Students: Armed Police Keep Us Safe

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Staff Writer

So much can change in a year. Feelings can deepen or lessen, friends can grow closer or apart, and sports teams can go from winning a title to falling to the bottom of their division. But what about the evolution of a college campus?

It has been a bit more than one year since Merrimack’s campus police have been armed. You may not have known that in October 2010, Merrimack officers began carrying pistols. With this switch to armed officers, the Merrimack College Department of Police Services became only the fifth campus police force in Massachusetts to be accredited by the Police Accreditation Commission.

Chief Ron Guilmette admitted: “The transition was done very quietly and smoothly, without much recognition from students or the public.”

“I didn’t actually even know about this, and since I commute, I hardly ever encounter the police,” said Jackie Bagley, a sophomore. “Generally speaking I think it’s a good idea for them to be armed, just in case of any emergency that happens to come up. I would feel a little bit safer if I did live on campus.”

“Being on campus for four years, I have not noticed any major difference between when police officers were not armed versus now when they are,” said senior Lauryn Deluise. “I do, however, feel safer knowing there are armed police on campus for our protection.”

Guilmette suggested the smooth transition may have derived from the public’s common view of police. “There is an expectation that most police officers carry a firearm with the police uniform that we wear,” he said.

“It is great that cops have firearms because it keeps the community safe,” said junior Ewing Concepcion.

The transition didn’t end with the distribution of firearms, of course. Guilmette said Merrimack “now (has) two trained armorers in the department and (is) sending two officers from the college to become certified firearms instructors, to assist us with ongoing firearms training.”

He does not believe any differences will be seen in the performance of the officers since they have been armed.

“Prior to MC campus officers being armed, over 90 percent of the department were either re-


Senior Challenges Spring Weekend Ban

Patrick Lawlor ’13
Associate Editor in Chief

On March 31, Omari Mobely, a senior on the football team was among five others who were asked to leave the men’s lacrosse game against St. Michael’s.

After a hearing with Community Standards, Mobely was the only student involved in the incident at Mejail-Martone Field who was asked to stay off campus for Spring Weekend.

Unhappy with the proceedings from what a judicial board heard down, Mobely started an online petition to his petition.

“At the game, a group of my peers and I were doing what we thought was supporting our friends on the team, but may (have) taken it a bit too far,” said Mobely in the opening paragraph to his petition.

“As an avid and persistent fan of Merrimack Athletics as well as a student-athlete myself, I have seen this behavior from a number of colleges and universities that we have competed with in the past and I know difference being a good fan and taking it to far,” Mobely wrote. According to Mobely, him and his friends were watching the game from behind the goal, and were approached by Police Services to quiet down. The third time, they were asked to leave.

“They took a look at our Mack Cards, and asked us to leave,” said Mobely. Later he would be charged with missing Spring Weekend, student conduct, disorderly conduct, and disruption of college activity.

“I thought the initial hearing went well, we were found not responsible for the alcohol and disorderly conduct,” he said.

According to Mobely, the alcohol that Police Services was referring to were empties that someone had left there from a previous game. Along with missing Spring Weekend, Mobely has to complete 10 hours of community service, meet with Jim Matthews, the alcohol education coordinator, and Athletic Department of Athletics referred questioning to Police Services.

“I’m not trying to fight whether I was right or wrong with the petition, but why I am the only one who is losing spring weekend?” Mobely asked.

The petition to allow Mobely on campus for his final Spring Weekend stories of Merrimack prompted over 115 students to sign it by leaving their name and student ID on the Facebook page. Also the “Free Mobely” petition has been a presence on Twitter with the hash tag #freemobely.

Because of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, which protects student records, the Office of Community Standards and Police Services could not comment on Mobely’s hearing.

The petition drew more than 120 students who left their name and student ID in support of Mobely. Despite his effort, he was not allowed to attend Spring Weekend.

Editor’s Note Correction:
In the April 13 edition of The Beacon, an article on the front page said Merrimack would not provide 24/7 transportation to St. Francis Hall.

However, the college will provide continuous transportation to St. Francis Hall.

We regret this mistake and apologize to our readers for this error. We are committed to providing accurate news to our community.

Patrick J. Lawlor
Associate Editor in Chief

The Beacon Announces Leadership for 2012-’13

Lauren Bakopoulus, Sports Editor Michael Romanella, Standards Editor Stephen Tuligren, and Features Editor Siobhan Liscine.

“I am excited and confident in the group of leaders we have for the paper,” said Lawlor. “One of my main goals next year will be to expand our online presence and create a brand for The Beacon that will last.”

“The blending of older members and new faces in next year’s staff will allow for continuity as well as fresh energy,” said Chiavelli.

“The Beacon will maintain its obligation to keep students informed about their college, and to tell the story of the student in the college’s continuing bold progress for our audience on the web, on Twitter and in print,” he said.
Beacon Seniors Bid Farewell

Ashley Sarris — Editor in Chief
Kayla Morong — Sports Editor
Matt Malafa — Associate Sports Editor
Justin Delaney — Staff Writer
Ryan Flanigan — Staff Photographer
Devin Gordon — Staff Writer
William Humphrey — Staff Writer

It does not seem possible that graduation is nearing. Senior year flew by and now it is time to start another chapter in my life. I will never forget the first time I visited Merrimack College. As I was driving home with my family from Massachusetts we decided to stop at the college and ask for a private tour. I was surprised how much I loved the campus and what it had to offer.

Throughout the application process I contacted the head cross country coach, Chris Cameron. Cameron helped me learn more about the institution, along with the running program. I was excited to have found a place outside of my hometown — Topsham, Maine — to focus my education and athletic experience.

When my acceptance letter came in the mail I was ecstatic. Not only was it one of my top choices, but a place where I could see myself contributing to the cross-country program. After laying out my options, I selected Merrimack to pursue my bachelor’s degree in communication studies. As freshman year hit I did not know what to expect. I remember being nervous for classes and meeting new people. I loved meeting the girls on the cross-country team because they grew to become some of my best friends. Freshman year was an adjustment, but soon enough I became comfortable.

The next year I decided to join The Beacon in addition to being a full time student-athlete. Ashley Sarris encouraged me to join the club because she knew I had a passion for sports along with writing. Starting out as a staff writer, I decided to try for the sports editor position. Being my first year with the paper, I was honored when I got elected. Through this position I have learned whether it is producing credible sport articles to editing my colleagues stories.

Working on The Beacon for three years has given me another outlook on journalism, making me want to someday pursue a master’s degree in the field.

I am thankful for the education I have gained at Merrimack. It has provided me a place to excel academically, advance my writing skills along with building friendships and life long experiences. Those who have supported me and the experiences I have faced throughout these four years have shaped me to who I am today.

I will miss everyone on The Beacon staff and wish you the best as you further your education. I only envy the love to come as the paper grows in the future.

— Patrick Lawlor

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Alum, Race Director to Speak at Graduation

On April 23, President Christopher E. Hooley announced that Dave McGillivray ’76 was selected to be Merrimack’s commencement speaker as the class of 2013 celebrates its graduation on May 20. This will mark the 62nd commencement ceremony for the college.

McGillivray, who owns DMSE (Dave McGillvray Sports Enterprises), is a nationally known and well-respected race director and event organizer. He has participated in numerous road race charity events, and has led and organized many charity races as well. He is currently the race director for the internationally renowned Boston Marathon.

He received a lifetime achievement award from Competitor Magazine, a national award from Road Race Management, and is honored for his contributions to the sport of running.

McGillivray will receive an honorary doctorate of public service from Merrimack.

Andrew Napolitano ’12
Staff Writer

On April 24, 2012, AJ Andreucci, the newly elected SGA president, and a board of twenty-one members voted in an in-house session for the rest of the SGA Executive Board. Andreucci, a junior, was elected president a week prior through an online voting system on COIN, the Clubs and Organization Involvement Network, powered by the Office of Student Involvement.

COIN is an alternative to write in votes on Main Street in the Sakowich Center. According to Andreucci the goal of the amount of students to vote throughout the school was twenty five percent. Unfortunately, COIN only recorded 20 percent of eligible voters, five percent short of their goal, still higher than last year’s percentage of voters. Andreucci was up against three other candidates and he believed they all could have represented the school well and could have helped it grow.

“AJ is going to be a great president. He is a typical student and for that reason it will allow him to understand the rest of the student body and therefore will provide a good atmosphere for this campus,” said Lisa Burgess, a senior.

The remainder of the executive board positions were filled at the April 24 meeting in Meeting Room B in the Sakowich Center. SGA members present at the meeting elected the members to the vacant seats. Anthony Bruno ’14, current chair of the Campus Life Committee of SGA was elected vice president, Timothy O’Leary ’14 was elected Treasurer, and will serve as chair of the Finance Committee, overseeing club budgets. Incumbent Haley Warringer ’13, kept her seat of secretary, and Domenica Fuller ’13, was elected to serve as the member at large of the executive board.

“I am really excited to work with this group. We are going to work for the students and look to improve communication between the student body and SGA. In the end, we want the student body to be excited and click their heels with joy,” said Andreucci.

SGA President AJ Andreucci
“Photo by Pat Lawlor”

Also receiving honorary degrees will be:

- Brian C. Mitchell Ph.D ’74, chairman of the Merrimack board of trustees, honorary doctorate of public service.
- Patricia Meservey, Ph.D, president of Salem State University, honorary doctorate of education.
- Alfred L. Arcidi Sr., Ph.D, honorary doctorate of health sciences.
- The Rev. George F. Riley, O.S.A., Ph.D., honorary doctorate of Augustinian education.
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Lamda Pi Eta Inducts New Members

Dana Hildner ’13
Staff Writer

On April 18 the third annual Lamda Pi Eta Induction ceremony was held in the Merrimack Club to celebrate and honor the new inductees.

Lamda Pi Eta is the national honors society for four year colleges in the field of communication studies. Lamda Pi Eta represents what Aristotle describes as the three ingredients of persuasion — Logos (Lambda) meaning logic, Pathos (Pi) meaning emotion and Ethos (Eta) defined as character, credibility, and ethics.

The Merrimack Club was filled with the inductees and their families, along with some senior members, and Merrimack’s chapter, Omega Beta officers. The ceremony started off with a few words from Michael Rossi, the dean of liberal arts and professor of writing, giving some words of advice and congratulations to the new members. Following the speech, President of Lamda Pi Eta Laura Bakopolus welcomed the new members into the society.

“Wednesday’s induction ceremony was so special because we got to take a moment out of all of our busy schedules to honor those students who have been working so hard all year,” said Bakopolus.

“I know that next year the organization will progress even further, taking baby steps until we emerge as the well-respected and well-known organization that we deserve to be,” Bakopolus said.

Once all the inductees names were read off and the seniors received their cords for graduation, Wendy Nichols, the faculty advisor to the communications honors society, closed the ceremony with a few words of wisdom and encouragement.

Jacob Turner, assistant professor of communications who was in attendance that evening, said: “It was great to see so many parents, friends and family at the Lamda Pi Eta induction ceremony as it’s always exciting to meet the people that make each student who they are,” said Turner.

“All in all the event is a great way to honor all the hard work and dedication communication majors put into their work here at Merrimack,” he said.

Dana Hildner is a junior studying communication arts and sciences.

SIE Welcomes 100 at Merrimack

Sarah Davies ’13
Staff Writer

Earnestness, knowledge, and excellence are the words used to describe the academic fraternity known as Sigma Iota Epsilon, which held its annual induction ceremony April 22 in the Rogers Center.

Approximately 100 Merrimack business students were inducted into the prestigious fraternity. SIE has 73 chapters across the country, with Merrimack’s being the Alpha Xi chapter. SIE distinguishes itself with the symbol of a key, standing for wisdom and practicality signed by creative development and service.

The fraternity recognizes scholastic excellence and achievement among juniors and seniors; all candidates must have a GPA of 3.25 or higher. Initially SIE was intended for business majors with a concentration in management; within the past few years, though, it has expanded to recognize majors in finance, accounting and marketing as well.

Students arriving in their best attire were each greeted with a white rose brooch tied with blue and gold ribbon and refreshments. Dean Mark Cordano of the business school, Professor Jane Parent, and Goldman Sachs & Co. Vice President Steven Kelly all offered words of wisdom, as did James Francis and Susan Rosenthal, SIE executive board members.

Francis, president and CEO of SIE, said that being a member of SIE should not be seen as just another thing to add to one’s resume, it should be looked at as an honor demonstrating exemplary academic performance. He suggested that being a member of SIE will get one far in the business world and lead to bigger and better opportunities, with each student’s ability to become a top achiever academically, professionally and socially.

As each individual student was called up on stage and presented with a special SIE pin and a framed certificate, proud parents, advisers and peers applauded with gratitude and delight.

After the ceremony Sodexo provided a brunch.

The Merrimack inductees will forever be recognized as professional and high-achieving business students and have something to distinguish themselves from the rest of the Merrimack business community and other business students across the nation.

Sarah Davies is a junior studying business.

Higher Ed Author Visits Campus, Leads Discussion

Patrick Lawlor ’13
Associate Editor in Chief

Dr. Gaye Tuchman, author of Wannabe U, a book that discusses the corporatization of higher education, was on campus last Thursday to present “Measured and Pressured” which discussed her findings and research in Wannebe U.

The event was co-sponsored by Merrimack’s AAUP chapter and the Department of Sociology and Criminology. The AAUP is the American Association of University Professors, an associate professor of sociology and criminology, and president of Merrimack’s AAUP chapter.

Hopey was the first panelist to ask Tuchman a question, which had to do with the faculty maintaining their “stake” in the college with all the external pressures and consequences of colleges today. Other panelists asked similar questions on the current image of professors.

Patrick Lawlor is a junior studying criminology.

Three Students to Present at Research Conference

Alongside Karen Hayden of the Department of Sociology and Criminology, three students will present at the New England Undergraduate Research Conference, today, April 27.

Two students will present at the incarceration panel: Mary Paris ’13, will present “Prison Rape: Inmate Code, Structure, and Social Hierarchy,” and Michael Taddei ’14, will present “Smarter Policing and the Decrease of Crime during the Recession.”

On the education panel, Patrick Lawlor ’13 will present his paper, “Covering Campus Crime.”

The conference will take place at Bryant University in Smithfield, R.I.
Danielle Jones '12  
**Career Services**

The Class of 2012 is eagerly anticipating May 20, when they will be official college graduates, diploma in hand, entering into the unknown of the professional world. Thanks to several initiatives of the American Marketing Association, the Center for Career Services and Cooperative Education, and the Girard School of Business, seniors have had several opportunities to refine their etiquette and professionalism before getting their feet wet in a corporate environment.

Career Services hosted a “Jeopardy” session, prompting students with questions such as “Which is not proper interview attire?” Prizes were given in three gift baskets: one to the winning Jeopardy team, and two raffle winners. The baskets included a mixture of summertime items that are fun for all.

On April 17, seniors of all majors enjoyed a four-course catered meal in Murray Lounge and were instructed how to properly eat through each course. Under the direction of etiquette professional, Jay DeGioia, the general manager of Merrimack Dining Services, students tackled an array of utensils, passing of bread, and eating chicken on the bone. Hosted by the American Marketing Association in partnership with the Center of Career Services and the Girard School of Business and Sodexo, students and members of the faculty shared stories of unfortunate dining mishaps in a fun, professional environment and received many useful tips.

Prior to the event, students were asked to complete a survey that entered them into a raffle to win up to $300 in Gift Cards to Macy’s and Men’s Wearhouse. The survey asked students questions such as “Where do you leave your napkin, and butter your bread?”

I found this tip to be helpful, as I typically engulf large chunks of bread, which can result in awkward, long chews. The proper way in fact is to break off bite-sized pieces and butter these individual pieces.

Further issues addressed how to eat a salad with pitted olives, food allergies, and cell phone etiquette. Did you know that the proper way to eat soup is to scoop away from you and sip from the side of the spoon? Never put the entire spoon in your mouth! Never pick your teeth, but always inform someone politely if they have food or garnish in their teeth to avoid embarrassing yourself.

Needless to say, the seniors learned a handful of valuable guidelines to impress their future employers. Congratulations to the Class of 2012!

Business School seniors are encouraged to attend the Girard School of Business Senior Reception Night on Monday, April 30, in Murray Lounge.

Follow Career Services on Twitter: @merrimackcareer
Good Weather, Fun Mark Spring Weekend 2012

Justin Delaney '12
Staff Writer

“Springapalooza” has come and gone at Merrimack College and while many are saddened that such a good time has to end, there is no denying that the campus truly enjoyed a successful weekend of exciting events and fun.

To go along with a campus full of joyous students and near perfect weather on Friday and Saturday, Merrimack College hosted a Disco Inferno in the MPR, the annual softball tournament open to all students, the Amazing Race, and the senior tricycle race.

One of the most successful events of Springapalooza was the annual softball tournament, planned by the Merrimack Programming Board. Fourteen teams, in total, participated in the tournament and, win or lose, everyone enjoyed the friendly competition amongst classmates.

The championship game saw Team RayRay take down Team HGH for a 3-0 victory to claim the trophy.

“Winning this championship is like being on top of the intramural world because of how big the tournament is to this weekend,” said Jake Polas of Team RayRay.

During the tournament, lunch was served at tables behind Ash Centre as Sparky’s Place was closed for the day in order to accommodate the many outdoor activities taking place.

It would be a challenge to find anyone who did not have fun during the weekend.

Students could be found all over campus enjoying the beautiful weather with friends and taking advantage of the opportunity for outdoor activities.

On Saturday, during the softball and kickball tournaments, beer tents were set up as designated places for students over 21 years old to consume alcohol in a controlled area. This made for a fun, sociable afternoon while ensuring safety for everyone involved.

On Saturday night, hundreds of students took in the last of the good weather outside the L, K & M towers, culminating the fun that had occurred throughout the weekend.

After a successful, fun and safe Spring Weekend, it is safe to say that the Merrimack Community has produced a few more lasting memories for all involved.
Questions on the Quad

By John Smyth
Senior Edition
What are you doing after you graduate?

Currently in the job search
-Brian Francois

Travelling the world
-EK

Becoming a cop
-Eric Gay

Going to Italy
-Lauren Ryan

Searching for my dream job
-Megan McKay

Finishing my Art History major
-Paulina Amato

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Police Log

4/22/2012 00:15 Stolen property: Buying Receiving, Poss: Monican Res Life called FS to report golf cart from print shop had been stolen. Disp. Observed cart going up hill with youth in dark shirt and khaki shorts running behind. All units notified. Officers located cart on Foxhill, the keys were found in cart, possible white Acura leaving the scene.

4/22/2012 00:36 Suspicious Odor: RA from Ash called to report four males in DW parking lot smoking marijuana. Officers located youths and reported they were cooperative and had nothing on them. Units clear.


02:33 AFD notified and Ofc reported subject in custody.

02:38 AFD is on scene.

02:52 AFD is clear and alarm is reset. All units are clear. Sgt. Transport subject to APD

4/22/2012 02:39 FIREWORKS VIOLATION: AC called to have officers check out reports of fireworks in room #213 of O’Brien Hall. Officers will be delayed by fire alarm in room #213 of O’Brien Hall. Officers check out reports of fireworks. Unit reports that the call is unverified. All units notified. Officers located malicious pull subject headed to Lot 8 area.

02:55 Sgt reports subject in custody.

02:59 Sgt is on scene;

03:17 Sgt reports speaking with student about the dangers of fireworks, allowed to lighting off. Unit is clear.

4/22/2012 14:44 NOISE COMPLAINT: Loud music complaint for room 308—caller wished to remain anonymous. Plt. Spoke with the occupants and they will be turning off the music.

4/22/2012 21:15 NOISE COMPLAINT: MCPD received a call for noise complaint coming from O’Brien. Sgt. was dispatched to building, Sgt. reports spoke to resident in regards to noise. Unit clear.

4/21/2012 00:30 ARREST—No Warrant: Res Life called for a male that is heading into Monican. They report he is covered in mud and seems to be quite angry and will not stop for them. Officers responded and have individual who used to be a student but withdrew last semester. (00:58) Joseph Smith, 9 Otis Street, Milford MA, 01757 is now under arrest for disorderly. AFD notified that we will be transporting to their station.

4/21/2012 00:55 Medial-Adm. First Aid: FDA called to report there is a male in the lobby who appears to have been fighting. Officers responded to lobby. Ofc. reports male student has minor cuts and bite wounds and was given an ice pack/bandaids. Unit clear at 1:06.

4/21/2012 3:33 NOISE COMPLAINT: Ofc was sent to the townhouses for a report by a student that there was loud music coming from an unknown townhouse. Unit reports no music on arrival.

4/21/2012 ALCOHOL-Minor Trans/Carry/Possess: Sgt. reports alcohol was confiscated from student.

4/21/2012 17:44 NOISE COMPLAINT: Sgt. reports he spoke to students in G tower in regards to loud music, student complied.

4/20/2012 10:40 MEDICAL-Amb/Transport: Hamel Health called to report Sodexo employee is having crushing chest pains. She is conscious and alert at this time. Sgt. is responding. AFD was notified. They report having no available unit. They are going to call NAPD. Sgt. AFD and NAPD ambulance on scene at 10:45. All clear at 10:53

4/20/2012 Volpe called to report that two Lacrosse players claimed to have items stolen from them out of Volpe. Sgt. was dispatched to speak with them. Unit clear.

4/20/2012 20:14 Suspicious Odor: The Apartment RA’s called in a suspicious odor on second floor of H tower. Officers were dispatched. Unit reports that the call is unfounded. Unit Clear

4/20/2012 22:35 ALCOHOL-Assessed/Amb/Transport: Officer is covering an alcohol assessment for an individual outside of O’Brien. 10:44: Unit on scene requests AFD for non student who is highly intoxicated. 10:46: Andover was notified and is responding. 10:55: Andover is on scene 11:26: Student removed from campus by parents.

4/20/2012 22:49 ALCOHOL-Assessed/Amb/Transport 10:49 AC requests an officer for an alcohol assessment on the second floor of O’Brien. Officers were dispatched. 10:50 Units on scene 11:02: Sgt. requests a second ambulance for a 22 year old female, intoxicated. 11:03: Andover was notified and responding. 11:28: Sgt is standing by waiting for the EMT to decide if they are going to transport 11:31: Sgt reports all clear. Resident student was transported to LGH

4/20/2012 23:15 DISPERSAL: RA’s in the Apartments called for multiple officers to disperse a large crowd that is gathered outside in the back. Officers are responding. Unit reports someone is throwing bottles from a window and some are climbing the telephone pole outside. Officers are outside K tower and report there is a large rowdy crowd

4/20/2012 23:34 Disturbance-Fight RA in O’Brien called to report a fight in progress in O’Brien between two females. Officers are responding. Units report fight no longer in progress upon arrival. May be a case of past assault and battery between roommates
Men’s Lacrosse entered this past weekend with an already impressive season under their belt. Carrying a 9-2 record, with their only two losses coming consecutively back on April 7 and 10 against two division rivals.

Due to these losses, this past weekend proved huge for them in Northeast-10 standings, where only the top two teams receive a valuable first round bye into the semi-finals of the playoff tournament.

Merrimack opened the weekend against the Bentley Falcons at Gillette Stadium in the New England Lacrosse Classic. Merrimack played in front of 625 fans during a tight back and forth game that came down to the final minutes of play. Down for the first time in the game with the score 11-10, Mike Perdie scored the game-tying goal with 4:33 remaining in the game. Tied at 11, both teams exchanged chances all the way to the buzzer. Greg Melaugh was the hero for Merrimack, scoring a goal just under the crossbar with 14 seconds remaining in regulation time, putting Merrimack up 12-11.

The Warriors went on to win the game and set themselves up to sweep the weekend. Merrimack carried their momentum from the following day into Sunday’s matchup against the Pace Setters. Merrimack started the game with an explosive 7-0 scoring run, and finished strong having a 4-0 run in the final quarter. Greg Melaugh who scored the game winner at Gillette Stadium, had an impressive game scoring 7 goals, including scoring the final 3 goals of the game. Merrimack ran away with the game, winning 16-9.

With Men’s Lacrosse sweeping the weekend, they now have a record of 11-2 overall and 7-2 within the Northeast-10 division. Merrimack is tied with Adelphi for second place in the division, with both teams having one remaining game left this coming weekend. Merrimack will look to clinch the second spot with a win and a loss by Adelphi. The top two teams in the division get a first round bye into the semi-finals, which could be key for Merrimack seeking the 2012 Northeast-10 Championship this season. Merrimack’s final game is at Assumption this Saturday at 1 p.m.

Parking Woes Continue

Another Student Car Towed; Tickets More than Decal Cost

Patrick Coskren ’13
Staff Writer

In the last issue of The Beacon I wrote about the parking and ticketing situation on campus.

Chief of Police Services Ron Guilmette reported that on the night of April 11 another student’s car was towed. This student’s vehicle was towed because he received his sixth ticket for not having a parking decal. He has accumulated over $300 in fines, double the cost of a parking decal.

**Commentary**

For those who are unclear about the parking policy set forth by Guilmette: You are allowed three parking violations before you are “stickered” and receive an email from Guilmette stating that if you receive one more ticket your vehicle will be subject to tow.

The reason this topic arises every second semester is because the violations students accumulate first semester carry over to second semester.

This particular student’s violations started in October, and he received a ticket every month right through April, which means he has had a car on campus all year.

There are certainly those who are lucky to park in an illegal parking space and not be caught from time to time, this student however, has been doing it since October. This is not fair to the student who paid for their parking passes.

Due to the lack of space on campus, and the possibility of a new residence hall on campus, parking lots aren’t going to come easy.

One possibility Guilmette suggested was to build up rather than out—suggesting a parking garage might be an alternative to the lack of space.
Loiseau Overcomes Ready for NFL Draft

Lynden Ostrander ’12
Staff Writer

Only 0.9 percent of high school football players will ever join the NFL, and only 2.6 percent of college seniors will have the honor of playing on Sundays.

Add those chances to being from a small Division II college that has never produced even an NFL prospect, and being deemed undersized at the toughest offensive position to crack in the league, and having a misdemeanor on his record. This is the remarkable story of how Shawn Loiseau defied the odds and turned his lifelong dream into a reality.

Since age 7, Loiseau has known no other goal in life except to play professional football in the NFL. That dream, however, was almost erased before it had a chance to begin.

When he came home one night and saw two young men approaching his father with a pipe and a crowbar, in Seal Team Six fashion, Loiseau knocked out the teenagers, putting one in a coma. He received a pipe blow to the head that required 28 stitches, but likely saved his father’s life.

Loiseau spent the night in jail. Fortunately when the teenager woke from his coma the assault and battery charge was dropped, and Loiseau faced only a misdemeanor charge. However, Shrewsbury High placed him on two years’ probation, and the D1 looks from the likes of BC, UConn and UNH were no more.

When the dust cleared Shrewsbury High allowed him to return for his senior year. He showed his resolve, and as winners do, bounced back. That year he put the team on his back, setting a team record with 136 tackles, rushed for 280 yards and six touchdowns, garnered Massachusetts Defensive Player of the Year, made the All State Super 26 team, and led his team to a perfect season, capped off by winning a state Super Bowl.

But the D1 coaches still saw him as a problem child and did not want to take a chance on him. Fortunately Merrimack coach John Eubanks did not overlook his heart or competitive fire, and took a chance on Loiseau. Looking back four years later, it was the best decision Perry ever made. Perry met Loiseau after the season ended — one in which Merrimack produced even an NFL prospect, and being deemed undersized at the toughest defensive position to crack in the league, and having a misdemeanor on his record, was up to snuff. That was the only question mark on Loiseau besides having small arms, tiny hands, and an off the field issue that’s ancient history.

The next season Loiseau not only became a starter, but he was All Conference first teamer. He was tied for first in the nation in tackles per game, with 12.5, and set a school record for tackles in a season with 123 — williing his team to a conference crown.

The following year Loiseau took his game to new heights. The preseaon All American lived up to the billing, racking up the accolades of second team All American and NE 10 defensive player of the year, set a new school record with 133 tackles, and ranked first nationally in solo tackles per game with 7.2.

But Shawn still had another historical year on tap. This included a first team All American selection, becoming the first-ever Warrior player to be selected to the East West Shrine Game, and finishing his illustrious career with the most tackles in school history, including the third-most in NE 10 history.

It is a blue moon when a D2 player makes the D1 All Star Game. With all 32 NFL team scouts in attendance, Loiseau had the game’s first tackle, gobled up eight tackles on the day, and assisted many other while showcasing his leadership abilities, thereby silencing all the doubts as to whether he belonged on the gridiron with the best college football has to offer.

Even though Loiseau pulled his hammy at the combine, a month later he showed the NFL scouts, at Merrimack’s first ever “Pro Day” that his 40 time of 4.6 is up to snuff. That was the only question mark on Loiseau… besides having small arms, tiny hands, and an off the field issue that’s ancient history.

The 6-foot-1, 244-pound Loiseau has a lion-like heart — a blue-collar hard worker with a heart of gold. What separates him from other prospects is that he always has a chip on his shoulder; he is never complacent with his game, and prides himself on never being outworked. Whichever team who acquires his talents will receive a hidden gem who can make an immediate impact on special teams, a bone-crushing hitter, a leader, and a more importantly, a winner.

He is set to be scooped up between the fifth and seventh rounds. Fasten your seatbelts: Shawn Loiseau is taking us for a ride — a ride he has been ready for his entire life.

Pro Life Skating With the Big (Bull)Dogs

Ryan Flanigan ’12
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Playing professional hockey has been a dream of mine since I was a little kid. A few weeks ago I had the opportunity to play for the Hamilton Bulldogs of the American Hockey League — an experience like nothing I’ve ever had before.

I caught them on a team-history road trip of 26 days, so I flew out on a Monday after St. Patrick’s Day to meet them in Chicago for a leg of the trip. They were to play Tuesday in Rockford, Ill., Friday in Milwaukee, Saturday in Chicago and Sunday in Peoria, Ill. I was lucky enough to play three of the four games, and even score my first professional goal against Peoria. My dad and my uncle made the trip from Rochester to see the games and watch me play.

There was definitely a difference between college hockey and professional, both on the ice and off the ice. Getting firsthand experience within a day of being there, I noticed that the players were bigger and stronger. As guys wear half-visors, the game seemed to be a little bit more controlled and focused on systems more than anything else. Off the ice there were so many things that were different.

There were no real obligations for games and the scheduled times when they wanted. On game days players dress in suits for the meal, and when they head to pre-game skate as well.

Everyone was extremely helpful to us new guys during this experience. The oldest player was 34 years old and had over 300 games of NHL experience. I tried to absorb as much information as I could on how guys prepare for games and the little intricacies that are involved with professional sports.

There were no real obligations during the days, but the players did make the most out of whatever city they were in. In Chicago, some of my teammates walked the streets and shopped, while others hit up the beach and played volleyball after practice.

Our hotel was located right on the Magnificent Mile, directly in downtown Chicago. The Bulldogs are the farm team of the New England-area favorite Montreal Canadiens, and throughout my stay, all accommodations were first class — right from the type of hotel to the equipment managers unpacking your gear for you.

We caught an early-morning flight to San Antonio to start the second leg of the trip after that Sunday game in Texas. The team played three games total, in San Antonio, Austin and Houston; I played in Austin, against the Texas Stars. With my Merrimack teammate Jesse Todd, who was playing with the same team, I got a chance to see the sights of all three cities. We toured the Alamod and River Walk in San Antonio, walked around in downtown Austin, and caught a Houston Rockets game in the same arena that we were set to play in the next night.

We stayed in the Four Seasons for the whole weekend, which was definitely a luxury for a college hockey player. We got a private guide through the hotel who helped us find nice places to eat and told us where the best places were for shopping. We had basically the whole weekend free, so I was able to catch Kevin Durant and the Oklahoma City Thunder game that night. The next night we played against the top-seeded Oil Barons and lost the contest.

Finally, after six plus weeks on the road, the team was headed back to Hamilton, where we each had our own hotel room waiting for us. After spending a few days there and practicing, we knew that this experience was coming to a close.

Montreal was to send six players down after the conclusion of their last game, which meant that I, Jesse, and another player of our status would be sent home. It was a great opportunity to start my professional career, and I honestly could not have asked for a better team to go to.
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Goselin plans to extend her time at Merrimack for another year, earning a Masters of Science and Management that Merrimack is newly offering this fall. “I also plan on working while earning my masters,” added Goselin.

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**Coming Up Big**

**Once Dismissed as ‘Undersized,’ MC’s Wayne Mack Steps Up to Challenge**

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Wayne Mack hails from Paterson, N.J., a state nationally known for producing the top high school basketball as well as AAU teams every year.

Thus, Mack grew up competing against the best, and was no stranger to athletic success. As a dual-sport athlete at Paramus Catholic, Mack was a three-year starter at quarterback on the gridiron, and a three-year starting point guard on the hardwood, where he was an All County Point Guard in his sophomore campaign.

But Mack decided to transfer to his hometown Paterson Catholic for his senior season in the summer of 2007.

Steps Up to Challenge

It was bittersweet to this proven winner when, for the first time in his athletic career, he was riding the pine that summer on his longtime AAU basketball team, the “Playaz,” behind some of his lifelong friends.

“I was 17 on my AAU team, not getting any playing time,” he said. “Coach told me I was too undersized and would never be a point guard at the next level.”

After Mack was done signal-calling his new football team to a perfect record, and in a season which he threw for 900 yards and tossed seven touchdowns, they single-handedly outscored the opposing team in the state championship game. Then Mack could focus on basketball.

His former coach’s words “made me realize I had to find my passion and stick to it,” he said. Mack used the criticisms as motivation to prove the naysayers wrong: have a more accomplished career than the future careers of the AAU teammates who "started" over him, and become an outstanding point guard at the next level.

He worked tirelessly before and after football season on his basketball game, culminating in him earning Third Team All County honors — as a point guard.

The multi-faceted Mack had offers to play football and basketball at the college level. Luckily for head coach Bert Hammel and Merrimack, they received a quality young man when Mack chose the Division 2 route and inked with the Warriors on signing day.

Mack had an immediate impact on the Warrior basketball team from the moment he first stepped on the court. As a true freshman, he quickly gained the respect of his teammates as the only player in the conference who could not only contain but shut down All-America teammate Darren Duncan.

Mack started all but one game, made the NE 10 All Conference rookie team, and averaged double digits in scoring on the year.

He got better with age, starting all 30 sophomore contests, again averaging double digits in scoring. He proved he was a crunch time performer, being one board shy of a double double, in a 19-point effort in the NCAA regional semifinal.

In his junior campaign, Mack got his first true taste of playing the point. He bumped up his scoring average four points, nearly averaged a double-double, and led the team in assists and steals.

Then, in Mack's final season, this year, on a team with no true point guard, Mack stepped up and proved he could not only be the floor general, but arguably the best all around player in the nation. Mack led the team in eight of the team’s 18 statistical categories, led the conference in free throw percentage, and minutes played, was second in total steals, was fourth in points per game, incredibly fifth in the conference at defensive boards, proving even at the point guard position he was not undersized to sky with the bigs for boards.

Along with these successes, he became the 38th member of the 1,000-point club, finishing 17th on the all time scoring list, and an "Ironman" in his career, starting in all but one game. He claimed multiple accolades, including NBC All-East region first team, Daktronics All Region team, NE 10 first team, and Division II Bulletin All-America Honorable Mention.

His younger brother starts at D1 Rutgers, and even though Myles has still yet to beat Wayne one on one, the lessons the older Mack forced the younger growing up enabled Myles to succeed at the D1 level.

Off the court, this business administration major is all business in the classroom, maintaining a cumulative 3.0 GPA. Off campus, he is a role model for the kids at the Lawrence Boys and Girls Club and volunteers his time at Lawrence schools. On campus, he is an intramurals referee in many sports, and is known for his constant smile and dapper attire.

Mack plans to play professional basketball overseas after college, or for whoever gives him a contract.

“Choosing to come to Merrimack was the best decision I ever made,” he said, “and made me the man I am today.”

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**Softball Celebrates Senior Night**

It was a bittersweet end to four years of college softball for Merrimack seniors Alex Gallant and Monique Gosselin. The two seniors closed out their last season with two victories against American International College this past Saturday.

“Nothing is sweeter to me than ending the season,” said Gosselin. “It was the last time I’ll ever play the game I’ve been playing and sacrificing for my whole life. But it was awesome because my teammates did such a great job making it truly special for us and it’s something I won’t forget.”

Alex Gallant agreed stating, “the juniors really...”

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