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## Merrimack Around The World

INSIDE:  
From New York  
to New Delhi  
Merrimack is  
expanding its  
horizons.



## Across the nation and around the world, Merrimack makes its mark



**LEFT:**  
Cuba's capital city seems in a kind of a time warp. Classic cars are the norm, as no American imports have been allowed in many decades.

**ABOVE:** In Havana, President Santagati met up with some of the college's old friends as he participated in the Pope's history-making Cuban visit. He's pictured above with the Hon. John Fenton, Dean of the Suffolk University Law School and recipient of last year's Tikkun Olam Award.

As Merrimack College prepares for its journey into the new millennium, our students, faculty, and alumni are on journeys of their own.

Our students are on a journey focused on intellectual and personal growth. Our faculty and alumni are on a different voyage – carrying the Merrimack message beyond our campus to the global community.

It's exciting to think about Merrimack's impact outside of New England. Our Admission staff continues to recruit outstanding students from across the country and around the world. It seems Merrimack's Augustinian tradition, solid academic foundation and our message of the value of a holistic education has universal appeal.

Our worldwide web site is also helping to carry the Merrimack message across the globe. In its first three months, our site has attracted visitors from more than 30 countries, and prospective students are using the web to visit Merrimack, without ever having to board a plane.

Our faculty, important Merrimack ambassadors, are taking groups of

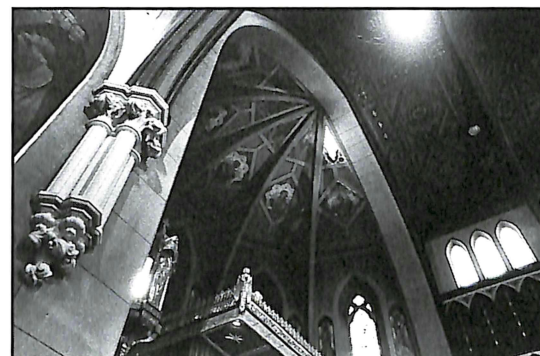
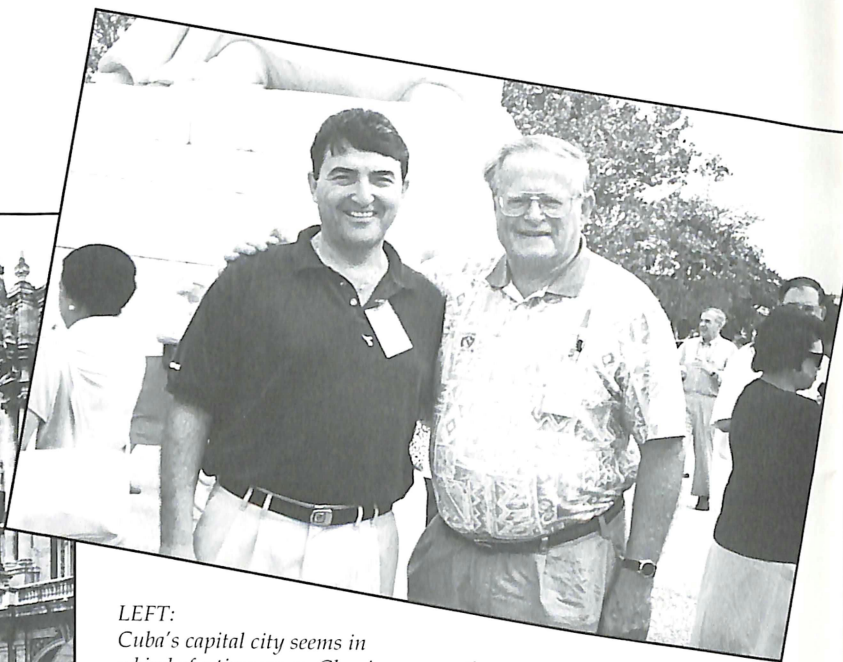
students to places like Africa, the Czech Republic, and Germany, among others, to explore learning beyond the classroom, thereby broadening their students' horizons. The world is Merrimack's classroom.

Merrimack College's service ethic remains as vibrant as ever. This year approximately 100 students participated in our Alternative Spring Break program, reaching out to help orphans, the poor, elderly, people living with AIDS, and others in Santo Domingo, the Bronx, Alabama and Philadelphia.

Additionally, my own journey to Cuba this past January ties in to our theme of "Merrimack in the World." Having been invited by Bernard Cardinal Law, Archbishop of Boston, to join him on his trip to Cuba for the historic Papal visit was a great honor – it's a trip I will not soon forget. During that week, I was constantly reminded of how connected Merrimack is with the world – its people and events.

And as a Merrimack student, I will remember the Augustinians and lay faculty who fled Cuba when it fell to Castro's regime, and came to Merrimack to teach. We certainly couldn't have predicted then the changes and advances we've seen in freedom and democracy for citizens of the world.

In the next several pages, you will read about some of the extraordinary examples of Merrimack's expansion beyond New England. Please join me as we explore "Merrimack in the World."



You needn't travel far to experience the lofty heights and artistry of great church architecture. Rev. Kevin Dwyer, O.S.A., takes students in his first-year seminar to examples in Merrimack's own backyard. See page 8.



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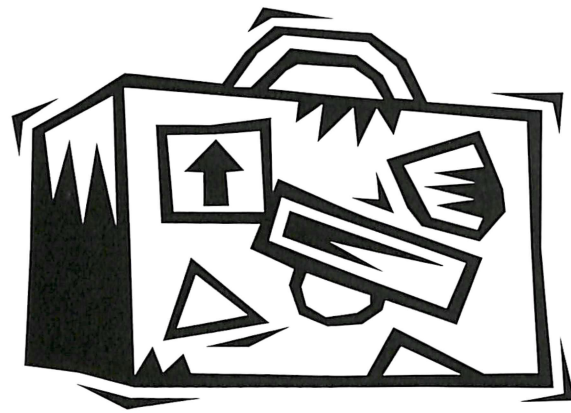
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## Merrimack around the World

This issue of *Merrimack* magazine focuses on travel, and to prepare myself, I've been re-reading my favorite travel writer, Henry David Thoreau. Of course, Thoreau was much more than just a travel writer, but his musings on his Walden experience or his Merrimack River adventure are, for me, the best of the genre.

It is from Thoreau that I learned the secret to successful travel: simplify, simplify, simplify.

No matter the scope of our travels, for two days or 20, my husband and I pack only what we can carry on our backs - and that includes Millicent and her stash of disposable diapers.

Paring down our lives liberates us in so many ways. We're free to see and experience so much more. Heck, you really feel like a native of New Orleans when you've spent an afternoon sipping chicory-laced cafe au lait and nibbling beignets in the neighborhood laundromat.

Such an afternoon might not appeal to Thoreau. He called Walden "the great river of solitude," and that laundromat was hardly solitary.

St. Augustine, our resident philosopher, advised us to seek truth, and God, in community - to reach beyond ourselves. Reach out. Seek God, truth, love, hope, and meaning in the world.

Students and faculty are involved in that search. We've profiled several in the articles that follow.

Over 100 Merrimack students spent spring break among the poor. A plane-ful of marketing students took on capitalism in Eastern Europe. Biology students swim in tropical waters alongside the piranhas. A social scientist travels halfway around the globe to confront his own cultural biases. And, without traveling more than a few miles from campus, students divine meaning from church architecture.

Our campus is the world, and our community is the billions of people on it.

*It's travel, Merrimack style.*

*Wendy D. Wakeman '93*

## Bronx Journal

Christine Wenzel '98 was one of the nearly 100 students who took part in this year's Alternative Spring Break. She reports here on her experiences as a volunteer at St. Nicholas of Tollentine, an Augustinian church in the Bronx.

### Saturday March 14

I am amazed by the lights. We emerged from the cocoon of snowy Connecticut and entered a world of technicolor and sunshine. As we neared the church I saw Jesus with one arm outstretched, protected by a crown of barbed wire thorns. Irony. We sleep in the confines of a protected rectory, but the sirens remind me that there are other things going on outside.

We took a walking tour of Manhattan and saw what it's like to be a have or a havenot. Some were sleeping with their families under a tattered blanket while others, bundled in furs, glided into the finest, regal facilities. Contrast. Some sleep on the steps, others have only enough decency to step over them.

The bells are ringing. The sky is blue here, just like it is everywhere else. Bright posters cover up soot; perfumes disguise the smell of the subway. It's easy to lose yourself in a cartoon.

Everything is big with life and big with color. So much money is spent to create this fantastic microcosm of fiber optics and special effects. Couldn't they take the six million lightbulbs it took to make one sign and instead provide more electricity for a few thousand families? Where is the concern, where is the emphasis placed? Importance is measured by how much is in your cup and what kind of cup you're holding.



### Sunday

I drafted Josie to sing with me in the choir. We were helping Cora and Elba hang St. Paddy's Day decorations in the church basement when we all began talking about singing. A few minutes later, Josie and I were being sized for choir robes! So we led the choir down the center aisle of this grand, majestic church, singing "Amazing Grace." Jo and I sat right up in front of everyone with the choir, and we were singing all right until the whole group decided to sway. We weren't prepared for the choreography, but it gave us a laugh. The women in the choir were so welcoming and encouraging and I really felt I did something special by joining their ministry.

After Mass we all gathered downstairs to partake in some St. Patrick's Day festivities. I was designated the M.C. which meant that I had to lead the group in a performance of some sort. We sang "My Wild Irish Rose," then some sang duets and read poems by Yeats. We stayed up on the stage mouthing words to Irish tunes that none of us had ever heard of before, but it was quite entertaining nonetheless. I was a little bit my great-grandmother reminiscing about Ireland and a bit myself, hearing a voice in my head telling me this is what I was meant to do in the next stage of my life. My tired mind is clouded with thoughts of the future, the smell of potato pancakes, and



That's Melissa Kiely painting a window at Mary's House in Bessemer, Ala. Melissa was one of nearly 100 students to participate in Alternative Spring Break. This year, student groups traveled to the Dominican Republic, Alabama, the Bronx, and Philadelphia to offer help to those in need.

the sight of Spanish advertisements. Despite that, I am full of energy, spirit, and vitality. My mission has begun.

### Monday

We were divided into groups this morning. Maura and I went to work as conversation partners for some ESL



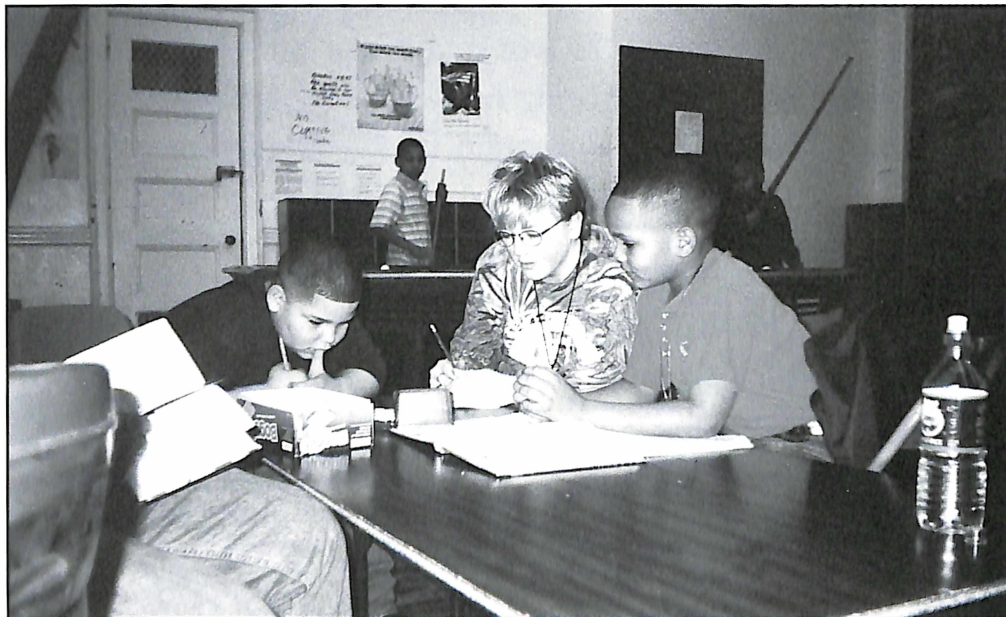
students. I tutored a woman from Ghana. She understood me very well but was too shy to speak. I understand how intimidating it is to speak a foreign language with a native speaker. I had the same experience when I went to France last summer. You're so afraid to say something wrong. I then tutored an eighteen-year-old girl from Ethiopia. She had the same problem using her English words. These people have so much to say, but their fear of not being listened to is enough to reduce them to silence.

I found that most people are learning English so that they can find work. "No English, no job." Most spend their days cleaning their houses and cooking. They haven't yet established much of a life here in New York. I asked them a bunch of questions like I do with my friends back home. I hope tomorrow I'll get more than one word responses. I wonder if in their language they are funny or sarcastic or nice. A lot of personality emerges through language.

Later, we went over to the youth center. I played pool with Manuel and chess with Jamie, and I got my butt kicked by both ten year olds. The kids were very polite and were willing to let me in on their games. I felt worn down and tired, but everytime I saw someone smile, it removed my fatigue for a while. I think all of us are looking for a spiritual reformation, and some of us may find that by serving food, painting, tutoring, watching children, or in one another.

## Tuesday

Maura and I tutored many people again today, and I can't get over their smiles at the fact that people want to talk with them. They are so gracious and grateful, and it's so rewarding knowing that I can help someone say maybe two



Jessica Burgess tutors a couple of boys at St. Nicholas' Youth Center.

more words than they could the day before. Sometimes it can try one's patience to repeat the same things over again. I often feel like my English is becoming stilted because I absolutely have to use basic words. But when the wrinkles of confusion on a young woman's forehead transform into wrinkles around smiling eyes, I know that this is well worth my efforts. We then went over to the youth center. I lose in checkers - my self-esteem is really going down the tubes when it comes to playing games with these kids! I painted a young girl's nails, and it seems like we're bonding more with the kids. We had to leave the center early today to go to the Paradise House which is a place for people with full-blown AIDS. When we got there, I immediately shook hands and hugged some of the patients. God guided me - he helped me not to be afraid. I thought of my cousin who died a few years ago of AIDS. I kept thinking I was going to see his face at the Paradise. What an ironic name.

I talked for a few moments with a woman from California. Her hair was streaked blonde, and her eyes shone red

with fatigue. The words SKIN HEAD were tattooed on the four knuckles of her left hand and her salmon colored acrylic nails hid the years of cigarette stains lurking under them. I saw a human being who had been betrayed by the world and by her own blood. She said her family in California knows she's in New York, but they have no idea what's going on with her. With that she grabbed her cake and fruit punch, looked up at me, and said, "Well, good night." I felt as empty as the white Styrofoam cup in my hand. I felt like I slammed my head against the concrete wall surrounding her heart. Faces



floated through my mind all day long. My mom; my dad; Nate; the Mexican women; Augustina, who could only say "yes"; the Vietnamese woman, Huong, who feared speaking English so

much that her hands clung close to her body as we spoke, as though I was going to cut them off if she said something wrong; Felix, who works in a

Maryellen Colliton photo

French bakery and looks at me as if I have the key to something very important; Rahel from Ethiopia who knows so many words but will only let me see her smile. This mural spins until all of the faces are distorted and mine emerges, and I look like all of them.

## Wednesday

Today I broke through with Linda a little bit. She claimed she couldn't read and refused to try. I got her to practice some grammar exercises and read individual words here and there. Before long I had gotten her to read sentences and then a conversation between two people in the text book. I was so proud of her, and I think she was proud of herself. From what I gather, Linda dropped out of school in the sixth grade in Ghana when her father died. She never became fully literate in her own language and therefore struggles more when trying to read in English. But she sounded the words out and took her time, and that is the key to reading. I kept offering her words of encouragement, and when she left she gave me a big smile and said thank you very much. The people I've been working with are so intelligent, but because their words remain in their heads and not on their tongues, people ignore them. Their hands are crippled when writing English for fear of being wrong. Their mouths are mute because they feel stupid when they speak slowly. The worst way to stifle a person is to take their words away. I feel like I am helping them find power by giving them a vocabulary.

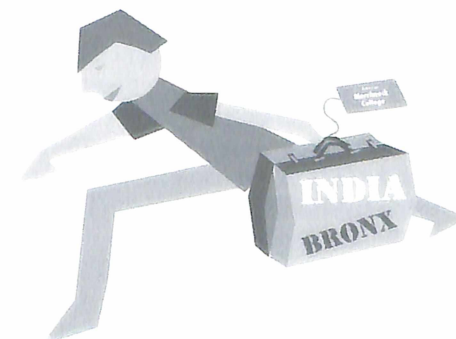
## Thursday

You never really know where people go after leaving class. Maura and I said

goodbye to Mediha today. I know she walks 45 minutes to get here. Her sneakers were drowning in the rain yesterday, and I wanted to give her money for the bus, but she left too quickly, and it was too awkward. Mediha always wore bright orangepink lipstick and an old Wrangler sweater. In her country she was a nurse, her husband an engineer. Both are unemployed now, and her fourteen-year-old son brings in their only income. He works after school and never gets home before midnight.

## Friday

Languages have always been a fascination of mine, so I thought it so appropriate that I worked with ESL students. This trip has helped me to stand firm in the idea of doing some type of service for at least a year after I graduate. I am considering the Jesuit Volunteer Corps; I would like to work on a Native American Reservation in Arizona. It is in giving of ourselves that we receive. I can't think of a better way of helping my brothers and sisters than to give them a voice - or to encourage them to sing louder with the one they have.



## Students face tragedy in Alabama

Merrimack students traveling to Bessemer became part of a grieving community when one of the second-grade students at the school our students worked in was shot and killed in a domestic violence incident during their stay.

"It wasn't what we expected to find down there," said campus minister Rev. Joseph Farrell, O.S.A. "We figured we'd scrape some paint, tutor the kids in math and spelling."

Instead, Farrell said, the group learned what it means for a community to deal with violence and its effects. "The innocence is gone for the kids in that school."

The Merrimack students were able to make a difference for the folks in Bessemer. They filled in for teachers who, in their grief, were unable to attend classes. And they helped create the memorial Mass for little Justin.

Joe LeDuc, a first-year student, sang "All Good Gifts," as Justin's schoolbooks and desk were brought to the altar as part of the Offertory.



# AFRICAN SAFARI

Dr. Larry Kelts' students have studied marine biology on a small island off the coast of Maine, investigated a depleted ecosystem in Jamaica, focused their microscopes on marine plankton in Belize, and hiked and camped in the rain forest of the Amazon. Next stop: **EAST AFRICA.**

by Mary Beth Donovan '80

When biology professor Dr. Larry Kelts takes students into the field, he expects them to act and think like biologists. Take samples of flora and fauna. Observe wildlife. Carefully record observations. Swim with piranhas.

*Swim with piranhas?*

"It's really not what you think at all. It is not dangerous. It's just one of those amazing things you do on these trips," said Michael Edwards '96 who got close to the legendary fish during a trip with Kelts to the Amazon.

Kelts' traditional classroom is located on the second floor of the Mendel Science Center. But for almost 20 years, he has encouraged Merrimack students to look far beyond the conventional confines of the campus to learn. His students have studied marine biology on a small island off the coast of Maine, investigated a depleted ecosystem in Jamaica, focused their microscopes on marine plankton in Belize, and hiked and camped in the rain forest of the Amazon.

Erin Beal '96, a veteran of the trips, will be one of several alumni on an upcoming field study. "My eyes were opened in ways I never thought they could," she said of the past trips. "We learn things from a global perspective. There is no question the experience is high quality. In class we talked about how we are all ecologists, but when you go on these trips, and you see what is happening, you know that it is true."

In June, Merrimack students will go global again when Kelts, fellow professor and microbiologist Dr. Marcia

Walsh, and 13 students travel to East Africa. For two weeks, they will study the tropical grasslands, savannas, and wetlands; observe and record the sounds of wildlife; and learn from biologists working in the country.

"It is going to be an unbelievable opportunity to learn, to really see and touch all we have been talking about in the course," said Megan Clapp, a senior. To prepare for the trip, she and the others meet one night a week through the spring semester, attend regular Friday afternoon seminars, and get a number of immunizations. The field study costs \$3,400 per student in addition to the course cost. When they return, students will meet again to talk about what they observed and learned.

Beal said friends ask her why she doesn't go on "a real vacation," where she can sit in the sun, enjoy a cool drink, relax, and not worry about pulling a good grade. "Some people think I'm nuts. But this is just an amazing experience," she said.

Other Merrimack students have agreed. The response of his students and many non-biology majors to Kelts' annual excursions to the Isles of Shoals off the coast of Maine, moved him to

lead students to other corners of the world to study.

Merrimack students, said Dr. Kelts, will go anywhere to learn.

"Once you get a group of students interested in field study, it is not hard to keep the group going. Some great relationships are built on these trips," he said. In fact, the East African group includes current undergraduate students and a number of alumni who have returned to Merrimack for additional study.



David Oxtun photo

**Ready to Go:** Pictured above are some of the students traveling to Tanzania in June. Kneeling, Steven Przyjenski. Second row, left to right are Erik Schiff; Nancy Haynes; Megan Clapp; Martha Rossi; and Dr. Marcia Walsh. Third row, Colleen Lanctot, Ronnee Duncan, Erin Beal, and Michael Edwards; Top, Dr. Kelts.



Erin Beal '96 photo

Kelts' first long distance trip was to a marine biology laboratory in Jamaica about five years ago. "I would rate that the lowest of the trips," said Erik Schiff '82, "because the ecology there had been degraded" by humans.

Undaunted, Merrimack students pushed for more. Kelts next brought them to Belize. "It was just gorgeous, an incredible place to go," Schiff said. The students did their research in a tropical rain forest.

On the return flight from Belize, a student asked Kelts if he would take them to the Amazon. He did and students lived, worked, and collected samples from a houseboat on the Rio Negro and Rio Branco Rivers.

For Schiff, who lived in Africa as a Peace Corps volunteer, the upcoming trip will be special because he is returning as a student. "This time is different. This will be a full experience, about what is going on in the ecosystem there and why," he said.

None of the Merrimack travelers expect to be rested when they return. Students will camp out in the wild, take part in extensive walking safaris, conduct experiments, and even descend 2,000 feet into a crater. They will have a Tanzanian guide who "knows we are not there as tourists but as biologists," said Dr. Kelts. So if students want to change plans to observe the behavior of a pride of lions or a clan of hyenas, they will do just that. The students expect to do much of their work at dawn or late at night when many animals are most active.

When they are not out in the field, they hope to meet with biologists who work in Africa. "It is not just the obvious we will be looking at; it will be more than studying rhinoceroses," said Ronee Duncan, who heard about the course from Schiff and signed up. "We'll talk about global economy, issues in culture, history, geology, the whole picture."

At the suggestion of Dr. Walsh, the group also plans to visit a school, spend time with children there, and bring gifts of paper tablets and crayons.

For all the learning going on, Kelts said he may benefit the most. "It is impossible not to immerse yourself in this as you prepare for the trip," he said. When the decision was made more than a year ago to go to Africa, Kelts threw himself into studying the tropical plains and savannas of East Africa and the creatures who inhabit them. When his daughter went off to college, Kelts took over her room, renaming it the "African Room," filling it with research papers, books, and samples he has used to prepare himself and students for the trip.

"It is all a big thrill for me," he said.

One of the highlights will be reading the journals students keep to record their reactions to all they are experiencing, according to Kelts. "That in itself is a wonderful experience," he said.

The trips have inspired some students to redirect their careers. Beal plans to pursue a Ph.D. in biology. Edwards will continue his studies in aquatic ecology.

But immersing themselves in far-off

**On the Amazon:** Boating through a flooded forest on the Amazon was part of last year's biology class for Dr. Kelts. This year, it's Tanzania for an African experience. Shown in the photo are (left to right) Mark Baker, the tour director, Erik Schiff, Kelts, Rob Hodgson, Sandra DeVita, Eric Saulnier, and Stacey Mondoux '95. All but Hodgson and Mondoux will be joining Kelts this year.

lands and then bringing those experiences home to share with the rest of the Merrimack community means work, said Dr. Kelts.

"We've got one little window to learn in. We will utilize it to the fullest," he said.

## WHAT THEY WILL SEE

**When in East Africa, Merrimack students will visit Tarangire National Park, the third largest in Tanzania, home of the magnificent baobab trees and nine distinct vegetation zones; the Ngorongoro Crater, a volcanic caldera teeming with wildlife; Olduvai Gorge, the site where the 1.65 million-year-old remains of the Zinjanthropus Man were found; and the Serengeti National Park, which has the greatest concentration of wildlife in Africa. Among the creatures students expect to see: giraffe, lion, warthog, ostrich, zebra, leopard, cheetah, wild dogs, and vultures.**





David Oxtan photo

## THERE'S SOUL IN BRICKS AND MORTAR

You needn't spend hours on planes, trains, or ships to experience the benefits of travel. Rev. Kevin Dwyer, O.S.A., shows students that the world is in Merrimack's backyard.

by Mary Beth Donovan '80

Whenever first year student Bianca Nocco visited a house of worship for the first time, she would look appreciatively at the artwork, the altar, the symbols used to decorate it.

Now, Nocco says, she knows there is a reason for the choices of decor. And

with that knowledge comes a better understanding of the spirit that built the church or synagogue or mosque, she said.

Nocco is a student in Faith through Architecture, a first year seminar taught by veteran Merrimack College professor Rev. Kevin F. Dwyer, O.S.A.

Dwyer, a member of the religious studies department, developed the class several years ago. "Where is the spirit of people more apparent than in the homes that they build to house their lives? How they decorate their dwellings speaks volumes to even the most casual visitor," he said. "In the same manner, it is the way in which people build and appoint their houses of worship which manifests their most deeply held religious beliefs." Students in the course discern just that in visits to different houses of worship, class discussions, and study. This semester, students began by looking at the architectural statements of world religions at Merrimack's own Collegiate Church of Christ the Teacher. They also visited a Melkite church, a Jewish synagogue, several Protestant churches of various denominations, and a Hindu temple.

"It is very evident what worshipers at St. Mary parish in Lawrence believe in," Father Dwyer said "Simply by looking at the church you know."

Facing the congregation is a huge altar, "a lord's table big enough for many," said Father Dwyer.

This is a sign that Eucharist is a focus of worship. Off to the side is a large marble pulpit, a symbol of the significance of liturgy at St. Mary. However, because the pulpit is not at the center and does not obstruct the view of the table, it is evident that Eucharist is the most important portion of worship.

For Nocco, the most memorable trip was to a Unitarian church. "There were no icons, no decorations, just an altar with a couple of candles," she said. The starkness, she explained, is a way of being neutral and accommodating to people who come from a number of beliefs.

"Before this class I never would have understood why it was so simple," she said.

All are within a short drive of Merrimack, said Dwyer, who uses the college van to transport his students. But the places students have visited represent faiths from all over the globe.

He said, "I like to think we are seeing a little bit of the world within just six or seven miles of Merrimack."

*Touring the great cathedrals of Europe was always part of the "grand tour." Father Dwyer and his students find beauty and meaning in the churches of the Merrimack Valley, just minutes from home. Pictured is St. Mary Church in Lawrence.*

## A Fish Out of Water

Traveling in and of itself is a great learning experience. In another setting, you look at yourself more critically. As Michael Kanner-Mascolo says, "A fish doesn't know it's in water until it's out of it."

by Wendy Darwin Wakeman '93

Dr. Michael Kanner-Mascolo took on choosing a site for behavioral research the way a lot of travelers choose destinations.

Kanner-Mascolo, a psychology professor, and his wife, Bonnie (a professor at Worcester State College), looked for somewhere that was "as different and exotic as possible," and yet would still be accessible to them as English speakers.

They chose India.

"I've always wanted to do cross-cultural work, because it forces you to confront your cultural assumptions," Kanner-Mascolo says. "One of the things I believe is that there is no behavior that takes place independent of culture."

In part to prove the validity of that belief, Kanner-Mascolo and his family (the Kanner-Mascolos have two children, a son Seth, 7; and a daughter Mica, 3) spent the month of December in Delhi.

While there, Kanner-Mascolo worked with the head of the Psychology Department at the University of Delhi, Girishwar Misra, on the game plan for the research the two have undertaken. The project aims to compare American and Indian attitudes on the experience of self and the nature of social relationships.

Working on the study with a non-western colleague is of particular value, Kanner-Mascolo says. "For too long,

western values and assumptions have provided the standards by which other cultures have been judged." Cultures like the Indian culture have inappropriately been seen as substandard, or even pathological.

The month spent on foreign soil helped Kanner-Mascolo confront his own assumptions – those of a white, western male. The direct experience was invaluable.

He and his family noticed huge cultural differences. Most noteworthy, Mascolo says, was the absence of the western, self-oriented focus. "The Indian culture is other-oriented and hierarchical."

For example, in America, people clarify their own wants and needs and then go on to negotiate compromises based on them. In India, people are reluctant to state their needs.

"The Indians try to infer what *you* want, determine *your* needs, and take care of them, sometimes before you even knew you had those needs," he says. "It sometimes made it difficult for us to interact with people."

The obedience to hierarchy took some getting used to as well. "The students [at Delhi University] were incredibly deferential," he says. As an American professor, he was afforded tremendous respect. Kanner-Mascolo found he needed to steer his interactions with students.

By comparison, his American students are always eager to redirect interactions in ways which shed favorable light on themselves. "I expect them to participate, to show me what they know," he says.

Kanner-Mascolo and Misra expect that the data they gather will reinforce what Mascolo saw in his travels: Indians define the self through their interpersonal relationships and Americans define themselves as more independent and separate from others.

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## THERE'S SOUL IN BRICKS AND MORTAR

You needn't spend hours on planes, trains, or ships to experience the benefits of travel. Rev. Kevin Dwyer, O.S.A., shows students that the world is in Merrimack's backyard.

by Mary Beth Donovan '80

Whenever first year student Bianca Nocco visited a house of worship for the first time, she would look appreciatively at the artwork, the altar, the symbols used to decorate it.

Now, Nocco says, she knows there is a reason for the choices of decor. And

with that knowledge comes a better understanding of the spirit that built the church or synagogue or mosque, she said.

Nocco is a student in Faith through Architecture, a first year seminar taught by veteran Merrimack College professor Rev. Kevin F. Dwyer, O.S.A.

Dwyer, a member of the religious studies department, developed the class several years ago. "Where is the spirit of people more apparent than in the homes that they build to house their lives? How they decorate their dwellings speaks volumes to even the most casual visitor," he said. "In the same manner, it is the way in which people build and appoint their houses of worship which manifests their most deeply held religious beliefs." Students in the course discern just that in visits to different houses of worship, class discussions, and study. This semester, students began by looking at the architectural statements of world religions at Merrimack's own Collegiate Church of Christ the Teacher. They also visited a Melkite church, a Jewish synagogue, several Protestant churches of various denominations, and a Hindu temple.

"It is very evident what worshipers at St. Mary parish in Lawrence believe in," Father Dwyer said "Simply by looking at the church you know."

Facing the congregation is a huge altar, "a lord's table big enough for many," said Father Dwyer.

This is a sign that Eucharist is a focus of worship. Off to the side is a large marble pulpit, a symbol of the significance of liturgy at St. Mary. However, because the pulpit is not at the center and does not obstruct the view of the table, it is evident that Eucharist is the most important portion of worship.

For Nocco, the most memorable trip was to a Unitarian church. "There were no icons, no decorations, just an altar with a couple of candles," she said. The starkness, she explained, is a way of being neutral and accommodating to people who come from a number of beliefs.

"Before this class I never would have understood why it was so simple," she said.

All are within a short drive of Merrimack, said Dwyer, who uses the college van to transport his students. But the places students have visited represent faiths from all over the globe.

He said, "I like to think we are seeing a little bit of the world within just six or seven miles of Merrimack."

*Touring the great cathedrals of Europe was always part of the "grand tour." Father Dwyer and his students find beauty and meaning in the churches of the Merrimack Valley, just minutes from home. Pictured is St. Mary Church in Lawrence.*

## A Fish Out of Water

Traveling in and of itself is a great learning experience. In another setting, you look at yourself more critically. As Michael Kanner-Mascolo says, "A fish doesn't know it's in water until it's out of it."

by Wendy Darwin Wakeman '93

Dr. Michael Kanner-Mascolo took on choosing a site for behavioral research the way a lot of travelers choose destinations.

Kanner-Mascolo, a psychology professor, and his wife, Bonnie (a professor at Worcester State College), looked for somewhere that was "as different and exotic as possible," and yet would still be accessible to them as English speakers.

They chose India.

"I've always wanted to do cross-cultural work, because it forces you to confront your cultural assumptions," Kanner-Mascolo says. "One of the things I believe is that there is no behavior that takes place independent of culture."

In part to prove the validity of that belief, Kanner-Mascolo and his family (the Kanner-Mascolos have two children, a son Seth, 7; and a daughter Mica, 3) spent the month of December in Delhi.

While there, Kanner-Mascolo worked with the head of the Psychology Department at the University of Delhi, Girishwar Misra, on the game plan for the research the two have undertaken. The project aims to compare American and Indian attitudes on the experience of self and the nature of social relationships.

Working on the study with a non-western colleague is of particular value, Kanner-Mascolo says. "For too long,

western values and assumptions have provided the standards by which other cultures have been judged." Cultures like the Indian culture have inappropriately been seen as substandard, or even pathological.

The month spent on foreign soil helped Kanner-Mascolo confront his own assumptions – those of a white, western male. The direct experience was invaluable.

He and his family noticed huge cultural differences. Most noteworthy, Mascolo says, was the absence of the western, self-oriented focus. "The Indian culture is other-oriented and hierarchical."

For example, in America, people clarify their own wants and needs and then go on to negotiate compromises based on them. In India, people are reluctant to state their needs.

"The Indians try to infer what *you* want, determine *your* needs, and take care of them, sometimes before you even knew you had those needs," he says. "It sometimes made it difficult for us to interact with people."

The obedience to hierarchy took some getting used to as well. "The students [at Delhi University] were incredibly deferential," he says. As an American professor, he was afforded tremendous respect. Kanner-Mascolo found he needed to steer his interactions with students.

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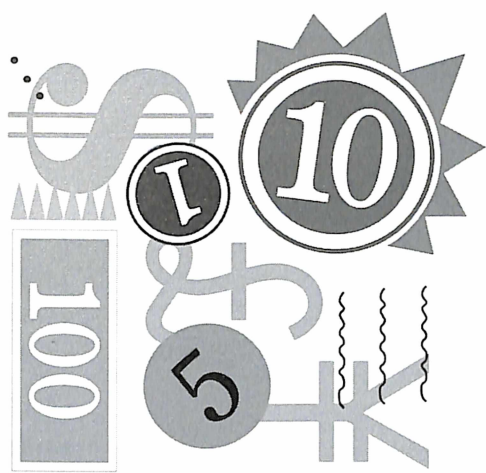
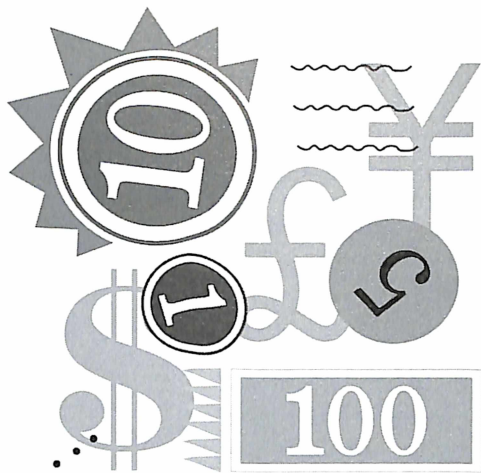
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# To Market, To Market... The European Market, That Is



**International business students at Merrimack know the future of our economy is global. Cathie Rich-Duval makes sure their marketing know-how is translatable.**

by Wendy Darwin Wakeman '93

O'Reilly on a Thursday morning is much like any other classroom building on campus. Unremarkable, really - unless you happen to stumble into a particular faculty office on the third floor. An international Diet Coke can collection lines a bookshelf. A map of the world decorates one wall; framed travel posters another. On the phone a student, Gabriela Chadimova, talks fast and takes notes.

Her long, oh-so-blonde hair, blue jeans, clunky black loafers, and the tiny jeweled stud on one side of her nose give Gabriela away as a young woman of style, not unlike many other Merrimack students. Except all that fast talk - something's different.

Gabriela is speaking Czech. Later, Gabriela will brief Professor Cathie Rich-Duval on the conversation. "In the Czech Republic," Rich-Duval explains, "the operators speak Czech, and maybe German. At least in Germany they speak English."

So, while Rich-Duval has been able to negotiate most details herself, she's enlisted Gabriela's help. The class, Comparative Marketing Practices, will travel to both Eastern and Western Europe on spring break.

To the best of Rich-Duval's knowledge, this class is unlike any other offered anywhere in the country. And, as vice president of the American Marketing Association's Collegiate Division, Rich-Duval is in a unique place to see what other programs are like.

"I've heard of graduate programs like

this, but most undergraduate international business classes travel to colleges and universities in other countries. What good is that?" she says. Her class doesn't travel thousands of miles just to sit in classrooms.

The Merrimack students visit actual businesses. In previous years, students have visited EuroDisney, Porsche, Sabena World Airlines, the European Economic Commission, Lladro Porcelain, and Gianni Calabrese Clothiers, to



Cathie Rich-Duval photo

**All Business:** While some students on a spring break trip might pack nothing but a bikini and a towel, those in Catherine Rich-Duval's Comparative Marketing Practices class must remember suitcoats, dress shoes, notebooks, and pens. While they'll see their share of foreign lands, they'll also participate in intensive study of business practices abroad. Shown above at Raptor Systems in Munich are Nicole Kemp '98, Stephanie Gray '99, John MacCurtain '99, Kim Rischer '99, Robert Marshall '98, Erin Racicot '99, Kristin Mates '99, and Travis Witteveen, sales manager of the company's Central and Eastern European operations.

name just a few. This year, Rich-Duval and her students will travel to Prague, Czech Republic; Munich, Germany; and Salzburg, Austria.

They'll visit Siemens, one of the largest manufacturers of semi-conductors in the world, and four or five other companies. "Right now, I'm negotiating with BMW to tour its factories," she says. On each trip, she tries to provide her class with a good mix of consumer product and industrial manufacturers or resellers.

Over the course of the semester, students analyze the political, economic, cultural, and business environments of the countries they will visit. As they travel, school work will be mixed in with recreation and touring.

"I tell parents it's half fun and half work," Rich-Duval says. "I recognize it's spring break for the students. But it's no vacation for me."

In the weeks leading up to the trip, she's up until all hours of the night faxing and telephoning trans-Atlanticly, working against huge time-zone differences. Then, once the plane full of students takes off, her work really begins.

As the group travels, she needs to be on top of the logistics. In addition to arranging the site visits, Rich-Duval plans excursions to popular tourist destinations.

Of course, despite the hours of preparation, things don't always go as planned. So much depends on the bus driver.



Cathie Rich-Duval photo

**The Translator:** Shown above is Gabriela Chadimova, an international student from the Czech Republic.

To get around language barriers, Rich-Duval always hires an English-speaking bus driver. Last year, when the group traveled to Spain, their driver spoke English beautifully. As a Belgian, he also spoke Flemish, German, and French.

He just couldn't speak Spanish. Fortunately, a few of the students spoke Spanish, and the group managed to get by with little difficulty.

Rich-Duval has been running this course for nearly a decade, but there are always new challenges. Having seen enrollment in the class drop as the cost of the trip increased, Rich-Duval is looking to find ways to reduce the financial burden on the students.

About half of the \$1,950 price tag is devoted to land transportation. Rich-Duval is hoping to find a private source to help with those costs.

"I'd love to take a group to the Far East, but it's so expensive," she says. There's never a shortage of destinations. "I'm looking more closely at Latin America, and I've got a lot of contacts in the Caribbean, but I don't know if I'd get the kids off the beach!"

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# Perspectives on Curriculum: Talking About Content

by Wendy Darwin Wakeman '93 and Rev. Richard Jacobs, O.S.A.

"When a small group of students and alumni gathered recently to talk about curriculum, one thing was certain – times have changed."

When Joe Mahoney '51 was an undergraduate, students didn't have a lot of choices to make, and that was okay with them.

"Most of the guys were just back from the war, the second war," Joe remembers. "And there was another war about to begin in Korea. They had one compelling mission, and that was to get an education and get on with their lives. They had wives and kids and full time jobs."

Students saw a college education as a ticket to economic success. They studied math, English, religion, maybe a modern language - the basics.

Within the framework, however, the material was quite rigorous. He remembers particularly a religion class with Rev. Jim Hannon, O.S.A. "As the material became more advanced, the debates became pretty hot," Mahoney says, and laughs. "Sometimes Father Hannon was left not knowing what to say next."

Today's students have a course catalog packed with choices. A Merrimack student can study ornithology, Buddhism, or southern or even Caribbean writers. Course requirements exist, certainly, but each department offers a wide range of courses that will fulfill them.

For Jim Hogue '98, what's lacking is the debate. "I think college should be an opportunity for people to come together to argue about ideas," Hogue says. "People learn things better when there is a debate." Hogue and Mahoney were

two of the participants in a discussion (part of the "From the Heart of Merrimack" series) on curriculum at Merrimack.

Held at the home of trustee Alice Murray in Andover, the discussion was led by assistant to the president Rev. Richard Jacobs, O.S.A. Participating were Mahoney, Hogue, Murray, Maggie Koosa '98, and Jennifer Reboulet '99.

## Building a foundation

The participants agreed with Hogue: discourse and debate is an important part of an academic environment, but intellectual argument needs to have its foundation in knowledge.

Not every student at Merrimack can claim a solid foundation.

"The curriculum needs to compensate for the inadequacies of high school educations," Jennifer Reboulet said.

Reboulet is a marketing major who commutes to campus from her home in Wakefield, and she takes her education seriously. She has maintained an impressive 3.97 cumulative grade point average, even though she works part-time, too, to help pay the cost of her tuition. She works hard, both in class

and out, and she has noticed when working on group projects that her classmates aren't always as prepared as she is. Reboulet suggested that more coursework in writing, in particular, should be required of incoming students.



Shown above are the participants in the most recent "From the Heart of Merrimack" discussion group. Seated are Alice R. Murray, a trustee of the college, and Jennifer Reboulet '99. Standing are (left to right) Joseph Mahoney '51, Margaret Koosa '98, James Hogue '99, and Rev. Richard Jacobs, O.S.A.

Wendy Wakeman '93 photo

## Reaching beyond the basics

The discussion soon turned to the academic equivalent of the chicken and the egg debate: is the goal of a college education to form human beings or to train professionals?

Mahoney said, "The goal is not to train you to get a job, but to prepare you to have a job, and to think critically."

Hogue sheepishly admitted that he has focused his energy on career

preparedness, often at the expense of liberal arts. "I do so much with business," he said. "Alice (Murray) is always after me to take more English classes. And I know I should." He said perhaps more course work in the liberal arts should be required of students.

Yet, with Murray's interest in keeping Hogue's education well-rounded, she voiced a reluctance to dictate too much to students. At Trinity College, she remembers, she was required to study Anglo Saxon, something she believes was unnecessary.

Mahoney remembered taking Shakespeare as a Merrimack student, with Rev. Joseph "No Charity" Flaherty, O.S.A. "About ten of us took Shakespeare voluntarily, but it was tough," Mahoney laughed. "I'd suggest to anyone who wants to study Shakespeare to rent one of the new Kenneth Branagh films."

## Learning a profession

When Maggie Koosa, a senior resident student from Connecticut, began her career at Merrimack, she was one of only two women in her class majoring in civil engineering.

"I expected I'd get a lot of experience with computers and new technologies, since being on the cutting edge is so important in engineering," she said.

And Merrimack met her expectations. Although she has since changed her major to mathematics, Koosa said she received plenty of hands-on, real world experience. One of the class projects she participated in involved redesigning North Andover Town Hall.

"We interviewed people like the town clerk, to see what their needs were," Koosa said, "and then we developed plans."

One of the plans developed by a student team was eventually incorpo-

rated into the building renovations.

For the students, the Augustinian and Catholic nature of the college ranked below a number of other considerations, including finances, a curriculum able to provide job marketability, and skills.

Still, while each has a different perspective, all three agreed that incorporating more of Augustine and his beliefs into the curriculum would be worthwhile.

"I honestly don't know much about the Augustinians," Reboulet said.

Hogue, who received his secondary education at an Augustinian preparatory school in Tulsa, said he was initially surprised by the lack of an Augustinian presence on campus.

Consensus among the group was that while Merrimack, as an Augustinian Catholic college has a distinct philosophy and theology, the students often don't see how the ideals are linked to events on campus. Several ideas were discussed, such as doing a better job weaving Augustine's beliefs into classrooms and encouraging professors to teach courses on specifically Catholic subjects. Koosa said she took a class on Caribbean writers and thought a similar course with a Catholic theme would be interesting.

The students drew the line at requiring attendance at Mass, although some

Catholic colleges are considering restoring such a requirement. The Center for Augustinian Study, which will begin operations in the fall, is also aimed at increasing an awareness of St. Augustine's life and philosophy on campus. The funding for the center, a \$1 million grant from the Order of St.

## About "From the Heart of Merrimack"

*In 1990, Pope John Paul II defined his vision for Catholic higher education, calling it ex corde Ecclesiae (from the heart of the Church). In it, he challenged Catholic colleges and universities to talk about their identity and define it so it could be clearly recognized by those within and without as special. In a series of discussions hosted by Merrimack College President Richard J. Santagati, people who care about the college are doing just that.*

*From the Heart of Merrimack welcomes your input. If you would like to be involved in a discussion group, or want to put your thoughts on paper, please write to From the Heart of Merrimack, Rev. Richard Jacobs, O.S.A., Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike Street, North Andover, MA 01845.*

Augustine's St. Thomas of Villanova Province, came in part to address the concerns raised in the focus group.

"Let's get back to being Augustinian," Mahoney said. "And we don't need to be too fancy about it."



## Who's Who Names Names

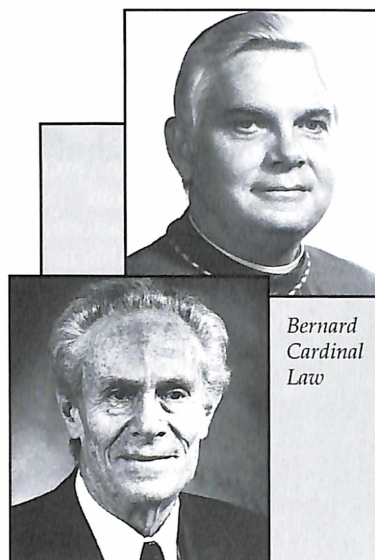
A number of Merrimack students will be included in the 1997-98 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. Students are nominated by a campus committee and the editors of the directory in recognition of exceptional academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities, and potential for continued success.

Seniors nominated are Josephine Thomas, George Scotti, Gim Soon Wan, Michelle Chasse, Danielle Pawloski, Melissa Baldino, Kara Shields, Stacy Dell'Orfano, Malinda Payette, Kerri O'Brien, Jennifer Dyer, Susanne Comeau, and Kelly Coughlin.

Juniors are Carolyn Michaud, Vicki Glebus, Catherine Patsourakos, Heather Price, Maureen Pedneault, Frank Santaniello, Allison Sampson, James Hogue Jr., Philip D'Agati, Amy Skoglund, Stephen Waluk, Colleen McGurty, Kimberley Costanzo, Patricia Wigandt, Jennifer Reboulet, and Timothy Brandt.

## Chorus receives accolades

The Treble Chorus of New England at Merrimack College, the premier children's chorus in New England, received an award from Disc Makers and Emmanuel Audio Recording on the release of the compact disc "Innocent Sounds from Cascia Hall." The disc contains songs edited and arranged by founder and artistic director Marie Stultz. Information on purchasing the disc is available by calling Stultz at (978)837-5461 or visiting the chorus' web site, <http://TrebleChorus.iuma.com>.

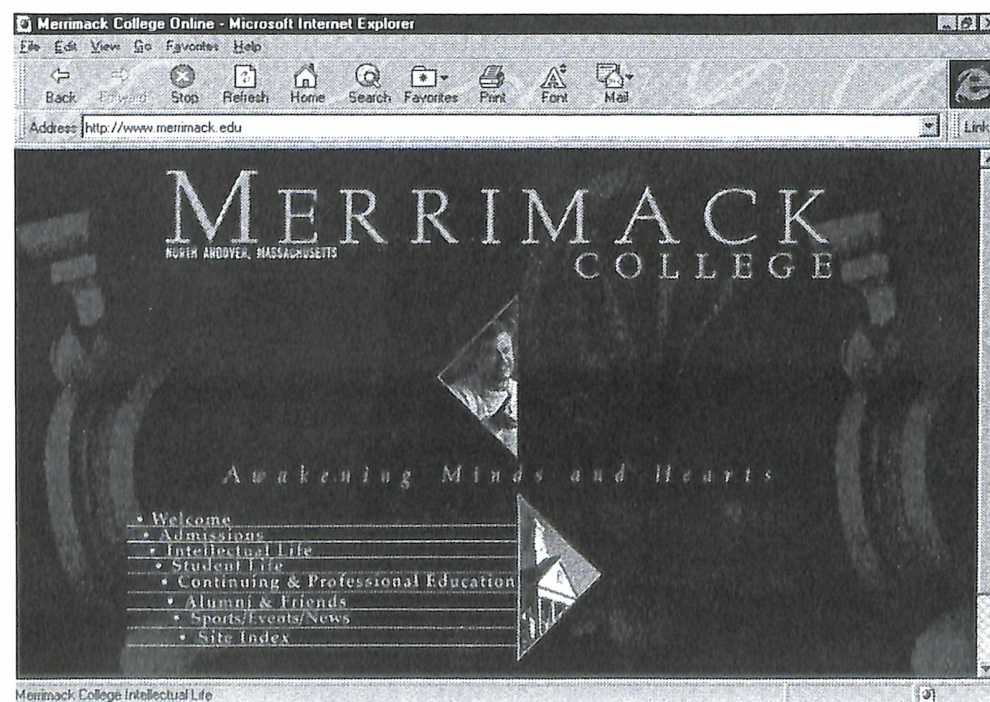


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## Tikkun Olam Award

The Center for the Study of Jewish Christian Relations will present its third annual Tikkun Olam ("to heal the world") Award to Bernard Cardinal Law, Archbishop of Boston, and Malden Mills owner Aaron Feuerstein at a dinner on June 10. John Fenton, Shari Redstone, and Alan Solomont are co-chairs of the event, to be held at the Westin Hotel in Boston. Event tickets are available for \$250. Proceeds benefit the center. For more information, call Maureen Lanigan at (978) 837-5448.



The college's web site is big hit - visit us at [www.Merrimack.edu](http://www.Merrimack.edu).



Construction on the Rev. John E. Deegan, O.S.A., residence hall is on schedule and should be ready for occupancy in September. The facility will house 300 students.

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## Friends of Merrimack

The Concert Choir provided the entertainment at the Friends of Merrimack's Board of Directors Christmas Party in December. About 100 members attended.

The Friends, a group organized to raise money for scholarships, also hosted a lunch cruise aboard the Spirit of Boston. Afterward, guests attended a Pops concert at Symphony Hall.

To celebrate the college's fiftieth birthday, the group organized a fundraiser with a 1950s theme. The smooth harmonies of Herb Reed and The Platters and a '58 Chevy Impala parked by the door helped set the tone for the evening.

For more information on the Friends of Merrimack, call Maureen Lanigan at (978) 837-5448.



## Dust off your clubs!

The President's Cup Golf Tournament is set for June 1 at Indian Ridge Country Club in Andover. The tournament has become one of the Merrimack Valley's foremost golfing events, as well as one of the college's top fundraising events.

The format is foursome, best ball. Player fees of \$200 include greens fees, golf cart, locker, shower, breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Morning and afternoon tee times are available, but reservations fill up quickly. Corporate sponsors are still needed. For more information, call Maureen Lanigan at (978) 837-5448.

## News Briefs

The **Very Rev. John Deegan, O.S.A.**, has been re-elected to another term as Prior Provincial of the Augustinian Province of Saint Thomas of Villanova. Father Deegan was Merrimack's president from 1981 to 1994... The building across Elm Street formerly known as the President's House has been re-christened St. Ambrose Friary. The house is now home to Augustinian friars, including campus ministers **Revs. Joseph Farrell** and **Scott Ness '84**. St. Ambrose was influential in the conversion of St. Augustine... The Concert Choir traveled to Quebec City to perform during the city's famous Winter Carnival... **Dr. Gerald Dugal**, director of Counseling and Health, and **Dr. Gerald Matross**, associate professor of Philosophy celebrated 25 years of service to Merrimack College... The college hosted a conference on domestic violence in conjunction with the state Attorney General's Office... The Center for Jewish Christian Relations sponsored a lecture by Brandeis professor **Dr. Sylvia Barack Fishman**, author of *Follow My Footprints: Changing Images of Women in American Jewish Fiction* and *A Breath of Life: Feminism in the American Jewish Community*... Merrimack hosted an IEEE electric car race in February. Suffolk University and The Franklin Institute also participated. Congratulations to winning Merrimack students **Gim Soon Wan**, **May Chee Wan**, **Chee Chyn Chng**, and **Leah Pellerin**... The St. Augustine Seminar and Lecture Series continued with a presentation by **Rev. Arthur Purcaro, O.S.A.**, assistant prior general of the Order of St. Augustine. His lecture was entitled "Social Responsibility and Augustinian Spirituality."... Engineering professor **Dr. David Westerling** and the Steel Bridge team, having won the regionals, head to a national competition in Colorado Springs in May... Sixty companies participated in the Career Services Office Career Fair in March... Syndicated radio personality **Paul Harvey** recently included news about the Alternative Spring Break in his national radio broadcast... Merrimack students participated in "America Reads," a national program aimed at improving literacy among school-aged children.



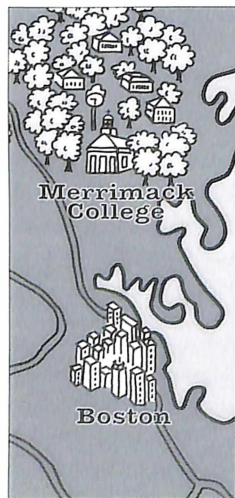


Susan Wojtas '79 photo

Shown above at a Brothers and Sisters United event this winter are Rev. Scott Ness, O.S.A. '84, Stephanie Soriano, Albi Vargas, Joelle Berthelot, and Rev. Joseph Farrell, O.S.A.

## Ad Campaign Wins National Award

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Merrimack's recent ad campaign, "Set your sights a little higher," won a bronze medal in a national competition. The medal was given by Admissions Marketing Report as part of its 13th annual Advertising Awards Competition. The ad, which ran in the last issue of *Merrimack* magazine, bears the headline "If you're thinking about a college in Boston, maybe you should set your sights just a little higher."

## González-Arias Translates Novel

Dr. Francisca González-Arias' translation of Soledad Puértolas' acclaimed novel *Bordeaux* was published in March by the University of Nebraska Press.

González-Arias is an associate professor in the modern language department. A native of Spain, she has a particular interest in the writings of contemporary Spanish women. *Bordeaux* is the first novel translation she has had published.

*Bordeaux* traces the fates of three people: Pauline Duvivier, an elderly woman who lives a solitary life in a tranquil suburb of Bordeaux; René Dufour, a Frenchman involved in unfulfilling relationships with several women; and Lilly Skalnack, a young American woman traveling in Europe. Their stories, which take place in France and elsewhere throughout Europe and the United States, intersect in seemingly random yet revealing ways, gradually forming a complex social portrait.

Unifying all three stories are the themes of loneliness, restlessness, and the search for meaning in a world in which neither the past nor the present offers firm answers or lasting consolations.

Born in 1947, Soledad Puértolas has been a leading force in Spain's cultural renaissance of the last two decades. Her literary awards include the Premio Sésamo, awarded to promising young authors in Spain, and the coveted Premio Planeta. All her novels have appeared in French, and several have been published in German, Italian, and Portuguese translations.

## Wasserstein to Speak at Commencement

Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award winner Wendy Wasserstein will speak at this year's commencement exercises to be held May 17.

Among Wasserstein's plays are *The Heidi Chronicles*, which garnered her



Wendy Wasserstein

both the Pulitzer and a Tony; *Isn't It Romantic*; *Uncommon Women and Others*; and *The Sisters Rosenzweig*. The playwright recently published her first children's

book, *Pamela's First Musical*.

A passionate advocate for the arts, Wasserstein serves on the board of the Council of the Dramatists Guild. She has taught at New York University, Columbia University, and Princeton University.

She earned a bachelor of arts degree at Mt. Holyoke College, a master's degree at the City College of New York, and has completed post graduate work at the Yale Drama School.

Wasserstein will be awarded an honorary Doctor of Letters degree.

## Fulbright chooses Rueda

Dr. Norma G. Rueda, an associate professor in the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science, has been selected for a Fulbright Scholar award. She will lecture and conduct research at the Universidad Nacional del Sur in Argentina.

The Fulbright Scholar Program has offered grants for college and university faculty, as well as for professionals and independent scholars, to lecture and conduct research in countries around the globe. The goal of the program is to increase understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries.

The Fulbright Program was created by Congress and signed into law by President Truman in 1946.



Dr. Norma G. Rueda

Also on tap to receive honorary degrees are famed money manager Peter Lynch, author of bestsellers *Beating the Street* and *One Up On Wall Street*; United States District Judge A. David Mazzone; and former Merrimack College President the Very Reverend John E. Deegan, O.S.A.

Lynch was the manager of the Magellan Fund, Fidelity's flagship mutual fund. At the end of Lynch's tenure as fund manager 1990, Magellan had more than a million shareholders, making it the largest equity fund in the world. He retains a position on Fidelity's board.

He is a graduate of Boston College and earned an M.B.A. at the Wharton School of Business Administration at the University of Pennsylvania.

Mazzone, a graduate of Harvard College and the DePaul University School of Law, was the federal judge responsible for initiating the Boston Harbor Cleanup Project and the judge in the damages phase of the Polaroid v. Kodak anti-trust law suit.

Deegan is serving a second term as Prior Provincial of the Augustinian Province of Saint Thomas of Villanova. He is a graduate of Villanova University, where he obtained a bachelor's degree and two master's degrees, and holds a doctorate from American University.

## Merrimack will host Suffolk MBA program

Merrimack College and Suffolk University have entered into an agreement whereby Suffolk will offer a part-time master's degree in Business Administration on the Merrimack campus. Classes are set to begin in September.

The partnership is aimed at meeting the educational needs of Merrimack Valley residents and professionals. The curriculum will be similar to that offered at Suffolk's Boston campus and will be fully accredited.

## Banking on Education

The Division of Continuing Education recently formed a partnership with the New England Banking Institute. Under the agreement, employees of banks associated with the institute can enroll in courses leading to selected associate and bachelor degrees and all tuition will be paid by the employer.

## Looking for Work?

Merrimack students and alumni have a new on-line job resource in Jobtrak.

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# Record-setters, centenarians and spring hopefuls

by Thomas J. Caraccioli

## Five hit one hundred

Five student-athletes reached milestone career totals during the 1997-98 school year. Five athletes in two different sports. Three men. Two women. Two in the fall. Three in the winter. The milestone: at least 100 career points.

Women's soccer players Kim Hall and Kerry Conlin and hockey players Casey Kesselring, Martin Laroche, and Rejean Stringer all hit the century mark in the course of their respective seasons. All but Stringer, a junior, are seniors.

Hall, the women's all-time leading scorer after a 63 point season, set numerous school and conference records and was named the Northeast-10 Player of the Year.

Hall entered the 1997 season with 79 career points and recorded her 100th career point with one of two goals scored in a 7-0 win over St. Michael's College.

She broke Merrimack records for most goals (23), assists (17), and points in a season. Hall's feet also gave her the NE-10 record for points in a season.

Conlin set a number of records en route to her 100th career point as well. In the same 7-0 win in which Hall recorded her milestone, Conlin's four goals set a Merrimack record for most goals in a game. The senior co-captain added an assist and set the school mark for points in a game with nine.

Conlin scored the fastest goal in Merrimack College women's soccer history, opening a game with her 11th goal of the season at 1:03.

Conlin broke the career century mark with a two goal, two assist performance in a 6-0 Valley Cup win over UMass Lowell.

Conlin's 44 points is the second best single-season point total in the history of the program.

It took senior assistant captain Casey Kesselring four games into the 1997-98 season to accumulate the 11 points he needed to eclipse the 100 point mark. Kesselring's one goal and three assists in a 5-4 win over Union made him the 42nd Warrior ever to reach that mark.

Senior captain Martin Laroche's historic tally came at a most opportune time. In the midst of a six-game losing streak, the Warriors entered the third period of their December 6th game tied against the Army Cadets. Laroche had already assisted on Merrimack's first three goals, and he topped the night off with a game-winning goal that not only gave him



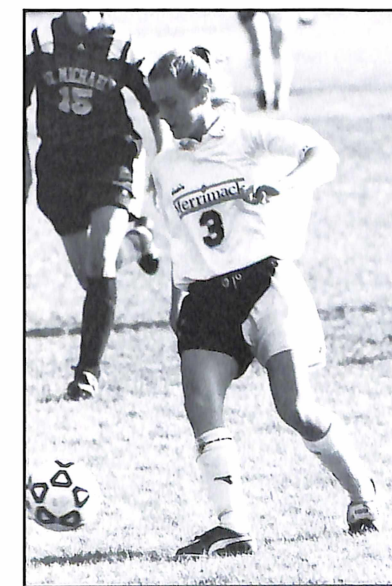
100 career points but also gave Head Coach Ron Anderson his 250th career win.

Junior assistant captain Rejean Stringer reached 100 points quicker than any other Merrimack player since the team began Division I play. The prolific center has been near the top of Hockey East and the national scoring lists throughout the season.

The five students share a few similarities, including: an abundance of talent, a work ethic that few parallel, consistency, an injury-free career, and a God-given gift for finding the back of the net.



Al Pereira photos



Scoring 100: Five Merrimack athletes reached career totals of over 100 this year. They are (clockwise, from top left) Martin Laroche, Casey Kesselring, Kim Hall, Rejean Stringer, and Kerry Conlin.

## This and That

Merrimack men's soccer senior captains Steve McAuliffe and Gabe Lortie recently spent a day participating in the New England Revolution's free agent mini-camp/tryout... Calvin Bryant rushed for a school record 183 yds and three touchdowns... Bryant led the Warriors to the Valley Cup point in Merrimack's 27-13 win over the University of Massachusetts at Lowell River Hawks... Merrimack hockey sniper Kris Porter stands first in the country in goals with 31... Linemate Rejean Stringer is the top assist leader in the country with 41... Porter has scored three hat tricks thus far and Stringer has had seven games in which he's collected three or more assists... The team stood in the top 10 offenses throughout the season and occupied the top spot throughout the first semester... Senior field hockey captain Joanie Harmacinski was the only member of the Lady Warriors to be recognized as an NE-10 All-Conference player... Sophomore Andrea Leonard won the NE-10 Championship race for her first-ever victory and freshman Katie Schroth finished two places behind Leonard for a third place showing... Both harriers helped lead the Lady Warriors to their first-ever NE-10 Championship season... Cross Country Coach Chris Cameron was named the NE-10 Coach of the Year... Amy Veilleux was named to the NE-10 All-Conference second team and ECAC third team as she led the Lady Warriors in scoring or rebounding in 25 of 26 games this season... Veilleux also finished fourth in NE-10 scoring, 6th in rebounding, 4th in 3 pt. field goals made, 1st in 3 pt. field goal percentage, 2nd in free throw percentage and fourth in blocked shots... Merrimack men's basketball captain John McVeigh was honored as a second team GTE/CoSida Academic All-American... Merrimack hockey head coach Ron Anderson won his 250th game behind the Warrior bench with a 4-3 win over Army... Thanks for the memories... Basketball head coach Bert Hammel won his 250th game at Merrimack with a 99-72 win over St. Michael's College... Hammel's cagers won the ECAC Championship tournament played in March... Further kudos go to Merrimack baseball head coach Barry Rosen, inducted into the Massachusetts Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame... 1998 marks the 20th anniversary of Merrimack's first national championship team. The Warrior hockey team captured the Division II NCAA National Championship with a 12-2 drubbing of Lake Forest.



Spring Preview

As this issue of *Merrimack* magazine goes to press, the men’s tennis team prepares to swing into action. Coming off a record-setting 12-3 mark, senior co-

captains Rob Carlino and Sean Kaufman hope to repeat last season’s success. Leading the men’s lacrosse team into action this year are tri-captains senior



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*In retirement: Soccer co-captain Steve McAuliffe (in white) is the first player in Merrimack’s history to merit having his number retired. McAuliffe’s heroics made a difference for the championship team.*

Men’s Soccer

If winning is contagious, then it reached near-epidemic proportions for the 1997 men’s soccer team. Coach Tony Martone’s team could’ve been quarantined. The Warriors repeated as the Northeast-10 regular season champions and three-peated as the NE-10 Tournament champions, when senior co-captain Steve McAuliffe finally ended the championship match in its sixth overtime with Quinnipiac College. The Eastern College Athletic Conference thought so much of Merrimack’s winning ways that it awarded the Warriors the first seed of the ECAC Championship tournament. The ECAC brain trust proved to be on the money, as the Warriors captured their first ECAC title with McAuliffe again playing hero, scoring the game-winning goal in double overtime. McAuliffe was named to the All-NE-10 first team, All-New England first team, and All-America second team. He was further honored as NE-10 Player of the Year and ECAC Tournament MVP. He is the first student-athlete at Merrimack to have his or her number retired as well.

Jaime Farrell and juniors Angus Patterson and Ryan Polley. This year’s team has the talent to score many goals. Farrell and Polley will be looked upon to score more this year. Returning sophomore Ryan Savage hopes that he can pick up where he left off after a great freshman season. In the 1980s, the New York Islanders had a string of four consecutive Stanley Cup championships. The theme for the team’s history-making attempt at five consecutive championships was known as The Drive for Five. The slogan could work for the baseball team’s pursuit of its fifth consecutive NE-10 regular season championship, but coach Barry Rosen and his team have adopted a different slogan: We’ve got four and we’re working for more. Key offensive players include Brian Macrina, senior co-captain George Wirtz, catchers Jason Burke and Brian Duffy, along with Larry Papuga, Tony Raimo and Jim Russell. Pitching is always the key, and seniors Cory Spencer, Eric Jewett, Angelo Amico and Chris Laurenzo expect to contribute mightily. If somehow 1998 were to become 1898 and we found ourselves in the wild wild west, no doubt softball coach Michele Myslinski would be a stagecoach driver. Myslinski holds the reins that have steered her Lady Warrior softball program to three NE-10 regular season championships, three NE-10 Tournament Championships, five straight appearances in the NCAA Northeast Regionals, and the 1994 NCAA Division National Championship. Pitchers Carrie Ladebauche, Jen Connolly and Julie Phipps will be key members if the Lady Warriors hope to repeat past glories. Seniors Michelle Lefebvre and Tammy Caron also bring four years of experience to work toward a championship season.

WARRIORS SKATE TO BEST-EVER FINISH!



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Merrimack defenseman Andrew Fox is seen battling two Boston College Eagles during the Hockey East semi-finals at the Fleet Center in Boston. The Warriors earned their way to the Fleet Center for the first time in the nine-year history of Hockey East play by upsetting the Boston University Terriers. Merrimack defeated Boston University 2-1 in the best-of-three quarterfinal series played at Boston University. The Warriors’ series win marked the first time a #8 seed has ever defeated a #1 seed in Hockey East quarterfinal action. Merrimack fell to eventual champions Boston College 7-2.



## M52

**Vito J. Selvaggio** was recently awarded the World War II Legion of Merit Award, some 54 years after he earned it. Vito was honored for his bravery and leadership during a crucial battle at Point Cruz, Guadalcanal in November of 1942. He led and mustered his infantry squad to hold his section of the units' perimeter during a crucial battle.

## M53

*Ed. Note: We are indebted to John G. Kenney, chairman of the class of 1953, for gathering and reporting the following news. The class celebrates its forty-fifth reunion this year.*

Our class is mostly retired or winding down careers. Florida seems to be the place to settle, if not permanently, at least in the winter months. We are hearing good reports from **Maurice Shea** and **Brendon Crowe** in the Naples area. **Charlie Jackman** has been in Dade City for years. **Dick Noone** is living in Satellite Beach. Also scattered throughout the state are **Armand Tousignant**, **Dick Barney**, **Jim Greene**, **Bill Hart**, and **Bill Wilson**.

**Emilie (Orlando) Collopy** is semi-retired and putting in limited hours for a medical society. She and husband **Frank '56** have six children and eight grandchildren. Because Frank is president of a structural engineering firm, they have flexibility in their schedule. It is not unusual to hear that the Collopys are visiting relatives in Ireland. They are most ardent and loyal supporters of Merrimack.

**Ed Farley** earned a master's in education at Boston College and a doctorate at Boston University. His 30-plus years in education started as a teacher in Lowell. He transferred into the Tewksbury school system, where he served for 25 years as assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction. The Farleys have seven children and 12 grandchildren. Besides playing golf and being a

very good grandparent, Ed is active as the area coordinator for the Thomas Merton International Society. He supervises study groups and lectures locally as well.

**Dan Griffin** is vice president and general manager of WCBS Newsradio 88 in New York City. This is his second stint in the Big Apple. He spent quite a few years at WHDH in Boston and was there the day Jess Cain retired. Dan, on behalf of the station, presented the keys for a new car to Jess. He told him that the car was parked on a street next to a ticking meter, but would not tell him the name of the street. It was up to Jess to find it. What a guy!

**Bud Keohan** is still building on his 43 year record as the professor who has taught the longest at Merrimack. Bud also put in 13 years of sports p.r. for the college. You will find him teaching English and journalism. He has good credentials, as he has also applied his journalism skills for 27 years at the *Wakefield Daily Item* in Wakefield.

**Jack Lowrey** is retired and playing a lot of golf. Mornings, he proofreads at the *Wakefield Daily Item*.

**Larry Marocco** is enjoying retirement after a 39 year career at Lucent Technologies. The Maroccos are enjoying their five

children and five grandchildren, all of whom live fairly close to Andover. Larry's hobbies of photography, cooking, and golf seem like time consuming interests, but he tops off these activities by serving as secretary for the Little League.

**Jane (Broderick) Teichert** worked for the Andover School System until her retirement three years ago. She is now an administrative assistant in religious education at St. Augustine Parish in Andover. The Teicherts have five children and six grandchildren and share their hobbies of skiing and golf with them.



*Maureen Quine (wife of Bob '51) is shown with John and Mary O'Neil, parents of current Merrimack student Brendan, at the Southern Florida regional reception.*

Susan Wojtas '79 photo

**Louis Trainor** is retired from two careers and is living in Windham, N.H. Lou served for 20 years in the Naval Security Agency. Part of his training requirement was to study Russian, which he did at the Army Language School in Monterey, Calif. After leaving the Navy, he pursued a career in real estate.

After graduating from Merrimack **Dr. J. Paul Veronese** received a master's degree in Special Education from the Cardinal Stritch College Outreach Center. He was awarded a doctorate from Boston College in 1979. Paul served in the Peabody Public School System for 30 years. All but 8 years were in administration: principal, assistant superintendent and acting superintendent. His wife and he cofounded Wellspring House Inc., a shelter for abused women and children, which has since grown to include many other charitable needs. Now Paul and his wife, in "retirement," are helping with AARP, in particular helping the elderly manage their finances.

**George Wermers** taught biology at Merrimack from 1964-1996 and for many years did research at Dana Farber. He earned a master's in biology from Boston College and a doctorate in physiology at the University of Minnesota. He spent eight years on the Minnesota Medical School faculty before

coming to Merrimack. In retirement, George is enrolled at Harvard in English courses pursuing an interest in poetry at Harvard. You can find him on a regular basis working out at the "Y." The Wermers have four children and three grandchildren.

**Henry Whiting** is the only class member with permanent residence on Cape Cod. He and his wife Jackie live in Yarmouth. He had a very interesting career working for American Airlines, Western Electric, and Raytheon. When the Whitings moved to the Cape, Hank switched his endeavors to landscaping. Now in retirement, he plays golf while planning vacation trips to Marco Island, Fla.

## M57

**Rev. Dr. George F. Riley, O.S.A.**, gave the invocation and benediction at the 63rd Annual Heisman Memorial Trophy Dinner and Ceremonies. It's the fourth time in six years Father Riley had the honor.



*Robert F. Hatem*

## M58

**Robert F. Hatem**, former manager of customer and community relations at Raytheon Electronic Systems, was named executive

assistant to the president at Northern Essex Community College in Haverhill.

**Dr. Pat (Trainor) O'Malley** is the author of a new photohistory book about the early years of the Irish immigrants in Haverhill, *The Irish in Haverhill, Massachusetts*.



*Continuing Education alumni were joined by faculty, students, and friends last January at a holiday mixer at Jack's Place in Gildea Hall. Pictured above are Rose DiStefano '54; Barbara Begin '97; and Mary O'Reilly, who was secretary to the president of the college until her retirement.*

## M63

**Rev. Dr. Robert Gallagher** was named the new pastor of the St. Luke Episcopal Church in Hudson. He brings with him a wealth of life experience and educational pursuits to the post.

**Ken Inamorati** is celebrating his 35th year in education. He is the guidance counselor for kindergarten through sixth grade at Charlotte Avenue School in Nashua, N.H.

**Gerald Stanganelli** of Methuen recently joined Enzo of Andover. He has 33 years of retail experience.

## M65

**Richard Joy** and **Mark Rumley '74** are finishing a four-year Diaconate Program of the Archdiocese of Boston. They will be among ten candidates to be ordained permanent Deacons in September.

**Stephen Smith** was recently named Father of the Year by The World Fathers Association of Northampton. This award is for fathering "Above and Beyond the Expected." He is also in his 28th year teaching Mathematics at Enfield High School, Enfield, Conn. He and his wife Susan are parents of Stephen III, Andrew, and Sandi.

## ALUMNI COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S LETTER

This is the last letter I'll write as Alumni Council President. My thanks to the other members of the Executive Board and Council for their dedication and support, and I'd also like to thank the staff of the

Alumni Relations Office for the work they put in to making our programs successful.

When I heard the theme of this issue would be

"Merrimack Around the World," I thought of my experiences on the annual alumni trip. We've had such fun.

We've seen Phantom of the Opera and Oliver in London, where we also had the opportunity to ride the Underground, watch the changing of the guard at

Buckingham Palace, and visit Westminster Abbey, the Tower of London, and St. Paul's Cathedral.

In Paris, we dined on a boat on the Seine River, visited the Louvre, and enjoyed a panoramic view of Paris at midnight from the top of the Eiffel Tower. We took a train in Switzerland to the top of the Jungfrau in a blizzard, and we attended a papal Mass in St. Peter's Square as guests of the Pontifical Household. Alumni Director Susan Wojtas '79 and I got lost in the mountains of Assisi.

In Florence, Venice, and Milan, we marveled together at the glories of the Italian Renaissance. In Ireland, we partook of a medieval banquet at Bunratty Castle, and even won a few pounds at the horse races. And in Alaska, we saw glaciers, whales, and totem poles.

Most of all, we made friends and shared experiences around the world.

Whether it's Winter Weekend on Campus, a special event in Florida, or a trip abroad, the alumni relations office offers something for everyone. I hope you'll take advantage.



*Nicholas Chapman '71*

David Oxtun photo

John H. Obert '66 photo



M69

**Richard Jackson's** poems have recently been selected for Best American Poems, a 4th Pushcart Prize selection, and a *Prairie Schooner* magazine Readers' Choice award. He is UC Foundation professor of English at UT-Chattanooga where he heads the Meacham Writers' Workshops. He is also on the staff of the Vermont College MFA staff.

M70

**Arthur V. Ford, C.P.A.** spoke of the 1998 Tax Update at the Merrimack Valley Chapter of the Institute of Management Accountants' meeting held in Westford in November 1997.

M71

**Dr. Bryan L. O'Neil** was appointed associate dean of the graduate school at New Hampshire College in Manchester. He was previously the dean of the division of business administration and office education at Middlesex Community College in Bedford, N.H.

M72

**Linda Peters** has been teaching for 25 years, at Wilmington High School for the past twelve. She was recently featured in an article in the *Wilmington Town Crier*.

M73

**Maryanne Denver** has been named operating vice president and general manager of the Bloomingdales in Aventura, Fla.

**Joseph Elia** has been named business manager for the Woburn School Department.

M74

**Rev. David P. Callahan** has been appointed pastor of Saint Anne Parish in Littleton.

**Mark Rumley** and **Richard Joy '65** are studying to be ordained deacons. See note in M65.

M78

**Lisa Daniels** has founded the Mizzentop Day School of Pawling,



Rev. Scott Ness, O.S.A., '84 at the recent Alumni Retreat Day, sponsored by the Alumni Office in preparation for Lent.

N.Y., a developmental multi-age school, which provides a warm, safe, and nurturing environment for children. She is also a speaker with the Society for Developmental Education.

**Judith A. Jones** is pursuing a graduate degree in pastoral studies at the Seattle University School of Theology and Ministry.

**Annemarie (McGowan) Witzgall** was promoted to director of sales and marketing at Essex County Gas Company. In her new position, Witzgall is responsible for all of the company's sales, advertising, appliance rentals, and marketing programs.



Annemarie (McGowan) Witzgall

**Roy Zagieboylo, M.D.** was recently elected president of the Connecticut Academy of Family Physicians at the group's Annual Meeting and Scientific Symposium held in Waterbury, Conn. He is in private practice at Family Medicine Associates of East Hartford.

M79

**William R. Keller III** received an M.B.A. in International Business from the University of Miami in Coral Gables, Fla. He has relocated to Massachusetts and works as national account manager for the Hewlett-Packard Co. of Burlington. He and his wife Audrey live in Byfield.

Susan Wojtas '79 photo

**William T. Wilkes** was named a Paul Harris Fellow by the Merrimack, N.H. Rotary Club.

M80

**Ann M. Daly** has been named controller at the Visiting Nurse Association of Boston. She will be responsible for the agency's overall financial and accounting operations. She is also an adjunct lecturer at Merrimack.

**Anthony Frangos** is an independent representative for I-Link Worldwide. I-Link is a hi-tech communications company, with patent-pending and patented technology that radically reduces the cost of communication.

M81

**Robert Bonsignore** was named the Most Outstanding Young Lawyer in Massachusetts for 1997 by the Massachusetts Bar Association. He was also named the Most Outstanding Young Trial Lawyer in America for 1997 by the Association of Trial Lawyers of America.



**John Mordach** has been appointed vice president of financial services for the University of Chicago Medical Center. He oversees patient accounting, controllers, reimbursement analysis, purchasing, and the budget office.

**David P. Whelan Jr.** has merged his accounting practice with Sabelli and Co. P.C. of Peabody. He is also the elected treasurer in Swampscott and teaches accounting and taxation courses at Marian Court College.



David P. Whelan Jr.

M82

**Robert M. Astill** recently joined West Lynn Creamery of Lynn as manager of special credit and collection activities.

**Joan Gauthier** works in the interior decorating industry for both large companies and private homes. She is also a correspondent for the *Haverhill Gazette*.

**Jacqueline Lindsay** is working on a master's in intellectual property at Franklin Pierce Law Center. She received a J.D. from the Massachusetts School of Law in 1994. She is a practicing attorney.

**Stephen O'Neill** works at Fay, Spofford & Thorndike, Inc. of Burlington as a vice president in its transportation division. He is also an associate of the firm and a team leader for its sitework, infrastructure, and hydraulics/hydrology technical activities.



Stephen O'Neill

M83

**Leslie Ann Despres** is the staffing coordinator at Moore Staffing & Computer Training Services of Methuen.

**George M. Riley** has joined the Information Systems Department of Bostik, an international



Donna (DiMaggio) Sullivan '77 and daughter Katie especially enjoyed the family activities at this year's Winter Weekend festivities. Katie and her sister Colleen are also the daughters of Kevin Sullivan '78.

manufacturer of sealants and adhesives. He is a software applications developer.

M84

**Rick Glover** is the sales manager for Hans Kissle of Wilmington. His responsibilities include all sales and marketing functions.

**Kenneth P. Goodrow, C.P.A.** is a member of the audit and accounting professional staff at Tyler, Simms, and St. Sauveur, of Lebanon, N.H.

**John B. Mortenson** has taken a position with Fleet Investment Advisors of Providence as an Investment Manager.

**Michael Steer** is general manager of the Chino Distribution Center for Harrington Industrial Plastics, Inc. of Chino, Calif.

M86

**Elaine Currie** has joined Bostik of Middleton, an international manufacturer of adhesives and sealants, as a senior financial analyst. She is responsible for supporting financial consolidation, reporting, and analysis activities.

**Linda DeCiccio** has left the banking industry after 11 years at BankBoston to further her career in human resources at Interlynx Technology in Boston. She will be the manager of human resources and office administration for Interlynx.

**Michael F. McCall** has received a master of science degree in computer science from Boston University. He is a software project manager for Cisco Systems of Chelmsford.

Susan Wojtas '79 photo

**James Piatelli** was promoted to eastern regional sales manager for Pro-Tools Inc. of Waltham. He is married to **Luanne (Cuccaro) '87**.

M87

**Brenda L. Calkins** was named by BankBoston as director of foreign exchange operations. Her work with the bank has included capital markets projects for financial derivatives and global foreign exchange.

**Stephen E. Hosley** was named a senior manager at KPMG Peat Marwick L.L.P. of Stamford, Conn., a professional service firm.

**Michael Sachs** was recently promoted to the position of director of advertising and marketing communications for ADP, Inc., Roseland, N.J., the world's largest provider of payroll, human resource, and benefit services.

**John Shaheen** has accepted a new position with Anixter, Inc. in Methuen as an account manager.

**David Sullivan** was recently named a shareholder of Tofias, Fleshman, Shapiro and Co., P.C. of Cambridge. He was also named president of the Boston Aid to the Blind, a non-profit organization serving visually impaired elders.

**John Weir** teaches English at

Tewksbury Memorial High School. He was recently featured in an article in the *Wilmington Town Crier*.

M89

**Rich Doyle**, a Navy lieutenant from Scituate, flew in the Oceanna Navy Air Show at Virginia Beach. He flew over the crowd in the opening fly-in formation, and then took the F-14 on a low level exhibition of a practice bombing run.

**Joyce Interrante** is the coordinator of student services for the College of Arts and Sciences at Northeastern University.

**Maureen LaBelle** was hired by the sixteen Catholic parishes in Greater Lawrence to offer spiritual and moral support to Catholic patients at Lawrence General Hospital. She is the first full-time lay Catholic chaplain at the hospital.

M90

**Erin J. Butler** has been hired by Carlin, Charron, and Rosen's Boston office as a staff accountant.

**Joe Cardello** accepted a position with Royal Bank of Canada in London.

**Father David Dismas** of Revere was elevated to the rank of Monsignor for the Archdiocese of



Paul Mortenson '89 and Kristen Picarello '96 review the latest Alumni Career Networking List. The program, which matches undergraduate students with professional alumni, helps students enter the competitive job market. It also provides alumni with networking opportunities. For more information, call John Obert at (978) 837-5107, or e-mail him at jobert@merrimack.edu.

Susan Wojtas '79 photo



# SEAN ETMON '92

by Corporal Steve Riddle, Camp Butler, Okinawa, Japan

Sitting behind his desk as the executive officer of Truck Company, Headquarters Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, 1st Lt. Sean Etmon seems perfectly at ease.

When he stands up, it's clear that the 6-foot-4-inch, 220-pounder would be equally at home on a basketball court, but finding the sport took some time.

"I've been playing soccer since I was three," Etmon said. This comes as no surprise, though, since his father played professional soccer in Holland. What is surprising is that

Etmon played professional basketball in Holland.

"I never even touched a basketball until my junior year in high school," Etmon admitted. Already a soccer All-American at St. Anthony High School in Brooklyn, N.Y., Etmon decided to give basketball a try. "I remember it was a summer league, and there were a lot of people out there watching the game. While I was playing, the crowd really got into it, and I knew this was the game for me."

Etmon graduated in 1988 and received a basketball scholarship to Merrimack. During his four years here, the Warriors went to the NCAA

Division II tournament twice, including an appearance in the final game his junior year. "It was a real good game," Etmon said. "I'll always remember being there." It's easy for him to remember too, thanks to the tournament ring he wears on his finger. Etmon also played soccer as a freshman and lacrosse as a senior, but basketball was his standout sport. His coach sent game tapes to a team he knew in the Dutch Basketball Association, thereby helping to launch Etmon's professional career.

Etmon was on the team for two years, playing not only in Holland but France, Germany, Belgium, Italy, and Greece as well. After two years, Etmon says, he was "burned out on basketball" and returned to the United States. He took a job as an office manager for a local company, but quickly found out it wasn't what he wanted to do. He considered a career in law enforcement, and was told the best way to go about getting one was to do a hitch in the military.

Two weeks after walking into the Marine recruiter's office, Etmon was on a bus to Parris Island, S. C. After basic training, it was on to VMAQ-2, a prowler squadron based at Cherry Point, N.C. It was here he met up with a staff sergeant who convinced him to put in a package for the Enlisted Commissioning Program. After spending about one year in the squadron, Etmon arrived at Officer Candidate School in Quantico, Virginia.

Etmon took a break after graduating from OCS and a rumor started that he had left the Marine Corps. A team from the Continental Basketball Association contacted him, but Etmon turned down the offer. "I told them I really wanted to be an officer," he said. Etmon said he plans on making the most of his Marine Corps career, and thinks his experience as an enlisted man will help to make him a better officer to his Marines.

"The Marine Corps has been really good to me, and I plan on staying in as long as I can, because I feel I have something to offer," Etmon said. "Being a prior enlisted, I feel I can help out a young Marine."

Although Etmon works hard at his job, he still finds time to play hard, too. He is both player and coach for the Rough Riders, a basketball team made up of his fellow Truck Co. Marines. When he's not practicing with them, he's probably down at Camp Courtney, coaching the Courtney Clash, a soccer team for 13 to 17 year olds. "I like to seize the day. My coach used to say that, because you never know what's going to happen tomorrow."



First Lieutenant Sean Etmon '92

Fairhaven in the Catholic Charismatic Church of Canada and the United States. In 1994, he received a master of divinity degree from Boston University School of Theology, and an S.T.M. in liturgical studies in 1996.

**Karen (DiSciullo) Jones** and husband Tim have just purchased their first home in Bedford, N.H. They would like to thank **Ann (Perreault) DiSciullo '66** for her incredible support. "We love you, mom!"

**Judy Kelleher** has received the Commonwealth Citation for Outstanding Performance for her work at Northern Essex Community College as the assistant comptroller.

**The Michael A. Maney Scholarship Fund** recently received a donation in the amount of \$20,000 from the Lynnfield Athletic Association. This scholarship was established in the memory of Maney who died in a car accident in February 1991.

**Ross J. Rodino** has been promoted to director of legislative affairs for Governor A. Paul Cellucci of Massachusetts.

## M91

**Jennifer W. Looney** has received an award for academic excellence



Jennifer W. Looney

from the Insurance Institute of America. She is a claims quality analyst for Commerce Insurance Co. in Webster. The award is given to the persons who earn the highest grade averages on a national essay examination.

**Scott Ragusa** works at Today's Legal Staffing office in Boston. Today's Legal Staffing places legal staff in law firms and corporate legal departments. He and his wife, **Patty (Brennan) '91**, recently bought a house in Tewksbury, Mass. Patty is a Settlement Administrator at Galaher Settle-



Classmates from 1992 Marybeth Horan (center) and Heather MacNeil soak up the sun aboard the Water Taxi Cruise of Millionaires' Mile held during the South Florida regional get together in March.

## Help wanted:

**Wanted:** Good people to help shape the future of our alma mater.

**Qualifications:** A willingness to make new friends, try new things, and have fun, too. If this sounds like you, consider joining the growing group of alumni volunteers actively participating and contributing to the success of the college and its programs. For information about any of these programs, contact the alumni director, Susan A. Wojtas '79 at swojtas@merrimack.edu or call the alumni office at (978) 837-5440.

**Alumni Ambassadors** Enrollment and student quality at Merrimack are in great shape. Alumni play a big role in this success through the alumni ambassador program. Help supplement the admission office's efforts to attract and enroll quality students by participating in our fall and spring phonathons to high school students, representing Merrimack at a college fair, or hosting a reception for accepted students.

**Fundraising** Alumni make the difference in the success of our fundraising efforts. Our continued success as an institution depends upon our ability to expand programs, provide scholarship assistance, and improve facilities. Volunteers can help contact other alumni or provide input for our corporate and foundation efforts.

**Career networking** The career Networking/Alumni Resource list is maintained to provide job-hunting assistance to alumni and students. Career counseling is available. Contact us if you would like to be part of the network or need help in your own career.

**Reunion** Seeing old classmates and friends brings back lots of happy memories. There are opportunities to contact classmates by serving on social and fundraising committees.

**Regional Clubs** Regional Clubs are a great way for you to have a little of Merrimack brought to your home town. We have clubs in the Delaware Valley (Philadelphia area), Washington, D.C., New York City, Southern New Hampshire, and Connecticut, and more are planned.

**Continuing Education Alumni** Continuing Education Division Alumni have their own alumni club, CEDAR (Continuing Education Division Alumni Reunited). Special events are held and a newsletter is published.

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**Dianne Roaf C.P.A.** has been named a tax manager for a public accounting and consulting firm, Moody, Cavanaugh and Co. in North Andover. In addition to consulting with clients in tax planning, budget and cash flow, she has extensive experience in conducting client workshops on topics such as estate planning and business plans.

## M92

**Rick Flanagan** has joined the faculty at Braintree High School. He will teach social studies.

**Kimberly Hashem** was recently promoted to main office manager by the Saugus Co-operative Bank.

**Kara D. (Dowe) Keleher, P.E.** was recently promoted to senior engineer at Weston & Sampson Engineers, Inc. of Peabody. She is involved in the permitting, evaluation, study, design, and construction of wastewater collection and drainage systems. Kara is also a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, the Water Environmental Federation, and the New England Water Environment Association. She and **Michael '99** live in North Andover.

**Robert Rossilli** has been promoted to a home office position with Glaxo Wellcome Inc. in North Carolina. He's an associate manager of commercial operations, training, and development.

**Dennis Ryan** is a real estate

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economist for the U.S. General Services Administration in Washington, D.C. He graduated from George Washington University with an MA in Economics. Dennis wishes to express his gratitude to the late Father Bogardus, Professor Laramie, and Coach Hammel for all their support during his tenure at Merrimack.

## M93

**Robert J. Alconada** was elected to the Everett School Committee in November 1997. He took his oath of office in January for a two-year term. He's the youngest member of the committee. He is married to **Laurie (Kinsella) '95**.

**Karen D. Alexanian** is a partner in the Finbury & Sullivan Law Office of Haverhill.

**Andrea Brush** has been promoted to Contract Analyst by Private Healthcare Systems Inc. of Waltham.

## M94

**Gina Barillaro** has relocated and taken a position as manager of membership development for the alumni association at the University of California, San Diego.

**Shirine A. Nassar** was promoted to senior sales and marketing coordinator for construction markets, commercial care, and industrial division at 3M of Beirut, Lebanon.

**Robert C. Williams** has been selected for the 1997-1998 Administrative Fellowship Program at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard.

## M95

**John Anjim** was awarded a trip to Bermuda and the National Windows of Opportunity award for the individual who raised the most money for the Hands Across America charity. He raised a total of \$84,300. He is a supervisor of accounts at Diamond Crystal Foods.

**William Robert Graves** is assistant manager of Breakers Billiards and Ice Cream of Woburn. Rob encourages all his fellow Merrimack alums to enjoy a discounted pool game.







# WEDDINGS



**James F. Lyons, Jr. '78** and Lisa K. Lehman at North Parish Church in North Andover, November 15.

**Francis Raphael Morello '80** and Michelle Ann Creedon at St. Patrick Church in Watertown.

**Joseph G. Shea '82** and Catherine J. Ramsay at the Cathedral of St. John in Providence, October 18.

**Peter J. Gilsenan '83** and Susan E. Getchell at St. Andrew Episcopal Church in Madison, Conn.

**Penny LeMieur '85** and Mark Conoby at St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church in Acton, July 27.

**Jim Burns '87** and Came McGeough at St. Columba Berkley Memorial Chapel in Middletown, R.I., October 5.

**Lisa Jeanne Zaccardi '87** and John M. Santoro at Christ Church United in Dracut, October 25.

**Lynda J. Mendoza '88** and John M. DeMartino at St. Augustine Church in Hartford, October 17.

**Janice Hodsdon '89** and William Gannon at St. Bridget Church in Framingham, September 27.

**Elizabeth Joyce '90** and Paul Buckley, November 8.

**Kelly Keough '90** and Jonathan Dupont at the Maple Street Congregational Church.

**Kristen McGrath '90** and Kevin Burchill at the Church of St. Clare in Braintree, September 27.

**Kevin O'Brien '90** and Beth Kachinsky, March 15.

**Peter H. Flynn '91** and Wendy E. Marsh at Sts. Patrick and Anthony Church in Hartford, September 13.

**Alexandra Giavis '91** and John A. Roark at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Lowell, September 21.

**Cheryl Leveille '91** and Kevin Williams '92 at the Collegiate Church of Christ the Teacher, September 6.

**Kevin R. Pacht '91** and Kristina M. Sales were married on the shores of Puget Sound in Edmonds, Wash., August 30.

**Pamela Quinlan '91** and Arthur Hall at St. Andrew Church in Billerica, April 13, 1997.

**James Michael Scalise II '91** and Deanna K. Shoppe at Mount Carmel Church in Pittsfield, October 11.

**James Francis Staunton '91** and Catherine A. DeYoung in Duxbury, January 4, 1997.

**Laurie Ann Trenholm '91** and Paul Parker at the Collegiate Church of Christ the Teacher.

**Robert T. White '91** and Francesca Treviso at St. Brendan Church in Dorchester.

**Susan Aiello '92** and Rodney B. Davis at her parents' home at Sunset Lake in Braintree.

**Stephen Carroll '92** and Elaine Crowley at St. Mary Church in Hanover.

**Joan Ferris '92** and Kevin DiBella at the Collegiate Church of Christ the Teacher.

**Eric Lareau '92** and Cathleen Callahan at Immaculate Conception Church in Nashua, N.H., September 6.

**Tammy MacAulay '92** and Robert M. Jones Jr. '93 at St. Theresa of Avila Church in West Roxbury.

**Joseph A. Magliozzi '92** and Christy M. Hannwacker at Maria Regina Church in Seaford, N.Y., October 18.

**Kevin Maguire '92** and Terri Powers at St. Jude Catholic Church in Atlanta.

**Carol Marquardt '92** and Don MacLeod '93 at Merrimack College, August 16.

**Jane O'Neill '92** and Scott Ettenhofer '92 at Goddard Chapel, Tufts University, Medford, August 15.

**Dennis Ryan '92** and Laura Experanza Gomez in Falls Church, Virginia, September 20. Rev. Mark Knestout '86 officiated.

**Ellen P. Wythe '92** and Phillip A.

Tavares at Sacred Heart Church in North Quincy.

**Jennifer M. Bonanno '93** and Brian D. LaCroix at St. Patrick Church in Lawrence.

**Andrea Brush '93** and Michael Woods at St. Malachy Church in Burlington, November 29.

**Aimee Capone '93** and Robert Derry Jr. at St. Stephen Church in Hamden, Conn., May 31.

**Jennifer Doherty '93** and Michael Baxter at St. Charles Borromeo Church in Woburn.

**Jessica K. Hanna '93** and Joshua Hammond at St. Anne Church in Southborough, September 27.

**Christian D. Ormond '93** and Christine V. Elliott at St. Patrick Church in Burlington, Conn.

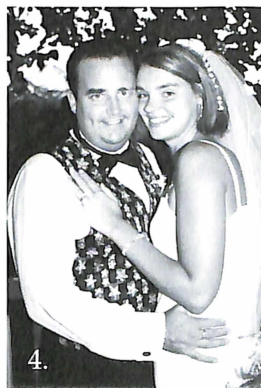
**Kimberly Ann Beairsto '94** and Joseph Ciccariello at St. Patrick Church in Stoneham, May 24.

**Beth Brown '94** and William Crouch on the island of Antigua in the West Indies, November 4.

**Todd M. Cody '94** and Cynthia M. Blanding at DeWitt Community Church in DeWitt, N.Y., October 4.

**Laurie Ann Faria '94** and Edward Stolarz at the Collegiate Church of Christ the Teacher.

**Nicole Glass '94** and Robert G. Atkinson '94 at Corpus Christi Church in Newton.



**Diana M. Grande '94** and Todd S. Elliott at the Collegiate Church of Christ the Teacher.

**Craig Holden '94** and Nancy Morrell at St. Florence Church in Wakefield, July 26.

**Christine M. Karageorge '94** and Mark Russo at the Dormition of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church in Somerville.

**Margretta Lindblad '94** and Scott Venuti '94 at the First Congregational Church in Guilford, Conn., July 26.

**Karen Oliver '94** and Troy Damboise '94 at the Collegiate Church of Christ the Teacher, October 18.

**Lisa Ann Sawyer '94** and Anthony Velardo '94 at Sacred Hearts Church in Bradford, October 12.

**Tina Valcourt '94** and Scott Dennehy '94 at the Collegiate Church of Christ the Teacher, May 31.

**Sarah Jane Walsh '94** and Steven Constantine '94 at St. Matthew Church in Tolland, Conn., June 29.

**Melissa Bacon '95** and Douglas Williams at Mount St. Rita Church in Cumberland, R.I., October 26.

**Paul M. Costa '95** and Wendy Pierce at St. Dominic Church in Swansea, November 29.

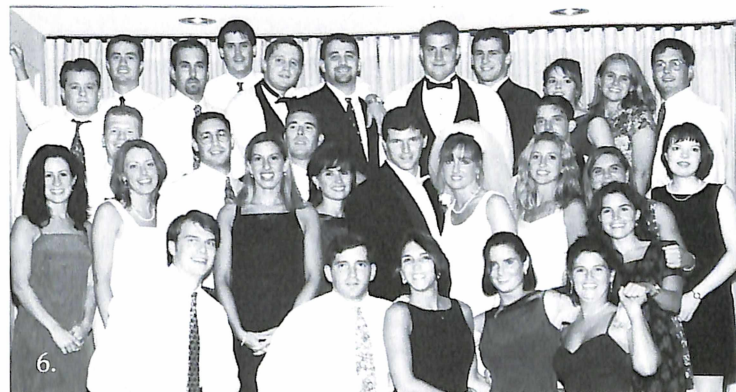
**Michelle Girard '95** and Derek Reina at the Collegiate Church of Christ the Teacher, August 10.

**Amy M. Cohen '96** and Andrew Hugo at The Renaissance Hotel, Bedford, September 6.

**Erica M. Chouinard '97** and Douglas Ahaesy at St. Jean Baptiste Church, Fall River, August 2.

**Dawn LeMay '97** and Matthew Kraunelis '91 at St. George Church in Lawrence.

**Dianne Sutherland '97** and Scott Breitenstein at St. Richard Church in Danvers.



1. Tammy MacAulay '92 and Robert Jones '93 were married at the Bayside Exposition Center in Boston. Left to right are Paul Grenham '92; Eric Knox '93; Elizabeth Hamp '92; Anne Joyce '92; Jane Schmiedel '92; the bride and groom; Judy Reardon '92; Kristen Bacon '92; Carolyn (Widgren) Jordan '92; Christopher Jordan '95; Anthony Borgonzi '93; and Richard Sullivan '93.

2. Melissa Bacon '95 married Doug Williams, a Navy officer stationed in Pearl Harbor. After their wedding in Rhode Island, they honeymooned on the big island of Hawaii and live on Oahu. Shown above at the reception are Brandon Ballestero, Angela Carfagnini '95; Mark Terrien '96; Lisa Sobalo '95; Chris Lombardo '97; the groom and the bride; Yvette Laliberte '95; Sean Minuti; Patty Sheehan '95; Becky Riopelle '95; David Butterworth; Denise Giordano '95; and Mark Torrisi '95.

3. Scott Dennehy '94 and Tina Valcourt '94 were married last May. Shown above are (first row, left to right) MaryAnne Buffone '97; Lori Bonanno '97; Christine Cavanaugh '94; the groom and the bride; Fran Amenta '95; Eileen Power '94; Melissa Schwatka '95; Brian Bifano '95; (second row) Stacey (Burton) Pride '93; Lori Foskett '94; Roseann Matteo '94; Denise Murphy '94; Jenn Smith '97; Sue Savino '94; Linda Fronczak '96; Miguel Cruz '95; Paula Bergeron '94; (third row) Steve Pride '94; Jim Niland '94; Tony Silva '96; Craig DiBella '95; Brian Smith '97; Mark Anderson; Terry Holmgren '95; Chris Wood '94; Mark Gonthier; and Andrea LaBrecque '94.

4. William Crouch and Beth W. Brown '94 were married on the island of Antigua in the British West Indies.

5. When Aimee Capone '93 married Rob Derry, there were plenty of Merrimack friends in attendance. Shown above are (top row, left to right) Katey (Clisham) Caruolo '93; Carol (Marquardt) MacLeod '92; Sarah (Boyd) Harty '93; the bride; Karen Swain '92; Nancy Daly '94; Chrissy McAuley '94; (bottom row) the groom; Jason Deschaine '93; Don MacLeod '93; Brian Walsh '93; and Mike Doneghey '93.

6. The MacLeods exchanged vows in the Collegiate Church of Christ the Teacher. Shown above are (first row) Wayde McMillan '94; Jason Deschaine '93; Lisa Lanzoni '92; Nancy Daly '94; Chrissy McAuley '94; Michelle Humphreys '93; (second row) Sue Stevenson '93; Quentin Fendeleit '94; Nicole (Glass) Atkinson '94; David Smith '93; Marianne Carino '91; Michael Dillon '93; Aimee (Capone) Derry '93; Don MacLeod '93; Carol (Marquardt) MacLeod '92; Katey (Clisham) Caruolo '93; John Barron '93; Stephanie Naughton '92; Jen Stiles '97; (third row) Mark Goble '95; Robbie Atkinson '94; Russ Heinke; Michael McLaughlin '92; Michael Doneghey '93; Brian Walsh '93; Robbie Kelley '92; Jim Connolly '96; Karen Swain '92; Jennifer Harrington '93; and Mark Trodden '93.





**William J. Murphy '51**, a former professor of economics at Providence College and a retired lieutenant in the U.S. Coast Guard, died December 17 at the Jersey Shore Hospital in Neptune, N.J. He was 69. Murphy was the owner and president of Tag International in Allenhurst, N.J. He was the husband of the late Ruth (Singleton) Murphy, the father of Robert of Asbury Park, N.J., and William of California, brother of Sr. Margaret Marie Murphy of Somerville, and son of the late William and Margaret Murphy.

**Louis T. Salem '52** of Dracut died at the Northwood Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Dracut February 9. He was the son of the late Joseph and Sophia Salem. He served in the Navy's submarine division during World War II. Most recently, he worked as a cashier for Ward Baking Co. in Cambridge. He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Virginia (Sarris); a daughter, Theresa Fotiu of New York; a brother, Thomas of Dracut; a sister, Celia Abraham of Lowell; a granddaughter, Thea Fotiu of New York; and many nieces and nephews.

**Kenneth Lorrie Murphy '53**, of Gloucester died January 6 after a brief illness. He was 73. He served in the U.S. Marines during World War II, earning the rank of corporal. He was retired from the boat building and marine supply business. Murphy had formerly served on the Democratic State Committee and Democratic City Committee of Gloucester. He was a communicant of St. Peter Church in Gloucester. He was the son of the late John and Lillian (McCormack) Murphy. He is survived by his wife Cynthia Murphy-Fisk and stepchildren Christopher Robinson and Pamela, David, and Brian Fisk, all of Fort Lauderdale. He was also the husband of the late Dorothy Robinson.

**Francis F. Scannell '53** of Ossipee, N.H. died December 30 at the age of 80. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps, serving as a B-17 pilot in the 8th Air Force 94th Bomb Group. He flew 35 missions and earned the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters. He was a

communicant of St. Joseph Church in Center Ossipee. Scannell received an M.Ed. from Boston State College. He was a teacher at Malden High School, retiring as the head of the science department. He is survived by his wife, Patricia (McQuaid); four sons, David F. of Georgetown, Thomas J. of Steep Falls, Me., Robert M. of Farmington, N.H., and Daniel J. of West Buxton, Me.; two daughters, Mary P. of Malden, and Edna E. of Billerica; 12 grandchildren; three sisters, Ann Thompson of Phoenix, Edna Dullea of Malden, and Katherine Dullea of Somerville.

**Cornelius F. Ives '59** of Pelham, N.H. died January 25 at his home after a long illness. Before retiring, he was an electrical engineering designer for Raytheon in Tewksbury. During the Korean War, Ives served in the Air Force. He was a member of the American Legion post in Concord. He was the son of the late David B. and Helen C. (Bowen) Ives. He is survived by his wife, Lois M.; three daughters Ann Marie of Alexandria, Va., Susan Spieth of Brentwood, Tenn., and Jennifer Davis of Santa Rosa, Calif.; three sons, David F. of Woomera, Australia; Stephen A. of New Boston, N.H.; and Paul J. of Wheaton, Ill.; 10 grandchildren; two sisters, Barbara Smith of Littleton, Colo. and Claire McLaughlin of Woodbury, Conn.; a brother, William, of Saugus; and many nieces and nephews.

**Robert H. Farnham '68** of Andover died December 9 at the age of 68. He worked for the New England Power Service Co. until he retired in 1992. He was a member of the Indian Ridge Country Club in Andover. He leaves his wife Beverly F. (Tenney); children Robert H. Jr. of North Andover, Christine Ward of Danville, N.H., Mark of Andover, Kathleen MacDonald of Andover, Paul of Andover, Elizabeth Nawn of Tampa, and Glenn of Andover; brother George of Naples, Fla.; two sisters, Virginia McCullough and Rita Willett both of Wakefield; 14

grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

**Judith Gozdon Leccese '71** died December 18 at the age of 48. She was a foreign language teacher at Lynn Classical High School, the chairman of the Spanish Club, and a member of the Lynn Teachers Union. She was the wife of the late James Leccese and daughter of Watson and Wanda (Drobneck) Gozdon. She also leaves a son, Michael of Saugus; sister, Madeline Alexson of Stoughton; two nieces; and a nephew.

**Irene "Joan" Ford '71** of Lawrence died August 10 at the age of 60. She worked for Dynamics Research Corp. of Woburn and at Hanscom Field in Bedford. She also worked for Avco Financial of Wilmington for 30 years. She had been employed by the government for ten years at the time of her death. She was the daughter of Irene (Caloine) Ford Deschamps and the late William Ford. Besides her mother, she leaves a brother Ron of St. Petersburg Beach, Fla., a nephew, a niece, and a grandniece.

**John J. Pickles Jr. '75** of Methuen died January 16. He was 57. He worked for many years at Davis and Furber Machine Co. in North Andover as a purchasing agent. He later worked as a contract procurement officer for the Air Force at Hanscom Field in Bedford. He leaves his wife Priscilla (Burnham); a daughter, Beth-Ann of Methuen; a son, John III of Methuen; and a brother, William F. of Chelmsford.

**Domenic A. Badolato Jr. '76** of Haverhill died at his home February 18 following a long battle with brain cancer. A former Haverhill health inspector, he was at the time of his death a health agent for the town of Ipswich. He received a master's degree in environmental health from Boston University. He was a member of St. George Parish in Haverhill. He was the son of Domenic Badolato Sr. and the late Jennie (Grassi) Badolato. Besides his father, he

leaves a brother Joseph of Belmont, N.H.; a sister Anna Pasquerella of Haverhill; and his best friend Robert Lemire of Manchester, N.H., a niece, a nephew and a grandniece.

**James "Jerry" Ingham '77** of Moultonborough, N.H., died November 23 at the age of 66. He was a retired engineer and accountant for AT&T. Recently, he was a captain of the U.S. Mailboat on Lake Winnepesaukee. He was a ham radio operator and past president of the Lions Club and the Moultonborough Historical Society. He was also a veteran of the U.S. Navy. He is survived by his wife, Faith-Ann; daughter Janet Long of Epping, N.H.; stepdaughter, Kristin Smith of Leominster; two sons, Michael and Robert, both of Haverhill; stepsons Erik Smith of Weare, N.H., Allen Smith of Lakeville, and Kurt Smith of Northfield, N.H.; a sister, Jane Christopher; 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

**Edward V. Seero '78** of Andover died on November 15 at Lawrence General Hospital. He was 73. He was a nursing home administrator. He served in the Navy during World War II and earned two Purple Hearts and a Bronze Star. He coached the Central Colts in the Andover Junior Football League for many years and was a member of the American Legion and the Andover Boosters. He leaves his wife of 53 years, Shirley A. (Downs) of Andover; sons Edward V. III, Dana J. of Marblehead, and Scott J. of Andover; a daughter Michelle LaFleur of Longwood, Fla., and eight grandchildren.

**Blake M. Varney '84** of Salem, N.H., died January 26 at the age of 39. He was the publisher and sole owner of *The Methuen Journal*, which he founded in 1992. A former sports reporter for *The Eagle-Tribune*, he was a member of the New England Press Association and the Methuen Board of Trade. He was affiliated with the Big Brother Association and had been honored with the "Big Brother of the Year" award. He attended St. Monica Chuch in Methuen. He is survived by his parents Fenton Varney of Florida and Betty (Konopnicki) Varney of Salem, and his brother Fenton W. Jr. of Melvin Village.



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