Augie’s: A Few Steps Away from Greatness

Augie’s Pub made its grand opening on Saturday the 17th. During the first hour of its opening drinks were free, compliments of President Hopey. Cheers to you, Chris.

Over 50 students showed up to the opening night. Students drank, played trivia, and listened to music by DJ Wyatt.

Augie’s is one of many new additions to the Merrimack campus, along with the Lawler renovations, the renovated library and the Merrimack Club. Augie’s was re-designed out of the Community Dining Room next to Sparky’s Place. Inside there are a few couches, tables, and the bar that’s set in the back.

The bar has four different beers on tap:

- Coors Light and Blue Moon for $3 each, Sam Seasonal and Harpoon IPA for $4 each. It also serves Rawson’s Chardonnay and Shiraz Cabernet for $4 each. The pub will also be serving food such as sandwiches, wings, and pizza.
- The pub gives students the opportunity to drink socially with friends and other students at a place within walking distance. This allows students to ditch the burden of paying for taxis or arranging DDs, or the mistake of drinking and driving. Also, students don’t have to be out in the Lawrence area, which has a reputation of being unsafe at 1 in the morning. Along with safety, there are financial benefits to having a bar on campus. Students now don’t have to pay for a $3 taxi back and forth and a $3 cover — $9 at Augie’s can get a customer three Blue Moons, which is a very gener-

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 Printing Quota Elicits Mixed Student Opinions

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Staff Writer

Merrimack’s new print management system, GoPrint, is drawing mixed reviews from students, mostly centered on its limit on student printing for the academic year.

“I think that 750 pages is enough for one student, and it will help save the environment because how many pages each student uses won’t go unnoticed,” said sophomore Laura Terrasi.

But junior Neil Berzins said, “This new idea is a way in which we can help the environment, but 750 pages does not seem to be enough for students — especially for business students.”

The college implemented the system — which counts each color page as seven black and white pages — expressly to prevent the waste of paper and toner it said came with unlimited printing privileges. The per-student quota was derived from last year’s printing data, college officials said.

For every page over the quota, students’ accounts will be charged 5 cents (35 cents for a color page).

Locations equipped with GoPrint include: the McQuade Library, in Alden Lab, the IT Lab, and the Library Reference Area; Mendeley Hall, in Civil Engineering, Computer Science Room 159, Physics rooms 240 and 241 and in Computer Science room 274; O’Reilly Hall, in rooms 302, 309 and 312; Sullivan Hall, in room 104, Psychology Computer Lab 16 and Psychology Research Lab 19; and the MMIC Lab in Cushing 303.

Interim Provost Joseph Modica-Napolitano urged faculty to make it easier for students to stay within their print quotas.

“I am requesting that all faculty please consider the costs of printing for students more carefully,” she wrote in an email to the teaching staff. “Please use Blackboard whenever possible, and encourage students to download slides and make additional notations on their laptops.”

“In cases where faculty are requiring students to make handouts for class, it would be reasonable to expect that the costs for those handouts would be covered by the appropriate academic departments,” the provost wrote.

Field Dedicated to Pair of MC Soccer Coaches

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Sports Editor

The artificial turf field is home to many teams, coaches and fans throughout the Merrimack community. From early hours of the morning until nighttime, student-athletes are seen practicing on the field hustling and improving their skills. The field has become an essential place where athletes express their devotion and compete in regular season games.

On Oct. 1, before the men’s and women’s soccer games, Merrimack players and alumni will join to dedicate its turf field to men’s soccer coach Tony Martone, and women’s soccer coach, Gabriel Mejiai, honoring their time and commitment to athletics and the soccer program.

The field was constructed in 2005, and was previously known as Warrior Field. On Saturday the field will no longer be known as the Warrior Field, but as the Martone-Mejiai Field.

“It is only fitting that we rename the turf field after Gabe and Tony. They have been here a combined 58 years and have touched the lives of so many students at Merrimack,” said Athletic Director Glenn Hofmann.

Before Martone began coaching at Merrimack in 1982 he had the chance to play soccer professionally, but injuries interrupted his soccer career. Growing up around soccer his whole life, Martone knew he wanted to still be involved in the sport. Prior being the men’s soccer coach, he was the assistant men’s coach at Curry College; during his year with Curry, he helped the athletes win 16 games up from no wins in the previous season. Now, Martone has coached the Warriors for 30 years, loving every minute of it.

“Having an impact on student-athletes through this program is very special,” said an enthused Martone.

As the turf dedication nears, Martone is Story continued on page 10
SGA AND CLASS COUNCIL ROSTERS
as of 9.23.11

SGA 2011-2012 Representatives
* Notes newly elected 9/11
SGA Eboard:
Alisha Reppucci: President
Jessica Molognino: Vice President
Haley Warringer: Secretary
AJ Andreucci: Treasurer

Senior Reps; Class of 2012-full; max of 8 reps
Jeff Hanshaw
Jessica Molognino
Heather Lopes
Lynia Liu
Michael Radigan*
John Massay
Brendan Ahern*
Ryan Kurtz*

Junior Reps; Class of 2013-full; max of 8 reps
AJ Andreucci
Ashely Costa/Alexandra Finney
(Senior Reps, each abroad one semester)
Sarah Duplisea
Jessica Enaire
Trevor Douglas*
Domenica Fuller
Chris Provost
Haley Warringer

Sophomore Reps; Class of 2014-3 spots open
Tony Bruno
Arianna L’Ecuyer
Maria Russo
Jordan Schnopp
Theresa Walsh*

Freshman Reps; Class of 2015-full; max of 8 reps
Austin Capone*
Sarah Connelly*
John Ferraro*
Christopher Hart*
Timothy O’Leary*
Erin Shellene*
Tasshawn Tinsley*
Jennie Votta*

Class Council 2011-2012 Representatives
* Notes newly elected 9/11
Senior Class Council (2012)-full;
President - Melissa Garabedian
VP - Amanda Cremoni
Secretary: Jacob Polas
Treasurer: Chris Sheehan*
Representatives: Kyle Neary,
Tara Bartley, Gabrielle Creamer,
Matt Ivanoski*

Junior Class Council (2013)-full; max 7 ppl
President- Lindsey Kelley*
Vice President- Emily Miele*
Secretary- Katie Wilkins*
Treasurer- Alex Cultrera*
Representatives - Kourtney
Suvera*, Mariana Wells*,
Veronica Maroun*

Sophomore Class Council (2014)-
President - Marissa DePaolo
VP - Schuyler Watkins
Secretary - Kaile Giatrelis
Treasurer- Nehaben Patel*
Representatives- Hannah Farrell*,
Cassandra Moniz*

Freshman Class Council (2015)-full; max 7 ppl
President- Steve Negron*
Secretary- Lauren Foster*
Treasurer- Priscilla Khaknejad*
Representatives- Brandon
Egan*, Michael Britton*,
Bethany Arnold*

Cut this Out!

Listed above are the TV Channel Listings for
Merrimack College’s TV Network
Sendall Draws an ACE

Patrick Lawlor
Associate Editor in Chief

Professor of Management and Information Systems Patricia Sendall was awarded an American Council on Education (ACE) Fellowship early this summer, and when she returns to campus, will assume the duties of vice provost.

Sendall, a professor at Merrimack for more than 20 years, was nominated by President Christopher E. Hopey.

The ACE Fellowship offers Fellows the opportunity to study higher education leadership at another institution. Sendall is a Fellow at the University of Massachusetts at Lowell, where she is apprenticing under Provost Ahmed Abdelal. Abdelal was previously provost at Northeastern University, where Hopey served as a dean and vice president.

The provost is the chief academic officer of an academic institution.

“I am learning what other people do, and what their best practices are,” said Sendall.

She called the fellowship an honor and very humbling. “I am a lifelong learner, always a student,” she said.

Sendall is the second professor in Merrimack’s history to receive such a fellowship. The first was English Professor Geraldine Branca.

“This fellowship will bring national recognition to Merrimack,” said Interim Provost Josephine Medica-Napolitano. “As (Sendall) learns at a large university, she is putting Merrimack out there and gaining us attention.”

Sendall’s fellowship is also in response to implementing a leadership succession plan, as Merrimack plans for the future.

When she returns to campus in January, Sendall will still be a Fellow, but will be Merrimack’s vice provost for academic affairs. Her main focus, according to Medica-Napolitano, will be graduate programs. Along with Raymond Shaw, also a vice provost, she will provide direct support to the provost.

“Pat will have a positive impact on campus academic affairs. She will lead Merrimack in new and innovative programs, especially in the areas of graduate education and continuing education,” said Jane Parent, a colleague and friend.

“Pat brings an incredible energy to anything she does, so I have no doubt that she will be great,” said Jane Parent, assistant professor of management. “It seems a natural progression from her leadership roles both with the business school and as faculty senate president.”

“Professor Sendall’s leadership in the classroom and in the Faculty Senate has made her very worthy of this fellowship. I am honored to have her at Merrimack, and look forward to her return as a Fellow,” said Hopey. “She has been a valued professor for over 20 years, and she will continue her passion and dedication for Merrimack when she returns as vice provost for academic affairs.”

Merrimack is currently searching for a new provost/vice president for academic affairs. Chaired by Assistant Dean of Liberal Arts Kenny Johnson, the search committee includes five professors representing all the schools, as well as two vice presidents.

According to the Merrimack web site, the provost serves as the senior administrator in the president’s absence.

Look for an article in the next issue of The Beacon on the search for provost.
MC Bids Farewell to Flynn

Alicia Unis ’13 Staff Writer

After just over six years working at Merrimack College, Associate Director of Student Involvement Laura Flynn is saying goodbye.

Flynn is leaving Merrimack for the Massachusetts College of Art and Design in Boston. She will be in charge of her “No. 1 passion—orientation.”

Flynn began working at Merrimack on Aug. 22, 2005—she recalled the exact date without hesitation. When she first arrived on campus, she felt that Merrimack had “a different environment and different type of student” than she had previously worked with. Arriving as a new arrival to the college, she really wanted to get to know the students, know their passions and help them accomplish their dreams, she said.

She became one of the most easily identifiable faces for students, and said she made numerous friendships and connections with the many students she helped over her six years. And these connections are real friendships that have endured the test of time and distance as she continues to maintain contact with many former students and staff, she noted.

It is these close relationships to Merrimack students and staff that have her leaving this campus with a heavy heart. Flynn said what she’ll miss most about Merrimack College is “the students ... and Sharon Broussard,” assistant director of counseling and health at HameI Health Center.

She has headed many programs over the years that students said have made campus a more fun and welcoming place to be. As she reflected on her biggest accomplishments here, Flynn didn’t reference one specific program or event, but instead remembered the days that Campus Life was under-staffed. Flynn felt it was worth all the extra time and effort during the short-staffed periods because she never wanted the students to feel that impact of a smaller staff or to feel any less supported.

Yet, it wasn’t all long nights and scrambling to get the job done, she said. The Merrimack students and staff inspired countless smiles and an endless amount of laughter, as she thought back to the funnier moments of her time here.

When asked about her funniest memory, she gave a theatrical response.

In her earlier years working here, she remembered, there was a day in the office counting the number of scripts of the play “Grease” that were shipped to the school for an On-Stagers production. While Flynn and other staff members were supposed to be counting the scripts, there was some reading ... and some live performances of the script, she recalled. And as Flynn attempted to call off his colla...
Oh The Places You’ll Go! MC Supports, Encourages Study Abroad

Esther Arromando ’13 Staff Writer

Every year many students from Merrimack College study abroad. This is a decision that will not only affect their college career, but their entire life. It opens up doors to new academic and career endeavors and changes the way students view themselves and the world. Merrimack offers study abroad programs for a variety of durations all over the world, including Australia, Argentina, Belize, China, France, England, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Morocco, and Spain.

According to Lauren Bent, the director of international programs at Merrimack, students should visit the Office of International Programs as early as their freshman year and should discuss their interest in study abroad with their academic advisors. While most students will spend a semester or academic year abroad in their junior year, Merrimack’s short-term study abroad programs (Belize, London, Italy, and Spain/Morocco) are available to students in all classes. Merrimack College does not have a minimum grade point average requirement to apply to study abroad, however some programs with which the college affiliates, require a certain minimum GPA.

The Office of International Programs offers a sturdy support system for students to help guide them through not only the application process, but also in preparing them for their time abroad. The office at Merrimack advises students on a variety of issues including the visa application process, preparing for culture shock, strategies to optimally integrating within the host culture, and even packing for study abroad. Support is also provided to students while they are overseas and when they return to the United States. All students who have studied abroad may enroll a 4-credit re-entry course to reflect and build upon their experiences overseas.

After speaking with several students on campus and with Lauren Bent, it is clear that in the past, study abroad has been prohibitive to students in certain majors, such as health science, engineering, and education. However, Ms. Bent discussed a curriculum integration project that has been established at Merrimack that identifies universities abroad that offer courses for students in the aforementioned majors. This will allow all students to have the opportunity to study abroad, regardless of their major.

After interviewing Lauren Bent and a student who is currently studying abroad, it was clear that several benefits emerge from studying abroad. Ms. Bent states that students become more self-sufficient, confident, adaptable, open-minded, and flexible. Also, their ability to solve problems and think critically is enhanced through studying abroad. She stated that in current times, “college graduates need to develop a global perspective to be academically and professionally successful” and emphasized the profound personal, social, and cultural impact that study abroad has on students. Lauren also recommends studying abroad due to the fact that being a college student is one of the most opportunistic times to live abroad.

Dario Leone, a junior at Merrimack College who is currently studying in Italy, also strongly recommends study abroad to students, regardless of their major. He states that “your world is only as big as you make it,” and that studying abroad truly broadens your horizons. His favorite part of studying in Italy so far has been living in a new culture, and meeting new people from all over the world. Dario said it is interesting to see different ways of life, and it has really opened his eyes.

To learn more about studying abroad through Merrimack College go to www.merrimack.edu/international

Continued From Cover Augie's Pub

ous price compared to other popular bars like the Claddagh that serve Blue Moons at $4.50 each. The prices and the convenience of Augie’s make it a great place to hang out on campus. However, it still doesn’t supply some of the attractions that students look for when going out.

Augie’s hours are 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Friday and Saturday but only 7 to 11 p.m. on Thursday. Unless it’s a birthday party or a special occasion, Merrimack students rarely go out to the bars on a Friday or Saturday; Thursday is the night that students generally go out to bars.

Another reason students might opt to go to other bars or to parties on campus is because they like to dance. The Claddagh has a dance floor and a DJ, which is where most students migrate to while they’re there. Over the weekend, students usually pile into overcrowded apartment common rooms, which act as dance floors. If Augie’s removed some of the furniture, it would create a spacious dance area that would attract more students.

People also enjoy other bars because they serve a wider variety of drinks. Augie’s doesn’t serve hard alcohol. There is a large population that doesn’t enjoy the taste of beer or wine and would prefer a mixed drink. Even if shots weren’t offered, it would be a nice change-up to order a mixed drink. Having all the liquor bottles, with their different shapes, sizes and colors, sitting behind a bar adds to the visual interest. By contrast, Augie’s doesn’t have much ambiance, with very bare walls and a few flat-screen TVs.

Augie’s might also consider themed nights and offering something to students that other establishments in the area don’t, such as trivia, karaoke or margarita nights. These or any other events that students can partake in while drinking would add to the appeal of Augie’s.

Along these lines could be opening the bar on special days, such as during Patriots games, a few hours before a Merrimack hockey game, or perhaps Red Sox playoff games, and offering $5 pitchers of Coors Light during the game. Right now Augie’s doesn’t even have pitchers, and a person can order only one drink at a time.

Out of curiosity, I asked 27 students whether on any given night would they prefer going to the Claddagh or Augie’s. Though many people said it would depend on the night or where their friends were going to, 18 said they’d prefer the Claddagh.

One said: “Depends on a few things. If they let kids get drunk and there aren’t any Merrimack staff in there, then Augie’s. If not, then the Claddagh.”

I found this comment to be the most interesting because I think it has the most truth. Behind the dancing, the games, and the other antics that give a bar that “college party atmosphere,” the No. 1 reason why people go to bars or to parties is to drink. I don’t feel students are comfortable “partying” at Augie’s. There’s a limited variety of alcohol, select hours, and a limit on the amount one can purchase at a time. These factors, combined with the setup of the furniture create a very conservative atmosphere.

I’m not trying to bash Augie’s. I’m just a student who sees the potential it has. I don’t suggest that they have a dance floor or trivia every night, just a variety (along with the alcohol that is provided) to make students want to keep coming back.

Augie’s has only been open for a couple of weekends and many students have yet to go; but after the times I’ve spent there, these are just a few suggestions I recommend for improvement to make Augie’s the place to be on Merrimack’s campus.

Jack Messinger is a senior sports management major.
Opinion

Commuter Parking Getting Difficult

Robert Perochci
Staff Writer

Parking on campus this year has been more difficult than in the past. Resident students have been bombarding the parking lots at peak hours, which leaves commuters stuck with the potentially frustrating situation of being late for class or parking in an undesignated spot, often leading to parking tickets.

For those unfamiliar with the parking rules: resident students are not allowed to park in commuter lots and commuter students are not allowed to park in the resident lots. Commuter students may park in the Sakowich lot, Rogers Center lot, Volpe lot, Deegan West lot and the Church lot unless notified otherwise.

After hearing from commuter students it appears that Police Services may be taking it easy on commuters who are forced to park in undesignated spots. They are occasionally being asked to move their cars after peak hours or are going without punishment because it is a situation they are being forced into.

The same is not true, however, for resident students parking in commuter lots. A number of resident students who are taking their vehicles to class and parking in the commuter lots. One by one we are catching up with them and their vehicles will be towed, at their expense.

According to Chief of Police Services Ronald Guilmette, “We continue to enforce parking regulations, but we have noticed an increased number of resident students attending the college. As the commuter student population increases the availability of parking spaces will only add to the parking problems. Long term, the college will have to look into additional or alternative parking solution’s to satisfy the demand for parking on campus.”

Where does that leave you? Are you a resident student who is just too lazy to walk to class? Or are you a commuter student running out of parking options? For now, it seems like all Merrimack students will have to wait and see how the situation is handled, and hope that there is simply still enough room for all of us.

Questions on the Quad

By: Agata Adamczuk and Brittany Reissfelder

What is your favorite place to go off campus?

- King Richard’s Faire
  - Katie DeCarlo 2012

- Hooters
  - Jake Allredge 2013

- Richardson’s
  - Brennan Twarowski
  - Taushawn Timbley 2015

What would you like changed over the course of this year?

- Iced coffee in the cafe
  - Brendan Fennessey 2012

- Less quiet hours, especially Thursdays
  - Kristen DeGrechie

- The food in the cafe
  - Jamie Clinton 2014

- Renovate the rest of the library
  - Saul Gonzalez 2015
Moneyball is a film based off of the Michael Lewis book, which tells the story of how the Oakland A’s manager Billy Beane (played by Brad Pitt) turned his team around by losing 3 big time players to the BIGGER teams by assembling the most non-conventional baseball’s draft picks using statistical analysis. He wants to reinvent the whole idea of how baseball works. What sparks Beane’s interest in this epiphany is his tight budget of $40 million cap compared to the New York Yankee’s $124 million and his new assistant General Manager Peter Brand (Jonah Hill). The ‘clearence’ recruits seem flawed to others but they all have the ability to get on base, score runs, and ultimately win games. The unconventional method of drafting players is looked down upon and is not supported by Beane’s peers. Everything seems to come together when Beane rallies the troops by trading, cutting or even worse; pulling players back down. Although Beane had to gather players through many different methods the team managed to have a 20 game winning streak. In the 2002 season, the A’s lost Johnny Damon, Jason Giambi, Carlos Pena, but were able to beat the odds… even though they were projected to win anyway in means of numbers.

This movie is about fixing the game to put the odds in their favor. For sports fans, the majority of the movie is all about baseball, with scenes that will satisfy baseball experts. The movie is like any other sports film, but with the option of having more women coming to the movie. If you are a stereo-typical woman who does not like sports but loves Brad Pitt, then I recommend this film. There are some very nice scenes in the gym!

By: Katie Quinlan

Angela’s Fall Fashion

Angela Millinar
Staff Writer

With the fall fashion season finally here, it is time to separate yourself from a sea of North Face jackets and Ugg boots.

A new season means new trends, and even though college schedules generally call for comfort, that doesn’t mean that you cannot integrate bits and pieces of fall style into your everyday look.

For those of you who prefer to not stray far from your casual sweatpants and sweatshirts, you are in luck. Athletic-wear found itself having a “moment” during Fall Fashion Week, with dressed up sweats, bright sneakers and backpacks surfacing on the runway.

To make your look less “I-just-woke-up-and-rolled-out-of-bed” and more “haute-sweat-chic,” play with color and shape. If you want to just curl up in an oversized sweatshirt, pair it with streamlined, fitted athletic pants or leggings and neon accessories. This does not mean you need to channel Sporty Spice every time you’re choosing items from your closet, but mix and match your relaxed items with something a bit dressier for a look that says “I’m trying...but not too hard.”

If your closet is not filled with sweatpants and sweatshirts, and you’d like to embrace something a bit more prim and proper, take your style back to the Victorian era. This fall trend calls for lace – and lots of it – but to prevent yourself from looking like Miss Havisham straight out of Great Expectations, wear lace in a modern way.

You can wear a lace dress, but ditch the dated sleeves and long helines. If you would rather minimal lace, try a sheer lace t-shirt with jeans and heels for a night out. Just because the Victorian era called for strict dress codes, does not mean you need to keep your wardrobe just as restricted.

With a trend that can end up looking dowdy if not done correctly, mix modern silhouettes with subtle Victorian details. Pay homage to the era by adding a cameo necklace or lace up stiletto booties to your outfit.

But maybe you want a look that’s neither uber casual nor feminine and formal. For those of you who fall under this category, take a cue from the men and incorporate more masculine pieces into your wardrobe. This does not mean that you need to integrate all of their many habits into your daily life as well, but try tailored button-downs with a pair of brogues for the next time you’re on your way to class.

The key is to find pieces that say menswear but are made for a woman’s figure – think small crewneck sweaters with a shirt collar peeking out from beneath with cigarette pants to match. Of course, the simplest way to adopt a more masculine look without looking as though you are playing dress-up is to add a crisp, fitted blazer to your look – whether that’s with jeans or tailored pants.

Before heading out to class, find your blazer and you’ve got a look that says “I’m the man” without actually having to be one.

Staying on trend does not always mean having to look as though you are stealing a look from the runway and taking it straight to Main Street in the Saugus School Campus. By taking bits and pieces from some of the major fall trends and incorporating those details into your wardrobe, you can look put-together and on-point, without having to look like a walking fashion disaster. So give your Uggs a rest and hang up your North Face for now, and give these new fall trends a try.

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Theology With Tim
Implementing the New Translation of the Holy Mass

Tim Iannacone '12
Columnist

Students will find changes in the way the Catholic liturgy is celebrated by the priest and the laity beginning the First Sunday of Advent (Nov. 27). Those who will notice the change are those who attend Mass regularly, especially the faithful few who attend Mass on Sundays at Merrimack College.

Commentary

After 40 years of celebrating the Mass of Pope Paul VI, the Vatican has confirmed officially and with authority that the way the priest and the laity celebrate the liturgy of the Mass will return to a more "traditional" approach.

Prayers have been re-translated to become closer to the original Latin. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops have called this new translation a "deeper meaning, but the same Mass." The Holy Father Pope Benedict XVI has expressed his utmost approval for the new changes of the Mass.

Many Catholic priests however have expressed their disapproval for the Mass voicing their complaints that the translation is "awkward" and "inaccessible." The new translation not only deepens itself closer to Scripture but is "sacred" itself because it has been unanimously confirmed upon as necessary by the Pope and his advisers, the Bishops. What is needed form the laity of the Catholic Church and more importantly the students of Merrimack is a deeper understanding of why the Church is retranslating the way we celebrate Mass.

First and foremost it is always important if one believes that what the Holy Mother Church teaches is faithful and without error, leading to a more welcoming response to the new translation. The new translation will be implemented so that the Pope and his Bishops have deemed it necessary to change some translations of the Mass for a more receptive response to the holiness each of us are called to live.

It is shocking to report that most Catholics, about 77 percent, are unaware of this new translation that will be implemented soon. This will indeed surprise the majority of Catholics in the pews, especially those who only attend Mass on Christmas and Easter.

Archbishop Gregory Aymond of New Orleans, who chairs the Committee on Divine Worship for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, said he is not "discouraged" by the survey results.

"I'm not very surprised, to tell you the truth. Do I wish it were different? Yes, but I think we live in a society where, unless something is immediately upon us, we don't get overly excited," he said.

Much effort is needed form the laity to understand the true meanings of the translation. Priests all over the United States have begun teaching their parishioners what will be changing on the First Sunday of Advent. For the first couple of weeks, it will be likely that people will have to have cards in their hands with new responses in order to make a smooth transition.

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Police Log

Sept. 24, 1:21 a.m. FIREWORKS: RAs called Police Services to request an officer after finding fireworks that had been set off inside the building. Sergeant reported speaking with several students and non-students in a room. Alcohol was confiscated from the room.

Sept. 24, 10:41 p.m. ASSAULT: A mother of a youth hockey player called Police Services to report an incident that occurred during a hockey game. Mother reports her son was assaulted by the opposing team’s coach. Sergeant contacted mother for an incident report.

Sept. 24., 11:24 p.m. POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA. RA requested Police Services for assistance with found drug paraphernalia. Officer reports confiscating six beers and a marijuana smoking device.

Sept. 23., 3:07 a.m. WELL-BEING CHECK: Mother of a student called Police Services to request an officer check on her daughter in her room. Officer found that student was out with a friend but was OK.

Sept. 23, 12:16 p.m. NOISE COMPLAINT: Sergeant reported there was a car alarm going off all day. Vehicle belongs to Sodexo employee. Sodexo was contacted and they will inform the employee.

Sept. 21., 10:20 p.m. MARIJUANA POSSESSION: Sergeant was at the baseball field dugout with three individuals, and reported confiscating a small amount of marijuana from resident students.

Sept. 20, 2:22 a.m. ASSISTING OTHER POLICE AGENCY: North Andover police contacted Police Services, stating that they and Andover police were requesting Police Services respond. Sergeant reported an Andover patrolman noticed an individual defecting behind a trash container. Individual was transported back to campus.

Sept. 20, 11:50 p.m. NOISE COMPLAINT: Front desk attendant reported loud music somewhere in the building. Sergeant was dispatched to investigate. Officer reported a student had music playing from his laptop in the common area. Music was shut off.

Sept. 19, 8:18 p.m. WELL-BEING CHECK: The wife of employee called Police Services to report she had not been in contact with her husband for approximately four hours and she was beginning to worry. Officer located employee in his office and made him aware that his wife was trying to contact him.
Michael Romanella  
Staff Writer

The wireless system is making headway towards becoming accessible all around campus. The system that had been installed over the summer was made available to the students in their dorms for the first time. This is one of the many changes President Christopher E. Hoepy wanted to make moving forward, providing available wireless access in all of the resident halls through-out campus, including the town-houses and apartments.

The wireless connection was tested following its installment over the summer, occurring prior to all of the students moving into their dorms. There were no interfering access points or other objects that could interfere with the connection in the rooms such as cell phones, microwaves or Apple’s Time Machine, etc.

Problems with the wireless connection occurs more from the interfering access points that are posted by students in their rooms. If there are too many access points around one location, the wireless connection in your room may be slowed or might not even be affective at all. If you are developing another problem and do not think that anything is interfering with your connection you can contact askIT at x3500 or wirelessteam@merrimack.edu and someone will come out to your room to help figure out the problem for you.

No matter what the problem is they will fix the problem and make sure your experience is going well.

“This is what we are here for and why we installed the wireless in the first place, for the students,” Cortland Stiles Jr. Interim Chief Information Officer/Director said Tuesday afternoon.

“We will send a whole team of people out to your rooms if we have to; we just want this to be successful for everyone on campus,” Rand Hall, Director of Network Services responded.

Hall explains, “The main problem is these wireless access points and once they are disabled they will be able to come in and know there are no interfering access points and if you do have a terrible connection we can just install a router thus fixing the problem, making your experience better.”

The Network Services Department were very vocal on wanting students to call or email the Information Technology Services, so if such issues frequently occur, they can correct them. The Network Services are there to monitor how effective the wireless service is throughout campus but they cannot resolve every single problem.

In the end, it is up to the students to provide assistance to the Information Technology Services.

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3DS: The Future or Failure?

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Nintendo launched its newest handheld the 3DS on March 27. Shigeru Miyamoto, the game director and general manager of Nintendo, said, “3DS is the future of gaming.” Despite his excitement, and the 3DS being the first 3D handheld, it hasn’t been selling as well as Nintendo had hoped it would.

With very few release titles, the 3DS has had a rocky start. The majority of the successful titles for the console have been ports of games already made famous on Nintendo’s N64. So, without the big name titles, like Mario, to support the system people have let it slip off of their must-buy radar.

Recently, in order to rouse sales of the console, Nintendo has dropped the price of the 3DS significantly from $250 to $170. This has boosted sales for the most part, although it has also caused some resentment with the consumers who purchased the 3DS before the price drop. Those who purchased before the price drop are considered to be part of Nintendo’s “ambassador program” and should be receiving some free old-school NES games as compensation. However, the general opinion of this form of compensation is so far unfavorable.

The most recent blow to the potential buyers of a 3DS is a Japanese news release showing the 3DS with an add-on that includes an extra joystick. The peripheral will apparently attach to the 3DS and add an extra joystick, as well as more buttons, but at the cost of making the console significantly more bulky. Although the lack of a second joystick was one of the major complaints about the 3DS, people are now concerned that this add-on means a completely new redesign of the 3DS (with 2nd joystick built in) will be released before they know it.

What will it take for the Nintendo 3DS to make up for its rocky release? The reason people buy consoles in the first place is because they want to play games. With the two most talked about titles for the system (Zelda: Ocarina of Time 3D, and Starfox 64 3D) being ports of old N64 games there is no real reason to buy the console yet. Still, if Nintendo starts shipping some must-have games the 3DS could be successful.
New Director Wants to ‘Grow Musical Life’

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A new sound is heard at Merrimack College with the arrival of Dr. Hugh Hinton. As the new director of campus music Activities and coordinator of liturgical music he wants to “grow the musical life here on campus” during this exciting time with all the changes happening around us.

At the same time he was learning to read, Hinton was also learning about music. From his aunt and uncle being musicians he realized that real life, everyday people can become musicians. Being around them growing up really opened his eyes to the great form of art. His aunt guided him through his young life on the keys, being his first piano teacher and from there he hasn’t stopped.

After completing his bachelor’s degree at Harvard University, Hinton made his way down the street to Huntington Avenue, filling the streets of downtown Boston with music. He completed his doctorate in piano at the New England Conservatory.

Hinton has two parts to his new job here at Merrimack. He directs the music played each week during the celebration of Mass every Sunday night here on campus. He wants to “revitalize the chapel services” and create more of a participatory feel to Mass. He hopes to fill the chapel with the sounds of everyone singing and truly enjoying their spiritual journey.

Hinton also wants to “grow the musical life on campus” and flourish not only the music, but also all forms of the arts. He is taking action opening a music rehearsal room in Cushing Hall where anyone can go and play their instruments or practice their vocals. He wants to create more options around campus in the future for students to have the opportunity to go and practice and enjoy their beloved art form. He hopes to fill the Merrimack College atmosphere with all the talented students in all forms of the arts.

Anyone can get involved with Hinton and the new musical life here on campus. If you are interested contact Hinton himself by email HughH@Merrimack.edu or meet with him in his office located in the Campus Ministry Center located in the Sakowich Campus Center, 3rd Floor, Room 350. If you play an instrument or sing Hinton would love to have you no matter what religious journey you are following. The art of music is one that is shared by everyone.

What the Hell?  
The Aftermath

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On September 20th, approximately thirty-five Merrimack students were at The Loft in North Andover. All of these students and a few staff members gathered for the Campus Ministry sponsored event, Theology on Tap: What the Hell? Dr. Joseph Kelley, Dean of Experiential Learning and Theological Studies led the discussion and answered questions about what happens when and after we die. There was an abundance of food and drinks, and as stomachs were filling, minds were boggled by the topic at hand.

Brian Suebs-Vassell, Campus Minister for Service Opportunities, set up a projector and screen in the Loft. Students were able to text message their questions so that they would appear on the screen.

The questions were vital in shaping this discussion. Some of the questions that were asked by students were: Why is heaven high above?

Can people that commit suicide go to heaven? Do my loved ones watch and know what I am doing? If I die as an old person, do I stay old? Kelley answered each of these questions to the best of his ability. One student asked Kelley, “how can you make these statements without dying?” Kelley’s response was, “I can because of my faith.”

Suebs-Vassell stated, “I thought that ‘What the Hell?’ was a great success as a Theology on Tap topic. Our students kept Dr. Kelley busy answering their questions for the better part of an hour, which tells me that they were interested in the topic. Also, Dr. Kelley did a tremendous job of engaging the students about their thoughts, so that the event was more like a conversation than a presentation or traditional Q & A session.”

At the end of the event, Dr. Kelley gave each person a pink heart that had this quote from St. Augustine on it; “In the end, love brings us to heaven.” It was the perfect way to end the night, because it gave each person one last thing to think about. Is love truly all we need to get in to heaven?

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**Field Dedicated**

can’t wait to be with the former players.”

Mejail’s dedication to Merrimack has also been prominent through the growth of athletics. His eye for teaching soccer began in 1979, helping a friend start a soccer program. Getting the program organized, teaching soccer drills and providing general advice were a few skill sets that Mejail focused on.

After this experience, Mejail began coaching the Merrimack women’s soccer team, putting all of his efforts into making it a successful program. Coming in Mejail’s 28th season, the turf dedication is an honor. However, the glory of the dedication is not what he is most focused on currently.

“I guess I haven’t thought too much about it. I am mostly worried about our next opponent, but it is an incredible honor to actually have something named after oneself,” said Mejail. “I still cannot imagine calling it anything else but the turf field.”

Before the men’s soccer team takes the field at 12:30 against Southern Connecticut St. University, the turf dedication ceremony will take place at 11:30.

“It was a no-brainer to me that there was no one else to even consider naming the field after than Martone and Mejail. This will help kickoff our mini-fundraising campaigns to build additional seating and a new press box on the turf field,” said Hofmann.

Martone and Mejail continue to move forward in their coaching careers. Having both won Coach of the Year honors and producing academic and athletic All-Americans, it is only fitting that they deserve the honor.

“This was something I wasn’t expecting. I am appreciative to President Hopey and Glenn Hofmann,” said Martone.

Tony Martone  
**Men’s Head Soccer Coach**

growing excited to be reacquainted with players he used to coach. “I am very excited. It is wonderful to hear from players around the world. I

Gabriel Mejail  
**Women’s Head Soccer Coach**
Lady Warriors’ Fight Falls Short

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The Merrimack volleyball team suffered a tough loss on Tuesday night to the St. Michael’s Purple Knights. The score of the game was 3-1.

The first and second sets were both won by St. Michael’s, with scores of 25 to 18 and 25 to 16, respectively.

Helen Gillis, a dedicated fan of the Merrimack volleyball team, said, “The team had great intensity throughout the game. They kept their heads up and kept fighting, even when they were down.”

Even though Merrimack was down 0-2, the Warriors stepped up and won the third set with a score of 25 to 22. In a very intense fourth set, St. Michael’s was victorious against the Warriors, 25 to 21.

Sophomore Jackie Jones had an impressive game and led the Warriors. Jones recorded a match-high 21 digs and 12 kills. Captains Brianna Trabucco and Nicole Duarte both played well for the Warriors. Trabucco finished the night with 34 assists and 12 digs. Junior Jenna Reilly had a team-high 16 kills. Stephanie Sheehan, a freshman, finished the match with 11 digs and four kills. Sheehan’s defense, along with the skills of Jones, Reilly, and Trabucco is what kept Merrimack in the match.

Chelsea Covitz led the Purple Knights with a match-high 17 kills. Jess McLeod also played well with 38 assists. The Purple Knights’ attack percentage was .221, compared to the .144 Warriors’ percentage. Merrimack struggled offensively throughout the entire match.

The Purple Knights won the game, but the teams seemed evenly matched, especially during the third and fourth sets. This game was a conference game, which improved the Purple Knights’ conference record to 1-1. The loss dropped the Warriors’ conference record to 0-2 and their overall record to 3-10 on the season.

The Warriors still have more than half of their season left to compete.

Cross Country Gains Confidence

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While many have to fly and drive miles to get to one of the nation’s premier cross country courses, for the Warriors, Franklin Park is practically in our backyard.

The Merrimack men’s cross country team placed 11th Saturday at the Codfish Bowl, a five-mile event held at Franklin Park in Boston.

Leading the way for the Warriors was junior Harry Mullin who finished 44th with a time of 27:20.

“We have a real motivated group of guys. We are all looking forward to the big races at the end of the season and improving on last year’s finishes in the conference,” said Mullin.

Continuing an impressive rookie season Luis Cruz was the second-place Warrior. Cruz ran a time of 28:14, good for 73rd overall.

“This is a good, young team,” said head coach Chris Cameron. “Hopefully we can continue to grow and improve on what we saw out there today”.

Next for Merrimack, John Doherty and John Lawrence finished together in 94th and 95th respectively with times of 28:34 and 28:36.

The women’s team also competed in the event and the result was a solid top-ten finish for the Warriors out of a 23-team field. Sophomore Fiona Coleman paced the Warriors with a time of 20:23, good for 46th place in the 5k event.

Freshman Meghan Brophy also excelled, turning in a time of 20:34, which netted her 57th overall.

Brianna Devereaux was next up in 68th place with a time of 20:50.

“We have a lot of potential with the talent we have on the team, especially the new freshmen. I am hoping to have the team place top 3 in regional’s at least,” Devereaux said. “Codfish was not a good depiction of our talent with the minor injuries our team is facing.

However, once the team is past the small injuries I think we can surprise a lot of the other teams in the conference,” Devereaux added.

Rounding out the top five for Merrimack were Ashley Sarris and Rebecca Ainscow who finished 73rd and 74th. Both of them finished in a time of 20:50 in the 5k event.

“The team is looking stronger than it has ever been. Hopefully we will have a tighter pack coming into the next meets of the season,” added Sophomore Fiona Coleman.
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