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Concerns Raised About Dorm's Distance

Dean: 'College is More Than Where You Live'

Dana Hildner '13
Staff Writer

The Saint Francis Retreat House, the new leased dormitory building for Merrimack, has caused a stir around campus.

The facility is located on River Road in Andover, on the Tewksbury line. The college has said 150 students in the rising junior class will be placed there.

According to Google Maps, the estimated time to travel to and from campus is about 20 minutes, not accounting for traffic. Students worry this could affect the students' academic life as well as social life on campus, not being able to get to class on time or make club and or athletic practices.

Sophomore Olivia Huie said, "I would have to get up early and be

more likely to skip class."

Also, "I think there would be more incidents of drinking and driving," Huie said.

Merrimack has said it will not provide shuttles back and forth to campus after a certain hour or on weekends.

"I am not worried about students drinking and driving since I am confident that Merrimack students make responsible choices now about that issue and will continue to do so next year," said Dean of Campus Life Donna Swartwout.

Although the college is providing transportation during class hours, it does leave some students feeling they will potentially be disconnected from the rest of the college community, especially being three exits down I-495.

Sophomore Brittany Marci-



nowski said: "It would negatively affect my college experience because I would be separated from my friends and other on-campus activities. I would feel so isolated."

Marcinowski argued that the college should have planned better before beginning to increase enrollment.

"I think Merrimack should have had the appropriate accommoda-

tions before bringing in such a big student body in," she said. "It is unfair for the students who are upper-classmen."

"I think students living in St Francis Hall will make the most of this experience," said Swartwout. "College is more than where you

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Some Have Gripes with New Housing System

Laura Bakopolus '13
Staff Writer

We might not like the idea of doing something differently, but once in a while, change is good; it is a sign of growth and progress. And one of the improvements made to Merrimack this year is affecting the entire student body right now: housing.

As usual, students who paid their room reservation deposit have been randomly assigned a lottery number, indicating the round and subgroup during which they can select housing.

However, there are two differences this year. For starters, students are allowed to pay a partial deposit based on the implication that the remainder will be paid by May 1. The second difference is slightly more ground-breaking: Instead of having to log onto MyMack and stare at a computer screen, refreshing the page constantly, the new housing selection process is being facilitated the old-fashioned way – in pen and paper.

Completed roommate and housing preference forms were due to the Residence Life Office by April 2. Rather than ask students to battle against the clock and try to claim rooms before

their peers, the Residence Life Office will evaluate the handed-in forms and assign rooms based on availability at the time of students' rounds and groups. Students will be notified of their housing assignment by receiving a Merrimack e-mail during the week of April 16 to 20.

Though Residence Life intended the process to run more smoothly and effectively, always keeping the students' welfare in mind, there are many unsettled feelings in the student body regarding

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Girl Talk, Moufy OnWay

Justin Delaney '12
Staff Writer

The annual Spring Concert at Merrimack is coming closer and closer while anticipation continues to rise.

This year, the event will feature Girl Talk, and include an opening act by upcoming rapper Moufy. The concert is slated for Friday, April 27, inside Lawler Arena. There will be a strictly enforced 18-plus age limit. Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased on Main Street in the Sakowich Center during lunch and dinner hours or in the Office of Student Involvement on the third floor of the Sak.

The student rate is just \$10 and students are able to bring two guests per Mack Card for \$15 each while remaining tickets will be sold to the public for \$20 per ticket. Doors will open at 7:30 p.m. and close promptly at 9 p.m.

Girl Talk is the stage name for musician Gregg Michael Gillis, who plays predominantly mashup style music featuring samples of numerous popular songs combined to form a new song. Known for creating up-tempo beats, Girl Talk has the ability to transform young audiences into a positive atmosphere.

With just the use of one computer and some software, Girl Talk has become very popular amongst the college crowd and should make for an exciting night on campus.

This year's opening act, Moufy, is a local rap artist from Boston's Roxbury neighborhood who has burst onto the scene in recent years. Moufy has driven his popularity through the use of free digital music downloads and music videos

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She Saw: Merrimack students helped build and repair houses across the country during Alternative Spring Break.
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Senior Ready for Send-Off

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As you begin your adventure of four years of college, most people tell you to enjoy your time at school because it goes by too fast -- and they are exactly right. Four years feels like a year and a half, and by the time you know it you are a senior and four weeks away from graduation.

As graduation approaches, Merrimack students will participate in the annual spring events on campus; such as Spring Weekend, Spring Concert and junior and senior formals. This year Merrimack and senior student council have decided to organize a Senior Week, which will lead up to graduation on May 20.

This week is an opportunity for seniors to come together as one and remember their four years at Merrimack. It provides a chance for students to live on campus for the final week rather than being scattered throughout Cape Cod.

On Friday, May 11, the tradition unlike no other will begin, as Merrimack encourages the seniors to uphold the annual tradition of attending Cape Cod week. Seniors

are responsible for finding their own lodging through May 14, which is the day to depart from the Cape to arrive back to campus.

Seniors who made their senior gift will have the opportunity to partake in the "shhhh event" on May 12, which is a Boston Odyssey Harbor cruise. After the cruise seniors will depart for Kenmore Square, where they will have the opportunity watch the Red Sox game with their friends.

As the seniors return from Cape Cod they will begin the home stretch to graduation. The seniors will experience a variety of different activities; such as dueling pianos in Augie's Pub to a luau in the Sakowich parking lot.

Seniors will then have the chance to give back to the community and participate in a half-day of service, as well as on another day experience the beautiful city of Boston for a day trip. As a result of the popularity of the Claddagh for the seniors, there will also be a private function held at that Lawrence establishment, which will include food, a DJ, dancing and more. Lastly, there will be a field day, which will include games and relays and then to close a barbeque with faculty and staff, while

enjoying a performance by the band Mugsy.

As Senior Week comes to a close on Saturday May 19, the seniors' families will arrive to attend commencement weekend. Commencement will include a brunch and senior slide show as well as a legacy reception and a baccalaureate Mass and reception. The following day commencement weekend will come to a close as the seniors prepare for graduation. This day will consist of breakfast in Sparky's place, commencement ceremony in Lawler Arena and finally a champagne reception in the Sak.

This fun-filled week will be held from Friday, May 11, to Sunday May 20, and for only \$50. Each event will include food and either a beer garden or cash bar. Tickets can be purchased in student involvement until noon May 1.

This week is an opportunity for seniors to remember their four years at Merrimack. Senior student Amanda Zanni said, "I have heard a little about Senior Week and from what I have heard it seems like it will be a great time. It is our final hoorah and it gives us an opportunity to all come together as we go our separate ways."

Your Choice: Four for President

Patrick Lawlor '13
Associate Editor in Chief

Four candidates are running for president of the Student Government Association, the body that approves clubs and organizations and their budgets, and acts on behalf of the students on issues including campus life, dining and information technology, among others.

Each candidate gave speeches on April 11 in the Warrior's Den, seeking students' votes in the election that runs from midnight April 12 until April 16.

Rising senior Domenica Fuller was the first to speak. Fuller has served on SGA for only a year,

but hopes to institute more SGA office hours and availability for students. She was the only candidate to talk about recycling efforts on campus, and called for motion-sensor lights in classrooms and academic buildings.

"I want to bring what students want," Fuller added.

The next candidate was the only member of the Class of 2014, Tony Brunco. "If you want things done, I'm your guy," said Brunco early in his speech.

He has served on SGA since his freshman year, working on the clubs and organization committee and working with Information Technology Serv-

ices to increase bandwidth on campus. He said he puts the school's interest above his own, and will be a more accessible president, if elected. He also understands that off-campus housing is a major issue for students.

"There are still bugs to be worked out living off-campus," said Brunco.

Speaking next was rising senior Haley Warringer, who listed many of her on-campus involvements which include being a resident advisor, an orientation leader, a participant in Alternative Spring Break, and a staff member for conference and events.

"I want every students' voice heard," said Warringer. She also

pushed for higher meeting attendance at SGA meetings, and wants to add SGA suggestion boxes to high-traffic areas on campus.

A.J. Andreucci, also a member of the Class of 2013, was the final candidate to speak. Andreucci currently serves as the member at large on the SGA executive board. His speech was succinct but powerful. Andreucci's last point to students was to use their voice and vote in the election.

Voting is open until April 16, and voting can be performed online on Merrimack College's COIN site, which is accessed through merrimack.collegiatelink.net.

38 Days 'til Graduation



Merrimack Toes the Line: Soles for Souls

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Staff Writer

When students and faculty returned to Merrimack this past Tuesday from Easter break, they were greeted with an unusual event being put on by professor Jane Parents' Ethics and Social Responsibility class. "A day without shoes" is an event that happens once a year around the world where people shed their shoes to spread awareness for those who go without footwear.

The event originated with TOMS Inc., a footwear company dedicated to giving children around the world the chance to have proper footwear. Last year over 1,000 events were held in support of this movement, and this year Merrimack has been added to the group.

Strutting around campus sporting nothing but their bare feet, Parent's class and



*Merrimack Students participated in A Day Without Shoes
~Photo by John Smyth~*

supporters spread awareness around campus in hopes to motivate students, faculty, and staff to recycle their old shoes for a good cause. The shoes collected will then be shipped to Souls4Soles, an organization also committed to spreading shoes to where they are needed.

"Every year, millions of people go without shoes when millions of pairs of shoes go to the dump every year," said Pat Bogue, a student in the course. "This is our small contribution to make sure those shoes are being redirected to people who will use them," he said.

At the end of the event, numerous pairs of shoes were already donated. Collection of the shoes continued through Thursday and Friday, however, the number of shoes collected is not yet known.

How To Get Involved

If you want to get involved, there are a number of ways you can do your part. With all the shoes donated from Merrimack students, faculty, and staff, there will be a large bill to ship the shoes to Soles4Souls incorporated.

If you are interested in donating funds to aid Merrimack ship the shoes, or if you have shoes that you would still like to donate, please call (978) 807-9412.

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Students Lend Hand During ASB

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While most Merrimack students spent spring break either on the beaches in Florida, partying at clubs, or just relaxing at home, a group of about 50 devoted Merrimack students and faculty chose to spend theirs in Camden, N.J.; Bronx, N.Y.; Nassawadox, Va.; Nazareth Farm, W.V.; and New Orleans, La.

Alternative Spring Break gives students the opportunity to travel to other communities to assist and serve those in need and help make a difference during their spring break period of March 17 to 24. Students raise their own funds in order to cover this venture, which includes their food, transportation, and the needed supplies for the service performed.

ASB allows students to get away from the hype of school and their own social lives and immerse themselves in a less fortunate environment that makes them appreciate everything they have. By taking care of the needy and performing other philanthropic duties, these volunteers not only left feeling like they made a difference, but they also

enjoyed their experience and made some great new friendships with fellow Merrimack students.

Much of the service the volunteers performed was outdoor labor jobs, not just the typical soup kitchen volunteering, and Sophomore Alyssa Walker, who attended the trip to Nassawadox, said, "We did a lot of yard work and a few girls and I scraped and painted a deck. We spent some time in the community playing bingo and attending a Baptist and Catholic church."

Although the scraping and painting was tedious and boring especially out in the hot, blazing Virginia sun, Alyssa would not take back a second of it. ASB is a vacation where you enjoy helping others in need while watching them reap the benefits of your labor and hard work.

The culture shock students face when submerged in difficult and dismal situations leaves them appreciative and stronger both in their faith and in their civic involvement. There was a fun time had by all who attended with no regrets or wishing they had been somewhere in the tropics indulging themselves for their spring break.

Advising on the Upswing

Katie Quinlan '13
Staff Writer

Academic advising is an important developmental process. Advisors assist students in clarification of life and career goals, and development of educational plans for the realization of these goals.

Here at Merrimack advising seems to always be an issue. This semester, things seem to be looking up though. Students have given positive reactions so far from the academic advising process for the fall semester of 2012.

Junior Devin McClellan said, "Advising was wonderful this semester and without a knowledgeable advisor I would be lost and not knowing what classes I should be taking senior year."

He continued, "I was expecting to have to do a lot on my own per usual, but I really got the help I needed. Last year my advising did not seem as important as I was only a sophomore and my route wasn't so clear."

People like their answers to be direct and focused on what they need. Many other students do not like the run around of maybes and sometimes, ifs and more indirect words. I want this, that and the other. Answers are the best way to make us students happy. And I am sure I am not the only one.

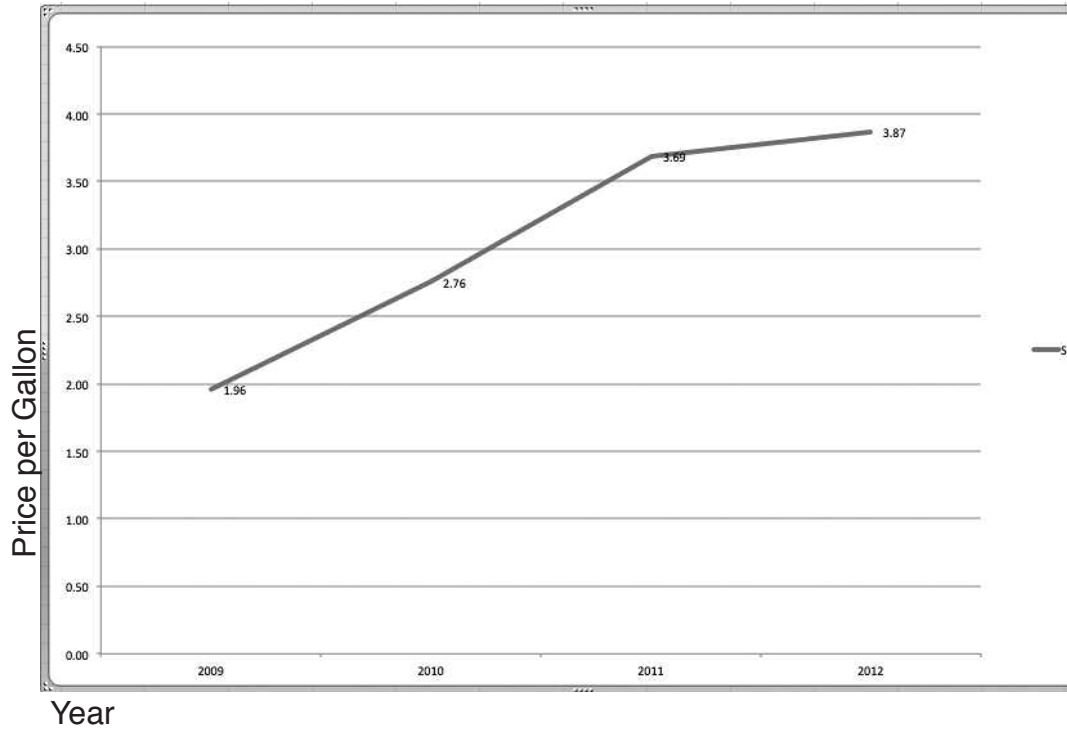
Junior Lauren Boyer said, "This year it was easier because I knew which classes I needed to take and last year I still had a lot of classes to take with too many choices."

"It was an irritating process and it's expected during this time of year," she said.

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Help 'Gas Out' Cut Cost

Kristina Williamson '14
Staff Writer



Massachusetts average gas price, April 2009 to today

Gas prices in the state of Massachusetts have risen 16 cents in the span of just one month this year. Hovering around \$3.92 a gallon by this time, gas has become one of Massachusetts' constant problems.

In a collective community, there is not much any individual can do about this pricey dilemma unless it is a group effort. On Thursday, April 19, the nation is urged to go on a strike against gas for the whole day: 2012's Gas Out.

This means that participants should make sure to buy their gas either the night before or the day after April 19th so that the day is left without the need of purchasing gasoline. If played correctly, with enough participants, organiz-

ers hope gas prices will drop at least 10 cents overnight, causing millions of dollars worth of savings.

Not only will this help residents of Massachusetts (who seem to have among the highest going prices for gas so far) but it will also positively affect every state. If the consumer demand is low and the supply is high, the economics could drive oil companies to lower their prices. Being residents of Massachusetts, it would be easy for Merrimack students to come together as a body and participate in this gas out next week.

When asked about the event, Samantha Sanchez, a sophomore at Merrimack, said, "I have nothing to lose by participating next week. The prices for gas are said to be around \$4 a gallon by next month, so whether the Gas Out works or doesn't, nobody's really losing."

Sweeps Week: Watching Our Waste

Campus Ministry

It's that time of year again: The home stretch for the spring semester has arrived. While all of our minds wander off towards summer, there is still one major, campus-wide event yet to occur: Sweeps Week.

Everybody's favorite move-out celebration is returning and this year, it will be bigger and better than ever. Campus Ministry has partnered with Sustainable Merrimack to raise awareness of our campus waste production so we can begin to focus on how to reduce the amount of trash Merrimack generates.

Campus Ministry works with charities located across the Merrimack Valley to facilitate the donation of students' unwanted and lightly used items. These charities include The Wish Project in Lowell, Lazarus House in Lawrence and Mission of Deeds in Reading. The Wish Project is accepting donations such as furniture and clothing, which will then be distributed free to those who

need it. Lazarus House and Mission of Deeds will both take donations ranging from non-perishable food to toiletries, and will distribute them to the homeless or those who have fallen on hard times.

The list of items that can be donated is extensive and will be posted in various locations across campus, as well as on the Sweeps Week Facebook page. Students who wish to donate large items such as furniture will be able to do so with ease, as student volunteers will pick up large donations.

Donations not only eliminate waste but they make a positive impact on the community around us. Everybody wins.

Yet, donations are only half of the Sweeps Week initiative to reduce waste generated during move out. The other goal is to recycle as many items as possible. Sustainable Merrimack is working to expand Merrimack's meager recycling program to be much more visible and robust around campus. This will ensure that students are better served by the college, as well as help them possess a clearer understanding of

how to recycle at Merrimack.

A wide variety of materials can already be recycled on campus, including all plastics, paper, and aluminum. However, the system for collecting these recyclables is confusing. As a result, Merrimack's student sustainability interns are working to create a simpler and more visually appealing system which will be easy to use and help divert more recycling from the trash. Volunteers will also work to stand by the trash bins and educate students moving out on what can be recycled or donated versus what should be thrown away.

This is a truly massive effort which is going to take a lot of manpower, so if you would like to get involved, please contact us immediately. You can either email Meg Costantini in Campus Ministry (costantinim@merrimack.edu) or contact a student sustainability intern (Jesse Doiron doironj@merrimack.edu or Krysten Moore moorekm@merrimack.edu). By reducing waste and donating to charity, we are creating a better world for us all. Donate, recycle, change the world.

Concerns Over Dorm Distance

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live. It is who you live with, what you are learning in the classroom, what you are involved with outside of the classroom that makes your college memories meaningful and fun."

"Students living in St Francis Hall can still attend the spring concert, watch a field hockey game, attend Cram Jam and play intramurals," she said. "Students living in St Francis Hall will make new friends, bond over a bus ride or a cup of coffee in the basement of the hall, and take advantage of the front lawn to work on their tans or play wiffleball."

The price of room and board will be the same and the living style will be similar to that of a double in the Deegans, the college has said. Laundry services will be familiar because it is the same as for on-campus students.

The college is working with Sodexo to provide a continental breakfast every day at St. Francis, for a more convenient option than having to arrive on campus before class. A Mack Card relationship similar to the ones Merrimack has with Bertucci's and Fuddrucker's is being sought with the local eateries in St. Francis Hall's area, including the 99, Cracker Barrel and Longhorn Steakhouse.

Girl Talk, Moufy to Play MC

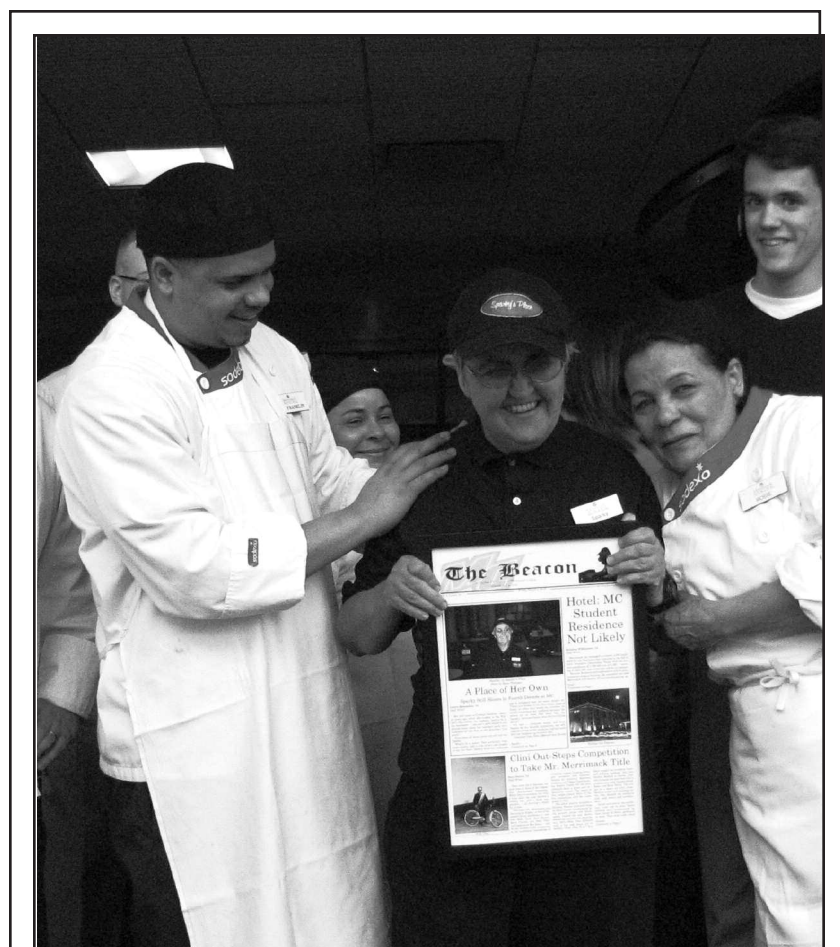
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which he uploads to YouTube. Additionally, he has been featured on popular local websites such as Barstool Sports.

Moufy, born Jeffrey Fortunato, brings high energy to his shows and students on campus are very excited to see the

local rapper perform.

This Spring Concert should prove to be a memorable one. The two upbeat, popular musicians, Girl Talk and Moufy, could provide for an electrifying night at Lawler. Students are encouraged to act quickly in order to purchase tickets before the show sells out, as this is not a night that many will want to miss.



The Beacon Presented Sparky with a Framed copy of the March 9th issue featuring Sparky on the Cover

Two Merrimack Officers Sworn In as Massachusetts State Troopers

Ronald Guilmette
Chief of Police Services

On March 9, two former Merrimack College campus police officers graduated from the Massachusetts State Police Academy.

Trooper Douglas "DJ" Dolan and Trooper Jose DePena were sworn in by Gov. Deval Patrick at the Worcester Centrum along with 206 new state police troopers.

Dolan graduated from Merrimack in 2008 with a degree in political science. He was a standout end on the Warriors Football team and also played club rugby.

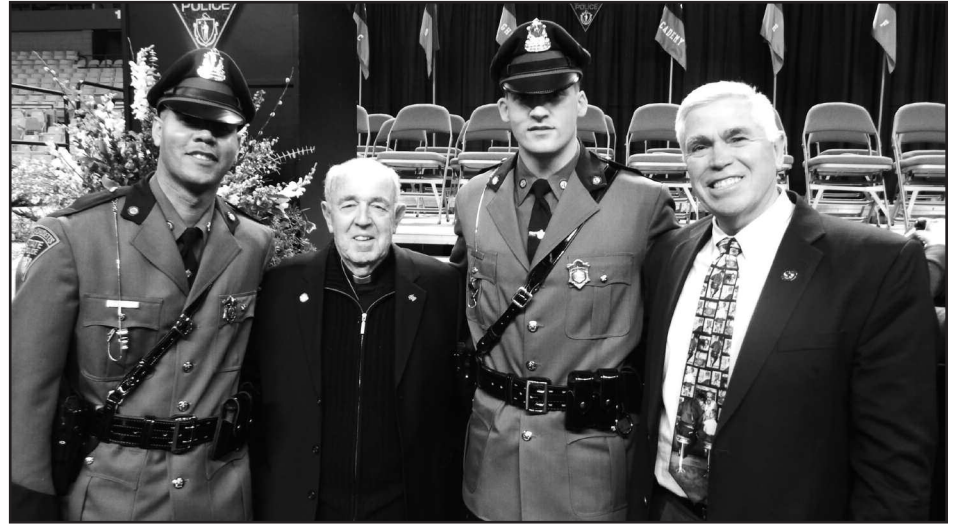
During his four years at Merrimack he developed a close and last-

ing friendship with Father Jim Wenzel.

Dolan served on the Oak Bluffs Police Department and as a campus officer for Merrimack from 2009 to 2010 when he enlisted in the U.S. Army.

Dolan received the Physical Fitness Award, scoring the highest physical fitness average of the 208 trainee/troopers.

DePena is a graduate of Northern Essex Community College and served on the York, Maine and Newburyport Police Departments. He served as a campus officer for Merrimack from May 2010 until he entered the state police academy in October 2011.



Left to right: Trooper DePena, Father Jim Wenzel, Trooper DJ Dolan and Police Chief Ronald Guilmette

~Photo Submitted by Guilmette~

Learn College's Parking Rules: That's The Ticket For Avoiding the Tow

Patrick Coskren '13
Staff Writer

Before this week I was among the students on campus who felt that police ticket excessively and in some cases unreasonably. After speaking with Ron Guilmette, chief of Police Services, I can say my opinion has completely changed.

It is not a ticketing problem, but the ignorance of students that is to blame.

Commentary Guilmette referred to the parking/ticketing situation a several times as "a numbers game." To elaborate on this, allow me to discuss the number of spots available for student parking.

The Sakowich campus lot has 258 spots available for commuter, faculty and staff parking. In addition to the campus lot, commuters, faculty, and staff, are also permitted to park in the Rogers lot and Deegan West lot, which have fewer than 50 spaces between the two of them. Students who are residents are permitted to park in the back lots of the campus near the apartments; this lot has 670 parking spaces.

We see people being ticketed in the Sakowich, Deegan, and Rogers lots when residents who do not feel like walking to class on cold or rainy days take up the spots reserved for commuters, faculty, and staff.

In addition to residents parking illegally, there are also many people parking in these lots who do not have a sticker at all.

The decal process is quite simple: If you are a commuter you can go to Police Services and receive a decal for free. If you are a resident student at the beginning of the year, the price of a decal is \$150 for the year. As the year goes on Police Services will discount the cost. If you buy a decal after the winter break (for the second semester) you will be charged \$75. If you were to request a decal for the remaining four weeks of school you could obtain one by paying about \$35.

As we all know the Sakowich lot is not the only parking lot where students get ticketed. There are many other places around the campus with 15-minute parking. Just this past week two students had their cars towed because they were in 15-minute parking overnight.



It must be made clear that the tow policy Guilmette has implemented since he has arrived is more than reasonable. You are allowed to have three parking violation before you hear from him; on your fourth violation you will receive an email, in addition to your vehicle having been "stickered" with a "Notice of Tow," which means that for any and all future violations your vehicle will be towed from the campus at your expense.

This means that before your car is towed you will have accumulated four violations, and received an email from the chief. This seems more than reasonable.

After speaking with Guilmette I personally walked up and down the first 80 cars in the Sakowich lot. Suffice it to say I was quite surprised. There were 20 cars with no stickers at all, five residents, 22 commuters, and 28 faculty members parked in the lot. That means that over 31 percent of the cars I looked at were parked illegally, and 25 percent did not even have decals at all.

The reason this topic seems to arise every spring is because all the tickets that were accumulated over the fall semester carry over to the spring. This means that if you received three

tickets in the fall and you receive one in the spring, your car will be "stickered" along with receiving an email from the chief. Over the summer the tickets accumulated during the year are "forgotten," and everyone enters the following fall with a clean slate.

However, this doesn't mean that after your fifth ticket and your car being towed, you start over. If you get a sixth ticket, your car will be towed. If you get a seventh ticket, your car will be towed, and so on.

At the end of the day many students who complain to Police Services saying "Are you serious? You don't have anything better to do than ticket me?" are the ones to blame, not police. Had you parked where you were supposed to in the first place, you would not have been ticketed in the first place.

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@lawsome33: Teacher came to class just to say we weren't having it today #score

@AmberLegacy: I really want to go to boston for marathon monday...WHY dont we get patriots day off #runnergirlproblems

@Lamalf41: People are really walking around Merrimack with shoes off? Make sure you get a #tetnusshot

@MarkHats I really wish @realmatkirkham and @JRNickelson would be playing in the @merrimack alumni rugby game... #nexttime

@CCaught15: Merrimack needs to figure out this toaster situation

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Questions on the Quad

By John Smyth and Ryan Flanigan

What Would You Do for a Klondike Bar?



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- AJ Andreucci '13



I Don't even Like them
-Andrea Chieffalo '12



Give EK a hug!
- Andrew Napolitano '12



Get Iced
-Nick LoCoco '12



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News From Outside Campus

By, Patrick J. Lawlor, Associate Editor in Chief



Senator Steven Baddour Resigns from Senate, Sparks Valley Race

BOSTON— Sen. Steven Baddour, D-Methuen, one of Merrimack Valley's state legislators, announced his resignation from the Massachusetts Senate recently. Baddour, who has been a legislator in the General Court for a decade, will take a government affairs position at McDermot, Will & Emery, a prestigious Boston law firm.

Baddour's First Essex District includes Amesbury, Haverhill, Merrimac, Methuen, Newburyport, Salisbury, and part of North Andover.

There will be no special election for the post, according to Senate President Therese Murray; it will be filled in the regular state election this fall.

The resignation of Baddour has already inspired many Valley politicians to consider running for the post. So far Methuen City Councilor Sean Fountain, Amesbury City Councilor Jim Kelcourse and Haverhill School Committee Member Shaun Toohey have taken out nomination papers, as have Methuen resident Sharon Birchall and Haverhill resident Sam Meas.

Many others are still considering the run for Baddour's seat, including Newburyport Mayor Donna Holaday, Haverhill Mayor Jim Fiorentini, and former Methuen Mayor William Manzi. Former state Secretary of Public Safety Jim Jajuga of Methuen is also considering running. Jajuga, a retired state trooper, formerly held Baddour's seat before moving to the executive office. He recently announced his resignation as CEO of the

Greater Haverhill Chamber of Commerce.

Baddour was the chairman of the Joint Committee on Transportation, a powerful committee of the General Court. In 2010, he joined ranks of Senate leadership when Murray appointed him vice chairman of Ways and Means, the budget writing committee.

State senators serve a constituency of 140,000 residents, and base pay is around \$66,000. They are also compensated for travel and receive higher pay if they chair committees. The election for Baddour's seat will be held in November.

Former Lawrence Superintendent of Schools in Jail

LAWRENCE — Former Superintendent of Schools Wilfredo Laboy is currently serving a 90-day sentence in the Essex County Alternative Correction Center, informally known as "the farm." Laboy was indicted in 2009, and he placed himself on medical leave. Shortly after the investigation began, the Lawrence School Committee decided to fire him.

Laboy was found guilty of using city employees for his own advancement and interest. He used graphic designers to create pamphlets for an organization he was president of — the Association of Latino Administrators and Superintendents — as well as printing and designing for his son's Sal's Pizza franchise. He also used city employees to drive his son around; his son was unable to drive because of a DUI conviction. Investigators also confiscated 16 bottles of alcohol

from his office. Drinking on school property, by anyone, his against the law in Lawrence.

While in jail, Laboy is teaching GED classes to inmates. He resided in Methuen, and earned more than \$200,000 a year as schools chief in Lawrence. Under his tenure, the brand new \$110 million high school was built, as well as other secondary level schools were constructed.

Currently, the Lawrence School System is nearly fully funded by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The state Department of Secondary Education recently appointed a receiver to run the system.

Grand Jury Investigation on Lawrence Mayor Continues with Testimony

LAWRENCE — Mayor William Lantigua is facing both a state and county investigation for alleged election law violations and violations under campaign and political finance laws. Last week the deputy police chief, personnel director, and licensing chairman all testified at Salem Superior Court. Last month Lantigua's former chief of staff also testified at the same grand jury.

Attorney General Martha Coakley and Essex County District Attorney Johnathan Blodgett are leading the multi-jurisdictional investigations of Lantigua and his administration.

Lantigua, elected mayor in 2010 is the city's first Latino mayor. He was serving as a state representative when he was elected mayor.

Information from the Eagle Tribune was used in these reports.

Housing System: More Options Mean More Questions

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this year's housing changes. Even prior to filling out the forms, many students have felt the process has wrought some confusion and frustration in terms of where they should choose to live and how they can go about living there.

Off-campus housing is a hot topic right now due to the growing number of accepted students. On campus, many rooms originally built for two are being forced into triples. Freshmen and sophomores are guaranteed on-campus housing, but incoming juniors and seniors must enter a lottery. They either fill out a form to participate in either the on-campus or off-campus housing lottery. The decision to disable students from participating in both lotteries has left some students concerned, since they originally thought they would be able to live near the campus and pay through Merrimack's room and board plan. However, the recent acquisition of Franciscan-retreat-house-turned-college-dormitory, St. Francis Hall, located approximately 15 minutes from campus on River Road in Andover, left students feeling more frustrated than ever.

Like anything else, living in St. Francis Hall will have its advantages and disadvantages. Merrimack has been working with Sodexo to figure out a way to provide a daily continental breakfast for students living there. Mack cards will be accepted in more places in the area, laundry facilities will be free, wireless internet will be offered, the green space outside will be transformed into a social atmosphere complete with volleyball nets and picnic tables, and shuttle transportation will be provided.

However, cable will not be offered in student bedrooms due to cost. Students will be required to have a meal plan (19, 13, or 9) rather than given the option, and shuttle transportation may not be running at times convenient to everyone (since it is nearly impossible to accommodate

every single student's schedule). Also, the distance between St. Francis Hall may be farther away than students' houses, so is it really worth it to live at school?

This question is being posed by many students, including junior Kayla Hennigan. Hennigan lives in Medford and works in her hometown three to four nights a week. She could not see any sense in living off-campus through Merrimack if she lives within a 30-minute drive.

However, if she were forced to live at home and commute for her last year rather than live with friends (since that would be the obvious choice in terms of financial and time concerns), she would miss out on the great social aspects of living at Merrimack that she got to enjoy this past year, she said.

She, like many other students graduating next year, is torn.

Since it will accommodate students who would otherwise not fit on campus, St. Francis Hall is the only option for college-leased off-campus property. Therefore, if you entered in the off-campus lottery through Merrimack (as opposed to finding an apartment on your own), you will be living in St. Francis Hall. The off-campus forms only pertain to students pursuing housing at St. Francis Hall, which students felt was not clearly explained.

Junior Stephen Francis said, "I would have appreciated more information about the off-campus housing situation before the deadline to file housing paperwork. Had I known the sole off-campus housing option was living in St. Francis Hall, I wouldn't have applied for the off-campus housing selection. I know I'll find an apartment one way or another, but the process has been frustrating."

Sophomore Alycia Sullivan is not thrilled with the new rooming process either. She explained that "it really puts some serious pressure on the upcoming juniors" in particular. She craftily proposed that "the school could have easily developed a four-year plan where they could increase

housing over the next four years, so that the school could accommodate the growing number of incoming students over the years rather than kicking out students who have been at the school for two or more years."

Sullivan went on to say: "I think it's great that Merrimack wants to grow, but Merrimack is not in an area where it can grow to be like a Northeastern University or an Emerson College. Students want to go to Merrimack because it is small and personal, not large and impersonal."

Indeed, Merrimack's close and warm atmosphere was a positive feature that initially attracted many of its current students; unfortunately, with the growing number of students and the forced off-campus housing, some students are no longer able to see the family-like community they thought Merrimack had achieved in previous years.

The general consensus is that the change is more bothersome than need be. And if that is the case, then why change at all? Upon hearing about the modification, alum Joa'n Mejia, a 2005 graduate, could only shake his head. "My parents did it the old-fashioned way and they turned out pretty good. I did it the old-fashioned way and it worked fine. Don't fix what isn't broken."

However, even beyond the confusion regarding off-campus housing, not all students are sour about the new process as opposed to registering online. Junior Declan Geoffrion Scannell prefers the paper system: "It means that whether you get your spot is only based on your credits and the random draw, instead of being partially based on who's willing to stare obsessively at a web page for hours or try to game the system. Plus, with the paper system, a real human can judge your preferences and give you something that's kind of like what you wanted, even if you miss out on what you really wanted—unlike a computer which just tells you, 'Nope, go find something else.' Then, by the time you go find something else, everything's been snatched up."

A Review of Holy Week Amidst the Youth of the Catholic Church

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As we progress further into the year, it is safe to say that Catholics are still witnessing many attacks against their church, most especially from the U.S. government. Secularism has shaken the very foundation on which we stand, which in turn has given rise to people who no longer care about the Catholic Church, seeing it as both tasteless and boring.

What's worse is that many people, including Catholics, see the Catholic Church as "archaic," struggling to keep up with modern times. General statistics show that there are close to 90 percent of Catholics in the West who have no contact with the Catholic Church anymore, withholding themselves from receiving any of the sacraments and refusing to attend Mass on Sundays. Prior to 1960, these statistics would have been quite different, showing 400 million out of 500 million Catholics in the West "plugged" into their faith.

There is a conflict between a variety of Catholic crowds when it comes to Catholic identity and the church's mission. However, it appears to me that the lukewarm

Catholic crowds are currently taking the hardest blows. The lukewarm crowds are those Catholics who sit back and hate to get involved. These crowds produce a scarce number of vocations to the priesthood and know little or close to nothing about their faith, seeing Catholicism not as a living faith, part of the greater body of Christ. The mystical and the sublime aspects of the faith are replaced by these crowds with a pedestrian and very (ironically) narrow version. The average parish in the United States is a mishmash of non-zealous and relaxed attitudes with no real fire in the belly, unfortunately giving the added support to the number of parishes that are being suppressed and closed down faster than imagined. These lukewarm Catholic crowds are beginning to suffer because of the up and coming Catholic generation who are defenders of the faith, bringing back that oh so sweet term, the Church militant.

This is what gives me hope; the future of our generation within the Catholic Church. This hope is fostered by my experiences over Holy Week, which brought tears to my eyes as I participated as the master of ceremonies for a priest as he celebrated Masses both in English and in Latin. The Masses said in English were not only beautiful but very

well attended, which brought many young adults. However, the Latin Mass brought a substantial amount of young men and women, traditional in nature and knowledgeable about their faith. I am ecstatic to report that of all these young men and women, 23 were initiated into the Roman Catholic Church.

The Latin Masses at the Church I served showed the opposite of the lukewarm Catholic crowds today. Not only did I discover several vocations to the priesthood over this recent Holy Week, but young Catholics who were massively informed about their faith ready to evangelize and take no prisoners, with a willingness to swim in the currents of the mystery of the divine. Reverence and devotion were most prominent within the Latin Masses at this parish, along with a deep respect for our Lord in the Most Holy Eucharist.

The Latin Mass is masculine through and through, which is why these lukewarm Catholic crowds are turned off by it. The majority of Catholics who have been nursed on the weaker, feminine, don't-be-offensive type of liturgy have a hard time knowing where to go with the Latin Mass. I can assure you, at the parish I served at over Holy Week, there was no weakness of the Catholic faith present, unlike the lukewarm Catholic crowds who

would rather dialogue and have donuts after Mass instead of engaging into hand-to-hand combat for their faith.

As the lukewarm politically correct parishes begin to close down, against all that failure for that is the success of the Church militant which I experienced in the youth during Holy Week.

I truly felt as if I were walking in the footsteps of the saints, who were quick to rebuke all form of heresies against their Catholic faith. The world has turned militant against the Church, but the only proper response is a more ferocious militancy just as the bishops practiced when they protected their flock hundreds of years ago, as similar to a father who protects his children from serious harm.

The youth are truly the future of the Church and after a review of Holy Week; it looks like a good future to me. I hope that many of you reading this also experienced the excess of youth who were in attendance at the Masses over Holy Week. And like me, if you noticed how the youth behaved or acted, you can expect what the Mass will look like in the Catholic Church in years to come.

Here's a hint: it is going to be pretty hard to hear the piano and the drums over the Gregorian chant during Masses in the future.

Police Log

March 28, 10:35 a.m. Theft
Police receive e-mail saying a ciborium (covered vessel holding hosts) was taken from the tabernacle in the church.

March 28, 9:35 p.m. Harassment
Parent tells police about harassing phone calls to student from an unknown number. Officer takes report from student.

March 29, 7:29 p.m. Breaking and entering attempted
Sodexo employee reports a possible break-in at the Volpe snack bar. Officers speak to the employee and determine it was

an oversight, not a break-in.

March 29, 8:07 p.m. Suspicious odor
RA reported suspicious odor coming from room. Officer speaks to resident and determines report was unfounded.

March 29, 8:34 p.m. Injured animal
Student reports injured cat behind the apartments. Officer responds and police call Bulger Animal Hospital in North Andover. Student transports cat to emergency department.

March 29, 8:39 p.m.

Suspicious activity
Student reports suspicious motor vehicle on Aherne Avenue. Officers speak to driver, who is waiting for her daughter to get out of class.

March 29, 9:05 p.m., Medical transport
Student seeks counselor for another student due to anxiety. Officer meets the students outside the Sak and transports both to the police station.

March 30, 6:40 a.m. Theft
Resident reports his Xbox and games apparently stolen from his room overnight.

March 30, 4:42 p.m. Minor(s) in possession of alcohol
Three individuals exiting a vehicle in Lot 8B were observed on camera, nervously looking around and rapidly unloading several bags from the rear of the vehicle. Officers spoke with the individuals, all of them under age, and seized a quantity of alcohol.

March 30, 4:47 p.m. Property reported missing
Coach reported his iPhone missing from his office in Volpe and he believes it was stolen. Officer takes report.

Nearly 350 attend Career Fair

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Staff Writer

On March 19 Merrimack hosted its annual spring career fair.

The fair took place in Sakowich's multi-purpose room where numerous tables were set for the over one hundred companies that attended. The companies in attendance included the likes of Verizon, TechTarget, the FBI, Media Mate, College Pro, and many more all looking for students to fill a position.

Professional dress was a requirement for the roughly 350 students who signed up. The director of Career Services, Heather Maietta, said, "The stu-

dents were well-prepared and dressed for success."

The company's representatives took notice of Merrimack's professionalism as well as Kristen Impastato of Notre Dame Mission Volunteers-Americorps stated she was "very impressed with the level of professionalism of the students."

The students were also very excited with the set up and overall quality of the career fair. Senior Jenna Mancuso, a management major, believes, "The career fair should be required for all juniors and seniors because it is a great networking opportunity."

Along with an opportunity to potentially find a job or internship the career fair also offered a chance to network or

just practice presentation and public speaking abilities. The great thing about an event like this is that there is nothing for the student to lose by going.

Students could use Merrimack's Advantage website to sign up for the fair online as well as browse the list of companies that attended. Students can use this as an opportunity to research what companies they liked and find out more about them in preparation for the fair.

Students and company reps were asked to fill out a brief survey upon leaving the fair which is currently being analyzed in order to make sure future career fairs are even more successful for students and companies.

Schielke Steps up as Student-Athlete

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Since the day Pete Schielke set foot on the lush Merrimack campus, he has made his impact felt on and off the lacrosse field.

He is a consummate leader whose illustrious resume speaks for itself. On the field, he has been an "ironman," playing in every single game over the past four years, and the backbone of the defense, causing over a hundred turnovers; he became the first player in Merrimack history to reach that plateau. This is attributed to Schielke's incredible field vision, and anticipation skills, which Schielke was highlighted for this preseason in the prestigious magazine *Inside Lacrosse*.

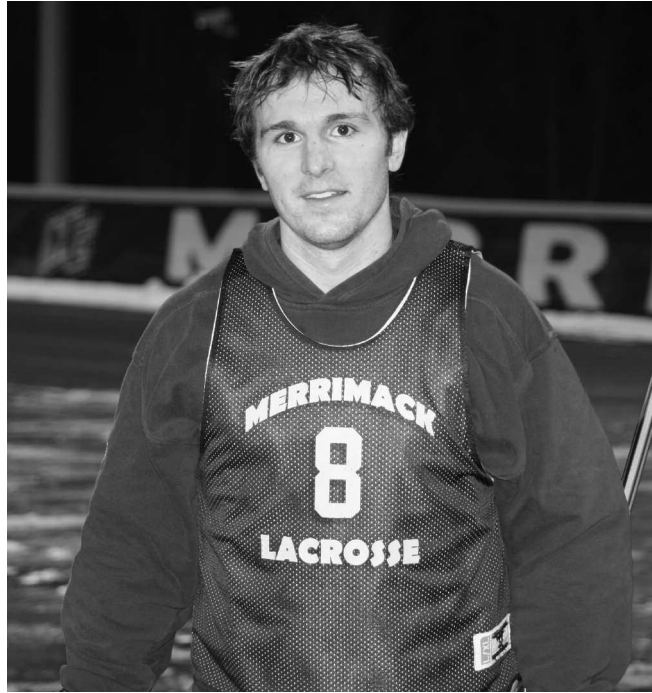
The two-time captain is an acclaimed two-time first-team preseason All American, All New England reigning first team All NE-10 teamer. Moreover, he has racked up over 100 groundballs in his career, won an NE 10 championship, and was the defensive catalyst freshman year on the only Merrimack team in history to reach the coveted Final Four. He is arguably the most versatile defender in D2 Lax, accumulating six assists on the offensive side of the ball in his career, which is unheard of for a de-

fenseman, especially at the top tier D2 level.

Schielke's on-the-field achievements will never overshadow the type of man he is. One of the most outgoing and gregarious individuals at Merrimack, he works at a summer camp for underprivileged youth and he plans to go to England next year as a youth coach, or by befriending everyone he meets. Couple that with being the Student Athletic Advisory Committee president and part of the Blue and Gold Committee, the Dean's Committee, the National Honor Society. He still finds time to work for Sodexo 20 hours a week as a student promotions coordinator, and is involved in moot court as a poli sci major. On top of that, he is a former resident advisor.

Schielke is a natural-born leader, who has had a knack for being a well-rounded and successful person since high school. Hailing from Ridgefield, Conn., Schielke was an all-conference selection three out of four years,

was team captain, and team MVP senior year, all while being student body president. Coming out of high school Schielke had aspirations of playing at the D1 level, but scouts and Division 1 college coaches thought had had subpar



stick skills and was too slow to compete at the highest level. However, they could not measure his lionheart, work ethic, or the intangibles he possessed: what does not show up in the stat sheet, which drove Schielke to play in a national championship and stick it back to them.

But Coach Mike Morgan saw that "it" factor in Schielke, made Pete feel at

home on his visit, and assured him ample playing time. Schielke turned down multiple scholarships, eventually signed with Merrimack and has never looked back since.

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

The most crucial lesson Schielke learned came from former defenseman Shane Maher: Keep your head in the right place. Last year Schielke thought the team underachieved, saying, "Last season our team focus wasn't there." So when he learned that Brad Mcadam, his best friend and an integral piece of the team, was not returning, Schielke took it upon himself to rally the troops, and keep the team's eyes on the prize: a national championship.

During the grueling preseason three day "judgment day" training regimen, it was Pete keeping the unit mentally together. He said, "I want to take care of the little things and make sure everyone is on the same page, all striving for the same goal. No distractions this year, no partying, no

mental lapses, I want to go out with a bang."

The four goals coming into this season for Schielke were to become a better teammate and leader, win an NE-10 championship, win D2 defensive national player of the year, and garner a national championship "I want a ring on my finger at the end of the year, and get over the hump," he said.

In the two biggest games of the year this season, Pete put the team on his back defensively. Piling up five caused turnovers and three groundballs, aiding the win against number two nationally ranked powerhouse in Limestone. Against NE-10 champion Adelphi, Schielke was not to be denied notching a season-high six caused turnovers, one of which was number 100, and scooping up four groundballs along with clutch defensive plays in the waning minutes of the game to help keep Merrimack undefeated. Though Merrimack lost to Le Moyne as this went to print, the Warriors still have a shot to make it to the Final Four and obtain their dream of a national championship. But to a cool cucumber like Pete Schielke, it's all about enjoying the ride of life.

Nationally Ranked #3 Men's Lax Drops Second Straight Game

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Looking to rebound from their first loss of the year to #2 LeMoyne the men's lacrosse team was unable to do so. They dropped their second straight on the road, this time at Southern New Hampshire University.

"We did not play well enough to win today," said head coach Mike Morgan. "We lost some focus in the beginning of the final period and we never recovered." The Warriors went down 3-0 to start the game and never really recovered from there. They were able to notch 12 shots on goal but none of them found their way past Penman netminder Brendan O'Brien.

After the Penman extended their lead to four, the Warriors charged back to tie the score with from DJ Brown, Kevin Guilbert, Mike Perdie and Greg Fallon. Holding a 23-12 shot advantage at halftime, things looked good for the Merrimack squad as they begin the

third quarter. The Warriors peppered O'Brien in the third, launching 13 shots on net but failing to convert on any of those opportunities. This would cost them as Southern New Hampshire tallied three goals at the beginning of the fourth quarter to make the score 7-4.

The Warriors started their comeback attempt with goals from Corey Lunney and Brown but failed to ever notch the equalizer. The Warriors outshot Southern New Hampshire 48-19 and won 15 of 17 face-offs. The Warriors were 0-2 on the man up opportunities and were successful on 16 of 20 clearing attempts. Merrimack (7-2, 3-2 NE-10) will return home for their senior day on Saturday April 14 at 1 pm against American International.

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Dual Sport Athlete Keeps Busy

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A day in the life of a NCAA Division II varsity student athlete is by no means a walk in the park. A typical day consists of a two hour practice, an hour of strength and conditioning in the Volpe Athletic Center, and about an hour of watching film.

On top of accepting the demanding responsibilities of a varsity athlete, one must also excel in the classroom taking on a full academic workload.

Sophomore Jimmy Holland has shown exceptional athletic excellence in not one but two varsity sports here at Merrimack, competing in Football and Lacrosse. "I felt like I would be selling myself short if I only played one," said Holland.

As a freshman linebacker for the football team, Holland appeared in nine games recording 14 tackles. "I was excited to play as a freshman, but felt that I

could have done more to contribute to the team," he said.

With a relentless attitude, Holland did just that. The following year he appeared in all 10 games and was third in tackles, recording 52.

As a second year starter for Merrimack's Lacrosse Coach Mike Morgan has high expectations for Holland. "We expect him to be a key part of our defense again this year," he said. He brings a great deal of skill and toughness to that end of the field. He is a hard worker and we expect him to have a great season this year."

Standing at 6-foot-1 210 pounds, Holland is a true enforcer on the defense and strikes fear in every opponent he faces.

After asking Jimmy what he enjoys most about being a two-sport athlete, he replied: "Definitely the friends I've made from both teams. I would not trade that for anything in the world. It is a true honor to be a part of both programs."

Strength and Conditioning Coach Mike Kamal; Warriors' Key to Success

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Merrimack athletics have been very successful over the past few years. In the past four years the Warriors have won two conference championships, and have made strong runs for a national title. The key to Merrimack's success has been the stellar performance by their student athletes, and the diligent coaching staff.

Although athletic talent and great coaching are pivotal to success on the field, being in top physical shape is equally important. Coach Mike Kamal, Merrimack's

head strength and conditioning coach is by far one of the hardest workers in the athletic department. This year will be Coach Kamal's fifth year at Merrimack. He has been responsible for working on the speed, strength, and agility for all 21 varsity sports teams. In order to accommodate all of these athletes Coach Kamal has to work incredibly long hours starting at the break of dawn every day. His relentless work ethic is contagious amongst the athletes.

"When I see Coach working so hard, it makes me want to work harder on getting my weights," said sen-

ior Steven Frey, captain of the Men's Lacrosse team, "I don't like to disappoint him."

Coach Kamal is not only a devoted coach, but has formed a great relationship with his athletes as well. All of the athletes seem to love him. One group of lacrosse players even gave Coach Kamal a Christmas card to put on the wall, which hangs very proudly in his office.

"Coach Kamal is great. It's cool to be able to go to the weight room and get a good lift in. But it is even cooler that coach and I have such a good personal rela-

tionship also" says Wide Receiver, Junior Isaiah Voegeli.

Coach Kamal shares lots of laughs with his players, but is also the first to jump on them if they are slacking and not performing at their full potential.

Coach Kamal attends almost every home game to watch his warriors take on their opponent. He has a promising future here at Merrimack. Without him, Merrimack Athletics would not be as successful as they are today.



Strength and Conditioning Head Coach Mike Kamal

Hockey Goes from College to Pro

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As sour as the loss was for the Merrimack hockey team in the first round of playoffs, like anything one door closes and another opens. For some of the senior graduating hockey players that opening door is a chance to go play pro hockey in the American Hockey League (AHL), a childhood dream for most players became reality for 4 seniors on the Merrimack hockey team.

Ryan Flannigan and Jesse Todd both signed amateur tryout contracts (ATO) with the Hamilton Bulldogs who are the affiliate of the Montreal Canadiens. Flannigan played his first professional game on

March 20th against Rockport and Todd played his first game 3 nights later against Milwaukee. Both had respectable outings in their first game recording a handful of shots. Flannigan played a total of 4 games for Hamilton; in that stint he recorded his first professional goal on March 25th against Peoria and adding an assist as well. Todd played 5 games and recorded his first professional point (assist) on March 24th against Chicago and finished with a total of 3 points during his stint. Both were able to experience the life of pro hockey traveling to places such as Chicago, Texas, and Oklahoma City. Also they got to visit the University of Texas which seemed to be one of

the stand out moments for Flannigan besides the hockey "It was cool to travel to 3 different cities within Texas and witness the University of Texas, the feeling of being a pro hockey player was probably the best part of it all". Flannigan and Todd are both back at Merrimack to finish out the school year but hopefully next year they will be able to return and play full-time in the AHL.

Meanwhile the name you know and love Joe Cannata is currently playing for the Chicago Wolves in the AHL who is the affiliate for the Vancouver Canucks. If you don't know already Vancouver drafted Joe back in 2009 in the 6th round, 173rd overall in the entry draft. Joe was

flown out to Vancouver and on March 22nd he signed an entry-level contract with the Canucks "It's what you dream about as a kid and I'm really excited about it. It's going to be another tough task that I'm looking forward to, and again, it's all so surreal." A couple days later Joe joined the Chicago Wolves where he will start the next chapter in his career. Joe hasn't played an official game yet but I'm sure it won't be long until he gets his first professional start.

Last but certainly not least the final senior who is playing in the AHL as we speak is Karl Stollery. The smooth skating defenseman is playing for the Lake Erie Monsters who is the affiliate for the Colorado

Avalanche. Stollery signed a similar contract as Flannigan and Todd, signing an amateur tryout contract (ATO) for the rest of their season but also signed a pro contract for next year. Stollery has played in 7 consecutive games for Lake Erie and has recorded 5 points in those 7. He recorded his first ever-professional goal on March 29th against Houston and also recorded his first ever multi-point game on April 7th against Rockford.

To all the seniors of the Merrimack College hockey team we wish them success in their upcoming endeavor to pursue professional hockey.

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impressive showing at the George Davis Invite," said Bajor. "Many members of both teams set personal records, and we placed respectively against some talented teams in the NE-10."

"I hope to compete at the New England Championship meet at the end of this season. It would be a great opportunity to run against the best athletes in the region, and hopefully a good way to set a personal record," she said. "I think the team will definitely show improvement from the previous year as far as our standing in the NE-10 is concerned. We have grown a lot as a program since last season, which should reflect in the important meets we have coming up."

Six members of the men's and women's track and field team traveled to Raleigh, N.C., for the Raleigh Relays on April 2. The event took place at North Carolina State University and there was great weather conditions compared to running up in the Northeast.

Fowler ran the 100-meter dash in 10.97 seconds, automatically

qualifying for the New Englands. His time ranks him fourth in the Northeast-10 conference.

Brianna Deveraux ran a 4:46 in the 1500, which is the second fastest outdoor time in the Northeast-10 this season.

Bajor, won her heat in the 5000, running a 18:14, which is the third fastest outdoor 5K in the Northeast-10.

Finally, Kelsey Grimmer ran a 18:40, while Rebecca Ainscow ran a 19:06 in the 5000.

Head Coach Matt Pimentel said of the Relays, "We traveled to Raleigh to give our athletes an opportunity to run fast time. Spring in New England can be a tough place to run. Everyone really stepped up and took advantage of the opportunity. The fact that every athlete ran a personal best and we set a school record in every event we participated in was incredible."

The teams will next compete in the Sky Hawk Invite on April 14 at Stonehill College.

Spring Football Game



The Warriors are set to face off against each other on April 28 at Martone-Mejail Field at 1pm.

The Warriors will graduate 17 seniors in May and finished their last season beating Southern Connecticut 28-27



Seniors Net 100 Wins, Look Back on Top Tennis Season

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Growing up, Sean Pahler and Max Eppley developed a passion for tennis.

Pahler began learning the sport when he was 8 years old and picked up the game very easily. Before he knew it he was competing in tournaments and soon enough winning matches.

Eppley entered the sport at age 12, which he said is considered old for most players who start competing collegiately and professionally.

When deciding where to play collegiate tennis, Merrimack College didn't inspire a moment's hesitation for the two seniors.

"Once I came on an official visit, meeting the coach and players, I knew I wanted to part of this team," said Pahler.

For Eppley, Liam Hoare, who was a former player

and now holds the assistant coach position, influenced him to consider playing for the Warriors.

"I went on the recruiting trip and loved the coach and

mark against Chestnut Hill on March 18. During the match, Pahler and Eppley won their doubles competition 8-5, making him the first player in Merrimack's

history to record 100 wins. Thirteen days after Pahler's achievement, Eppley joined his doubles partner, being the second player to reach 100 wins as they defeated Pace University.

"I knew going into the match that I was at 99, but the match was a little closer than anticipated so when we won our doubles match I had completely forgotten about it until my teammates congratulated me," said Eppley enthusiastically.

Obtaining their 100th win was a great accomplishment for Pahler and Eppley.

Pahler, being the senior captain, has found the season to be extremely exciting.

The team has one more match left in its regular season, on Friday against Stonehill College at 3 p.m.

"If we win the Northeast-10 title and playoffs, this

season will not be comparable to the others," Pahler said. "I want to go out on top and we have worked hard enough this year to do that."

With the tennis season coming to an end, the two have shown great support and contribution to the team.

"When I first played tennis at Merrimack there were no big expectations for us, but now every year we contend for the title," said Eppley.

Pahler, a civil engineering student, wants to pursue a career in the field in either Massachusetts or New Jersey after he graduates. Business major Eppley, on the other hand, hopes to travel in Europe and work there in the upcoming year.

Looking back to their four years of dedication to the tennis program, both seniors have something in common; their proudest memory. For Pahler and Eppley, winning the first round of the NCAA tournament their freshman was a great accomplishment. Not only was this one of their favorite memories, but they also value the importance of teamwork. With a talented team this season, the Northeast-10 title is something that both players hope to achieve.



Seniors Max Eppley and Sean Pahler make Merrimack History with 100 wins each

the team," he said.

Pahler and Eppley have experienced many successes throughout their tennis career. After missing most of the 2011 season for surgery on his thumb, Pahler was still able to achieve his 100th win. He reached that

Track Teams Break School Records

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The men's and women's track and field teams headed to the University of Massachusetts-Lowell April 7 to compete at the George Davis Invitational held at the Cushing Field Complex.

The men's team broke four school records, while the women's team broke three.

Anthony Arcari, Jesse Fowler, Francesco Cuesta and Ethan Weaver made up the 4x100 relay team that set a school record, finishing fourth place with a time of 42.85 seconds. Fowler, Cuesta, Ethan Weaver and Ian Weaver grabbed another school record in the 4x100 when they recorded a time of 3:28:98, which was good enough to bring home



Pictured above from left to right Kelsey Grimmer, Anne Bajor, Jesse Fowler, Fiona Coleman, Rebecca Ainscow, and Briana Devereaux

third place.

Fowler also broke his third school record on the day when he ran in the 200 meter dash. He recorded a time of 22.11 seconds, which got him second place in the event.

The final school record that was broken on the day

came from Nour Shahin. Shahin set a school record in the discus throw when he was able to throw it 43.51 meters and grabbed sixth place in the competition.

Freshman Christine Manfra broke a school record in the 200-meter

dash, recording a time of 27.30 seconds. Manfra also took part in the 400-meter hurdles recording a 12th place finish, she was the only Warrior to compete in this competition.

Anne Bajor grabbed a 10th-place finish in the 3,000 meter run gathering a time of 10:28:43. Manfra, Leah Hall, Desiree DeLeon, and Mary Murphy finished eighth in the 4x100 meter relay setting a school record with a time of 52.29 seconds.

The final school record broken on the day came from Janelle Clark in the triple jump. She finished fifth in the event with a jump of 10.45 meters.

"I think our team had an

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