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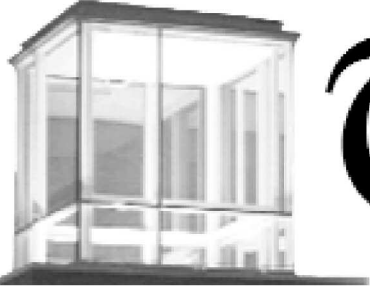
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## White Ribbon Project a Success!

By Abigail Clark, '12  
Copy Editor

Last week at Merrimack, the White Ribbon Project took place as an initiative to end all forms of violence against women, including sexual assault, domestic violence, human trafficking, and hate speech.

Outraged by the vandalism that has taken place throughout Merrimack's campus and its subsequent publishing in *The Beacon*, Dr. Cowart's Women, Ethics, and Society philosophy class decided to take on this project head-on.

At the start of the semester, Dr.

Cowart's class went around to various places on campus and looked for other forms of vandalism and hate speech. The class found an extraordinary amount of racially and sex based comments written in bathroom stalls, the library's basement and auditorium, and other places. The students took pictures of these instances of hate speech and put together a poster containing a number of the expressions. The students then wrote and produced a public service announcement to raise awareness concerning the prevalence of the hate speech on campus and the negative impact it

can have on individuals.

The video and poster were then put on public display last Wednesday, April 7. On Main Street, the Stop Hate Speech Video was continuously played next to a poster hung with explicit language that had been found written on Merrimack property. The official Massachusetts White Ribbon Day pledge sheet and a Warriors Against Violence banner were available for students, faculty, and staff to sign. After the banner sat on Main Street, Dr. Cowart's class presented it at the men's lacrosse game at halftime. Spectators also signed the

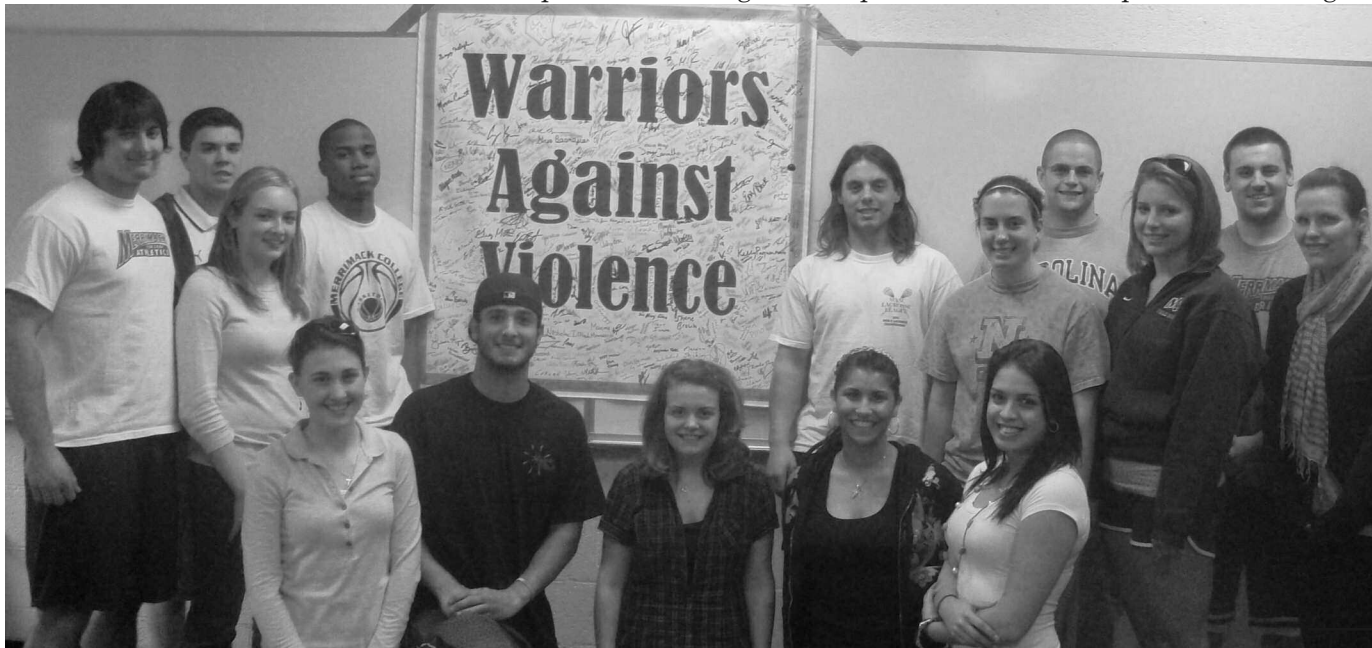
banner for a total of 417 signatures. The crowd then followed along in the "2010 White Ribbon Day Pledge"-

*From this day forward, I promise to be part of the solution in ending violence against women.*

*-I will promote respect, dignity, and equality.*

*-I will speak out against attitudes and behaviors that contribute to sexual assault and domestic violence.*

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Pictured Left: Students of Dr. Cowart's Women, Ethics and Society Philosophy class stand around the completed banner Merrimack College students had signed, pledging to support the end of violence against women.

~Photo courtesy of Dr. Cowart~

## 80 Years for Father Jim

By Michael Salvucci, '10  
Staff Writer

Father Jim Wenzel turned 80 on April first, and despite the numerous April fools jokes he received, he is as well as ever. The Merrimack community will be celebrating his eightieth year in style in the MPR in the Sakowich campus center from 1:30-4:30 on Sunday, April 25.

The three hour long party will give students, faculty, staff and friends an opportunity to thank Father Jim for his wonderful achievements throughout his years here at Merrimack. Attendees will be treated to a free ice cream sundae bar, and as the Facebook group says, "your presence is your gift".

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## Commencement Speaker

### Renowned author & professor to speak at Merrimack's 60th Commencement

By Michael Salvucci, '10  
Staff Writer

Merrimack College has chosen Ron Hansen, an author and professor, to deliver its 60th commencement address on May 23, 2010. Hansen has written numerous novels and short stories and frequently writes about the Old West and melds together history and drama. Many of his works carry the undertones and Catholic themes of unconditional love, redemption and resurrection.

Hansen is most well known for his 1983 novel, *The Assassination of Jesse James by the Coward Robert Ford*. Recently, in 2007, it was adapted for the screen in a film written and directed by Andrew Dominik and Starring Brad Pitt as Jesse James.

Hansen is a professor of Arts and Humanities at the Jesuit affiliated Santa Clara University in Santa Clara, California. His working at

a catholic institution of learning comes at no surprise. In 2007, he was ordained as a deacon of the Catholic Church.

Hansen follows a tough act, Paul Reville, the Secretary of Education for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, was the keynote speaker at last year's address. Reville drew cheers and applause from the audience, mainly the female members, for quoting Miley Cyrus' lyrics from "The Climb".

Merrimack's 60th Commencement  
Sunday, May 23, 2010  
10:30 AM  
Volpe Athletic Center

# Spring Week Preview

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**Monday 4/19**  
Comedian Bob O'Reilly  
8:00 PM in the Sak, First Floor Lounge

**Tuesday 4/20**  
Magician Mike Super  
8:30 PM in the Roger's Center

**Thursday 4/22**  
Let's Make a Deal  
6:30 PM in the MPR

**Friday 4/23**  
*Spring Carnival, 5-9 PM*  
-Tea Cups  
-Sea Dragon  
-Food  
-Games  
-Volleyball Tournament

**Saturday 4/24**  
Outdoor BBQ  
Softball Tournament  
Kickball Tournament  
Amazing Race (See ad below)

***Spring Concert***  
**LMFAO & Sam Adams**  
**in the Lawler Arena**

**Sunday 4/25**  
Car Show in Church Lot

**The Amazing Race is Back!** The Amazing Merrimack Race is slated for Saturday, April 24th at 12:00pm – Spring Weekend. Coed teams of two will race across campus completing a series of 8 activities in an effort to be one of the first 8 teams to finish. These 8 teams will compete in a final event for one of three great prizes. So, find a partner and save the date!  
Email foremand@merrimack.edu to sign up!

# School News

## Presidential Speeches Convince Students

By Molly Warren, '10  
Staff Writer

On Tuesday April 6, 2010 the SGA presidential candidates gave their speeches. Jackie Dow, one of the two candidates, went first. She gave a brief biography of herself, that she is a junior majoring in biology and minoring in spanish and chemistry, and that she has been on SGA for the last three years. She then went on to explain what she wants to do if she was elected president and why she would make a good president. If she is elected president she wants to improve the relationship between

the members of SGA and the rest of the Merrimack community. She wants the Merrimack community to better understand why SGA is making the decisions they are making. She hopes that this will eliminate some of the negative criticism surrounding SGA. She also highlighted that she wants the members of SGA itself to know more about its members. She wants to make sure that everyone in SGA is familiar with everyone else in the club. She explained that some of the reasons she would make a good president is because she is organized, she has good time management skills, and she wants to support every individ-

ual who comes to SGA with an idea.

Timmy Smith, the second candidate who is running for SGA president also began with a brief biography of himself, that he is a junior majoring in math and physics, and that he has been on SGA for the last three years. Smith emphasized the experience that being the treasurer of this year's SGA e-board has given him. He explained that being the treasurer taught him to become more organized, to better manage his time, and to be a better leader and that all of these qualities are necessary for a good president. He also explained that by being on SGA for the last

three years, he has been able to see what leadership practices have worked and which have not. He feels that this will help him if he is elected to be president. Finally, he emphasizes the need to have a more positive attitude. He explains that if students have a more positive attitude about the school they will see how much fun they can have. He hopes to increase student participation at various events and he hopes that this will help with the positive attitude.

Merrimack seems to be in good hands, no matter what the outcome of the election.

## Orientation Addition

By Ashley Sarris, '12  
Editor-In-Chief

The incoming Class of 2014 will be experiencing a new program offered by members of the New Student Orientation program, Office of Residence Life and Office of Campus Ministry entitled MerriMaction Orientation.

Forty incoming students will be moving in two days earlier than the rest of thier class to take part in a day of service within the Merrimack Community. Students will participate in a brief induction ceremony and training before heading off to a day of service on Saturday. Following the service opportunity, there will be a time for reflection in the late afternoon, A social event in the evening with the MerrimAction Orientation Leaders as well as the Orientation Committee and other students who will already be residing on campus will help welcome

these students to Merrimack.

"It's a great way for them to get involved before the start of classes" explains sophomore Orientation Coordinator Kyle Neary. "Hopefully it will lead to more volunteerism."

Although this program is new to Merrimack, it is not uncommon that other colleges, especially religious schools of higher education, have a group of students move in early to partake in service learning in thier new community.

"It's going to be a great experience. It will provide a strong bond between like-minded individuals with a common goal of helping people," says sophomore Hannah Cunningham, another 2010 Orientation Coordinator.

If you are interested in helping out with this new experience, contact the Office of Student Life.

*FATHER JIM'S BIRTHDAY*  
*continued from cover*

The same year Wenzel reaches his venerable age of 80 he will be presented with an honorary doctorate of Augustinian education at the 2010 commencement. Father Jim has been the director of the Center of Augustinian Study and Legacy for some time here on campus where he works to promote programs that help students, faculty and staff better understand Saint Augustine himself as well as his order of followers. He has taught courses on Saint Augustine for over ten years and has organized the increasingly popular annual Pellegrinaggio to Italy. His most recent contribution to Merrimack is the labyrinth located outside of Austin hall that was completed this past September.

Wenzel, a Wakefield native, graduated from Wakefield High in 1948 and attended Merrimack College the following year. At that time, classrooms were located in the stretch of land, still owned by Merrimack, across from Burger King. There was a sign where the McQuade Library stands now that read "future sight of Merrimack College"...quite a difference from the campus today.

Father Jim's spiritual endeavors started right here at Merrimack College when he left the college his sophomore year to join the priesthood. Fate has brought him back to North Andover where he continues to carry out the mission that he was impassioned with over 60 years ago. Father Jim Wenzel will be putting his venerable age, knowledge and experience to good use here at his soon to be "honorary alma mater," Merrimack College.

*WHITE RIBBON*  
*PROJECT A SUCCESS*  
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*-I will remind myself and others that gender violence is a men's issue that affects all of us, regardless of our backgrounds and identities.*

*-I will confront sexism, homophobia, racism, and other forms of oppression.*

*-I will find out how to help when I suspect that someone I know is a victim of sexual assault or domestic violence.*

White Ribbon Day began in Canada, two years after the Montreal Massacre in which 14 women students at the University of Montreal were killed and 13 other students wounded by a single gunman. Canadians organized a response to show their support to victims of violence everywhere. The White Ribbon Day Campaign has grown internationally in the past seventeen years. The third annual Massachusetts White Ribbon Day is a statewide campaign sponsored by Jane Doe Inc. Throughout the month, people across the state are asked to show their support by encouraging others in their organizations, families and workplaces to wear a white ribbon, spread the word about the campaign and its aims, organize local events to speak out against violence towards women, and challenge attitudes and behaviors which condone or tolerate violence.

Dr. Cowart's class rose awareness of violence against women to all those who walked on Main Street last Wednesday and those who were attendance at the lacrosse game. Student Eileen Milligan said, "As Professor Cowart mentioned, this project wasn't about pointing fingers, and calling people 'bigots' or labeling them as 'horrible people,' from what I saw

in the library there's been enough labeling going on around campus. But what I think this project became was a small step at trying to make people aware about the issues, with the hope that they'll spend some time re-evaluating their own personal thoughts and/or beliefs."

Also, leader of the White Ribbon Day project, Greg Basmajian, said some final remarks after last week's initiative, "I was amazed at the large, positive response that was portrayed by the students and faculty at Merrimack. It was great to see so many people supporting such a great campaign. Our class worked extremely hard on this project and it was fulfilling to see the support on campus. The SGA and athletic department were incredibly helpful and generous in aiding this campaign".

Though these acts of vandalism and hate speech can be removed by repainting or cleaning removal, the issue of this kind of violence against women cannot be erased overnight. Together, Dr. Cowart's class made a difference and maybe someone will think twice about writing hate speech or engaging in other forms of violence.

*Special thanks to Dr. Cowart for providing the history of White Ribbon Day.*

# MC features MBA

By: Molly Warren '10  
Staff Writer

Did you know that there is an MBA program on the Merrimack campus? For the last twelve years Merrimack has partnered with the Suffolk MBA program to the extent that Suffolk MBA classes are held on the Merrimack campus. This program is a flexible program which offers great opportunities for students. The program offers a full time program, which takes about a year to a year and a half to complete, as well as part-time program, which one can take up to five years to complete. The program is a fifty-five credit graduate program that is made up of eight core courses, two upper level MBA classes, and eight electives. Students must take a minimum of thirty-one credits, but may take up to fifty-five credits. Probably one of the most important things is that you do not have to be a business major in order to go for your MBA. Any undergraduate major can be used in getting your MBA.

One of the best things about this program is that if students have taken business classes in the last five years of their applying to the school they may be able to waive some classes. The waiver process is part of Suffolk's Accelerated MBA Program for Previous Business Majors. When one applies to the Suffolk MBA program the school will look at their undergraduate classes

and see if any of them that had been taken in the last five years meet any of the core requirements in the program and therefore can be waived. Heather Hewitt, director of the Suffolk MBA program on the North Andover Campus at Merrimack, says that students can waive up to eight of the required eighteen courses. She adds that three aspects are looked at when deciding if a course can be waived. The three aspects are: the student must have gotten a B or better in the class, the courses must have been taken within the last five years from the time they enroll in the MBA program, and the courses must have a course equivalency to courses that are core requirements for the program. The waiving of classes allows students the opportunity to take electives very early on in their MBA program. Even if one was unable to waive any classes the program still allows students to take their core requirements and electives at the same time.

Jennifer Munroe, a member of the Suffolk MBA program and a graduate from Merrimack in 2007, explains that she was able to waive six courses and because she has chosen to do the part-time program by taking two classes a semester she was able to waive a year and a half of courses. This allows Munroe to save much time and money while getting her MBA. Also, when Munroe was asked why she chose the Suffolk Program she says that

"I was also strongly advised by a relative, who also attended Merrimack, but got their MBA from Bentley, to go to graduate school. I also felt that after getting almost straight A's my whole life, I owed it to myself to further my education." Another nice aspect of the Suffolk MBA program here at Merrimack is that it offers students the flexibility to take classes here at Merrimack, in Boston at Suffolk, and online. This program is the only AACSB accredited MBA program that offers all three of these opportunities.

A third great aspect of the program is that the class sizes are small: ranging in size from twelve to sixty students. Also, all classes here at Merrimack are taught by faculty members rather than teaching assistants. Munroe adds to this by explain that "all of the professors that I have had class with are great. The classes are the same small classes we enjoyed at Merrimack so your professor will actually know you which greatly benefits your experience. They are also understanding as they know you work and/or have a family." This allows students the ability to have full access to all of the faculty members that the Suffolk program offers.

Hannah Riley, a senior here at Merrimack who interns in the Suffolk MBA office here at Merrimack, also explains that the Boston classes are also nice because they offer an international influence that is missing in some MBA programs.

Riley continues by adding that the MBA program works hard to put together opportunities for students that are meant to compliment their classroom experience. There are ongoing MBA Edge Seminars for Suffolk MBA students, which are professional development opportunities that are meant to compliment the learning going on in the classroom.

One of the main things that Hewitt has found in her career is how important it is to have a master's degree. She says that "one thing I had control over to remain competitive and not be overlooked" was her ability to continue her education and to get her MBA. At the same time it has been found that masters are becoming more like today's bachelor degree. Masters are becoming more and more necessary in finding a job.

If you think you may be interested in getting your MBA through Suffolk here at Merrimack you can check out [www.suffolk.edu/northandover](http://www.suffolk.edu/northandover) or check out the information sessions that the MBA program holds. One information session is on Thursday April 8 at 6 p.m. in Meeting Room B in the Sakowich Center and Monday April 12 at 6 p.m. in Cascia Hall. The meeting in Cascia hall will have a graduate panel presentation on the Suffolk MBA program and MED programs. If you are interested please RSVP to [northandover@suffolk.edu](mailto:northandover@suffolk.edu).

## Annual car show encounters annual difficulties

By: Michael Salvucci '10  
Staff Writer

The Merrimack College Auto Club's annual car show is fast approaching; however, the fact that it occurs every year is not the only annual thing about it. For the second time in the last three years the club has dealt with double bookings of the Sakowich Campus lot where the show has been held for the past four years.

"The situation is an unfortunate one", said the club's vice president Jason Allen, "the most disappointing thing about it is that this is not the first time it's happened to us". Both instances, this year and three years ago, the club had booked the lot many months in advance but was notified that the lot had been double booked at the last minute.

Three years ago the lot was being used for the accepted student's jazz brunch and because of this the club used their rain date as the actual date of the show. This year, the lot was double booked for Father Jim's birthday party. Student Activities has not understood that this causes more problems than might be realized. "A lot of the publicizing for the event had already been done", said

Allen, "it is hard to notify everyone of the change of date and lost a lot of attendees in the process". He continued, "It's one thing to tell us well in advanced, but to tell us last minute time and time again signals a lack of simple protocol for an event that is publicized so much and brings the community to Merrimack College."

This year the club elected to move the location rather than the date. "Instead of the Sakowich lot, we will be using the grass field next to the church lot, not even the lot itself", said Allen.

The show is Sunday, August 25, from ten in the morning to two in the afternoon. The rain date is scheduled for May 2. The show usually attracts a wide array of cars including hotrods, classic muscle cars, motorcycles and Ferraris.

The show is free for students and there is a five-dollar registration fee for entering a car. There will be food, a DJ, 50/50 Raffle, and trophies awarded to the show cars. All proceeds benefit the Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund.



## Car Show

10:00am in the Church Lot  
Sunday of Spring Weekend  
April 25, 2010  
Free to Merrimack students

# Beacon Scavenger Hunt

The Beacon will be sponsoring a Scavenger Hunt. The following is a list of things you need to seek out on campus. After you fill in all of the blanks, submit this page with your answers to the Beacon Mailbox located in the Office of Student Involvement (Third Floor of Sak)

## Answers are due by Tuesday, April 27 by 4:30

How many stairs are from the First floor of the Sakowich Center to the Third Floor? \_\_\_\_\_

What was the first building ever built on Campus? \_\_\_\_\_

Who is Merrimack's Sister School? \_\_\_\_\_

Where is The Beacon office located? \_\_\_\_\_

What letter A through L is not an Apartment tower? \_\_\_\_\_

Where is St. Claire Court located? \_\_\_\_\_

How many people are in the class of 2013? \_\_\_\_\_

Who was the Spring Concert in 2008? \_\_\_\_\_

Who is on the Editorial Board for the Beacon? \_\_\_\_\_

What is Sparky's real name? \_\_\_\_\_

**PRIZES!**  
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## Members of Merrimack Community to be Confirmed

By Molly Warren '10  
Staff Writer

Did you know that this year on Easter 30,000 people will be coming into the church; 600 of these are from the Archdioceses of Boston, and 6 are from Merrimack. These six from Merrimack are Lisa Beliveau, Amanda Cremone, Benjamin Martin, Michael Miller, Jessica Morris, and Sara Quagliaroli.

All of the six candidates have been preparing to make their Confirmation since September and have been meeting weekly on Sundays to discuss their faith, what it means to be confirmed, and about the Catholic religion as a whole. The group has spent much time together and learned a lot. Morris, a senior at Merrimack, says "Since I am making my Confirmation in college, I feel as though I appreciate everything I learn about my religion much more than I would have in high school. And it is nice to get a group together once a week and reflect on things I would not have oth-

erwise".

When asked why she decided to make her Confirmation now, sophomore, Amanda Cremone said that in high school she had "elected not to further her religious value independently." However, she explains that during her junior year of high school, one of her younger sisters became very sick. Cremone explains that "she was hospitalized for months at a time with no sign of renewed health or recovery. Early in my senior year, doctors suggested that they were running out of treatment options for my sister and promised they would all they could to make her 'comfortable.' About a week later, doctors assured us my sister's health had reached a point of no return." Cremone continues "My family and I were torn. As pained as they were my parents knew that, having exhausted all medical options, my sister's life was left to God. And so, our parish's priest was contacted and asked to grant my little sister the sacrament of the sick. Days later my sister's

health began to better. Some called it medical mystery but my family and I believed it a miracle." She was happy to find that here at Merrimack being confirmed is a journey that one would not have to embark on alone.

Quagliaroli, a member of Resident Life, reflects on her choice when she says "I attended a Lutheran church when I was young, and have always considered myself a Christian, though not identifying with any particular church. While I grew up in a predominantly Catholic town, it wasn't until I started working at Merrimack last year that I began to learn more about the faith and its values. I realized that I could identify with a lot of its beliefs and that I found a certain sense of comfort and belonging in Mass . . . it felt like a good fit." She continues, "I started the RCIA course here to learn more about the faith, not necessarily having the expectation to finish the process. After a lot of personal reflection and conversations I decided to move for-

ward, and I'm still excited for the spiritual journey ahead."

On February 21, four of the Confirmation candidates and Father Bill Waters went to the Cathedral in Boston to celebrate the Liturgy of the Word Service, also known as the Right to Election. This service takes place on the first Sunday of Lent every year and all candidates for Confirmation that year go to the cathedral closest to them. Ben Martin, assistant football coach here at Merrimack and one of the candidates, went to the Cathedral, says that the cathedral was the "most beautiful church he had ever been in." Coach Martin adds that it was very spiritual and that it was nice to see so many different communities come together to share the Rite to Election.

All of the candidates will be making their Confirmation on April 25th here at Merrimack at 5 o'clock in Cascia Hall. All are welcome to attend this mass.

# Opinion

## Police Log

On **March 27, 2010** at **09:45**, A worker reported a couch was hanging out of a third floor window in a Deegan East Common Room. It had created a safety hazard. The window was broken and a broken table and chair was laying on the ground. Maintenance was notified and attempted to remove the couch. At **10:11**, the couch was removed. Dispatch notified Area Coordinator on Duty.

On **March 27, 2010** at **13:44**, Deegan East front desk attendant reported he had received several prank calls. The caller had asked if this was the Morgue. Police report that the calls were from someone asking for the City Morgue and the calls were non-threatening.

On **March 28, 2010** at **13:22**, a student tour guide called reporting that there were bottles of alcohol found in a model room in Deegan West. Officer and AC were notified. A vodka bottle was found in the closet during the tour and Admissions confronted the residents of the room. The students turned over some other alcohol they had hidden in the room.

On **March 29, 2010** at **01:06**, Deegan RA's reported possible fight on third floor. Units are on scene. Sgt. reported speaking with the RAs. Only information that could be attained is, "a boy named Steve," was involved. Units cleared.

On **March 30, 2010**, at **13:19**, a caller reported that their laptop computer had been stolen from Ash. Officers responded to Ash. Incident is under investigation.

On **April 5, 2010** at **23:31**, a caller reported a large group of males hanging around by the vehicles parked in the Townhouse parking row. Officers repond and report that those individuals were observed passing through. No problems to report. All cleared.

On **April 6, 2010** at **20:55**, a Resident student came in to Police Services to report that she had accidentally hit another vehicle in the Santagati lot. An officer reponded to take a report. Officer

noted minor damage. The two students will be contacting each other to exchange information. Units cleared.

On **April 8, 2010** at **21:10**, a caller reported a suspicious male behind the Townhouses who ran when approached. A description was taken and officers responded to the area to look for that individual. Person in question was unable to be located and was believed to have run off campus. Officers monitored the Townhouse area in case he returned. All cleared.



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# Theology with Tim

## Crisis shakes the Church again

By Tim Iannacone, '12  
Staff Writer

The Roman Catholic Church is yet again under attack from those who seem to be on a personal vendetta to destroy her. Those who are maliciously attacking the Church have brought the situation to the highest level of extreme by concerning and involving its leader, Pope Benedict XVI. The Pope, who will be celebrating his eighty-third birthday on April 16th, has combated the sexual abuse crisis in the Church sense he was enthroned in 2005. Recently, Pope Benedict has written a pastoral letter to Ireland concerning the crisis there, which was both well received and criticized.

"We feel the letter falls far short of addressing the concerns of the victims," said Maeve Lewis, executive director of victims group, "One in Four". This profound statement against the Pope was one of many after the pastoral letter was received by the people of Ireland. What strikes the Church the most about these comments is that Pope

Benedict himself apologizes personally for the priests who have committed these serious crimes of abuse. "We are all scandalized by the sins and failures of some of the Church's members," said the Pope in his letter. Those who read the pastoral letter, written three weeks ago, will find nothing but love and a sincere attitude towards those who have been afflicted by this crisis, and nothing but strong initiatives and actions against those who have committed them.

When concerning issues such as these, those who have attacked the Church have not looked thoroughly into the pastoral letter written by the Pope. A recurrence of this outrage of the people of Europe can be seen by those who protested the Church in the United States within these past two decades. This makes the Church look as if its hierarchy cares more about the scandals than it does about protecting children, which it certainly does not. Vatican statistics show that only one percent of all Catholic priests worldwide have committed such deceitful

crimes. This is leading to those outspoken Catholics who have long called for a discussion about the future of celibacy, to start speaking out about the matter. It is absurd to think there is a link between the vow of celibacy and pedophilia.

The Pope, who has fervently tried to fight this crisis, is now personally being attacked for situations he may not have handled correctly when he was Archbishop of Munich and Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. "Since the pope is the visible head of the church on earth, an attack on the pope is perceived as an attack on the church universal," said the Rev. James Martin, a Jesuit and the culture editor of America, a Catholic weekly magazine. The Pope has countless of times said that he is "not intimidated by the media." Those attacking the Church and its leader do not seem to understand that even the Church herself is not perfect. Those calling for the Pope to resign will also not receive what they ask for. The idea of the Pope stepping down or leav-

ing office for almost anything is nothing short of a joke.

History wise, the church has proven herself to be strong enough to stand even the strongest of persecutions, for her existence is undeniable to this day. The Church is an institution and whatever her followers do, especially the wrong ones, we still must remember that these wrongdoings must not be institutionalized as well. Instead, those who are lost must be saved and found and taken care with compassion. The Church can only learn and grow from her mistakes and still will work tirelessly to handle this matter with the most extreme care possible. What most do not realize is that a matter such as this takes time and diligence. Those who attack the Church need to learn from the matter more than they already know. Rushing this matter will be a detriment to the Church, its hierarchy, and even the ones who attack the Church.

## Questions on the Quad

By Pat Lawlor

*Front desk attendant special*

### What do you think about Massachusetts having casinos?



Bring 'em on, it will save on gas.

-Kerry Eaton,  
Ash Front Desk



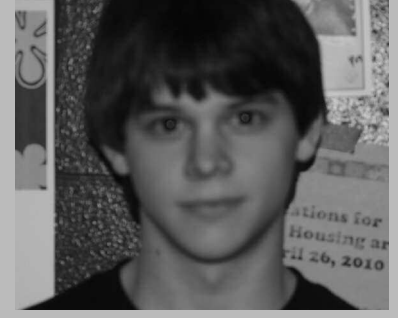
Yes, as long as some of the revenue goes toward education.

-Laura Archambault,  
Monican Front Desk



Oh yah!

-Andrew "Nappy"  
Napolitano  
Class of 2012



Let's have them!

-Andrew Barry  
Class of 2013

### What are you looking forward to the most during Spring Week?



The LMFAO Concert

-Haley Warringer  
Class of 2013



Having all the kids around, and all the fun

-Aurelie Shanahan  
Deegan West Front  
Desk



LMFAO

- Dan Stone  
Class of 2013



The Amazing Race

-Martha Lawton  
Santagati Front Desk



# Entertainment

## The Band, 667

By Mark Lindquist, '11  
Staff Writer

Emerging last November as champion in Merrimack's Battle of The Bands was the recently formed Merrimack student punk and rock band, 667. 667 wowed their audience at the Battle of The Bands winning by unanimous decision making a stellar performance. The Merrimack students in 667 include bass guitarist and lead vocalist Paul Avolese, lead guitarist and backup vocalist Pete Kenyon, drummer and percussionist Trent Weiss, and bagpipe player Brian Colby.

Off the Merrimack stage, Avolese, Kenyon, Weiss, and Colby are all great friends and currently brothers in Merrimack's Tau Kappa

Epsilon (TKE) chapter. For 667 it is not all about being a band, it is about being best buddies. "667 isn't a band. It's a way of life," says lead guitarist and backup vocalist Pete Kenyon. Kenyon on stage amazes his audience with outstanding talent shredding a guitar rocker style and making it look so easy. Bass guitarist and lead vocalist Paul Avolese says, "Punk rock and cliché songs are two things I enjoy, as is spending time with my TKE brothers. 667 gives me both of these things and has allowed me to express a side of me musically that I've been looking to express or a while now." Avolese projects himself very well and his bass guitar helps to maintain control. Drum-

mer and percussionist Trent Weiss says, "It's cool because we all know each other through TKE and we all work together really well. It's just a chance to play some songs that we may feel like playing, which is always a lot of fun." Weiss has a great feel for the drums and makes playing them look so easy and so much fun. 667 entertains their audience and at the same time enjoys a great time "jamming" with one another on stage.

The band wonderfully covers and performs hit rock songs such as "Dammit" by Blink-182, "We're Not Gonna Take It" by Twisted Sister, "Savior" by Rise Against, "Enter the Sandman" by Metallica and many more. For an occasional

Dropkick Murphys cover, Brian Colby steps in with his bagpipes for a true feel of a Dropkick Murphys Irish style and has a great time playing with his TKE brothers. The band's most recent performance was at Merrimack's Relay For Life event where they showed their support for the fight against cancer and will be performing again at Merrimack's next Battle of The Bands competition at the end of the semester. Good luck to 667 and the rest of the competition's performers.

## Stephen Kellogg and The Sixers

By Ryan Pinette, '12  
Staff Writer

Fresh off their 1000th show as a band, Stephen Kellogg and the Sixers do not look like they are slowing down anytime soon. On April 4th, 2010 the band reached a milestone that most bands dream of getting to- 1000 shows. They played number 1000 in front of a packed house at Irving Plaza in New York City.

The band has not always played in front of packed houses, however. Forming in the early 2000's in western Massachusetts, the band has a strong grass root following and they rely on word-of-mouth to spread the word about their band. The band formed from the friendship of three

UMass Amherst students Stephen Kellogg (lead vocals, guitar,) Kit "Goose" Karlson (keys, bass, tuba, accordion) and Brian "Boots" Factor (drums, mandolin, banjo.) After years of Stephen releasing solo albums the band finally came together to release their first album together in 2004 Bulletproof Heart. Since then the band has released three more studio albums Stephen Kellogg and the Sixers, Glassjaw Boxer and their latest album The Bear.

The band has gradually gained popularity and has spread from their New England roots to a nationally touring band. They do not only play in the states, the band finds a lot of gratification playing

overseas for the troops. "We wanted to give back in the way we know how, which is playing music," Kellogg told CNN. "It was just an honor to get to say hello to those folks." The band plays a style of music that is roots rock that strikes chords with the audience. The lyrics speak to the heart and talk about real life. Stephen Kellogg is the primary lyricist and says that the lyrics are "66 percent autobiographical."

I was able to take in show number 998 in Somerville, Massachusetts at the Somerville Theater and it did not disappoint. Playing a mix of their old songs and songs off their new album including their song "Shady Esperanto and the Young Hearts" which can be heard on the

radio. The band played two sets in front of another packed house. A Stephen Kellogg and the Sixers live show is definitely one to take in. With a mix of personal stories and rocking music, the night is entertaining the whole way through.

The only place to go for this band is up. As their fan base grows so will their popularity; check the band out on MySpace or iTunes, they are sure to please.

Gossip Girl

Glee

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are back!**

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Army Wives

The Tudors

Friday Night Lights

# April is ....

## Alcohol Awareness Month

### A Safe Weekend



Whether it's Keystone, Busch, or Miller Lite  
Don't let alcohol get you into a fight

Know your limits, and when to stop  
Don't get caught by a Merrimack Cop

Be careful ladies, there are creeps out there  
Practice safe drinking, and always take care

If you go out, be with a good friend  
Last through the night from start to the end

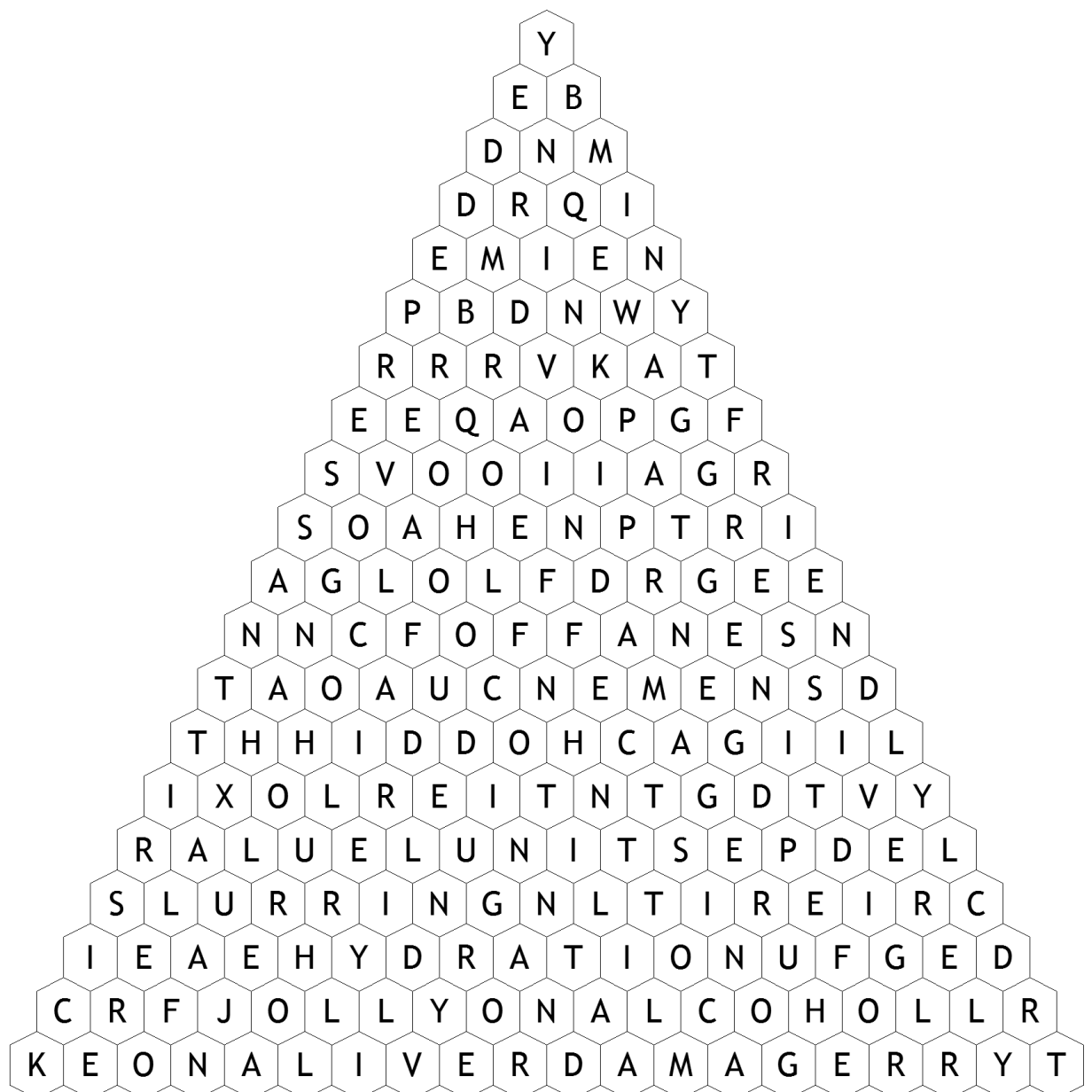
Know not when to drink, if you are an athlete  
You dont want to lose your chance to compete

Go let loose and have some fun  
Remember that safety is concern #1

By, Edward I. Caldwell, *Beacon Contributor*

## Unscramble the Words and then find them in the Word Search

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# Alumni Spotlight

## Life After Merrimack

### -Molly Burns-

By: Lauren DelloRusso  
Staff Writer

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Merrimack College graduate, currently serves as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Botswana. The main objective of the organization she works for is to improve the livelihood of the San people. She does this by providing education, training programs and activities for the children.

Molly was an accounting major at Merrimack College. She started off working at State Street Bank as a Fund Accountant, as did the majority of business majors who graduated in 1990. Similar to the recent economic crisis, the job market was extremely tough at that time.

Molly Burns, 20 years later, is now serving as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Botswana. She lives in D'kar, which is a village of around 1,500

people. D'kar is home to the indigenous group of people called the San, who are believed to be the first humans to have occupied Southern Africa. The Peace Corps main purpose in Botswana is to help in the fight against HIV/AIDS. Southern Africa is now the worst affected area in the world. Molly, along with other volunteers, works to incorporate health topics in each of their programs.

Molly never imagined that she would join the Peace Corps, as she only started to consider it a few years ago. She was looking for a change when a friend of hers mentioned that a colleague of hers joined the Peace Corps and was going to Malaysia. Molly was amazed because this person was around her same age. Molly had initially thought that the Peace

Corps was just for 20 year olds. Then when Molly researched the organization, she began to envision herself participating in an experience like the Peace Corps. Molly was at a place in her life where she could easily pick up and leave for a couple years with no pressing family or financial obligations. So, she took the leap and made a drastic life change! Her service is for two years, and she'll be in D'kar until May 2011. Molly says, "It has been the hardest thing I've done so far in my life, but the most rewarding." Molly stated that she has been very fortunate professionally because of her Merrimack College education. She's always been able to find a rewarding position, thanks to her accounting major and Merrimack's good reputation. Her words of advice are "You will inevitably have many successes and failures in

your life. It's all part of the process." Recently a friend of hers in the Peace Corps shared this thought with Molly, who wishes to share it with her Merrimack College colleagues, "If you are going through a time of discouragement, there is a time of great personal growth ahead."



## Sports Feature

### Conetta On and Off the Field

By: Jill Bradford  
Staff Writer

For most student-athletes at Merrimack, balancing endless athletic and academic commitments on a daily basis can make for a very demanding lifestyle. This is no exception for Casey Conetta, a senior captain on the Women's softball team from Darien, Connecticut, where time management skills are vital to her success as a Sports Medicine major, where by the end of her career she will have spent approximately 1,000 hours in the training room.

Conetta is an example of a student-athlete who has recognized that if you do what you love, then no time restraint or workload will stand in your way.

"To have success with my major, this often means spending days off from practice in the athletic training room working on skills and fulfilling the hour requirements for class," Conetta commented. "It is important to use your time as efficiently as possible."

As a senior, Conetta has already put in her hours of observation in

the training room, and this past fall was given the opportunity to apply her skills as the student-trainer for the Women's volleyball team. Her responsibilities entailed daily treat-



ments, and pre-game/practice and post-game/practice treatments.

"This was a great experience and I think by being the person that they relied on to help them with whatever they needed, I was able to very

quickly improve and gain confidence in the skills that I learned over the past 4 years," Conetta commented.

Conetta's commitment to

her major is paralleled by her commitment on the softball field. So far this year, Conetta is starting at third base and batting in the cleanup position. As a leader on the team, Conetta understands the

need for an unyielding work-ethic from all. "Our team goal is to build off of the success from last year and work towards making the playoffs again," Conetta said.

Conetta's immediate plans for after Merrimack are to take the BOC, which is the certification test for athletic training. After, she hopes to go to a graduate school for secondary education and attain an internship position or graduate assistant job as an athletic trainer.

Conetta is appreciative of the opportunities and foundation for success Merrimack College athletics has provided her. "Being involved in athletics has helped me to develop better time management skills. I have also learned how to communicate more effectively as a result of being part of a team," Conetta commented. "I know I will miss spending time with this team a lot and seeing everyone on a daily basis."

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# Sports



## Women's Lacrosse 5 Games Strong

### Lady Warrior's rise in National Polls

By: Ashley Sarris  
*Editor-In-Chief*

The Lady Warriors of the Merrimack Lacrosse team continue their winning streak of five games when they defeated Saint Michael's College on their home turf in Colchester, Vermont.

Within a four minute span, Merrimack scored their first four goals in the 22-6 victory. This win grabbed the attention of the IWLCA National Poll, who ranked Merrimack Women's Lacrosse ninth.

Eight players were responsible for the 22 goals scored, including Senior Mia Basile who netted five goals

herself. Her twin sister Maddie Basile also was a lead scorer with three goals.

Offense wins games, but defense wins championships and Senior Goalie Jamie-Lee Whiteway is getting in the mindset to win the NE-10 Championship, blocking 7 of the 13 shots on goal that the Purple Knights attempted.

The Basile twins were not the only sisters to lead in points during the game. The Pasquantonio sisters, Mary and Kelly, scored 3 points and four goals, respectively.

Hosting Assumption on the tenth of April, Merrimack was ranked tenth

in the IWLCA. After crushing the Greyhounds with a score of 20-5, Merrimack was more than confident going into the St. Michael's game.

With a record of 7-2 for the season and 6-2 in the NE-10 Conference, the Lady Warriors have a home record of 3-1 and an away record of 4-1. Already defeating NE-10 schools, are Southern Connecticut State, St Anselm's, American International College, Bentley University, Assumption, and St. Michael's. Saturday April 17th at 1pm will be a game to see as the Merrimack Lady Warriors host the University

of New Haven's Chargers. The UNH Chargers stole the NE-10 spot the Warriors were looking to clinch in the 2009 season.

Coach Corinne Baker explains, "I am very pleased with our play and we are very excited to play again Saturday."

## Softball Toughs It Out

By: Kayla Morong  
*Sports Editor*

The women's softball team has played twenty-seven games during the regular season winning ten and losing seventeen. They currently have a record of 6-8 in the NE-10 Conference. Recently, the warriors played Franklin Pierce University in a double header on April 13, 2010 losing both games. During the first game, the Warriors went into extra innings losing 3-2. In the top of the 2nd the warriors Kara Melillo scored the first run of the game after a hit from Emily Cummings. It wasn't until the bottom of the 3rd inning that Franklin Pierce scored their first two runs of the game, giving them the lead. Both teams went three innings scoreless until the Warriors got a run in the top of the 6th inning tying up the game. Once the seventh inning hit, no one was able to score a run. This caused the Warriors to play an extra inning where the Ravens scored in the bot-



tom of the 8th. The Warriors put up a fight, but it wasn't enough to win the first game.

In the second game the Warriors scored the first two runs of the game in the top of the 1st. The runs were scored by Jamie Millett and Monique Gosselin. The Ravens

went scoreless in the first putting the Warriors ahead 2-0 going into the second inning. In the top of the 2nd Merrimack scored another run to increase their lead 3-0. The run was scored by Amanda Zanni, her first run of the regular season. Franklin Pierce didn't score until

the bottom of the fourth. They brought in four runs putting them ahead 4-3. The Ravens scored two more runs in the bottom of the 5th increasing their lead 6-3. Both teams were scoreless for the rest of the game. Although the Warriors lost the double header against Franklin Pierce they played competitively throughout the series.

The softball team will face their next double header against Assumption College on Saturday April 17th. The Warriors will be playing on their home field starting at 12:00pm then at 2:00pm. Let's hope the Warriors can defeat the Greyhounds and increase their NE-10 record.

April 19th is Marathon Monday!  
The first race goes off at 9:22 AM

Good Luck to Merrimack Senior Jenny Richard and the rest of the Dana Farber Team in her first Boston Marathon

# Sports

## Merrimack adds Track

By: Patrick Lawlor  
Associate Editor-In-Chief

Merrimack College Athletics announced on March 25, 2010, that they would add four varsity sports, Indoor and Outdoor Track, both with men's and women's teams. The basis for this addition is to help and expand the Cross Country program. The Track program will be a distance track program, consisting of events 800 meters and up. This is modeled after other Northeast-10 programs and other competitive track programs.

Both the women's and men's teams will be coached by Matt Pimentel, Merrimack's Assistant Cross Country Coach. Pimentel has coached at Merrimack for two years and was an area standout for Austin Prep, and ran at Clemson. Pimentel has raced for the Adidas racing team, and is currently a member of the Central Mass Striders. Pimentel resides in Andover and works for Sasso Construction Inc. Pimentel, as well as members of the Cross Country team are excited about the addition of Track. "This will do great things for our numbers, it has already helped in recruiting," Pi-

mentel said. "It will just add to the great program Coach Cameron has built in the last 17 years, he has worked hard, and we will continue to work hard to get this program to its potential," Pimentel added.

"We are all really excited about the addition of Track," Harry Mullin commented. Mullin is a freshman on the Cross Country team, and he and his team alike are thrilled about being able to participate in

next level. The excitement it has already created amongst current team members, future recruits, and alumni is clearly noticeable and cannot be overstated," said Cameron in a press release.

The addition of Track has brought attention to Merrimack all over the northeast. Track coaches have approached coaches and athletes alike about the exciting addition of Track at Merrimack. Some runners at local colleges have expressed their hope that their colleges will follow the Merrimack model and add Track. Alumni have also been thrilled about the recent announcement of Track. Linsey Cohen, Merrimack class of 2007 was "really excited for the coaches and runners". John "Hinch" Hincenon, Merrimack class of 2003, also shared Cohen's enthusiasm. "It will be great for recruiting, and I am really looking forward to seeing the teams do well," Hincenon said. Merrimack Track begins next winter with Indoor Track. Currently club track is in place, and the Warriors are competing at MIT this Saturday, and will conclude their season at Brown, Sunday, April 25.



Photo Provided by Linsey Cohen

This will not only generate revenue for the college, drawing more students in, but also revenue for the Athletic Department, according to Glenn Hoffman, Director of Athletics. Hofmann recently reported on the enrollment increase that both Athletics and Admissions have been working on.

three seasons of varsity NCAA sports at Merrimack.

Chris Cameron, Head Cross Country Coach, shares the enthusiasm; "The addition of indoor and outdoor track as varsity sports at Merrimack is fantastic news, this will improve what is an already successful cross country program to get to the

## O'Rourke Posts Zero Runs

### Baseball shows true Warrior Spirit

By: Mark Lindquist  
Staff Writer

Behind senior captain left-handed pitcher Ryan O'Rourke's 20 straight shutout innings, the Merrimack Warriors baseball team is in the middle of the NE-10 pack with a 12-10 overall record with a 7-8 record in conference play. Head Coach Joe Sarno says, "O'Rourke once again expressed great poise and excellent command to propel us to the win." O'Rourke recently pitched a 9 scoreless innings in a 5-0 victory over SNHU and 11 scoreless innings with a career-high 16 strikeouts in a 2-1 tough loss to Franklin Pierce. O'Rourke's record is 3-1 with a conference leading 0.81 ERA, 4th place opponent's avg. at .168, and 6th in strikeouts with 48. O'Rourke can also close out a game as he has 2 saves to his record. If O'Rourke continues to pitch with confidence and precision, then he will lead his team to even more victories and eat up the Merrimack Record Book for pitchers. O'Rourke already holds single-season records for innings pitched and strikeouts, and holds the record for career ERA at 2.45.

Merrimack's offense has been in the lower half of the conference stats column but has been

there when called upon. Senior shortstop Brendan Pyburn has been the team's best contact hitter and base threat posting a team leading

more center fielder Tim Curran is 2nd on the team with a .326 batting average, 13 RBIs, 28 hits, and a team-leading 7 doubles. Big power

been a good contributor posting a .275 batting average.

In addition to O'Rourke, pitching has solid for the Warriors. Senior lefty Dylan Ellis is only 1-3 but his ERA is only 2.44 and has 3 complete games to his record. Senior Ryan McNeil leads the team with 9 appearances and has been fairly solid with a 3-2 record overall with a 4.50 ERA. Freshman Mike Laracy and junior Jake Halloran have not seen as much time on the mound as O'Rourke and Ellis but have had solid outings to their names. Junior Keith Johansen has been reliable to his coach with 7 appearances in relief. For the Warriors, strong pitching is going to lead them to many more victories with their heart of the order in Pyburn, Curran, and Hogan driving in the runs.



.330 batting average, 14 RBIs, 29 hits, and 13 stolen bases (2nd in the NE-10) while hitting 3rd in the lineup. Pyburn is also very difficult to strikeout as he has only struck out 6 times in 88 at-bats. Sopho-

hitter and senior first baseman Matt Hogan is only hitting .250 but has great power to the deep gaps of the field posting 3 home runs, 12 RBIs, and 6 doubles. Third baseman junior Mike Dooling has also