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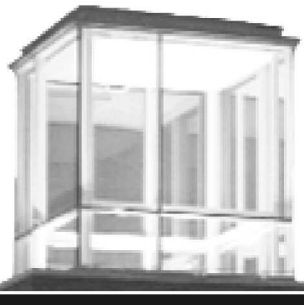
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Big Hike For Hope

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Saturday, Oct. 4 was a day when charity and the warmth of giving were in the air. The 10th annual Hike for Hope, which supports the Lazarus House, was a successful day.

The Hike for Hope raises awareness for the epidemic of homelessness, and raises funds for families who are living in transitional housing while working toward better lives. The Lazarus House offers this opportunity, and thanks to the participants in the Hike for Hope, \$193,000 was raised.

The five mile walk, which began on the Merrimack College campus, continued through downtown Andover, and ended where it began, was full of families and school groups who were all smiling and wanted to be there.

Participants registered with volunteers, and there was also a face painting booth, live music and a barbecue. Toddlers clutched balloons, while Merrimack students laced up and joined in on the cause. An estimated 1,400 walkers present joined the Hike.

Organizers said any donation, no matter the amount, can have a huge impact: a \$75 donation is enough for a birthday party for a child at the shelter, while a \$2,000 donation sponsors a two-month work preparation internship for hands on job training.

The volunteers, donors, and participants raised \$193,000. At the end of the walk, each participant was challenged to raise \$20 by December. Donations can be made online at firstgiving.com/hikeforhope



Merrimack students demonstrate their school spirit as they parade through campus waving flags and display blue and gold body paint at last year's homecoming. This year's homecoming Pep Rally begins at 5:00pm Friday October 15.

~Photos courtesy of Nicole Meaney~



Fall Festival Kicks Off

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The Fall Festival is a time to show off Merrimack school spirit and student bonding. With all the events that have been planned, there is no excuse for boredom.

This weekend is intended to bring students and faculty together, which is one of the reasons for the name change from Homecoming to The Fall Festival. Tim Cormio, Assistant Director of Student Involvement, said that the reason behind the name change was to make it more inviting, inclusive, and open for all to enjoy the activities of the weekend.

Following last year's success, Cormio is expecting to have an even bigger turnout. He was very excited for Friday's Pep Rally and the return of the Car Bash, saying, "Last year was a big success and this year seems to be even more promising." He is looking forward to seeing students representing the school.

School unity and spirit; that is what the Fall Festival encourages. The weekend will be bringing students, faculty, and alumni together with music, food, and fun. Donna Swartwout, Dean of Campus Life, was all about the school coming together as one for the weekend. She, too, is expecting a good turnout, as she has been receiving countless Facebook messages from Merrimack alumni looking forward to returning to campus, especially to see the renovations made to Volpe Arena.

She is hoping that the students enthusiastically respond to the Pep Rally and carry that energy into Saturday's football game against Assumption and the hockey teams home opener against UConn.

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President Hopey Outlines Sak Upgrades

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Merrimack College may soon have a faculty dining room, a library café and a 21+ pub, root-beer bar and bowling alley for students. These are just a few of the new amenities being developed as President Christopher E. Hopey fulfills his promises to bring change to campus. The changes oriented toward students are primarily driven by Hopey's desire to keep them on campus during weekends, he said during a recent interview.

Rumors have been circulating around campus that there will be

an addition of a café to the library. Students and faculty will be excited to hear that Hopey has declared this rumor "true and it will be finished by January." He stated, "We are still working on the blueprints, but it is looking like the café lounge will be located where there is presently an art gallery on the first floor, in addition to a renovation to the entire first floor of the library and a new location and update for the gallery."

The eventual goal is for the library not be only a place to study, but a "living and learning" community. There has also been talk of

this café not only being a typical little coffee shop but a franchisee (Starbucks or Dunkin' Dounts). The café is under Sodexo control but they do have the ability to bring in franchisees, but the final product is ultimately up to them. The president is encouraging students and faculty to speak out if they have a preference of franchisee to bring to campus.

Many college campuses include a restaurant where students and faculty can have a meal outside of the cafeteria on the weekends or maybe even a bar to watch football games on Sunday afternoon. Professor

Deborah Burns, chair of Communication Arts & Sciences, stated, "When I have faculty from different schools come visit or other guests I have to take them to the cafeteria or off campus to eat, the addition of a dining room where I can bring outside guests to eat on campus would be outstanding." Indeed Hopey has decided to bring this idea to life and the completion date will be before Christmas break.

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Alcohol and You

How Drinking Can Affect Weight, Sleep, and Memory

Submission by Cassandra Levi, Senior, Brandeis University

Student Health 101 is an online health and wellness magazine – find the latest issue online, and Enter2Win \$1,000 cash, at <http://readsh101.com/merrimack.html>.

Christopher Apgar, a junior at Tufts University in Medford, Massachusetts, has never worried about his weight in the past. But recently, he had been feeling that his drinking habits were catching up with him, so he started to hit the gym. “I actually have a bit of a beer belly for the first time ever,” he says. Apgar says he may also cut back on his drinking. In a recent poll of 933 students by Health 101, just over one third said they thought alcohol has caused them to gain weight, and about one-fourth said that weight gain is a reason they would try to limit their alcohol intake. About one-quarter said alcohol has caused them sleep problems, and more than one-third have experienced memory problems that they attribute to alcohol.

While medical research has shown some benefits from moderate consumption of some alcohol containing beverages, the negative physical effects of alcohol can motivate students to change their habits when it comes to drinking. Elizabeth Wall, a senior at the College of Wooster in Wooster, Ohio, has improved her health by limiting alcohol. “I feel a lot healthier, have lost weight, and I haven’t been taking naps because I’m getting enough sleep at night,” says Wall.

Weight Issues

Here are some of the factors about alcohol that may contribute to putting on the pounds:

It adds calories. Alcohol is a dense form of calories, says Andrea Davis, a health and nutrition counselor in New York City. It contains seven calories per gram, compared to four calories per gram for proteins and carbohydrates. Those calories are

considered “empty calories” with no beneficial nutrients, such as vitamins and minerals, according to MedlinePlus, health information from the National Library of Medicine.

A frozen strawberry margarita can weigh in at 350 calories, which means that two margaritas can exceed the calories in a double cheeseburger (620 calories).

It can inhibit fat burning. Because the body processes

alcohol first, before fat, protein, or carbohydrates, drinking alcohol slows down the burning of fat. So drinking can promote fat storage. It can stimulate the appetite. By loosening inhibitions and weakening willpower, alcohol can make you more likely to overeat—especially high-calorie foods.

Sleep Problems

Dawn Skop, an alcohol and drug counselor at Brandeis University in Waltham, Massachusetts, says that alcohol can disrupt normal sleep patterns. “Individuals need a balance of the dream sleep (REM) stage and the deep sleep (non-REM) stage to feel refreshed in the morning,” says Skop. “Even just a couple of alcoholic drinks before sleep can interrupt the deep, rejuvenating part of the sleep cycle.”

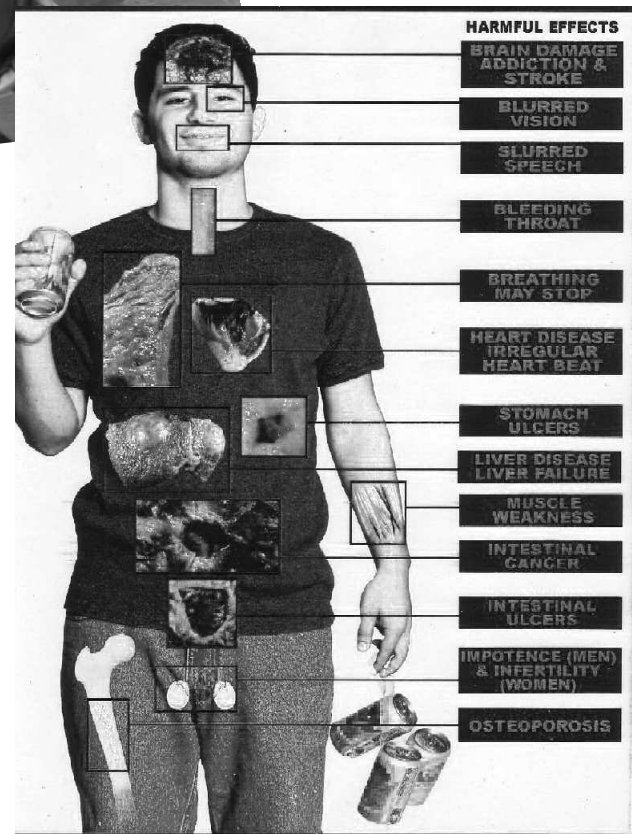
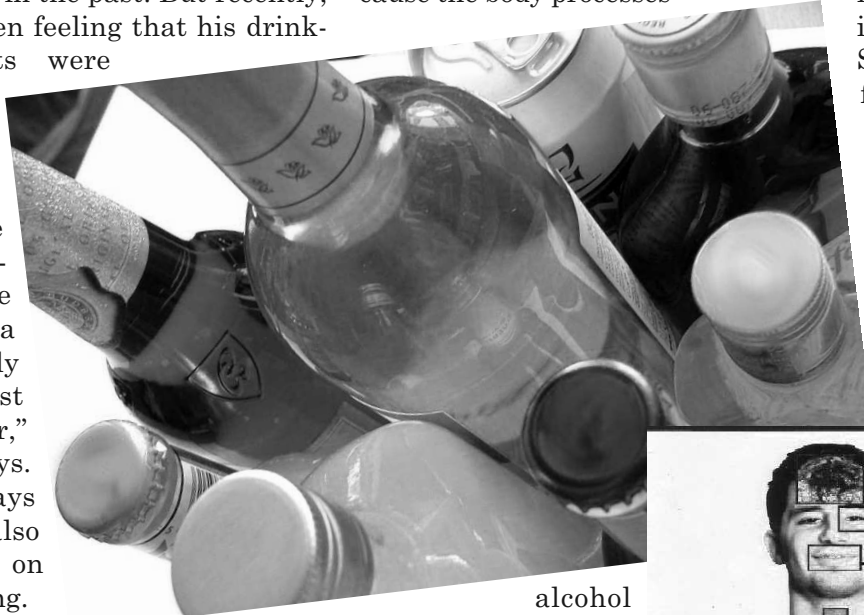
Apgar has noticed the disruptive effects of alcohol on his sleep: “I always wake up early, usually thirsty. Even if I sleep a lot, the next day, I feel like I need more sleep.”

Memory Troubles

Alcohol consumption can impair memory after just a few drinks, and the more consumed the greater the impairment can be, according to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism. Such memory impairment can impact how you perform academically.

“Large amounts of alcohol interfere with the functioning of the circuitry of the hippocampus and its interaction with other brain regions involved in memory formation,” says Skop. “Alcohol may impact the frontal lobe as well, a part of the brain in charge of judgment, planning, organizing, and decision-making.”

Remember you must be 21 to drink alcohol and moderation is key for staying healthy and safe.



Cassandra Levi is a senior at Brandeis University in Waltham, Massachusetts, studying “Health: Science, Society, and Policy”.

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School News

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Construction has started on The Merrimack Club, as it will be named, on the second floor of the Sakowich Center. Its location will be where the Shine Lounge and game room are currently located and not only will it be restaurant style, but there will be a designated area for faculty to bring guests to eat, a buffet, dining room, and bar with wide screen televisions will all be located in the center entrance, a lounge area with couches, and adjacent to the lounge there will be a small kitchen (which will mean some of the game room area will be taken out).

The Merrimack Club will be open to faculty and alumni every day and Hopey's intention is “to create a place alumni can go before a sports game and re-connect with old friends to keep Merrimack tradition alive.” The Merrimack Club will be open to 21+ students on Friday and Saturday nights when it will turn into a pub. Depending on interest, all students may be able to enter every day until a certain time, but this “is still being worked on.” The college has had some problems obtaining a liquor license, but Hopey is working on letting students who

are 21+ drink in the pub on specific nights. He said, “I see a lot of students leaving campus on the weekends to go down to local bars like The Claddagh. This becomes an issue because I do not want students drinking and driving I would rather give them a place right on campus and know they are safe.”

In the near future, a pub may be located on campus as a place where only students can go and those of age will be able to drink, but currently The Merrimack Club will be the new hangout spot on campus.

One of the main goals is to keep students on campus on the weekends, and Hopey is hoping to do this with the addition of a six-lane bowling alley, pool tables, and a root beer bar to the basement of the Sakowich Center. With everything else that has been going on around campus, not a lot of action has been put in place for the addition of this to the basement, so right now it is merely an idea but Hopey hopes to bring this to campus sometime in the near future.

The main thing that he expressed is he wants input from students. “The more I hear different students continually mentioning the same ideas, the more pushy I start to get

in the actual building of these ideas.”

Although the bowling alley may seem like a great idea, the president wants to know what students think and if they like the idea or have opinions as to where certain things should go he will take more steps in making it a reality. This is why the president hopes to host a town hall style meeting at which students give their opinions on what they think should be brought to campus and help him to create a place “where students have a voice.” The president has already listened to a student on campus who mentioned having The Warrior's Den deliver; this idea is close to completion and he wants to have it done extremely soon for the cold months ahead.

The changes on campus do not stop here. Hopey discussed how he hopes to bring a recreational center to campus and that it is his “ultimate goal in life for Merrimack.”

The major project that he hopes to have done in the next 12 months is to put a dome over the football field so that students can use this field all year long and at any hour. Hopey also mentioned, “I went to the football game on Saturday and was extremely impressed at how good the team was but looking

around I realized I need to do something about the stands. A majority of the students had no place to sit, as they cheered on the team hanging over the fence that surrounded the field.”

Hopey has been called by some students the “you say it, I'll do it” president for how fast he can get ideas turned into projects. “If a student mentions something and I like it and we have a lot of support for it and have the funds I will start to build it as soon as possible and if we don't have the funds I will find ways to fundraise” he stated.

Despite the changes that are happening on campus, Hopey does not want to lose sight of alumni involvement and wants to keep past students involved in the future of Merrimack. Hopey has already started many new traditions on campus, including tailgating and he wants to create many more that will last for the future.

“I want to move the pieces around so students have their space. I want to build Merrimack for the future because the world is always changing and if we are going to better prepare our students for the world, we need to start changing Merrimack,” he said.

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Cormio was especially excited about the events planned but specifically stressed two things that were added to the lineup. The Merrimack Fan Fest outside Volpe and the performance of Rob Surette, the world's fastest portrait painter.

Anyone who has ever been to a Boston Red Sox game knows how exciting it is to spend time on Yawkey Way, enjoying all the food

and music it has to offer. Merrimack is taking that idea, but putting its own spin on it. Everything Yawkey Way has to offer will be here from the food carts to a stilt walker and all the school spirit that Merrimack has to offer.

As if it could not get any better, Rob Surette will be performing in the Rogers Center to cap off Saturday night. Like mentioned above, he is the world's fastest portrait painter and has been featured on

The Oprah Winfrey Show, The Tonight Show with Jay Leno, and Good Morning America. His shows consist of amazing artwork and words of wisdom and inspiration. He will be performing at 10 p.m. at the Rogers Center with a show that leaves his viewers in awe.

Merrimack College is inviting students, faculty, alumni, parents, and supporters to come and enjoy the activities of the weekend. Whether their looking to grill at the

tailgate and enjoy the sporting events or relax and go back to their childhood roots with a drive-in feature of Toy Story 3, there is something for everyone to look forward to.

Beatrice Brings Baton to Pep Band

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Staff Writer

Three years ago, when the Pep Band was initiated, it consisted of only eight members who were dedicated to attending numerous practices and hockey games. Fast forward, and there are now at least 20 members in total who participate within the program under the advisement of Donna Swartwout, Dean of Campus Life. The biggest change to the Pep Band this year is the addition of a musical director, Anthony Beatrice, for the first time in the program's existence.

Beatrice is certainly no stranger to music, as he started playing the percussion in the fourth grade. He recalls wanting to become involved within the musical community after watching his eldest brother play drums in the Bagnall School 6th Grade Band in Groveland. He looked up to his brother a great deal, and therefore was inspired to dabble in music as well. While vis-

iting his grandparents, he would often try to play the old electric organ they owned.

It is clear that outside of being the Pep Band director at Merrimack, Beatrice has his hands full with an array of other projects. He is extremely active in the state's Music Education Association, serving on the All-State Board and the Northeast District Board. This coming November, Beatrice will be featured in the national publication of “The Music Educators Journal” in which he will advocate for the arts.

Music is certainly a major part of his daily life, as he also teaches band, technology, and composition at Pentucket Regional Middle and High Schools. In fact, Beatrice just started as the new Director of the Merrimack Valley Concert Band, which is now in partnership with Northern Essex Community College.

Beatrice is positive about his experience with the Merrimack Pep Band thus far. He states, “I could

not ask for a better situation. A group of talented musicians coming together to create one product. The group seems to have a “family” atmosphere and everyone respects each other. The goal is to sound great, create new spirit within the Merrimack Community, and have fun. You put these three aspects together and you have the 2010 Merrimack College Hockey Pep Band.”

The students have full ownership in the program, which I think is critical for its success. For example, just last week Andrew DeCola came up with M-A-C-K instead of Y-M-C-A. This will become a new tradition started by students, for the students, alumni, and the hockey community. Make sure at the next Hockey Game to shout out M-A-C-K. We will be making a YouTube video on Thursday night to show everyone how to participate in making the letters M-A-C-K with your body at the opening Hockey Game.” Beatrice also feels he has helped to bring his own creativity to the pro-

gram, stating “I am very consistent and I think that the band members appreciate that. Also, I often will listen to what is written, how we play it, and might make some changes to make it sound even better. Also, as a band director, I am not one to shy away from bad jokes, which I think makes the rehearsals more fun, though my jokes are not usually funny!”

Beatrice is confident that the Pep Band will be able to accomplish a lot this coming school year, saying, “I think the Pep Band is in a special spot right now. They have grown the past two years and I think the sound you will hear at the Hockey Games is going to be something Merrimack is ready for. We are amplifying our wind instruments this year so that should make a huge difference. We already have 20 songs rehearsed and ready to play.”

Beatrice will direct the Pep Band in performing at the first Warriors Hockey Game on Oct. 16.

Mass. Cracks Down on Distracted Driving

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This past July was a life altering one for residents of Massachusetts as Governor Deval Patrick signed "The Safe Driving Law," making the state one out of 30 restricting drivers' use of electronic handheld devices. This law impacts residents in myriad ways. For one, drivers under the age of 18 are no longer allowed to use any mobile electronic devices that are capable of accessing the Internet, sending or receiving texts, or that have instant messaging. Aside from this, drivers 18 and over are not allowed to write, read text messages, or search the Internet while they are behind the wheel. These rules are applicable even when a vehicle is stopped in traffic.

Approximately two weeks before the law took effect on September 30th, 400 signs were placed throughout the state warning drivers of the new rule, including eight colossal digital billboards over the state's busiest highways.

Ray LaHood, the U.S. Secretary of Transportation, has called driv-

ing while distracted a public health "epidemic." In the week of Sept. 21st, alarming data was released by LaHood's agency; a total of 959,000 crashes reported last year alone were due to distracted driving. LaHood, however, said the number of accidents caused by distracted driving could actually be much higher. On Sept. 21st, in Washington, the second annual National Distracted Driving Summit brought together transportation officials, legislators, law enforcement officials, researchers, insurance agents, automakers, and survivors of accidents. While these people came from various paths in life, they all shared a common goal: to discuss the assortment of behaviors that distract drivers within today's society. These behaviors include using cell phones, putting on makeup, checking on children, and eating while behind the wheel.

Many wonder how police will go about executing the law in a way that proves the driver is at fault. A. Wayne Simpson, executive director of the Massachusetts Chief of Police Association and a former Shrewsbury police chief, said, "It's going to

be very difficult to enforce. Unless the person is holding the cellphone up at the steering wheel and through the window, and the officer is right next to them and they see them hitting the keys, it's going to be very hard for us to do that." Young drivers should undoubtedly be the most cautious, as punishments for junior operators violating the law are much more severe than those that adult drivers will receive. A first offense will result in a fine of \$100, a 60-day license suspension, as well as required attendance at a "driver attitudinal retraining course." Subsequent offenses will result in even harsher penalties for junior drivers. A second offense will result in a fine of \$250 with a 180-day suspension. Lastly, a third offense will result in a fine of \$500 with a license suspension of a year. The law impacts adults in a much less drastic way. A first offense will produce a fine of \$35, with each fine increasing for repeat offenses within a period of 12 months. However, these fines will not count against one's insurance. A \$75 penalty will result from a second offense within a 12 month period,

whereas a third offense within a 12 month period will result in a fee of \$150.

The law will also impact residents of Massachusetts age 75 or older. Someone who falls under this age requirement is no longer able to obtain or renew a license through the Internet. Another major facet of the law is "Medical Fitness Reporting," which entails law enforcement and health care providers to report operators they deem to be not physically or mentally able to safely operate a vehicle.

A public awareness campaign will also be put into effect by Jan. 1st, 2011 under the new law. The Registry of Motor Vehicles is required to work with the Highway Safety Division to put into practice a public awareness campaign for both junior operators as well as adults. The campaign will warn drivers about the restrictions on cell phones and electronic devices while driving, along with details on fines and punishments. The campaign will also seek to inform drivers of the dangers and consequences of distracted driving.

Best Buddies, Best Friends

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Staff Writer

Imagine yourself being avoided, judged, and having problems doing everyday things. If you can, you have just entered the world of a person with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). Many people are scared to befriend a person with IDD or even talk to them because they are different. However, Merrimack gives students the opportunity to become "best buddies" with people who have IDD through Best Buddies. Best Buddies is a non-profit organization whose mission is to have volunteers across the country develop one-on-one friendships with people who were born with intellectual and developmental problems.

At Merrimack, a group of young adults with IDD come to campus and get paired with a student, who then becomes their buddy. Once paired, the buddies develop a friendship by which they either go out to lunch together, or see a movie. They also come to campus and eat in the cafeteria with either a group, or just with their buddy.

One of the leaders of Best Buddies, Alexia Barhoff, says, "It is such a great organization and very rewarding. A simple phone call to your buddy will make their day, maybe even their week. They always leave our parties with a smile, and that is our goal". Barhoff and fellow leader and member Bailey DeNisco held an informational meeting at the beginning year and as DeNisco said "over 100 people signed up for best buddies this year, including the buddies and students". Student volunteers not only have a huge impact on their life, but

they also have a huge impact on student volunteers lives. As Melissa Garabedian says, "I just met my buddy the other night and she already has impacted my life. The next day she emailed me telling me how excited she was to have me as a buddy and what a nice person I am".

Students also involve their buddies on campus activities, "A lot of people take their buddies to sports games here on campus, and the buddies love it", Barhoff said. Merrimack also holds events for buddies such as holiday parties, such as Halloween, Christmas, and Valentine's Day parties as well as other parties at least every month. This allows the buddies to come on campus and they are able to socialize with the students. Recently, Best Buddies had their first "Welcome Back" party and as Barhoff said, "It was one of the biggest turnouts that we have had in years".

Best Buddies at Merrimack started with Father Jim Wenzel, who started working with people who have special needs since 1960. When asked about his most rewarding experience, Father Jim said, "Each time I meet these special friends, I receive their unconditional love and that reminds me of God's unconditional love for all of us," he said. "This is why I wanted to establish a Best Buddies chapter here at Merrimack, so that our students could receive and experience the same gift that I so often receive. To know that another human being loves me reminds me of God's love and I can think of no greater reward than this."

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From the Office of Career Services and Cooperative Education

The following is a partial list of companies that will be attending our Fall Career Fair on October 28, 2010, 2:30 – 5:30 pm in Sakowich Campus Center, MPR. All years, all majors are invited. Full time, part time and internship positions are available.

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Oxford Global Resources
Primerica Financial Services
Prudential Financial
Putnam Investments
R&L Associates, Inc.
Regis College Graduate Programs
Ross University Schools of Medicine & Veterinary Medicine
Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
Social Security Administration Office of Disability Adjudication and Review
St. John's University
Sullivan Bille Group
U.S. Secret Service
United States Marine Corps Officer Selection Office
US Dept Health & Human Services
Waddell and Reed

In the Eyes of Employers, The Best Resume is the Customized Resume

Source: CareerBuilder news release, September 15, 2010.

In the study, which questioned more than 2,500 human resource managers around the United States, 79 percent of the respondents said they pay more attention to resumes and cover letters that are specifically tailored to their job openings and their organizations' wants and needs. Sure, there are other ways to get the employer's attention—negatively so. Consider these doozies reported by the employers in the study:
-Candidate put God down as a reference (no phone number).
-Candidate's email address had the [the word] "lovesbeer" in it.
-Candidate pointed out "I'll have your job in five years."
Not exactly the way to impress, according to Rosemary Haefner, vice president of human resources at Career Builder.
"While it's important to stand out from the crowd, job seekers need to make sure their resumes catch hiring managers' eyes for the right reasons," Haefner stresses. Among the study's other key findings: Nearly half (48 percent) of the respondents said they typically review 25 applications or fewer for open jobs.

Thirty-eight percent of the respondents said that, on average, they spend less than a minute reviewing a resume. (Eighteen percent said they devote less than 30 seconds to each resume.)

Companies Court Freshman for Internship Opportunities

Source: The Wall Street Journal, September 13, 2010

It's not exactly news anymore that employers are treating their college internships programs as pipelines for future hires.

What is a little different, though, is the fact that a growing number of organizations are targeting potential interns as early as freshman year, according to a recent article in The Wall Street Journal.

"Early identification is key to our strategy of...developing relationships and assessing candidates," says Holly Paul, U.S. recruiting leader at accounting firm PricewaterhouseCoopers.

Even in seemingly laid back on-campus information sessions, employers are scouting students—all students—for their potential as interns and future employees, according to Joy Osborne, university relations manager for data management company Net App Inc.

Students who ask intelligent questions and/or suggest new ideas, Osborne stresses, get a second look—largely because those two traits are a huge part of the Sunnyvale, California-based company's culture.

Grad Schools in U.S. See Rise in New-Student Enrollment

Source: Council of Graduate Schools news release, September 14, 2010

Enrollment of new students in American graduate schools rose 5.5 percent between 2008 and 2009, while total U.S. graduate school enrollment grew 4.7 percent over that same time period, according to recently released statistics from the Council of Graduate Schools.

The number of American students enrolling as new graduate students rose 6 percent, while—for the first time since 2004—enrollment of new international graduates fell (by 1.7 percent).

"The strong growth in first-time graduate enrollment is an indication of the continued high value of graduate education," says Debra Stewart, president of the Council of Graduate Schools.

"In particular, the 6 percent gain in first-time U.S. enrollment reflects the increasing necessity of a graduate degree to successfully compete in 21st-century knowledge-based company.

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- Career opportunities and panel discussions for specific majors

The office of Career Services and Cooperative Education wishes to sincerely thank the Editors and Staff of The Beacon Newspaper for the opportunity to both introduce ourselves and to share information on career search strategies, and graduate school education programs to assist each student in the goal of achieving success and fulfillment in a competitive, diverse, and global society.

Although job prospect opportunities are slowly improving (very slowly in certain professions) it is critical for each student to become better prepared, more professional, and more marketable in the pursuit of co-op, internship, and full-time employment opportunities and in graduate school acceptance.

The first thing we would urge each student to do is register on an constantly review the Advantage online job search website: www.MyInterfase.com/Merriamck/Student, as well as the Career Center page on the Merrimack College website and Merrimack College Career Services Facebook page. Sections will have timely information on programs including:

- Cooperative/experiential orientation workshops
- Resume writing workshops and individual resume review
- Interviewing skills seminars
- Graduate school panels
- Mock/practice interview sessions with Human Resource professionals

Our office is located on the third floor of the Sakowich Campus Center, office suite 340. We genuinely look forward to meeting and working with the Merrimack College student body throughout their collegiate experience.

James Greeley, Director of Career Services and Cooperative Education
Norma Herzlinger, Co-Op and Experiential Education Coordinator
Beverly Hutton, Administrative Assistant and Office Manager

Questions on the Quad

What's Your Favorite Part of Homecoming?



The Cross Country Alumni Race
-Nick Novaris
2014



The 5K Fun Run!
-Siobhan Licudine
2013



Getting Alumni on campus
-Brendan Shea
2014



The Football game
-Alejandro Fuchs
2013

What's Your Favorite Fall Activity?



Apple Picking
-Nicole "Mama Reid" Reid
2013



Drinking Apple Cider
-Marianna Wells
2013



Pumpkin Picking
-Agata Adamczuk
2013



Intramural Basketball
-Bobby Collins
2011

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Student Responds: MC Misfires on Arming of Police

A Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

As published in the most recent issue of *The Beacon*, the police officers at Merrimack will soon be armed with deadly weapons, to the tune of about \$70,000. The main argument used by those in favor of the movement is that it will help to “save lives” and keep our campus safe. I presume that these commenters are referring to the shooting at Virginia Tech. I would challenge such people to refrain from using such profound tragedies to propagate fear on our campus. Fear and paranoia are very powerful emotions, and many people will use them to manipulate and control us. The campus police stated that

they need to carry guns for “defense of human life,” thus implying that unless they are armed, our lives are at stake. It is important to question the motives of anyone who uses such fear mongering language.

I don’t know what could possibly happen on this campus that would call for shooting someone. Outside of a gunman opening fire, there is absolutely nothing else that would be accomplished by engaging in a gunfight in the middle of campus. Logic tells us that we cannot prepare for every possible “what if.” Follow the argument to its logical sequence: should we have a squadron of fighter jets parked on campus in the event of a terrorist

attack? If, God forbid, something like the Virginia tech tragedy were to happen here, we have agreed as citizens to put our faith in law enforcement – the law enforcement of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, which has already been armed and trained. If it takes them a couple of minutes to get here, that is the nature of the beast. As Benjamin Franklin said, those who would give up liberty for security deserve neither liberty nor security.

Finally, as a Christian institution, there should be a common consensus that whipping out your gun won’t solve any problems. If anything, it only makes matters worse. We are told in the Bible to “be not

afraid,” yet the Merrimack police are invoking fear at every opportunity. What if someone on campus tries to shoot us? Besides the fact that this is North Andover – Massachusetts’ nicest town – that is why we put our faith in God.

- Rebecca Ainscow, 2011

Opinion Policy

The opinions expressed in *The Beacon*, are those of the writers, not necessarily the opinion of *The Beacon*.

Theology with Tim

His Holiness Pope Benedict Makes Apostolic Visit to the United Kingdom

Tim Iannacone, '12
Columnist

His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI made his historic and apostolic visit to the United Kingdom from September sixteenth through September nineteenth of 2010. The Pope was received by her Majesty and the Royal Family in Edinburgh Scotland on the first day of his visit. Not only did the Holy Father meet the royal family but he also met with various Church leaders including Rowan Williams, the Archbishop of Canterbury. The ecumenical service together with Archbishop Rowan Williams and others took place at Westminster Abbey in Westminster, London, England. Within his four day visit, Pope Benedict celebrated two open air masses where the crowds numbered up to double than what was expected. Although most were in joy

over the Holy Fathers visit, some ten thousand people marched against him through central London in opposition to his policies on homosexual marriage as well as contraception.

To what seems like a regular occurrence during his apostolic visits during these past five years, the Pope apologized and met with sexual abuse victims of England. The Pope told reporters that “it is a great sadness that the authority of the Church was not sufficiently vigilant and not sufficiently quick and decisive in taking the necessary measures.” Although this was one of the major points of the Pope’s trip, another stop on his itinerary was the beatification of Cardinal John Henry Newman, now Blessed John Henry Newman. The theme of the Holy Fathers visit to the United Kingdom was *Cor ad cor loquitur*,

Heart speaks unto heart. Blessed Cardinal Newman used these words as the motto for his coat of arms when he was created Cardinal in 1879. “For Cardinal Newman, true communication between people is a dialogue from heart to heart and represents the fruits of a moral life lived in communion with Christ. The desire for true personal contact and friendship remains strong today.”

The Pope even had some words of warning for the people of the United Kingdom during his visit. To what has been said to be the clearest and explicit criticism yet of the Church’s handling of its sexual abuse crisis, the Pope warned all to be aware of “aggressive secularism.” The Holy Father also reminded Britons to beware of “extremism, saying that the attempt by totalitarian regimes in the 20th century

to eliminate God should provide sobering lessons on tolerance.” The Holy Father seemed to be saying that the United Kingdom should always respect and maintain its traditional values that aggressive secularism no longer seems to value.

The trip had been successful “beyond all expectations,” according to Fr. Federico Lombardi, director of the Holy See Press Office. The Pope had come to bring a sense of renewal for not only Catholics but all Christians and achieved just that. The Holy Fathers presence was a joyful occasion for the British people where the true meaning of *Cor ad loquitur* shined forth. Next on the agenda, this fall the Holy Father will travel to Palermo Sicily and Spain.

Police Log

On October 8, 2010 at 03:45, MCPD received a call from Andover PD stating that North Andover PD received a 911 call from a female at a residential building. Female cut her and had a seizure but is now conscious. Unit was dispatched and reports Andover FD on scene. Student was not transported. See Report.

On October 9, 2010 at 23:31, staff member called to report a Hate Crime in a residential building. Unit was dispatched and report finding the offensive material. See report.

On October 9, 2010 at 1:05, Residential Building

staff member called to report a suspicious odor coming from a dorm. Units responded to investigate and report confiscating drug paraphernalia. See Report.

On October 9, 2010 at 15:40, person came into MCPD to report a car break. Unit was dispatched to investigate. See Report.

On October 9, 2010 at 18:56, Library called MCPD requesting an officer at Library for an agitated male arguing with staff members. Unit was dispatched and report that male was gone upon his arrival. Unit cleared.

On October 10, 2010 at 00:58, Residential Building staff member called to request an Alcohol Assessment on a Student. Unit was dispatched and report after assessing student was sent home for the night on her own recognition. Unit Cleared.

On October 10, 2010 at 01:14, Arrested: Michaela Quimby DOB 3/14/92 from 1253 Salem St., North Andover, MA for disorderly conduct at Monican. Juvenile was also arrested for disorderly conduct. See report.

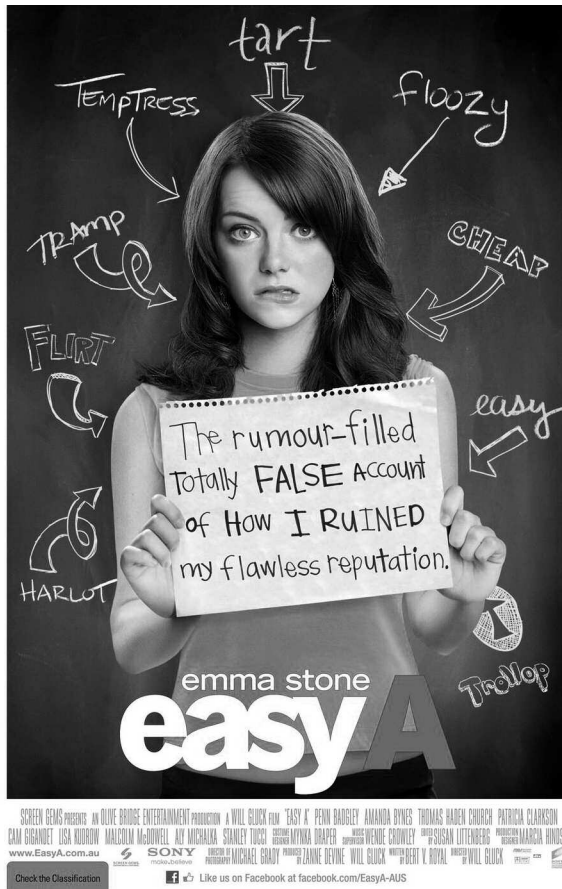
On October 10, 2010 at 1:30, Resident building staff called to report a suspi-

cious odor coming from a dorm. Unit was dispatched and reports speaking with resident, nothing found. Unit Cleared.

On October 10, 2010 at 13:04, Residential Building staff member called to report a student suffering from an allergic reaction. Unit was dispatched and requested NAFD. Student was transported to LGH by ambulance.

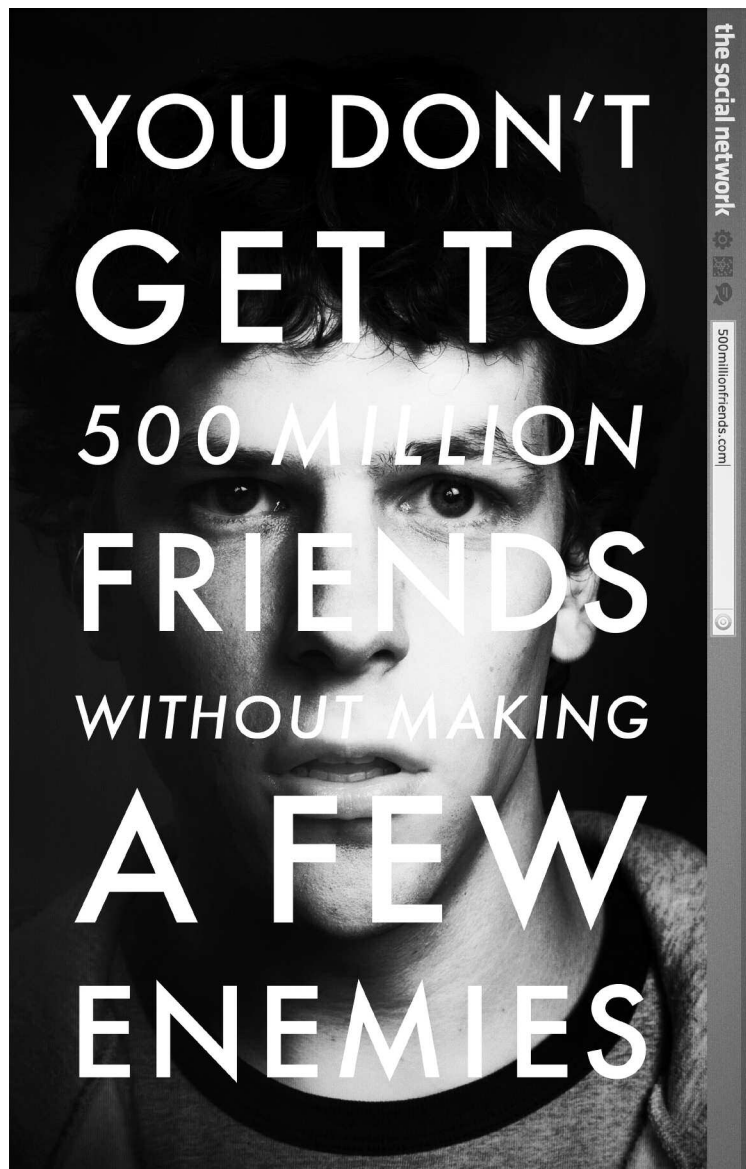
Note: All police log entries into *The Beacon* are taken from *The Merrimack College Police Services Media Log*, which is available to the public.

Entertainment



Easy- A

If you enjoy movies that remind you of how ridiculous high school rumors are than Easy-A is right for you. Full of witty one-liners from the main character, Olive Penderghast, played by Emma Stone. Throughout the movie we watch as Olive's reputation slowly gets turned into one massive lie. Stone does an excellent job of capturing the audience and engulfing them into the movie. It's a great movie to help remind you how much you do not miss high school and all the crap that comes with it.



**Want to
Review movies for
the Beacon?
Tickets are on us!
Contact Ashley Sarris
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The Social Network

The Social Network has been one of the most highly anticipated movies this fall and as soon as it hit theaters I rushed to see it. The trailer makes the movie out to seem extremely entertaining, as we are finally exposed to see the real "dirty" story behind the creation of Facebook. My opinion was quickly changed in the first ten minutes of the movie as an extreme amount of computer terminology was used, I found myself drifting off because I could not understand what was being said. I expected the movie to have some intelligent terminology I could not understand but almost the entire movie is set in this language and the speaking is extremely fast paced so you have to pay attention. Despite the movie being average, I thought the actors did a great job at bringing this story to life, Justin Timberlake did a great job at playing the back-stabbing Sean Parker (former Napster owner) and new to the acting scene as Mark Zuckerberg (founder of Facebook), Jesse Eisenberg could not have played a typical computer geek any better. Majority of the scenes in the movie take place at a lawyer's office (as Zuckerberg is being sued for "stealing" the idea of Facebook) as he is having flashbacks to creating Facebook, therefore not creating much of an action packed scenery. Despite the dull topic on the creation of a social networking site and the effects of creating a billionaire company where everyone is after your money, the director makes the best out of the topic and does what he can to keep his audience entertained. The Social Network will surely change your views on Facebook as you see how many people Zuckerberg schemed into building the empire; just make sure you read up on your computer terms before hurrying to see this movie.

Meet the Beacon: The Executive Board

The Beacon, like any paper has an Editorial Board, that oversees the production of the newspaper. But as a club and a business, The Beacon has an Executive Board, that is in charge of daily operations of the newspaper, as well as the relationship it has within the Merrimack College Community. Managing the overall operations of the publication is **Ashley Sarris, Art Director**. Sarris directs the photography, technology and serves as the Chairwoman of The Editorial Board, moderating editorial decisions and meetings. **Patrick Lawlor** who holds the position of **Business Manager**, is in charge of The Beacon's finances, distribution, and external relations, ensuring that the newspaper is in good standing with its constituents. **Abby Clark, Webmaster** is in charge of the newspaper's website, and online media. **Kayla Morong** is The Beacon's **Chief of Staff**, handling internal relations, and is the liaison between the staff and the Executive Board.



Rugby Destroys All

Helen Gillis '13
Staff Writer

The Merrimack College Rugby team finished their regular season undefeated with a record of 5-0. Curry College, Colby-Sawyer College, Brandeis University, Lasell College and Franklin Pierce University have all succumbed to the Warriors who are now on their way to play-offs. Most recently the rugby team hosted Franklin Pierce on October 8th, at 7 p.m. The field was lined with Merrimack fans cheering for their favorite players.

The final score of the match was 51-14 Merrimack. Junior Eric Gay scored three times leading Merrimack in tries. Senior Dan Moran and sophomore Britt Kostriba both had two tries. Also adding to the score was senior Mark Hatfield and junior Tyler Wimberly with one try each. Junior Sam Brown had three good kicks, giving the Warriors a total of 51 points. Early in the game senior Dave Foreman was injured and had to be brought to the hospital. A Merrimack veteran Mark Hatfield

said, "We did well, we started off slow. About twenty minutes in we started to pick up well. Everyone on the team played well, there were no

of heart out on the field. They were running continually for the ball, not stopping until the whistle. It was an exceptional display of courage."



~Merrimack Rugby took on Franklin Pierce Friday October 8, 2010~
~Photo by Ashley Sarris~

individuals." "We play for each other. It's an 80 minute game and we don't stop running until the final whistle." added Moran.

Coach John Madden commented after the game, "They did fabulously this evening. There was a lot

Franklin Pierce did not go down without a fight, giving Merrimack the closest game they had in the regular season. "Franklin Pierce was a much better team than the score showed. We did a great job keeping them from scoring," added

Madden.

The Warriors will be going into playoffs in three weeks and are not sure who they will face first. "Something we've been taught that we need to keep up through playoffs is that 14 guys play for the 15th to score," said Moran. "If we keep our momentum going through playoffs than we should do well." Hatfield said on the team going into playoffs.

When asked for his thoughts on how the team should do in playoffs, Coach Madden replied with, "The chances are very good for us to succeed, considering the very few points scored against us. Our ability to defend and ability to keep the ball will work in our favor. Generally all of the players play hard.

Their commitment to play is very strong, they are all very dedicated players. Their commitment to the game and each other is outstanding, you can't teach something like that." If the Warriors keep up the hard work and dedication to the game, then they should go far in the playoffs.

Merrimack College Hockey Experiences Retreat Together

Submission from Merrimack hockey player, Jordan Heywood,

On the weekend of September 11th and 12th, the Merrimack College Ice Hockey Team had the privilege of traveling to Toah Nipi Retreat Center in Rindge, New Hampshire. With the guidance of Coach Dennehy and team chaplain, Fr. Jim Wenzel, O.S.A., we spent our time sharing stories and learning about ourselves and each other.

This year's retreat weekend had three themes which highlighted ideas that are imperative for success. The first, 'Mission . . . Possible', pertained to believing in ourselves and each other as teammates. The second revolved around our team's Mission statement: ". . . to become better persons on the ice, in the classroom

and in the community." The third focused on the Mission of Merrimack College, "To enlighten minds, to engage hearts, to em-

power lives." We wanted to be certain that there was a solid connection between our Mission and that of our college. In all three

areas, meeting in small groups, we shared thoughts and ideas about different ways of living these ideals and how focusing on them might assist us as we strive to be better individuals, teammates, students and community members.

The weekend was beneficial for all and brought us closer as a team as we continue to prepare for the upcoming season. We would like to thank Father Jim and Coach for their hard work and for the preparation that helped make this weekend a success. Our goal this year is to win a Hockey East Championship. We believe we have the best fans in the league and we need your support to help us accomplish this goal!



~Freshman of the Merrimack Hockey Team~
~Photo by Ashley Sarris and Kayla Morong~

Upcoming Warriors Home Schedule

October 16, 2010

Cross Country
10:00 A.M.
Alumni Meet

Football

1:00 PM
Assumption

Women's Volleyball

4:00 PM
New Haven

Men's Ice Hockey

7:00 PM
Connecticut

October 19, 2010

Field Hockey
7:00 PM
Bentley

October 20, 2010

Men's Soccer
7:30 PM
St. Michaels

October 22, 2010

Women's Volleyball
7:00 PM
Southern New Hampshire

October 23, 2010

Women's Volleyball
Saint Anselm
1:00 PM

Women's Soccer

2:00 PM
Southern Connecticut

October 29, 2010

Women's Volleyball
7:00 PM
Pace

October 30, 2010

Football
1:00 PM
American International

Women's Volleyball

4:00 PM
Adelphi

Men's Ice Hockey

7:00 PM
Boston College

November 2, 2010

Men's Ice Hockey
12:00 PM
Sweden Under 20

Field Hockey

4:00 PM
Stonehill

Show your support of Merrimack Athletics!

Men's Tennis Finishes Fall Season Strong

Ashley Sarris, '12
Editor-In-Chief

Commonly thought of as solely a spring sport, the Merrimack Men's Tennis team competes in a split year round season. Starting in the fall, the team competes for a total of six weeks of singles tournaments, beginning the first weekend of school to mid-october. By competing in Fall singles tournaments, players are recognized more easily on a regional and national level to be ranked for the upcoming spring season.

The fall tournaments are open to Tennis teams of all divisions and conferences. The Warriors defeated NE-10 competition Southern New Hampshire University this season, but will wait to face conference rivals, Bentley University until the Spring.

The team traveled to Philadelphia on the 20th of September, to compete at the ITA regional tournament. Performances by Sean Pahler and Petar Golijanin on doubles earned their spot as top



~Photo by of Heather Kent~

players for the Warriors.

The 2010-2011 team is led by Captains Max Eppley, Tim McHugh and Liam Hoare all seniors looking to continue the strong season the warriors finished with this past spring. The Warriors ended the season with a number 2 seed in the conference behind undefeated Bentley University. Every year the team goal

is to win NE-10 Conference and send the team to the NCAA tournament.

Eppley commented on the split season in a positive manner, "Fall finishes in mid-october, and (strength and conditioning coach) (Mike) Kamal works with us through the winter, along with practice at local clubs two times a week.

In the off-season, the team is hoping for new tennis courts, "Our home court right now is North Andover High School" says Eppley, "Our AD is a big tennis guy, we know he's doing his best to get us courts." of Athletic Director Glenn Hoffman.

The Merrimack College courts were deemed unsafe for play last spring due to weathering and poor surfacing and maintenance over the years.

As the fall season comes to a close for the Warriors, the team continues to work through the winter to prepare for the conference season they have ahead of them. With a win at the Stonehill Invitational on Saturday, October 10, the warriors end with the confidence they need to continue the streak into 2011.

Warriors Down Saint Anselm, Fall to Bentley

Mark Lindquist, '11
Staff Writer

The Merrimack Football team has a 2-3 record with a 2-1 record in NE-10 conference, after a 52-14 victory at home vs. Saint Anselm College. Following a high-scoring victory vs. Stonehill College, Coach Perry addressed his entire defense in practice and the players know what they need to do. "It was time for us to strap up", says junior linebacker Ryan McCarthy. Junior linebacker Steve Loud added, "Our defense has shown spark getting three and outs, and in practice we've been going back to basics to fix our missed assignments on big plays." Freshman safety Josh Henry described his role, "It's my responsibility to make the calls, and it's a big responsibility because it's faster than high school."

The Warriors consistent offense exploded with a bang against Saint Anselm putting 52 points on the board. Senior wide-receiver Greg Abelli has emerged as junior quarterback James Suozzo's new favorite target as Suozzo found him seven times for 182 yards and two touchdowns. Suozzo recorded a third TD pass on 11 for 24 pass

attempts and added a rushing TD. Junior running back Anthony Smalls continued his outstanding play shredding the defense for 102 yards on 24 carries and two TDs. Merrimack's defense stepped up their level of play and played with a sense of confidence led by junior linebacker Shawn Loiseau. Loiseau led all players with 18 tackles and fired up his team after he buried the opposing quarter-

back for an emphatic sack and a fumble. Ryan McCarthy was second in tackles with 10 and included a fumble recovery and an interception. Sophomore safety Justin Marsan also recorded an interception. Merrimack's defense played tough play after play, forced three and outs, and took the game into their hands instead of bending to the offense's will.

Merrimack's special teams also contributed after a botched punt was recovered in the Saint Anselm end zone by junior wide-out Ethan Weaver, which ultimately gave the

Warriors all the momentum they needed to bring Saint Anselm to their knees mentally.

The Warriors faced a tough opponent in Bentley, and in a game of both sides exchanging blows Bentley barely walked away the victor 31-28. Suozzo looked for Abelli again and found him 10 times for 94 yards and a touchdown. Junior Omari Mobley had a solid outing with six catches for 82

"It was time for us
to
strap up"
- Ryan McCarthy

yards. Suozzo and Smalls split carries for 63 and 71 yards respectively, and Suozzo was able to run it into the end zone twice through the quarterback/running back tandem scheme. The Warrior defense tightened up late in the game after surrendering 31 points which gave Merrimack's explosive offense a chance to score their way back into the game. After Suozzo hooked up with sophomore wide-out Isaiah Voegeli to make the score 31-21,

senior captain defensive end Garrett Boyd ripped the ball loose for a fumble which fellow senior Radoslaw Szwelicki grabbed to give Suozzo another possession.

Suozzo capitalized when he hit Abelli to make the score 31-28. Suozzo was given one final shot at the end of the game which was not meant to be and 31-28 was the final score. Shawn Loiseau again led all players in tackles with 12. Senior nose tackle John O'Leary and sophomore d-lineman Michael Wiggins each recorded a sack. Finally, in both games Merrimack's offensive line of senior Dave Belmont, sophomore Zach Gilbert, junior Rob Maggiacomo, junior Dan White, and senior Jake Bradley allowed no sacks which helped maintain Suozzo's passing rhythm. The Warriors on Saturday October 16th will host Assumption on Homecoming Weekend looking to get back on track.

Attention Ultimate Warrior Members:
You can pick up your Ultimate Warrior's T-shirt Saturday night at the entrance of the first home opener hockey game!

Hilaire brings Inspiration to the Men's Soccer Team

Kayla Morong, '12
Sports Editor

On Sept. 28th 2008, the Merrimack men's soccer team faced a tragic incident in a game against the University of New Haven. The goalie from New Haven, James Hilaire, collided with Merrimack player, Robert Sabadoz, as Hilaire was making a save. Sabadoz unintentionally kned him in the jaw as Hilaire slid to protect the ball. The game was stopped immediately and the New Haven coaching staff ran to Hilaire's aid. Hilaire laid motionless on the field and soon after was air lifted to Boston Medical Center.

"It was definitely a life-changing experience that I'll never forget, Sabadoz said. At first, I had no idea how severe the collision actually was, because it all happened so fast. The next few days while he was in ICU were the hardest times and I was just praying that he would be okay."

Hilaire spent many months recovering at Boston Medical Center. Then he was transferred to a rehabilitation hospital in Connecticut for three months. A year after the tragedy, Hilaire was able to speak and walk normally again.

Hilaire had a "miraculous recovery," said Merrimack's soccer coach Martone, though the former player still does not have full function of his right arm.

Since the incident, Sabadoz has kept in contact with Hilaire. "We met for the first time at a restaurant for dinner a few months after the accident and exchanged phone numbers. Ever since then, we've become good friends and always keep in touch. He'll call me before

Father Bill Waters.

"Lunch was good; we ate with the rest of the team and Father Bill. It felt like Hilaire was truly part of the team. He's been following our games online and said that he believes we have a good chance at making NCAAs. He wished us

aside money to be the first group to donate to the fund.

"We are happy to be the first organization to contribute. He is an honorable member of our soccer family," said Martone.

Hilaire's recovery has been inspirational to those who witnessed the collision. Now engaged to be married and working for the U.S. Marshals, Hilaire has decided to re-enter the world of soccer. This October, he will be playing in Argentina on the U.S. ParaOlympic National Soccer team.

"I'm amazed at how well he's doing and when he told me he's going to be playing for the ParaOlympic National Soccer team in Argentina this month, I was shocked. I'm so happy for him. His strength and recovery is truly inspirational," said Sabadoz.

Looking at Hilaire's road to recovery, he has truly been an inspiration to the men's soccer team and those in the Merrimack community, players have said. "Hilaire has had a profound impact on our players. I couldn't say enough good things of him as a person," added Martone.

After Argentina, Hilaire hopes to settle down and have a family. "James is an amazing individual. He is strong, caring, funny and full of life," Sabadoz said.



Hilaire poses with the Merrimack men's soccer team

~Photo submitted by Fr. Bill Waters ~

big games and wish me luck." said Sabadoz.

On Sept. 24th 2010, Hilaire made a visit to Merrimack. Sabadoz gave him a tour of campus, including the field that changed his life. Not only did Hilaire get a tour of campus, but he also had dinner with the rest of the men's soccer team, including

luck for the rest of the season," said Sabadoz.

During Hilaire's visit he told the team that he is starting a foundation called "Big Time Recovery" to help student athletes, like himself, who get injured and need to pay for various expenses. The foundation is not approved yet, but the Merrimack men's team has set

Returning to Their Frozen Paradise

Mark Lindquist '11
Staff Writer

Warriors hockey, after one of the most successful seasons in program history, has high expectations and high spirits going into the season.

Last season, the Warriors made a statement to Hockey East by finishing with a winning record at home, a playoff berth, and the retention of most of their stellar offense. Also, off-season renovations to Lawler Rink have contributed to the anticipation of the new season.

Senior captain Chris Barton could not have described the feeling any better: "It's been seven months since we've had a game which was a loss. We've been looking to get going on the ice."

Senior Francois Ouimet added, "We really like the new rink and new jerseys, and we can't wait to play."

Freshman defenseman Brendan Ellis showed confidence in saying, "We're all focused and ready to go," he said.

After finishing with a winning home record and playoff run last season, Coach Mark Dennehy commented on his team's increase in confidence and expectations. "I've seen improvements year after year, and now it's about knowing that you're pretty darn good and

not being afraid to live up to it."

Opening the season at Niagara University, the Warriors sounded a positive note with a 4-4 tie at the final horn. Niagara picked up a goal within 3 minutes of the opening faceoff. Ten sophomore and reigning Hockey East Rookie of the Year Stephane Da Costa continued right where he



Merrimack hockey player, Jesse Todd, makes a pass during a game last season.

left off last season, ripping a top-shelf shot to tie the game at 1-1. Junior defenseman and assistant captain Karl Stollery recorded the assist. Da Costa also logged an assist later in the game for a two-point night.

Down 3-1 midway into the second period, Merrimack attacked the net with purpose and urgency. Junior Jeff Velleca and sophomore John Heffernan each smacked the puck in the net on a rebound to tie the game at 3-3. Sophomore Brandon Brodhag gave the Warriors the lead going into the third period by once again getting the loose



Merrimack hockey player, Jesse Todd, makes a pass during a game last season.

puck and putting it in the net.

The lead only lasted one minute into the third period after Niagara tied it at 4-4, but from that point forward junior goaltender Joe Cannata was. Cannata stopped 38 shots in almost 65 minutes of play

and was called upon to be razor-sharp on all seven successful Merrimack penalty kills.

Freshman defenseman Jordan Heywood recorded his first collegiate assist; junior Jesse Todd and seniors Bobby Kramer, Joe Cucci, and John Jamieson each recorded an assist. Senior captain Adam Ross started the game alongside Stollery, and played an important leadership role against Niagara, especially on the penalty kill.

The Warriors will open Lawler Rink on Saturday, against UConn for Homecoming Weekend. A week later the Warriors will be once again thrown into the Hockey East blender, taking on the University of Vermont, and then facing Boston College for a double-header the following weekend. It may be a new season but expectations, confidence, and potential for the 2010-2011 Merrimack Hockey Warriors have never been higher.

Fall Festival Schedule

Friday, October 15, 2010

Dinner in Sparky's Place

4:30 p.m., Sakowich Campus Center
Pay at the door: students use Mack Card, adults \$10, children \$6.
Free for children under 5

Pep Rally/Car Bash

5:00 p.m., Sakowich Campus Center
Parking Lot
Our annual Pep Rally will feature Merrimack athletes and community members taking the hammer as we smash a car to gear up for the weekend full of games. Hear from the athletes as they prepare to compete on Saturday.

Lawler Arena Sneak Peak

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., Blue Line Club
Join us for this exclusive reception for all those who have donated to the Lawler Rink renovation campaign and be the first to see the exciting changes to the arena. For information on attending the event, please contact Kathleen St. Hilaire, Alumni Relations Officer at sthilairek@merrimack.edu or 978.837.5107. Not yet a donor to the Lawler Rink renovation?
It is not too late to secure your spot for the sneak peak!

Men's Rugby vs. Curry College

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., Volpe Field
Last year Merrimack Men's rugby went to their leagues semi-finals. This year, they're looking for gold. Join them on Volpe Field as they set their eyes on a title season.

Drive in Movie featuring Toy Story 3

8:00 p.m., Sakowich Campus Center Parking Lot (rain location: Rogers Center for the Arts)

Saturday, October 16, 2010

Fall Festival 5K Fun Run

8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m., Sakowich Parking Lot (15 minute area)
\$10 includes t-shirt and snacks after the race
Enjoy a 5K road race through the campus.
Register here!

Algerian Art Exhibit

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m., The Rogers Center for the Arts, McCoy Art Gallery
This exhibit will also be available for viewing in the McCoy Art Gallery Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. from October 16, 2010 - November 16, 2010.

Academic Coffee Hour with the Deans

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m., Rogers Center for the Arts
Complimentary
Meet your five academic deans from the Girard School of Business, the School for Advanced Studies, School of Education, School of Liberal Arts, and the School of Science and Engineering. Learn about the great progress being made within their respective schools.

Algerian Lecture

10:00 a.m., The Rogers Center for the Arts
"M'hamed Issiakhem: Anticipating Cultural Postcolonialism in Algeria" Miloud Chenoufi, Ph.D, Professor, Royal Military College St. Jean, Toronto, Canada

Student Life/ 3rd Floor Coffee Hour

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m., 3rd Floor, Sakowich Campus Center
Complimentary
Current and former members of the Merrimack community who made the most of Student Life are invited to this event. There will be representatives from M.O.R.E., Alternative Spring Break, Steven's Service Learning Center, Orientation Leaders, Sakowich Campus Center Student Workers, Resident Advisors, Student Involvement, Intramurals and Club Sports.

President's Address

11:00 a.m., Rogers Center for the Arts
Dr. Christopher Hopey will address the community.

Alumni Tailgating Area

11:30 a.m. until one hour after the football game, Sakowich Parking Lot
Tent with DJ, football toss, and Merrimack gear as prizes! Limited space available. Tailgating will be closed during the football game. Check out our special alumni packages and prices!

Fall Festival Barbeque with 21+ Beer Tent

11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Warrior Field Endzone
Old fashioned southern barbeque complete with pulled pork sandwiches, corn-on-the-cob, sweet potatoes and so much more. Pay at the tent: students use Mack Card, adults \$13, children \$7. Free for children under 5.

Kids Corner

12:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m., Warrior Field
Inflatable rides, cider, face painting, and hay rides.
Complimentary

Community Service – Lazarus House

Donations accepted at Tailgating Area, Athletic Endzone and hockey game
Bring your winter clothes donations for all ages.

MC Football vs. Assumption College

1:00 p.m., Warrior Field
Come cheer on the defending Northeast-10 champions as they take on conference rival.
Advanced tickets: \$5 adults, \$3 children, free for children under 4
Purchase advanced tickets here
Game Day tickets: \$7 adults, \$5 children, free for children under 4

Algerian Festival Lecture

1:00 p.m. "Islamic Architecture, History and Modernity"
Miloud Bouchira, Architect at the Rogers Center for the Arts

MC Women's Volleyball vs. New Haven

4:00 p.m., Volpe Center
Complimentary

Algerian Opening Reception

4:00 p.m., The Rogers Center for the Arts, McCoy Art Gallery
Register Here

Mass

4:30 p.m., Austin Hall Chapel

Dinner in Sparky's Place

4:30 p.m., Sakowich Campus Center
Spaghetti Dinner
Pay at the door: students use Mack Card, adults \$10, children \$6.
Free for children under 5

Merrimack Fan Fest

6:00 p.m., outside Volpe Arena
Gear up for the hockey home opener vs. UCONN! We're turning our campus into its own Yawkey Way. Ours will have food carts, a stilt walker, bonfire pits, games, music, and Merrimack spirit!

Algerian Dinner and Music Performances

6:30 p.m, Sakowich Campus Center
H.E. Abdallah Baali, Ambassador of Algeria to the United States
Register Here

MC Hockey vs. UCONN – home opener!

7:00 p.m., J. Thom Lawler Arena
Do not miss the grand re-opening of Lawler arena! Advanced tickets are encouraged for this big game!
Advanced tickets: \$10 adults, \$5 children, free for children under 4. Reserved center ice seats \$15. Purchase advanced tickets here
Game Day tickets: \$15 adults, \$10 children, free for children under 4. Reserved center ice seats \$20.

Alumni Nightcap 2010

9:00 p.m., Claddagh Pub
399 Canal Street, Lawrence
\$3.00 cover charge – pay at the door

Rob Surette (The World's Fastest Portrait Painter)

10:00 p.m., Rogers Center for the Arts
As seen on "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno", the "Today" show, "Oprah Winfrey" and "Live with Regis and Kelly", Rob is the fastest portrait painter in the world. See for yourself how amazing this show really is.
Complimentary

Sunday, October 17, 2010

Brunch w/ roving artists

10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Sparky's Place
Have fun with magic, music, comedy and more while enjoying brunch at Sparky's Place.
Pay at the door: students Mack Card, adults \$10, children \$6. Free for children under 5