid hunter, he also wrote for a former gymnastics column for Gorbals. He leaves his wife, Betty, three sons, Richard W. '79 and Edward F., two daughters, Sharon M. and Erin A.; and several nieces and nephews.

FRANCIS D. HASHEIM '51 of Merrimack, Mass., died April 13. He was 70. He served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force in World War II. He taught for 20 years at Merrimack High School, where he taught in the business department and was head of the computer lab. He leaves his wife, Phyllis (Picco), his son, David; his daughter, Joan; two brothers, Robert and Carl; a granddaughter; and several nieces and nephews.

GERALD R. PEABODY '57 of Yarmouth, Maine, died unexpectedly at his home March 21. He was 55. He worked in radio for several years and was news director for WNEP in Scranton, Pa., and WBZ in Boston. He opened several McDonald's restaurants. He was a member of the Augusta Country Club and a fund raiser for the Augusta Symphony and VA hospitals. He leaves his wife, Susan; and several children.

GEORGE SHEARON '71 of Lowell, Mass., died on April 3. He was 60. He had been in the U.S. Army Reserve. Prior to his retirement he was director of the state Department of Commerce and Development for more than 30 years. Besides his wife, Helen, he is survived by his daughter, Donna; and two sons and Russell, a granddaughter, Melissa; and two grandsons, Keith and Brandon; a sister, Ruth; and two brothers and Charles William.

ROBERT D. ALLEN '61 died Dec. 19 at his home in Haverhill, Mass. He was 62. After serving in the Army in Korea, he worked as an engineer at ATT for 36 years. He was an active member of First Baptist Church of Haverhill, Mass., and served as past chairman of the board of deacons, an usher and member of the choir. He is survived by his wife, Joan (May); his mother, a son, Scott; sisters, Avenda, Sandra and Joanne; and several nieces and nephews.

PARK McFARLAND '66 died March 3 at his home in North Andover. He was 42. After graduating from Merrimack, he attended Harvard's graduate school and was a civil engineer for 29 years at Stone & Webster in Boston. He was also very active in Merrimack's Alumni Association. He is survived by his wife, Ellen (Dyer); and several nieces and nephews.

PAUL F. MCFARLAND '66 of Merrimack, N.H., died March 13. He was 58. After graduating from Merrimack, he attended Harvard's graduate school and was a civil engineer for 29 years at Stone & Webster in Boston. He was also very active in Merrimack's Alumni Association. He is survived by his wife, Ellen (Dyer); and several nieces and nephews.

SHERYL WILLIAMSON '59 of Sandwich, Mass., died March 19 at home after a long illness. She was 88. She was an associate professor with Mary Kay Cosmetics and a long-time sales executive at Cerber Products for 10 years. She is survived by her mother, Agnes M., and his brothers, William, Shawn, and Thomas; three granddaughters and two grandsons, Michael W.; one sister, Anne.
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