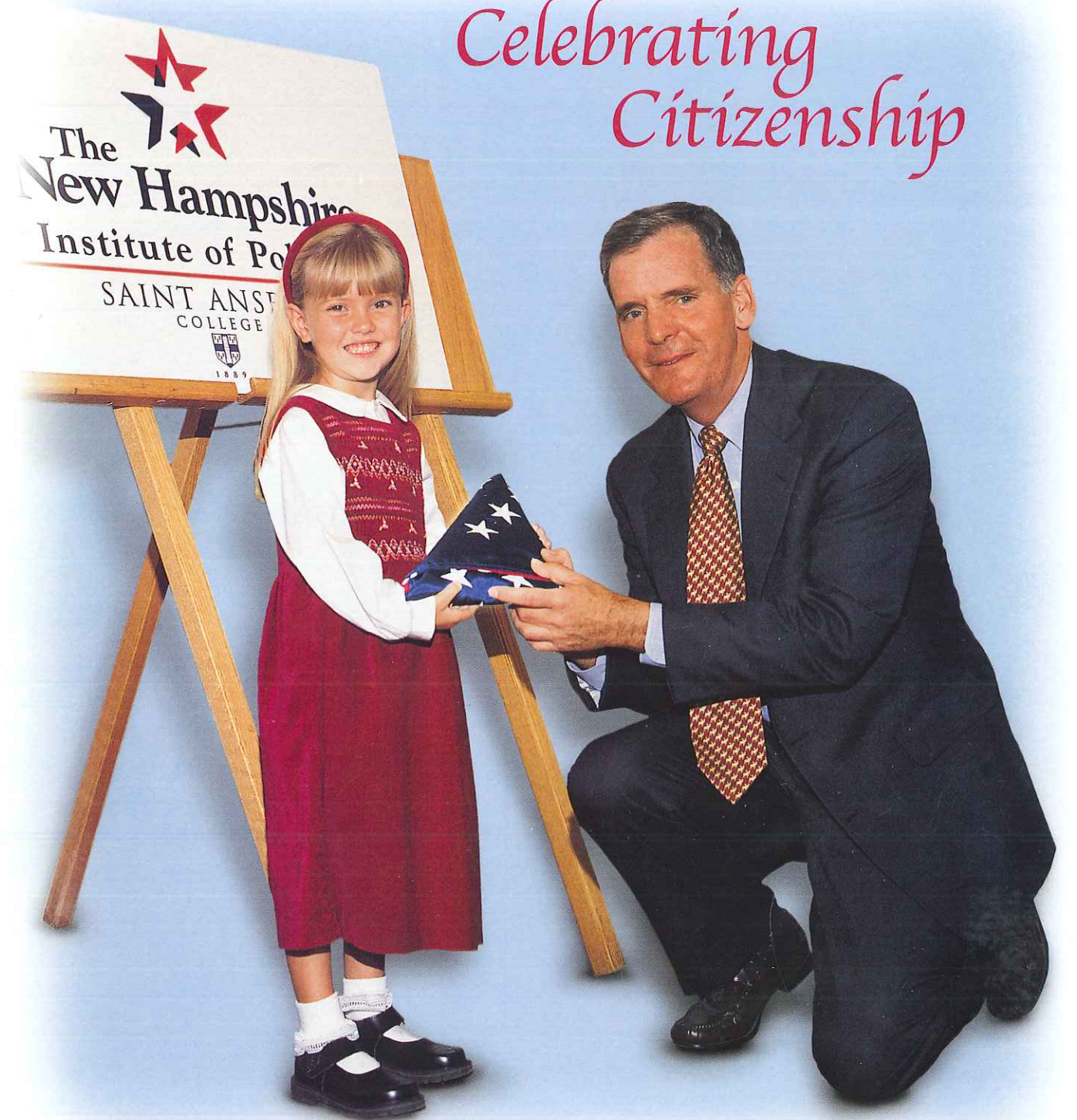


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The ceremonial birth of the New Hampshire Institute of Politics at Saint Anselm College came on a sultry, sunny, September 7th. An academic convocation marked the opening of the academic year and the realization of a dream for a small, determined group of faculty, administrators, trustees and one United States Senator who thought they had a good idea.

Faculty members, along with several hundred well-wishers and political movers and shakers came to witness an historic occasion, celebrated with the pomp and circumstance usually reserved only for graduation. Even President George W. Bush made an appearance at the building's formal dedication, addressing guests via videotape from the White House. In his message, President Bush congratulated his good friend Judd Gregg and those involved at Saint Anselm for developing the Institute, adding, "In the coming years, the lives of countless young people will be enriched by the lessons taught here: students will learn that public service is a noble calling, and that good citizenship is an essential virtue."

Only four days later, Saint Anselm's new Institute of Politics endured a baptism by fire the moment American Airlines Flight 11, piloted by terrorists, slammed into the southern World Trade Center tower.

Institute Director Dale Kuehne recalls walking in a stunned fog out of his new office down to the just-completed Hall of Flags to find a packed roomful of politics faculty and students glued to CNN.

"It was just an extraordinary moment, architecturally this room was set up to become the gathering place even when things aren't happening," Kuehne said.

"The place was a beehive just as we all dreamed it eventually would be; but not in the first week of school and certainly not under these circumstances."

Kuehne and fellow Institute founder Associate Professor Paul Manuel both understand the terrorist attack on America had presented them with a unique challenge to channel students' outrage, fear and uncertainty into a new generation of civic engagement.

Ironically, the academic convocation and dedication which had occurred just days before this incident had been filled with prophetic statements starting with the opening remarks of Fr. Jonathan DeFelicce, O.S.B., Saint Anselm's president.

Fr. Jonathan praised the U.S. Army, which agreed to contribute the headquarters for the Institute, a former reserve center at the corner of Saint Anselm Drive and Rockland Ave.

"Today we should remember and honor all who served our country in the Army, especially the Crafts brothers, dear young sons of Manchester who gave their lives in World War II. As we remember the men and women who served in the army reserve center, we hope that we shall continue with a different, but no less dedicated kind of service to our country in the facility that once was theirs," Fr. Jonathan said.

WELCOME TO THE INSTITUTE...NEW HAMPSHIRE
INSTITUTE OF POLITICS DIRECTOR DALE KUEHNE AND
FELLOW INSTITUTE FOUNDER ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
PAUL MANUEL.

New Hampshire Senator Judd Gregg received an honorary degree from the College in recognition of extraordinary leadership, which enabled Saint Anselm to secure the facility, and federal funding to renovate the building and put programming in place.

In his remarks, Gregg related advice President John Adams had given his son, John Quincy, who would also go on to become the nation's chief executive.

"Public business, my son, must always be done by somebody. If wise men decline, others will do it. If honest men refuse it, others will not," Adams said.

The ceremony included an address from Kerry Sheehan, a senior politics major who said, "Without the dialogue of politics, there can be no compromise, and conflict erupts, resulting in the destruction of cities and the homes, churches, businesses and landmarks that constitute them. With the loss of these places comes the loss of lives, lives that had the potential to contribute positively to the human race in medicine, technology, literature and countless other areas."

As the world remained gripped in the aftermath of 9/11, the relevance of Sheehan's words seemed painfully clear. Reflecting on the question, Gary Bouchard, executive vice president noted, "These times are more dramatic than any of us could have anticipated. Drama or not, the Institute needs to follow the thought and energy of the world. It also needs to lead young people in a way that will shape them to be good leaders."

Irony and world events aside, one could wonder how this well-financed, state-of-the-art Institute came to this small, Catholic, liberal arts college in a bucolic Manchester suburb.

It started in conversations between Professors Kuehne and Manuel and Anne Botteri, associate vice president for public relations, who was assistant to the president at the time. All were aware of the College's need to harness the energy of the New Hampshire presidential primary in a way that would connect the study of politics with the unique opportunities that Saint Anselm's location provided.

In December 1995, Fr. Jonathan asked Manuel, as chairman of the politics department, to chair a committee to study the question and to make recommendations. Fr. Jonathan was clear that he was looking for recommendations that would engage the entire Saint Anselm community, not just the politics department.

"One of the first things that occurred to Dale and I was the whole question of a mission statement that would have both academic and public dimensions," Manuel recalled.

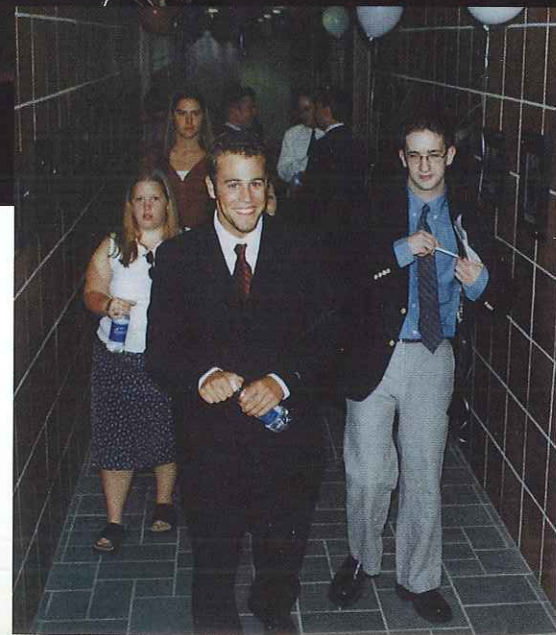
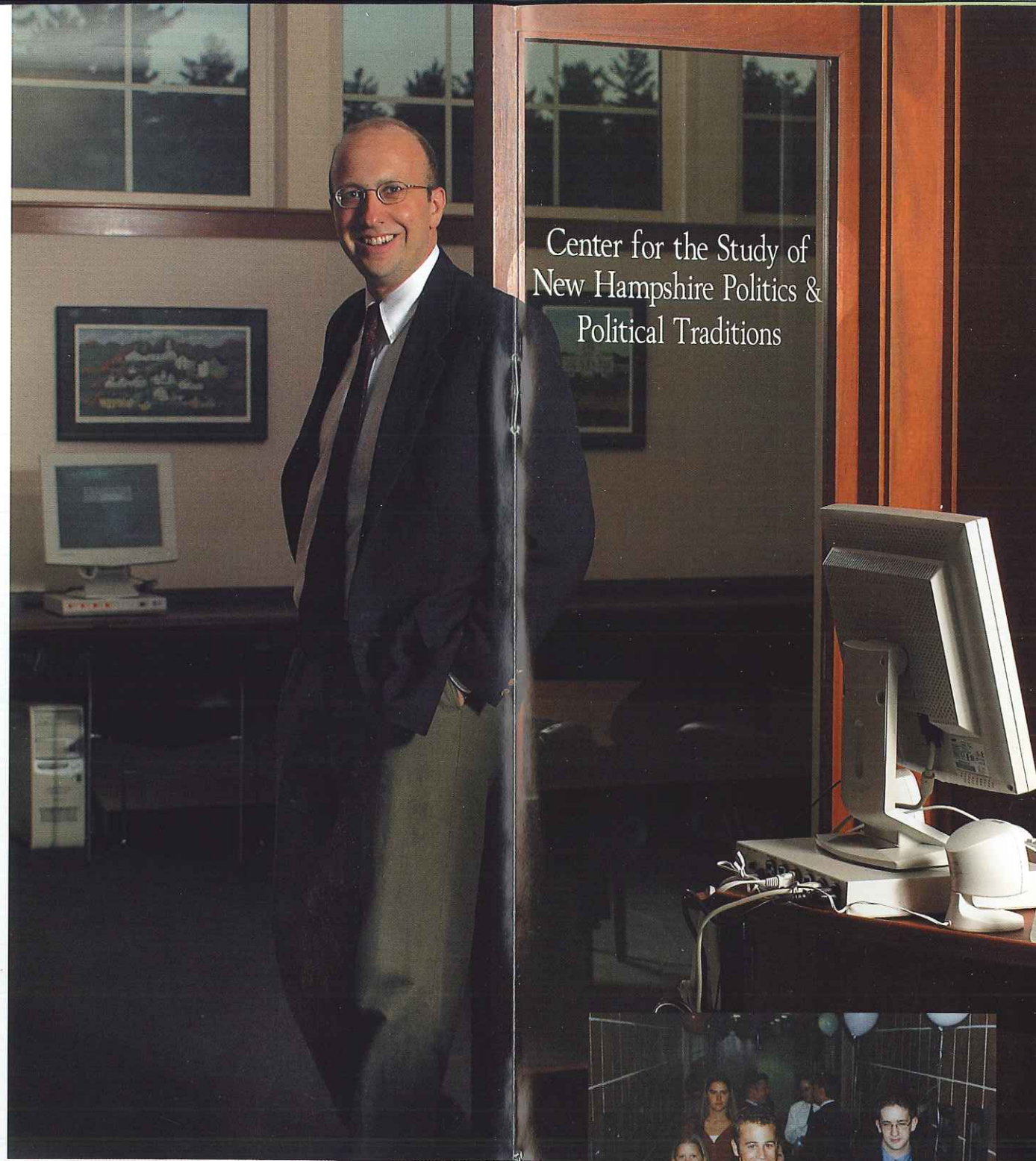
"In the first instance, we knew we wanted to create good citizens so we went with that in our presentation to the Board of Trustees."

It was then that Manuel had the first of many friendly confrontations with Trustee Kevin Harrington, a former Massachusetts Senate president and now one of the state's most successful lobbyists.

Harrington said, "Paul, I like what you are saying, but let me throw

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— PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH



PROFESSOR DANTE SCALA LEADS THE INSTITUTE'S CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE POLITICS & POLITICAL TRADITIONS, ONE OF FOUR ACADEMIC RESEARCH CENTERS AT THE INSTITUTE.

BELOW, AT THE SEPTEMBER 7 DEDICATION, POLITICAL SCIENCE STUDENTS GAVE TOURS OF THE INSTITUTE, WHOSE HALLWAYS ARE ADORNED WITH 50 YEARS OF NEW HAMPSHIRE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY MEMORABILIA.

an old-fashioned word at you — *Civics*." "Harrington was the first to connect the College with the concept of civic engagement," Manuel said.

Harrington's goal was to get Manuel and Kuehne to merge the study of politics with real life experiences that engaged young people in public life. The committee came up with the idea of having a self-funded institute that would try to integrate existing college programs, with national and regional politics and community outreach efforts focused on civic engagement.

Saint Anselm's location in the state that zealously guards its 'first-in-the-nation primary' didn't hurt. As Fr. Jonathan affirms, every man or woman over the past 50 years who has even thought of running for President has come to Saint Anselm.

In 2000, Arizona Sen. and primary winner John McCain came to the campus five times while then-Gov. George W. Bush visited on four occasions and hosted his primary night rally on campus.

But, Saint Anselm Trustee Harrington was intent on broadening the institute's focus beyond New Hampshire's treasured place on the political calendar and its few months in the national spotlight. "What are you planning to do between the Oscars?" was a favorite Harrington question at trustee meetings when Manuel and Kuehne sought the Board's blessings to proceed.

Harrington wasn't the only one asking hard questions. Major foundations concerned with questions of voter interest and civic engagement were asking similar questions. People like Michael Delli Carpini, program director of the billion-dollar Pew Foundation were consulted in the planning for Saint Anselm's political Institute. "It isn't enough to provide a venue for political programs," he said. "The question is how do we engage students in seeing themselves as catalysts for change?" asked Delli Carpini when Botteri and Kuehne sought his advice. "There are many colleges with community outreach programs. Students want to volunteer and make a difference in the world, and that's all well and good, but tell me how you intend to get them thinking about the root causes of poverty, homelessness and other problems? Tell me how policy at the government level translates at the local level." Delli Carpini's advice resonated with the planners of Saint Anselm's Institute of Politics. "Connecting our existing community outreach programs with the goal of civic and political engagement for students will be essential to the success of this Institute," notes Kuehne.

Also key to the Institute's success is and has been Senator Judd Gregg who happened to overhear what Saint Anselm was thinking while attending a luncheon at the College honoring then FBI director Louis Freeh. Gregg directed staff in Washington to find out what the people at Saint Anselm were talking about. "It really was the opposite of lobbying," Botteri noted. "We never once sat around and asked ourselves how we could get Judd Gregg interested in this

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project," Kuehne adds. "He called us, actually it was more like being summoned to Capitol Hill," Kuehne jokes, admitting that he was an unlikely emissary. "Imagine a protestant minister from Minnesota who teaches politics at this Catholic college in New Hampshire." Kuehne adds, "I'm a trail mix kind of a guy and all of a sudden — envoy to our Senator." Trail mix or not, Kuehne and Gregg clearly hit it off.

Gregg secured two different grants in 1999 both for construction financing and enough for a \$1 million-a-year operating budget. In December, Senator Gregg secured an additional \$3.35 million to support the Institute, bringing total federal support for the Institute to over \$9 million.

Now operating from its official home, the Institute has sponsored a lecture series that has already brought to campus former U.S. Senator Warren Rudman, and ABC-TV News executive Mark Halperin. Other guests have included Democratic pollster Peter Hart, Boston Globe's Washington Bureau Chief David Shribman and University of Chicago political theorist Jean Bethke Elshtain.

Senior politics major Chris Siefken worked last summer at the Institute and is president of the student political union.

"I think given the type of speakers here, it will open the eyes of people and more will be involved," Siefken said. "They can't deny it is happening. I'll admit it's tough sometimes getting people involved who aren't politics majors and maybe this will help."

Manuel now serves as director for the Institute's Research Center, coordinating the work of four academic centers that will provide the publicly relevant research needed to achieve the Institute's academic goals. "Our students are going to have opportunities to participate in scholarship and research that ordinarily would be available only in graduate programs," Botteri adds.

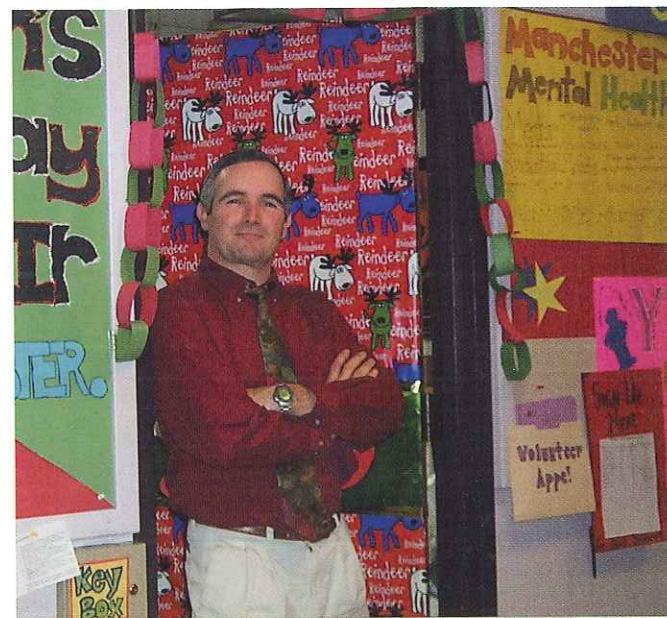
Botteri continues to counsel on how to manage an exploding list of public affairs and communications projects for the Institute. "Believe me," she says, "in ten years, maybe less, when people think of Saint Anselm College, they'll think of the New Hampshire Institute of Politics."

The Institute is housed in a 20,000 square-foot building, which contains four classrooms, 12 offices, a large public auditorium, conference rooms and an academic resource center with computer terminals.

Though certainly not a typical assignment for a college professor, supervising the 18-month, multimillion-dollar construction effort came naturally to Manuel — partly due to the construction experience he got working on the family business just after college.

"My Italian grandfather was in the construction business, and I hung around his job sites, learned how to read a blueprint," Manuel said. "I never thought I would be able to use what I had picked up. My grandfather encouraged me to get a liberal arts education to avoid the hardships of his life, and I end up working on a construction project at the college where I serve as professor," jokes Manuel.

The result represents Manuel's well-known attention to detail.



EDITOR'S NOTE: At the September 7, 2001 academic convocation, the College honored a member of the faculty who had made a measurable difference to the College's commitment to citizenship, both in the classroom and in the community. Faculty member and Saint Anselm alumnus Daniel Forbes, who has served as director of the College's Center for Volunteers since 1989, was selected to receive this honor. Forbes was given a standing ovation by his colleagues. Excerpts from the citation read that day follow:

Whether teaching a course in Poverty and Public Policy, delivering one of over a dozen professional papers, helping to renovate a home for an impoverished family or helping the state of New Hampshire to rehabilitate its entire volunteer infrastructure, Dan Forbes' zeal for assisting others and fostering the leadership to sustain that assistance is infectious. For well over a decade, he has been responding to calls for assistance with the simple but determined reply: "Let's do it!"

Dan Forbes is a consummate Samaritan, an individual whose devotion to the service of others and determination to engage others in that service have made him a model citizen at Saint Anselm and in the New Hampshire community for over a dozen years.

Beginning with his service as director of the Center for Volunteers in 1989, Dan has made community service a central and increasing part of student life at Saint Anselm College as well as a defining characteristic of the College's identity. During the 2000 – 2001 academic year over seven hundred and fifty Saint Anselm students engaged in more than five thousand hours of community service at over fifty community agencies, partnerships or College sponsored events. Each one of these hours of service, each act of creative assistance and effective leadership, is a tribute to Dan Forbes, traceable ultimately back to his determination, inspiration and irrepressible energy. It is a particular measure of his success that every incoming freshman this year began their experience at Saint Anselm by engaging in a community service project in Manchester as part of Orientation Weekend.

In 1997 Dan was coordinator of the Greater Manchester Summit for Youth and that same year he served as a delegate to the President's summit on America's Future. Campus Compact for New Hampshire has selected Dan and one of his Saint Anselm prodigies to author the training manual to prepare student leaders for community service and The Catholic Network of Volunteer Services has appointed Dan as a training consultant for the Americorps programs. This year marks Dan's third year of service on the Governor's Council for Volunteerism where he is helping to guide the consolidation of all volunteer efforts in New Hampshire into one single entity called Volunteer New Hampshire.

And while Kuehne serves as the heart of the Institute, he sees Manuel as the soul.

"You will see Paul in every aspect of the Institute. You will see Paul in the future teaching and you will read his research. But if you want to really know Paul, you don't have to talk to him or read what he writes," Kuehne said in his convocation address.

"Any time you go down to that Institute and just sit, soak in the design and the architecture and the beauty, you will have a better understanding of who Paul Manuel is."

With the architecture, design and construction almost complete, Trustee Lucy Flynn, History Professor Sylvia Shannon and Fr. William Sullivan, O.S.B., helped to develop a proposed management structure for the NHIOP that defines how it will interact with the College. The College's governing board formally approved that plan this fall.

The Boston firm of Judge, Skelton and Smith served as the project architect while Bailey & Donovan of Manchester did interior design work. The Bedford firm of Eckman Construction Co. was the project contractor.

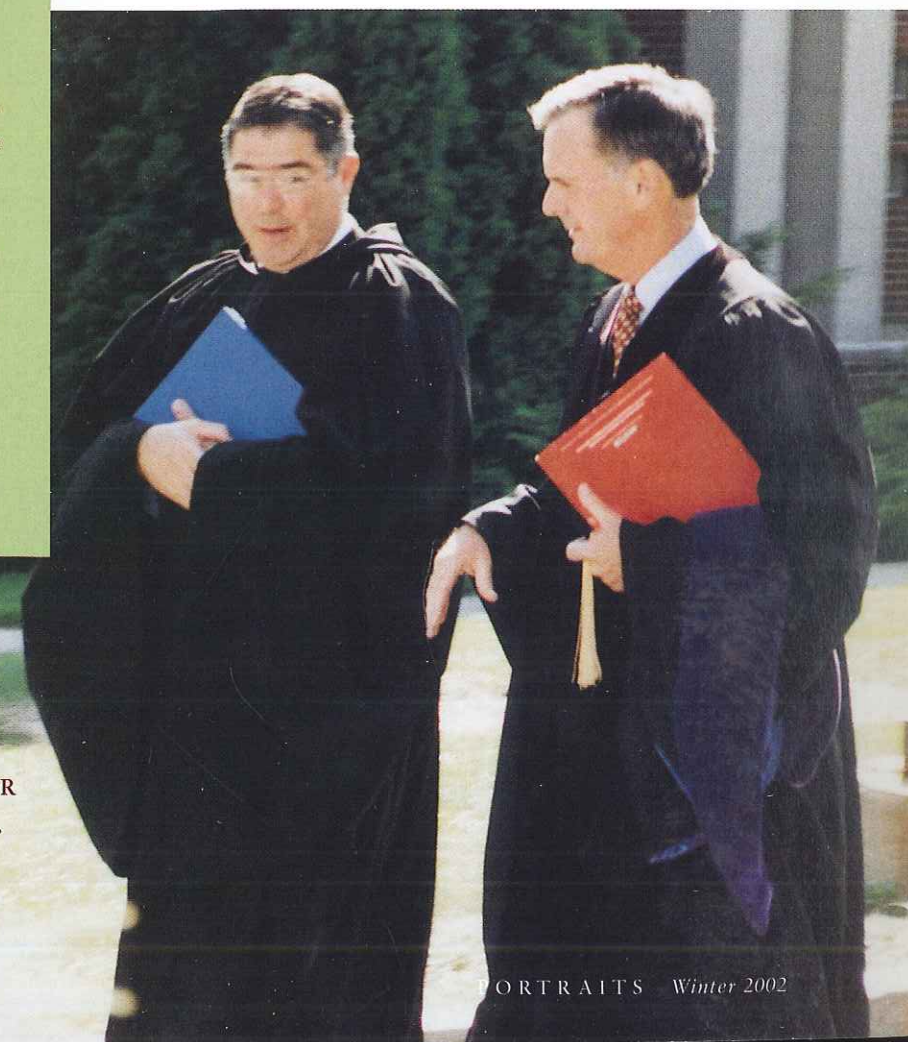
Manuel's prized possession is the office furniture in the learning center obtained at a Boston office outlet that once was in Albert Einstein's Institute of Advanced Studies at Princeton University.

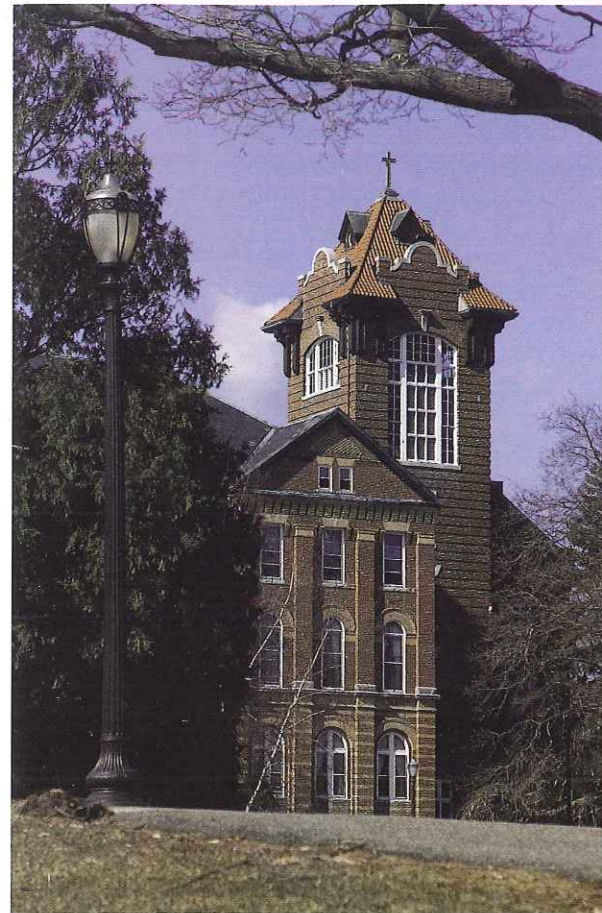
The end product is a warm but serious setting — as welcoming of democratic thought and civic engagement, as it is to academic and political debate. What began as a dream of a few is now an extraordinarily real celebration of citizenship for all.

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SENATOR GREGG AND FATHER JONATHAN CONFER ON THEIR WAY TO THE ACADEMIC CONVOCATION.





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About The College

Founded in 1889 by Benedictine monks, Saint Anselm is the third-oldest Catholic college in New England. From its beginning, Saint Anselm has been, and desires to remain, a small liberal arts college. With an enrollment of just under 2,000, the College values this characteristic, because it wishes to accept students it can effectively prepare for their life's work, and because it wishes to retain the community spirit of a Benedictine institution.

Students at Saint Anselm pursue specialized major courses of study in such areas as liberal arts, business, the sciences, nursing, and pre-professional programs. The College's primary goal, however, is to provide an educational experience that promotes the intellectual, spiritual and personal growth of its students.

Recent Highlights and Initiatives

- Saint Anselm College was named a 2002 "Hidden Treasure" by Newsweek/Kaplan.
- The College was reclassified as a national liberal arts college by *U.S. News and World Report*. The new rank has the College in the company of the nation's most prestigious institutions.
- The College opened the New Hampshire Institute of Politics on Sept. 7, 2001. The 20,000-square-foot facility houses a research center, high-tech resource center, classrooms and meeting rooms. The final phase of construction, to be complete in fall 2002, includes a 300-seat auditorium and television studio. Federal funding for the institute totals \$9.2 million.
- The College broke ground on a multi-purpose, on-campus arena in June 2002. The \$7.9-million facility will give the men's hockey team home ice for the first time in its 32-year history. It will also allow the College to add women's ice hockey to its varsity roster.
- In January 2002, the College launched a \$50-million capital campaign, more than triple the goal of its last campaign a decade ago.
- The College's student-athletes were honored in September 2001 with the Northeast-10 Conference award for excellence in the classroom.
- Milestones: The College celebrates the 50th anniversary of its Nursing Program in 2002-03 and the 25th anniversary of its Humanities Program.
- The College opened a new 86-bed residence hall in September 2002.