Sodexo Gets New Taste

DeGioia has launched communication campaigns on Facebook, Twitter, and texting. He also asked that students complete surveys. “If we don’t know what the problems are, we can’t react,” he said.

DeGioia said, for example, that many texts came in about the Gatorade fountain being empty, something that hit home especially for athletes having team dinners after practice. He said it has been unavailable from vendors recently, and Sodexo is working to solve that problem. “I think they listen to students now,” said senior Casey Cummins.

DeGioia said these changes were just the beginning. “I want this to be one of the top college dining locations in the country,” he said.

Upon DeGioia’s arrival he made some immediate changes to the hours at Sparky’s Place. “It didn’t really make sense that students who had classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays often couldn’t go to lunch,” he said. Last year lunch was closed at 1 p.m.; now there is continuous service, which has been popular among students.

SGA President Alisha Repucci affirmed the positive changes at Sparky’s. “After last year’s Mack Meetings, students voicing their opinion, and The Beacon article, Sodexo responded,” she said.

“Student evaluations were not good at all last year,” said Father Ray Dlugos, vice-president of mission and student affairs. “We are collaborative with Sodexo, always working with them.”

Sodexo’s contract is managed by Abowitz, who was not available to comment by deadline, her assistant said.

Warriors to Rekindle Rivalry with Irish

Notre Dame to Join Hockey East in 2013

Matthew LaMalfa ’12
Assistant Sports Editor

In August of 1983, the athletic directors of seven Division One hockey schools made the decision to break away from the ECAC and founded a new conference, naming it Hockey East. Today, Hockey East is arguably the best conference in the country and boasts seven national championship since its inception. No one knew what the league would become back in 1983; it was an earth shattering moment for the college hockey world. Only now, 29 years later, is there a re-alignment brewing that will make the breakaway of the Hockey East schools look like a minor tremor.

The question of how the effects will be felt here at Merrimack can be answered with one iconic name: Notre Dame. The Irish, and most likely one other school to be determined, will be joining Hockey East to start the 2013 season. “I would like to welcome Coach Jackson and Notre Dame to Hockey East. There are not many schools in the country who could improve our league. Notre Dame is on the top of a very short list,” said Merrimack Head Coach Mark Dennehy.

To fully understand why Notre Dame is joining Hockey East, you have to look back over the past year in college hockey, starting with the inception of a varsity program at Penn State University. When the Nittany Lions announced last year they would add Division 1 ice hockey, it begged the question, in what conference would they compete? One possibility was to join one of the existing power conferences:

Merrimack Warriors Faced Notre Dame in the NCAA Regional Championships

DeGioia, the Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA), the Central Collegiate Hockey Association (CCHA) or the ECAC. Instead, Penn State and the other teams who are members of the Big-10 conference for football decided to band together and start a Big-10 hockey conference, sending seismic ripples through the college hockey landscape.

Both the CCHA and WCHA were greatly affected by losing members to the Big-10, causing them to look for other options. The WCHA has chosen to replace the schools who have left, while eight others have formed a new “super conference” to be called the National Collegiate Hockey Conference (NCHC). Unfortunately, the CCHA was hit too hard to survive and will be forced to dissolve following the 2012 season, leaving one especially iconic member without a home: Notre Dame.

Essentially this left the Irish with two options. First, they could join the newly formed NCHC, which would send them mostly west playing schools like North Dakota, Denver, and reigning national champion Minnesota-Duluth. The other option was to come eastward and join Hockey East. Either conference would benefit greatly from the name and revenue generated by one of the most recognizable collegians in the world. In the end, after much debate on all three sides, Notre Dame chose Hockey East. Like many issues of this magnitude, it largely came down to money. The NCHC was not willing to allow Notre Dame to have it’s own television contract; it wanted the conference to control media issues, especially ones that generate that much revenue. Hockey East had no such qualms, so just when everyone thought the Irish were heading west, it did an about face and joined Hockey East. Also, Notre Dame has a reputation as a solid Catholic institution. In Hockey East, they will regularly play fellow Catholic schools Boston College, Providence, and Merrimack. While Notre Dame’s location initially appears to be a detractor, it really won’t cause too many issues for either side.

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Weekend Whoops!
Submit Your Funny Stories From the Weekend to MCweekendwhoops@yahoo.com

Woke up on my futon frantically Sunday Morning with chips all around me with Gospel Mass Blaring at me to Praise God on the TV. Whoops.

Woke up naked in my roommates bed with him. We’re both dudes. Whoops.

Woke up to Police Services banging on my door Sunday Morning. Forgot to Return the Van Keys. Whoops.

Changed my suffix to PhD on Mymack Saturday night. Professor called me Doctor in class today. Whoops.

Warrior Tweets

@MikeyBeau One. The number of flash mobs it took to ruin the song Moves Like Jagger.
@ChieffaloA Well that's ironic. The Mack card office man lost his Mack card..
@evanberube It's finally here! #autumn
@catlawlor I feel like Kramer when he drank too many cafe lattes... #nomorecoffee
@realAJAndreucci so much #zest so little time.
@mollymescall Falling asleep in the library.. This is productive
@gbaby_cerretani Naps on naps on napsssss
Looking for that Extra Edge? What about an Internship?

Brendan Ahern
Career Columnist

You are sitting in the middle of the library studying for your next big test when your mind begins to wander. Will I do well enough to graduate? What about the next step? How can I enhance my resume with something more than just on-campus activities? The answer you are looking for is none other than completing an internship or Co-op. Internships and Co-ops are experiential learning opportunities that integrate knowledge and theory learned in the classroom with practical application and skills development in a professional setting. Internships and Co-op’s allow students to gain valuable applied experience and make connections in professional fields they are considering for career paths; and give employers the opportunity to guide and evaluate talent. Internships and Co-ops are essential in today’s working world because they demonstrate prior work experience. Having a semester’s worth of work under your belt in a desired field is not only a resume booster, but also builds personal confidence. These two opportunities allow you to test the waters in a specific field, helping you decide whether or not there is a fit. You will be given the chance to apply your classroom studies to real-world situations. Working on skills like critical thinking and professionalism will pay dividends for your future career.

It is easy to fall into the routine of coursework, but why not ease the transition into the working world with an internship? There are many businesses who would love the extra help and fresh perspective that college students provide. If you find an internship that you are interested in, take action and contact them directly.

Brendan Ahern is a senior at Merrimack and Communications intern in the Office of Career Services and will be contributing a regular column for The Beacon.
Ipads and Xboxes Made Available for All

Sharon Green '13
Staff Writer

As of Tuesday, October 11th, McQuade library has given students, faculty and staff the opportunity to participate in their new iPad lending program. This program is free with your MackCard at the help desk on the first floor of the library. McQuade has invested in 10 preloaded iPads, that the Merrimack community will be able to check out for 24 hours at a time. With only 10 iPads available rentals are on a “first come first serve” basis. If there are no iPads available you are able to place one on hold, as well as see how many are checked out and when they will be returned. In the process of checking one out you must sign a lending agreement which includes policies and terms of agreements. If it is not returned on time, the person will receive a $50.00 fine for each additional day it is late, and if it is lost or damaged the fee will be $950.00.

With this as a concern, Head of Resource Management, Kathryn Genser, to zoom in a letter, “We have worked closely with the IT department to try to protect the iPads as best we can.” Regardless, people must take care of these items so they do not face the penalty fee of $950.00. When the iPad is returned, the McQuade staff will thoroughly check to make sure everything works, and they will check off that students have returned it so they are not penalized. Junior, Courtney Boli, “I believe it is a bad idea because people are not responsible and things do get stolen easily. There are a lot of setbacks with dealing with this sort of technology, there are more cons than pros, and it is going to end up costing a lot more money than intended, for something that is not benefiting a lot people. It’s true we have only 10 and you can only rent them out for such a short amount of time.”

Along with iPads McQuade now offers the rental of Xbox controllers and games, which can be rented for two hours at a time, and are renewable if there is no waiting list. The controllers cannot leave the facility, the games can. Junior and gamer Nick Vasquez stated, “It’s good that I am able to rent cool new games, without spending the money.” The library staff is always welcome to take new game suggestions in order to make sure that the students are satisfied. Although there are mixed reviews on the lending of the iPads, students are still participating in this new lending program. If you are interested in this program please be sure to check out more information and the terms of use on the lending of the iPads at http://libguides.merrimack.edu/ipad.

Merrimack community will be able to use the gaming system in the library. Merrimack surveyed students on Facebook wanting to know what their favorite games were so they can order them as soon as possible. Even though the con-SGA: We’re Starting a Tradition

Alisha Repucci ‘12
SGA President

With all the changes at the college, there have recently been restrictions put on the use of certain logos. Currently, the warrior-head logo is not allowed, and the MC logo is only to be used by athletics. While in the past student organizations could use these logos on posters, T-shirts, handouts and invitations, now clubs are restricted to using the Merrimack College logo that has a cross in place of the dot over the “i.”

We are in the process of contacting the proper departments to see if it is possible to have a club and organization logo created. If students involved in clubs and organizations want their own Merrimack logo, I encourage you to contact Student Government.

Recently Student Government has been researching what type of themes we want to put in Augie’s Pub. Our Campus Life Committee has been researching pictures we want to display on the walls, and ideas for inside the pub, such as a jukebox.

At this point, we are looking to have a display of the student section at a hockey game on the left wall and various frames on the right wall. For the pictures, we want to include all students: athletics and student organizations as well as some pictures of Merrimack students from decades ago. Even the idea of having students send in pictures they want hung up or displayed on a slideshow on the televisions is a possibility.

Our campus infrastructure committee has been working with Bob Coppola, director of physical plant, to work on various elements around the campus — one being that infamous puddle on the walkway between Monican and the Sak, which you have to jump over when it rains.

Another project we are working on is getting a sign on the 114 entrance that is either right before or after the turn to go into the college. However, at this point the college is considering replacing all of the signs with a dark blue, since that actually is our school color, not light blue.

Lastly, our Campus Infrastructure Committee got an update on the granite tables that used to be located outside the Sak. They are being dispersed around the campus, and in their place there will be wooden tables, since they are easier to remove when the area is to be utilized for a function.

Student Government will be holding our visiting hours on Main Street on Mondays between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. and 7 p.m., for any students who have suggestions, questions or concerns.

Our upcoming events include the SGA Coffee Hour on Saturday, Oct. 22 from 11 a.m. to noon in the Sak parking lot, and the SGA annual Mack Meeting with President Christopher Hopey, which is Tuesday, Oct. 25 at 5 p.m. in Murray Lounge. Both are open to all students.

SGA hosts their first Mack Meeting with President Hopey and other college officials on October 25 from 3-5 in Murray Lounge in the Sakwich Campus Center.
Curriculum Integration Initiative

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In the past, students at Merrimack College with certain majors have been unable to study abroad, due to the fact that the schools and programs overseas that Merrimack work with did not have sufficient corresponding classes that counted towards these more labor intensive classes. These majors include but are not limited to health science, education, chemistry, and sports medicine.

This restriction can be a huge disadvantage to students with a desire to learn a foreign language, or who just want to the experience of immersing themselves in a new culture.

Megan Hathaway, studying education at Merrimack, says, “I always wanted to study abroad, but after talking to my advisors, they didn’t know if I would be able to find courses abroad that correspond to those that I need in order to get my degree at Merrimack.”

Merrimack professors and faculty have begun the “Curriculum Integration Wall Street.” This program was designed to give all students, regardless of their major, the opportunity to study in another country, while still satisfying the requirements for that major.

After speaking with Professor Lynn McGovern, the chair of the Department of World Languages and Cultures and Academic Director of Study Abroad, it was clear that while this new integration initiative will take a lot of time and work for the faculty involved, it will be well worth it to students hoping to study abroad. It involves gathering the curriculum from each program offered at Merrimack. Merrimack is affiliated with thirteen schools in eight different countries.

According to Professor McGovern, each course that a student plans to take during their studies abroad is looked at by the staff involved to see what course it is equivalent to here at Merrimack. Each course is closely analyzed, to ensure that it is a good fit for the student, and also to ensure that the student is taking the correct courses to satisfy their individual major.

The purposes of this initiative are to serve those under-represented students with majors that require more time and work, to help out with advising, and finally to eliminate the course approval forms involved in studying abroad.

Hathaway states, “I think it’s a great idea because it finally opens doors for people who don’t have the opportunity or didn’t think that they had the opportunity to study abroad.”

Each department here at Merrimack must scrutinize all courses in the corresponding department in the other countries’ programs to make sure they are worth the students time and money, and to check that their syllabi are somewhat similar to those offered at Merrimack.

As said by Professor McGovern, one of the leaders of this integration program, the project will take the rest of the year to finalize, but will definitely be worth their while. Professor McGovern is even planning to travel to Bilboa, Spain, where one of the universities affiliated with Merrimack is located, to see if the courses offered there fit with the curriculum at Merrimack.

Steve Jobs’ Lasting Impact on College Students

Stephen Tullgren
Standards Editor

Since the death of Steve Jobs on October 5, a lot has been said about his life.

Bono has recently come out and said that he was “The Bob Dylan of Machines.”

President Obama said, “He changed the way each of us sees the world.”

In the past, people have called Jobs exploitative and monopolizing. Whatever one’s opinion may be, it is impossible and honestly dangerous to deny Jobs’ effect on the world today. More specifically, his effect on the world of the college student.

One would be hard-pressed to find a room across the Merrimack College campus without some form of Apple product. This could range from an iPhone, Mac, iPod, to even just the Apple ear bud headphones.

The breadth of Jobs’ touch can be found in a half a dozen industries: music, animated movies, phones, tablet computing, personal computers, and digital publishing.

Jobs’ first patent was in 1980 when he was only 25 years old, and he continued to patent until the day he died. A day before he passed away he filed a patent for a patent on the “dock” which is the toolbar of icons on the bottom of a Mac.

All in all Jobs acquired over 300 patents, and eight patents pending. The eight patents pending is one less than the total number of Microsoft patents owned by Bill Gates total nine.

Not every patent was successful. Many of his patents gained no acclaim or attention at all, but the one’s that hit did so with force. Of tentimes it was not an original idea that garnered him his most success, but rather a remix or revolutionary idea of how to work with an existing product.

Smartphones developed into iPhones and sparked many competitors to try and replicate Apple’s touchscreen device. Portable music previously confined to the form of a walkman was now on something called an iPod. Buttons were replaced with the interactive touch screen. Waiting for a player became something obsolete in the music storage department with the development of iTunes.

The list can go on, and even if you do not own some number of Apple, you are most likely using a competitor’s product and very easily something that Apple fought on the basis of copyright infringement (whether valid or not).

Steve Jobs wearing his token black turtleneck

Jobs put style into functionality by capitalizing on opportunity and prestige. Love them or hate them, Apple products say something about their owners.
Opinion

What We Need Out Of Our Next Provost

Patrick Lawlor ’13
Associate Editor in Chief

The college has embarked on yet another national search for leadership. Chaired by Assistant Dean of Liberal Arts Kerry Johnson, the provost search committee intends on bringing finalists for interviews within the next month. The provost, according to Merrimack’s website is the second in charge administrative officer of the college, and serves as college leader in the absence of the president. Currently the position is being temporarily filled by Dean of Science and Engineering Josephine-Medica-Napolitano. Michael Bell was the previous provost, hired much like Former President Ronald Champagne, on a temporary basis. Bell is currently listed as a senior fellow. Due to confidentiality in an on-going search, it cannot be confirmed if Medica-Napolitano has applied for the position she has taken over since the summer.

In the last 3 years the position of Provost/Vice President of Academic Affairs has not been transparent enough for what Merrimack needs. The defined second in command of the college’s administration needs to have a stronger presence on campus. Our next provost needs to be a responsive and tactful change agent. As the college intends to continue growth, Academics needs to be on the same page, and continue to provide an above standard education to students.

With the Austin Hall overhaul in its 16th month, the new provost will mark close to the tenth new senior staff member in the Hopez administration. Although the Provost’s Office has a great amount of support staff that includes two vice provosts and a handful of deans, we need our provost to be a symbol of our education. Unfortunately, I think that there are only a select amount of students who even know what the provost does, let alone who the provost is. How does an incoming provost become known? Host luncheons and drop in meetings for students, walk around like Hopey does on move in days, Homecoming and at football games—don’t worry, the president won’t feel too threatened.

Get to know all of the chairs, the professors and department secretaries. If there is anyone that knows what the students have to complain about it’s the professors. Our provost needs to be in the classrooms in May when the heat makes learning unbearable, and in January when our ballpoint pens freeze up.

If I were the next provost I would trash Blackboard. Get rid of it. What happened to good old handouts? It’s going to get printed out, so Green Team, calm down. If I am required to read something, I want it in my hands. If there is one disconnect from professors to students, it’s Blackboard.

To the next provost: empower students to have an opinion and voice it, engage the faculty to be controversial, open minded and speak out, and enlighten all the minds to remember why we are here: to learn.

Questions on the Quad

By: Agata Adamczuk and Jessica Morse

Are you satisfied with the gym?

No, it needs more machines
-Anne Bajor ’13

No, it needs a Stairmaster, so we can work on our buns
-Andrea Chielfalo & Courtney Barchus ’12

When I do use it, yes I am satisfied
-Andrew Rivenbark ’12

There is a good balance of machines and free weights
-Elliot Silva ’14

What would you like to see in The Beacon?

Comics would be awesome!
-Fiona Coleman ’14

Horoscopes!
-Ryan Johnson ’14

More sports
-Megan Brophy ’15

Crossword Puzzles
-Sam Colangelo ’15
Opinion

Angela’s Fall Fashion

Smooth Transitions

Angela Milinazzo  
Staff Writer

As the last heat waves of summer become a distant memory, it is now time to re-evaluate your wardrobe. Long gone are the days of throwing on a t-shirt, shorts and flip-flops and heading out the door. With fall now upon us, you’ll be lucky if you can head out the door without a jacket. However, the changes in daylight and weather do not mean that you have to put your favorite warm weather items in storage until June. You can, in fact, stretch out the last of your summer wardrobe while you transition into fall – you just have to be creative.

Transitional dressing is all about layering and changing the way you match up items. Take Theresa’s outfit, for example. Here, she can be seen wearing a flowy, gauzy floral blouse – perfect for spring and some of those cooler summer days. However, when she pairs her blouse with jeans and boots, she makes an outfit that is perfect for transitioning into fall. You can still wear your favorite sheer blouse or lightweight knit, but the key is to make sure that you’re building the rest of your outfit to compensate for the cooler temperatures. Like Theresa, you can pair a lightweight top with jeans and boots, or layer a cardigan or simple blazer over it, insuring that you’ll be prepared regardless of an unpredictable Indian summer or pre-mature winter chill.

If you’re looking to get a few more weeks out of your favorite summer dress, you can do that too simply by layering. Again, just slip on your trusty cardigan, blazer or even a denim jacket over your dress. With cooler weather, I like to add a pair of tights, and when it gets even colder, try a pair of sweater-knit tights for extra warmth – they’re thicker and have a cool texture, which can not only be great to keep out the cold, but for some more visual interest. Dresses with shorter hemlines can sometimes go great with a pair of boots, but I would suggest avoiding above-the-knee boots with mini-dresses, lest looking like Julia Roberts in Pretty Woman or some sort of go-go dancer. A great pair of flats can also be a good alternative. If you tend to stay on the more conservative side, pair black tights with black flats to elongate the legline and create a sleek look, but if you want to embrace something a bit trendier, experiment with different colored tights and flats.

The same can be done with a pair of shorts. I love being able to extend my short-wearing time into October and November by wearing a pair of tights underneath. A pair of denim shorts with black tights and boots or flats and a chunky knit-sweater can be a clever way of keeping your shorts on regular rotation in your closet. If your denim shorts seem a bit too summery for fall, try investing in a pair of tweed or wool shorts, which look smart and sophisticated in fall colors.

Just because the autumn season is upon us does not mean that you need to exile your summer clothes into storage until Memorial Day. Remember to mix lightweight pieces with heavier pieces – an embellished tank top underneath a v-neck cable-knit sweater, a sheer blouse with a pair of jeans and boots. Don’t forget to layer your warmer winter items over summery tops and dresses. Your winter-wear does not have to completely take over your closet yet. You can still wear your favorite things, but you just have to build your outfit with a touch of fall and creativity.

Pictured Left is Meg Constantni modelling another option for making summer wear last into the fall.

On the Right, Theresa Walsh in a look perfect for transitioning into fall.
Theology With Tim
Where are the crucifixes?
Rediscovering the cross at Merrimack College

Tim Iannaccone ’12
Columnist

Recently I attended an interfaith dinner at the Rogers Center, which featured a lecture by the prominent former Catholic priest James Carroll. I thoroughly enjoyed the dinner, in addition to the stimulating conversation amongst my peers.

Among the topics of discussion was the controversy surrounding the removal of crucifixes in the classrooms here at Merrimack, a Catholic school. While it may seem ironic that an interfaith dinner was the impetus for this discussion, I nonetheless was shocked that some felt it necessary to remove such an overtly Catholic symbol. As a university started and maintained by the Catholic church, I believe this glaring neglect is a tremendous insult to those who place their faith in Jesus and His church.

While I could easily fill up the next six editions of the Beacon with theological texts examining the cross in soteriological terms, I feel it is most compelling in this instance to identify it as a pillar of Catholic culture. There is something supremely Catholic about the cross, and its vivid image of love emanating from God who died as a man. Martin Luther spawned masses who didn’t dare represent their savior on a slab of wood. In their cry for divine mercy, they removed its greatest instrument from their churches, books, and, yes, school. Merrimack has one-upped this popular and modernistic expression of faith by removing any indication of Jesus’ passion from the classrooms. In an embarrassing fashion, we have shirked a symbol that would offend only the most insecure, self-absorbed individual, for a bare wall. In typical Lutheran fashion, we have embraced a “suggestive” treatment of God, rather than the confidence that Jesus instilled in us when He told us to call God “Father.”

Catholic culture is essentially the founder of the modern university. From the small collections of scholars who met in Paris, Cologne, or Salamanca rose a fertile bed for learning. As we share in the fullness of that tradition today at Merrimack, we should not abandon our proud heritage in a misguided sense of ecumenism. In a manner that similarly mirrors the iconoclasm of Elizabethan England, school officials attempted to distance themselves from their cumbersome religion except when it conveniently satisfied donors or prospective students. As a Catholic school, we must embrace the crucifix at all times, not only at times where it is aesthetically valuable.

Catholics throughout the ages have fallen into the rut of worldliness and Pauline “flesh,” constantly ignoring or shunning the salvation Christ offers through the church. However, even in times of great turmoil, it was the Lamb of God upon a tree who offered a sense of guidance and moral sobriety.

Much closer to home, Boston College recently was faced with a harsh storm of criticism by deciding to return crucifixes to every classroom. Father T. Frank Kennedy, director of Boston College’s Jesuit Institute, said, “For the identity of Boston College as a Jesuit and Catholic institution which we so proudly have inherited, and so happily transmit to the next generation of alumni/alumnae, impels us, as John Paul also noted, ‘to offer to share the deep desire we have of recognizing ourselves in the crucifix, and of seeing it, not as something that divides, but as something that is to be respected by all, and that in a certain sense can unify.’”

Father Kennedy provides another excellent attribute of the crucifix: unity in the cross. In an age with an incredible emphasis on diversity, one must realize the equality of every single person in the eyes of God. Christ died not only for Catholics, or those in conservative Catholic colleges, but for everyone. Catholics are called to help each individual realize this privilege, and the foremost way is displaying the visible expression of divine love.

I encourage everyone on campus to strongly defend Christ crucified, unashamedly defending the glory of Jesus and His church. A general embarrassment or apathy towards the faith is dangerous not only for the souls of us students, but also of those in administration. As we see in the lives of the saints, both ancient and modern, a devotion to the crucifix and its saving message is the cornerstone to a life of virtue.

Let us pray, through the intercession of our gracious patron St. Augustinian that we may reverse our shameful belittlement of the cross and return it to a place of primacy.

Police Log

Oct. 1, 1:30 a.m., FIGHT
AC called for police outside in the middle of St. Clare’s Court for a possible fight. Officers responded. Sergeant reported that a verbal and pushing argument was dispersed by Res Life.

Oct. 1, 2:30 a.m., VANDALISM
RA called to report someone wrote profanity on her window. Officer filed a report.

Oct. 1, 11:46 p.m., DISTURBANCE
RA reported fight in progress outside. Sergeant spoke with one individual involved in the altercation. All others fled prior to police arrival. Officers searched the area for two males.

Oct. 2, 12:14 a.m., ALCOHOL ASSESSMENT
RA requested an alcohol assessment on a female in the girls’ bathroom. Officer instructed student to return to her room for the remainder of the night.

Oct. 2, 12:42 a.m., MOTOR VEHICLE VIOLATION
RA reported a woman driving a green Jeep almost struck multiple pedestrians. Sergeant located driver and confiscated the key to the vehicle.

Oct. 2, 3:17 a.m., ARREST
Sergeant reported male non-student under arrest for disorderly conduct: Devver A. Hughes, 24 Knowlton St., South Boston, MA, born July 23, 1990.

Oct. 2, 3:48 a.m., DISTURBANCE
Resident student reported his roommate was intoxicated and playing loud music, making it hard for him to sleep. Sergeant spoke with the roommate. There were also several other students in the room.

Oct. 6, 1 a.m., ATTEMPTING TO COMMIT CRIME
FDA reported that she observed four tall black males take a beanbag chair and run out of the building with it. FDA recovered the chair and also reported finding a jacket belonging to one of the individuals.

Oct. 6, 3:50 a.m., NOISE COMPLAINT
Resident called police to report “kids talking loud and laughing” in the turf field area. Sergeant responded and determined the call was unfounded.

Oct. 6, 10:50 p.m., SUSPICIOUS ODOR
Library worker reported odor from fireplace. Sergeant reported nothing could be found. Physical Plant determined the fumes were not being vented properly but the fireplace still worked.
Fall Service Trip

This is where the trip to NJ was: Lawrenceville and Trenton.
The center for faithjustice

Left to Right:
Melissa Tucker, Sheighlin Sheighling, Kiara Huntress, Theresa Walsh, Stephen Forster, Chris Mason, Max Aniconi, Doreen Suubi
Hockey Preview

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Assistant Sports Editor

At the beginning of the 2011-12 college hockey season, the Merrimack Warriors found themselves in a very unfamiliar position: ranked in the USCHO Pre-Season Poll. Following the best season in program history, expectations have never been higher in North Andover. The Warriors start off at #15 in the national rankings and were picked to finish 5th in Hockey East by the conference coaches. The question entering this season was whether the Warriors repeat their success without All-American Stephane Da Costa, who left for the NHL following last season. “I think a lot of people think it was Stephane Da Costa and the seven dwarfs,” head coach Mark Dennehy said. “We certainly don’t feel that way. We had a lot to prove last year and not much changes. One year isn’t a trend.”

Along with Da Costa, seniors Chris Barton, Adam Ross, Joe Cucci, Fraser Allan, John Jamieson and Bobby Kramer departed Merrimack last May. Barton and Ross are continuing their hockey career in the ECHL. Instead of focusing on what they lost, the Warriors are more interested in who is coming back. The top line wingers from a year ago, Jesse Todd and Mike Collins, both return with sophomores Shawn Bates sliding into Da Costa’s vacated center spot to begin the year. Todd led the team in goals a year ago with 17 and Collins looks to expand on an impressive rookie season in which he scored 20 points and made the All-Rookie Team. The senior line of Elliott Sheen, Carter Madson, and Ryan Flanagan all return for their final year and look to expand on the chemistry they developed a year ago. Senior Jeff Velbeca, juniors Brandon Brodhag and John Heffernan along with sophomores Bates and Bhett Bly all look to settle into expanded roles this season.

On the defensive blue line, a much-needed infusion of youth has arrived to bolster the core of upperclassmen. All-Conference defender Karl Stollery anchors the group, who along with sophomore assistant captain Jordan Heywood, Kyle Bigos, Brendan Ellis and Thomas McCarthy, look to make things miserable for opposing forwards. Things won’t be changing too much in the net, as senior Joe Cannata returns for his senior season after starting every game a year ago. Cannata will be backed up by sophomore Sam Marotta and junior Nick Drew. Joining the Warriors this year is a crop of nine freshmen that have been collectively called one of the best recruiting classes in the schools history. Defenseman Dan Kolomatsi along with forwards Connor Toomey and Kyle Singleton played their first collegiate game last weekend in Maine. Here is a little more about them:

- #2 Mike Wills (Oakwood, Ontario) – notched 10 goals and 26 assists last year for the Lindsay Muskies of the Ontario Provincial Hockey League, served as team captain

- #10 Quinn Gould (St. McMurray, Alberta) – scored 22 goals and 31 assists a year ago playing for the Westside Warriors of the British Columbia Hockey League (BCHL)

- #24 Josh Myers (Colorado Springs, Colorado) – led his team, the Langley Chiefs (BCHL) in scoring a year ago and was second in the league. Named team MVP for 2010-2011.

- #25 Connor Toomey (Billerica, Massachusetts) – scored 55 points for the New Hampshire Monarchs of the Eastern Junior Hockey League (EJHL) last season, named playoff MVP

- #26 Dan Kolomatsi (Basking Ridge, New Jersey) – notched 2 goals and 10 assists for the Tri-City Storm of the United States Hockey League (USHL) last year. Has a brother, David, playing for the Manchester Monarchs in the LA Kings system

- #14 Kyle Singleton (Beaverton, Oregon) – had 25 goals and 35 assists playing for the Westside Warriors of the BCHL last season, teammate of Gould, both were coached by former Merrimack coach Darren Yopky

With Notre Dame in the fold, Hockey East now sits at 11 teams, a number commissioner Joe Bertagna has said he would like to see grow to an even 12. There is no shortage of candidates for the position, notes Adam Wodon from College Hockey News:

“While many have speculated that Connecticut would be the natural fit — it would join fellow New England state schools Vermont, UMass, New Hampshire and Maine — UConn currently has a tiny building and doesn’t award any scholarships. While UConn has shown it can become a power in a sport when it decides to upgrade the program, there is no indication they are ready to do so with men’s ice hockey. The school that most likely fits in this Rensselaer. RPI was courted by Hockey East twice before, when it was formed in the early ‘80s, and again in the mid-‘90s, ultimately deciding against it both times. And, most importantly, the idea is supported by its current administration, including coach Seth Appert and athletic director Jim Knowlton.”

While Notre Dame is set in stone as a new member, who will be in Hockey East’s twelfthth chair when the music stops? The best thing Warriors fans can do is stay tuned.

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While the Irish will have to travel overnight more frequently, eliminating an annual trip to Alaska won’t upset too many players. For the current Hockey East teams, it will necessitate one flying trip per year, but visiting the iconic South Bend campus is certainly worth the effort.
Row Row Row That Boat

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You may have heard that Merrimack has added a new sport this year; women’s crew. Well, the sport is actually rowing, and in fact, women’s rowing has been a new addition to Merrimack athletics this fall. Although it is not a varsity sport, the team’s competitive season is in the spring and the women have already been practicing for a few weeks this fall.

Tim Desrosiers is the Head Coach of Merrimack College Women’s Rowing. Desrosiers has over eight years experience coaching collegiate, and club rowing. He has coached at UMass Lowell, MIT, Boston University, Brooks School, and at Greater Lawrence Rowing. Desrosiers was a member of UMass Lowell’s varsity men’s crew through 2001. “Everyone is learning the sport at the same time, and it has been an interesting few weeks,” said Desrosiers. He shared that there have been breakthrough team improvements, especially during the team’s last couple practices.

Merrimack trains at the Abe Bashara Boathouse in Lawrence, a facility situated on the Merrimack River and operated by Greater Lawrence Community Boating, Inc. The women have practice from 5:30-7:30 in the morning. The team motivates themselves to wake up and get to practice on time, which has been a success; they have not had any trouble with tardiness or missing practices. Their practices consist of setting up equipment (oars and boats), warm ups, stretching, and lastly, spending the rest of practice out on the water.

Desrosiers announced the team captains last week, naming senior Jane Pavalkis and sophomore Julia Barry. The team has not competed yet, but on October 16th they will race in the New Hampshire Championships, and on October 29th, they will race in the Head of Fish Tournament. “The first race will help a lot because we will see how fast other teams are, and we will need to outwork the competition if we want to win,” said Desrosiers enthusiastically.

Women’s Golf Tees Up at Holiday Inn Colonial Classic

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After spending the prior weekend in scenic Myrtle Beach, the Warrior golf squad travelled to Robert Morris University, just outside of Pittsburgh, for the Holiday Inn Colonial Classic. The event was held at The Club at Shadow Lakes, located in Hopewell Township, Pennsylvania. This par 72 course, plays 5,970 yards and boasts a PGA rating of 137. The Colonial Classic field was comprised of eight teams including Laval, Mount Saint Mary’s, Niagara, Seaton Hill, Wagner, Wheeling Jesuit, and Youngstown State.

As a team, Merrimack finished seventh in the eight-team field, turning in an overall score of 732. After notching a 372 on day one, the team improved their score by twelve strokes, coming home with a 360 on day two. Ali Reed was the top individual for the Warriors, shooting 175 for two days. Reed bettered her day one score by five strokes on the way to a 16th place finish. Lloyd Hoehle finished next in 20th place. After firing an 87 in the first round, she followed it up with a 90 that afternoon. Bethany Arnold was next in line, shooting a 180 on the way to a 23rd place finish. She knocked four strokes off her day one 92 with a second round 88. Vanessa Martinez recorded a six-stroke improvement on the second day to give her an even 200 for the event. A day one 103 and a day two 97 made up her tournament.

The Warriors are back in action next weekend for their final event of the year, the Wellesley Invitational at Nehoien Golf Club.

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Football Strives for First Place in NE-10

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The battle for first place in the NE-10 conference for football continued on Saturday, October 8th as Merrimack hosted Bentley University. Bentley came out strong in the first quarter scoring on its first three drives. Merrimack came out slow, struggling on offense, and not aggressive enough on defense. However, in the middle of the first, the tides turned.

Jesse Fowler’s field goal block seemed to fuel the Warriors as they began to score on offense and make stops on defense. By halftime, Merrimack had fought their way back into the game, only trailing Bentley by 11 (29-18). Offensive guard Clay McRae says, “The fact it was a win over Bentley, one of our huge rivals and in a conference game, was huge. It also keeps us in a position where we can accomplish all of the goals we set out to complete at the beginning of the season.”

To begin the second half, Artis Holt had an electrifying kick return for 76 yards, almost scoring, and setting up for a Merrimack score.

Holt, a junior defensive back stated, “This game was just another stepping stone to where we want and expect to be”. Nick Dejardins was a force to be reckoned with, as he and the rest of the Warrior defense completely shut down the Falcons offense, not allowing a single point in the second half. James Suzzo and Joe Clancy led the offense, as they scored 15 points in the second half. They controlled the ball for most of the second half, which wore down the Bentley defense.

“Saturday’s game was a great win for us, we started out slow, but we responded well and executed our plays to get the win,” said junior defensemen Mike Wiggins.

Merrimack College looks forward in continuing the battle against Assumption College on Friday, October 14th away at 7pm.
Lady Warriors Surge to 14-1

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In a flurry of blue and gold, the Merrimack field hockey team rushed to celebrate yet another win in an outstanding season a win that helped solidify a title; the No. 5 national rank.

Coming off a disappointing 2010 season of eight wins and 11 losses, the Lady Warriors are determined to prove they deserve their rank. And with their domination shown thus far in this 2011 season, they have done just that.

After competing against Bentley University on Oct. 4, the team increased its record to 12-1. Its only loss was a non-conference competition, making it undefeated in the Northeast 10 Conference. Yet, the success of the season has brought more acknowledgement than the ranking, and inspired the team to develop greater goals for the remaining 2011 season.

Head Coach Anne Rounce said this national ranking is an honor, but not the only one this outstanding team has gained or hopes to gain, this season. While she is grateful for and honored by this recognition, the team is setting other goals such as “making the NE-10 playoffs, winning an NE-10 title and receiving an NCAA bid”.

The Lady Warriors refuse to be distracted by these great accomplishments and goals and instead, are always focused on improving the team and preparing for the next opponent.

According to Rounce, Bentley was one of the biggest games of the season. Undefeated in the conference and nationally ranked at No. 10, the Falcons were a looming challenge. Determined to overcome every obstacle of the season, the lady Warriors defeated Bentley 2-0 in a “continuous attack.” Rounce recognized offensive and defensive efforts in the win, and all other victories in the season.

Rounce does not credit one or even several specific players in the success of their season, but identifies two greater team strengths: work ethic and teamwork. It is the hard work dedicated in the off-season and a strong sense of teamwork that has made Merrimack continually victorious. “It is exciting to see that all of their hard work is coming together,” said Rounce.

Though Rounce does not attribute the team’s success to specific players, the team is definitely showing fortitude in its junior class. Captain April Daugherty has been a major player since her first year at Merrimack, being named an NFCA All-American, 2009-2010 Merrimack College Rookie of the Year and NE-10 Co-Rookie of the Year in her freshman season alone. She leads the team in goals and assists with 13 and 5, respectively. Following Daugherty, junior forward Jen Otis is second in goals for the season with 10. She helped her team defeat St. Anselm’s, scoring all three goals, in a hat trick for the game. One of which was scored within the first minute of overtime, for the win.

Not to be forgotten is the anchor of the defense, junior goalie Keri Bergquist. Starting as a freshman, Keri has been the safety in the net. A multiple recipient of the NE-10’s Goalie of the Week, Bergquist has 88 saves and 7 shutouts with a .989 save percentage for the 2011 season. Yet, these players are just a few of the many attributes that make this team great.

So far, the Lady Warriors have had many successes and accolades. Rounce said her favorite part of this team is how much fun and passion they show for the game and each other.

Since the victory over Bentley, the Lady Warriors have improved their record to 14-1. The team will face American International College away on Saturday at 12, in hopes to continue the winning streak.

“This group is special. They care so much about their teammates both on and off the field,” said Rounce enthusiastically.