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The words we’ve chosen for Merrimack’s capital campaign, “Awakening the Minds and Hearts of a New Generation,” have become more and more meaningful for me over the past year.

The words embody a vision of Merrimack as we approach the next millennium: a powerful vision, and an achievable dream.

The first part, Awakening Minds, is the core of our mission. At Merrimack, we educate; our distinguished faculty is entrusted with filling the minds of young people with knowledge. But knowledge is not enough. As leaders in government, experts in academia, and titans of industry, we are entrusted with filling the minds of students, and on our faculty’s ability to serve them.

Still, awakening minds is in many ways the least we can do.

Our mission as a Catholic and Augustinian college demands that we connect the viewer to the emotion and perspective of their creators. Our creative impulse is one of the greatest gifts God gave us; the fruit of creative endeavor is one of the greatest gifts we can give to each other.

While training future divas or masters of the palette has never been central to our mission at Merrimack, the arts have always been a part of who we are as a community. Soon, the arts will have a home of their own on campus. Irving Rogers and his family dreamed of a “Living Center for the Arts” here in the Merrimack Valley. And, as we symbolically dug into the earth at the recent groundbreaking for the Rogers Center for the Arts, it was a celebration that this dream will soon be transformed into a sound and beautiful structure, built of concrete and glass, but built upon a foundation of love and generosity.

And in that concrete and glass will live, if you will, the immortal spirit and beauty of the arts from throughout the ages.

In the center’s auditorium, the timeless words of Shakespeare will speak to our students; in its halls the transforming and healing power of music from Bach to the Beatles will resound; the wisdom found in timeless drama will be carried on through the generations; and the finest of art, sculpture, and painting will be savored by us, our children, and our children’s children.

The arts from every age and for every age will live on in The Rogers Center for the Arts, and Merrimack will be well equipped to awaken the hearts of a new generation.

As always, Augustine’s brilliant mind and passionate heart are an inspiration for Merrimack’s work.

“I wept at the beauty of Your hymns, and I was powerfully moved at the sweet sound of Your Church’s singing. Those sounds flowed into my ears, and the truth streamed into my heart. My feeling of devotion overflowed, and the tears ran from my eyes, and I was happy in them.”

St. Augustine
Confessions 9,6
Nobel Laureate Chooses Merrimack Over State Dinner

"There is always a choice. Learn the importance of choosing," Nobel Laureate Elie Wiesel advised Merrimack students at Convocation in September. And, on that warm and sunny evening, Wiesel himself had made an important choice. Invited to both a State Dinner at the White House and Convocation at Merrimack, Wiesel chose Merrimack.

Wiesel, a professor at Boston University and author of more than 40 books, spoke passionately to the more than 600 students, faculty, and staff assembled for the traditional opening exercises. Night, Wiesel's book about his experiences in Nazi concentration camps, was required reading for this year's freshmen class. Born in Transylvania, Wiesel was sent to Auschwitz at 15 with his family. His mother and younger sister died there. Two older sisters survived. Wiesel and his father were sent to Buchenwald, where his father died.

Tremendous problems face us in Russia, Rwanda, and the Middle East. The world is threatened by terrorism. And yet, "Our national debate has been reduced to pornography." Wiesel suggested we "go back to the sources."

"1 know how to fight injustice. 1 don't know how to fight ugliness," Wiesel said. "What we are facing today in society is a manifestation of ugliness. It is so ugly we are embarrassed to be in its presence... I don't know what happened to our world here."

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We're Breaking New Ground

For the Rogers family and for Merrimack, the new Arts Center is a dream come true

Although weather forecasters promised rain October 29, nothing could dampen the spirits of the Merrimack friends gathered near O'Reilly Hall.

In fact, the day was particularly festive. The Concert Choir sang and the On-Stagers performed. A huge white tent billboard with the full breezes. Tables were decorated with brightly-colored toy trucks and bricks.

Facility, students, administrators, and friends chatted; children ran and played. The anticipation weighed heavily in the air.

On that day, ground was broken for Merrimack's $6.5 million gift to the college dedicated to the arts center. The Rogers family, owners of The Eagle-Tribune, announced his family's intention to add $500,000 to their pledge, thereby dedicating the lobby in the new facility to his father's memory.

At the groundbreaking, the benefactors were represented by Irving E. "Chip" Rogers III and Jacqueline Rogers, the son and the wife of the late Irving E. Rogers Jr., seeking a kind of primariness of visual expression. Perhaps this is the more interesting sense of the "likeness" we seek in art. We recognize that which we had not seen before as though we had seen it way up in the air. It never much appealed to me, that sense of art as something elevated or elevating. That elevation of the spirit, as being uplifting, was even plainer than its name.

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Breathing New Life Into ST. AUGUSTINE

The Center for Augustinian Study and Legacy aims to show the relevance of Augustine's life and works - not just for scholars and clerics, but for everyone.

by Wendy Darwin Wakeman '93

The college this fall launched what may be its most intellectually exciting venture in decades: The Center for Augustinian Study and Legacy.

Sponsored initially by the Order of St. Augustine’s Province of St. Thomas of Villanova, the center aspires to join the company of those few prestigious institutes in the world dedicated to the study of St. Augustine’s life and works. North Andover will be in the company of Würzburg, Germany; Louvain, Belgium; and Rome, Italy.

On this side of the Atlantic, the Augustinian Press, under the leadership of Rev. John E. Rotelle, O.S.A., S.T.D., has contributed much to modern Augustinian scholarship, publishing new translations of the entire corpus of Augustine’s works. The newly established Augustinian Spirituality program at the Washington Theological Union shows tremendous promise. These centers, well known in scholarly circles, will make for heady company for Merrimack.

And yet, says center director Dr. Joseph T. Kelley, Merrimack’s center has the opportunity to fill an important niche within Augustinian scholarship—showing how Augustine’s life and works are relevant today.

Kelley says it was clear about part of the mission: that Merrimack study its legacy for all of us.

Making Augustine’s insights accessible and meaningful to contemporary society will make up the center’s work.

A priority is fully integrating the center into community life at Merrimack. "I don’t want this to be an isolated little corner off somewhere in Sullivan Hall," Kelley says, rejecting the ivory-tower stereotype the center’s mission brings to mind.

As vice president for student life, Kelley was far from isolated. His office, in the heart of Gildea, was steeped in action. Kelley hopes to continue that kind of day-to-day involvement with the students and faculty in his new position: vice president for mission effectiveness and director of the Center for Augustinian Study and Legacy.

The title is daunting, and so is his task. Kelley is charged with inventing the center: developing its mission, determining its programming and staffing, and finding its soul. Because Merrimack is grounded in both the Augustinian virtue of community and the academic principle of collegiality, Kelley cannot work in isolation.

He must gather input and build consensus among a number of groups with sometimes disparate ideas: faculty, staff, administrators, students and graduates, and, perhaps most important, the Province of St. Thomas of Villanova.

The center was established with a $1 million grant from the Province, and Kelley says it was clear about part of the mission: that Merrimack study its legacy as an Augustinian college.

The college’s Augustinian heritage should permeate and enrich the institution. Kelley cites the design of the new first-year residence, Deegan Hall, as an example of implementing Augustinian values into something seemingly unrelated. The rooms are arranged in clusters to facilitate community building, and classrooms and communal lounges encourage intellectual exchange. “Everyone uses the word community. But not everybody has a centuries-old philosophy to back it up,” Kelley says.

Central to nurturing the college’s Augustinian heritage is working...
Augustinian principles into coursework. "Unless it's in the curriculum," Kelley says, "it becomes peripheral.

Through his work with the center, Kelley hopes to put Augustine at the center of campus life. While Kelley has no responsibility for curriculum, he can find ways to bring Augustine into scholarly debate at Merrimack.

"I can encourage, I can invite, and I can engage," Kelley says. Like the parabolic mustard-seed scatterer, Kelley intends to broadcast Augustine's ideas widely and hope they will take root and grow.

Backing up Kelley's invitations and encouragement is the weight of Augustine's influence as a writer and a thinker.

Augustine's three major works are Confessions, City of God, and De Trinitate. Confessions is recognized as the first introspective autobiographical work. The study of literature, history, psychology, ethics, and theology can all be informed through its study.

City of God, in which Augustine looks at the relationship between the self and society, could be called the first text in political science. "He reframed the way we think about ourselves, about our relationships, and about God," Kelley says.

Augustine's examination of himself, God, and the world is especially relevant at a college. His self-examination can be seen to parallel the soul-searching that is practically a rite of passage for college students.

"Augustine opened Christian theology in the West to serious ongoing dialogue with Platonic thought," Kelley says.

British philosopher Alfred North Whitehead wrote that all of philosophy is but a footnote to Plato. Kelley contends that with adjustments, the same can be said of Augustine: All of Christian theology is a footnote to Augustine. "You can argue with that, of course," he says, "but you must address it. No discussion of Christian theology is complete without Augustine."

All of this can, of course, lead us right back to that ivory tower that Kelley is determined to avoid. That's why the second part of the center's mission is so important. It's also what will make Merrimack's center unique.

In addition to studying and complementing the college's Augustinian heritage, the center will work to find contemporary, practical ways to implement Augustinian thought.

According to Kelley, what Merrimack Augustinian scholars can do and do well is advance the continuing relevance of Augustine thought, throughout a range of academic disciplines, across eccumenical and inter-faith boundaries, and for students, faculty, and alumni as well as for serious Augustinian scholars.

Kelley is refining a mission statement for the center that encapsulates this plan for the center. So far, he's shared it with many faculty, staff, and Augustinian scholars around the world, and he's finding enthusiasm for the project.

Concurrently, he's developing a plan of action for the center. Next year, a visiting Augustinian scholar will be in residence. The heart of any good research center is its library, and acquiring a special collection to be housed at McQuade Library is underway.

Funding will be available to support student research, and also for release time for faculty wishing to further their own investigations into Augustine's life and works.

The newest Augustinian college, established just outside Mexico City at the request of the Mexican government, holds promise as a locale for exchange programs of both students and faculty.

Such an inter-cultural program would fall in line with the Augustinian philosophy, as will the inter-faith and ecumenical emphasis Kelley intends to develop at the center.

"We have to be open to the presence and the power of the spirit in all academic disciplines, in other religions, and even in people who aren't particularly religious," Kelley says, acknowledging that such openness isn't easy. "Augustine always entertained an argument, even when he was old and crusty. He is perfect for what a college is all about."

My love of You, God, is not some vague feeling; it is positive and certain.

Your word struck into my heart and from that moment I loved You. Besides this, all about me, heaven and earth and all that they contain proclaim that I should love You.

But what do I love when I love You?

Not material beauty of a temporal order; not the brilliance of earthly light; not the sweet melody of harmony and song; not the fragrance of flowers, perfumes, and spices; not manna or honey; and not limbs the body delights to embrace.

It is not these that I love when I love my God. And yet, when I love Him, it is true that I love a light of a certain kind, a voice, a perfume, a food, an embrace; but they are the kind that I love in my inner self, when my soul is bathed in light that is not bound by space; when it listens to sound that never dies away; when it breathes fragrance that is not borne away on the wind; when it tastes food that is never consumed by the eating; when it clings to an embrace from which it is not severed by fulfillment of desire.

This is what I love when I love my God.
Merrimack Represented at International Augustinian Youth Conference

A dozen Merrimack students, recent graduates, and staff represented the college at the Augustinian Youth and Young Adult Conference in Munsterstadt, Germany. The group was led by campus ministry staff Sr. Elaine Polkari, S.S.N.D., Rev. Scott Ness, O.S.A., and Rev. Joseph Farrell, O.S.A.

The conference consisted of prayer, service, and socials. Participants learned about St. Augustine. After the conference, the group traveled through Italy visiting key places in the life of Augustine and the Augustinian Order.

Highlights included visiting Augustine’s tomb in Pavia, seeing and listening to the Pope at his summer residence in Castel Gandolfo, and touring the papal palace at the Vatican.

Ciejek and Roche Lead President’s Council

Linda Ciejek ’71 and Kevin Roche ’62 will serve as co-chairmen of the President’s Council for the next two years. In just the first few months under their leadership and direction, the President’s Council Executive Committee has more than tripled in size.

Their goal is to encourage President’s Council memberships among the friends who make an annual gift of $1,000 or more to the college.

Members receive special invitations to events like Leadership Day, the Business Speaker Series, and President’s Council receptions. They also receive a subscription to Connections, the college’s campus newsletter; monthly e-mail updates; and access to the Om-budsmen service.

President’s Council gifts help provide the college with important funding for financial aid, new building construction, computer technology, athletic programs, campus ministry service projects, and much more.

For information about President’s Council membership, please call Jim Dukes at (800) 210-8695.

Dukes Appointed Dean of Business

Dr. Thomas A. Dukes has been appointed Dean of the Faculty of the Division of Business Administration. He brings management and professional work experience as well as more than 20 years of teaching experience to the position.

Dukes most recently served as a professor in the School of Business and Economics at Longwood College in Farmville, Va. While at Longwood, he was also chairman of the Department of Management and Marketing. Dukes has also taught at Georgia College, the University of Maine, and James Madison University.

He has received several teaching awards and has published in professional journals. Dukes earned a B.S. and an M.B.A. at Northeast Louisiana University, and a D.B.A. at Louisiana Tech University.

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Waltz around the World with Merrimack

Salzburg, Prague, and Vienna are the destinations for this year’s Merrimack College Alumni and Friends spring trip. As always, the group will be personally escorted by Terry Monahan ’66, owner of The Houses of Travel.

The six-night extravaganzas sets off on April 24. Travellers will fly via Swissair to Salzburg and travel via deluxe motorcoach to the three cities.

Music events will be available.

For more information, call Susan Wojtas ’79 at (978) 837-5440.

Deegan-Ash Quad Named for St. Clare

The quadrangle formed by the Very Rev. John E. Deegan O.S.A. Residence Hall and Ash Centre has been named in honor of St. Clare, an Augustinian nun who lived from 1268 to 1308.

St. Clare was Abbess of the Augustinian Convent in Montefalco, Italy, and was known for her compassion and leadership as a woman of faith in the Middle Ages.

Coincidentally, the town of Clare in Suffolk was the site of the first Augustinian foundation in England in 1248.

From Clare Priory, the Austin Friars founded communities in Ireland, and the Irish Augustinians, in turn, came to America in 1796. The Augustinian heritage of faith and learning led the order to establish Villanova College in 1842 and Merrimack in 1947.

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Alumni Donate $1 Million for Endowed Chair

College trustee Linda Ciejek ’71 and her husband, Daniel ’70, have committed $1 million over five years to fund the first endowed chair at Merrimack. An endowed chair provides funds to attract renowned professors of national caliber - professors who wouldn’t normally be affordable for a college the size of Merrimack.

The Ciejek Chair will be in financial management.

“The resources to attract and reward the most distinguished faculty available today. The Ciejek Chair will immeasurably strengthen our efforts to build a superior faculty at Merrimack College,” President Santagati said.

Economic Adviser and Author Addresses Area Business Leaders

Putnam Investments managing director and senior economic adviser Robert Goodman was the featured speaker at the college’s sixth annual Business Speaker Series.

Goodman is the author of the popular book, Independently Wealthy - How to Build Financial Security in the New Economic Era. He frequently appears as an expert on CNN and CNBC.

Goodman joined Putnam in 1989 as a senior economic adviser, and now serves as a managing director and as a member of the company’s Investment Policy and Global Asset Allocation committees. Putnam is one of the nation’s oldest and largest money management firms, managing $275 billion for nearly 10 million individual shareholder accounts and 800 institutional clients.
News in Brief

Dr. Harry Wessel, associate professor and chairman of the Political Science department, hosts and produces a monthly program on Media One Cable Television entitled "Merrimack Valley Newsmakers..." A book review by Rev. Kevin Dwyer, O.S.A., professor of Religious Studies, was published in Catholic Southwest: A Journal of History and Culture... Dr. David Walsh, associate professor, and Dr. Ray Shaw, associate professor, both of the Psychology department, collaborated on a paper, "Suggestion and False Memory: A Social Psychological Analysis," which Dr. Walsh presented at the American Psychological Association's convention in San Francisco... Three dedicated employees retired this year: Shirley (Kalbi) Lapointe '77, registrar; Tina Mahoney, assistant to the registrar; and Hal Foreman, director of technical services... Christine Mordach '73, director of Financial Aid, completed her third 275-mile Boston to New York AIDS Bike Ride... Barnes and Noble College Bookstores has made a six-figure pledge to The Campaign for Merrimack. The gift is to be split between student aid for textbooks and the campus center construction project... Dr. Russell Mayer, assistant professor of Political Science, recently presented a paper entitled, "The Cost and Benefits of Reporting on Polling,..."

Moseley Bridge a National Landmark

The Moseley Bridge, which spans the pond on the east side of McAuliffe Library, has been designated a National Landmark by the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Construction in 1864, the bridge once connected the Upper Pacific Mills complex with Canal Street in Lawrence, Mass. A bow truss design, the bridge, one of three of its type in existence today, is the oldest iron bridge in the state and the oldest riveted wrought iron bridge in the country.

In 1990, shortly after officials closed down the bridge in its original location, Dr. Frank Griggs, then a professor of Civil Engineering, saw to it that the bridge was moved to campus. For several years, Merrimack engineering students worked to refurbish the bridge. In 1995, the bridge was moved to its current location.

Other historic national landmarks designated by the ASCE include the Golden Gate Bridge, the Hoover Dam, and the Erie Canal.
The Merrimack College women's cross country team completed its second consecutive Northeast-10 championship season with the conference tournament championship run at LeMoyne College.

Andrea Leonard won her second straight conference title as well, completing the five kilometer course in 19:42. Fellow teammate Katie Schroth was equally impressive as she finished second in the race with a time of 20:02.

Both Leonard and Schroth were named first team all-conference members. Sophomore Christine Lariviere finished 11th and was honored as a second team all-conference selection.

Leonard also garnered her second straight Runner of the Year award. Head Coach Chris Cameron also was recognized with his second consecutive Coach of the Year award.

The Lady Warriors placed six runners in the top 24 which helped them seal their second title in as many years. The following is a list of the Lady Warriors' finishes and times:

- Andrea Leonard, 1st, 19:42
- Katie Schroth, 2nd, 20:02
- Christina Lariviere, 11th, 20:51
- Amy Joyce, 16th, 21:22
- Margaret Obert, 18th, 21:30
- Kim Hyam, 24th, 21:40
- Lynn Gaseidnes, 29th, 21:51
- Katie Sullivan, 32nd, 21:57
- Nicole Russell, 43rd, 22:43

The Merrimack men's cross country team almost gave the Warriors a clean sweep in the Northeast-10 meet, as the men finished second in the conference finals. The Warriors were edged out by the Bentley Falcons for the conference title.

Angelo Santitto led the Warriors by finishing seventh in the seven kilometer race with a finishing time of 27:37. The Warrior sophomore garnered first team all-conference honors for his effort.

Senior Jim Lencki also ran well, placing 14th with a 28:27 finishing time. Lencki's finish placed him as a second team all-conference recipient.

The Warriors placed six runners in the top 31 finishers but the Falcons placed 10. The following is a list of the Warriors' finishes and times:

- Angelo Santitto, 7th, 27:37
- Jim Lencki, 14th, 28:27
- Jonathan Ihle, 21st, 28:51
- Matt Desmond, 25th, 29:06
- Mike Gray, 28th, 29:12
- Dan Flynn, 31st, 29:27
- Ron Montgomery, 38th, 30:01
- Ian Lesniewski, 39th, 30:14
- Stephen O'Neill, 55th, 31:20
- Andy Ruggles, 89th, 36:59

The annual Hackers Golf Tournament is moving to the Merrimack Valley. This tourney benefits athletic programs and will be held in September 1999. Call the alumni office for information, (978) 837-5440.
Several Earn All-Conference Honors for Fall

With the end of the fall season several Merrimack College student-athletes were honored by their respective conferences as All-Conference performers.

Junior Robert Slattery was honored as a first team All-Eastern Football Conference defensive tackle and was named the Defensive Lineman of the Year. Slattery was Merrimack’s second leading tackler with 64 total hits and led the team with six quarterback sacks. Sophomore Mike Roch also was honored as a first team All-ECFC member as a punter. Roch led the conference in punting with an average of 37.5 yards per punt.

Juniors Calvin Bryant, Patrick Norton and Jim Festa were honored as second team All-ECFC players.

Bryant, Merrimack’s only offensive player to be named, finished the 1998 season with 997 yards rushing and finished the season fourth in tackles on the Warriors and second in QB sacks with four-and-one-half. Festa, along with Slattery, is a repeat all-star after he led the Warriors and finished 10th in the conference with 77 tackles.

In men’s soccer, junior Daniel Pearce was honored by the coaches of the Northeast-10 Conference as the Defensive Player of the Year. Although a defender, Pearce finished the 1998 season fifth on the team in scoring with two goals and one assist.

The Merrimack College women’s soccer team enjoyed a season in which it was nationally ranked throughout the course of its schedule. The Warriors’ Lisa Jensen, a junior, was named the NE-10 Conference Defensive Player of the Year after a season in which not a single opponent playing opposite her scored a goal.

The Warrior volleyball team enjoyed its best season in the history of the program with a 17-15 record. (Above) The Warrior volleyball team enjoyed its best season in the history of the program with a 17-15 record. (Below) Junior Robert Slattery was honored as a first team All-Eastern Football Conference defensive tackle and was named the Defensive Lineman of the Year.

The Merrimack volleyball team enjoyed a season in which it was nationally ranked throughout the course of its schedule. The Lady Warriors finished the season 9-3 and nearly captured their conference championship. Kulacz led the Lady Warriors in scoring with three goals and 11 assists on the season. She had a hand in 14 of the Lady Warriors’ 17 goals scored on the season. Conway, honored for the second straight season as an Academic All-American, finished the 1998 season with a 3.9 record and .417 save percentage in the Merrimack nets and a 3.59 grade point average. DeVylde, a backfield player, was one of the most consistent defenders in the Northeast-10 this season while keeping a 3.35 GPA.

Winter Athletes Draw Praise, too

As this issue went to press, Merrimack winter sportstmen were already gathering accolades.

Hockey senior captain and Hobey Baker candidate Rejean Stringer was selected the New England Sports Network Player of the Week of October 26 through November 1.

Stringer, Merrimack’s 29th all-time leading scorer, tallied the winning goal in the Warriors’ first win of the season and recorded three assists in the 5-1 win over Union. Stringer also added two assists the night before in Merrimack’s 3-2 loss to UMans at Amherst at Mullins Center.

Stringer tallied two goals and six assists in the first four games of the Warriors’ season.

Junior forward Brian Johnson was named the Northeast-10 Player of the Week for his efforts in guiding the men’s basketball team to its first two wins of the 1998-99 season.

The Chicago native averaged 24.5 points and 10 rebounds in the first two games of the season. Johnson scored a game-high 22 points in the Warriors’ opening game, 90-81, win over Dowling College. Johnson returned the next day and poured in a career-high 27 points in Merrimack’s, 100-73, win against Concordia.

Winter Athletes

Chris Serino named ice hockey coach

When the Warriors take to the ice this season, it will be under the leadership of a new coach. Chris Serino, 48, became, in April, the seventh coach in the team’s history.

“After a thorough search of candidates throughout the country, Chris emerged as the unanimous candidate,” Bob DeGregorio, Merrimack’s director of athletics, said.

This will be Serino’s first head coaching job at the Division I collegiate level. He spent the last seven seasons as an assistant and associate head coach at the University of New Hampshire.

“I’m extremely happy for the opportunity to build upon the great tradition of Merrimack hockey,” said Serino. “I’m anxious to start my duties and can’t wait to jump in and get to work trying to continue the positive strides the program has taken for the past two seasons.”

Serino has been part of a UNH program that was the 1996-97 Hockey East regular season co-champion and the 1997-98 team that reached the NCAA Final Four.

Before joining the UNH coaching staff, Serino spent three seasons at the head coach of the Northfield Mount Hermon (Deerfield, Mass.) hockey program. While at Northfield, Serino compiled a 47-21-3 mark. Prior to his position at Northfield, Serino was the head coach at Saugus (Mass.) High School from 1980 to 1987. Serino earned the Eastern College in Springfield, Mass. while he starred on the baseball and hockey teams. He was an All-American baseball player in college and was inducted into the Merrimack Athletic Hall of Fame in 1987. Serino and his wife, Robin, live in Peabody and have five children.

Winter Athletes

Chris Serino is the new head coach for the Warrior ice hockey team.
Spotlight on '75: Jim and Christine (Sullivan) Zampell
by Mary Beth Donovan '80

Ask Jim and Christine (Sullivan) Zampell, both class of '75, what they valued most during their years at Merrimack, what at the college helped shaped their success today, and they answer with a single word: people.

"The people I met at Merrimack were just wonderful," said Jim, president of Zampells as they built their business, raised a family, and helped equip the science lab at the school.

Chris has spearheaded a number of volunteer efforts at St. Mary of the Annunciation School in Danvers. She designed and helped equip the science lab at the school, taught classes, and organized numerous parent volunteers to keep the labs running smoothly.

"The people I met at Merrimack were an unusual approach in a privately owned firm," said Jim. "They were terrific," she said.

Merrimack's mission: educating minds and hearts, and helping Merrimack grow in new directions. Along the way, the college has been recognized for their innovative approach to management and commitment to a number of causes, particularly Catholic education.

"The pair has served in a number of positions," said Jim. "Schools have to teach what students receive the education they need to create their own businesses. That's what Merrimack is all about."
M69 You've got thirty years to celebrate! Mark June 18 and 19 in your calendar — Reunion '99 is coming.

M70 Jeannette (Gibbons) Baber is listed in Who's Who in America. She has given herself an "early retirement" and now really enjoys life. She does a little home teaching and SAT Prep courses, edits the school group newsletter, sells dollfus for the American Heart Association, reads a few books onto tapes for disabled students, and works as an election inspector. Last fall Susan presented a workshop on teaching the Holocaust. Last summer, she discovered kayaking!

M71 Ray Latenstein, Dean of Students at the Regional High School in Maine, is taking advantage of a rare opportunity and challenge. Along with another school administrator, Ray is starting an 18 million high and middle school from scratch. "It's a unique opportunity," Ray said in a recent news report. "Maybe one-half of one percent of school administrators have the opportunity to take a vision and put it into practice."

M72 Lynn Carney has accepted the position of customer relations manager within the information technology department at Equiva Services, in Houston. Lynn was previously employed at Texas's Houston-based information technology department as a telecommunications team leader. Lynn and his wife Anne Babula live in Missouri City, Tex. Their daughter Alicia serves in the army.

M73 Dorothy (Cainowski) Boisvert spent a month at Tianjin Medical University in Tianjin, China. While there, she observed classes in its medical laboratory science program and exchanged ideas on curriculum with its faculty. She lectured on new techniques in blood banking to students and lab staff from local hospitals. The Tiajin faculty arranged tours of the laboratories of several hospitals in Tianjin and Beijing so that she could observe how medical laboratory science is practiced in China.

M74 Are you ready for Reunion '99? Mark June 18 and 19 on your calendar. You won't want to miss it.

M75 Roland E. Boucher has been named principal of Conant School, Haverhill's largest middle school. He has worked in Haverhill as the supervisor of curriculum for kindergarten through grade twelve for three years, and as a teacher for seven years at the middle and high school levels. He won a School Committee member for nine years and spent two years as an editor at a national schoolbook company.

M76 The Boston Herald called Dave McCready "linguistics wizard" in his report on how teachers at Goodwin Commons, an alternative school in New York City.

M77 Eric H. Killorin's magazine article on collectors, "The Final Leg in the U.S. Collector's Tour," was featured in a recent Business Digest. Eric H. Killorin is the Associate Editor of Boxford Magazine.

M78 John Raczkowski recently joined Physician's Resources to build a nationwide pension and real estate consulting practice. "In my spare time," he writes, "I continue to put off home maintenance." He, wife Claire, and daughters Joann and Jillian live in Boston.

M79 Celebrate Reunion '99 at Merrimack June 18 and 19. Watch your mail for details.

M80 Carmine Catalana has been accepted as a member of the Young President's Organization. The Y.P.O. is an international organization of young business leaders, and the Merrimack's reunion committee is currently recruiting for Deloitte Consulting. He has been with Deloitte for the past eight years. John has also served a two-year term as an elected member of the School Committee in Gloucester, Mass. He and his wife Deborah have two children, Graham and Sarah, and live in Raleigh, N.C.

M81 Richard Rizzo has recently joined Doble Engineering Co. in Watertown, Mass. He is an engineer and has been with Deloitte for the past eight years. John has also served a two-year term as an elected member of the School Committee in Gloucester, Mass. He and his wife Deborah have two children, Graham and Sarah, and live in Raleigh, N.C.

M82 Raymond Joyce and wife Michele recently returned from a three-month volunteer project in Romania. They worked in Merrimack's Campaign for Alternatives Spring Break in the Dominican Republic. They then worked a few weeks in Tanzania with a Habitat for Humanity affiliate. In April, the final leg of their vacation took them to Romania, where they participated in a Habitat for Humanity Global Volunteer Project. Ray e-mails, "We highly recommend a working vacation in Habitat for Humanity Global Volunteer Projects. When you're finished, check to see the organization's website, www.habitat.org."

M83 Mike Conlin accepted a position within Hewlett-Packard as the local product organization controller. This job is based in Geneva, Switzerland. Mike's wife, Rose, and son Mike Jr. relocated to Italy.

M84 The University of New England has announced its event to celebrate this year's Reunion. "Celebrate your fifteen at Reunion '99".

M85 Rev. Edward J. Arsenault was recently re-elected as the President of the National Catholic Risk Retention Group, Inc., a risk management and insurance company which is wholly owned by its 3 members throughout the world who have achieved the title of "logistics wizard".

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ALUMNI COUNCIL PRESIDENT’S LETTER

Dear Fellow Alumni,

You and I are extremely fortunate to be part of the Merrimack community during this dynamic time for our alma mater. All you need to do is look around; you can see growth all around the campus.

This fall, the new John E. Deegan, O.S.A. Residence Hall opened. Now, first-year students will live and work together in housing built specifically for their needs. And, as soon as construction was completed for Deegan Hall, ground was broken for the cultural arts center. As a premier teacher and performing arts center north of Boston, the Rogers Center will be a regional resource, drawing more people to our beautiful campus.

With the new Augustinian Center, Merrimack becomes an international resource as well. The college has grown so much in just 50 years!

Throughout its history, our college has also accumulated a vast store of riches in its alumni. I’m continually impressed with the talents and generosity of fellow alumni.

The Campaign for Merrimack’s theme, Awakening Minds and Hearts, has a special meaning for me. In my role as president of the Alumni Council, I meet and get to know so many graduates, people with remarkable minds and compassionate, loving hearts. Meeting so many of you, people who share in the rich heritage of Merrimack College, is one of my favorite parts of this position.

Three of those people, Susan Wobats ’79, John Ober ’66, and Margaret Cook, deserve special notice. As part of our Alumni Office, they manage countless programs aimed at keeping our community vital. Their expertise and enthusiasm enables our alumni association to succeed and grow.

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Andrea (Cubna) Turner moved to Washington, D.C. and has graduated from the Catholic University of America with a master's degree in politics. She is now employed at Greenberg Quinlean Raiser, a Democratic polling and research firm.

Reunion ’99 is the place to catch up on the last five years with your roommates and maybe make some new friends, too. June 18 and 19 are the dates. Watch for information in the mail soon.

Bob Bartley, a Certified Public Accountant and Certified Internal Auditor, is a partner at Witherby, Keil. Bob and his wife Michele live in Boston. Bob is one of only a handful of CPA’s who hold the C.P.A. designation and is the most widely recognized mark in the field.

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I was also lucky enough to travel with the alumni to Greece in the spring. If you can, I highly recommend traveling with Susan and "company." You’ll make friends, learn a few things, and bring home memories for a lifetime. I know I did.

In closing, I wish you and your family a happy and healthy 1999. As we draw to the close of the semester, I am especially thankful for having become a part of this exceptional community.

Bob Bartley

Reunion Coordinator

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Several Merrimackians turn to a taping for The Tonight Show with Jay Leno recently.Above are Rocky Pews husband of Eleanor Pelt, ‘59,Error Czerny,Pat Centenia, ‘58, Jay , President Santangeli, and Joe Carter, vice president for institutional advancement. Pat was one of Jay’s teachers at Andover High School.

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Paul Furgal is a civil engineer for Fuss and O’Neill, Inc. in Longmeadow, Mass.

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Michael Berube will be attending the Frank Sawyer School of Management at Suffolk University for a master’s in public administration. He works for the Methuen Police Department as staff aide to the chief of police.

Sandra Mabbett graduated from the University of Massachusetts at Boston’s Graduate College, or Education with a master’s degree in school psychology. She also received her provisional state certification with advanced standing as a school psychologist.

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Jodi Anna Saia is a social worker at the Department of Social Services in Cambridge.

George Scotti is the business development officer and market manager for Millennium Federal Credit Union in Bedford, Mass.

Justine Scully is the loan center coordinator for the Andover Bank in Andover.


Mark True has joined the staff at Merrimack College as a programmer and analyst.

Reunion ’99 is Coming!

This year, reunion celebrates the graduating classes of ’54, ’59, ’64, ’69, ’74, ’79, ’84, ’89, and ‘94. If you’re a member of an honor class, join us!

Festivities kick off Friday, June 18 with a golf tournament during the day and the ever popular Welcome Back Party in the evening.

On Saturday, there’ll be campus tours and seminars if you’re interested, a barbecue, a special Mass, and on-campus dinners followed by music, dancing, and more.

For more information, call Susan Wojtas ’79 at (978) 837-5440.

Attention Co-Graduates!

Did you know you can be included with either your entering class or your graduating class for alumni mail and reunion purposes? Let the alumni office know which you’d prefer.

You can e-mail swojtas@merrimack.edu or call Susan Wojtas ’79 at (978) 837-5440.
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 volunteer 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@merimack.edu or call the alumni office at (978) 837-5440.

**Alumni Ambassadors** Enrollment and student quality at Merimack 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 Merimack at a college fair, or hosting a reception for accepted students.

**Fundraising** Alumni make the difference in our fundraising efforts. Our continued success as an institution depends upon our ability to expand programs, 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 Merimack at a college fair, or hosting a reception for accepted students.

**Continuing Education** Alumni have their own continuing education division. Alumni can participate in our fall and spring phonathons to high school students, representing Merimack at a college fair, or hosting a reception for accepted students.

**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.

**Regional Clubs** Regional Clubs are a great way for you to have a little of Merimack 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 have their own alumni club, Cedar (Continuing Education Division Alumni Reunited). For more information, call John D’Obel ’66 at (978) 837-5107.
Nancy Callahan '74 and Jack Driscoll '74 at Eagle Mountain Inn in Jackson, N.H., November 8, 1997.

Mark J. Donkin '95 and Jean Craig at Holy Rosary Church in Winthrop, Mass., June 6.

Suzanne B. Desmarais '96 and R. Scott Wolke at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Newport, September 12.

Lauren M. Larson '95 and Scott Dalib at Our Lady of Grace Church, in Brewster, Mass.

Kristen M. Brown '90 and Robert McLaughlin at the Collegiate Church of Christ the Teacher, July 11.

Marjory L. Whitaker '90 and David J. Cottrell at St. Brendan Church, in East Providence.


Amy Veilleux '96 and John A. Simmons at Bethany Congregational Church in Manchester, Conn., July 18.

David R. Forster '95 and Rosemary G. Looney at St. Ann Church in Pawtucket, R.I., August 15.

Msgr. Vincent at St. Michael Episcopal Church in Gloucester, February 7.

Lisa Morey '94 and Thomas Nolan '74 and Nancy Callahan, both '74, honeymooned in the western Caribbean after their Gloucester wedding. Shown above are (front, left to right) Emily DeFeo, Jill Soper '96, Brian Oliver, Liesle DeFeo, Sarah Sellinger '95, Melissa Kuo (left to right) and Michael Retondo '95.

Kimberly E. Rayla '95 and Christopher P. Ross '95 were married at the Collegiate Church of Christ the Teacher in August. Rev. Gillin, O.S.A., performed the ceremony.

When Beth Addesso '95 married Michael Consoli '94, there were plenty of Merrimack good wishes for them. Shown above are (front, left to right) Jay Delaney '94, Mark Murphy '94, Jamie Carroll '95, Janet Whelan '94, Kristen O'Toole '95, Kim (Raque) Ross '95, Rick Ross '95, Beth Auzliskai '95, Rev. Joseph Gillin, O.S.A., Catherine Francis '94, inside rear Rev. Consoli, Maurice Consoli '74, Al Guimond '65, Mathew Hanus '94, Ed Bousa '65, Kerry Elicker '97, the new Mr. and Mrs. Consoli, Wade Klahn '95, Meg Pullard '95, Melissa Kuo '94. Shown above are (top, rear, left to right) Mark A. Peterson '94 and Michelle Cote at Avon Old Farms Inn in Manchester, Conn., July 18.

Beth Ann Addesso '95 and Michael Consoli '94 at the Immaculate Conception Church in Waterbury, Conn., May 9.

Rachael DeFeo '95 and Izzy Lanzoni '95 at Our Lady of the Assumption Church in Lynnfield, Mass., May 23.

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Gail A. Gaddard '96 and Gregory Tarrant '97 at St. Mary Church in Pawtucket, R.I., August 15.

WEDDINGS

Here's a photo from our favorite Merrimack romance. Jack Driscoll and Nancy Callahan, both '74, loaded up at their twentieth reunion. They were married last November. Above are (front, left to right) Cindy Doherty '94, John Nolan '74, the groom, Phil Quinn '74, the bride, Pat Quinn '74, Nancy Chadock '94, Janet Callahan Hamilton '77, Denis Dolan '74, Nan Lynch '95, and Sheila Callahan '95. Also on hand at the wedding, held in Jackson, N.H., were Rob Normandin '78 and Michael Knightly '82.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Abbott Jr. (Lisa Anne Murray '94) honeymooned in the western Caribbean after their Gloucester wedding.
Zaccardi of Salem; daughters
Salem, N.H. Family members
September 22 at his home in
Knights of Columbus, both in
Andover, formerly of North
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and Sheila Meaney of Revere; and
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Florida, Robert of California, and
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Lynn Boys and Girls Clubs, and
in North Andover from 1970 to
1991. Since then he had been a free-lance
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UNICEF in Boston, The Eagle Library in
Andover Public Library. She spoke four languages and
travelled extensively. Mrs. Jakob also
escorted several police and,
while in Baltimore, he travelled
for a travelling basketball team. In both
1963 and 1967, she wrote the
Lawrence Women’s Singles Tennis Championship.
She was the widow of Garpar Jakob, former director of the
International Institute of
Law enforcement. She leaves her
sister-in-law, Edward of Methuen, died on September 16 at
Hospital. She was 49. She lived in
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Kathleen (McCullough) Brennan
71 of Hartford, Conn., died
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Adjustable blue twill cap with Gold and white lettering.
A. $16.98

B. MV Sport T-Shirt
100% cotton navy t-shirt with large white print. A steal! Sizes M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL B. $9.99

C. Baby Booties
White and navy booties with gold and navy Merrimack lettering. Available in infant sizes.
C. $5.99

D. Baby Glitzy Hat
Adorable blue denim hat with white lettering. One size
D. $16.98

E. Baby Bottle
8 oz. Plastic bottle with navy lettering and teddy bears.
I. $3.99

F. Champion Class Crew
Reversed weave sweatshirt, oversized to accommodate shrinkage and give you true athletic fit. Gray with navy and white lettering. Available in M, L, XL, XXL, and XXXL
F. $43.98

G. Champion Child Sweatshirt
Start the little one off early with this fully lined gray sweatshirt with navy lettering. Available in 2-4, 6-8, 10-12, 14-16, and 18-20.
G. $20.50

H. Gear Jacket
100% nylon pull-over windbreaker with front center zipped pocket. Available in green with black accents on shoulders and arms. Sizes M, L, XL
H. $41.98

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9 oz. Plastic bottle with navy lettering and teddy bears. I. $5.99

J. Teddy Bears
Shaggy bears with navy blue sweaters. Limited number available wearing glasses. Also available in brown short-hair.
J. $28.95

L. The Campus Shop
AT MERRIMACK

Thanks to the Merrimack Fund, Lisa Magnacca won’t have to wait in those long lines at the Registrar’s Office anymore.

And neither will any other Merrimack student. Instead, students may now register for classes on-line, anywhere there’s a computer hooked up to the Internet.

Students can check course availability, view grade reports, obtain information on financial aid, and check Merrimack’s demographics, all with a click of a mouse.

On-line registration is just one of the benefits resulting from The Campaign for Merrimack’s initiative to upgrade Information technology. Thanks to your support of the Campaign, Merrimack is re-wiring every academic and administrative office and residence hall, so we can serve our students better.

After all, serving our students well is what Merrimack is all about.
This bird's eye view of the campus, including the yet-to-be-built Rogers Center for the Arts and the planned expansion of Gildea Hall, vividly illustrates how Merrimack has grown and will continue to grow.