Halloween Storm Darkens Campus

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What could be worse for Merrimack College students than all the lights going out and parties left pitch-dark with no music on a Saturday night/Sunday morning? And the common chant of “no music” when the speakers go silent doesn’t really fix anything.

Very early on Oct. 30 — the Sunday of Halloween weekend — the electricity went out across campus, the result of a blizzard that swiped the Northeast. It lasted more than 24 hours and knocked down utility poles and trees; some parts of New England were left without power more than a week.

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POLL POSITION: Merrimack hockey is on a roll, bumping up in national polls as it continues its undefeated season. See story, Page 10.

Career Services Director: ‘Benefits Are Endless’

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If you are a student looking to find internships, co-ops, job opportunities or simply just want guidance in projecting your career path, a great place to find all this information is Career Services and the Cooperative Education Department.

Career Services and Cooperative Education is located on the third floor of the Sakowich Center and is open Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m to 5 p.m.

At Career Services you can receive guidance in writing resumes, cover letters, mock job interviews and applications to grad school. Career Services has developed a four-year plan its staff recommends to maximize student success.

One of the friendly faces you will see in the office is Heather Maietta, the new director. Maietta joined the Merrimack staff in July, she was previously the director of career services, assistant director of the Professional Development Seminars Program and adjunct faculty at Nichols College in Dudley, Mass. She has a doctorate in higher education administration.

Maietta has made many changes to the Career Services Center, including a new location that she feels will benefit students. “We want to spend a lot of time talking to students about what they expect and want from our office,” she said. “At the same time, we take the opportunity to educate students about their role in the career planning and decision-making process.”

Career Services has also partnered with academic departments to work on career-related programs at the school and created a campus-wide marketing campaign regarding events, resources and services.

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Merrimack Remembers ‘Mr. Ma’

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Staff Writer

Funny, hardworking, loyal, helpful, aspiring, inspiring — these attributes all serve as accurate depictions of the student known around campus as Mr. Ma.

Jize Ma left quite the impression in his short time at Merrimack College. Stories that make you laugh, appreciate, and want to be a better person abound when Ma’s name is mentioned. If you live in Ash Centre, or the freshman area in general, you more than likely knew or saw the young man.

According to a statement released by the electrical engineering faculty, “Even though he was here for only two short months, Ma had made a great impression on the Merrimack community. He broke barriers among social groups and students from different cultural backgrounds.”

Those classmates — rather, those friends — were never short of words to describe Ma’s congenial nature.

Sophomore Theresa Walsh shared a story in which she was Mr Ma
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We thank you for your service.
Advising at Merrimack: four Collaboration Required

Expectations need to be set up on both sides. We are a small school and it is definitively plausible. We aren’t guidance counselors. The next step in advising is to have students, advisers, and the support services converse.

A conversation like the one Shaw recommends is the perfect opportunity for students like Giller to voice their opinions, which brings us back to the expectations on both sides.

“Professor and adviser Christina Hardway talks about these expectations. “It’s a collaborative process. Advising done by a professor is meant to help the students educate themselves on what it means to be a student in college and the opportunities that come from the classes they take,” she said. The common goal of graduating in four years would best be served by prepping in a collaborative way.

Like any part of life, the more preparation on both sides the better the atmosphere to utilize their time more positively,” Hardway said. “Classes and people are all about what psychologists would call goodness of fit. Some classroom environments might be a great fit for some students and not for others. Everything is different. The desire to participate is something slightly different. You only get 32 classes here. That’s not very many. They shouldn’t be something you just do, as they create a pathway for you through your whole life. You should look at them as rare and valuable opportunities. If there is one thing I want students to take away that is it.”

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College Launches Mentoring Program

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The largest ever cohort of students and alumni mentors came together on Nov. 3 for the launch of the 2011-2012 Mentoring Program. The Office of Alumni Affairs introduced the program five years ago for Girard School of Business students. This is the first year that the Office of Alumni Affairs has partnered with the Center for Career Services. This partnership has provided the opportunity to expand the mentoring program to Merrimack students, across all majors.

The mentoring Program offers students numerous opportunities to learn from our dedicated alumni while building their own professional network. Kathleen St. Hilaire, associate director of alumni affairs said, "The goal of the program is to provide opportunities for professional development and networking to students, as well as, create opportunities for Merrimack alumni to connect with the college and share ideas with current students in a one-to-one mentoring relationship." During the orientation, students and mentors were introduced and informed of the expectations and goals for the experience that they will embark on together. The mentors taking part in the program range between graduation years from 1961 to 2011.

The role of the mentor was described by St. Hilaire as "the link between academic theories and the realities of the work world." Students can meet with their mentors as often as the pair decides to. They can also communicate via email, telephone, and even videoconference with one another. The goal is for the mentor and student to communicate between 10 and 20 hours over the course of the school year.

St. Hilaire explained, "Mentors and mentees filled out applications that were mirror images of each other in an effort to match their interests, skills and knowledge, and professional experience." This academic year there are a total of 80 mentors and mentees participating in the program.

Vanecia Harrison-Sanders is the assistant director of career services and co-operative education. If students have any questions they can contact Harrison-Sanders and Alumni can contact Kathleen St. Hilaire at (978) 837-5107.

Application Rates Rise

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This year Merrimack College waived the application fee for students interested in applying. The reason for this waive is to encourage students to take interest in the school, without a cost. Due to this elimination, application rates have risen an impressive 47 percent from the previous year.

With Merrimack's credentials of being named the best college in the Northeast for 2012 by The Princeton Review, Forbes, and U.S. News, as well as hockey being ranked no. 7 in the nation, undefeated so far this season, and field hockey being ranked no. 3 with their first bid to NCAAs tournament, there is no surprise with the increase in applications.

Admissions has seen expansion out of the New England region, in the mid-Atlantic region, the West, and the Mid west.

Vice President of Enrollment Kristin Greene said, "There has been a big increase in students visiting campus, taking tours, and coming to the open houses. In fact, we've moved the open houses to the Rogers Center because so many families want to come and visit campus. To date we've seen a 64 percent increase of visitors over last year."

With this rise in interest, the college has become more competitive in who is admitted. Submission of the applicants SAT scores is still optional, but a surprising 60 percent still include their scores in their application portfolio. Provost, Michael Ambrose stated, "We are making the decision to give students the options to submit their SAT scores for a couple years now, I have heard a lot of students and families see this as a positive factor in applying to Merrimack. It has taken a lot of stress off the students, who fall in love with our college, but see a required SAT score as why these numbers keep growing." The application process in applying to college is stressful enough; I think having the option to submit SAT scores is a great idea," she said.

With this rise in interested students the problem still remains that there is not enough housing for students, but Greene said that officials are working closely with Student Life to accommodate students.

Registering: Simple if Done Right

Esther Aronando '13
Staff Writer

Registering for classes is something students must do every semester, and it may seem time consuming and complicated. However, by following information and tips, it can be a simple process. The basic steps for registering are quite straightforward.

According to Registrars Sharon LaRoche and Elaine Grell, each student is required to meet with his or her adviser and discuss which courses he or she will take, and then that adviser clears the student for registration, without clearance, students cannot register.

Each student is assigned a registration group number correlating to a specific date and time. At this designated time, students log onto MyMack to register for the chosen courses.

E-mails are sent out from the Registrar's Office preceding registration to remind students that it is coming up. This helps prepare them for the process as a whole and lets them know to check their account for any holds that might prevent them from registering.

Don't Limit Yourself in Career Search

Brendan Ahern '12
Career Services

Have you ever thought of expanding your job search outside of the Northeast? What about outside of the United States? Your job market should not be limited, but rather expanded on an international level.

By working internationally you will not only be able to experience other cultures, but also jump-start your career and make yourself more marketable as a professional. Making the choice to work abroad when you first graduate can seem like a much easier transition because you have fewer commitments than you might five years down the line.

Working internationally isn't for everyone, but understanding our economy on a global level is necessary in today's workforce. Many industries do business daily with international constituents without leaving the United States. This event is for anyone who is looking to study abroad, work abroad or simply do business with foreign companies outside of the country.

If you enjoy traveling to different countries or learning and working with others abroad, plan to attend the upcoming International Career Symposium. International Programs, The Center for Career Services and Cooperative Education are hosting an international Career Symposium on Tuesday, Nov. 15, from 6 to 7 p.m. in the Murray Lounge.

This will be a chance for you to listen to Merrimack alumni speak about their work and academic experience abroad while learning about resources and strategies to look for international positions.

So come to the Murray Lounge and get a sense for what possibilities exist for you outside of the United States. We hope to see you there.

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She also spoke about the addition of two new tools that students are encouraged use: Advantage and FOCUS.

"Advantage allows the students to view on- and off-campus jobs if they are interested in this type of "search," she said. "FOCUS allows students to record their goals and career path than use a five-piece assessment tool, which then combines all aspects to generate a list of majors and careers that may be a good fit for the student.

When asked how students can benefit from Career Services? Maietta replied, "How can they not benefit from Career Services and Cooperative Education? The benefits are endless."
Mr. Ma
From his Facebook page
China. Hopey and Chief of Staff Jefrey Doggett coordinated with the State Department and the Chinese government to make sure Ma’s parents arrived with a minimum of delay.

Other students responded by signing memorial banners with notes of remembrance. Some notes said they would “never forget smile,” while others who noted they had never met him wishing him to rest easy.

Father Ray Dlugos, vice president of mission and student affairs, added to the responsiveness of the administration as he coordinated all of the religious services for the Merrimack community to remember Ma.

The first Mass of Remembrance, the day after Ma died, was originally planned for the Chapel of Our Mother of Good Counsel in Austin Hall, but when pews started to fill up Dlugos moved the crowd to the Collegiate Church of Christ the Teacher.

College officials welcomed the Ma family Sunday morning, Nov. 6, providing them accommodations throughout the week.

Interim Provost Josephine Modica-Napolitano cancelled classes Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 9, so students could attend memorial services.

Hopey greeted the Ma family and those who traveled with them from China at the service in the College Chapel of Christ the Teacher. He walked and rode the buses, and externalize all our feelings, and be with one another.”

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To the community and Ma’s friends to –

Mr. Ma
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running into Ash with an open umbrella due to the inclement conditions. As she approached the door, Ma was yelling for her to stop. He explained that it was bad luck for her to be running into Ash with an open umbrella — and pointed out that these were American rules, and she should know better.

Peta Golijanin had stories that spoke not only to the humor that resided within Ma, but also the intelligence. One day Ma was asked by his group of friends if he wanted a girlfriend. He replied, “A girlfriend? I can barely afford college.”

Golijanin also shared a story about one of the items Ma most desired: an iPhone. Unfortunately international students do not have Social Security numbers, which are required to sign a telephone contract. He quickly thought of a way around this, though; he would often ask friends if there were on-campus jobs available so he could make money and be supplied a Social Security number.

Lei Chen, a sophomore who also came to Merrimack from China, was a very close friend of Ma. They met through the international program, their residency together in Ash, and time spent in the library and hanging out. They would often accompany each other to the local Chinese restaurant, and Ma would volunteer to carry the huge packages of food, as Chen put it. They once went all the way into Chinatown in Boston for a meal by train.

Chen described their free time: “We’d play basketball a lot, and pool. I would win pool a lot.” Chen was good at basketball and he could eat a ton. He was really funny. He always was making people laugh. He would talk about his family a lot, and how much his parents loved him.”

When the friends went to CVS to grab the necessary college student items, Ma would always volunteer to carry the huge packages of water all the way back to Ash, said Chen.

Ma loved America, Merrimack, his friends, and making people happy, which he seemed to have no problem doing. He was on a path to find a perfect medium between his native culture and his newfound appreciation for American culture.

While the memorial service for Ma, his father talked passionately about his son and the student he was becoming. He explained how his son admired to be useful to the world by combining Chinese and American cultures. He was incredibly grateful to his friends, family, and the community as a whole.

Many of our students reside at the Royal Crest Apartments on Route 125, and while pedestrian crossings state highways, however, must yield to highway traffic. If you are crossing Route 114 going back and forth to Royal Crest you must yield to traffic and do so safely.

It is my professional and personal opinion that students should not be walking along Route 114 east of the college going to Stop & Shop, Dunkin’ Donuts, etc. They should take a vehicle or a taxi or have a friend drive them.

When walking, jogging or riding a bicycle after dusk always wear fluorescent or bright colored clothing (never wear dark clothing when walking at night)

Merrimack College Police Services Log

Nov. 3, 12:55 p.m. MEDICAL Received a call from the kitchen in Campus Center reporting a Sodexo employee not feeling well. Officers and Nando Andreoni and Goliyanin responded and emplovee was transported to Lawrence General Hospital (LGH).

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Beacon Briefs

TKE Raises Funds for Charities

Wonder what the guys setting up camp in front of the Sak are doing there? The campus hasn’t been struck by a housing shortage — it’s TKE-in-a-box. Beginning Nov. 6, members of the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity took shifts living in a shelter they built outside the Sakowich Campus Center to collect donations for The Bread and Roses Foundation and the National Alzheimer’s Association. “The reason we do TKE-in-a-box is to experience the homeless lifestyle as well as to raise awareness,” said senior Stephen Ramunno, TKE president.

Augie’s Event to Benefit Military

Senior communications majors Andrew Napolitano and Matt Ivanoski are hosting a fundraiser at Thursday night in Augie’s Pub. A cornhole tournament will be held in the Warriors Den with Bruins tickets as a prize and the Merrimack-BU hockey game will be streamed live on the pub’s TV. A raffle will be held for a variety of items and a silent auction will be held with a jersey and stick signed by this year’s Merrimack hockey team. Proceeds from the event will go toward buying items to make care packages for soldiers overseas.

Comms Major Holds Event at Rolfs

Saturday night, senior communications major Jacqueline Muma is holding an event called “The Trip Before the Fall” at Rolfs Pub in North Andover. Included in this will be half-price appetizers, a special beverage made just for the event, a variety of drink specials, a raffle with prizes donated by McAloon’s Liquors in North Andover, and a senior slideshow. All students and friends 21 and older are invited to this fun event.

Mack Tweets

@BGCarney
"Don’t care drink beer"
#Merrimack

@amideeeeee
#merrimack with the homies

@T_Moneyyyyy
After spending half my day at #Merrimack, I’m now going home to do homework.
#MyLife

@aaschmidt9
Peace out Beantown #Merrimack I’m comin back

@BostonIrishRed
It’s like a #Merrimack reunion at Atlantic Beer Garden in #boston right now....

@AndyyGG
@HThomass why you wearing #merrimack sweats homie? Only I can rep those

I wish cvs delivered #MCgirlprobs

This Merrimack log in screen consistently popping up while trying to check my twitter during class is really getting old #MCgirlprobs

Moped bikes that take up parking spots #getonthebikerrack #mcguyproblems

Compiled by The Beacon staff.

Questions on the Quad

What did you do during the power outage?

I went to a Halloween party
-Kirsten Dube ’13

I was at home
-Andrew Camara ’15

I lived in the library
-Brittany Desmond ’14

I sought shelter in the apartments
-Kyle Neary ’12

What is your favorite Thanksgiving dish?

Mashed potatoes
-Pat Delaney ’13

Apple pie
-Sarah Buckwald ’14

Sweet potatoe casserole
-Matthew Shuttleworth ’14

Mashed potatoes
-Jen Guarino ’15
LIFE STYLE

Why Are There More Alcohol Violations?

Michael Romanella '13
Staff Writer

In fall 2010, the number of findings of “responsible” for alcohol violations reached 145 for the entire semester. With weeks to spare, the fall semester of 2011 already has 182 responsible findings. What is this attributed too?

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This is not the problem, though, Merrimack officials said.

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Holiday Style

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Staff Writer

Dressing for the holidays means more than just throwing on a turtleneck and a Santa hat before you head out the door for a party. The holidays warrant party-dressing of a different caliber, whether it’s for Thanksgiving or Christmas. The end goal is to look festive and merry, but still chic — all while avoiding looking like you’re Santa’s mistress or one giant Christmas tree with tinsel and garland.

There are a few ways to achieve a successful holiday look, without much effort. It’s always a great idea to invest in a few party dresses, no matter what season, to pull out for special occasions. For the holiday season, it’s a good idea to find a dress that will look great with tights or is made with a heavier fabric. After all, “the season to be freezing,” so while that dress you bought might look great without a jacket and tights, you’re not going to look your best if you’re shivering at a party trying to mingle. One of my favorite dresses that

I break out for the holiday season has a classic A-line skirt, but is party-ready with a gold metallic sheen. It looks great with a pair of black tights, pumps and a belt around the waist. It’s also great to look for dresses in jewel tones for a refreshing departure from the little black dress that so many of us tend to turn to when going out. Try a green dress, in a shade like hunter green or forest green, to capture the holiday spirit without looking “theme-y.”

Adding in some sparkle is another great way to stay stylish when dressing for holiday parties. A fitted sweater with a metallic sheen or a sequin skirt looks classic when paired with a pencil skirt. Just remember to use sparkle sparingly. It can sometimes be a fine line between a little shimmer and looking like a disco ball, but the key is to stick to more classic shapes to prevent the look from being over the top. A great sequined shift dress is a great option for New Year’s Eve, but it probably wouldn’t be the best for dinner on Thanksgiving. Choose one sequined or metallic item, and then pair it with something less showy, like a pair of dark-wash skinny jeans or a classic neutral-colored skirt.

I’m just looking to update some of your go-to party outfits in your wardrobe, think about finding some new accessories to add a bit of holiday flair. This does not mean that you should go out and buy turkey earrings for Thanksgiving or a snowman necklace for a Christmas party. Think about finding a few special pieces that can be paired with any outfit. Ditch the giant handbag, and go with a smaller silver or gold clutch to pair with your favorite sweater-dress or sweater-jeans combination. Dramatic earrings look great with a scoop-neck sweater, and a giant cocktail ring will go great with a classic party dress.

Top off your look with a great — and warm — coat. I like to have a classic black coat, belted at the waist, for when I head out to parties, but if you’re feeling a bit more adventurous, try a pea coat or knee-length coat in a creamy color.

With the holiday season quickly approaching, it’s a good idea to have a few items stocked up in your closet so you can easily be the best-dressed at Thanksgiving dinner or a Christmas party. Don’t be afraid to add a little sparkle to your look, but remember to stay classy without being kitschy.

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Dressing for the holidays means more than just throwing on a turtleneck and a Santa hat before you head out the door for a party. The holidays warrant party-dressing of a different caliber, whether it’s for Thanksgiving or Christmas. The end goal is to look festive and merry, but still chic — all while avoiding looking like you’re Santa’s mistress or one giant Christmas tree with tinsel and garland.

There are a few ways to achieve a successful holiday look, without much effort. It’s always a great idea to invest in a few party dresses, no matter what season, to pull out for special occasions. For the holiday season, it’s a good idea to find a dress that will look great with tights or is made with a heavier fabric. After all, “the season to be freezing,” so while that dress you bought might look great without a jacket and tights, you’re not going to look your best if you’re shivering at a party trying to mingle. One of my favorite dresses that

I break out for the holiday season has a classic A-line skirt, but is party-ready with a gold metallic sheen. It looks great with a pair of black tights, pumps and a belt around the waist. It’s also great to look for dresses in jewel tones for a refreshing departure from the little black dress that so many of us tend to turn to when going out. Try a green dress, in a shade like hunter green or forest green, to capture the holiday spirit without looking “theme-y.”

Adding in some sparkle is another great way to stay stylish when dressing for holiday parties. A fitted sweater with a metallic sheen or a sequin skirt looks classic when paired with a pencil skirt. Just remember to use sparkle sparingly. It can sometimes be a fine line between a little shimmer and looking like a disco ball, but the key is to stick to more classic shapes to prevent the look from being over the top. A great sequined shift dress is a great option for New Year’s Eve, but it probably wouldn’t be the best for dinner on Thanksgiving. Choose one sequined or metallic item, and then pair it with something less showy, like a pair of dark-wash skinny jeans or a classic neutral-colored skirt.

I’m just looking to update some of your go-to party outfits in your wardrobe, think about finding some new accessories to add a bit of holiday flair. This does not mean that you should go out and buy turkey earrings for Thanksgiving or a snowman necklace for a Christmas party. Think about finding a few special pieces that can be paired with any outfit. Ditch the giant handbag, and go with a smaller silver or gold clutch to pair with your favorite sweater-dress or sweater-jeans combination. Dramatic earrings look great with a scoop-neck sweater, and a giant cocktail ring will go great with a classic party dress.

Top off your look with a great — and warm — coat. I like to have a classic black coat, belted at the waist, for when I head out to parties, but if you’re feeling a bit more adventurous, try a pea coat or knee-length coat in a creamy color.

With the holiday season quickly approaching, it’s a good idea to have a few items stocked up in your closet so you can easily be the best-dressed at Thanksgiving dinner or a Christmas party. Don’t be afraid to add a little sparkle to your look, but remember to stay classy without being kitschy.
The Gizmo Guys Ingenious Juggling Act Stupefies Audience

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The Gizmo Guys performed at the Roger’s Center on Saturday Nov. 5th.

Allan Jacobs and Barrett Felker, also known as the ‘Gizmo Guys’, brought their juggling talents to the Rogers Center on Saturday afternoon with many families there to attend the event. Jacobs and Felker originally started their act in New York City, and eventually spread across the globe. In addition, the two comedians have performed on cruise ships and on television including on Comedy Central, Nickelodeon, and The Late Show with David Letterman. The performance was more than just a classically run-of-the-mill juggling act. Some of the highlights of the performance included Barrett juggling five pinballs in the air using only his mouth to catch each one. Felker juggling five balls on a 1980’s xylophone that played the tune of Ludwig van Beethoven’s “Ode to Joy” and juggling balls through each other’s legs. Throughout the show, the Gizmo Guys challenged each other’s abilities with every ensuing act, taking its complexity to a higher level. What did not change following each act was Jacobs and Felker’s sense of humor. From beginning to end, the Gizmo Guys were able to poke fun at the audience and their performance did not disappoint them. The next destination for the Gizmo Guys is Madrid, Spain where they will be performing from November 7th to the 11th followed by a performance in West Windsor, NJ on November 12th.

Beatlemania Rocks Merrimack

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On Saturday night, Beatlemania took front stage at the Rogers Center, delighting Merrimack students, alumni and the people of the North Andover community. With Bill Kropinik as John Lennon, Russ Saylor as Paul McCartney, Mark Baranski as Ringo Starr, and Burt Scheel as Ringo Starr, the four members of the band adapted the Beatles hairstyles and outfits would become a cultural icon throughout the history of music. The band members also played the guitars made from the same brand that the original Beatles used when they toured concert venues.

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The presence of Our Lord Jesus Christ on the campus of the Catholic college and university is not something additional to or even extraneous to the pursuit of truth. It is, rather, Christ alone, Who inspires, guides and disciplines professors and students, so that they remain faithful in the pursuit and do not fall prey to the temptations which Satan cleverly offers to corrupt us whenever we set out to attain a great good.

According to the ancient canonical wisdom, corruptio optimiti pessima est, “the corruption of the best is the worst.” Sadly, we have witnessed the truth of the axiom in so many Catholic colleges and universities in our nation, which once gave pride of place to their Catholic identity and the Catholic life of the campus but now are Catholic in name only, usually qualifying their Catholic identity by another name, for example, calling themselves a Catholic university in the Francis can or Jesuit tradition. What the tradition, with a small “t”, means, in practice can have little, if any, thing, to do with Tradition, with a capital “T”. The word “Catholic” in the name of a university has its full qualification, that is, it accepts no modifiers.

Identifying a university as Catholic means identifying every aspect of the university’s life as Catholic.

Cardinal Burke, who writes so boldly in this age of secularism, is not afraid like most people to speak the truth where it is necessary. The speech given by Cardinal Burke is nothing new, but, in fact, an interpretation of what the Catholic Church has already taught about the Catholic college and university, surprise! I urge you to contemplate these words and decide for yourself the true meaning of Catholic by name. This excerpt by His Eminence has nothing to do with ecumenism and pluralism, which the Cardinal recognizes as a basic need.

The article has to do with the heart of the matter which is our very fabric and foundation and for many on this campus, Catholicism. Ecumenism on campus cannot be achieved through compromises, but only by the campus recognizing that its foundation and its success are credited to the Catholic Church and nothing else.

Theology With Tim Catholic by Name?

A message from His Eminence Raymond Cardinal Burke

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For those who criticized my previous article in the Beacon, I thought it would be quite fitting to share an excerpt of a speech given to Thomas More College by His Eminence Cardinal Raymond Leo Burke, one of the highest authorities in the Roman Catholic Church. "The first and chief teacher at every institution of Catholic higher education is Our Lord Jesus Christ. Who is the fullness of the revelation of God to us. A Catholic college or university, at which Jesus Christ alive in His Church is not taught, encountered in the Sacred Liturgy and its extension through prayer and devotion, and followed in a life of virtue is not worthy of the name. The presence of Our Lord Jesus worldwide.

Kropinik, Saylor, Baranski, and Scheel performed the classical hits from their early days, such as "I Want to Hold Your Hand" to the late 60’s when Sgt. Peppers Lonely Hearts Club Band emerged into a universally phenomenal success. Additionally, songs that were performed by the group included "Come Together", "Twist and Shout", and "A Hard Day’s Night", which also became the title of the first of five films starring the Beatles.

To honor John Lennon’s prolific musical career, Kropinik performed Lennon’s inspirational hit “Imagine”. The concert concluded with the Beatles uplifting melody “Hey Jude” as Saylor got the crowd engaged in the chorus of “Na na na Nana, na-na na na”. And an encore of “Revolution” would follow shortly before fans headed home.

The four members of Beatlemania performed in full gear, drawing waves of excitement from the audience who were also amused by their witty humor. Older and newer generations of fans alike felt like they were watching the Fab Four in their heyday.

Beatlemania has been touring all over the country. The band performed their final concert of the year at Diamond Head, Mississippi on November 6th, with their next tour set for March 31 at Lake Charles, Louisiana. You do not need to live through the 1960’s to love or appreciate the Beatles as long as you are
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Hockey Takes 3 of 4 Points From Northeastern, Moves Up In National Polls

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After the weekend series finale at Northeastern’s Matthews Arena on Saturday night, one of the hockey officials calling the contest summed it up pretty well by saying “that was one heck of a game.” Most Merrimack-Northeastern games over the last few years have taken on that similar tone of chippy, penalty filled affairs. Merrimack won this round, taking three of a possible four points from the Huskies after two games that can only be described as battles.

Friday nights game was here at Lawler Arena, where Northeastern is one of only a few visiting teams to have any recent success. While Merrimack has been stellar at home, Northeastern had one a game at Lawler each of the last two years. After losing the season series opener in October, this would be their last chance to do so this year. The contest was closely fought from the onset, leading to a scoreless first period. Merrimack would strike first, opening the scoring in the second period on a Rhett Bly tally. Bly took feeds from Jesse Todd and Ryan Flanigan, broke away and beat Husky goaltender Chris Rawlings to give the Warriors the lead. Both Rawlings and Joe Cannata matched each other save for, until early in the third when Northeastern’s Justin Daniels beat a screened Cannata to tie the score at one. That would end the scoring and after a five-minute overtime decided nothing, the game ended in a 1-1 tie.

A lack of conversion on the power play was a big story in this game, as the teams finished a combined 0-11 with a man advantage. Penalty killing and shot blocking came to the forefront many times in this game. “If teams are willing to pile up shots, if they are willing to take shots, it’s hard to score when there are five goalies out there,” Merrimack head coach Mark Dennehy said. “It’s hard to score when guys are willing to throw their bodies in front of pucks.”

If Friday night’s game lacked drama, then Saturday’s more than made up for it as the teams shifted to the Huskies Boston home for the contest. Things started slowly for the Warriors as defensive breakdowns lead to two early first period goals from Northeastern from Mike McLaughlin and Rob Dongara. This could have been the unraveling point for past Warrior teams, but not this year’s senior laden group. “Our upperclassmen calmed our bench down,” Dennehy said. “There was plenty of game left. It’s like having more coaches out there sometimes.”

Late in the first period, Mike Collins fired a seeing eye wrist shot by Rawlings to cut the lead to 2-1. It was the first power play goal of the weekend for either team, but it wouldn’t be the last for Collins. After a scoreless second, Merrimack again found itself on the man advantage midway through the third, when Collins let go an almost identical shot to his first and it again found the back of the net. The penalties piled up as the period went on but no more goals were scored in the third, sending the game to overtime for a second straight night. Merrimack would begin the five-minute overtime down a man as Kyle Bigos was penalized for high sticking with only seconds left in the third. About two minutes into OT as the Huskies were scrambling to capitalize on their power play, defensemen Luke Eibler fanned on a shot, giving the puck right to Rhett Bly. The sophomore center saw Ryan Flanigan sprinting up the other wing and flipped the puck out of the zone towards him. Flanigan managed to corral the puck and pick his preferred target, beating Rawlings low to the blocker side and giving the Warriors the win. “As soon as (Eibler) lost it, I was going,” Flanigan said. “Bly with a great pass, a flop shot, whatever you want to call it, and I just shot it... it was open so I fired.”

As a result of the weekend, Merrimack moves up to no. 6 in the USCHO.com Poll and no. 4 in the USA Today/USA Hockey Poll, earning first place votes from both media outlets.

While the polls are great for entertainment, Western Michigan coach Andy Murray put them in perspective: “I can’t even figure these rankings out,” Murray said. “How can they rank teams so early in the season? I think the only time I’d be worried about rankings is the first week of the season? I think the only time I’d be worried about rankings is the first week of the season.”

The Warriors are back in action Friday night at Boston University, followed by a weekend off. They will close out the pre-Thanksgiving schedule at home against Alabama-Huntville on Tuesday Nov. 23.

Men’s Hoops Season Starts at Bentley

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This year the Merrimack men’s basketball team kicks off their season Nov. 11-12 at the Bentley Tip-Off Classic where they will take on Bloomfield and Felician. They will then take on Franklin Pierce in the home opener on Nov. 16.

Last season the Warriors posted a 13-14 overall record with a 9-3 Northeast-10 Conference mark. Even though Merrimack finished 10th in the league last year, they are pegged to finish seventh in the conference this year according to the preseason poll.

This year the Warriors return four out of five starters, and majority of last year’s squad adding only four freshmen. The greatest loss will be Dee Mency, an All-American who graduated past May.

A strong senior class will be looked to for leadership this year.

Made up of Wayne Mack, Aaron Brotherson, Roland Davis, Wilfredo Pagan, and Juan Carlos Rosch, this class looks to lead the way for the program. Wayne Mack, who enters his second season as captain says that he is excited and ready for the season.

He is ready for the challenges with the team and that “we have the potential to be really good this season if we stick with it and go hard everyday.” This year in particular the team has an advantage with the four out of five returning starters – Mack, Brotherson, Pagan, Young and Davis. Mack noted that “you can be away from these guys, not practice with these guys for weeks, weeks and weeks and step onto the court and not miss a beat.”

He also feels strongly about the potential the team can achieve this season because of the familiarity and congruity they have together.
Field Hockey Heads to NCAA Tournament

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As time ran off the clock, solemn heads lifted to see the scoreboard read three goals to two in the Northeast-10 Conference Tournament on Halloween Day. Merrimack Field Hockey lost to Umass Lowell in a defeat that took the fans and the team by surprise.

Merrimack came out fast, with an unassisted goal by sophomore Candice Waldie at just over four minutes into the start of the game. Assisted by Victoria Delacey, April Daugherty followed only eleven minutes later, scoring Merrimack’s second goal. In the final minutes of the first period, goalie Kerri Bergquist and her defense fended off several corner penalties, as ULowell slammed shot after shot towards the Merrimack net. Despite the consistent pressure at the end of the first period, Merrimack walked off the field at half-time leading 2-0.

Yet, ULowell came into the second period with a renewed spirit. Merrimack was offensively shut out in the second half. And as the second period was coming to an end, ULowell brought the fire. ULowell scored their total three goals at 54:48 (Melissa Effertz), 55:35 (Kayla Littig) and 59:25 (Melissa Effertz). Captain April Daugherty says, “we broke down in that five minute period.” Daugherty credits their strong defense, especially the efforts of goalie Kerri Bergquist, for the team’s reputation for holding opponents to no goals. But she says the team had to realize that they “are going to be scored on and that was a lesson [they] learned last game.” That is only one lesson the team learned in this disappointing loss. They came away from the game with an even greater knowledge of what they must do for success. Daugherty says, “when a team pushes, we need to push harder.”

On October 31, 2011, a championship tournament title was lost. But a single game does not define a season. Head Coach Anne Rounce says, “honestly, the loss against ULowell has only fired our team up more. We’re hungrier than ever!” Rounce is happy with a regular season title and a lesson learned in the championship before they go to the NCAA Tournament. She feels it’s better to learn from a loss now, than going into the biggest tournament less prepared. And the team hasn’t suffered much from the loss. The Merrimack Field Hockey team was honored by a first-time NCAA bid, in the #1 North spot. To complete the domination of their conference, the Merrimack Field Hockey team is home to the Northeast-10 Coach of the Year: Anne Rounce, Player of the Year: April Daugherty and Goalie of the Year: Kerri Bergquist.

They travel to Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania this weekend to compete in the NCAA Tournament, in which they will once again face ULowell, in the semi-final.

With lessons learned from the loss and a #1 bid to the NCAA Tournament, the Merrimack Field Hockey team is focusing on moving forward. Rounce says her goals for the rest of the season are “to stay as a family, take it one step at a time and win a National Championship.” Captain April Daugherty echoes this statement, truly explaining what this team is about. While the Merrimack Field Hockey team prepares for the upcoming NCAA Tournament, Daugherty says, “as an athlete you live for moments like this. We have a chance to really do something big here and I am so glad that I am going to be able to work hard because opportunities like this don’t just come around every day.” And with its athletes prepared to play hard, as more than just a team, Merrimack is proud to be home to this family.

Women’s Basketball Anxious for New Start

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The Bert Hammel Court is home to many athletes, fans and students. Since the beginning of fall, the women’s basketball team has worked hard to achieve success for the 2011-2012 season. The Warriors are anticipating an exciting year, with a new coaching staff and incoming freshman. After serving as the assistant coach and recruiting coordinator at Northern Arizona University for 3 years and, Monsieur LeBlanc has taken on the responsibilities of head coach. Growing excited for the season, LeBlanc expects her team to continue to work hard at practice and in the weight room along with outstanding opponents and becoming a stronger defensive team.

“There is so much to look forward to in my first season as a head coach. Of course, I am really looking forward to our first team win. I’m looking forward to the long journey of our season, and working with our team to prepare for the different obstacles that we will see on game night. We play in a highly competitive conference and every game is critical, so that makes each game really meaningful and fun” added LeBlanc.

After finishing 12th in the North-east 10 Conference last year with a record of 10-17, the team hopes for improvement. Adding five new freshmen and transfer junior Jaclyn Lyons to returning juniors Katie Ganser and Kelly Schatzelein and seniors Angie Mochalski and Valerie Avebe, the Warriors will have a young core as well as returning talent. Watching these women take the court for the first time will be exciting for athletes and spectators.

“This is a great group of young women. The team is filled with individuals who are working hard everyday at practice and work hard because opportunities like this don’t just come around every day.” And with its athletes prepared to play hard, as more than just a team, Merrimack is proud to be home to this family.

Football Wrap-up

The Merrimack football team will be finishing out their season on Saturday at Southern Connecticut State University. Although the Warriors did not make the playoff cut, the team demonstrated hard work ethic throughout the course of the season despite their consecutive losses against University of New Haven and American Inter- national College. Not including their last NE-10 face-off against the Owls, the Warriors ended the season 4-3 in the NE-10 conference and 5-4 overall. Congratulations to all of the seniors for their efforts and dedication to the team.

Volleyball Wrap-up

The women’s volleyball team finished their season on November 5th, losing to The College of St. Rose 3-0. The team finished 15th in the NE-10 conference with a record of 2-13 and had an overall record of 5-22 for the season. Having a mix of six freshman, one sophomore, three juniors and one senior, the young team has the potential for great improvement next season. Congratulations to senior, Nicole Duarte for her efforts and years of commitment to the team.

Soccer Wrap-up

The men’s soccer team ended the season in the NE-10 quarterfinals, losing to Le Moyne College 3-2. The team finished the season 5th in the conference with a record of 7-4-3 and all 9-7-3 for the season. Although the Warriors faced challenges compared to last year, the team worked hard till the end of the season. For those seniors leaving the team, congratulations for all that you contributed to the team and your dedication to the program.
Merrimack Alum DaCosta Scores on Bruins at Garden

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For a few hours last Monday night, it was like he never left. Stephane DaCosta was back on campus at Merrimack for the first time since signing a professional contract with the Ottawa Senators that past spring. With the Sens in town to face off against the Bruins Tuesday, Stephane chose to spend Monday night reconnecting with teammates and friends in North Andover. “I wish I could go back and be with the guys for some more time” said DaCosta, who has had to make an adjustment to life in the NHL. “There are things you have to get used to. The schedule is hard. You travel a lot late at night. And you don’t have a lot of time to recover with two games in three days. It’s not like college, where you get a week to recover.”

An average college season is 35 games, while the Senators will play 82 this season. While the learning curve may be steep, Stephane is starting to get comfortable in his new surroundings and never was that more evident than in his game against the Bruins last Tuesday. With a myriad of friends, family and former teammates in attendance, DaCosta played his best game of the season. He recorded a goal, an assist and a blocked shot as well as finishing the night with a +1 rating. A player is awarded a plus when they are on the ice for a goal for and saddled with a minus when they are on for a goal against. Just five minutes into the game, DaCosta put in a gutsy effort keeping the puck in along the boards and got it to teammate Nick Foligno who wormed the puck into the Bruins net. Three minutes later, Stephane deposited a rebound from Chris Neil behind Bruins goalie Tim Thomas to give Ottawa the 2-1 lead.

While the Bruins would tie it up and eventually take the victory, it was impossible for DaCosta to keep a smile off his face after the game. Not only had he played his best game in the NHL, but so many of his family and friends were there to see it. As the Eagle-Tribune’s Mike McMahon wrote the next day: “The NHL won’t take him to Paris, so coming back to Boston is as close to a homecoming as Stephane Da Costa can get.” The young center agrees, saying, “It sort of is my home, I have a few places that I could call home, but this is where I probably have the most friends.”

The future continues to look bright for the former Warrior. He has played in each of the Senators’ 15 games so far this season. He has recorded three goals and one assist for a total of four points and while he currently stands at -6, that stat is rapidly improving. The Senators as a whole are a lot like DaCosta, a young team looking for an identity and improving every game. Once they both reach a high level of play they can maintain for a full season, the rest of the league will certainly sit up and take notice.

Women’s Soccer Advances

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The season isn’t over yet for the Lady Warriors Soccer Team. Last Sunday night the squad found out that they received the third seed in the East region of the NCAA Division II Women’s Soccer Championship. Merrimack will play Holy Family for a chance at a rematch with the Saint Rose Golden Knights. The Knights beat the Warriors in the Northeast-10 Championship game last Sunday.

The team suffered a 5-1 loss in that game to first ranked Saint Rose. Going into the game ranked second in the conference, the team dropped to 16-3-1 on the season.

Danielle Dion scored the lone goal for the Warriors off a header crossed in by Katie Bresciani. Playing down a player for much of the match due to a first half ejection by a Merrimack defender for handling a ball at the goal line, the team just couldn’t overcome the deficit. Kiley Horne had 15 saves in net, which was a season high in the keepers 2011 campaign.

The team played an over-time thriller to get into the NE-10 championship game last Friday against a solid Southern New Hampshire team. Down 1-0, Gabriela Vega assisted Laura Spang as she netted her first collegiate goal in the 74th minute of the match to tie the game at 1-1. The score remained tied during the remainder of regulation and the match was sent to OT.

In the closing minutes of the first overtime half, Spang sent a loose ball into Southern NH’s penalty box. Dion ran onto it and sent the ball into the lower left corner of the goal for the game winner and to send the Warriors to its first NE-10 finals match since 2003.

Spang, named to the Northeast-10 All-Championship team after her great performances in the semi-final and final games of the NE-10 tournament is ready to take on the East region section of the bracket. “This year has been nothing short of amazing. It all started out with judgment day, which I think foreshadowed how our season turned out. I couldn’t ask for better teammates or coaches. We gave it 110% this year, so we definitely deserve how far we’ve come”. After being asked what her feelings were on a possible rematch with St. Rose, Spang stated “Hey we beat ‘em once. Bring it on”.

The team will travel to Albany, N.Y. and play at the Plumeri Sports Complex Friday at 1 p.m. against Holy Family. If the team advances the rematch between the Warriors and the Golden Eagles will take place on Sunday, November 13.