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Inauguration Day in the Merrimack Valley belonged to Merrimack College alumni. See Contents Page.
And Gladly Would He Learn, and Gladly Teach

Though a significant number of my colleagues knew him longer, I was fortunate enough to be his department colleague of Father Joseph Flaherty’s for forty years or so. During some of that time as department chairman, his name which, in my time, he categorically avoided despite pleadings. Observe close colleagues, and they, in particular, are the most likely people to hear the stories of an instructor’s cruel injustice and heartbreaks. Yet in all my time here, despite Father Flaherty’s pride in his macho nickname, “No Charity Flaherty,” not a single student offered a cry of woe or injustice about him. Instead, they came to the department office early in a fall semester to find out what “Flaherty’s courses” were to be offered the following spring so they could plan to take them.

The fact is, Father Flaherty’s students loved him. Did not we all....

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This was that he was exquisitely good at it, which was the common complaint by his detractors. Flaherty, Dr. Roddy Rockefeller, was paying the team’s taxi fare, negotiating our dinner checks, and ordering the wine.

Father Flaherty’s special love was the city of London, which he visited whenever he could, especially in the theater season. One summer day he arranged for another inexperienced colleague and me to join him for a day’s literary tour of London. What a whirlwind! He took us outrageously early in the morning on a ferry from Woodsword’s Westminster Bridge to the Tower of London, where Mary Queen of Scots was beheaded; marched us for hours through Christopher Wren’s Westminster Abbey, where so many literary and historic figures are immured; treated us to lunch at Samuel Johnson’s pub, the Cheshire Cheese; hauled us under exhausted protest onto a double-decker bus bound for working-class Hammersmith to see a genuine English pub; and ended the whirlwind! He took us outrageously early in the morning on a ferry from Woodsword’s Westminster Bridge to the Tower of London, where Mary Queen of Scots was beheaded; marched us for hours through Christopher Wren’s Westminster Abbey, where so many literary and historic figures are immured; treated us to lunch at Samuel Johnson’s pub, the Cheshire Cheese; hauled us under exhausted protest onto a double-decker bus bound for working-class Hammersmith to see a genuine English pub; and ended the whirlwind! He took us outrageously early in the morning on a ferry from Woodsword’s Westminster Bridge to the Tower of London, where Mary Queen of Scots was beheaded; marched us for hours through Christopher Wren’s Westminster Abbey, where so many literary and historic figures are immured; treated us to lunch at Samuel Johnson’s pub, the Cheshire Cheese; hauled us under exhausted protest onto a double-decker bus bound for working-class Hammersmith to see a genuine English pub; and ended the whirlwind! He took us outrageously early in the morning on a ferry from Woodsword’s Westminster Bridge to the Tower of London, where Mary Queen of Scots was beheaded; marched us for hours through Christopher Wren’s Westminster Abbey, where so many literary and historic figures are immured; treated us to lunch at Samuel Johnson’s pub, the Cheshire Cheese; hauled us under exhausted protest onto a double-decker bus bound for working-class Hammersmith to see a genuine English pub; and ended the whirlwind! He took us outrageously early in the morning on a ferry from Woodsword’s Westminster Bridge to the Tower of London, where Mary Queen of Scots was beheaded; marched us for hours through Christopher Wren’s Westminster Abbey, where so many literary and historic figures are immured; treated us to lunch at Samuel Johnson’s pub, the Cheshire Cheese; hauled us under exhausted protest onto a double-decker bus bound for working-class Hammersmith to see a genuine English pub; and ended the whirlwind! He took us outrageously early in the morning on a ferry from Woodsword’s Westminster Bridge to the Tower of London, where Mary Queen of Scots was beheaded; marched us for hours through Christopher Wren’s Westminster Abbey, where so many literary and historic figures are immured; treated us to lunch at Samuel Johnson’s pub, the Cheshire Cheese; hauled us under exhausted protest onto a double-decker bus bound for working-class Hammersmith to see a genuine English pub; and ended the

From the Editor...

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

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

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

Old-fashioned they may be; but out-of-style never. Merrimack College is proud of the values it was built on, and proud still that these values are constant in our never-changing world.

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

Casey Colburn
Editor
Dear Friendly Editor,

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We know a lot about disciplines, but we don't necessarily know a lot about teaching.

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

But for Walsh, the nicest part about teaching the seminar is the close relationships he's developed with students. I went to the Warrior's Den to pick up a sample and one of my students sat down at a table I sat down and ate lunch with him. I don't think I've ever done that before," Dr. Walsh says. It is part of what the seminar encourages. The content of the course isn't facts. It's writing, library research, critical thinking, and approaches to learning.

Dr. Walsh notes. "The most difficult thing for students is the notion of thinking for themselves." Both Dr. Walsh and Dr. Turano agree -- the seminars improves the quality of learners at Merrimack. Dr. Walsh says that more than half of his students have written papers on psychology.

And for teachers, the bottom line is the success of their students. ■
Japan gave her a greater appreciation of her Merrimack teachers

by Louise Pothier Muise '57

W hat do Kabuki, the ancient art of Japan, have in common with Shakespeare's plays?

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

The course work on Shakespeare was nothing new to me, thanks in part to Father Flaherty and Merrimack. What was new to me was the work on the history and art forms of Japan. Professor Thomas Rimer of the University of Maryland, an accomplished Japanophile, lectured on the early periods of Japanese history, which were totally unknown to me. During these years, while Japan was closed to the West, the traditional arts of kabuki and the Bard's plays. We even did some acting ourselves.

All this to prepare ourselves for a ten-day tour of four Japanese cities: Osaka, Takamatsu, Kyoto and Tokyo. From the airport in busy Narita, we took a smaller plane to Osaka. Osaka was a good place to begin. It's a small, manageable city. There I saw Mama-sans on bicycles in among six lanes of fast-moving white Hondas. And there I saw the ubiquitous school children. Everywhere we went at Osaka Castle, the chief tourist attraction in that city; at the Bunraku, Japanese puppet theater. The place was full, different from Western art.

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

We traveled to Kotohira, a small town far inland on Shikoku. The three theaters we visited revealed a link between religion and theater. A recently restored kabuki theater, The Kankanaro, sits on a hillside next to Kotohira shrine, one of the most famous in Japan. The shrine, dedicated to the welfare of sailors, is reached by climbing 758 steps. While this theater was open for tours, we didn't see a performance. It was later, after a ferry ride to the still smaller island of Shichotobari, that we had a more intimate feeling of traditional Kabuki.

At a village theater, also linked to the shrine, we saw and tried on traditional kabuki, robe and shoes. We were part of the avant garde movement, which is highly influenced by the French and by Kafka.

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

Shakespeare was the subject of one conversation with a group of Kabuki actors. I learned how Shakespeare is taught at the National Theater, how the students are chosen, what they study, and how Shakespeare's plays are performed. I was satiated if others just knew what the questions were.

I've come to understand the fact that some 38 years after leaving Merrimack, I am just beginning to fully appreciate what some of the questions are. Merrimack was a great foundation. And my education isn't quite finished yet.
Grace Armano Gilman, '84, recently participated in a flood-relief effort coordinated by her employer, Timberland of Hampton, N.H., and City Year at the prospect of joining Boston. The following is Ms. Armano Gilman's account of the three days she spent in and around St. Louis last summer.

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

On the second day we assisted the residents hoping my home would be saved. This was their third brush with flood waters, yet the only evidence of Route 394, just yards from where we stood, was the square sign barely above water.

One resident, an older woman, said "If it wasn't for you volunteers sharing your尉ness at yet another struggle to keep our homes intact." The County Commissioner said the town was one-and-a-half miles from the Missouri River, yet only evidence of Route 394, just yards from where we stood, was the square sign barely above water. We were helping hands in other ways.

The second day we assisted with flood victims, knowing my task was important, I thought, "Someone, somewhere will eat and be warm tonight because I helped." Donations had come from all over the country and the world. After seeing the Salvation Army helping the victims of disaster, I will no longer walk by the red kettles at Christmas. So many people depend on them.

Day Two
The team embarked on its first mission — helping residents of Defiance, Mo. build levies around their homes. While picking up garbage, you can't help but think that a piece of paper may have once been a family heirloom.

The second day was our last day in St. Louis. Although I wasn't working with directly with flood victims, I knew my task was important. "Someone, somewhere will eat and be warm tonight because I helped." Donations had come from all over the country and the world. After seeing the Salvation Army helping the victims of disaster, I will no longer walk by the red kettles at Christmas. So many people depend on them.

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

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

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

When the Northeast-10 women's soccer season came to an end, Merrimack was not given much chance, according to those polled. The Lady Warriors were picked to finish fifth in the league, meaning they would barely make the tournament and would not win the championship. This was all that prepared us for the season.

Terry Meijia's club proved that The Mack was indeed back in 1993. The Lady Warriors began the year by stopping Springfield's ten-game Northeast-10 winning streak by topping the defending league champs by a 3-2 final. After falling to New Hampshire College in the season's second match, Daly becomes second two-time national all-America performer in women's soccer, named as 1993 Northeast-10 player of the year.

As she was being taken off the field with a broken collarbone in October 1991, Merrimack had wondered if she would ever play another soccer performance. She finally returned to the playing field, but she had come back stronger than ever.

In 1993, she also became the fifth player in Merrimack history to be named Northeast-10 Co-Player of the Year. Daly had finished the season with 43 goals and 13 assists for a school-record 56 points. Those impressive numbers and that determination to win enabled her to be named as one of the national All-America performers for the season. Daly was honored at the NSCAA All-America banquet during that winter in the nation's capital.

The team then ran off a school-record eleven-game unbeaten streak (9-0-2) that included one of the biggest wins in school history, a 2-0 shutout triumph over seventh-ranked Adelphi. The Lady Warriors scored a school-record 13 goals in those 20 contests and outscored the opposition by a 40-goal margin.

The Mack was honored by Merrimack senior co-captains Meeghan Coffey of Watertown, Mass., and Nancy Daly of South Weymouth, Mass. Daly also named to the Northeast-10 All-conference honors for her play was named to the first-team all-Northeast-10 squad from her Sweaty position. Coffey chipped in with a career-high 29-point effort on 11 goals and 7 assists for 29 points, and both seniors earned all-Northeast-10 first-team and all-New England Division II honors.

Sophomore Jessica Lanzo of Winchester, Mass. was also a high-scoring threat for the Lady Warriors this fall, poaching 15 goals and 8 assists for 30 points. Junior Amanda Dion of North Easton, Mass. returned from a 1992 injury to post 7 goals and 13 assists for 27 points, while two other forwards, junior Beth Amawake of Willington, Conn. and freshman Danielle Ouellette of Billerica, Mass. were also named to the Northeast 10 All-conference team.

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With the threat of double and even triple threats from opposing teams, Daly was expected to see the ball on the horizon for the 1993 season. Daly delivered. She could duplicate those efforts this fall. Daly also became the fifth player in Merrimack history to earn that accomplishment.

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

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

Head Coach Tony Martone's Warriors repeated that feat in 1993, as Merrimack upset third-seeded Bryant by a 3-1 final in the first-round. The game was made all the more sweet by the fact that Merrimack's victory gave the Warriors an incredible (and overdue) overall record of 8-10-2 this fall that featured seven games against nationally ranked opponents.

The Never-Say-Die attitude that Martone's club has for years been an ever-present favorite this fall, as the Warriors made their annual comebacks, including a 2-0 overtime win against Franklin that saw the Warriors overcome a 2-0-second-half deficit. Sophomore Chris Pearce scored goals in the first 11 minutes against Stonehill to post a 2-1 win and also posted impressive defensive efforts in wins over St. Rose, Massachusetts-Lowell and LIU-Southampton. The offense also got into the act October 11 in scoring a school-record 10 goals in a 10-0 shutout victory over Assumption.

Senior Chris Pierce of Holbrook, Mass., and freshmen Rich Martone's clubs are famous for was once again present in the nation's most prestigious league and capturing the championship of the National Capital Tournament at the University of Ginger, Mass., all posted 13 goals and six assists for 26 points, while junior Matt Adams of Chatham, N.J. scored the winning hoop, adding 13 goals and 10 assists for 33 points. Freshman Martin Legault of Ontario has been solid in goal for Merrimack, as he has posted a 5-7-1 record with a 3.91 goals against average, having made 388 saves for an .892 saves percentage. Legault was named Hockey East Rookie of the Week November 1 after making 43 saves in the win at RPI and recording a career-high 44 saves against B.U. on December 4. Legault was named Player of the Game after making 53 saves against Ottawa at the National Capital Tournament in front of his hometown crowd.

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

Junior outside hitter Melissa Bacon of Cumberland, R.I. was named to the Division I GTE/College Sports Information Directors of America District Academic All-America Volleyball second team after a vote of CoSIDA members in the New England region.

The Merrimack men's and women's basketball teams have begun their seasons with positive results, as the men's team is 3-3 overall and captured both contests during the fourth annual New England Tip-Off Weekend and the women's team is off to its best start in two seasons with a 4-2 mark heading into the Northeast-10 Championship. Head Coach Bill Hamme's men's team upended New Haven and Merrimack Valley to UMass-Lowell after making stops in Massachusetts-Lowell.

The last day, Merrimack, which is captained by senior Beth Pickles of Medford, Mass., ended the semester with another thrilling victory over the Engineers, handing RPI its best start in six seasons at 4-1. The game was moved across the border to take advantage of the only spiker to earn Academic All-America honors at either the national or district level during this decade.

The Warriors overcome a 2-0 second-half deficit. The line has accumulated 66 of the team's 150 points through 15 games. Freshman Ivy Newcomb of Bristol, Conn, is averaging 12.7 ppg, while senior Helen Pilkell of Bristow, Va., is averaging 12.7 ppg. Newcomb was named both Northeast-10 Rookie and ECAC Division II Rookie of the Week November 1, scored the winning hoop, adding 13 goals and 10 assists for 33 points. Freshman Martin Legault of Ontario has been solid in goal for Merrimack, as he has posted a 5-7-1 record with a 3.91 goals against average, having made 388 saves for an .892 saves percentage. Legault was named Hockey East Rookie of the Week November 1 after making 43 saves in the win at RPI and recording a career-high 44 saves against B.U. on December 4. Legault was named Player of the Game after making 53 saves against Ottawa at the National Capital Tournament in front of his hometown crowd.

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Two Augustinians join Board of Trustees

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

Father Johnson has been the pastor of St. Augustine Parish in Andover since 1988. He received his elementary education at St. Mary School in Lawrence and his high school education at Augustinian Academy in Staten Island, N.Y. In 1959 he received a bachelor's degree from Villanova and, in 1963, the year he was ordained, a master's degree at Augustinian Seminary in Lawrence and his high school education at Augustinian Academy in Lawrence, N.Y.

Father Johnson taught religion and biology at Austin Preparatory School in Lawrence.

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

Obert named Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations

Merrimack's new Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations is a familiar face on campus, John H. Obert '66. Mr. Obert has been the pastor of St. Augustine Parish in Andover since 1988.

Men of Merrimack go over the top

The Men of Merrimack recently celebrated pushing the group's endowment fund figure over the $1 million mark. Above are club officers James L. Conlon of Andover, first vice president; Timothy Brennan '65 of Lowell, president; and Bill Cosby performances and a bequest from the late Roger Bower, former Men of Merrimack president and a banking executive in the Merrimack Valley.

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

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

Fitness guru helps raise money for college

Fitness guru Richard Simmons was a tremendous success, and the program continues to grow. If you are not already on the Alumni Resource List, consider joining the other alumni who are willing to share their expertise with students and other alumni in the job market. Your advice and encouragement can make their job hunting a much better and more productive experience. If you are willing to have students and alumni call you, please take the time to call Alumni Director Susan Wozniak at (508) 837.5440.

Networking program helps students succeed

October's career networking night was a tremendous success, and the program continues to grow. If you are not already on the Alumni Resource List, consider joining the other alumni who are willing to share their expertise with students and other alumni in the job market. Your advice and encouragement can make their job hunting a much better and more productive experience. If you are willing to have students and alumni call you, please take the time to call Alumni Director Susan Wozniak at (508) 837.5440.

Reunion is coming!

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

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

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

William Sidewicz 72 and wife Christine: a daughter, Katie, Brooklyn, N.Y., August 27.

Michael Charzewicz ’76 and wife Deborah (Wedga) ’77, a son, Brett, Croton, August 24.

John Ryan ’77 and wife Mary-Corinne (Lymn) ’77, a son, Shane, July 22.

Mauro D. Doherty ’78 and husband Stephen: a daughter, Megan, Merrimack, October 22.


Kevin A. Dunlavie ’78 and wife Patricia: a daughter, Liana Nicole, June 14.

Robert D. Gerardi ’82 and wife Maribeth (LeGendre) ’81: a daughter, Julia, Wilmington, Mass., October 9.

Robert J. Berquist ’85 and wife Andrea: a daughter, Emily Alexandra, September 22.

Kevin K. Gallo ’82 and wife Stephanie, a daughter, Julia Belle, Marshfield, Mass., June 18.

Peter A. Connors ’54 of Melrose, widower of Anne, who died in 1974: a daughter, Joan; and a son, John.

F. Power “Ty” O’Connor ’52 of Framingham, Mass, died at age 92 on October 12. After graduating from Merrimack, he graduated from the New England Institute of Secretarial Science, Embalming and Funeral Directors. He was the former owner of ty’s Mortuary, which became the write way Mortuaries, Inc. He is survived by his wife, Maureen, and two sons.

Ronald H. O’Connor ’89 of Haverhill, Mass., died at age 82 on August 30. He was a Merrimack trustee and a member of the Army in Germany during World War II. He coached at Lowell High School and Little League baseball, as well as being a referee and umpire. He taught at Westfield and Keasbey high schools and Lowell, and was the head coach for the Army’s team for 27 years. He was also a high school mathematics springship, and was the Army mathematics director and coach of the Melrose High School girls’ basketball team.

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Peter A. Connors ’54 of Melrose, widower of Anne, who died in 1974: a daughter, Joan; and a son, John.

F. Power “Ty” O’Connor ’52 of Framingham, Mass, died at age 92 on October 12. After graduating from Merrimack, he graduated from the New England Institute of Secretarial Science, Embalming and Funeral Directors. He was the former owner of ty’s Mortuary, which became the write way Mortuaries, Inc. He is survived by his wife, Maureen, and two sons.

Ronald H. O’Connor ’89 of Haverhill, Mass., died at age 82 on August 30. He was a Merrimack trustee and a member of the Army in Germany during World War II. He coached at Lowell High School and Little League baseball, as well as being a referee and umpire. He taught at Westfield and Keasbey high schools and Lowell, and was the head coach for the Army’s team for 27 years. He was also a high school mathematics springship, and was the Army mathematics director and coach of the Melrose High School girls’ basketball team.
Gerard and his wife, Helen, have five daughters and three sons. Happy Retirement, Gerard!
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AT THE OTTAWA HOCKEY TOURNAMENT were, from the left—facing the Mahoney ’65, and Tom Treacy ’62. The Mahoneys are from West Boxford, Mass, and are avid supporters of the Merrimack hockey team.

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


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Flaherty, continued from inside front cover
And he wouldn’t tell why, either, until well after midnight, when his 20 questions rout finally broke up because of the stupefaction of mind of the non-Flaherty participants.

Father Flaherty’s joy in vital, disciplined, talented life encompassed not only what he taught but what he met—the films of Carole Lombard, the acting of Shakespearean actress Judy Dench, his subscription to The London Times, which he routinely passed along to Professor Bud Keohan, a close colleague who, like himself, was a newspaper addict. He had lively disdains too. Though he went to them dutifully, for instance, he hated administrative meetings, especially rancorous, small-minded, longwinded ones. And he loathed emotional chaos, asserting regularly despite cries of outrage from colleagues in these scholarly areas that Romanitic and Irish literature were rife with that vice.

He had a gift for one-liners. Once when a colleague, on overload with New England Catholic guilt, confessed he’d ordered and shamelessly devoured an expensive filet mignon—and on an uncelebrative weekday, Father Flaherty’s surely was love of life and human accomplishment, and the capacity for friendship which, of course, follows from that. Just ask Bill Garrett or Paul Shea, or Father Paul Thabault, or his former student Nick Grant and his wife, or countless, countless others.

And gladly would he learn, and gladly teach,” Chaucer said, as Professor Jerri Branca reminded me when we talked about our loss of Father Flaherty. Father Flaherty was a gifted, modest, charismatic man who learned much—and taught much—because he loved much.

I know I speak for all of us when I say how lucky I feel to have known him.

Professor Katherine Murphy, at Father Flaherty’s Memorial Service at the college, October 22, 1993.

Editor’s Note: In case you don’t know if I am shocked!”, Margaret of York is buried with Henry VI because they are blood relatives.
Last fall, Fred Barnes of The New Republic and television's The McLaughlin Group spoke at a joint meeting of the Alumni Council and the President's Council. Mr. Barnes talked about life inside the Washington Beltway and the future of higher education. Pictured above are Mary Lou and Bob Edmunds, both class of '66 and co-chairs of the President's Council; Mr. Barnes; Alumni Council President Bob Cuomo, '68; and Rev. John E. Deegan, O.S.A., president of Merrimack. (Al Pereira photo)