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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

SPRING 2001

Community and hospitality remain worthwhile aims

For Merrimack College, 2001 began on a high note as the Gladys Sakowich Campus Center opened with much celebration. Our community, including many alumni, participated in several grand opening events, as well as a donor reception to thank the nearly 1300 donors whose contributions helped to make the Center possible.

Merrimack has long recognized that as much learning takes place living together in community as in our classrooms. When designing the Sakowich Center, we worked to ensure that the physical building would nourish our spiritual values. Reflecting the truest sense of our Augustinian heritage, the Sakowich Center embodies the spirit of community and hospitality. Each day when I visit the Center, I see evidence of that.

Like a great communal living room, the Center is bustling every day with students eating in the Warriors’ Den, playing basketball in the Anthony Sakowich Recreational Complex, studying in the lounges, and exercising in the fitness area. It is undeniably the heart of our campus, unifying the intellectual, moral, social and spiritual aspects of student life.

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Things can really change in 50 years. Members of Merrimack’s first graduating class didn’t have color TVs, never mind remote control and cable. This photo from their school days features the late Jim McLean, Jim Reynolds, Larry Morrisey and the late Art O’Sullivan. Photo courtesy of Larry Morrisey. See Page 6.

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The proof that the designers of the Gladys Sakowich Campus Center achieved their objective isn't in the beautiful building. It's in the bodies that use it.

"It's been wonderful," says Dianne Spatafore, director of student activities/campus center. "We get 200 people a day in the fitness center, 100 on the weekend. Students seem to be using all parts of the building. They study in the lounges, eat at the Warriors' Den, and play basketball in the multipurpose room. There's a full slate of activities going on."

That was the intention from the conception. More than just a physically attractive centerpiece to the campus, it was intended to be an activity center pulling together the entire Merrimack community. The Augustinian tradition stresses interaction, and people sharing and collaborating with others. This is the reason the architects placed the building on a path between the on-campus residences and the classroom buildings. It was why they put the commuter lounges near the post office, and why they included fitness and recreational facilities.

by David Rattigan
facilities in the building, and why they included individual offices for student associations, a chapel, and a game room. By creating a center that welcomed students and fit their needs, the college also created opportunities for interaction.

"You see faculty and staff eating at tables next to students, and people coming in from all over the campus," Spatafore says. "The whole idea is to give people opportunities to be together."

"Our state-of-the-art campus center has combined the best of a student's recreation, social and academic worlds in one building designed to support their busy lives," President Richard Santagati says. "The whole idea is to give people opportunities to be together."

The center was named in recognition of the commitment and long-time support of trustee Gladys Sakowich and her husband, Anthony Sakowich. The nearly 1300 donors who contributed to the center through the "Awaken the Minds and Hearts of a New Generation" campaign. The center was named in recognition of the commitment and long-time support of trustee Gladys Sakowich and her husband, Anthony Sakowich. Incorporated within the center is the Anthony Sakowich Recreational Complex.

To give alumni, friends, and prospective students a better look at the new campus center, the college has posted an exhibit by photographer Kindra Clineff on its web site. To take this virtual tour, check out www.merrimack.edu.

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Some of the features that have been preserved include:

- The original cornerstone of the former Tagastan building which has been incorporated into the fireplace in the lounge on the center's first floor.
- The stone representations of four books of the Gospel which have hung on the face of the building at the front entrance since 1958. They now hang on the eastern wall of the Sakowich Center facing Cascia Hall.
- The original college seal from 1958 on the outside of Gildea Hall is now located at the south entrance across from Hamel Infirmary.
- Two concrete stones bearing quotes from the Rule of St. Augustine which were originally on the outside of the building. One of them is now in the inside atrium dining area and the other appears on the outside north exterior wall.
- The mosaic of the Virgin Mary that now appears on the wall outside the Marian E. Taylor Chapel of St. Augustine. It was originally purchased in Rome, selected by Rev. Vincent McQuade, O.S.A.
- The original wooden doors of the chapel and two stained-glass windows which now grace the center's Mariana E. Taylor Chapel of St. Augustine on the second floor.
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- The rich tradition that has been Merrimack continues in the Gladys Sakowich Campus Center as some of the best and most meaningful features of the original Tagastan/Gildea Hall were preserved and incorporated into the new campus center. "Our founders would be so proud at what we have become today," President Richard Santagati said at the January ribbon-cutting ceremony. "Merrimack has always been a special place, but we have taken it into the 21st century in grand style, and we have done that while continuing to hold true to our mission. The heart and soul of what we are has not changed in all these 50 years."
- As we stand and view our state-of-the-art Sakowich Center with all its bells and whistles of today, we also take pride in the fact that much thought and reverence has been paid to preserving what has been contributed by those who have come before us. The Sakowich Center has the best that today can offer coupled with the richness of Merrimack's tradition and heritage."

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When the class of ’51 entered a brand new college, the world was changing. As members celebrate their 50th reunion, they fondly remember the past, and are impressed by the change in the present.

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President Richard Santagati is leading Larry Morrisey, Jim Reynolds and Bob Quine — members of Merrimack’s first graduating class — on an informal tour of Merrimack College’s newest accomplishment, the $16 million Gladys Sakowich Campus Center.

The president talks not just about the physical creation of the 130,000 square-foot building, with its myriad rooms and services, but about the ways that those features will help build a stronger community, and help students stay involved with campus life. Encouraging students to develop strong bonds is part of the school’s Augustinian legacy, something Morrisey, Reynolds, Quine and fellow graduates from Merrimack’s first graduating class can relate to. Many members of their class have stayed close to each other, and the school, through half a century of change.

“For people who graduated in 1951 and haven’t been back here in 50 years, they’re going to get a big shock,” Quine says. “It’s going to be a real eye-opener.”

Merrimack’s inaugural class of 111 students just out of high school. The majority of students were veterans, along with traditional younger college students just out of high school. The veterans, too, were divided among men who were married, and those who were single. There was another social shift within a couple of years, when the college went co-ed in September 1950.

According to E.G. Roddy, Jr.’s history of Merrimack College, a government-commissioned survey predicted that 10 percent of the nation’s 12 million veterans would take advantage of the opportunity. “Subsequent events were to prove that the survey had erred on the conservative side,” wrote Roddy, understating the staggering differential between that forecast and the actual result. “The desire for a college education was to send 4,902,000 veterans knocking at the admission offices of the country’s two-thousand-odd colleges and universities. It was a deluge of unprecedented proportions, and institutions of higher learning which only a few years before had gone begging for students now found their existing faculties and physical plants insufficient to handle the influx.” Many servicemen wound up at Merrimack either because of its location, or because the new school was actively seeking students at a time when many other colleges were full.

“The greatest bill Congress ever passed was the GI Bill,” Bill Reynolds says. “It educated a whole generation of Americans who otherwise would have been laborers.”

Merrimack’s student population was comprised of three groups, all male. The majority of students were veterans, along with traditional younger college students just out of high school. The veterans, too, were divided among men who were married, and those who were single. There was another social shift within a couple of years, when the college went co-ed in September 1950.

“We all got along fine,” recalls Breen, one of the married veterans, with kids. “But after hours, what they were doing was different from what I was doing, which was changing diapers and stuff.”

“Had a wonderful community,” says Quine, including not only the students but faculty as well. There were 16 members of the faculty and administration then, the majority of whom were priests. That learned group included the college’s president, the Rev. Vincent McQuade, of whom Breen says, “Merrimack wouldn’t be half as good as it is without him.”

Reynolds recalls his intention to transfer from Merrimack to Boston College, and a meeting with Father James Kelly, the priest in charge of admissions at that school. “I got Father Jim Kelly a Merrimack catalogue, and he sent Father Edward Burns with a Ph.D., Father Joseph Flaherty with a Ph.D., and Father Vincent McQuade with a Ph.D.”

Reynolds says. “He asked, ‘Do you have these men in class every day?’ I said yes, and he said, ‘You bring me a letter from your father on courthouse stationery, and you’re in.’”

Those plans stalled, however, when Norfolk County Probate Judge James F. Reynolds Sr. — his father — considered the same information and told his son, “You can stay right where you are.”

While the students respected faculty and administrators, many of the World War II veterans weren’t overly thrilled with some of the college’s strict social policies. One was the bed checks Father John “Black Jack” Kelly would periodically make to be sure the 55 students who roomed at area homes were safely tucked in bed.

As the policy was announced, the students came up with a plan to deal with it. “I was one of the guys — Richard Keys and Richard Lawless — had worked in the Naval Intelligence Office,” Reynolds says. “They announced a meeting at the Central Café to tell us how we were going to run this.”

Johnny Waldie’s Central Café and Verrette’s Restaurant were two favorite hangouts for Merrimack students, many of whom — just back from war — preferred to have a beer or two at the Central Café rather than an early bedtime. Keys and Lawless figured out the route he would take for bed check, and set up a system in which the first house on Father Kelly’s route would start a phone chain to all the other houses where the students boarded. An arrangement was made with the women who were renting the rooms from to call ahead if their boarders were in. The first call would be made to the next house on the priest’s route. The second call would go to the Central Café.

“It was really funny if you were there,” Reynolds says. “Fifty guys would start running in all directions.”

Much has happened since 1951, to society as a whole, in education, and in the personal and professional lives of those alumni. America has gone through the Korean Conflict, the Vietnam War, the Gulf War and the birth of terrorism. They have experienced the explosion of the suburbs, the Cold War, Elvis Presley, eradication of major childhood diseases, men on the moon, color television, assassinations, air conditioning, Civil Rights, Women’s rights, the British Invasion, I Love Lucy, social changes, Bucky Dent, the personal computer, the fall of the Berlin Wall, the dissolution of the Soviet Union, Madonna, Patient’s rights, CNN, papers, cellular phones, South, John Travolta, e-mail, CDs, Bill Clinton, Bill Parcells, Columbine, and cloned baby pigs. Some call them the last great generation. They are the folks most responsible for the baby boomers, and we’ll try not to hold it against them.

Talk to the graduates of the class of ’51, and they may lament an increase in...
societal anger, and the loss of morality, respect for others, and the loss of personal responsibility. At the same time, they admit to happiness and success in their own lives, be it personal, professional, or both.

Some of them about their college, both as it is now and as it was then, and they speak with pride and affection. They are impressed with the school’s growth and that the school has retained its Augustinian presence.

"Living in Andover, as I do, the college has grown almost in front of my eyes," Morrisroe says. "I think when we graduated there was only one permanent building. Since that time, I’ve seen the chapel (which is really a church), the monastery, several classroom buildings, several residence halls, the McQuade Library, the new campus center, the infirmary, the new science building, the athletic complex, Cascia Hall, the Rogers Center. Father George Morgan took me on a tour of the campus last fall, and I’m just amazed at the size of it. Driving by, you really don’t get an in-depth view of the campus.

“When we celebrate our 50th reunion, many of the alumni — when they come back for the first time in a few years — are going to be really amazed. You can really get lost on the campus.”

“I think the most significant development is the number of alumni we have,” Morrisroe adds. “I would guess we have maybe 15,000 (actually 17,000). When I see them living here in the Merrimack Valley, where so many graduates have settled, I see them in all walks of life. In government agencies, in education, medical and related fields, religious professions, the law, engineering, social services, in business, banking accounting, journalism, even professional sports.

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Father McQuade put him on probation. As he left the office, the president instructed him to send in Charlie Gallagher, who was next on the carpet.

Eventually, Merrimack would get a team. I think Father (Paul) Thabault talked to them first on his backside.”

The team played games against squads from Colby, Bowdoin and Norwich, and got into a Christmas tournament at the old Lynn Arena. Merrimack made it to the finals of the tournament, where it lost a 2-1 overtime decision to Suffolk University, which featured five former Olympic Team members.

The results made it into the next day’s newspapers, but what happened was there had been a moral victory for the team soon after that Father McQuade invited

Bob Quine celebrates his 90th birthday.

As a three-term Alumni Council president, Bob Quine, 73, can remember the days when only a small percentage of the student body contributed to the annual fund. "Father McQuade said, sarcastically, “that all with this volunteer work I’ve done up here, you should give me an honorary degree.”

Father Flaherty gave him a look and told him, “The one we gave you in 1951, Robert, was an honorary.”

Quine chuckles at the memory. “You couldn’t beat the guy,” he says. “He was a barker, you know.”

Quine has maintained many of his relationships with both fellow alumni and faculty. A few years ago, he was having a beer with the late Father Flaherty, and jokingly suggested that, “with all this volunteer work I’ve done up here, you should give me an honorary degree.”

Father Flaherty told Reynolds to his office.

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They asked me to look up the family, says Morrisroe. Because he had no car, he didn’t seek them out right away. One day in March, he made an interesting discovery.

I delayed meeting the family until one time I was with some people from Andover and asked if they knew the Flynn family. I said they were from North Andover, and they said, “Do they do this?” I described them, and they said, “Oh, no, they live right across the street.”

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Larry Morriseoe, 79, taught at Merrimack for two years while doing graduate work at Boston College, but left the faculty of his national Life Trust Co. of Lawrence as the senior vice president, clerk and treasurer. A longtime member of the Friends of Merrimack, he’s lived in Andover since 1948, and he and his wife have three children and one grandchild.

“Wet in my late 20s when I started, after spending five and a half years in the Army, and I debated whether to go on to graduate school. Usually in those days you went from high school right into college. Here I was 26, and would be 30 when I graduated, and I figured I’d be an old man and who would hire me?”

Larry Morriseoe walks to the end of the line. The reporter is on the floor.
Dan Breen, 77, worked for the state government for 38 years, 17 as the deputy commissioner (or, at times, acting commissioner) of the Department of Revenue. For the past 53 years, he has lived half a mile from the school, in North Andover. His children have taken courses through Merrimack’s Division of Continuing Education, and his nephew David is vice president of administration at the college. Dan has served on both the alumni council and as a class agent.

In 1947, he registered as the first student in the history of Merrimack College.

“That was sort of an accident,” he says. “I got out of the Navy the June before, and was working a little bit but I had some time off, so I went up there and helped them out, digging weeds and moving surplus furniture. Anyway, they got to know me, so on registration day, Father Burns — who knew me — grabbed me and put me at the head of University of Southern California before they got to know me, so on registration day, Methuen, Mass. Like the majority of his classmates, he says. “I got out of the Navy the June before, and was working a little bit but I had some time off, so I went up there and helped them out, digging weeds and moving surplus furniture. Anyway, they got to know me, so on registration day, Father Burns — who knew me — grabbed me and put me at the head of the line. That was sort of an accident,” he says.

Stephanopoulos speaks, finally

George Stephanopoulos predicted a possible 2004 presidential challenge from Massachusetts Senator John Kerry, another candidacy from former Vice President Al Gore, and a possible run in 2008 from New York Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton.

On January 29, the former top advisor to President Bill Clinton was the inaugural speaker in the new speaker series at Merrimack College, held in the Rogers Center for the Arts. Due to the protracted election season, his talk was postponed twice in deference to his responsibilities as a television political analyst. However, Stephanopoulos got high marks both from the sellout crowd of 600 and the many members of the Merrimack community who met him at a reception held prior to the speech.

The Rhodes Scholar, and ABC News political analyst, spoke about the Bush presidency and the 2000 presidential election. He said he expected Bush to face challenges dealing with campaign finance reform and predicted a “bitter, bitter fight” with Supreme Court Justice nominations that will crop up as at least three justices could retire. Other challenges could come from the Middle East.

Stephanopoulos also talked about the 2000 presidential election. “The closeness of the election revealed two lessons about the American voting system — every vote does count and not every vote is counted,” Stephanopoulos said, noting that more than two million votes were not counted nationwide for one reason or another.

“The election revealed problems about the way we count votes,” he said. “More must be done to modernize our voting system.”

Students march for life

Fourteen members of the Merrimack College Respect Life Club, a student club advised by Rev. Joseph Farrell, O.S.A., director of Campus Ministry, participated in the annual “March for Life” on Monday, January 22 in Washington, D.C. The march from the White House to the Supreme Court Building comes each year as a nonviolent protest to the 1973 Supreme Court Ruling to legalize abortion. The Rev. Farrell, O.S.A. and Rev. Jim Wenzel, O.S.A. accompanied the group.

During their visit to the Capital the group stayed at the Augustinian Formation House and attended the Presidential Inauguration on January 20. Father Farrell says, “Because the goal of the club is to respect all life, additional tours may include the Holocaust Museum and Arlington Cemetery.”

The Respect Life Club has been in existence under the advisement of Father Farrell for two years. Merrimack College students have been participating in the “March for Life” for at least five years.

Franzese is new director of marketing and external relations

Kathleen (Enos) Franzese ’83 is Merrimack’s new director of marketing and external relations. The lifelong Andover resident brings more than 15 years of experience in marketing communications and public relations to the position, most recently as manager of public affairs and marketing for Hallmark Health Systems, a four-hospital system in Malden. Previously, she was manager of public relations at Melrose-Wakefield Hospital in Melrose, and at Lawrence Memorial Hospital in Medford.

In addition to her English degree from Merrimack, she holds a master’s degree from Emerson College. She has received awards for Healthcare Adverting for the last two consecutive years. She and her husband, Michael, have two children, Derek and Olivia.

Click this way for opportunity

Have you checked out the Merrimack web site lately? The new Alumni Job Net allows you to post jobs to an audience of bright, qualified applicants, or to look for a better job.

Don’t forget the Alumni Registry. Register your e-mail address to keep in touch with friends.

A new feature: the virtual “tour” of the new Gladys Sakowich Campus Center at Merrimack College.

Also, you can give to the Merrimack Fund on-line, or check out the campus bookstore. Check it all out at www.merrimack.edu.
Shareholders’ Report

Your exceptional generosity inspired the trustees to raise The Campaign for Merrimack College goal to $48 million. The campaign’s success is already making a real and visible difference for our students, faculty, and campus buildings. Here are a few examples of generous investments made in the college, and our commitment to secure Merrimack’s future and awaken the minds and hearts of a new generation.

• Merrimack’s new 130,000-square-foot campus center has been named the Gladys Sakowich Campus Center in recognition of the commitment and long-time support of Trustees Gladys Sakowich and her husband, Anthony. A section of the building is named the Anthony Sakowich Recreation Center.

• Ken ’63 and Brenda Taylor of North Quincy, Mass., and Ponce Vedra Beach, Fla., have committed $250,000 to create the Marion E. Taylor Chapel of St. Augustine in the new campus center.

• The Raytheon Company has made a three-year, $150,000 grant to create the Raytheon Fund for Initiatives in Mathematics and Science. This grant gives the college the opportunity to encourage young people to pursue careers in math and science. The Raytheon Fund will support Merrimack’s Urban Resource Institute programs to develop faculty/student collaboration teams in science and engineering, to expand the RAISE scientific education program, to aid mentor-at-risk youth through our Focus in Transition initiative.

New faces fill OIA positions

There are three new administrators in the Office of Institutional Advancement, Director of Major Gifts and Planned Giving Liz Magliozzi, Director of Individual Giving Tricia Lents ’93, and Assistant Merrimack Fund Director Irene Colleen ’87.

Liz was formerly a client service associate in State Street Global Advisors’ charitable asset management department. Prior to that, she was the assistant director of gift and estate planning at Boston College. She received her undergraduate degree from Florida International University in Miami, and her MBA at Boston College. She married her husband, Rusty, live in Woburn.

Tricia worked previously as the director of membership and marketing for the Girl Scouts of America in North Andover. The former Merrimack basketball player resides in Peabody with four cats and her dog, Cody.

Irene, the mother of three children, is returning to the workforce after 12 years. She has been a volunteer in fundraising and development for her children’s schools, St. Mary of the Annunciation in Danvers. She lives in Danvers with husband, Chris, and their children. Following her graduation from Merrimack she worked in the marketing department of Epifini, Inc. of Burlington, Mass.

Student wins National Scholarship

Former Student Government President Daniel Flynn was awarded the “Great is a Rising Star” scholarship by the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (Region 1). The award is given annually to one student from each of the New England states.

The senior political science major was chosen to receive this award for his significant contributions to the campus, demonstrated academic achievement, exceeded expectations in leadership positions, and an interest in the field of Student Affairs.

“Dan has been a tremendous asset to the college as we have addressed the various needs and opportunities that have presented themselves during the past few years,” said Bruce Baker, Ph.D., vice president for student life. “Whether addressing fellow student leaders on issues of civility or working on a campus-wide center project, Dan has always left the impression of a thought-ful, competent student leader. He has always been faithful to his responsibility to represent the student body, and has brought student issues and concerns to the attention of the faculty and administra-tion in diplomatic fashion. Those of us in Student Affairs deeply appreciate his efforts and have enjoyed working with him.”

At Merrimack, Flynn has been involved in many leadership roles, serving as a resident assistant, orientation leader and student athlete. He also works as an intern in the Office of Student Life.

Three alumni welcomed to Board of Trustees

Three alumni, Laurence M. Demers, Ph.D., ’60, Catharine M. De Lacy, M.S., ’80, and Thomas C. Sekman, J.D., ’63, have joined the Board of Trustees.

Laurence Demers ’60 is a professor of pathology and medicine at the Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine, associate director of the Section of Clinical Pathology, and director of Clinical Chemistry and the Core Endocrine Laboratory at the University Hospital, the M.S. Hershey Medical Center, Hershey, Pa. In 1970, he received his doctorate from the State University of New York, Upstate Medical Center, Syracuse, N.Y., followed by a two-year post-doctoral fellowship in biochemistry endocrinology at Harvard Medical School. He taught for a year at Harvard before joining the college of medicine faculty at Penn State. A full professor since 1982, he was given the title of “distinguished university professor” by the president of Penn State in 1997. He is a diplomate of the American Board of Clinical Chemistry and a fellow of the National Academy of Clinical Biochemistry (NACB). He is a past president of the American Association of Clinical Chemistry (AACC) and the NACB. Laurence and his wife, Susan, (Bernard) ’62 live in Hummelstown, Pa. They have five children, the youngest a high school junior.

Catharine de Lacy ’80 is an independent consultant in communications, CEO coaching, strategic planning and business development, advising large corporations and pre-IPO startups. After getting her master of science degree from Tufts University in 1982, the former chemistry major held several government and regulatory positions in Washington, D.C., Chicago, and Boston. She was vice president in charge of safety, health and environmental affairs at Otis Elevator Company (1990-95), corporate vice president for Allied Signal in New Jersey (1995-98), and vice president in charge of safety, health and environmental affairs for Raytheon in Boston (1998-2000). She was an executive officer of each company as well as serving on the boards of some of the strategic business units of Heron Technology. She serves on the board of Second Nature, The Natural Step, and Analine.com. Catharine has been an active participant with Merrimack alumni activities, and serves on the Business Advisory Board. She presently resides on the Virginia Board of Health and was a co-founder of the Susan B. Anthony Group (environmental policy forum). She is a member of several professional organizations including The Boston Club, the Environmental Law Institute, and the EHS Roundtable. She lives in Ipswich, Mass., with her husband, Shawn Dorey. Their daughter, Kelly Dorey, is a college sophomore.

Thomas Sekman ’63 is senior vice president and general counsel for Compus Computer Corporation. He was named to his current position in June 1998 when Compus acquired Digital Equipment Corporation, where he also served as senior vice president and general counsel. Tom joined Digital in 1973 as corporate patent counsel. During his 25-year tenure with the company, he served in numerous senior legal positions. In addition, he is on the board of TechNet Texas and the Houston Community College Advisory Board for Tech for America, director of the New England Legal Foundation, and the Advisory Board of the Boston Bar Foundation. He is a member of the Advisory Board of Boston University’s Journal of Science and Technology Law, a member of the American Bar Association Corporate Counsel Association, the Association of General Counsel, and an active member of the Merrimack College Business Advisory Board. After graduating from Merrimack with his engineering degree, he attended Villanova University Law School, graduating in 1960. Tom lives in Houston, Texas. He has three children and two grandchildren.

Augustinian collection honors Father James Wenzel’s parents

Wednesday, February 14 was a special day for Rev. Jim Wenzel, O.S.A. On that day, the McQuade Library and its staff, along with Thomas C. Siekman ’63, Sr. and Gertrude F. McFadden Augustinian Collection, in memory of his parents.

The collection came about shortly after Father Jim won $5,000 in a raffle at St. Joseph’s Parish in Wakefield. With the blessings of his Provincial, he donated his winnings, along with many books from his personal collection, to the library, for the purpose of building a collection of books written by and about St. Augustine, and books written for and about the Augustinians. Library personnel put together the collection from Father Jim’s books, books in his own collection, and other donations.

“I’m very grateful to my parents,” said Father Jim. “First of all, for sending me to Merrimack College. I owe the beginning of my education, and my coming to the Order, to my parents.”

Newspaper takes note of librarian’s passion

Students and alumni at Merrimack remember studies Robert Rockwell from their many trips to the college library, where he has been a librarian since 1960.

Rockwell, 87, got some notice from a larger audience in January, when The Augusta-Lead (Lawrence) ran a feature story on Rockwell’s love and promotion of great books. Specifically, the article by Cathleen F. Crowley cited Rockwell’s involvement with the Great Books Group at Andover’s Memorial Hall Library, where he has guided discussions on books by authors such as Faulkner, Tolstoy, Plato and Woolitt since 1981.

The headline: “His passion for literature goes back to college days.”

In the story, Rockwell says he admires an author who poses a question he has never answered.

“An author that can make you think, an author that doesn’t answer the question, stimulates you and makes your mind work.”
Liberal Arts and Sciences Co-op gets students into the world

If you talk to alumni who've gone through Merrimack's Liberal Arts and Sciences Cooperative Education program, they'll tell you there's no substitute for experience.

For sociology/psychology student Angela (Provencher) O'Neil '00, cooperative education helped her find out what she didn't want to do with her life, and what she did.

O'Neil's first co-op job was with a customer service position at a business. She took it primarily as a part-time job, but it also solidified the direction she wanted to go in her education.

Her second co-op job was with adults with mental illness, and it was a short but eye-opening experience. There was a highly emotional exchange between two clients, an environment she wasn't comfortable in.

Her third co-op job was at the Greater Lawrence Mental Health Therapeutic After-School Program (TAP), with children ages 8 to 13 with emotional and behavioral difficulties. That was the one she liked, both because of the clients and the people she worked with.

"A lot of the people I worked with were licensed social workers, had their master's in social work, or were clinical therapists," she says. "They were great people to work with. They really helped me understand the different worlds of social work, and the world of psychology. They steered me in the right direction she wanted to move in.

"It's a tribute to the program that the liberal arts and sciences co-op graduates now contact me seeking students to work with them at their companies," says Norma Herzlinger, who coordinates the program for Career Services and Cooperative Education. "Keri Lindsay '99 is a big proponent of the program, and another of the students offered a full-time job from her co-op employer.

Deadline restrictions prevent us from reviewing the past sports season, but Merrimack athletes have distinguished themselves both in the games and in the community, including the alumni community. The following are notes and highlights from the athletic department.

As always, for up-to-date information on all sports schedules, scores and team rosters, visit the sports news and scoreboard sections at www.merrimack.edu.

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Fall Roundup

by Tom O'Brien, sports information director

Women’s Tennis
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Women’s Soccer
The Merrimack women’s soccer team capped off another successful season by claiming the ECAC Tournament Title in Long Island, N.Y. In the championship game, the Warriors scored five second-half goals for the 5-4 victory over CW Post. Senior Kathy Cote recorded a hat trick, contributed to two other goals, and junior forward Melissa Edwards joined her in earning All-Conference honors. Ryan and O’Rourke were named to the second team, with O’Rourke earning All-NE-10 First Team. The women’s soccer program finished the season with a conference mark of 10-1 to finish in a tie for first with Pace University. Pace, Merrimack’s only conference loss during the regular season, defeated the Warriors in the finals of the NE-10 Tournament. Merrimack finished 11-4 overall, with two of its four losses coming to Division I opponents. Haven Wynne was named the NE-10 Freshman of the Year and sophomore Elizabeth Ryan and junior Kathy O’Rourke joined her in earning All-Conference honors. Ryan and O’Rourke grabbed two of the six spots on the All-NE-10 First Team while Wynne was named to the Second Team. Wynne and O’Rourke teamed up for the strongest doubles team in the conference, going 11-0.

Football
The Merrimack football team finished with an overall mark of 4-6, 4-5 in Eastern Football Conference Play. A 16-14 victory at then-unbeaten Southern Connecticut was the highlight. Four Warriors were named to the All-Eastern Conference Second Team. Senior defensive end Troy Mallinson earned All-Conference honors for the second straight year while senior defensive back Matt Maloney made it for the first time. Freshman placekicker Ramsay and senior punter Mike Roche also made the squad.

Field Hockey
The field hockey team went 3-6 in conference play to finish in a four-way tie for sixth place in the NE-10. Junior forward Amelia McAndrew was named to the All-Conference Third Team after finishing among the league leaders in scoring with 16 points.

Men’s Soccer
The men’s soccer team went 7-11 overall and 4-9 in conference play. Forward Sean Malone was among the NE-10 leaders in scoring with 10 goals and four assists. The freshman was named to the All-Conference Third Team. Sophomore defender Matt Lynch was named to the All-NE-10 Second Team, while junior defender Steve Gould joined Malone on the Third Team.

Cross Country
The Merrimack men’s and women’s cross country teams closed out solid seasons with strong showings at the NE-10 Championships. The men’s team placed third out of 12 teams with freshman Justin Williams leading the way, earning All-Conference Second Team honors. Matt Kaczkowski and Justin Brown made the All-Conference third team. The women’s cross country team placed fifth out of 11 teams. Senior Katie Schoeth earned All-Conference First Team honors after a sixth place individual performance. Senior Mattus Santos and Lauren Sullivan were named to the Third Team.

Volleyball
The women’s volleyball team finished strong, winning 10 of its last 13 matches. The Warriors were sixth in the NE-10 Conference with a league mark of 6-5. Bryant eliminated Merrimack 3-1 in the NE-10 Tournament quarterfinals. Junior outside hitter Courtney DeLos Santos was named to the All-Conference Second Team after leading the NE-10 in aces.
Alumni are riding for a good cause

Merrimack will be well represented this summer when riders trek to the tip of Massachusetts’ Cape Cod for the Pan-Mass Challenge, riding 200 miles to raise money and awareness in the battle against cancer in children and adults. Last year’s event raised $12.5 million for the Jimmy Fund, which funds the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, a leading research facility.

Among the veteran riders expected to take part this year are Jim Sullivan ’78, Barry Familetto ’78, and Mary Kay (Carey) Deherty ’79. First-year riders for 2001 include Maryann Robinson ’80, Karen (Garber) Wheeler ’80, Maureen Murphy ’80, Amy (Bradley) Sullivan ’80, Dennis DiPietro ’80, and Dan Cameron ’80. Mike Parolin ’79 has participated in past rides.

“There are likely others I haven’t learned of yet,” Jim Sullivan e-mails. “If you learn of others, please let me know.”

Barry Familetto ’78 considers them asked. To reach Jim, e-mail him at jimsullivan@aol.com, or (508) 836-9944.

This is the third year riding for Jim, who lives in Weston, Mass., with his wife and three kids. He raised $3,000 last year and is shooting for at least $3,500 this year, and encouraging other riders to participate.

“I have been sponsoring riders for years,” Jim writes. “The first year I did the one-day event to build courage for the two days, more than anything. I found it to be one of the most exhilarating experiences of my life.”

There are many reasons for riding, “but what got me on the bike was the illness and problems.”

“Everybody who rides has their own personal reason,” Barry elaborates. “I have been riding for the Jimmy Fund for years, and I see people who might have a vaccination, but they have had a hospitalization of some sort. I’m one of those people.”

Exactly when those vaccinations might begin is impossible to forecast, she says, as a number of further studies to help develop treatments of the disease, an elusive killer that first came to public attention in 1976, when an epidemic in Zaire, Africa, killed its victims in 90 percent of 318 reported cases. Found primarily in Africa, it is an elusive disease with no known origin (despite extensive testing) that causes hemorrhagic fever and can kill within days.

Dr. Nancy Sullivan ’80 has had a successful career in medical research. She is currently a top researcher at the National Institute of Health’s Vaccine Research Center in Bethesda, Maryland, where she and her team are developing a vaccine for the Ebola virus.

“With certain viral diseases, it’s very obvious who the test population would be when you want to test a vaccine,” says Dr. Nancy Sullivan ’80, explaining why she herself might become a test subject for Ebola vaccine trials.

“For example, we know which people are at high risk for being infected with HIV. That’s a very obvious test population for that purpose because we can follow them for years to see if the vaccine prevents infection.”

“For Ebola virus, the outbreaks are sporadic. We can’t predict when they will occur, and the main reason for that is that we don’t know what the natural host is. We don’t know where in nature it exists and how it gets into the human population.”

Therefore, the most obvious population becomes those who work with the virus, either researchers in the laboratory or health-care workers in the field during epidemics.

“Obviously, it would require an epidemic to test the latter populations,” Sullivan says. “So what we’re left with are people who might have an occupational hazard of infection. I’m one of those people.”

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“This is Barry’s 10th year in the Pan-Mass Challenge. An active cyclist, in 1991 he founded the Merrimack Bicycle Tour to benefit St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital. The ride ran for ten years and raised approximately $400,000.

“I take part because it is fun and challenging but more important it is the cause that keeps you going back,” he adds. “And I also find it back in Belmont, Mass.”

The race takes place each August on the first weekend. This year’s ride is Saturday and Sunday, August 4-5. Approximately 3,300 riders have registered so far, along with about 4,200 volunteers.

“They’ll always accept more volunteers,” Jim writes.

Check out www.pmc.org for Rider or Volunteer registration, or call (800) WE-CYCLE.

— David Rattigan
M85
Nancy Otovic, M.D., has left her private practice inDanvers, Mass., to join the Deaconess Hospital medical staff. The board-
certified family physician has opened a practice in Pepperell, Mass.

M87
Jan "Cone" deCone is director of systems engineering for Verition Wireless. He, wife Sue and baby son Evan Peter live in Bridgewater, N.J.

M98
Donna Gaudet Hosmer, a principal of the family-owned Tilton Auto Group, has been elected a director of the New Hampshire Automobile Dealers Association.

Jack Quinn recently joined Prudential Securities on Wall Street as a senior database developer. He is developing a Lotus Notes-based sales automation system for domestic and international research sales in New Jersey.

M92
David Klatz is project manager for the Franklin Falls and Blackwater dams in central N.H., working for the Army Corps of Engineers. Both dams are part of a flood control program in the Merrimack River Basin.

M95
Bob Rosselini is district sales manager for Lotus Notes-based business software for Glaxo Wellcome, Inc. in Boston and Boston South Areas.

M93
Ellen (O'Connor) Kaiser and husband Matt are enjoying their first year of marriage working on renovations to their home in Brockton, Mass., and plan to spend the next couple of years together before they start their family.

M94
Andrea (Conte) Savard is a software program manager at Lotus Development/BM Corporation in Cambridge, Mass. and husband and baby live in Framingham, Mass.

M90
Robert Batley CPA, CFP has joined Chesterton Co. in Groveland, Mass.

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Alice MacCormack is a senior account executive with CNI in Boston.

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Amy Flynn is working as a career services coordinator at Emerson College, Boston, Mass.

M100
Erica DeSimone has been appointed vice president of the Massachusetts Association for Retarded Children, a non-profit organization dedicated to providing services, training, research and technical assistance for people with disabilities.

M99
Bill Paterson's 16-year teaching the addictive behaviors class in Merrimack College's Division of Continuing Education. He has also been the deputy coordinator for the Governor's Alliance Against Drugs for two governors (Michael Dukakis and William Weld), and a liaison to the White House National Drug Policy Office.

After serving as CEO for a multi-media company he co-founded, he spent 14 years as vice president of Sony in Ft. Meyers, Florida. He writes, "I am very proud of my achievements, and I consider my Merrimack education to be the main reason for my success. I live in North Chelmsford, Mass."

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Augustinian Volunteer Program provides an enriching experience

Five Merrimack graduates from the class of 2000 are getting lessons of another sort this year. They’re volunteers in the pilot Augustinian Volunteer Program, which seeks to enrich the community through volunteers, while at the same time helping the volunteer develop in his or her own spiritual journey.

“The Augustinian Volunteers program was set up to provide Catholic men and women with an opportunity to serve God’s people, especially the poor, in partnership with the Augustinians and others,” says Father Joe Mostardi, O.S.A., of Villanova, the director of the Augustinian Volunteers. “By building and living in community with other volunteers and by sharing in the life of local Augustinian communities, we hope that the life of each volunteer is enriched as they enrich the lives of others.”

Four of the Merrimack volunteers — Angela Dunn, Rob Marino, Jaimie Swift, and Jessica Burgess — are living in San Diego, Calif. The other, Maura Shaughnessy, is in New York City, in the Bronx. All of them work as full-time volunteers, sharing work and housing with other volunteers from Merrimack or from Villanova University.

The communal living arrangement alone has been enriching. Prior to this year, most lived at home or on a college campus. One, Marino, lived with roommates in Lawrence. They were friends who would come and go as they pleased, had television in their rooms, and sharing dinner meant splitting a pizza. Now, in addition to working together, the Augustinian volunteers have one television, one car, one food bill and eat a minimum of four meals together each week. They have to share, make sacrifices, deal with dissimilarities and otherwise cope with others of different back-grounds and temperaments.

“I’ve loved it, absolutely,” says Shaughnessy, from Randolph, Mass., talking about the entire experience. “Everything about it is incredible: the places I work, the people I live with, everyone I’ve met. The interactions have all been wonderful. I’ll be sorry to see it end.”

“It’s a great feeling knowing you can dedicate yourself to volunteer service,” says Marino, of Billerica, Mass. He has done volunteering in the past, but has never been able to do so full-time. “You don’t have to worry about paying the bills and stuff that keeps you from doing things like this. The Augustinians have taken care of that, so we’re here to take care of anybody that needs us.”

Working in an underprivileged Hispanic neighborhood, says Swift, from Watertown, Mass., “given you a new perspective on the world and on people.”

Burgess, from Dracut, Mass., who also works at an orphanage in Mexico on weekends, agrees.

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**WEDDINGS**

Shirley Holmes '71 and James Cooper, in Palm Coast, Florida, December 17, 2000.

Robert Cheyne Ill '77 and Michelle Pezzulli, in Zionsville, Indiana, August 12, 2000.


Aurelie McCarthy '85 and Stanley Alger Ill at the Old North Church, Boston, Mass.


Thomas Hall '88 and Minna Tam at the Hollis Congregational Church, Hollis, N.H., September 16, 2000.

John Ryan '89 and Allison Hyder at Governor Dummer Academy Chapel, Byfield, Mass.

Michael Bartlett '90 and Catherine Leaton at Sugar Hill Community Church, Sugar Hill, N.H., August 12, 2000.

Erie Butler '90 and Michael MacGarr at St. Lawrence the Martyr Church, Newhall, Mass., June 17, 2000.

Michelle Costanza '91 and Brian Kane at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, North Hero, Vt., June 10, 2000.


Susan Szydlo '92 and Gregg Latterman, Glenview, Ill., July 8, 2000.

Andrea Aucone '93 and Corinne Silerendi at St. George Greek Orthodox Church, Lynn, Mass.

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James Koloski, Jr. '91 and Kristen Kear at The Canine, Roger Williams Park, Providence, R.I., October 3, 2000.

Colleen Lang '96 and Jaime Figueroa at Elbow Beach in Bermuda, September 12, 1996.


Gilbert Lamarr '94 and Patricia Amari, August 5, 2000.

Christine Brimlow '95 and William Gaffney at St. Michael the Archangel Church, Cary, North Carolina on September 11, 2000.

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David Tarantino '93 and Marisa Bisley at North Preston Presbyterian Church, Massachusetts, April 20, 2000.


Christine Brimlow '95 and William Gaffney at the United Methodist Church, North Hero, Vt., June 16, 2000.

At the Humphreys-Bowen wedding, from left, Father James Wenzel, OSA, bride Michelle Humphreys '93, and groom Ross Innew. Back row from left, Mark Tarantino '93, Jennifer (Humphreys) Trodden '93, groom David Tarantino '93, Brian Tarsma '94, Brian Turner '94, and Matt Meile '93.

Keri Gauvin '96 and Michael Ryan II at Sacred Hearts Church, Bradford, Mass.

The Bistany-Tarantino wedding included, from left, Robert Bert '94, Matt Backy '93, Mark Tedd '93, Jennifer (Humphreys) Trodden '93, groom David Tarantino '93 and bride Marisa Bistany, Nicolet Abron '94, Gary Fernandez '94, Kristin (Beebe) Turner '94, Brian Turner '94, and Matt Meile '93.

The Marsh-Tagliamonte wedding included, from left, Laurie Marsh '97, Stephanie Fox '97, Kelly March '97, bride Julie Marsh '97 and groom Paul Tagliamonte, Father Joseph Chilina, Tracy Watkins '97 and Jennifer Mattison '99.


Julie Marsh '97 and Paul Tagliamonte at the Collegiate Church of Christ the Teacher, May 27, 2000.

Anabelle Bou-Millet '98 and Robert Ovadia in Lebanon, August 6, 2000. They renewed their vows November 18 at a reception at Harris' Pelham Inn in Pelham, N.H.

Sandra Doherty '98 and Brendan Reen '98 at Our Lady of Grace Church, Fishers Island, N.Y., September 16, 2000.

Paul Laurin '98 and Susan Manatta at Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church, Andover, Mass., October 21, 2000.

Kimberly Rischer '99 and Matthew Eskel at the Collegiate Church of Christ the Teacher, August 4, 2000.

Michelle Smith '99 and Stephen Bohdenko at St. Monica Church, Methuen, Mass.
Kathleen (LaRocca) Miller '78 and husband Peter: a son, Ryan, November 16, 2000. He joins brother Ryan.

Mark Heffeman '81 and Julie (Driscoll) Nolan '88: a daughter, Frankie, September 27, 2000. She joins Sisters Elizabeth and Katie.

Gary Duda '92 and wife Collette: a daughter, Olivia, August 23, 2000. She joins sister Danielle.

Sue (Lacerte) '90 and Kevin Freeman '90: a daughter, Sarah Marie, October 7, 2000. She joins sister Elizabeth and Katie.


Leslie (Oliveira) '98 and Todd Brandon Buttrick '94: a daughter, Riley Elizabeth, September 19, 2000, on the couple's two-year wedding anniversary.


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Frank T. Monahan Jr. 52, of Melrose, died on November 21, 2000 at his home. He had been the head basketball coach at Rhode Island Counseling Center for many years. While at Merrimack, she also received the Outstanding Educator of the Year award from the Manchester Catholic High School and was named to the Oyster Bay High School Hall of Fame as well as the Queen City Hall of Fame. At Merrimack College, she was a Wakefield, Mass., Internet company that employs 150 people. He was the son of Richard and the late Mary Ehl and her husband Charles; brother Gary; and eight nieces and nephews. Survivors include his wife of 36 years, Frances; mother, Mary Patricia; daughter Elisabeth; son Ryan Wilson; sister Dorina Bowley; brother Gary; and eight nieces and nephews.

Thomas R. Pepin '00, 37, of Andover, died September 25, 2000 at Lawrence General Hospital. He worked with Vicer Corporation of Andover for 16 years. He returned to his hometown Bergen County, N.J., died November 9, 2000 at his home. He is survived by his wife, Margaret A. (Bullock) Mullen '59, 61, of Lynn, Mass., died October 21, 2000 at Beverly, Mass., Hospital. He was a former Merrimack College basketball coach (1970-80). He assisted with the development of numerous organizational programs. He is survived by his wife of 36 years, Narcy; his mother, Mary Patricia; daughter Elisabeth; son Ryan Wilson; sister Dorina Bowley; brother Gary; and eight nieces and nephews.

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Dear Fellow Alumni,

This will be the last letter I’ll write as Alumni Council President. I would like to extend my personal appreciation to the other members of the Executive Board and Council for their dedication and support, and I would like to thank the staff of the Alumni Relations Office for the work they put in to making our programs successful.

Merrimack College has been part of my life for as long as I can remember. As many of you may know, my association with the college began many years ago, 1955 to be exact. That was the year my father began teaching in the management department. My vague recollection is that there were very few buildings, dwarfed by the vast farmland on which they were built. The staff, faculty and administration were also few and the student population was comprised mainly of veterans of WWII, who lived in the Merrimack Valley. How we have grown and changed.

As you read through this issue of the magazine, which highlights our new campus center, I hope you will feel a sense of pride knowing that “our” college community has grown in size, stature and reputation. This growth has been realized due in great part to your volunteerism, leadership and generous contributions and willingness to meet the challenge time and time again.

I cannot adequately express the pleasure I have experienced for the opportunity to contribute to the college and the honor I have felt working with so many dedicated and truly talented individuals.

Sincerely,

Chris Liebke

ALUMNI DIRECTORY

Questionnaires have been sent out by Bernard C. Harris Publishing, Inc., which is compiling the new Merrimack alumni directory. The verification phase of the project will begin soon. You will receive a telephone call from Harris Publishing, the official publisher of our directory. Please give the Harris representative who calls you a few moments of your time to verify your listing.

To place a reservation for the Merrimack College Alumni Directory, please tell the Harris representative during this conversation, since this will be the only opportunity for alumni to order the book. You can also reply by e-mail at www.bcharrispub.com/qform.cgi.

Scheduled for release this fall, the Merrimack College Alumni Directory promises to be the definitive reference of our alumni. The directory will be available both as a book and as a CD Rom.

Oops...

We inadvertently omitted Stephen ‘75 and Mona Campbell from the Honor Roll of Donors. They should have been listed as McQuade Society Patrons. Goulston and Storrs should have been listed in the Austin Society. Also, Dorothy Ann Murphy ‘86 should have been listed in the Charter Club.

We thank them all for their generosity.

Also, we switched the names of two alumni in one of our class notes. David O’Brien ’86, working for vice presidential candidate Sen. Joe Lieberman, spotted classmate Peter Darling protecting the senator, working a special detail with the Secret Service. Peter is an investigator for U.S. Customs, based in Chicago.

DON’T MISS OUT!
Reunion 2001 - June 8-9

Reunion 2001 honors the classes of 1951, ’56, ’61, ’66, ’71, ’76, ’81, ’86, ’91 and ’96. This year figures to be especially noteworthy, with our celebration of Merrimack’s first 50th reunion class.

The annual golf tournament, welcome back party, campus tours, Woodman’s of Essex lobster and clambake, and Mass will be among the highlights of the weekend.

Friday, June 8
The Annual Reunion Golf Tournament in the morning at the Far Corner Golf Course in West Boxford, Mass. The format is Callaway.

The Welcome Back Party Friday night on campus in the new Gladys Sakowich Campus Center. Casual atmosphere, music, finger foods, and the opportunity to catch up with old friends in a beautiful and fun setting.

Saturday, June 9
Trolley Tour of the Campus in the early afternoon.
Open House at the Gladys Sakowich Campus Center all day. Work out, play pickup basketball, hang out in the game room, and socialize.
Outdoor Mass at 5 p.m. In case of rain, it moves indoors to the Collegiate Church of Christ the Teacher.
Class Receptions and the Lobster/Clambake catered by Woodman’s of Essex. The 50th reunion class will have a special celebration. Music in some locations, along with quieter spots for socializing.

For questions, to make reservations, for lodging information, or for class lists to contact your classmates, call Alumni Director Susan Wojtas at (978) 837-5440, or e-mail her at swojtas@merrimack.edu.

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