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## Loiseau NFL Draft Potential Shines at Shrine Game

Kayka Morong '12  
Sports Editor

Ever since senior Merrimack football player Shawn Loiseau was 7 years old, he knew he wanted to become a professional linebacker.

One of his biggest inspirations was his father.

"He has always pushed me to be the best I could be, and has sup-

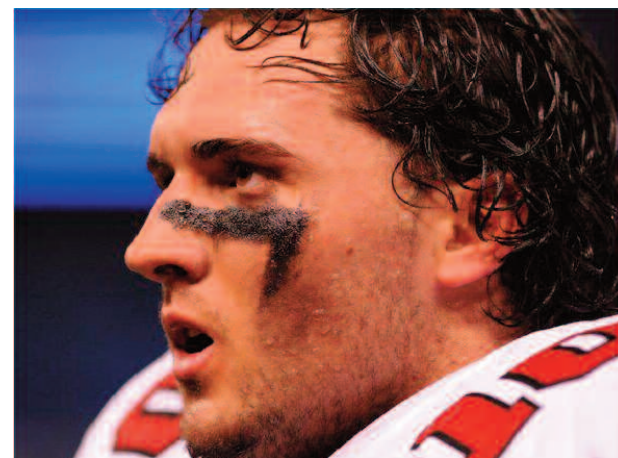
ported me more than anyone else in my whole life," said the Shrewsbury, Mass., native.

Loiseau played four hard years for the Warriors. As a linebacker, he said, he has learned a lot from his coaches, his teammates and his role on the field.

After the 2011 season ended, he was selected to take part in the Jan. 21 East-West Shrine game. This game, established in 1925, is one of

the longest running all-star football games in history. The game includes the top-ranked Division I, II, and III athletes in the country and provides players an opportunity to be looked at by the top NFL recruiters, making the game a remarkable experience.

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**BEAST OF THE EAST: #4 Merrimack to take on #3 Boston University Friday night at Lawler Rink . See story, Page 10.**

## Post Game Party to Make Some Noise Spring Concert Performer to be announced

Dana Hildner '13  
Staff Writer

The Merrimack Program Board will host a post-game party in the MPR on Friday night after the hockey game against Boston University. The party is free to the Merrimack community with a Mack Card; each student is permitted one guest.

The highlight of the party will be the announcement of the performer for the 2012 Spring Weekend concert at Merrimack. There will be an all-you-can-eat Mexican buffet as well as a special performance by the YouTube sensation Timeflies.

According to their Facebook page: "Timeflies is a duo that originated in Boston and is currently located in Brooklyn, N.Y. Rob Resnick (Rez), producer, provides the beats while Cal is on vocals. Timeflies produces hip-hop, rap, and pop tracks."

The duo started making videos of the lead vocalist, Cal, freestyling to famous tracks by

pulling random words out of a hat, and have progressed to writing and producing their own tracks, featured on their debut album, "The Scotch Tape."

"I am really excited Timeflies is coming to Merrimack," junior Marissa Keach said. "I have been a fan since they first started. I am also excited to find out who is coming to perform for Spring Weekend. I am really looking forward to attend the post-game party."

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## Bathroom Cleaning in the Toilet

Patrick Coskren '13  
Staff Writer

Over the winter break dozens of bathrooms in the apartments were not cleaned, apparently violating the terms of the housing agreement with students.

Numerous students were upset to find the 42 bathrooms just as they had left them before heading off campus for the winter holidays. "It is tough paying the amount of money we do for tuition to not have certain things fixed and cleaned as promised in my housing agreement," said Connor Daly, a junior. "I do not feel I should have had to contact someone because my bathroom was not cleaned. I feel that a better effort could have been made to make sure my bathroom was taken care of."

Tricia Lewis, a senior, faced a similar problem. In her case, she said, "It was honestly more of an inconvenience than anything. We had

to move our cabinetry out of the bathroom to make room for the cleaners, which was not exactly light, only to come back to a bathroom yet to be cleaned."

James Finn, the assistant director of Physical Plant, said he understood the concerns and apologized. "We are very sorry about the bathrooms that were not cleaned and we take full responsibility," he said.

Physical Plant sent out emails asking anyone whose bathroom was not cleaned and would like it cleaned to email or call to arrange a time for cleaning.

Those whose bathrooms were left uncleaned will be cleaned over the spring break (March 16 – March 25). As for those with large cabinetry, as in the case of Lewis, if you inform Physical Plant beforehand, they will assist you in moving it if not move it themselves.





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# Senior Section: Making Career Moves Getting LinkedIn

Justin Delaney '12  
*Staff Writer*

As graduation nears for the senior class, many students are discovering just how difficult a task finding a job in today's ultra-competitive market can be.

No longer is a high grade-point average, a college degree, or previous work experience enough to enter the job hunt with confidence. Now, it is imperative that students begin to make connections with employers well before applying with a company.

LinkedIn.com has developed into a widely used resource by employers and applicants for networking and forming connections that could lead to jobs.

LinkedIn is helpful in allowing students to show off their resumes in a new way to any employers who are also members of LinkedIn. Considering that there are now more than 135 million users and more than 2 million companies with LinkedIn company pages, having an account could be extremely beneficial for those who are struggling to make important connections.

Members of LinkedIn are encouraged to post their educational background, previous

and current work experience, links to any other networking accounts they may have, personal contact information, and recommendations they have acquired.

Laura Callan, a senior management student at Merrimack, explained the usefulness of displaying information on LinkedIn, saying, "LinkedIn is especially useful for anyone applying for a new job. Since resumes are typically only one page in length, you can really only put a limited amount of information on them. However, if you include a link to your LinkedIn account on your resume, it provides potential employers with an extra source of information regarding your skills and qualifications."

Proper use of the space on one's page can serve as a great tool for impressing potential employers and giving important information to those in your network, she said.

The rising popularity of LinkedIn is another reason why it is such a helpful tool to college students who are trying to find employers to communicate with. In fact, according to LinkedIn's website, executives from each 2011 Fortune 500 company have memberships to LinkedIn. In addition, LinkedIn

members have used the website to submit hundreds of thousands of applications to potential employers.

Matthew Lindmark, a senior business student at Suffolk University and strong supporter of creating a LinkedIn account, researched online networking and found that "61 percent of job seekers find their job through their network or someone they know."

The number of LinkedIn users and increasing amount of connections being made and applications being sent out through this site demonstrates how useful it can be for college students and recent graduates in finding a career.

As competition for jobs rises to new levels, students must do everything possible in order to stay ahead and seek future employers. Networking has become the most powerful tool in gaining an edge on other applicants and LinkedIn has established itself as the leader in online business networking with more than 14 million college students and recent graduates signed up through 2011. This number is sure to rise over the next few years as students creating a membership truly do gain an advantage over those who miss out on this opportu-

# Rumor Has it: There may be a senior week... Stay Tuned for Details.

## 107 Days til Graduation

# Change in Zest Hours: Students' Voices Heard Warriors' Den Extends Hours

Andrew Napolitano '12  
Staff Writer

Zest, which opened last semester as part of a wave of facilities upgrades on campus, has changed its hours due to the response from the student body.

Jay Degioia, the manager of Sodexo, said, "We have listened to suggestions and are acting accordingly to the response from the students." Numerous students have requested that the hours for Zest be altered to meet their need for Zest's breakfast menu, which includes breakfast sandwiches and hot cups of cappuccino.

Zest is now open Monday through Friday between 8:30 and 11 a.m. for breakfast, then 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. for lunch and dinner, and Sundays 3 to 9 p.m. It was formerly open until 1 a.m. on some days.

Some students are disappointed in the change of the café's hours.

Alex Cultrera, a member of the junior class,

said, "It was a colossal disappointment to learn of the change for Zest's hours of operation. As someone who frequently visited Zest after midnight, I was very saddened to hear that I could no longer enjoy the luxury of late-night fine dining."

Cultrera may be in the minority in regards to the altering of the hours, however; the hours of the café will stand until the student body speaks again, Degioia said.

Sodexo employees noticed the difference in morning sales compared to evening sales at Zest throughout the first semester, and changed the hours. Zest is now open earlier, while the Warriors' Den is open later to fulfill students' desire for late-night fried food. The Den is open until 11 p.m. Sunday to Wednesday and until 1 a.m. Thursday to Saturday. Degioia believes the changes will be well-received throughout the campus. He said, "We have exceeded our expectations in regards to sales."

He believes a major factor to Zest's positive start is the location, on the first floor of the Mc-

Quade Library.

In mid-February students will receive an email directing them to a website where they can provide feedback to Sodexo; those who complete the survey will be rewarded with a candy bar. Sodexo has already floated such ideas as having the Warriors' Den deliver to student residences from Thursday to Sunday nights, with items from the menu at Augie's Pub. The proposal called for student groups to deliver food, in exchange for 10 percent of the profits.

"We have had great success with students working for us at hockey games and believe we could have the same success at the Warriors Den," he said. "It's a win-win."

If student groups are interested in starting this program up, they can contact Degioia or John Gallagher in the Student Involvement office.

"The campus is growing," Degioia said, "and as the campus grows, we are going to grow with it."

## PGP

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Allison Stinson, associate director of student involvement, said tickets for the April 27 Spring Weekend concert in Lawler Arena will go on sale immediately after Friday night's announcement.

Tickets are \$5 per student — going up to \$10 on Feb. 20 — and \$15 per guest (students can purchase two each). Tickets for the general public will be sold online starting Feb. 20 for \$20 apiece. Cash, check or Mack Card payment is acceptable.



Pictured Left:  
2011 Spring  
Concert Performer  
Ludacris

## Greek Recruitment

Sororities and Fraternities will be on Main Street in the upcoming days.

### Sororities

Alpha Sigma Tau  
Theta Phi Alpha  
Zeta Tau Alpha

### Fraternities

Phi Kappa Theta  
Tau Kappa Epsilon

Inquire within if interested

## Merrimack Redesigns Website

Sarah Davies '13  
Staff Writer

The Merrimack website recently underwent a few layout changes in hopes of incorporating a cleaner look and ease of use.

The website management team consists of two people: webmaster Stacie Bowman and her assistant, Michael Walton. Both Bowman and Walton work in the communications department at Austin Hall, where they monitor and control the design and layout of the main Merrimack homepage on a daily basis.

The design team wanted to base the redesign off the Merrimack home page that launched 2010. The new layout does not include any content change, just design changes. Content administrators such as faculty still control the content.

The 2010 home page had been generally well received by students, but the web design team identified poor navigation and design concerns with it, so the college decided to hire White Whale Web Services to head the redesign project last July.

White Whale took on the project in two phases, with the first phase consisting of an improved search feature, a more dynamic home page, and a new content management

system. The new Merrimack search engine returns better results and automatically suggests search topics. The new home page incorporates a simple design with more news, photos, and events happening on campus.



Merrimack College's New Website

Phase two will involve gathering students' insight on what they want to see on the Merrimack website. "Phase two will incorporate a redesign on a much larger scale, beyond giving the site a new look and easier navigation. If

you like what you see now, then you will love when we launch phase two," said Walton.

One feature of the new homepage is the "Pic of the Day." Every day, a new picture featuring Merrimack life is uploaded. Anyone can submit a picture from a camera or phone that shows a glimpse of campus.

"We love to see what's going on around campus," said Walton. "If there is anything exciting happening, go ahead and shoot a picture. You would be surprised what we find interesting."

Student Kirsten Dube said, "My favorite feature of the new website is the Pic of the Day. It's a fun way to see what students are doing around campus and it's nice when I see my friends on the home page."

Pictures can currently be submitted through the web site or emailed to picoftheday@merrimack.edu.

The new web revamp aims to make navigation for incoming students, current students, and the public easier and more enjoyable. It also presents Merrimack with a cleaner and more eye-catching look, the designers say, and the college will continue to better its image and make this campus and its components more user-friendly.



# Sodexo Serves Up Soft Serve

## Students Rejoice over Frozen Treat

Patrick Lawlor '13  
Associate Editor-In-Chief

Students were welcomed back from break with a new addition to Sparky's Place — a soft-serve ice cream machine.

News of the new machine was all over Twitter feeds. Student-athletes who had arrived to campus early released news to all their classmates, social media being the most popular medium.

"We meet with SGA every other week and this was the number one thing that students were interested in," said Jay Degioia, Sodexo's general manager at Merrimack. Degioia explained that the installation of the ice cream machine was student-driven, like all of Merrimack Dining's decisions.

"We got our resources together and realized that we could lease a machine through Edy's, making it a cost-effective decision," Degioia said.

But with the high volume use there were a few glitches with the frozen dessert machine. "We brought in a technician to calibrate it and adjust the ma-



Students Scream for Ice Cream in Sparky's Place  
~Photo by John Smyth~

chine for the amount of use. We feel it is a big enough machine," Degioia said.

Many students were discouraged when the machine was out of order on the sec-

ond day of the semester. But that sure has not stopped them from eating the ice cream.

"It's great when it works," said junior

Jim Petr.

"I think it is a delicious treat and great addition to the café," said junior Andrea Yavarow.

"We want to hear from the students," added Degioia. He said there are options to allow the machine to produce frozen yogurt as well, if that is something students want.

Since Degioia became general manager of Merrimack Dining in the fall many student needs have been addressed. The grill was added in Sparky's Place, as well as lunch hours extended to continuous service.

He said he wants to hear from students, and encourages students to "like" the Merrimack Dining page on Facebook.

Join the discussion at  
[merrimacknewspaper.com](http://merrimacknewspaper.com).  
Share your thoughts and  
comments

## Theology On Tap: Sex

Dana Hildner '13  
Staff Writer

On Feb. 15 in Augie's Pub at 8 p.m., Campus Ministry is hosting Theology on Tap: Sex Is Beautiful.

The speakers and discussion moderators are Brian Suehs-Vassel and his wife, Jen Suehs-Vassel, as well as Allison Gill and her husband, Bobby Gill. Everyone is invited, with free food and soda supplied, and for those who are of age there is a 21-plus cash bar.

Suehs-Vassel talked about the expectations of the event: "The topic 'Sex Is Beautiful' is an opportunity for us as a Christian, Catholic institution to share the positive views and insights of two married couples."

He said the ultimate goal is to start a discussion after 10 to 20 minutes of sharing ideas to establish healthy relationships

On the change of venue from The Loft to Augie's Suehs-Vassel says, "The Loft was a good experience, but Augie's can give more convenience and no worries about transportation. Augie's is a great spot to host any event."

"Come find out why sex is beautiful," Suehs-Vassel said.



For more information visit Campus Ministry, located on the third floor of the Sakowich Center

## Constant Contact is all the RAVE

Laura Bakopolus '13  
Staff Writer

Beepbeepbeep: Your phone buzzes, so you look down to see who texted you. It's an unknown number, but you open the text in case it's something important (and because your curiosity often gets the best of you). You expect it to be spam, or maybe that cute stranger from the gym asking you out to a romantic dinner at Sparky's Place.

Instead, the text tells you that there's a power outage in Cushing, and classes the next day will be canceled. This is pretty much the best news you could have gotten — even better than the date with the gym rat — because now you have an extra few days to study for that much-dreaded test on every art historian who ever lived.

Now imagine you didn't get that text. You stay up all night cramming your brain with incomprehensible names and dates, even though your roommate wants to pregame for the Super Bowl a week early. The following morning, you trek all the way across campus to Cushing Hall, the whole way muttering to yourself that 8 a.m. classes should be outlawed. You arrive to find out that class is canceled. Waking up in time for this 8 a.m. course was your biggest accomplishment of 2012 (and something you can now check off your list of New Year's resolutions). Don't you wish you had known about it sooner?

That's what Rave Alert

can do for you. Ron Guilmette, chief of Police Services, explained that the Rave system "allows Police Services to send emergency information via email, text and/or voice messages" to ensure that you aren't left out in the cold (literally, sometimes). Guilmette said in his email last week, "Emergencies include, but are not limited to, college shut down due to weather, power outages, natural disasters, and fires."

In order to receive these alerts, students must register their cell phones. The alerts will be delivered automatically to Merrimack e-mail accounts,



but if you want the alert to be sent to a different e-mail address or to a mobile device:

1. Log on to [www.getrave.com](http://www.getrave.com)
2. Enter Merrimack College in the site name box.
3. Enter username (last name and first initial: smithj). Enter your Merrimack network password.
4. Click on the fields that represent your preferred method of alert communication and add or edit your contact information.

If you have already registered with Rave, you may not be completely finished with

your registration. Log in again to confirm your contact information. "It is the responsibility of users to update their phone numbers and email addresses within the system and keep them current," Guilmette said.

Students should be aware that Police Services will email "all employees and students the week of February 6 through 10, notifying them in advance of a Rave Alert test. It is very important that all employees and students follow the instructions (above) so that they may receive up-to-the-minute information on any emergency situation that may occur," according to Guilmette.

Donna Swartwout, dean of campus life, is a firm believer in the importance of Rave Alert.

"I hope all students will sign up for Rave alerts. It is the fastest and best way to learn about a campus emergency or if

classes are cancelled due to snow," she said. "The notification students receive through Rave ensures your individual safety and the safety of the Merrimack College community, and that is why we are hoping to have every student participate."

In addition to vital weather alerts, the college will record a message on the Weather Emergency Hotline, which can be reached at (978) 837-5700.

Beepbeepbeep. Your phone is buzzing again. It might be Rave Alert telling you class is canceled tomorrow — now, don't you want to check your phone?



# Stories From Abroad: Roma!

Joan Corcoran 13  
*Editor from Abroad*

Ciao, Merrimack! Joan here, with my first international article for the 2012 Beacon.

Before entering college, I knew that one semester I would study abroad. Although I looked into options other than Rome (such as Barcelona, Madrid, and Florence), I always knew deep down I would end up here.

Something about Rome can make you feel like you are amongst greatness. One minute you are strolling through the streets, admiring the restaurants and little shops, and next you are stumbling upon the Trevi Fountain.

The physical differences between this European city and other American cities, although obvious, are not what shock me the most. After living here for one week I already have picked up on many differences. For starters, the Italians are very, very good at preserving energy. Each household is given a certain amount of power a day, and if they go over that limit, all their power will shut off. To turn the power back on they have to go through the process of unplugging every appliance in their apartment and restarting the breaker.

Also, Italians don't buy their groceries in bulk. They tend to shop at markets or the grocery store every day or so. And, when they do shop

and want a bag, they have to pay for it. This motivates people not to be wasteful with plastic and paper.

When in Europe, being an American instantly sets you apart. The locals and other Europeans can tell from a mile away that we're American regardless of what we're wearing or what we're doing. We are generally louder than the Italians. Another dead giveaway, or so I've been told, is that Americans smile while walking through the streets and Europeans usually do not.

The language barrier has also proven to be less of a problem and more of an exciting challenge than anything else. After a few nights in Rome I somehow managed to hold a conversation in what little "Italian" I knew (American/Spanish/Italian). This was my first time actually speaking words other than "Ciao" and "Grazie." This, to me, was one of my favorite Roman experiences as of yet and reminds me that I really am in a different country, and I am here to learn and experience new things.

What I have taken from this first week in Italy is to always be bold and tackle any obstacles and accept any challenge that will lead you to the best person you can be! Arrivederci, Merrimack! Good luck with (insert upcoming sporting events/other events here)!



*Beacon News Editor Joan Corcoran, and Photo Editor Agata Adamczuk studying abroad this semester in Italy*

## Study Abroad in Fall

**February 1st:** "Discover England & Ireland" from 4-5pm in the 3rd floor lounge of Sakowich. This is for students interested in studying abroad in England or Ireland.

**February 15th:** "Discover Australia" from 4-5pm in 3rd floor lounge of Sakowich. This is for students interested in studying abroad in Australia.

**February 16th:** Global Village from 4-5pm in the 1st floor lounge of Sakowich. This is like a mini epcot where the international students and study abroad returnees create displays using food, pictures, music, etc to represent their country. All students are welcome to attend and students can vote on their favorite display

**Loiseau**  
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Along with the honor of participating in the game, the players give back to the community by visiting patients at the Shriner Hospitals for children. The game is held every January at Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg, Fla. "I can remember receiving the phone call from my agent and being so excited and honored to be able to play in the 87th annual Shrine game in Florida at Tropicana Field," said an enthused Loiseau. As Loiseau waited to travel to the big game, he was anxious to meet the athletes he would be playing with, and against. He arrived in Tampa on Jan. 14. During the week leading up to the game he had one of the greatest experiences of his life: Practices were held at a local high

school field, and hundreds of NFL scouts, general managers, coaches and news reporters gravitated while players prepared for the game. For the most part, Loiseau described preparing for the game "like no other." However, under the eye scouts and coaches, he had to exhibit his talent amongst some of the top football players in the country. This was a transition from the competition Loiseau has faced at the Division II level. "NFL scouts wanted to see if I could handle my own against the Division I players. So every play, I wanted to show them why I belonged out there and why I will be successful and a good player in the NFL," he said. In addition to hours of practice and community service, Loiseau was able to form relationships with other star athletes

throughout the week. Some of these athletes included running back Tauren Poole from Tennessee and cornerback Robert Blanton from Notre Dame. "All the players and coaches were great. It was interesting talking with the other players and hearing about their college experiences," he said. As game day arrived, Loiseau was ready to make a difference for the East team. With an atmosphere enhanced by thousands of fans, players, NFL scouts and coaches, he went into the game craving to make a positive impression across the country. "I wanted to show how hard I work and how intense I am. I felt like I had a game that showed that," said Loiseau. East hung tough, but lost 24-17 to the West all-stars. So where will he be after he graduates? Loiseau didn't hesitate: playing in the

NFL will be the next chapter of his life. Being a NFL linebacker has always been a career goal for this talented Warrior. Throughout his life he has had to overcome many obstacles, including the message that he wasn't big enough or fast enough to play Division I football. His success at Merrimack has come a long way and provided him the opportunity to prove that with hard work, you can achieve anything. Loiseau, one of the top-ranked linebackers in the country, hopes he will be drafted in the next NFL draft, beginning on April 26. "It does not matter where you come from, what school you play for, and most importantly what others think," he said. "All that matters is what you want to achieve, how hard you are willing to work, and a never-ending desire to be successful."

# The Beacon Launches It's New Website With This Issue

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# Mack Tweets

Twitter Tracker  
Compiled by @patlawlor

**@andy\_yav:** by the time I finally remember my email log-in, merrimack will most definitely prompt me to change it again

**@ededdNjake:** first weekend back at merrimack #nosleep till sunday night

**@MPBtweets:** @merrimack help us get our followers up! #retweet

**@Meghan\_Brophy** Dissection in anatomyyyyyy #socool

**@gbaby\_cerrataini:** popular to contrary belief, softserve machines have been around before MC put one in the café .. no need for the emails #unsubscribeplease

**@beardown242:** Saw Stephane today - looks great! Still miss him though! now on my way to Mack Calls!!

# Questions on the Quad

Compiled by John Smyth and Ryan Flanigan

## What Questions should The Beacon Feature in Questions On the Quad?



Is it wrong to be strong?  
-Mike Collins



Where are you going for spring break?  
-Ned Morley



Who are you rooting for in the Super Bowl?  
-Lauren Ryan



What is your favorite cafe food?  
-Devon Robinson



Blonde or brunette?  
-EK



Are you satisfied with the cafe food?  
-Wayne Mack



What is your favorite Disney movie?  
-Colleen Strachan



Boxers or briefs?  
-Emily Para





**Couple slain in Andover home**  
**ANDOVER** — Just before the end of last semester, a double homicide occurred just miles from the Merrimack campus. No person of interest or suspect has been identified publicly. The bodies of John and Geraldine Magee were found by a relative in their million-dollar home just off Route 28. John Magee was a real estate developer of up-scale homes, and well established in the city. This would be the first homicide in 20 years in town, the last one being a postal carrier killed in November 1991. Some investigators speculated the murder was related to organized crime, as

Magee's Lexus was found torched in the North End neighborhood of Boston, just days prior to the deaths. Police are still investigating this case and ask for the public's help in providing any information they may have.

**Police: Woman Killed Husband, Self**  
**Haverhill** — In the historic trails of Winnekenni Castle, a body of a man and woman were found in a car by walkers on Jan. 11. Martha McDermott, 36, of Hampton, N.H., and her husband, Kristin Broderick, 37, of Houston, Texas, were shot to death. An investigation by Haverhill and Massachusetts State Police determined that

it was a murder-suicide: McDermott shot her husband while in the car, then took her own life. Statistically, murder-suicides in which a woman is the aggressor are rare.

Police found a child's car seat in the vehicle, but further investigation determined that the baby was safe, staying with family members.

**Former Mayor of Boston Dies**  
**BOSTON** — Former Boston Mayor Kevin White died Jan. 27 at age 82. White died in his Beacon Hill home after a decade-long battle with Alzheimer's. He was mayor of Boston from 1968 to 1984.



White, also a former Massachusetts secretary of state, ran his early campaigns as a proponent for rent control. One of his early political slogans was, "When landlords raise rents, Kevin White raises hell." White also gained popularity and notoriety in 1972 when he convinced the Rhode Island State Police to release members of the Rolling Stones so that they could make their concert in Boston, and avoid unruly fans. His funeral was held on Wednesday at St. Cecilia Church in Back Bay. Eulogies were delivered by former State Treasurer Robert Crane, U.S. Rep. Barney Frank, Mayor Thomas Menino, and White's son, Mark.

## Obama Calls for College Reform

Robert Perocchi '12  
*Staff Writer*

President Obama's State of the Union address on Jan. 24 included several points that could impact students at Merrimack and other small colleges.

Obama said more resources should be directed toward turning community colleges into — "places that teach people skills that local businesses are looking for right now, from data management to high-tech manufacturing."

Obama plans to unite businesses with community colleges through a course that will teach them the skills they need.

This concurs with Obama's stance that higher education should not be a luxury, Obama said he planned to strip federal aid from colleges that don't provide good value and increase the overall number of available work study jobs.

When community colleges start to offer more job placement, will Merrimack be able to compete with them? Less tuition and a job guarantee is more appealing than higher tuition with no assured future employment. Merrimack would have to lower its tuition to compete with community colleges, or place more effort into increasing the strengths of its programs

dramatically enough to be worth the extra money.

Obama also drew attention to teachers. "Teachers matter. So instead of bashing them, or defending the status quo, let's offer schools a deal. Give them the resources to keep good teachers on the job, and reward the best ones."

Obama said he also wanted to create new career options to make teachers more effective and their jobs more valuable.

His remarks coincide with a strong effort to keep more students in high school and reduce the dropout rate. With a new focus on teaching and students, Merrimack might be able to realize its potential as a college that teaches students how to perfect the art of education. Merrimack already offers fellowships to masters students in teaching; by applying sharper focus to this area, the college may be able to benefit highly from such future developments.

Whether these notions come to pass the way they are expected to and whether or not Merrimack College is up to the challenge is something only time will tell.



The economy and job placement was a central focus of President Obama's recent State of the Union Address.

## Police Log

1/23/2012 4:50 p.m., PARKING VIOLATION

After receiving a call from an athletic coach officers responded to the Volpe Complex Bus Parking area because there were vehicles illegally parked in the area where a team bus needed to park. The unit reported issuing two parking citations and two "Notice to Tow" stickers on the vehicles that were illegally parked in the Bus Parking Zone.

1/23/ 2012 8:19, ARREST

Officer conducted a MV stop on Walsh Way, MA. The operator of the MV, Michael Mccarron was served a notice of trespass on 11/19/2009. Lt. responded to Walsh Way to assist. Sgt. Placed Michael Mccarron under arrest for trespassing and transported him to North Andover police department.

1/25/2012 2:12 p.m., SUSPICIOUS ODOR

Received a call from RA reporting a suspicious odor on the 3rd floor around the area of rooms 316-320. Officer responded and was not able to locate.

1/25/2012 NO TIME, SUSPICIOUS ODOR

MCPD received a call from AC Paul Williams regarding a suspicious odor emanating from Monican 124. Officers responded and advised speaking with resident student. Drug paraphenillia and alcohol have been seized from the room.

01/28/2012 12:18 a.m., Arrest  
 Ofc. And CSO reported being out in front of Monican Center with (1) male resident. The Monican resident was placed under arrest for Disorderly Conduct and Resisting Arrest.

01/28/2012 1:06 a.m., RES LIFE  
 An O'Brien Hall RA called P.S. to report a resident was on campus and in O'Brien Hall at the time. The resident is currently on the Weekend away list extended for him until 11 a.m. on Saturday 01/28/2012. Ofc and AC were dispatched and reported speaking with the resident.

01/28/2012 22:23, ALCOHOL  
 SGT. Reported being off with three individuals in front of Ash Center. SGT. Reported speaking with students

Unit confiscated a large amount of alcohol from the students outside of Ash Center.

01/28/2012 23:09, SUSPICIOUS ODOR

RA John Ladino requests an officer for a suspicious odor in Ash first floor eat. Ofc. reports call unfounded.



Damage was reported on Sunday January 29 to the 125 entrance sign. According to Police Services there is no information as to what caused the damage.



# Theology With Tim

## A New Year's Resolution within the Catholic Faith

Tim Iannacone '12  
Columnist

As we all begin the New Year, it is appropriate to really examine the state of the Catholic Faith within America, as it is so often an object of contention in the public square. It is an unfortunate and widespread problem in our

### Commentary

Catholics not only do not care to practice their faith, but additionally compound this problem with ignorance. The American culture, and I mean this apart from "liberal" and "conservative," has continually spawned a false notion of freedom that, until modern times, remained blessedly absent from the Church. This idea, which is deeply embedded in the enlightened principles our country was built upon, has spawned some dangerous ideas in the minds of those who look to serve two masters.

A glance at a recent USA Today article reveals something very startling about American Catholics. A survey states that 88% of Catholics declare that "how a person lives is more impor-

tant than whether he or she is Catholic," while another 86% of Catholics say "you can disagree with aspects of church teachings and still remain loyal to the Church." The first statistic, while foolishly trying to judge religion from a secular perspective, claims that nine out of ten American Catholics understand very little about their Faith. The Catholic Church, indeed most religions that take themselves seriously, would never ascribe themselves to mere moralism. Furthermore, a Catholic must wonder how a person could indeed live a truly "good" life outside of the sacraments, and the benefit of the Mass. It unfortunately appears that most Catholics in this country prescribe to a perverted form of moralism, and consider religion to be a kitschy add-on used to build fellowship and community. The Church, quite clearly denounces such ideas, but of course, the second statistic shows that many refuse to listen.

The second statistic seen in USA Today is perhaps the final evidence for the secularization of Catholic Americans. As citizens of a free democracy, most of us are instilled with the belief that we each have a right to determine

what is best for ourselves and family. These principles, essen-

**...strive to understand the Church and Her teaching**

tially an expansion of Lockean enlightened ideas, work well in parliamentary systems, but are completely illegitimate inside the context of the Catholic Faith. Catholicism, unlike later Christian sects, has maintained an absolute way in the service of Truth. Jesus exclusively said, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life," leaving very little wiggle room for those 86% of American Catholics who like to follow their own "ways." A century and a half ago, Protestant Americans feared the arrival of Catholic immigrants because they were subject to the oppressive, totalitarian regime of the Roman Pontiff and his bishops. What the immigrants understood was the exact same thing that John the Evangelist wrote when he penned, "the truth will

set you free." Freedom itself is not simply the ability to believe whatever you want, but rather freedom is directly conditioned to the Truth of Christ.

As we are already well into the New Year, I propose a resolution for those who struggle to live in a world torn by opinion. Instead of being a Catholic American, who embraces the tantalizing pseudo-freedoms of a secular state and ignores the guidance of the Church, strive to understand the Church and Her teachings. Become an American Catholic, who places faith in the Truth handed down from the apostles, and uses this to improve the greater society. Pray earnestly for the faith to embrace the teachings of the Church, as they ultimately offer us freedom the world cannot give.

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# Hockey East: The Rest of the Way

Matthew LaMalfa '12  
Associate Sports Editor

This Friday night, the 4th ranked Merrimack Warriors take on the 3rd ranked Boston University Terriers in what is being called "possibly the biggest regular season game ever at Lawler Arena". The game is already sold-out to the general public and only a few student tickets remain. Before heading out to the game on Friday, it is important to understand what is happening around the league this weekend and beyond.

There aren't many leagues, in any sport, where you can win the one game you play during a weekend and move down two places in the standings. That was the case over the last week for our Warriors, who downed Providence College 4-2 on Sunday but found themselves down two spots from, 2nd to 4th position, in Hockey East when Monday morning rolled around.

Every year, teams go on streaks. Boston College is notorious for starting slowly but then looking unbeatable when playoffs roll around. Boston University often trends the opposite direction, starting strong but then sputtering down the stretch.

This season however, every weekend seems to be a season in itself. Look at the University of Maine. The ever-relevant Black Bears started the season with a home loss to the Warriors and continued to play up and down hockey through the Christmas break. After returning to

the ice, they reeled off four straight victories before coming into Lawler Arena and losing and tying a game in the weekend series. Since then, they have recorded two game weekend sweeps over BC and BU respec-

much sense, does it?

Merrimack has withstood the cosmic swings to an extent, putting together a successful season with only a slump around the break throwing them temporarily off

playoffs with the top four of those earning home ice advantage. There are still plenty of changes to come though, as just a miniscule three points separate the first and fifth place teams in Hockey East. The next two weeks could allow the Warriors to move up with victories since BU and BC have lighter schedules due to the Beanpot. This allows for bizarre changes, such as Merrimack's drop this past weekend.

If readers want one thing to expect the rest of the way it's expect more of that. Of the final 10 games, two are against BC and one more remains against the BU Terriers. Also don't forget, the Warriors are yet to take on UMass and UMass-Lowell this season. Both of these teams are markedly improved over last season and will make opponents fight for every inch.

So as the college hockey season enters the stretch run, the Warriors enter the gauntlet against BU here at Lawler Arena on Friday night in what could turn out to be the game of the year to this point. From that point, the intensity will only ramp up over the remainder of the season.

Whether you're a college hockey diehard, supporter of Warrior athletics, or a bored student on a Friday night, there's never been a more exciting time to catch a game.

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The Warriors Keep the Momentum in the Hockey East  
~Photo by John Smyth~

tively. See any trends there?

Also intriguing are the Northeastern Huskies. A peek at their non-conference schedule this year makes them look like national title contenders. Wins at Michigan, Minnesota, and sweep at Notre Dame show a very different picture than the six conference wins, which currently leaves the Huskies out of the Hockey East playoffs. Doesn't make

course. Ten games remain on the schedule for the Warriors, with an even five away and five here in North Andover. At this point, Merrimack holds the final home ice position for the Hockey East playoffs and if the season ended today would host UMass-Lowell here at Lawler in the first round. In case you are new to the process the top eight teams in Hockey East make the conference

## Intramural Sign Ups Advance Technologically

Stephen Tullgren '13  
Standards Editor

Recently the intramural program has undergone a major switch in how students sign up for and learn more about the different sports. Matthew Gordon, assistant director of student involvement, brought [www.imleagues.com](http://www.imleagues.com) to Merrimack College. It is a wildly popular website that organizes the schedule, rosters, standings, and league rules.

When asked why he switched, Gordon said, "We wanted to become greener, the rules are now available online, we have a handbook, standings and schedules are easily accessible, and players can track their intramural career online in the same fashion as fantasy sports."

"Over 300 schools utilize this website," he goes on to say, "It's the way of the future, as everything goes onto the internet."

So far the feedback he has heard has been positive, and the interest level as well. "Everyone says it's easy and cool because you can link it with Facebook," Gordon said. "It will get some getting used to, but it's for the better."

At the time this article was written there were 46 teams signed up, including men's, women's, and co-ed basketball, ice hockey, and co-ed indoor soccer.

Junior Andre Mayer said, "Although it is different, it is easy and

a lot more organized. It was so fast I did it in five minutes during class."

Although the number of teams is set when this article comes out, teams can add members until 3 p.m. on the day of the game until

the second week of games ends.

Contact Matthew Gordon for more information on how to sign up or with any questions.

Go try it out and see for yourself.



# A Hard Look at Hockey

## Warriors Defeat Friars

Lyndon Ostrander '12  
Staff Writer

Coming into the Sunday showdown against the Providence Friars, the only thing that was on the minds of the Merrimack hockey team was redemption.

Redemption not only for losing their last three outings against the Friars, but more importantly revenge for a 6-1 drubbing suffered on home ice in the Warriors' first nationally televised game of the season, which abruptly erased Merrimack's first-ever No. 1 national ranking.

To add insult to injury, the Warriors came into the game without one of their star players, Carter Madsen, who suffered a career-ending injury. Nonetheless, Merrimack got the monkey off their back Sunday night and trounced "That Team" in an all-out brawl, by the final tally of 4-2, in front of a maximum capacity crowd of 2,489 screaming fans — among them, famed former Warrior and current NHL star Stephane Da Costa.

A contest that featured a whopping 70 penalty minutes, three ejections and four majors was a donnybrook to say the least. The victory was due in large part to the dynamic duo of Joe Cannata and Karl Stollery. Cannata, the Hobey Baker nominee, had an absolutely superb performance, with an astounding 37 saves between the pipes to help secure the victory for Merrimack. The dual-threat defenseman and team captain Stollery proved his worth to the team with a beautiful snipe goal, to go along with an assist on the night.

The Warriors came out on the ice ready to avenge their Dec. 3 loss from the get-go, and drew first blood. Only 2:45 into the affair, true freshman Rhett Bly was at the right place at the right time as he scored the first goal of the game off a deflection, right in front of the net. Bly started the play by winning the faceoff and hustled to the net. Stollery shot the puck from the top slot, which was deflected by Mansfield right to Bly in front of the net, who backhanded the puck high stick-side past Beaudry.

Merrimack dominated the first 10 minutes of the game offensively and looked like a cohesive unit early on. Then the contest began to get chippy as both teams unleashed bone-crushing hits on each

other, causing tempers to flare. At 8:13 Merrimack's enforcer Kyle Bigos committed the first of three consecutive Warrior penalties, as he pounced on top of a Friar in front of the net and was called for cross-checking.

Providence took quick and full advantage of the power play, as Stefan Demopoulos netted his fifth goal of the year to tie the game at 1 apiece at 09:29. In a similar-looking goal to Bly's, Demopoulos scored off putback attempt after Cannata stopped numerous scoring attempts in front of the net.

From there Merrimack committed two straight penalties, one by Sheen and the other by Heffernan, but as was the story all night Cannata came up huge and killed them off.

As the first period wound down, the

past Beaudry, giving the Warriors a lead into the first intermission.

Although the Warriors were outshot 39 to 23, they had seemingly better looks on goal then did the Friars. Consequently only three minutes into the second period, freshman Josh Myers converted on a coast-to-coast goal off his own rebound to give Merrimack a commanding 3-1 lead. The play was started by Cannata, who shuffled the puck to Kolomatis, who passed it to Myers on the left side as he wove through the entire Friar defense to the net, capping off the play with a score on the second effort.

However, the Warriors' penalties plagued them and kept the Friars hanging around. Only 39 ticks after the goal Merrimack was called for two minors, giving the Friars a two-man advantage,

comparable hit. Thus the Warriors were down two of their top defenseman with only four for the entire game.

Cannata, however, put the team on his back once again, aided by Bly, who was seemingly all over the ice all night. Bly helped kill the penalty by drawing a foul on a breakaway that would have been a sure goal. But he did his job, erasing the man advantage held by the Friars. Another player who looked impressive on the night was Merrimack's season-leading goal scorer Ryan Flanigan, who hit the post twice, in misses that could be heard throughout the arena. John Heffernan played a fine game, as well, doing the job on both ends — making key defensive deflections down the stretch and leading numerous fast breaks for scoring opportunities.

Heading into the third period it seemed the Friars might claw their way back for the equalizer. But once again it was the Joe Cannata Show, capped by 14 huge saves in the final period to preserve the win.

Surprisingly the most exciting play of the game came in the last minute of the contest. With 20 seconds left, Harvey got the puck just inside the left blue line when Jesse Todd bull-rushed the behemoth Friar, knocking him to the ice. Todd then skated to the other end

and put home the unassisted insurance goal on the empty net, as Lawler Arena erupted.

In a contest where four of the five goals were scored on the man advantage, as well as being outshot by 16 and committing three more penalties, Merrimack found a way to get the win, staving off a season sweep to the Friars, moving into fourth place in the Hockey East standings, and setting up a pivotal matchup against the No. 2 BU Terriers this Friday night.

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*The Friars were no match for the Warriors*  
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match turned into an all-out scrap. At 18:02 Friar Ross Mauermann inflicted a vicious hit on the back of Warrior freshman Connor Toomey, slamming him into the boards from behind and onto the ice, precipitating a brawl. Protecting his teammate, Brendan Ellis got into it with Friar Chris Rooney, and after he toppled Rooney to the ice, both were ejected. Mauermann was not ejected, however, which would cause an uproar from the crowd on a later call in the game.

Then the do-it-all captain Stollery regained the lead for the Warriors with only 56 seconds left in the period. He took feeds from Bigos and Collins and zipped a one-timer from the top of the dot, top shelf

which Providence capitalized on.

At 05:04 in the second, Friar Miles Harvey blasted home a Chara-like one-timer past Cannata on the glove side. The Friars perfectly executed on the possession with a beautiful cross-ice pass to Harvey, who whizzed a wrister from the slot past the surprised Cannata.

At this point in the game the momentum seemed to shift to the Friars. With the score 3-2, the Warriors once again shot themselves in the foot with a game misconduct penalty called on Jordan Heywood at 06:43. To the fans at Lawler Arena the call was a horrible one — Heywood was ejected, when earlier Mauermann got only a five-minute major for a

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# Basketball Runs Over Assumption

## Both stopped by Bentley

Devon Gordon '12  
Staff Writer

Warriors men's basketball team inched past the #11 Assumption Greyhounds with a 70-64 victory. With this victory, the Warriors improved their record to 10-9. It was a nail biting experience for both the players and spectators as the game went back and forth. Senior leadership carried the team to success. Senior Wayne Mack, starting guard, tallied up an impressive 18 points, 7 rebounds, and 1 assist; Senior Aaron Strothers racked up 15 points, 2 of which came from a show stopping slam dunk; and finally Senior Wilfredo Pagan led the team with 5 assists. While Mack, Pagan, and Strothers had outstanding games, Junior Mike Clifford recorded his fifth double-double on the season with 18 points and 11 rebounds. Both teams were evenly matched in almost every category. Merrimack and the Greyhounds both recorded 42 rebounds. The Warriors shot 39 percent going 27-69 from the field. Assumption shot 40 percent going 24-60. At the end of the day it all came down to who wanted it more. It was a dog fight until

The number 9 ranked

the final buzzer, but the Warriors' relentless attitude and incredible hustle was the determining factor to win the game.

On January 31 the Warriors were back on the court at Bentley University. The team exhibited great effort, but was not able to seal the game. The Warriors fell to the Falcons 81-78, dropping their rank to #10 in the conference and record to 10-10.

The Warriors will be back in action at home on Saturday February 4, 2012 facing off against a tough Stonehill squad. Stonehill is currently ranked #2 in the Northeast-10 with a record of 11-4. In the last match-up against these two competitors, Merrimack fell in overtime 73-64.

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Senior Aaron Strothers racked up 15 points versus the Greyhounds.

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# Lady Warriors Fight Through Season

Kaitlin Quinlan '13  
Staff Writer

This past weekend the Merrimack women's basketball team took on the Greyhounds of Assumption. The Warrior girls held the game to a one point advantage with 9 seconds left to go in the second half, ending 69-68, Greyhounds. "We are playing better each and every game," said head coach Monique LeBlanc. "We are not picking up victories but I feel as though we are peaking at the right time, down the home stretch of our season. I am really proud of our players for continuing to work and improve and each and every day." Merrimack's record now drops to 3-16 and 2-13 in the

Northeast -10 conference.

Saturday, Kelly Schatzlein led all scorers dropping 25 points with 6 rebounds in addition. The other two players who hit double figures were Roy (18) and Avebe with her first double-double scoring 13 and 10 boards. The Warriors had difficulty containing turnovers, 16, and Assumption took advantage of the mistakes scoring 17 points from the 16 turnovers. The Greyhounds also were in luck grabbing 13 points from second chance points and turned 15 offensive rebounds into 13 more points.

Merrimack overall had a better shot over the Greyhounds, shooting 50 percent from the field, comparing to 39.7 percent. Merrimack also won the battle inside the paint taking 34 of the 68 points.

Freshman Mellissa Miller adds to the tough loss, "It was a rough loss for us but there were many positive things that happened. We play very well as a team and we had a very high

level of intensity. We're still a very young and we are making good strides and I can only see us going uphill from here."

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*I am really proud of our players for continuing to work and improve every day. -Coach Monique LeBlanc*

# Track Builds Momentum

William Humphrey '12  
Staff Writer

The Merrimack Men's and Women's Track and Field Teams competed in the Joe Donahue Indoor Games hosted by Northeastern University and the Terrier Invitational held by Boston University Friday, January 27. The field consisted of local Division I programs such as Brown, Central Connecticut, Connecticut, Holy Cross, Maine, New Hampshire, Northeastern, UMass Amherst, and Vermont. There were also Division 2 and 3 programs; they included Stonehill, Williams,

Wesleyan and Wheaton. Connecticut ran away with the Men's Total Team Score, while Brown edged out Northeastern.

Merrimack unfortunately took home last place in both the men's and women's competitions, but still came away with many positives. The Men's Track and Field Team garnered seven Northeast-10 Championship qualifying marks at the meet. Jesse Fowler took home fifth-place in the 55 meter dash with a time of 6.61 seconds. Freshman Mike Kelley and Julio Arzu also ran the 55 meter dash and collected times of 6.92 and 6.93, respectively, to qualify for the league

championship meet in the event. Head Coach Matt Pimentel commented on the Men's performance, "We had some solid performances tonight against a very competitive field. With a bit of a break ahead of us, we will work hard to prepare for our next meet."

Fiona Coleman and Rebecca Ainscow competed at the Terrier Invitational Both Coleman and Ainscow turned in Northeast-10 qualifying times, along with 6 other members of the team.

Fiona Coleman set a new school record with a time of 18:25:84 in the 5,000 meter run. When asked about her reaction

towards the race Coleman said, "It was a little intimidating running against Ivy-League and Division one athletes." She went on to express that both the men's and women's teams "have incredible talent for distance, sprints and field events and have a shot at being really competitive with those powerhouse schools we saw at the meets this weekend."

The Merrimack Men's and Women's Track and Field Teams will compete again February 4th at Tufts University. Both teams hope to keep striving for improvement and qualify for the Northeast-10 competition.