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## Warriors Bring Home Hockey Quarterfinals

Matthew LaMalfa, '12  
Staff Writer

When the buzzer sounded at the end of Merrimack's victory over Providence, the team celebrated not only its program record 16th win in Hockey East, but also the clinching of home ice for only the second time in program history.

The only other time the Warriors have hosted a playoff series was in 1996, when Maine was suspended from postseason play due to NCAA violations.

This weekend, Merrimack will host the Maine Black Bears in a best of three Hockey East Quarterfinal game beginning on Friday at 7:30 p.m. Game two will be played on Saturday at the same time and will be televised live on NESN.

If necessary, game three of the series will be played Sunday evening, also at 7:30. The Athletic Department has a multitude of events planned leading up to and during the games. Before the Friday and Saturday contests there will be a pre-game block party in front of Volpe sponsored by TSR Hockey in Salem, N.H. TSR is the main equipment supplier for Merrimack Hockey and will have merchandise available for purchase.

"We are excited to sponsor this event and continue to be involved with Merrimack through the playoffs," said Brendan Sheehy, co-owner of TSR and Merrimack

alumnus.

Included will be live entertainment, food and drink, a beer tent for fans 21+, and Warrior playoff merchandise available for sale.

Entertaining the crowd both before and during the game will be the University of Dayton Pep Band. Athletics Director Glenn Hofmann says the band puts on a show like "nothing you've ever seen before." When asked to describe his ensemble, Dayton Band Director Will Morris explained, "We are a pep band that plays largely at basketball games in support of our Dayton Flyers, but we also play a number of other events. Glenn Hofmann introduced us to hockey when he was at Niagara and this weekend we will be playing in support of the Warriors."

Hofmann also gave a message to the students here at Merrimack: "Be sure to come to the games this weekend. Our motto is to get out there, get loud and get proud, so we want to create a great atmosphere this weekend."

Tickets for the games on Friday and Saturday night are already sold out, guaranteeing an electric atmosphere inside Lawler Arena for both of the series' first two contests.

"It's unbelievable how fast tickets went for this weekend," remarked Will Rothermel, Merrimack Athletics marketing coordinator. "The line after Friday night's game was almost out the door."

## Students Endure Day Long Blackout

Patrick Lawlor, '13  
Associate Editor in Chief

On Monday morning, most students woke up to limited electricity and no heat.

At 8:24 a.m. an email announced that Merrimack was experiencing intermittent power outages due to problems with National Grid, the utility company. The email also said that power was restored to the academic buildings, but many Sullivan Hall classes were cancelled due to power outages.

Because the internet was down, email communication was limited to students as well.

Amy Zorich of National Grid media relations said a cable that belonged to Merrimack failed around noon, although power was out in the early morning.

Merrimack Physical Plant Director Robert Coppola said the power was out from approximately 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. He said the outage was caused by a catastrophic failure to a 4,160-volt feeder cable. Restoring the power was the hard part, and Physical Plant worked all day on the power restorations.

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**WH@M****What's Happening at Merrimack...**

Spring Break is right around the corner, if you have a car on campus during break, make sure it is parked in the St. Thomas Lot. **Questions or issues? Call Police Services: 978-837-5555**

Residence Halls close **March 18** for Spring Break. All dorms open back up at 10 a.m. on **March 27**.

Do you know where you are going to live next year? Housing Selection is coming up! Find a Housing packet in your dorm's lobby. Be sure to check out next week's issue of *The Beacon*; it's our **Annual Housing Guide!**

Don't forget to turn in your Study Abroad application! It is due **April 1**.

Want to recognize a student leader or a club? Pick up a L.E.A.D nomination form from the Student Involvement Office, on the third floor of the Sak. **Nominations due April 11**.

Lent is here and that means Easter is right around the corner. Remember that Daily Mass is offered at **12:10 p.m.** in the Taylor Chapel in the Sak, an Sunday Mass is at **5:00 p.m.** in Our Mother of Good Counsel Chapel in Austin Hall.

Want to reflect and share your faith based journeys with students from other colleges? Think about the Intercollegiate Retreat. Participate in a retreat with schools just like Merrimack (Stonehill, St. Michael's, and St. Anselm to name a few). Contact **Fr. Bill Waters in the Campus Ministry Office**.

**Know Your Augustinians**

*The "Know Your Augustinians" campaign is an initiative by The Beacon to strengthen the awareness of Merrimack's Augustinian tradition and heritage by allowing our readers to recognize the members of the Order of Saint Augustine currently at Merrimack.*

**Joseph Kelley, Ph.D**

Assistant to the President for Mission and Advancement  
Associate Professor of Religious Studies and Theology

Patrick Lawlor, '13  
*Associate Editor in Chief*

**How long have you been at Merrimack?**

36 Years

**How long have you been an Augustinian?**

I was previously a friar, and then left the priesthood, and my wife and I became Lay Affiliates in 2002.

**What is your favorite subject to study?**

Theology

**What is it like being an Augustinian?**

With a wife and two kids, we have a huge extended family of Augustinians that click with shared values and knowledge, it has also opened up opportunities for my kids to study internationally.

**What were your previous assignments before Merrimack?**

I was a priest in New York City, then in Lawrence, and have held numerous positions here at Merrimack.

**What is Merrimack doing best?**

Providing a community of learning and teaching in which students grow, and are challenged intellectually, and grow spiritually, and socially.

**What does Merrimack need to do better?**

We need to become more diverse within our students, faculty and staff. We also need to trust that there are cultural and social differences, by trusting in these differences, it will enrich us as we learn from each other.



~Photo courtesy of Merrimack College~

# Merrimack Trumps in Catalyst

Alexandra Picardi, '13  
News Editor

The Deshpande Foundation, The Merrimack Valley Sandbox Initiative and the Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship at UMass Lowell are looking for students who are passionate about a social change or enterprise and want to work on it through the semester.

The organizations' new program, called Campus Catalyst, is awarding \$500 grants to groups of students who develop ideas and start bringing them to life.

Although the program was just started this year, students have the opportunity to receive funding for five years. Merrimack expects students to continue their projects throughout their college years and encourages new ideas in the future, potentially spinning their projects off into nonprofit organizations. Gururaj "Desh" Deshpande and Jaishree Deshpande founded The Deshpande Foundation in 1996 to fund ideas for future organizations, leaders and entrepreneurs.

The foundation has taken on roles at MIT at the Deshpande Center for Technological Innovation and even in Northwestern Karnataka, India, where they have created a "sandbox" similar to the Merrimack Valley. At MIT, the foundation has invested \$20 million in 21 student and faculty projects, which have help bring together the laboratory and marketplace. The sandbox program in India started with the idea that the world we live in is like a sandbox and the tools we have to create something are like the sand in the sandbox; what we make out of the sand is all up to us. This program has been extended into the Merrimack Valley, where the foundation believes there are tools, people and great ideas to start programs and they see potential in the area for a lot of future entrepreneurs and leaders. The main purpose of investing in programs in the area is to transform the Merrimack Valley from an industrial economy to an innovative economy.

The foundation is starting this transformation in colleges in the area, primarily the University of Massachusetts at Lowell, Middlesex Community College, Northern Essex Community College and Merrimack College. They encouraged students at these schools, in groups of three to five, to submit a new way of looking at an old problem, a solution to a social, economic or envi-

ronmental challenge they see or encounter, an entrepreneurial approach to building a business, starting a nonprofit, and impacting a community problem, or projects that emphasize community impact and social change as their outcomes.

The main goals of this program are to build students' resumes and enhance their marketability in the workforce, solve a problem or challenge they encounter or see others deal with in the community or on campus, build new connections with potential employers, and start a business or nonprofit organization while still in school.

Merrimack has been the leader in this program, submitting 22 out of the total 36 proposals, with a total of 75 students involved in the program. Mary McHugh and Michael Accardi are in charge of the program at Merrimack; they both have been overwhelmed with the amount of student participation in the project.

"I was very excited about the quality and quantity of the proposals. It was nice to see Merrimack students respond with such great interest in the program. Our students responded to the challenge and I did not expect anything less. With the amount of work they have done with service and experience they have seen some main issues that need to be address both on campus and in our community," said McHugh, executive director of the Stevens Learning Center.

"It is fascinating to see students at Merrimack have such an interest in the program. I commend them because they show who we are as a college," said Accardi, Merrimack's vice president of college relations and external affairs. "Students should realize they have the ability to create jobs for future college graduates. If a student starts this in college, this could one day be a project that hires people."

Although the foundation is still in the process of judging proposals and interviewing students, some groups have already been told they will be funded. The foundation hopes to fund a total of 20 projects. Final decisions will be released Friday.

"The foundation wants to fund as many projects as they can. They are eager to give out grants," said Accardi. Students will start to apply their ideas in the community both on and off campus during the rest of the semester, and are encouraged to continue their proj-

ects, as the funding will be available for the next five years; all students have to do is re-apply and ask to continue their funding.

"This is a five-year program and we look forward to doing more work with students," said McHugh.

Ideas submitted by Merrimack students include donating dress clothes to underprivileged women trying to find jobs, so they have something to wear to interviews; working on physical activity at middle schools in Lawrence; and buying equipment to train RAs and other campus officials as medical first responders. Other groups suggested having designated parking spaces for students who volunteer off campus and creating a program called Discover Your Diet, which would work with people at the YMCA to analyze their diet to and help them improve their eating habits.

Professor Jane Parent, who has been encouraging students to submit proposals, said, "The Campus Catalyst projects are a great opportunity for our business students to combine social awareness, sustainability, and entrepreneurship. It's been a great experience for my students this semester and I look forward to working with the Deshpande Foundation on future projects."

"The Campus Catalyst program has potential to transform the region and Merrimack College in social entrepreneurship and community," said Accardi. "Its ideas root all the way back to St. Augustine's ideas about involvement in community. It's what our college was started on, so I am happy to see it being expressed today."

"It is just one piece of things that students can engage in. There will be a ton of ideas that come out of our Merrimack Valley Sandbox and it is great that the initiative has been started at Merrimack," he said.

Because of Merrimack's high participation in the program, the college will host an event on May 5 which all students and people involved in the Merrimack Valley region will be invited to attend.

For more information on Campus Catalyst and The Deshpande Foundation visit [www.deshpandefoundation.org](http://www.deshpandefoundation.org).

# School News

## Film Explains Thoughts of a Billion Muslims

Abigail Clark, '12  
Copy Editor

This past Tuesday, Merrimack College welcomed the executive producer of "Inside Islam: What a Billion Muslims Think," Alex Kronemer, to introduce and then answer questions about this renowned documentary.

Sponsored by the Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies Program and Center for Study of Jewish-Christian-Muslim Relations, the event took place at the Rogers Center for the Arts from 7 to 9 p.m. Padraic O'Hare, Director for the Center for the Study of Jewish-

Christian-Muslim Relations introduced Kronemer to introduce the film. Kronemer's biggest question to the audience was, "Do Muslims want democracy?"

Kronemer ended his introduction by quoting Martin Luther King Jr.: "Darkness can't drive out darkness." With this quote resonating throughout the auditorium, the documentary began.

The film showed how the ideas, thoughts, and opinions of more than a billion of the world's Muslims were collected and addressed.

Surprisingly to some, the majority of these opinions were collected by Gallup pollsters physically sit-

ting down in the home of a Muslim. As a result, the whole process of collecting all of these opinions took about five years.

After the surveys and questions were complete and answered, the next step was to create usable data from the information. The Gallup pollsters found that one of the most disturbing aspects across different Muslim nations was that militants were overrepresented in media portrayals. These militants are the Muslims seen on the news and other media outlets who, for example, have guns and signs that say, "Death to the U.S."

However, the poll found that

while militants only made up 1 percent of the Muslim population, over 57 percent of representations of Muslims included these militants.

As a result, Muslims have been grossly misrepresented through the news and other forms of media.

As the documentary ended, Kronemer opened up the floor to the audience to ask questions about what they had just seen.

For more information, a trailer of the documentary "Inside Islam: What a Billion Muslims Think" can be found at: [www.20000dialogues.org/insideislam](http://www.20000dialogues.org/insideislam).

# Students Take Break for Community Service

Joan Corcoran '13  
Staff Writer

When many college students think of spring break, their minds drift to warm weather and sunny beaches.

Although this can be very relaxing, it is not the only way to have a great break. Another option would be to participate in Alternative Spring Break, a program through which students here at Merrimack go to sites around the country and help out those in need.

Alternative Spring Break has been offered at Merrimack for nearly 50 years.

Later this month, Merrimack students will travel to Virginia, New Jersey, Alabama and New York to help out local communities. This year 65 students and 10 student-leaders and advisors are going on the trips.

There are many different things

that can be done, such as working in soup kitchens, helping out at orphanages, and building and repairing homes. The students may also work at care centers, making hot meals, and or at the local food banks.

The trips are not entirely selfless; students find that Alternative Spring Break can be one of the easiest ways to immerse themselves in a new culture or location.

This year's Alternative Spring Break trips depart on March 19 and return on March 26. Students participating in the program had to prepare all of fall semester and the beginning of spring semester. They attended three mandatory two-hour meetings and had to raise about \$37,000 to fund the trips.

Past participants said the trips could be some of the most fulfilling and memorable moments that could be had in a lifetime, not just on spring break.

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Liberal Arts Dean Michael Rossi said, in a written statement, "For safety reasons, buildings without power for extended periods are usually closed, and everyone is asked to leave until power is restored. When National Grid's work to correct the power outage required all remaining power in Sullivan Hall to be shut off shortly before 10 a.m., it became necessary to close the building. As a result, 10 a.m. classes in Sullivan could not be held, and it appeared unlikely that power would return for 11 a.m. classes. I asked the administrative assistants in Sullivan to inform faculty to cancel the 10 and 11 a.m. classes, but to await word around noon on whether power would be restored so that afternoon classes could be held. The college cancelled afternoon classes at 11:27 based on updated information about the expected length of the outage."

McQuade Library also lost power and was closed all day. A later email announced the library was

closed as well as Sullivan. The email said that Monican, Ash, and both apartment complexes were affected by the power outage, and that National Grid was actively working on the issue.

"If the power continued to be out in the library, we would have set up study areas for students in the Sakowich Center," said Father Ray Dlugos, vice president for Mission and Student Affairs.

If the residence halls and campus had gone without power overnight, or into the next day, closing down the college until power was restored would have had to been an option, he noted.

## Are New Drugs a Threat on Campuses?

Michael Romanella, '13  
Staff Writer

Is there a real problem with drugs on campuses across the country?

Jim Matthews of the Hamel Health Center at Merrimack said that often people's perception of drug use on college campuses is that "everybody" does it, but this is not correct. There are people who use drugs — this is just they way things are — but not an overwhelming number of people, he said.

Merrimack conducted an anonymous survey two years ago that asked 566 students if they had used marijuana in the past 30 days. Sev-

enty-nine percent of students said they had not; 10 percent said they had smoked it once or twice; and 4 percent said they had used marijuana three to four times.

There have been recent high-profile cases across the country of student-athletes — who are often selected for random annual drug testing — using drugs. Perhaps because of that extra scrutiny, student-athletes may take the lead in finding new ways to get the same effect as marijuana but not be punished.

K2, for example, is a new drug similar to salvia, which was big across the country a few years ago.

K2 gives a person the same hallucinogenic effects as marijuana but

also spurs a huge boost to your heart rate and blood pressure. People across the country have been admitted to hospitals, and doctors have recorded significantly high levels of heart rate and blood pressure.

Athletes are using K2 to avoid testing positive on drug tests and suffering NCAA sanctions.

Furthermore, they can still get "high," and also get a boost in the process. Another perk that K2 advertises is that it is cheaper and more convenient than illegal drugs — some gas stations even sell this substance.

The active ingredient in K2 is JWH-018, which was banned by the NCAA as of August 2010, but there

are no set penalties yet for someone found using the drug. There is also no current way for the NCAA to test if someone has been using K2.

This raises the questions: Are students, or student-athletes, doing K2 just to get around drug testing? Or are they getting sick of marijuana and need to find something stronger?

Either way, alternative ways to get "high" are slowly becoming a bigger problem, mainly on college campuses.

One victim's father created the website [K2drugfacts.com](http://K2drugfacts.com) to get the word out about K2 and help people understand what risks they are facing.

# Relationship Rant

## Breaking Up at Merrimack High School

A Submission From the Broken Hearted

Merrimack is small. That's one of the reasons I chose it. I love being able to see familiar faces and getting to know my teachers. However, it being so small can have its downsides. Obviously there's drama, and some even nickname the college "Merrimack High School," but that isn't what I want to address here. I want to talk about breakups. How wonderful is it to find out from so and so that your significant other for several years has been cheating on you. It's awful. But how much worse is it when you know that pretty much everyone knew but you? All those familiar faces you see walking to class everyday or out on the

weekends are the same people who look at you and say "wow, she has no idea, poor girl." And I don't blame them for not saying anything. Heck, I wouldn't either because who wants to add more drama to Merrimack High School?

However, what really is the killer is seeing your ex's face around campus. How are you supposed to get your mind off of someone that you see constantly? It's impossible. When you break up, you literally need to 'break up' meaning you need time and space apart. At such a small school, it is seemingly impossible. This results in a lot of people going back to someone who is COMPLETELY

wrong for them. Someone who never has and never will treat them right. Someone who claims they are going to change, but honestly never will. It's not a good thing. And I don't think many people realize how hard it is. A lot of those "familiar faces" that I was talking about earlier like to throw their two cents in, "She's so dumb, how could she go back to him?" "It was only a matter of time..." etc.. and pretty soon she starts lookin' like Sammie on the Jersey Shore! But you know what, Sammie finally smartened up and left her "insert derogatory insult here" boyfriend. In order to do that though, she had to remove herself from the situation (no pun

intended!)

Okay, with all this rambling, my point is that breaking up is hard. And honestly, the environment here at Merrimack doesn't make it easy. But you can make it through. Vary your paths to class.. change up your routine... throw yourself into new activities, because although the campus is small, I doubt you've met EVERY single person. And at the end of the day please realize that you do not need to rely on anyone else for your own happiness! College is four years, don't waste it wilting away with the wrong person!

# Opinion

## Big Budget Meets Big Labor

Brian Colby, '11  
*Beacon Contributor*

Most institutions and ideas work as a pendulum. At one point in history an idea can serve a noble purpose, but over time can evolve and take on a completely different identity.

The year is now 2011, and the pendulum has certainly swung for the American union system; it was once a great cause in the defense of the working class, but has now become the fundraising wing of the Democratic Party. If that weren't enough, states across the entire nation can certainly depend on collective bargaining to drain their budgets and waste taxpayer money. First, take a look at some simple facts. According to the American Institution of Economic Research, labor unions have donated over \$600 million in campaign donations, and 92 percent of that money was handed to Democratic candidates. This monetary donation was possible thanks to labor union dues. In the mid-term 2010 elections alone, Democrats received \$6 million, while Republicans got the left-

over change (\$500,000).

Let's pretend for a moment that Big Labor is not obviously in bed with Big Government.

The term "collective bargaining" has certainly been used very often throughout the past few weeks in the United States media. But what exactly is collective bargaining? And how can it affect state budgets? There are some organizations, which will remain nameless (Media Matters), that actually claim collective bargaining has nothing to do with the financial affairs of the state.

Collective bargaining is the negotiation between state officials and public labor union leaders, in which they discuss how much money union workers will make in wages and what kind of benefits they will receive. This may sound good in theory, but not only are public employees' wages paid by taxpayer money, but their benefits (health care, pensions, retirement) are paid for by taxes as well.

Let's take a look at a real life example of this.

The governor of Wisconsin, Scott

Walker, is seeking to pass legislation that curbs collective bargaining rights between state government and unions. Right now, union Wisconsin public union members contribute less than 5 percent of their salary toward their health premiums, and the legislation will ask them to pay 12.4 percent toward their premiums. This will still rank Wisconsin No. 2 in the Midwest in terms of how much contribution is made toward health benefits (i.e., Wisconsin public employees will do just fine).

In terms of budget, however, this low percentage of contribution means that more taxes are necessary to fund these benefits. How? Wisconsin faces a budget crisis of about \$3.6 billion (for the record, this is not solely due to collective bargaining), all of which can be paid for if the state starts cutting spending.

With Walker's legislation, which asks union workers to pay more for their benefits, the taxpayers will not have to pick up as much of the tab for the benefits. Thus, this legislation will start to curb spending

and begin cutting Wisconsin's state debt.

It would seem silly if union leaders believe this legislation would bring us back to the turn of the century, when working conditions were near deadly and blue collar jobs paid very low. But the fact of the matter is that this legislation will still leave union workers in a better place than those working in the private sector in terms of wage and benefits.

Of course, the Democratic "leadership" in Wisconsin has made this impossible, thanks to their decision to flee their constituents who elected them to do a job.

By the way, their wages are paid by taxes as well.

## Questions on the Quad

What are your plans for Spring Break?



Hopefully going to Daytona Beach

-Salina, Sparky's Place



Making grand expeditions to 7-11

-John McLaughlin, 2013



Working

-Ned Morley, 2013



Going to Aruba

-Josh "Lucky" Henry, 2014

What are you giving up for Lent?



Facebook and swearing

-Cara Buonbicino, 2014



Ben Santos

-Sam Boynton, 2012



Being lazy

-Sarah Davies, 2013



Popcorn

-Dom Doenges, 2011

# Letter to the Editor

## SGA and Police Services Clear Up Parking Rules and Regulations

Dear Merrimack Community,

I am writing to clear up any confusion that may currently exist regarding the Merrimack College Police Services ticketing and towing policies.

As president of Student Government Association, I met, along with the SGA treasurer, the dean of campus life and the associate director of student involvement with Police Chief Guilmette this week. In this meeting, I was surprised to learn that the policies relating to parking on campus were much more accommodating to students than I had originally realized. Did you know...

- Though the student is still responsible for paying them, past parking violations do not carry over from year to year in terms of the count that Police Services keeps. For example, if you have three violations this year, your record will show zero at the start of next year, in terms of numbers of violations accrued before your vehicle would be towed

- Students do not receive those large orange tickets on their car windows until they've had at least four parking violations (tickets) in one academic year

- Once a student receives an orange sticker, they will receive an email from the police chief letting them know that one more violation will result in their vehicle being towed from campus

- In 2008, there were 95 vehicles towed from campus. In 2010, there were only 18. Police Services does not actually want to tow your vehicles and has made changes to policies over the past couple years to decrease this number. These tows occurred for various reasons including arrests, fire lane violations and a student with many recurring violations

- This year there have been 28 tows so far, but 10 of these were due to failure to follow the snow removal policy. These 10 were given two extra days from the original snow plan date to move their cars back to their appropriate locations be-

fore they were towed (i.e., cars were supposed to be moved by 6 p.m. Sunday and were still in incorrect lots on Thursday)

I hope that you have all found these facts to be informative and they have given you a better understanding of parking policies at Merrimack College. Police Services is more than willing to work with students and only have your best interests in mind. With that said, they are also charged with keeping order of over 650 resident student vehicles and the hundreds of commuter students, employees and visitors who come to our campus each day, and that is no small task. If everyone can do their best to park in their designated parking lots, this will make parking easier for everyone in our community.

If you have any questions or suggestions about parking on campus, please feel free to contact SGA or Chief Guilmette. We are more than happy to work with you.

Thank you,  
Timmy Smith '11, SGA President  
Ron Guilmette, Chief of Police

## Oscars 2011: Fashion Police

Amanda Morris, '14  
Staff Writer

The Oscars were Sunday, Feb. 27 and there were many beautiful celebrities who were on top of their fashion game, however a few of them not so much. I am going to give you the top 3 and bottom 3 of the dress list at the 2011 Oscar Awards in my opinion.

**The Best**  
*Mila Kunis*

As soon as I saw Mila hit the red carpet I knew no one else would take my best dressed for the evening. The plunging lavender lace Elle Saab Haute Couture gown with a grosgrain ribbon waist and revealing detailing was simply one of a kind. Paired with Neil Lane diamonds, she kept the jewelry simple and let the dress do the talking. I have never seen Kunis look better and she blew me away. That is why Mila Kunis is my best dressed of the 2011 Academy Awards.

*Anne Hathaway*

With Anne's eight different changes throughout the night, showing up in everything from a curve-hugging satin blue gown, to a custom Lanvin tux, not to mention the red Valentino she

wore for her red carpet entrance. You might feel like she has an unfair advantage. I guess you might be right. So, which dress was your favorite? Mine was the red Atelier Versace. Hathaway was styled by Rachel Zoe and assistant stylist for the event, Jill Lincoln. Rachel Zoe is the love of my life and obviously did an amazing job with Anne. So congrats to Hathaway for successfully pulling off eight different looks.

*Hilary Swank*

Dear God, does Hilary ever disappoint? Swank is one of my fashion icons and she looked flawless. The strapless silver sequined Gucci Premiere gown with ombre feathered train screamed old Hollywood. She paired the gown with a Roger Vivier clutch and Anna Hu jewelry which included diamond brooches in her hair. She definitely stood out on the red carpet and I was glad to see her there.

**The Worst**  
*Melissa Leo*

Not only was Melissa Leo far from a class act at the Oscars when she dropped the "f" bomb during her acceptance speech, but she was far from any best dressed list. The Marc Bouwer

dress failed to impress. I love cap-sleeved dresses as much as the next person, but this dress was ill-fitting and had far too much going on. The lace on top of wrapping paper effect was far from fabulous and that is why Melissa Leo is my worst dressed of the 2011 Academy Awards.

*Nicole Kidman*

Usually Kidman is a woman of good taste, and being nominated for best actress you would think she would find a better dress. The strapless embellished white Dior Haute Couture gown reminded me of something like a kimono. Her hair was a mess and the Fred Leighton choker and bright red Pierre Hardy shoes made no sense with the gown. I was disappointed, to say the least.

*Marisa Tomei*

I love Marisa but this is just a no-no. Her hair and makeup looked great and I will give her that. Yet the Charles James dress fit her awkwardly and the big skirt seemed to be from five seasons ago (and it wasn't cute then either.) The gown was simply unflattering. Paired with Jimmy Choo platform sandals and Van Cleef & Arpels jewels Tomei was a fool for tulle.

## Police Log

### 02/26/2011 12:10 ALCOHOL

Santagati resident advisors called Police Services for an alcohol assessment on a resident. Andover Fire Department was on scene for further assessment. The resident signed a refusal for medical transport at 12:28 a.m. and was sent back to his room for the night.

### 2/27/2011 02:53 MEDICAL

Resident called 5911 to report roommate attempted self-injury. Officers responded. Student transported to Lawrence General Hospital.

### 2/28/2011 12:30 ALARM

Police Services received a call reporting that there are alarms sounding. Officer and the electricians found the roof leaking water

into the fire system. Crews reported to work on the leak.

### 3/2/2011 17:07 POSSIBLE ASSAULTS

North Andover Police called to notify Police Services about a report they had received of a possible assault involving several students, which had reportedly occurred within the previous 10 to 15 minutes. Suspect fled campus, and was reported to have threatened another student with a weapon. No matching vehicle could be located. Andover and North Andover Police were updated.

### 3/5/2011 04:42 TOWING

Officer requested a tow for a resident vehicle after conducting a motor vehicle stop and finding the student was intoxicated. Ve-

hicle removed from campus.

### 3/5/2011 11:53 SUSPICIOUS ODOR

Police Services received a call stating that there was an odor of something burning in a residence hall. Officer dispatched to investigate. Burnt popcorn found and disposed of.

### 3/6/2011 02:18 SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

Police Services received a call from resident student reporting that someone had just thrown a beer bottle at the door in a residence hall. Responding officer reported a broken vodka bottle and that the area coordinator advised him that a party had just been cleared from a room on that floor.

# SPORTS

## Warrior Spotlight



Tim McHugh  
Tennis

McHugh, paired with Chris Barnhart took an 8-0 win at the No. 2 doubles.



Saturday Night's  
Hockey East  
Playoff Game is  
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## Hockey

### Warriors Clinch Home Ice, DaCosta Returns

Mark Lindquist '11  
Staff Writer

The 2010-2011 Merrimack College hockey team clinched home ice advantage in the Hockey East Quarterfinals for the second time in school history with a 6-1 victory at home over the Providence Friars.

"We played well tonight," said Head Coach Mark Dennehy. "The team that is playing the best at the end of the season is the one that's going to have the most success, and coming into next week we need to make sure we're playing well."

Before the game, the graduating senior class consisting of Matt Moulakelis, Bobby Kramer, Fraser Allan, Francois Ouimet, John Jamieson, Joe Cucci, captain Adam Ross, and captain Chris Barton, were honored in front of a sellout crowd of 2,489.

The Warriors got their legs moving early, out-skating the Friars and owning the better of puck possession throughout the game. Ryan Flanigan scored two goals in the first period, twice putting the puck in the top shelf off nifty setups from line-mates Elliot Sheen and Carter Madsen.

Merrimack goals leader Jesse Todd scored his team leading 17th goal of the season with a nice setup from freshman Mike Collins, who has quickly emerged as a gifted offensive player for the Warriors. The final three goals came on the power play which was immediately

bolstered by the return of forward Stephane Da Costa who sat out the previous five games due to a lower-body injury. Da Costa recorded two assists, finding Joe Cucci on the doorstep who twice stuffed the puck into the net on the power play. He would also score a goal, blasting the puck past the Providence goaltender Alex Beaudry to put the icing on the cake at 6-1.

In the Hockey East Quarterfinals, the ninth ranked and fourth placed Warriors will be taking on the 14th ranked and fifth placed University of Maine Black Bears in a best-of-three series at Lawler Arena.

Maine won the season series versus the Warriors, taking two games out of three earlier this season.

However, those two wins for Maine came at home and their 7-1 defeat came on the road here at Merrimack.

On paper, the two teams are fairly even offensively with Merrimack forwards Da Costa, Collins, Todd, Barton, and Cucci, versus Maine forwards Gustav Nyquist, Robby Dee, Brian Flynn, Spencer Abbott, and Tanner House.

The Warriors on paper are a slightly better fundamentally defensive team ranking second in Hockey East in team defense compared to that of Maine at fifth place. However, Maine has experienced two-way defensemen led by Atlanta Thrashers draftee Will O'Neil along with seniors Josh Van Dyk and Jeff

Dimmen.

The Warriors counter with terrific two-way defensemen of their own led by Karl Stollery, Jordan Heywood, and Brendan Ellis. Senior leaders Adam Ross and Fraser Allan along with sophomore Edmonton Oilers draftee Kyle Bigos set great examples for their teammates, laying out hard checks on opposing rushers and sacrificing their bodies to block shots.

The edge in goaltending statistically goes to Merrimack, with Vancouver Canucks draftee junior Joe Cannata likely taking on freshman Dan Sullivan. Cannata has far more experience under his belt, logging almost 2,000 minutes of playing time in his third season, which doubles Sullivan's amount of 1,000 minutes and change in his first season in collegiate hockey. Also, Cannata's GAA of 2.37 and save percentage of .913 slightly edges that of Sullivan's at 2.41 and .901 respectively.

If Merrimack can use their home rink to their advantage, clog the passing lanes, and block shot after shot as they have done all season, while offensively bringing heat with puck movement and net drives, then the Warriors will move on to the Hockey East Semifinals.

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### Mixed Doubles: Men Win, Women Come Up Short in Tennis vs. Adelphi

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Merrimack's tennis teams had their first game of the season this past weekend against Adelphi. With the men's team coming home with a win, and the women playing a tough match, it looking as though the teams are off to a great start.

The men's team started the day off with a bang, garnering two victories in the doubles matches. Second doubles team senior Tim McHugh and freshman Chris Barnhart quickly swept all eight games and gave Merrimack an instant advantage.

At first doubles, junior Max Eppley and sophomore Petar Golijanin played the longest and closest doubles match of the day, but unfortunately fell short and was defeated (8-6). The third doubles team con-

sisting of junior Sean Pahler and senior Liam Hoare also had a victory in their doubles match beating the Panthers 8-2, giving Merrimack an advantage at of 2-1 going into the singles matches.

Barnhart, Eppley, and Golijanin all were victorious, giving Merrimack just enough points to win the entire match against Adelphi. Barnhart was also named rookie of the week for the NE-10 conference, for his remarkable undefeated performance this past weekend.

The women's tennis team had a great struggle against Adelphi, which resulted in losses in all the doubles matches. However, they were able to claim two victories in the single matches.

The match was already decided before Mollie Fitzgerald, Kylie Waddington and Erin McMahon went on, which resulted in them

playing a pro-set against their competitors. Fitzgerald captured the number four position by defeating Panthers player Jaime Sussman 8-6. Also claiming a win was Waddington, who captured an 8-5 win in the fifth singles slot.

While all the teammates put up a strong fight, they fell short to Adelphi with an ending score of 7-2.

Junior captain Courtney Garvey hopes that the team will finish in the top eight teams and make NE-10 playoffs. "The goal this year for the team is to continue to grow and improve because we are such a young team with a lot of potential," she said.

Both teams will take on St. Anselm's this Sunday at Wentworth by The Sea Country Club in Rye, N.H.



# Lawler Home to Super 8 Tourney

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Over the past week Lawler Arena has been packed almost every night and believe it or not, this has nothing to do with the Merrimack College hockey team.

The college is hosting the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association High School Hockey tournament, known locally as the Super 8.

This annual tournament pits the top eight high school teams in the state against each other in a round-robin tournament over two weeks.

This year's participants, in order of seed, are Malden Catholic, St. John's Prep, Boston College High, Weymouth, Hingham, Needham, Woburn and Central Catholic.

"On behalf of the MIAA and MIAA ice hockey committee, we're delighted to establish a new partnership with Merrimack College," said Bill Gaine, deputy director of the MIAA. "We look forward to having them host us and become the new home of the ice hockey tournament."

The tournament has been held in the past at Tsongas Arena in Lowell, but when the opportunity to

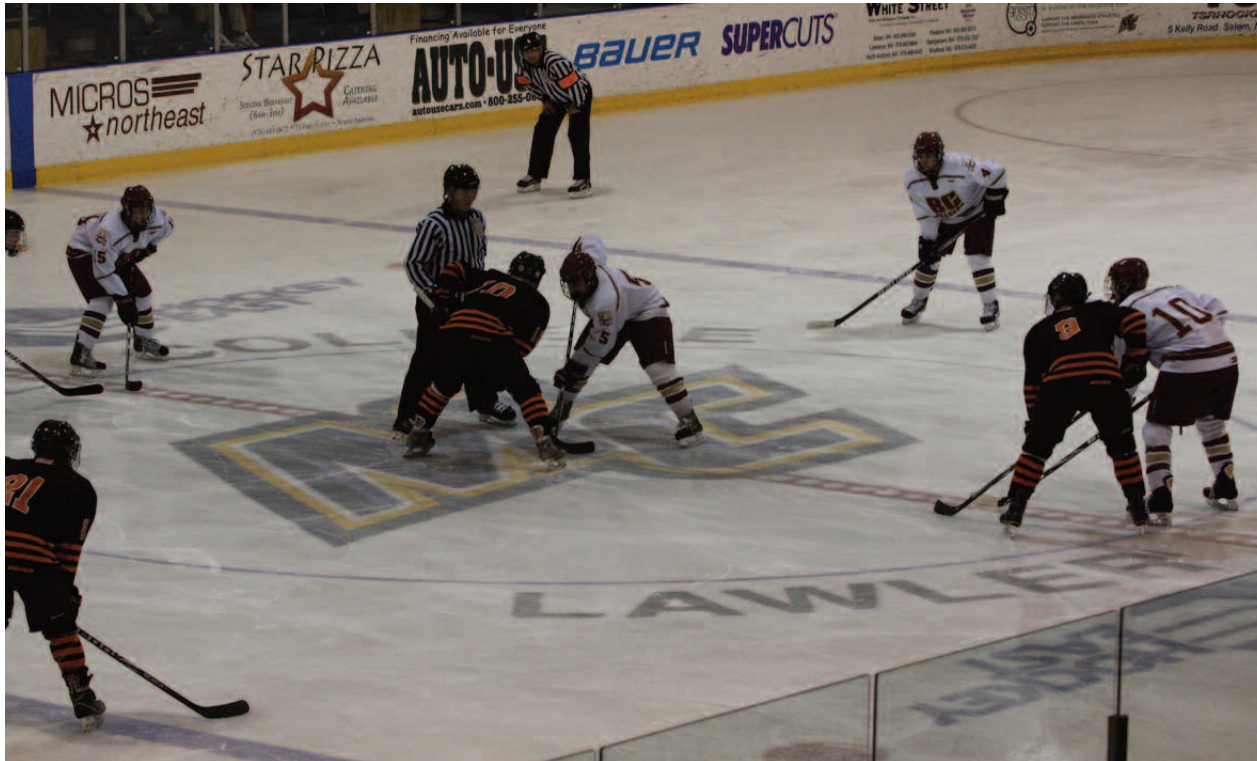
bring it to Lawler, Merrimack Athletics staff jumped all over it.

"We are excited about hosting such an historic and talented tournament," said Merrimack Director of Athletics Glenn Hofmann. "We feel the renovated Lawler Arena is the perfect venue for a premiere high school hockey tournament, and we look forward to welcoming the elite high school hockey teams in Massachusetts to our campus."

This week the tournament has been well under way and is a great success. While it is a high school tournament, student interest has been high on campus since many

students at Merrimack have deep ties to these local high schools.

Though final attendance figures will not be available until tournament's end, Lawler has been filled for all of the games with fans from all the traditional powerhouse schools from around the state. With more games scheduled for this weekend, including the semi-finals, the Super 8 and Merrimack could be a successful partnership for years to come.



The BC High Eagles and the Woburn Tanners played Wednesday night. The Eagles took the game with a 1-0 victory.

~Photo by Matt LaMalfa



Both the Eagles and the Tanners had an impressive and enthusiastic fan base

~Photo by Matt LaMalfa



The next MIAA Super 8 game at Lawler Arena will be this Sunday.

~Photo by Matt LaMalfa

## Young Talent Fuels 2011 Lady Lax Season

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Coach Corinne Baker started off the 2011 season just the way she had hoped: The women's lacrosse team opened its season with a 19-5 victory over Queens College in Oakdale, N.Y.

The Warriors were fueled all day by young talent on the edge, scoring from all over the field. Junior midfielder Mary Pasquantonio netted the first two goals; Colleen Stra-

chan added two more goals with 6:13 left in the half. Junior Alicia Tinsley added three more goals before halftime to give the Warriors a 9-3 lead.

Tinsley finished with five goals and six points, while Pasquantonio had a game-high five goals and seven points. Strachan added five goals to go with two caused turnovers.

The women's lacrosse team might be young but it is fueled with energy and talent across the board.

Baker said they have a huge month of March ahead of them with big games against Stonehill and Le Moyne. Merrimack has never beaten Stonehill, even losing to the Skyhawks in the semis last year, while Le Moyne is very tough, having just dropped down from a Division 1 to Division 2.

"There are no surprises," Baker added, referring to the tough month ahead.

She was also very excited about the Warriors' freshman goalie, Inna

Hedden who made her first career start this past weekend in New York. Hedden was slated to make her second career start after press time Thursday against Stonehill — an enormous test very early in her career.

The Warriors might have lost some key seniors from their 12-3 season a year ago, but with the young talent on this year's team, Baker believes the sky is the limit for what they can accomplish.