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MC to House Some Off-Campus

Patrick Lawlor '13

Associate Editor in Chief

Merrimack College is changing the way it provides housing to undergraduates, offering lotteries for both off- and on-campus living and planning to open two new residence halls over the next three years.

President Christopher E. Hopey's Agenda for Distinction

calls for an eventual undergraduate enrollment of 3,000; this fall, Merrimack will have 2,300 undergraduates, up from 2,100. The expansion of housing will be concurrent with the growth in the student body, Hopey said.

Applications to Merrimack rose 53 percent from last year, Hopey said last week.

Currently, nearly 80 percent of undergraduates live on campus,

according to the college website.

The new housing plan goes into effect this fall. Under the plan, all freshman and sophomores will be guaranteed on-campus housing; juniors and seniors, however, have to enter a lottery if they would like to live on campus. If they wish to live in off-campus housing

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The Agenda for Distinction outlines Merrimack's Strategic Planning and growth goals.



FAITH, PRESS AND POLITICS FORUM: From left, John Toole, Eagle Tribune, Dan Kennedy, Media Nation, Julie Mehegan, Boston Herald, Glenn Johnson, Boston Globe

Merrimack: #1 in Social Media

Kyle Singleton

Staff Writer

Merrimack College has been named the No. 1 most engaging Facebook page in 2011. More specifically, Merrimack's Facebook page was applauded for the amount of conversation and activity that takes place on the page.

Blue Fuego, which is a group that measures and studies the growth/activity of higher education Facebook pages, measured more than 900 pages. According to the study, the top 10 most engaging pages each had more than

1,000 fans by Jan. 1, and an average of five posts per month.

What separated Merrimack from the rest of the field was the quality of posts, not only engaging the student body to interact on the page but also getting the surrounding community to notice and engage in what Merrimack College is doing, according to college officials.

Merrimack topped much larger schools such as USC, Harvard and Wisconsin, to name a few.

Merrimack and President Christopher E. Hopey were presented with the Fuego's finest trophy for 2011.



Racist Graffiti in Dorm Under Investigation

When freshman Lance Hill woke up one morning last week, he was shocked to see what was written on the whiteboard on his door: a racially and sexually offensive message.

"I don't know why someone would do that," said Hill, who is black.

His initial reaction was to erase it, and forget about it — brush it off, he said. Instead Hill decided to post a photo of the scrawl on Facebook. From there, the story blew up. Many people commented in disgust and surprise, and some offered condolences for Hill having this done to him.

A Lawrence native, Hill is no stranger to campus. He attended Coach Bert Hammel's ABA Basketball camp for several years, and never thought this would happen at Merrimack.

"Such actions do not represent the attitudes, beliefs, or feelings of the Merrimack College community. They will not go unchallenged, ignored, or minimized and if the perpetrators are identified, they will be dealt with

accordingly," said President Christopher E. Hopey in a statement.

In an effort to better control and be aware of these situations, Hopey called on Fr. Ray Dlugos, vice president for mission and student affairs, to gather with other administrators and various groups to develop clear policies and processes for when things like this happen.

"These policies will include a process of informing all of us whenever an incident occurs on our campus," Hopey's statement said.

Police Services also responded to the incident. Chief Ron Guilmette announced a \$500 reward for information pertaining to the door tagging

"If you have any information about this cowardly act, you are encouraged to either call or e-mail Deputy Chief Mike DelGreco or Lt. Dennis Peterson as soon as possible," the chief said.

"I know this is not what Merrimack is like," said Hill. "We are a tight family, we need to bring people together."

— Patrick Lawlor

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Senior Section:
Countdown to Graduation
100 Days Event

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Staff Writer

It was the beginning of the end for Merrimack College seniors on Feb. 10 as they gathered together to celebrate the final hundred days of their collegiate career.

Nearly half of the senior class attended the event, which took place at the most popular destination for the class of 2012: the Claddagh Pub.

Those who attended the event were provided with transportation, free cover and food throughout the event for simply \$10. If seniors donated \$20.12 for the class of 2012 T- shirt they were given free access to the upstairs section of the pub for the pre-game party an hour prior to the kickoff of the event.

Allison Stinson, the associate director of student involvement, said, "Overall students seemed to really love the event, especially the private event portion upstairs and the free appetizers and room downstairs."

The private portion of the event was attended by approximately 190 students and created an atmosphere displaying the bond the class of 2012 has with one another. Students were talking and laughing together as they feasted on a va-

riety of different foods. This one hour pre-game illustrated that although there are several clicks within the senior class as soon as a variety of students come together as one it builds an instant connection.

Jake Polas, a member of the senior class and one of the most enthused attendees of the 100 Days event, said, "It was great just having all the seniors in one room separated from everyone else, not to mention the best crab rangoon I have ever had in my life. Overall the top section was one of the greatest times I have had at the Claddagh, along with the bus ride home."

As soon as the one hour pre-game party concluded, all those who attended were directed downstairs by the senior student council and members of student involvement, where they joined the rest of the class of 2012. Downstairs included live entertainment and a different variety of food from upstairs. Students were socializing, dancing and enjoying each other's company.

Although the downstairs portion of the event reminded a lot of people of a typical Thursday night at the Claddagh there was something different about this night.

"There was a different feel to this night. I don't know how to explain it, but it just felt as if we were the only ones there and it was a great start to the end of our four years at the Mack," said senior student Dan Smith.

This was the first year the student council and student involvement had decided to host the 100 Days event off the Merrimack College campus. In past years the event typically took place in the MPR, which provided easier transportation.

Stinson, in regards to the future of this event being hosted at the Claddagh, said, "The event overall went very well, and with some changes we would consider doing the event again."

In the end the 100 Days event proved the most successful event thus far for the senior class. It brought together 250 students of the class of 2012, and the student council hopes to continue this success in future senior events.

Senior Class President Melissa Garabedian said, "I hope we can keep up the awesome participation for the remainder of our Senior Events: March 2 Mohegan, March 3 Senior Hockey Night, April 28 Senior Formal and May 4 Senior Toast."

Support your fellow classmates in
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Ryan Pinette
Samuel Brown
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Thursday February 23, 7pm
Roger's Center for the Arts

90 Days til Graduation

Students Want Fare Hikes Derailed

Commuter Rail Cuts, Price Increases Possible

Dana Hildner '13
Staff Writer

On Jan. 3, the Boston-area public transportation system released two scenarios to the public. One includes fare hikes and severely decreased service; the other, a small fare hike and more drastic cuts.

Either scenario could be an issue for students who use the MBTA —the train, subway, trolley and bus system in much of eastern Massachusetts — to get to and from school, work or an internship.

“I took the T coming home from my internship in Boston and it was a nightmare,” said Merrimack senior Maureen Rooney. “Normally I take the commuter rail, which is pure luxury compared to the T, to Andover.” (The commuter rail is formally part of the T system, though many riders often think of the T as the subway and bus routes.)

“I’m against the T because of all the problems that come from it,” Rooney said. “There are always delays, and you can never sit. I understand why it’s so popular, because for \$2 you can travel

to anywhere you want instead of paying the \$12.50 fare for the commuter rail.”

However, according to the T’s

be cut, along with weekend service on some train lines. Both plans would cut weekend and late-night service on the commuter rail.



Getting to and travelling around Boston has become expensive for students with internships and for day trips into the city
-Photo Courtesy of thecityfix.com

first scenario, fares would rise by 43 percent and about 60 bus routes would be cut. Under the second scenario, fares would jump 35 percent and 200 routes would

Merrimack students use commuter rail stations in Andover and Lawrence to get to Boston’s North Station, at the TD Garden.

The T has not raised fares

since 2007. It more than \$5 billion in debt, a good portion from the highway construction project through Boston called the Big Dig; the state legislature forced the T to cover some of the cost.

Many students said they felt the cuts would not affect them, but junior Emily Morgan, the leading Merrimack activist in “Students Against T Cuts,” said: “Boston is the center of business and medicine for Massachusetts, and it is really important that we protect our public access to Boston. Not only do we use Boston for touring and fun experiences, but also for career opportunities and as transportation home.”

“By cutting off Merrimack’s public access to North Station, the MBTA would also be limiting students’ abilities to travel by use of the subway system, other commuter rails, buses and the airport,” Morgan said. “Given freshman students cannot have cars on campus, this might cause them to feel disconnected with the city, or even their home.”

Those directly affected or with strong feelings about the issue can long onto <http://studentsagainstTcuts.org> or find the Students Against T Cuts page on Facebook.

Merrimack Expands Graduate Programs

Sarah Davies '13
Staff Writer

Merrimack’s growing graduate programs have become an important focus for the college.

The only graduate program previously offered by Merrimack was in the School of Education which offered multiple licensing programs approved by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. There are currently 200 students currently enrolled in this master’s program, explained assistant dean and chair of graduate programs, Theresa Kirk.

Kirk has served as assistant dean at Merrimack since 2009.

The School of Education has been approved for accreditation, and thus has expanded its licensure and non-licensure programs. These programs focus on obtaining a master’s degree in second education, master’s in reading, early childhood, dual licensing in special and elementary education, and English language learners. The two newest programs include higher education and community engagement.

The full-tuition fellowship

programs through the School of Education engage students to work directly at a school, college, or nonprofit organization gaining hands-on experience, while also taking graduate courses at Merrimack.

Graduates will earn their master’s in one year and receive a stipend while enrolled in the program.

“Merrimack provides a wonderful opportunity for those who do not want to drive to Boston with a small class and practitioners who have worked many years in schools as administrators and teachers,” said Kirk. “The fellowship program at Merrimack has expanded its offerings to charter schools and Catholic schools providing a wide audience and school districts within a 50-mile radius.”

These seven chosen areas of educational studies are further explained on the Merrimack website under “Graduate Programs,” along with course schedules and the cost of attending.

Within the past couple of weeks, Merrimack has expanded its master’s program to include not only education, but engineering, and most recently, a master of science in

management for business students that will launch this fall.

The master of science in management is a business management program designed to prepare graduates for leadership positions and be creative thinkers and integrate integrity and responsibility into their everyday lives, according to college officials.

The business environment can be a vast and complex place; therefore this management program helps prepare students for making managerial decisions and gaining skills to be used in finance, marketing, management, and global economics.

All courses in the master of science in management program aim to provide teaching methods that emphasize on applications of business knowledge and specific areas of management.

Leadership electives are offered for a total of four credits for two chosen classes. Courses include personal leadership, leading effective teams, leading organizational change, and leading creativity and innovation in organizations.

Girard School of Business Program Coordina-

tor Leticia Porter explained, “The master of science in management is intended to give our students an edge in the marketplace for entry level jobs, and hopefully also improve the student’s earning potential.”

In order to obtain their master’s, students must complete 32 credit hours. No prerequisites are required to enter the program, but it is recommended that students take a statistics or economics course prior to entry if they have no already in their undergraduate business courses.

The courses required for the master of science in management include marketing analysis and decision making, global economy, and effective managerial communication, to name a few.

Applicants interested in this program must have a GPA greater or equal to 2.75; no GMAT is required.

Those interested in either of these two approved programs can stop by the Education Department in Austin Hall or O’Reilly’s fourth floor to speak with Porter.

Career Services

The Career Passport Starts its Journey

Danielle Jones
Career Columnist

China? France? Israel? India? Your passport will take you just about anywhere on this globe — but how about a Career Passport?

Merrimack’s Center for Career Services and Cooperative Education is reaching out to freshman in a pilot program called The Career Passport. The program will encourage students to participate in career-related events and activities hosted on campus throughout the semester to receive academic credit in collaboration with the Gi-

rard School of Business & International Commerce.

At least five of the suggested activities must be completed, while three are required: A resume creation and critique; the Majors and Minors Fair, which just recently occurred; and the Co-op and Internship Panel, scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 22, from 5 to 6:30 pm in Murray Lounge.

Open to all students, the Co-op and Internship Panel invites students interested in pursuing internships and co-op work opportunities. Current students and Merrimack alumni will share their experiences, opinions,

and benefits of various programs they were or are a part of.

A recent study published by Michigan State University on Employer Recruiting Trends of 2011 and 2012 indicated that 3,000 of the respondents were seeking interns and co-ops for their organization throughout the academic year. Furthermore, 75 percent of employers offered paid internships, with an average student salary between \$10 and \$15 an hour.

The Office of Career Services is located on the second floor of the Sakowich Center



Spring Concert: Girl Talk

MC to House Some Off-Campus, Change Parking Regulations

Kristina Williamson '13
Staff Writer

It’s that time of year again: Merrimack has officially revealed the act for the spring concert coming in up April. Two weekends ago, on Friday, Feb. 3, the college hired the band Time Flies to perform in the MPR gym as it announced that Girl Talk would be this year’s headline spring act.

The concert will be Friday, April 27, in Volpe Arena, with tickets initially \$5, now \$10, and due to rise to \$15 before they sell out. Which raises the question for some students: Will the concert sell out?

Girl Talk — the DJ Gregg Michael Gillis, who specializes in remixing and mashing up songs to create new dance vibes — follows 2011’s Ludacris as Merrimack’s spring concert act. The Ludracris concert raised student expectations, and Girl Talk was not was widely known when it was announced.

But some students seemed excited by the decision.

“Instead of getting just one artist, it’s going to be like having 12 artists perform at once,” said WHAT YEAR Samantha Sanchez.

Girl Talk’s remixes are pulled from parts of other artists’ songs with a techno/rave beat as the background. “Every song is different and you never know what to expect next, which will keep everybody interested,” said WHAT YEAR Rachel Sullivan.

He has won recognition for his music from Rolling Stone and Time magazine.

Not everyone is a fan. Because Girl Talk samples music from other artists to create his own work, The New York Times Magazine in 2008 called his five albums “a lawsuit waiting to happen.” He is also known for stripping during his performances.



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that Merrimack plans to acquire, they must enter an earlier lottery.

According to Hopey, the on-campus housing lottery will take place in April and the off-campus lottery will be earlier.

According to Sara Hicks, Merrimack’s director of residence life, the college is looking into many different options for off-campus housing, and renting nearby hotel rooms is a possibility.

While students may still live off-campus in apartments they rent themselves, starting this fall Merrimack will acquire off-campus housing units and rent them to interested students.

“The off-campus housing lottery will take place first, on March 28 — this will help us see how many students want to live off campus,” Hicks said.

“The on-campus housing (lottery) will take place in April. We will put a hold on the online room selection process and students will submit preference forms to our office. This will allow us to keep groups of friends together, even if they don’t get their building of preference,” she said.

“So to ensure we can have students live with or near their friend group, we will manage this instead of doing it online, where we would not be able to slide groups over and assist with block housing,” she said.

Many times athletes have early morning practice, and because of that college officials are discussing whether athletes will be given preference for on-campus housing.

Further, all students in Merrimack-controlled housing “will be on a meal plan of some sort next year,” even those who live in the off-campus apartments, said Hicks, who is working with Sodexo to develop meal plans suitable for even those who will be living in the apartments on campus with full kitchens.

“We have a lot of things to work out, but every student is going to be taken care of,” said Fr. Ray Dlugos, vice president of mission and student affairs.

The Student Government Association voted to support the new housing plan. Students are encouraged to voice their opinions to SGA on policies such as letting a sophomore or

junior join with seniors and entering the housing lottery as a group. Rules and regulations regarding housing details are brought to SGA each year.

SGA meets every Tuesday at 5 pm. Students can also email opinions to SGA@merrimack.edu

Some students have wondered if moving parts of student body off-campus would inhibit the close-knit community of Merrimack. Dlugos disputed that notion. “There comes a point in the college experience to spread out and gain more confidence and skills,” he said. “When those students come back, that only enriches the community.”

The college will also help those who don’t want to live in college-controlled housing. Merrimack has posted a job opening on its website for an off-campus housing coordinator, to help students secure off-campus housing on their own.

If everything goes as planned, college officials expect to open a new residence hall in the fall of 2013, and a second new residence hall in 2015.

As part of the housing changes, Merrimack is also changing on-campus parking rules for students.

- Juniors, seniors and graduate students living on campus can enter a parking decal lottery.
- Juniors, seniors and graduate students living in college-controlled off-campus housing will be guaranteed a parking decal and a designated parking location.
- Students not living in college-controlled housing can obtain a parking decal on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Freshmen and sophomores will not be able to bring a car to campus.

The college is also exploring transportation options for those without cars, including the possibility of a ZipCar location on or near campus. ZipCar allows annual dues-paying members to rent cars by the hour.

*Join the discussion on
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Share your thoughts and
comments.*

Superbowl Fallout

Justin Delaney '12
Staff Writer

Each February, one of the year's most anticipated events, the Super Bowl, brings together friends and family for a night of football and fun. Unfortunately, the result of the game can often lead to anger, destruction, and physical harm.

Such was the case at Merrimack College following this past Super Bowl between the New England Patriots and the New York Giants. As the majority of the campus mourned the Patriots' loss, some students took their frustrations out on each other. According to the incident report from the college's

Police Services, there were two reported fights and one complaint of loud noise on Super Bowl Sunday. Moreover, one of the fights resulted in significant harm to one student who did not, however, require serious medical treatment.

These recorded fights are testimony to the type of behavior a college cannot stand for, no matter the situation or event that day.



Patriots Quarterback Tom Brady wasn't the only one angered after Superbowl.

It is not uncommon for sports games of this magnitude to bring out strong emotions from fans of both sides. However, it is important for those involved to remember that there are

heavy consequences for engaging in destructive and potentially harmful activities.

The fights at Merrimack after the Super Bowl are a perfect example of poor ways to handle this type of situation.

Reckless conduct, while it may take your mind off the game's outcome temporarily, will not ultimately change the result of the game in the long run and will have consequences, which remain

forever and must be dealt with for the foreseeable future.

In order to avoid future issues, such as these recent fights, it is important to consider healthy ways of dealing with frustration and anger. Many people take out their emotions in ways such as exercise or, in situations that we can control, thinking of solutions to the problem causing the aggravation. No matter the situation, though, the most important thing is to remain in control of our emotions, no matter how intense, and to think about potential consequences before acting out of frustration.

For the Love of God Alumni Renew Wedding Vows in Collegiate Church

Patrick Lawlor '13
Associate Editor-In-Chief

Sunday Mass on Feb. 12 was held in The Collegiate Church of Christ the Teacher for a special Valentine celebration. Coordinated through the Office of Alumni Relations, alumni were welcomed back to their alma mater to renew their wedding vows.

"We have been attending the Valentine's Mass since its inception. It is nice to come back and renew our marriage vows on the campus where we met over 50 years ago. It's also nice

to see other couples who met here, especially the younger ones with their families," said Claire Keon '62, who renewed her vows with husband, Jack Keon '61. Fr. Bill Waters, who celebrated the Mass, told all the married couples in the audience to "tell the world how much you love your sacrament." "It is always so nice to have alumni come back to their roots. This is the first year we have invited current students and their parents to join us. It was a powerful message for students to see couples of all ages recom-

mit their vows and for alumni to experience our students as a faith community," said Waters. "The fifth annual Valentine's Day Mass embraces Merrimack College's mission by bringing together alumni, students and their parents in an effort to engage hearts and empower lives," said Kathleen St. Hilaire '05, associate director of alumni relations. "It was a powerful visual as the couples of all ages gathered on the altar at the Collegiate Church of Christ the Teacher to renew their vows and recommit to their marriages."



Coins for Kids

Stephen Tullgren '13
Standards Editor

In the first semester, you may have been wondering why there were gigantic baby bottles in the Warrior's Den, Post Office, Bookstore, and Zest.

The bottles were to give students, faculty and staff the opportunity to make donations to the Pregnancy Care Center (PCC) in Haverhill and Lawrence.

The PCC supports women with pregnancy testing, counseling, baby clothes, furniture, maternity clothes, and various other forms of support for pregnant women. Its services are free and confidential.

The PCC mission statement says, "The Pregnancy Care Center is a Christ-centered ministry offering life-affirming services designed to empower women and men in making informed choices about unexpected pregnancy, sexual integrity and recovery from post abortion trauma."

On Feb. 7, Fr. Bill Waters from Campus Ministry and Matt Hanafin and Michele Bonanno representing the Warriors for Life — REAL (Respecting Every Aspect of Life) presented a check for \$430 to Deb Pryor, administrative assistant at the PCC. REAL and the PCC said they were grateful to all those who contributed.



Questions on the Quad

Compiled by John Smyth and Ryan Flanigan

Are you satisfied with the housing situation?



It is unfair to the juniors and seniors. I personally was guaranteed housing all four years.
- Devin McLellan



It's a long commute for me from Canada.
- Rhett Bly



I am most upset about not having a car on campus.
-OJ



It's OK because I'm a sophomore.
- Lauren Beach



It sucks for everyone else but I'm a sophomore so it's fine by me.
- Megan Culbert



I think everyone should be guaranteed housing.
-Jordan Schnopp



I am not happy with it.
- Katie Mondo



It will be interesting to see how it works.
- Dave MacKenzie

Mack Tweets

Compiled by @gbaby_cerretani

@eddeddnjake:

Sparky made me heart shaped nuggets? i cant wait

@dankolo22:

Was on the ice with Stephane Da Costa today. Thankfully he got off early so I didnt have to go searching for my confidence after practice.

@glenbotz:

here at merrimack, we hate fin aid, complain over the food, but nothing pisses us off like HOUSING. i love watching this place explode w anger

@sm00v22:

Damn...only 100 days left of school

andy_yav:

teachers at Merrimack most definitely get hired on their lack of ability to use a computer #fact

@kyleneary:

Found: (1) women's north face. (1) men's black quarter zip sweatshirt. (1) Merrimack College Water Bottle. Contact to arrange a pickup.

@chrisp_chris:

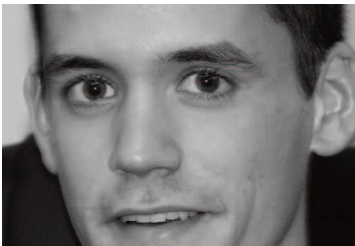
Your talent will be severely missed Whitney #rip

@sarahicks1410:

Happy RA Appreciation Day to the Merrimack RA staff. You do amazing work throughout the year and today we honor you.



Valley Voice



News From Outside Campus

By, Patrick J. Lawlor, Associate Editor in Chief

Local Politicians Scrutinized for Campaign Finance Violations

Two local politicians have gained attention over alleged campaign finance violations recently. Freshman Rep. Paul Adams, who represents the 17th Essex District, which includes parts of Andover, Lawrence and Tewksbury, has allegedly benefited from a multi-step financial “scheme” according to a report by the

Eagle-Tribune. The report said that an out-of-town political committee from Marlborough produced six mailings costing \$27,807 for Adams’ campaign, causing state Democrats to wonder what interest Marlborough had in Adams’ election. His family also donated funds totaling \$30,000, violating campaign finance laws. The Massachusetts Democratic Committee

called for an investigation into the Marlborough Republican Committee for funding Republican campaigns outside of Marlborough.

Essex County Sheriff Frank Cousins was under fire after WBZ-TV’s investigative team reported that several corrections officers claimed that they were pressured into donating to

his campaign. The report said that department employees and family members have donated a total of \$400,000 to his war chest since 2005. Cousins denied that anyone was pressured into donating. He has since said that he will no longer solicit donations from any union members. He is, however, accepting donations from his 27-member command staff. According to

Cousins, the allegations are in result of a disgruntled employee who recently left the department. Cousins said that despite efforts by WBZ to block out his face and change his voice in the interview, his staff was able to identify the former employee.

First Major and Minor Fair a Success

Robert Perocchi-’12
Staff Writer

Merrimack College's first ever Major/Minor Fair kicked off with a bang on Feb 8. Professors and students set up tables in the multi-purpose room of the Sak and offered information for students to help them decide on a major or minor. “An excellent chance for undeclared students to explore their options,” said Professor MaryKay Mahoney. The fair offered students a chance to talk to professors who teach in a specific major as well as students who are either majors or minors in that field. Each major had its own table complete with decorations, informative handouts, video presentations, candy, and several examples of student work. The ultimate purpose of the fair was to get students to learn more about the numerous options they have at Merrimack, both during their time here and for their lives after graduation. With professors and students to talk to in each major, all of a student’s questions could be answered. Any inquiries

about the books or projects they will have to complete or about the amount of homework and how fun the classes are could be answered by either a professor or student. With approximately 200 students in attendance, the results seemed a little low compared to how many students are either undeclared or considering a second major or minor. Senior Glenna Mugavero summarized it: “Sometimes these fairs don’t work, but some kids took initiative to show up and learn about majors and minors despite a lack of advertising.” This year the majors competed to see who had the most interesting and eye-catching table, with electrical engineering walking away with the title.

13th Annual Women's Leadership Seminar!

Honoring the outstanding achievements of women on campus.

Wednesday, March 14, 2012.

Look out for your invitation by nomination!

Police Log

02/18/2012 1:32 NOISE COMPLAINT: Student Called PS about noise emanating from room in O'Brien Hall. Ofcs, responded. Unit reports student clearing out; everyone well behaved

02/17/2012 THREAT- NON-CRIMINAL: RA from O'Brien Hall requested an Ofc. to speak with a student who is reporting that they had been threatened by another student. 02:56 hrs Ofc. Requests AC to be notified and dispatched to O'Brien 03:27 hrs Ofc. reports statements have been taken with report to follow, unit is clear

02/17/2012 03:19 NOISE COMPLAINT: Student from B-tower reports loud music coming from C-tower. Sgt. Responded. Unit clear, radio left on in empty unity

02/17/2012 DRUG-POSS. PARAPHERNALIA: Call from RD reporting that while the RAs were doing a safety check of rooms they found a pipe on the window sill of room. RD is requesting an officer come and pick it up. Sgt is responding.

02/16/2012 STOLEN PROPERTY: Student came in to report he left his bike outside Mendel overnight. It was stolen sometime between then and now. Lt. spoke to him. See report.

02/16/2012 12:39 STOLEN PROPERTY: Ptl spoke with student of F tower about a stolen sweatshirt.

02/16/2012 23:21 NOISE COMPLAINT The RA from the Apts called, loud noise coming from the

room and they believe the occupants have left for the evening. Sgt. reports entering the room and shutting off stereo. Unit cleared.

02/12/2012 21:12 DISTURBANCE-General, Received a call from off duty RA in Deegan West stating that resident student was going through the halls intoxicated, shouting and trying to start a fight. Ptl. were dispatched. AC was notified and is responding. Unit reports speaking with the student and telling her to stay in her room.

Former Student Facing Child Porn Charges

Former student Raymond Macallister was arrested and is facing allegations that he engaged in child pornography.

Macallister is being charged by the Middlesex County district attorney for disseminating child pornography, child enticement, and exhibiting a child in the state of nudity. A prosecutor said at his arraignment that he enticed a 13-year-old boy to disrobe and commit a sexual act during an online video chat.

College officials said last week that he is not currently a student.

According to his Facebook page Macallister was very involved in intramural basketball on campus, and had recently attended home hockey games.

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THEOLOGY WITH TIM

Servites Show the Way:
Humility Is the Path to Truth

Tim Iannacone ’12
Columnist

Feb. 24 will be the optional memorial of the Seven Holy Founders of the Order of the Servites. This feast, which is celebrated by the Roman Catholic Church, remembers seven wealthy merchants who courageously accepted the invitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary to

relieve themselves of their well-regarded statuses and worldly possessions in order to take up a life entirely devoted to prayer and penance.

This story, barely known by Catholics, portrays an incredible spiritual journey by seven men of nobility. These men, although religious, knew fully well that the invitation by the Blessed Virgin Mary was a leap of faith that drifted far from the opposite spectrum of their lives — lives filled with extravagant treasures and material possessions. This leap of faith was not taken in vain, but made possible through the many graces given by God.

The men, soon after submitting to the will of Mary, began to beg

door to door. This begging was not for any charitable cause, but merely for their own survival and as a rejection of a world preoccupied with material possessions and personal strife. These men also assisted in hospitals, caring for the poor and teaching modesty and peace to those who wished to learn more about the Catholic faith.

These holy men are known for not only adopting the rule of St. Augustine, our college’s patron saint, but for founding a religious order still in existence today, known as the Friar Servants of Mary..

While there are many spiritual lessons that can be gleaned from this story, the principal one involves the remission of pride. Pride often encompasses our very being into believing that we are higher than anything else and deserve everything that is good. Humbling ourselves as these men did is seen today as lunacy, but in fact living in humility is at the heart of Catholic teaching. We must live virtuous lives and stop aiming for a more attached lifestyle which desperately desires deification, or in other words, to be “Godlike.”

Today’s shallow and prideful

culture would deem the particular nature of sacrificing one’s life for God barbaric and disgraceful. The virtue of humility is not striving to be “Godlike,” but living in relationship with God, fully knowing that we are not the sole dispensers of our faith and salvation. Sadly, this is an all too common and deceitful belief that many college students and faculty have today.

If while reading this you catch yourself asking, “But isn’t humility comparable with humiliated?” I would answer “most definitely, yes.” Do you not think Christ, the Son of God, who should have been treated with the most respect humanely possible, yet was humiliated on the way to Calvary? Let us remember, “Though he was in the form of God, Jesus did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross” (Phil. 2:6–8).

It is difficult for college students to live a humble life, especially similar to these seven men, when so many of us have been indoctrinated

to believe that the opulent or extravagant lifestyle is the only, indeed the most desirable, lifestyle to strive for. I can say this only as gently as God has endowed me to, but: it is time to wake up.

We do not live in a fairytale life, but are expected to live the truth, which is ambivalent to popular brands and financial ambitions. In time, this truth will blossom into a dependence on God not only for life itself, but for any good which comes from us or to us. Humility is absolutely necessary in order to make this sort of progress. However, this is diametrically opposite of the corporate world, which misleadingly cites pride as the fuel of success.

Let us not think of this memorial for the Seven Founders of the Servites as a petty feast of the Church’s calendar, but rather a call to live humbly, always striving for that humility which God so lovingly and passionately bestowed upon these seven men.

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Much to Like About Grammys

Adele Shines at Grammy Awards, Takes Home Six Grammy's

Laura Bakopolus '13
Staff Writer

Ding! Your popcorn is ready. You pull it out of the microwave (too soon, apparently, because now your fingers have suffered third-degree burns), grab your blanket (or Snuggie – I won't judge ...OK, I might be judging a little), and curl up on the couch. You flick on the TV and—dear God, what is that? Is that a live taping of an exorcism? Why are those half-naked dancers grinding on alter boys? Oh wait, that's just Nicki Minaj's new ploy to get people talking.

Whew. I guess pop culture's unfortunate fascination with strangeness is the price to pay for my eyes now being in as much pain as my fingers.

In case you haven't guessed, I'm talking about the Grammy Awards. In the past, I used to get so excited to watch the Grammys because I knew how talented all the musicians and singers were, so I knew I was in for a good show. Their talent and stage presence drove the entertainment of the evening, and that was more than sufficient for viewers nationally.

Now, I hold my channel changer at the ready in case Lady Gaga is going to do some weird new blood-spouting, air-spinning, robot-resembling performance that frankly I don't give an (insert expletive) about.

I have always had enormous respect for country singers especially, since their songs never fail to tell actual heartfelt stories rather than just blabbing about cars, clubs, and girls, which has been all the rage in the past few years. The 2012 Grammys reaffirmed my love for country music. I was quite happy to see The Band, Perry and Blake Shelton perform with Glen Campbell; music seemed to be a sort of therapy for Campbell's unfortunate bout with Alzheimer's, which made for a touching performance. Just when I had thought all emotion was struck from pop music, country singers renewed my faith in humanity. Thank you, country music, for never letting me down.

I was also very pleased to see Carrie Underwood

on stage with Tony Bennett. They are both class acts and very well-respected performers, so I was satisfied with the choice to have such a polished country singer perform with such a well-liked and charming crooner. I would have liked to have heard Underwood sing something on her own — perhaps "Remind Me," her duet with Brad Paisley — since the song "It Had To Be You" isn't exactly what she's used to singing. Still, I think she did a great job. And even after all these years, Tony Bennett's still got it!

Adele was the clear winner of the night, happily running away with six Grammys, including the big three: Best Song and Record of the Year for "Rolling in the Deep," and Album of the Year for "21." During her performance of "Rolling in the Deep," I could hear the difference in her voice since her recovery from surgery on her hemorrhaged vocal cord. And even though her voice was a bit raspy and rang a deeper tone than usual, she still is more talented than 75 percent of the so-called artists out there today. The fact that she came out on stage with just a microphone and sang simply and honestly, barely even gesturing with her hands, speaks volumes about her class and skill.

Bravo, Adele. Keep chasing those pavements, girl, because they're leading you directly into the hearts of all your listeners.

Adele probably met, or even exceeded, many people's expectations; other artists, however, did not. Take Rihanna, for example. Her music is very popular across clubs and tops the billboards, which, though I am not the hugest fan of hers, is fine — people can listen to whatever music they want. But if I'm going to be brutally honest, I'll have to say that at the 54th annual Grammy Awards, she sounded atrocious. I thought someone



Singer Adele recieved Best Song, and Record of the Year for Rolling in the Deep, and Album of the Year for "21"

was strangling a cat outside my window. I literally was seconds away from calling PETA. And I won't even mention that she looked like Calypso from "Pirates of the Caribbean" (oops, too late).

So Rihanna, with great power comes great responsibility; people are going to be expecting a great performance from you, so please try to polish up before you take the stage at the biggest music award show in America. It's not exactly a diss, but maybe some advice to heed. So please do.

Because I do not enjoy being negative, I will end this on a high note, both literally and figuratively. First, let me guess: All you've been hearing about lately is pop icon Whitney Houston's untimely death. Sure, towards the end of her career, she wasn't what she used to be, but in the 1980s, when she was at her peak, she was unbelievably talented. That is the Whitney Houston we should remember today.

I must admit that Jennifer Hudson succeeded at giving an appropriate tribute to Houston in her flawless rendition of "I Will Always Love You." I had begun to grow quite sick of Hudson after hearing her shriek about suns in the sky on her Weight Watchers commercial, but her beautiful performance permanently struck her from my "Please Shut Up And Sit Down" list. I appreciated how she did not do the song exactly in Houston's

style, but that she also did not go the other extreme by getting too fancy. I hate when people try to color their performances with random high notes and vocal runs, because they usually end up drowning out the true meaning of the song. Luckily, Hudson did not do that. Her performance was tasteful and classy, and I respect her so much more now for that.

Speaking of respect, my opinions of certain people changed or intensified over the course of the evening. Take Dave Grohl, for example. It is very difficult to say something unique in an acceptance speech, but what Grohl stated after Foo Fighters won the Grammy for Best Rock Album for "Wasting Light" had me clapping and cheering from my couch. He said:

"This is a great honor, because this record was a special record for our band. Rather than go to the best studio in the world down the street in Hollywood and rather than use all of the fanciest computers that money can buy, we made this one in my garage with some microphones and a tape machine. To me this award means a lot because it shows that the human element of music is what's important. Singing into a microphone and learning to play an instrument and learning to do your craft—that's the most important thing for people to do. It's not about being perfect, it's not about sounding absolutely correct, it's not about what goes on in a

computer. It's about what goes on in here (your heart) and what goes on in here (your head)."

Amen, Dave Grohl. Amen.

But my favorite part of the entire night came after all the awards had been given out. Can you guess what I'm talking about? You've got it – Paul McCartney. Sir Paul McCartney, I should say.

His closing performance of "Golden Slumbers/Carry That Weight/The End" from the Abbey Road album was just amazing. He has still got his charm, and though he is beginning to sound his age, he still has his pipes! He is the gold standard of songwriting, singing, performing, and showing sheer character that everyone should strive to live up to.

I was so happy to see Joe Walsh, Bruce Springsteen, and Dave Grohl join him on stage to play some hot guitar riffs during the Beatles' song "The End." That performance is what the Grammys is all about — amazing performers getting together to have some fun while sharing their talent with each other and the world.

Men’s Basketball 4 Games Hot

Warrior’s Surpass Stonehill, St. Anselm’s, UMass Lowell and St. Michael’s

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Staff Writer

Coming into February the Warriors were sitting at 7- 9 in conference, were reeling from a crushing loss to rival Bentley, and seemingly out of the NE-10 playoff picture.

Fast forward a week and three wins later, the Warriors sat at 10-9, tied for seventh in the conference, and on the verge of cementing a first-round home playoff game.

Merrimack knocked off Stonehill, St. Anselm’s, and UMass Lowell by an average margin of 11 points, have won five consecutive home games, and an impressive six of their last eight contests. Due in large part to stingy team defense and an NE -10-best 39 boards a game, Merrimack has slipped on their Dr. Scholl’s this month, as they are gelling at just the right time.

Heading into the matchup against Stonehill, the problem plaguing the Warriors all year long had been team defense down the stretch of close games. That was non-existent as Merrimack clipped the Skyhawks 51-43, breaking two records, and starting the month off with a bang.

Oddly enough only four Warrior starters logged into the scorebook, but that was all Merrimack needed to shoot down the Skyhawks. If you hadn’t heard of junior and University of Buffalo transfer Mike Clifford before, he made sure to leave a lasting impression, putting the team on his back with 14 points including an electrifying slam, and 17 boards, the highest number of rebounds

recorded by a Warrior since 2007.

Clifford was aided by one of three Merrimack senior 1,000-point scorers, Aaron Strothers. Honored before the game for the

third-place Skyhawks to net a minute 16 baskets.

“We played solid defensively, did well rebounding, and played with discipline and patience,” said Coach Bert Hammel.

seven assists. Strothers replicated his fine game against Stonehill, producing 15 points. Wayne Mack once again scored in double digits, compiling 15 in the win.

at Merrimack under the helm of Hammel. Herrenda also holds the school record for assists in a game, with 22. Although he considers Hammel a mentor, there has been a bit of a rivalry brewing between the two coaches.

This time around Hammel had Clifford in the lineup, the crowd was electric, the Merrimack defense was impeccable, and the Warriors obliterated the rival Riverhawks 74-57. The Warriors used an 18 -0 run at the end of the first half to blow the game open. Four Warriors were in double digits, including Clifford who notched a double-double with 14 points and 12 boards. Strothers finished with a game high 17 points.

Roland Davis recorded 17 points while going three of five from downtown, and looking like the Davis of old. Mack was impressive as always netting 13 points, to go along with a game high five steals.

After the game, Hammel said, “We did well defensively, and we need to play with the same focus and intensity here on out.”

With the win the Warriors moved into a tie for seventh place, have won five straight home games, three consecutive games, and have won six of their last eight. And if the Warriors are able to get the 3, 4, 7, or 8 seed, they will garner themselves a home playoff game, in a new format where 10 out of 16 teams make the playoffs instead of 12.

As the Beacon was going to press, the Warriors beat St. Michael’s, 56-48.



The Warriors on Bert Hammel Court in the Volpe Gym
Photo by Ryan Flanigan

milestone, Strothers used his momentum to drill seven of his first eight shots from the floor, finishing with a game high 17 points. Adding to the tally was “Mr. Reliable,” a.k.a. senior Wayne Mack, maintaining his top-five conference average of 17 points and nailing key free throws in the final two minutes.

Merrimack held its opponent to a scant 43 points for the first time since 2003, chained Stonehill to shoot a mere 26.7 percent from the floor, and forced the

The Warriors carried that same mindset into the next game against the St. Anselm Hawks, and shot them down 67- 60. Merrimack used its “lock down” defense to cuff their opponent to shoot a meager 37 percent from the floor. Three Warriors scored in double digits, and another senior 1000 point scorer, Roland Davis, was the X-factor. Davis was flat-out balling, going two of three from downtown and finishing with a game high 16 points, while dishing out a game high

Following the victory against St. Anselm’s, Hammel said, “The team is buying into the defensive philosophy, and learning to fight through to earn wins.”

The victory set up a pivotal rivalry matchup against UMass Lowell, not only for bragging rights but for avenging an earlier 68-66 loss to the Riverhawks.

Four-year Lowell head coach Greg Herrenda was the first NE-10 player to become a coach in the conference, and played ball

Women’s Lacrosse Ranked 12th Nationally

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Staff Writer

The Merrimack women’s lacrosse team is ranked fourth preseason in the NE-10. The Lady Warriors finished 12-7 in the 2011 regular season.

When asking Corrine Baker, head coach for the Warriors, what opponents she looked forward to playing this season, she replied, “In regards to a rivalry, we’ve

had a longstanding battle with Stonehill. They escaped here last year having won by a goal with some shaky last few minutes. Our girls are pretty fired up to play them. We’ve never beaten them.”

The team has its two leading scores coming back this season. Senior captains Colleen Strachan and Mary Pasquantonio look to continue their success heading into their final season.

Baker is also expecting a big year from juniors Jenn Pino and Kristin Elliott, she said.

“Jenn is expected to have a breakout season, even though she in rehabbing from a injury last year that required surgery,” said Baker. “Elliott is a big part of our low defense” as well as “Inna Hedded in returning in between the pipes.”

The Warriors are also looking to freshman Giulia Palombo to help them out at the midfield.

Merrimack starts off its season facing St. Anselm College at Warrior field on March 10.

Nationally Ranked Teams

Field Hockey: 3

Men’s Lacrosse: 8

Hockey: 9

Women’s Lacrosse: 12

Women’s Soccer: 22

Softball: 25



MACK LAX Has Pre-season Presence

Kaitlin Quinlan '13
Staff Writer

In the Northeast-10 Coaches Pre-season Poll, Merrimack's Men's Lacrosse has been picked to finish third (83 points) in the Northeast-10, behind rivals Le Moyne (91 points) and Adelphi (99 points). Last season the men finished with an 11 win, 6 loss overall record, while posting a 6-4 conference record. In the conference semifinals the Warriors downed the Le Moyne Dolphins and advanced to play Adelphi in the Northeast 10 finals.

Head coach Mike Morgan enters his fifth season at the helm of Merrimack Lacrosse. Also Matt Karwick will be joining the staff as the head assistant coach for his first season with the Warriors. "I am extremely excited to coach at Merrimack College," said Karweck.

"Coach Morgan has done an amazing job building the program, and I am honored to have the opportunity to work alongside him to bring a National Championship to North Andover," Karweck said.

"With a powerful team returning, expanding athletic facilities, and unmatched support from the athletic department, Merrimack will continue to rise to the forefront of Division II lacrosse. I'm very proud to be a Warrior," Karweck added.

Merrimack Alum Bryan Brazil will be with the team for his second season.

"I'm excited to get back to my alma mater and getting to work with such a highly skilled offensive unit," said Brazill, who graduated from Merrimack in 2005.

"The program has done great things over the past few years, and I look forward to being a part of it moving forward."

On the field comes the experienced and seasoned seniors; Peter Schielke (Cpt.), Greg Fallon John Smyth, Bryan Pollack (Cpt.), Devin Gordan, Jordan Tiger, Steven Lee Frey(Cpt.), Nick Maggio and Greg Manning. Four Warriors have earned preseason All-American honors. Senior defender Peter Schielke, in the 2011 season



alone caused a team high 27 turnover, received 37 ground balls on defense earning him first team all conference honors. Schielke was the only defender from the Northeast-10 on the first-team. Corey Lunney, was named NEILA All-New England Player of the Year last season after compiling a team-high 39 goals and 53 points. Lunney scored at least one goal in all 17 games last season, including nine in the playoffs. He also earned first-team all-conference honors in 2011.

As an honorable mention

selection, Michael Perdie was third on the team in scoring in 2011 racking up 13 goals and 31 points in 13 games, while gaining 15 groundballs. Also a first team selection Nick Maggio won 69% of his draws last season, but is currently rehabbing from surgery and is expected to be back in six weeks.

The Warriors open their 2012 season at Dominican (NY) Tuesday March 6th.

Sports

Warriors Look Strong Entering into Outdoor Season

Kayla Morong '12
Sports Editor

Athletes and fans filled the Reggie Lewis Center on Saturday as the Northeast 10 Indoor track Championship took place. With last year as its inaugural season, it was Merrimack's second time ever competing in the meet. The women's team took home ninth place with 25 points and the men's side earned 15.5 points, finishing eighth overall.

There were many personal bests set by the Lady Warriors. Sophomore Briana Devereux came in second place in the 1000-meter run, with a time of 3:01.94. Devereux's time qualified her for the New England championship this Friday. Other great performances were by Sophomore Fiona Coleman who placed fourth in the 5k as well as Freshman Kelsey Grimmer who placed sixth. Grimmer improved her 5k time from the Tufts Invite by 18 seconds with a time of 18:43.

The women's distance medley team fought to the finish, taking second place behind Stonehill, finishing in 12:44.21, nearly breaking Southern Connecticut's winning time last year of 12:42.63.

"I am so proud of our team. Last year we put our toes in the water in our first year and this year we made a splash. Out-



Senior Ian Weaver placed 6th in the High Jump at the NE-10 Conference Meet
~Photo Courtesy of Coach Connelly~

door track will truly showcase how hard we have been working all year," said Senior Captain Ashley Sarris.

On the men's side, Senior Captain Ethan Weaver clinched seventh in the 500-meter dash with a personal best of 1:07.74. For Weaver, this was his second time ever competing in the 500 this season. Junior Jesse Fowler finished sixth in the 55-meter dash, qualifying for the finals,

sealing a time of 6.65 seconds.

Senior Captain Ian Weaver ran his best 400 of the season, crossing the finish line in 51.66, good for thirteenth place. Weaver also scored points for his team in high jump with a jump of 1.79 meters, placing sixth. The men's distance medley team also scored points, placing sixth place. Sophomore Anthony Bacini exhibited his jumping skills, taking sixth place in the triple

jump with 13.11 meters.

"The team did very well. There were a lot of personal bests. Compared to last season we scored more points as a team both men's and women's. It is always great competition when facing the Northeast 10 Conference. I look forward to the outdoor season and getting better as a team," said Weaver.

With the Indoor season coming to an end the team heads strong into the outdoor season. On Friday some athletes will compete at the New England Championship at Reggie Lewis Center on Friday, but others will continue to train hard for the start of spring track. Head Coach Matt Pimentel was excited for his team's accomplishments over the weekend.

"Our athletes all came ready to compete. Every athlete turned in personal or seasonal bests in their events. It was great to see Merrimack be competitive in so many events."

Kayla Morong is Captain of the Women's Track Team, and in her second year as Sports Editor.