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Duck Release

Awareness, Funds Raised



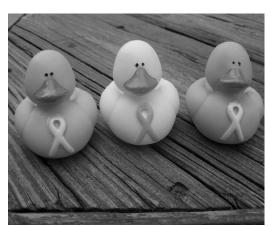
Spectators at the Duck Release ceremony place the ducks in Mendel Pond ~Photo by Sabrina Boggio~

Nicole Meaney, '13 Staff Writer

As the water flowed beneath the steel bridge above Mendel Pond, the 52 attendees stood next to it in a respectful moment of silence, remembering those who have been affected by breast cancer.

October is national breast cancer awareness month and Merrimack College has been taking notice, holding its

fourth annual ceremonial duck release on Oct. 20 on Mendel Pond. From Oct. 1-19, pink rubber ducks, encrusted with the pink breast cancer ribbon symbol, were sold on Merrimack's Main Street in the Sakowich Campus Center for \$1



each, with donations going to the Susan G. Komen Foundation. One in 8 women will develop breast cancer in her lifetime; the Susan G.Komen Foundation is working to find a cure.

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Schelzi Plaza

Upgrades Unveiled



Schelzi Memorial Plaza honors a longtime Merrimack benefactor. ~Photo courtesy of Brad Davis, Merrimack Athleticsr-

Rob Cannella, '14 Staff Writer

Light rain could not dampen the unveiling of the Rocco Schelzi Memorial Plaza on Oct. 15.

President Christopher E Hopey, Director of Athletics Glenn Hofmann, and Rocco Schelzi's son, David Schelzi, addressed attendees of the ceremony, which was moved inside the Volpe Center due to the weather.

The crowd then moved outside to the plaza, directly in front of the Volpe Center, to watch student hockey players Stephane Da Costa and Kyle Bigos unveil the large granite sign bearing Rocco Schelzi's name.



Schelzi had been heavily involved in Merrimack, and received an honorary degree several years ago.

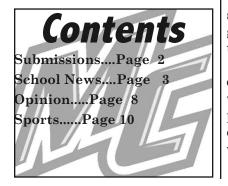
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Glass Ban Cuts Gati Off

Santagati Residents Forced to Switch to Cans

Alexandra Picardi, '13 Staff Writer

Because of several incidents involving broken glass in the hallways, stairs and elevator, glass bottles have been banned in Santagati Hall 24 hours a day.

Donna Swartwout, Dean of Campus Life, said, "The ban will continue indefinitely, but it is not forever."

Brian Colby, an RA in Santagati, stated, "The glass ban was a great decision. The RAs have enough to deal with during weekend duty, and something as immature as broken glass everywhere should not be something they have to deal with."

Continuing frustration has not just come from the RAs but also faculty who had to pick up the shattered pieces of glass that not only were everywhere but also made the hallway smell of beer and other alcoholic

and the smell was taken care of the next weekend the incidents contin-

ued to happen,' stated one resi dent.

This ban on glass has not only been in stated because residents and guest lit tering but also as safety precaution Swartwout said that no

one has gotten seriously injured but "we need to be proactive and respond to student concerns because residents feel unsafe in the building."

"Anyone who would be walking "As soon as the glass was picked up around in flip-flops or barefoot was subject to get injured if they were not careful. A few people have already cut themselves," said Colby.

Despite Campus Clean-up, which took place on Saturday, there was still shattered glass on a few staircases in Santagati and around campus there were some glass bottles shattered in various places on Sunday morn-

"We have seen less of a problem with glass this weekend since the ban has been put into effect," stated Swartwout.

However, some students say Merrimack should ban glass containers on campus entirely, but only if it has become a serious issue and is threatening the environment.

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Film Critiques Drug Industry

'Orgasm' Documentary Asks: Is 'Disfunction' Just Marketing?

Maureen Rooney, '12 Staff Writer

Women: Pay attention. Do you have trouble achieving an orgasm? Would you be willing to take a drug to help you reach your climax?

This past week, Merrimack had award-winning director Liz Canner show her documentary "Orgasm Inc: The Strange Science of Female Pleasure". She worked on this documentary for nine years, gathering information from major companies, the FDA, and other sources. Her documentary talked about how pharmaceutical companies are developing drugs to assist women with orgasms.

During the documentary, doctors argue back and forth whether medicine can help, or is just a marketing tool for pharmaceutical companies to make money.

Canners film raises the question: Who decides what a disease is? If your leg shakes occasionally, you are diagnosed with Restless Leg Syndrome. Sometimes your mind might wonder off in class, and you are diagnosed with ADD. As a result, a person may be put on medication to help these problems, which may even not be beneficial, but benefit the wallets of doctors and scientist in the pharmaceutical industry that made up these names and medication for them.

One of newest names is, "Female Sexual Dysfunction," which describes women who have trouble getting orgasms. So if you have trouble getting orgasms, are you considered different or normal?

In her documentary, some scientist and doctors say you are in fact normal, and it is hard for females to get orgasms and that there is no drug to help. Others say that yes, you are different and here is a drug that can help you.

But do these really help? Or help the salaries of scientist and doctors? Canner believes "there is no drug for women, and that is more of a marketing tool for companies to make money".

Student Diandra D'Errico agrees with Canner, saying, "There is no medicine out there to help men or women get an orgasm. It just happens naturally. Pharmaceutical companies can make up any information they want about a health problem just to make money".

Most companies are not manufacturing a drug because the FDA will not approve their medicines. In order to become FDA approved, the drug has to be proven to show results and be safe and effective. Proctor and Gamble thought they came up with a successful drug called "Intrinsia"; however, the FDA disapproved it because it showed it increased breast cancer and heart attack risks.

When Canner was asked if she thinks that there will ever be a working drug she said, "I don't know if any drug will ever get approved in the United States".

Mack Apps: New Email

Submission from Kim Round Chief Information Officer

On Oct. 29, Merrimack College will Go Google! What does that mean? And, why does it matter? Read on!

What is Google Apps?

Google Apps is a suite of web-based messaging and collaboration applications that Google hosts on their own servers. Google provides these applications as a "service," rather than as software to download and install. To access these applications, you simply use a web browser on a computer that's connected to the Internet.

Why did you choose Google Apps?

Based on recent Merrimack College growth and cost trends, we looked for an email and calendar solution that could provide with us the following benefits:

- •Lower infrastructure costs -- All your email will be stored securely on Google's servers, so we'll no longer need to maintain email servers on-site
- •Ability to consolidate our platforms -- We can eliminate redundancy by moving all of our email and calendar platforms to Google Apps
- •Lower support costs -- Because Google hosts the email and calendar services, there's no more email client software to maintain on your computer
- •Innovative solutions -- We can leverage the ongoing creative and technical solutions of the Google Apps platform to provide employees with powerful, easy-to-use tools for getting their work done
- Highly scalable environment -- With Google Apps, our email capacity will grow automatically as Merrimack College grows, and we'll avoid the complexity of internal systems
- Access to services from anywhere, anytime -- A key benefit of the Google-hosted solution is that we can access email, contacts, and calendar from any computer or mobile device with an Internet connection, anywhere in the world
- •More collaboration features -- With Google's next-generation applications, we can collaborate with colleagues, customers, and partners more easily and efficiently than ever before
- •Instant messaging -- Because Google Apps includes Google Talk, we can now implement an instant messaging system for our college

What exactly does Google Apps include?

Your new Google Apps account will include the following services:

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What are the key benefits?

- •Lots of storage -- You get a full 7.5 GB of online storage for your email (much more than the 100 MB you have now), so you can archive all of your email online. You'll no longer need to worry about deleting messages or saving them in offline folders.
- Enhanced message organization and retrieval -- With Google Mail, you'll spend less time managing folders and searching for messages. For example, you can add one or more tags, or "labels," to your messages to organize and store them more efficiently. And with the Google-powered search feature, you can find any message quickly and easily, whether it's in your Inbox or stored in your message archive.
- Easier calendar sharing -- Google Calendar lets you and your team members quickly and easily share your calendars with each other and specify the details you want to show. Calendar sharing is a great way for you and your coworkers to keep each other informed about your schedules. Now it's easier than ever to find out if someone is in a meeting, on a business trip, or on vacation
- •Integrated chat -- With the Google Talk instant messaging application, you can communicate instantly with your coworkers right from the Email interface. In addition, all your chats are automatically saved in your Email application, so you can always retrieve important information.
- •Real-time collaboration -- Using Google Docs, you can create documents, spreadsheets, and presentations, and you and your team members can view and edit them at the same time. You can still use your Microsoft Office products as needed, but now you'll have more options for storing and collaborating on your documents.
- Easy-to-build team web sites -- With Google Sites, your team has the ability to quickly publish a robust internal web site on which to gather all sorts of shared information, such as documents, spreadsheets, presentations, files, and videos. You can even embed Google calendars and other gadgets on your site!

We are looking forward to hearing your feedback about Google Apps for Education. After the 29th, send us your comments at mackappsfeedback@merrimack.edu.

Find more on Kim Round's Blog: askitmc.blogspot.com

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School News

RENEW a Chance to Discuss Scripture

Ryan Pinette, '12 Staff Writer

Have you ever wondered how the Scripture from church last week can apply to your life as a student at Merrimack College?

If you have, then RENEW is for you. RENEW gives students the opportunity to meet and discuss the Scripture and how it relates to their experiences.

"Renewed, enlightening, engag-

ing, empowering, support, relaxing — Campus Renew is a great way for me to be able to talk about things I wouldn't get the chance to talk about in my everyday busy schedule," said senior Monica McCue.

"It allows me to reflect on my week and relate to scriptures from the Bible," McCue said. "Having a group of students on campus to be able to share with creates a feeling of tremendous support, and makes us feel that everything we say is valuable."

"Renew was an opportunity for me to hear the Gospel again and try to make sense of it with my peers," said senior Jerry Smith.

RENEW will be broken into two groups: one meeting on five Sundays, starting Oct. 31, at 7 p.m., and the other on five Wednesdays, starting Nov. 3, at 4 p.m. As of now,

there are five members of the Sunday group and seven members of the Wednesday group.

If you are interested in joining RENEW, you can contact Father Bill Waters in Campus Ministry.

As junior Tim Iannacone said, "Campus Renew has spiritually uplifted me to be honest and open with my peers on matters such as Scripture and the Catholic tradition."

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Construction of the plaza began in late August. It was financed by donations from Rocco Schelzi's family and is named in his memory. The plaza is part of a campuswide initiative to make buildings more welcoming, and provides a facelift to the Volpe Center's entrance that Hofmann admits had been "pretty plain" before the renovations.

Granite benches, flowerbeds, Merrimack's seal, and the newly- unveiled sign are now the first things fans, students see when approaching the Volpe Center.

Volpe has had its own updates, including the replacement of Lawler Arena's bleachers with seats and the addition of a student seating

section. Renovations will be completed after Christmas. But student-athletes and staff alike said they realize the importance of the strong first impression the plaza provides.

Senior hockey captain, Chris Barton, commented, "I thought the memorial was an incredible donation from the Schelzi family. It is the first thing you see when you enter the building and it is a classy entrance, with the Merrimack seal right in front. It is a nice finish to a project that needed to be done."

"This lobby makes a very positive impression," Hofmann said. "Everyone is very excited and the renovations have brought about a new sense of pride for Merrimack."

"DUCK RELEASE"

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On Oct. 20, the 524 pink ducks sold were released on Mendel Pond where they will remain during October. Beginning in front of Mendel, the attendees gathered to listen to the opening words of Kristina Martin, a student who helped organize the event.

Then Sister Mary Ellen led a prayer, honoring those who have been affected by breast cancer. The attendees stood in a semicircle, listening to the powerful words: That breast cancer is the leading cancer among women. In the next moment, to honor those who have died from breast cancer, people walked in a single line across the bridge. During the silent walk, all that could be heard were footsteps, mimicking those being honored in the silent walk.

After crossing the bridge, Cookie Maggio, an employee at Merrimack's Physical Plant, gave a compelling and honest speech about her personal experience with breast cancer. Her portrayal of her family's experience with breast cancer has enabled Maggio help to spread awareness.

"The key to being aware is knowing how you feel inside, know your family's history, and not to be afraid to ask questions, "she stated. She touched on the fact that she and her mother both were diagnosed. Maggio, who is a survivor herself, ended her speech to an abundance of applause.

The attendees prepared to release the pink ducks. "Keep Holding On" by Avril Lavigne played as one by one the pink ducks were placed onto the water. The ducks floated around the water. Each duck had a person's name written on it to honor individuals affected by breast cancer. After the ducks were released, pink streamers were put along the edges of the bridge.

Thanks to the donations made to the Susan G. Komen Foundation, a cure for breast cancer is one step closer to being discovered

Take this opportunity to catch up or get ahead.

Winter Session

January 3 – January 14, 2011

Registration Begins November 15 and Ends on December 16



Course offerings:

COM3421C **Visual Communication** (4 cr.) Hybrid

FAA1210C Basic Drawing I (4 cr.) Hybrid

HSC2300C **Nutrition, Diet & Health** [4 cr.] Online

HSC3302C Community Public Health (4 cr.) Online

POL1100C **Politics of the U.S.** [4 cr.] Hybrid

SPA3510CA Culture and Civilization of Spain and the Hispanic World (4 cr.) Hybrid

WRT2106C Introduction to Composition Studies (4 cr.) Online

- Classes will meet January 3 14, 2011. All Wintersession courses will be offered in the hybrid or online format and will require extensive use of Blackboard.
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- Merrimack students must meet all course prerequisites and have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 in order to register.

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for the registration form or O'Reilly 208. Deadline is Wednesday, December 15.

Housing is only available to current Merrimack resident students. Registration deadline for students seeking housing is December 3.

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Upcoming Events at Merrimack

TONIGHT: Friday, October 29: Volleyball vs. Pace at 7 p.m. in Volpe

Saturday October 30: White Water Rafting Trip. Sign up in Residence Life. **\$20- All Inclusive**

Stage Combat Workshop 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the MPR. Free

Football vs. AIC at 1pm at Warrior Field.

Hockey vs. BC at 7pm in Lawler Rink

Sunday October 31: Women's Soccer in NE-10 Quarters

Thursday November 4 Merrimack in the City, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., sign up in Campus Ministry

'Crossing Borders,' Changing Minds

Alex McNeil, '13 Staff Writer

The Rogers Center presented the film "Crossing Borders" on Oct. 20. Before the film was shown, director Arnd Wächter spoke briefly about the film and how it "aims to give a personal face to the other side through the experiences of American students studying abroad and their interactions with students in the moderate Muslim state of Morocco."

The film followed four American and Moroccan students around Morocco for a week and focused on the relationships that were built between them, despite the different religions and cultures. They formed relationships and bonds with one another as they began to understand that they shared many of the same truths and attitudes as they broke away from the stereotypes that were commonly held. In the end, they were all able to see past the different beliefs they held and became friends with one another out of the respect and trust they had gained.

Wächter said westerners' view of the Muslim religion has changed as we live in a post-9/11 world. Questioning how the media has affected our lives ever since, he uses an example of how some media aired a clip of Muslims dancing in the street after the attack. What they failed to mention, he adds, is that the clip they were showing occurred two years prior to the attack.

The film hopes to inspire students by presenting the positive side that the media fails to show to the public and to encourage those to help make a difference.

Professor Lynn McGovern, Chair of World Languages and Cultures, was very pleased with the turnout for the night, as more than double the number of people were in attendance compared to last years showing. Mc-Govern said the film was shown because "it is a very powerful resource that changes one's perspective on the world by getting people, our students, to think beyond borders."

After the film, it was clear that the audience was "reflecting and

questioning their perspective and place in the world, relative to the Muslim world and identified with the American students whose perceptions were challenged," she said.

There were surveys passed out that had questions to be answered before viewing the film and after. One question asked what words one would associate with Muslims; roughly 140 people answered "terrorism" while only 10 answered "hospitality." After the film, the numbers shifted dramatically, as roughly 140 answered "hospitality" and fewer than 10 answered "terrorism" demonstrating how the audience responded in such a positive way to the film.

Are We Doing the Best We Can?

Father Ray Seeks to Enrich Faith, Sense of Community

Abigail Clark, '12 Copy Editor

When Father Raymond Dlugos, Ph.D., O.S.A., came to Merrimack in August 2008, he was already in love with Merrimack College, but recognized it as a well-established institution that could still use many improvements.

Coming in as the Vice President of Mission and Ministry, Father Ray oversaw a multitude of campus offices and activities. On his plate included Campus Ministry, the Augustinian Center, The Jewish-Christian-Muslim Relations Center, the Stevens Service Learning Center, and Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies Center.

One of Father Ray's first roles at Merrimack was the creation of the Mission Effectiveness Council, which consisted of faculty, staff, students, and administration members to refine the mission of Merrimack to show what Merrimack truly was. Through the council, Merrimack's mission of "Enlighten Minds, Engage Hears, and Empower Lives" was born.

After almost two full years as Vice President of Mission and Ministry, Father Ray became the Vice President for Mission and Student Affairs this past summer. He is responsible for overseeing three offices: the Dean of Students, Campus Life, and Mission and Ministry.

All of these offices are in charge of smaller groups and activities. For example, Dean of Students oversees the Office of Community Stan-This office is in charge of Student Conduct, the Sakowich Campus Center, Orientation Committee, Office of International Programs, Career Services and Cooperative Education, and Police Services. The Office of Campus Life is in charge of Student Involvement, Residence Life, and the Hamel Health Center. Mission and Ministry oversees Campus Ministry, the Augustinian Center, Stevens Service Learning Center, and the Center for Jewish-Christian-Muslim Relations.

Father Ray's goal is to make "mission" part of student life, and to come up with effective ways to maintain Merrimack's mission. With a brand-new office renovated over the summer in

the Mack Shack's old location, he is ready to make changes.

Asked about the changes he would like to see at Merrimack, Father Ray said he would like "to build effective relationships between students affairs and academics." To do this, he said that there should be more extracurricular events that tie to academics. Father Ray stressed the importance of faculty being involved in this idea.

Father Ray is interested in creating is a Committee on International and Intercultural Education. His goal is to find a way to take on the issue of respect for diversity. He would like for the campus not just to talk about being diverse, but also to take action and show that the campus is diverse.

In relation to his hopes for this new committee, he said that he comes to wonder if the people of Merrimack's community are as nice as they say they are, and if the community is as welcoming as it thinks it is. To answer his ques-

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Inaugural Road Race a Success

Patrick Lawlor '13 Associate Editor in Chief

Early in the morning on Saturday, September 16, the beginning of this year's Fall Festival, was the First Annual 5K Race and Fun Run for Merrimack College. Led by Dr. Warren Kay, an avid runner and

country coach and Nick Lowery, of Student Involvement, the race was quite a success.

Coach Kay, as many refer to the theology professor, was very pleased with the outcome of the race, think the Homecoming 5K race

was a great success. It even exceeded our highest expectations. To see all the students, alumni, and staff gather at such an early hour on a Saturday was truly rewarding"

This race began as just a vision,

but when Kay and other harriers became more ambitious of a race, it became a reality,

"As members of the Merrimack College Running Club, Lauren Gannon, William Bowhers and I often passed the trophy cabinet for all the intramural sports, and we wondered why there wasn't an intra-

> mural running competition. We knew that Nick Lowery was good at his job, so we asked him if would be willing to add a 5K

race to the other intramural sports,"

The race was very fulfilling of Kay's dreams, as there was some serious level of competition on the starting line. Winning the race by great strides was Matt Pimentel,

who picked up both the overall win, and the award for first faculty/staff finisher. Pimentel is the Assistant Cross Country Coach for Merrimack as well as the head coach for Track. Pimentel highlighted the importance

'We wondered why

there wasn't an in-

tramural running

competition...'

Coach Kay

of road races, especially homecoming "It is a great way to get people together, and always fun to compete against different people on campus."

both first female finisher, and first alumni finisher was none other than Pimentel's fiancé, Linsey Cohen, a 2007 graduate of Merrimack. "It was nice to be back on campus and racing, it was put on very well, and looking forward to next year," Cohen said. Cohen, a marathoner, will compete in the Boston Marathon in April.

Whether you are casually running, running with colleagues, or competing in the varsity level, running is

very popular at Merrimack. It is not often when you don't see someone jogging through campus.

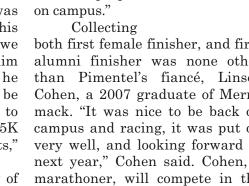
The race had many sponsors, and help putting on the race. Kay's facultv and staff running group, Merri-

> mack College Running Club, Nick Low ery's Intramural Department chaired the event, while Whirlaway Sports donated racing numbers, Perfecto's Caffe donated bagels for finishers, The Dance Team and Women's

Rugby provided thankless course help, and The Beacon donated the staff shirts.

The race truly echoes the Merrimack tradition of community. A lot of different people and organizations pulled together to create something really great.

"I have said it many times, but I just love running -- every aspect of it. And to be a part of this event was very special to me," said Kay.



Police Log

10/23/2010 00:25 SUSPICIOUS Person/Vehicle/Activity

Front Desk Attendant called and stated that a non student was walking by her and dropped a bottle of whiskey and ran off. Officers were sent to investigate. Officer states that a female party that knows the subject as a non-student. A check of the area by other officers report no sign of the subject.

10/23/2010 20:24 ALCOHOL Minor Transp/Carry/Possess

Front Desk Attendant called to complain about a non student attempting to gain access to building with old ID card. Caller requests an officer to investigate. Officers responded and advised that a non student was served a No Trespass notice.

"GATI GLASS" continued from page 1

Currently with so much focus on "going green," pollution and global warming, Merrimack has truly stepped up to the plate to make campus more environmentally friendly. In recent months, Merrimack has undertaken a number of environmentally friendly initiatives, such as new recycling barrels located around campus, using eco-friendly fuel in Physical Plant trucks, and no longer using trays in the cafeteria.

Swartwout stated, "We are not convinced this is all Santagati residents and their guests. There are alternate sources involved,

10/24/2010 01:22 DISTURBANCE Fight

Police Services received a call from the Apartment Resident Advisors concerning a fight about to begin behind G Tower, possible firearm involved. Sergeants and Officers responded. Sergeant reports being out in Lot 8 with the individual who is believed to have the weapon. Sergeant reports speaking with three non-students. Parties sent on their way.

10/24/2010 01:32 DISTURBANCE General

but we want to make people un-

derstand this is not what we ex-

pect of Merrimack students and

we are encouraging students to

take alternate measures to try to

help the situation, like possibly

leaving trash cans outside of

biggest hockey games of the year,

against Boston College, coming

up this weekend, campus officials

encourage students to think not

only of the consequence they will

face, but remember that every

time a glass bottle is shattered

they are not only polluting the

campus and "ruining our image"

but actually contaminating the

Earth for the future.

With Halloween and one of the

rooms on the weekends."

Police Services received a call concerning seven (7) males who are causing a disturbance in Lot 6. Sergeant responded and advised gone on arrival

10/24/2010 02:33 NOISE COMPLAINT

Police Services received a call from a resident student concerning loud music from J-Tower. Sergeant responded and advised speaking to the residents of a room in J-Tower and clearing approximately 30 students from the room.

10/24/2010 19:09 B & E MV

Student came into Police Services to report a B&E (breaking and entering) on her vehicle. An officer was dispatched to investigate.

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tions, Father Ray is looking into hiring experts (consultants who are outsiders, separate from the Merrimack community) to evaluate the community. Each piece of student affairs will be evaluated. His big question to the Merrimack community is: "Are we doing the best we can?"

An additional change Father Ray would like to see at Merrimack would be making the campus a student's home. He would love for students to call Merrimack their "home," and when they go back to their hometown, believe they are only "visiting" their parents. He wants Merrimack to be even more of a place students want to be, and engage students to stay on campus.

He said that when he first arrived at Merrimack, he thought no one was openly spiritual or religious. However, after spending time with different people of the Merrimack community, Father Ray had come to realize that his first assumption about Merrimack's spiritual or religious people (or lack thereof) was incorrect.

Father Ray would like Merrimack to evoke emotions in people in the Au-

gustinian tradition. His vision for Merrimack in the future would be to bring faith into critical and informed conversations. He would like for everyone, no matter what religion or creed, to be more engaged, reflecting thoughtfully. Father Ray would like for people of the Merrimack community to be public about their faith. There are people who are spiritual and religious on this campus, yet they are not the majority and they do not express their beliefs publicly, he said; he would like for this to change.

Father Ray said that he is very much enjoying his new role as Vice President for Mission and Student Affairs. He said he enjoys being in the Sakowich Campus Center where there are more students around and more contact with the different staffs he works with.

In addition to enjoying his new role, Father Ray remarked that he enjoys being part of the process of making Merrimack prosper. He enjoys the struggle and challenge of bringing Merrimack to its best potential. Ultimately, Father Ray wishes for Merrimack to be a rich place to be creative, and for its community members to care for one another.





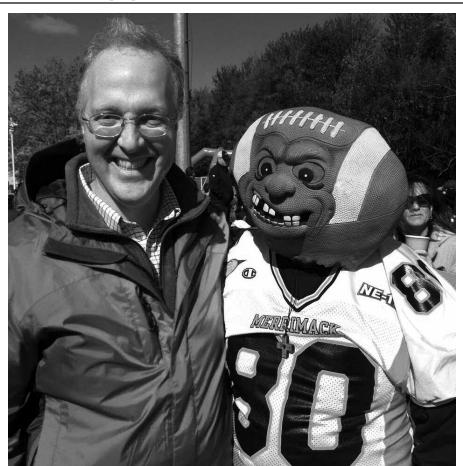
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President Chris Hopey and Fr. Jim Wenzel, OSA, Assistant to the President for Augustinian Advancement, at the Homecoming football game.



Jam'n 94.5 presents...

Monster Jam





Opportunities for students to enjoy the show were brought to you by MPB. MPB offered students tickets to the show and transportation there and back for \$20 each.

The show featured J.Cole, Shontelle, Drake, Nelly, Nicki Minaj, New Boyz, B.O.B.



Jam'n 94.5 presented Monster Jam 2010 on Oct. 25 at Boston's TD Garden. This year's concert included J. Cole, New Boyz, Shontelle, Drake, Nelly, Nicki Minaj, and B.O.B. J Cole opened up the night followed by Shontelle and New Boyz.

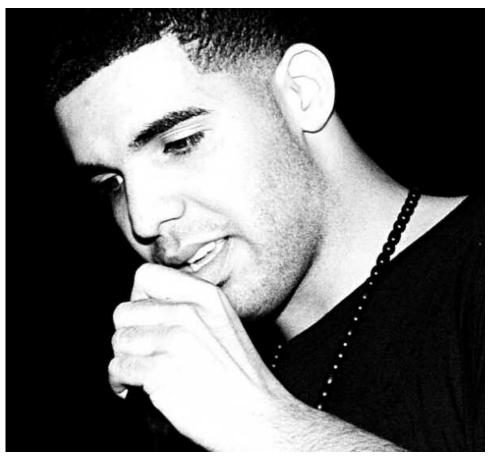
New Boyz rapped two of their current radio hits; "Tie Me Down" and "Break my Bank." along with their 2009 hit, "You're a Jerk."

Once New Boyz exited the stage the crowd went crazy as Drake's name was announced. Drake took the stage singing "Forever" and rapped many known songs such as, "Every Girl," "Fancy," "I'm Goin In," "Find Your Love," and "Miss Me." Not only did Drake perform his top hits, but he also recognized rapper Lil' Wayne. He rapped his new single "Right Above It," promoting his new album, "I Am Not a Human Being."

After Drake's performance, St. Louis rapper Nelly took the stage. Nelly dropped many of his old school beats such as, "Country Grammar," "Ride With Me," "E.I" and "Hot in Herre." After rapping his throwback songs, Nelly promoted his new album by performing his new single, "Just a Dream."

Nicki Minai was next in the line up. She performed many songs that she features in such as Young Moneys, "Bedrock," Trey Songz's, "Bottoms up," and Sean Kingston's "Letting Go." She sang her new hit "Your Love." Although Minaj has been portrayed as a top performer for 2010, she was cut off in a middle of one of her songs, causing fans to grow upset. Minaj was escorted off stage so B.O.B could close the concert. B.O.B performed many unknown hits in the beginning of his performance. He ran out of time at the end and had to be cut off for the night.

Overall, Monster Jam 2010 was filled with talented performances. Drake and Nelly killed the concert performing many great hits from the present and the past. Hopefully next year Monster Jam can bring back the excitement and put on another great show.



Questions on the Quad

What are you being for Halloween?



A Jedi Knight



A Ghost



Cowboy



An iPod

-Andrew Martasian -Emily Moldoff 2011 2013

-Ryan Quinlivan 2014

-Melissa Garabedian 2012

How do you plan to celebrate Lil Wayne's release from Jail?



Eating a Lil Wayne replica cake -Briana Devereaux 2014



Listening to some old mix tapes -Mike Bryant 2014



Streaking in the quad
-Alex Giller
2011



Thirsty Thursday with some syrup -Will Walker 2011



Opinion Theology With Tim

Submission from William Haffey Junior at Fairfield University

The Catholic faith is a dynamic yet consistent force throughout history, and perhaps the most visible aspect of this is the Mass. An ancient tradition developed organically over the past two millennia; the Mass is more than a worship service or a communal gathering, but rather the representation of Jesus on the Cross to God the Father. It is true; the Mass is the exact same sacrifice that occurred on a hillside outside of Jerusalem 2000 years ago. Few Catholics understand the true meaning of the Mass; perhaps if they did many of the perversions that occur today would not

As most citizens of the Western World know, the Roman Catholic Church underwent a series of changes in the mid-1960s under the auspices of the Second Vatican Council. For the ordinary individual, one of the most noticeable aspects of the post-concilliar faith was the celebration of Mass. While I am certainly not here to scuttle the Novus Ordo (the common Mass celebrated in the vernacular), I certainly see some grave consequences less than 50 years after the council. Most of these problems arose not out of design, but rather neglect and carelessness on the part of the Church's governing body and indifference of Her flock.

In order to continue discussing the Mass, it is important to first convince oneself that the Mass can, in fact, be celebrated incorrectly. Illicit or invalid Masses involve direct assault on the very heart of the liturgy, removing or altering important aspects of prayer, ritual movement, or even apparel. For many Catholics today, the one-two punch of ignorance and indifference prevents them from realizing their right to a well-said reverent Mass, free from dissent and stupid fabrication.

One of the most inappropriate and excessive abuses in the Mass is the egalitarian mindset of many priests. Priests, you are anointed men of God. There are a significant number of actions you can perform that laymen are not capable of doing. Therefore, why devolve your role when you offer Mass to that of a ringleader, or a choreographer? Why must you insist on sharing the honorable role of distributing Communion with other laymen and women, whose hands were not anointed with oil by a bishop? The need to include the entire congregation in a superficial example of active participation disrupts prayer, fosters misplaced pride, and an independence-driven, Protestant mentality.

In pre-Vatican II days, the Catholic Mass was recognizable universally because of its unique and essentially Catholic elements. Now, a wide variety of Protestant influences has invaded Masses, making them virtually unrecognizable from any other Christians. Whitewashed churches, simplistic vestments, and a general "low-church" mentality is the trend in modern Catholicism, where simplicity reigns. It has been argued that even a few prayers of the Mass seem to be very vague on some essential dogmatic points of our faith, appearing to appease Protestant

Of course it would be entirely wrong to presume that any of these criticisms invalidate or discredit any Mass, but the question remains: why give God, our Creator and Redeemer, the least effort, beauty, and dignity as possible? I urge you to view on YouTube "liturgical abuses," and view some of the horrific stupidities taken by everyday parishes, all of which would embarrass even Martin Luther.

The lack of beauty, structure, intensely Catholic prayers, and direction are the vast majority of the liturgical problems of today. Why has Church attendance dropped despite the advent of a "more accessible" Mass? It is because people are not stupid! They see the priest ad-

libbing the representation of Jesus on Calvary, and presume it has to be no more than a religious show.

When one walks into a church, instead of being drawn to God by beautiful artwork, vestments and music, the individual is slapped with the same worldliness seen in everyday life. While I certainly hold those who lose faith on account of scandal accountable, I cannot completely argue against them. The Church has set certain rules, albeit flexible ones, which must be followed. This is non-negotiable. The rest of the aspects such as art and music are not necessary, but are extremely valuable despite their low place in the eyes of an average parish.

In a few short paragraphs, I hope I have not destroyed your faith in the Catholic Church. Rather, I understand that those reading this are very intelligent individuals, able to use reason to understand their Faith. Therefore, I trust the next time you attend an irreverent or sloppy Mass you will attempt to rectify the problem. It is our right as Catholics to have a well-prayed Mass, and it is our duty to uphold this. The Mass is an invaluable gift given by Christ to His Church; let us not abuse and pervert it for the sake of our satisfaction.

Our Augustinian Values: Where Are They?

Patrick Lawlor, '13
Associate Editor in Chief

There's no doubt that "The Science of Female Orgasms," a film presented by the Women's & Gender Studies Department, on Tuesday night was an academic presentation on the pharmaceutical world with respect to sex-enhancing prescriptions for women. The film was comical and informational, and I understand why it has won awards.

I do consider myself very comfortable with most people on campus, but I began to wonder how it would feel to sit next to an Augustinian and watch this, which at some points was soft porn. At the beginning of the film I was seated next to a woman, and it never crossed my mind until she left the audience how awkward that it might have been to watch the film with her sitting next to me.

For the sake of argument: Should something be shown or delivered to an audience on campus that could make you feel uncomfortable sitting next to anyone on campus? Now, I understand that some people would not mind sitting next to a priest or a professor as they watched a video on pills that induce orgasms, but can the majority of us honestly say that?

I am in no way criticizing the video, or the fact that it was shown, but where does the line get crossed? Should some things be shown only in a class? I would certainly raise the question: In an academic institution, shouldn't we be able to hold ourselves to a level of challenge and maturity to choke back the awkwardness? Just look at the first of our Augustinian Values:

Before all else our college is a community of scholarship and service whose members support and challenge each other in a wholehearted pursuit of knowledge, holding one another to the highest intellectual and ethical standards.

Where was this on Tuesday night as I sat in the crowded auditorium in the library? How could I neglect the fact that we are a community of scholarship, not a community of

middle-schoolers who laugh every time someone says sex?

This just goes to show that we don't often remember these Augustinian Values when we study and when we compete, and these are when we need them most. I use this example of the film showing because I realized, even just while writing this, that our values based on the teaching and learnings of St. Augustine are often clouded.

Below are Merrimack's Augustinian Values; consider them often and perhaps join your classmates or colleagues for a discussion at the end of the month hosted by the Mission Effectiveness Council on these values

Augustinian Values at Merrimack

Before all else our college is a community of scholarship and service whose members support and challenge each other in a wholehearted pursuit of knowledge, holding one another to the highest intellectual and ethical standards.

Knowledge grows into wisdom

when we recognize the limits of reason and of our individual perspectives, attend to the common good, and fashion the changes inspired by learning.

The pursuit of excellence in teaching and learning requires diligent study, freedom of thought, dedication to dialogue, and collegial respect for each person's experience.

The contemplation and reflection encouraged by the intellectual life inspire an ethical sensibility as well as a prophetic critique of social structures in light of justice and peace.

The great texts of human history, including sacred scriptures, call us to continuing dialogue as our varied religious and philosophical convictions enrich our Catholic mission.

Our lifelong pursuit of truth and understanding can be for Christians an expression of the inner pilgrimage with Christ the Teacher, for adherents of all faiths part of the search for God, and for everyone a journey of hope amidst the ever-expanding horizons of human experience.

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NE-10 Spotlight

Shawn Loiseau



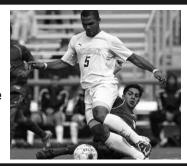
NE-10 Defensive Player of the Week ~Football~

Molly Cindric



NE-10 Player of the Week ~Volleyball~

Men's Soccer advances to NE-10 Conference Games Read more on Page 10



Merrimack Hockey Takes on Hockey East Rival Boston College Saturday October, 30 in Lawler Rink at 7pm



Offense Keeps Warriors in Contention

Mark Lindquist '11 Staff Writer

The Warriors offense, combined with some defensive contributions,

was too much for Assumption to handle on Merrimack's Homecoming Weekend. Merrimack walked away with a 49-23 win over Assumption.

The first quarter was all Merrimack, with both junior running back Anthony Smalls' touchdowns in the first along with a third rushing TD from junior quarterback James Suozzo. Suozzo added another rushing TD later in the game, along with 7 for 17 passing with a passing TD. Assumption staged a comeback in the second quarter and came as close as 21-16. Stopping the Greyhounds was sophomore linebacker Michael Jones who jumped a pass in the red zone and chugged 90 yards for a touchdown, bringing the momentum back to Merrimack. To make matters worse for Assumption, senior defensive back John Kravic got a hand on a punted ball, which kept the ball in Assumption territory with great field position for Suozzo. It only took Suozzo one play to find a streaking Omari Mobley to

make the score 35-16. Senior defensive end Garrett Boyd made the score 49-23 as he intercepted a pass for a touchdown.

Junior linebacker Shawn Loiseau led all players in tackles with 9, with 2.5 sacks. Junior linebackers Tony Johnson and Ryan McCarthy each recorded a forced fumble and were a threat to the Assumption offense.

Against New Haven, Merrimack could not grasp victory, losing 27-25. James Suozzo took matters into his own hands to nearly complete an amazing fourth quarter come-



~Photo from Beacon Data file~

back.

Being down 20-6 at the end of the third quarter, Suozzo pounded the ball into the end zone for his second rushing touchdown of the game to make it 20-13 New Haven. New Haven later found the end zone to increase their lead to 27-13, making things tougher for the Warriors. The Warrior offense shook off the can Interna pressure and marched 70 yards Connecticut.

down the field, capping the drive with Anthony Smalls speeding into the end zone to make it a one-possession ball game at 27-19. With 3 minutes left in the game, junior safety Ian Weaver

safety Ian came up clutch with an interception to give his offense one last shot to tie the game. Suozzo was not as sharp as usual, throwing no TD passes and causing two interceptions. He relied on short passing routes from receivers Greg Abelli and Isiah Voegeli, who came up big toward the end of the game. Abelli led all receivers with catches for 135 yards.

Once the Warriors got into the red zone, all Suozzo needed was his feet to charge into the end zone for his third rushing TD of the game, to bring the Warriors within 2 points, 27-25. On the 2-point conversion, it was a battle in the trenches and the Warrior offensive line could not get enough push for Smalls to cross the goal-line. Shawn Loiseau again led all players in tackles with 15 and Garrett Boyd made more defensive contributions, bringing nine players down.

The 2010 Merrimack Warriors, under Head Coach John Perry only have a 3-4 overall record, but are still alive in the NE-10 title contention. The Warriors have a 3-2 record in NE-10 conference play trailing behind only Southern Connecticut and

New Haven. The Warriors will have a chance to redeem themselves at home with 2 games against American International and Southern

Scoreboard

Merrimack College

10/23- Volleyball win 3-0 over St.Anselm

10/26- Mens Soccer lose 2-0 against UMASS Lowell

10/27- Volleyball win 3-1 over Southern Connecticut University

10/27- Field Hockey win 1-0 over St. Michaels College

10/27- Womens Soccer win 1-0 over Stonehill College

10/26- Celtics win 88-80 over Miami Heat

10/27- Celtics lose 87-95 against Cleveland Cavaliers

10/27- Heat win 97-87 over Philadelphia 76ers

Soccer Teams Move Forward

Men Rally into Conference Games

Helen Gillis, '13 Staff Writer

The Merrimack men's soccer team's season is coming to an end, with their final game is today (Friday, Oct. 29) at Southern Connecticut State University.

The Warriors' overall record is nine wins, six loses, and one tie. Their record in their conference is five wins, six loses, and one tie. They are ranked seventh in their conference. Most recently the Warrior's faced UMass Lowell on the road. They lost the match 2-0. The Warrior's managed to get eight shots off on goal, but the UMass goalie was able to block them all. Sophomore forward,

Olof Lindhe, was able to get two shots on goal in the first few minutes of the game. Also getting shots on net were junior Robbie Sabadoz and sophomore Franklin Pena. Both players and coaches



first eight games. We beat Southern New Hampshire University, who at the time was ranked No. 2 in the country. At one point in our season we were ranked fourth in the country. We hit a few bumps and are going through a rough patch now. Our last game is today and we hope to do well in playoffs. We're taking it one game at a time."

Martone also talked about big wins throughout the season, "As far as big games we have won, this includes wins over Wilmington, Dominican and CW Post, all of which were in the NCAA tournament last year and also highly ranked.

The biggest win so far, however, I would say, was against Southern New Hampshire U. They are traditionally one of the top teams in the country and they were ranked No. 2 in the country when we beat them. As far as the playoffs we have not yet qualified. We will know on Satur-Sophomore Olof Lindhe, day. Hopefully if we get in, the expectation will be to win the conference

championship." The next step for the Warriors is to win today's game against second-ranked, South-

ern Connecticut.



Stockholm, Sweden

Women Earn Victory on Senior Night

Domohowski

Saugus, Mass

Kayla Morong, '12 Sports Editor

On Saturday, the Merrimack women's soccer team beat Southern Connecticut University on the Warrior Field. Before the game started, the team had a senior night for six of the players. Captains Ashley Alnwick, Lindsey deMont, Jessie Senior Captain Kerri DeGraan Elizabeth Hopely, Colleen Hall,

and Kerri Domohowski were presented with flowers for their four years of dedication.

"I was almost in disbelief on senior night. The season has passed by so fast! It's great to look back on all the great soccer memories, but it's also really sad to think of how close I am to the end of my soccer career," said Domohowski.

After the seniors were recognized, the Warriors took the field to start the first half. Merrimack forward Jenn Pino scored the first goal in the game, giving the Warriors a 1-0 lead. Pino was assisted by DeGraan, who crossed the ball to Pino. Pino's goal gives her four goals so far in the season. Throughout the remainder of the half, the girls worked hard trying to clutch another goal; Jackie Sullivan almost put the Warriors up by two on a breakaway, hitting the crossbar.

In the second half the Warriors exhibited aggressive defense. Kiley Horne defended the net, not letting in any goals. This game gave Horne her 11th victory and her fifth shutout of the season. The Warriors beat

Southern Connecticut 1-0. "I think our team did a great job. We have so many great play-

> ers and such awesome team chemistry this year, it really is amazing. The goal we scored was so awesome because it was all about heart and determination. The ball was just bouncing around in the box and Jenn Pino fought so hard through everyone and just threw herself in the mix to ensure a

goal. It just makes you realize how much everyone tries and wants to do well," added Domohowski.

Defeating Southern Connecticut allowed the Warriors to clinch second place in the Northeast-10 Conference. The Warriors played their last regular season game at Stonehill College on Oct. 27, winning 1-0.

Now the Warriors have the playoffs to look forward to, beginning Sunday, Oct. 31. The Warriors will host the seventh seeded team UMass Lowell in the Northeast-10 Conference.

"We just gotta remember to take it one game at a time. Now it's at that point in the season where any game could be our last-- so we have to just leave it all on the field. And the term 'last' has a whole new meaning, because as a senior it really could be my last soccer game. So speaking on behalf of the seniors on the team, we want to make sure we just leave our hearts on the field whenever that final whistle blows," said Domohowski.

Cross Country Competes in Boston's Mayor's Cup

In their last regular season meet, the Men's and Women's Cross Country teams raced at last Sunday's Mayor's Cup at Franklin Park in Dorchester.

The women raced in the 5K Championship race, competing against some of the most competitive racing clubs and colleges.

The Lady Warriors posted a 10th place overall. New Balance Boston took first for teams. Rebecca Ainscow took in the Warriors with a time of 19:49, with Anne Bajor at 20:27, Caitlin Kasala Hallinan at 20:35, Kacey Pickett with 21:26, and Christina Fisher rounded in the top five with a time of 21:26.

The Men's team, led by Sophomore Harry Mullin, took 11th in the 8K Championship race with a time of 26:57, with John Doherty not far behind with 27:39, Pat Lawlor at 28:02, John Lawrence at 28:29, and Jason Lefavor at 28:39.



Sophomore Harry Mullin, West Hartford, CT

NE-10 Conference: Stonehill, Easton November 7

NCAA Regionals: Franklin Park, Boston November 21

Merrimack Hockey

Warriors Stay Solid

Mark Lindquist, '11 Staff Writer

The Merrimack Ice Hockey team have experienced only three games, but have played nothing but solid two-way hockey. The Warriors currently have the second rated overall scoring offense among Hockey East teams and is the only team in the nation with a perfect penalty kill of 13 for 13. "We've just been able to execute what Coach has showed us in practice and stay in position", says junior defenseman Simon Demers.

In front of over 2,500 fans at Lawler Rink, the Warriors' offense exploded for an emphatic 7-1 victory over the UConn Huskies. Immediately after the opening face off, the Warriors brought tremendous physicality to the ice not allowing UConn to establish rhythm in the attacking zone. Their efforts were rewarded when junior Elliot Sheen crashed the front of the net and jammed in a rebound for a 1-0 lead. After UConn tied the game 12 seconds into the second period, the Warrior offense unleashed everything they had on UConn, scoring 5 goals. Sophomore Stephane Da Costa scored 2 goals in the

period, roofing the puck blocker side and sniping one top-shelf glove side. Chris Barton found the net, smacking in a rebound off a shot from senior Joe Cucci who later ripped the puck into an open short-side from a great cross-ice pass from freshman defenseman Brendan Ellis. At the end of the second, freshman Rhett Bly scored his first collegiate goal to end the period 6-1.

Junior Carter Madsen recorded his first goal of the season in the third period increasing the score 7-1. Sophomore Brandon Brodhag and junior Jesse Todd each made contributions to the offensive push with 2 assists apiece.

Except for his only blemish, junior goalie Joe Cannata remained very sharp and square to the puck stopping 17 of 18 shots. Freshman Shawn Bates forced multiple turnovers which led to scoring chances over the course of the game.

In their first Hockey East action of the season, the Warriors took their first point, finishing with a 2-2 tie at Vermont. The Warriors continued from where they left off against UConn opening the game aggressively and attacking the net.

Vermont took the first lead of the game scor-

ing 1-0 in the first period. Barton scored Merrimack's first goal off a power play giving them a 1-1 tie.

Early in the second period, freshman defenseman Tom McCarthy hit Bates on a perfect pass and made a swift stick fake to slip the puck 5-hole for his first collegiate goal and a 2-1 lead. Vermont tied the game later in the second period, but Cannata again remained strong in the net stopping 38 shots for the second time this season. Also, Stephane Da Costa recorded 2 assists in the game and is averaging 2 points a game.

The Warriors will have their metal truly tested on Halloween weekend taking on the Boston College Eagles in a two-day double-header



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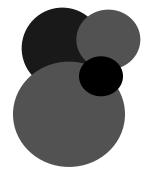


Merrimack's
Dancing With
the Stars













The Algerian Ambassador pictured above was on campus during Fall Festival.

Algerian Art is currently being displayed in the McCoy Art Gallery in the Roger's Center for the Arts.

Algerian Culture Festival