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## McQuade Art Gallery Changes Over

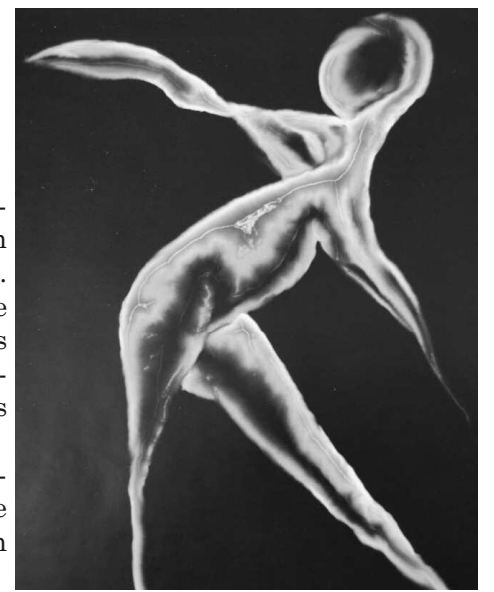


By Courtney Cutler '10  
Staff Writer

The most recent exhibit on display in the McQuade Library Gallery is from the work of Adam Maganzini, a Merrimack alum with a Fine Art degree in Digital Media. Emoceen is Maganzini's first exhibit and definitely an impressive one; he has a wide variety of art work and each piece is unique. Emoceen features a variety of paintings, digital artwork, and photographs. Maganzini resides on the South Shore, which is where some of his inspiration comes from, like his photographs from Duxbury Beach.

The paintings utilize some of the brightest colors you can find – teal, highlighter yellow, and traffic-cone orange are just a few. Most of the pieces are abstract, although there is a feeling of motion and high energy within each painting.

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## The Final Four

By Patrick Lawlor '13  
Associate  
Editor in Chief

What qualifies someone to be a president of a college? Have you ever wondered what exactly the process is to become the head of a college, specifically Merrimack College? Well over the last few months, the search for the new president of our college. The college hired a firm that does a nation-wide search to find applicants and the person that is best suited to be at the helm of an institution such as Merrimack. Many applied and it was then narrowed down to 75 applicants, then nine, and now there are just four candidates left to possibly fill the office of Dr. Ronald Champagne. The four include very diverse, well decorated educators with respectable backgrounds in higher education. With a search committee that included trustees, alumni, one student and two faculty members, the search committee chose these four confidently, and hold all of them to the highest degree. "This is how it's done, a very classic way

of finding the right president," said Dan Shine, '65, who is a trustee, and Vice Chair of the search committee. (The Shine Lounge in the Sakowich Campus Center is named after his mother). Shine spoke very highly of all the candidates, and was very pleased with how the search went. Michael Bell, Vice President for Academic Affairs, also reiterated that the process was very effective. The process itself is something very remarkable, a national search to find who the best person to lead Merrimack. Dr. Karen Hayden, Professor of Criminology and Chair of The Sociology Department was satisfied with the candidates. "They are all very different and interesting" she commented, "they all had their strengths," Hayden added. Hayden was one of the faculty members to serve on the search committee.

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## Sodexo caters to students needs

By Michael Salvucci '10  
Staff Writer

Merrimack's dining service provider, Sodexo, has implemented some changes in meal and beverage options since students left for Christmas break in mid-December. Changes such as food and beverage choices have been put in place at both in Sparky's Place as well as The Warrior's Den.

Matthew Vaillette, Merrimack College's Sodexo operation manager, discussed at length the changes that the two locations have seen since December. Just a few weeks ago a fruit smoothie company, Island Oasis, was set up outside of Den giving out free samples. They have partnered with the company and are currently offering strawberry, banana, and pina colada and more as flavors, any two can be mixed together. The Den has also seen the introduction of Naked Juice, one of the "latest juice crazes" according to Vaillette. The juice is a big hit and is literally flying off the shelves.

The Den's energy drink selection

has increased now that Pepsi has acquired the Rock Star energy drink line. Vaillette said that "we have really put Pepsi on notice", he wants to make sure that the company and the drinks they offer stay on pace with what students require and want.

In regards to food choices, Sodexo is looking into partnering with Kettle Cuisine's gourmet soups. Vaillette hopes to give students a real high-end soup selection in the Den, something that students will say "wow" to. The soups currently for sale in the Den are homemade in the dining hall, and "this is in no way a knock on their quality" says Vaillette, "we just want to give students a little change of selection in the different dining areas".

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# From the Department of... Residence Life

Last year, the Office of Residence Life moved to an online room selection process which is very similar to course registration. It was a very successful process and most of the student feedback we received was very positive. We have also taken the student feedback we received to continue to improve the process; in addition we met with Student Government earlier this month to gather their input and feedback. The following outlines the feedback our department received and how we have responded to it.

The most important first step to remember if you are looking to live on campus for the 2010-2011 academic year is to make sure you and your preferred roommates have paid your \$500 housing deposit to the Bursar's office by the February, 26 deadline.

Current first year students living within the substance-free community have expressed an interest to continue to live together. We will pilot a co-ed townhouse with men living on one floor of the townhouse and women living on another floor of the townhouse. If this is successful, we may expand this option to other townhouses in the future.

A tower will again be offered as a wellness community. A current A-tower resident commented, "This year's living in A-Tower has been fantastic! I have some friends in other towers and heard of the back stairwell being filled with trash, the entrances being messy, and loud weekends. It has been so nice to be able to know that A-tower is not like that. For people that are interested more in their studies than parties this is a fantastic option, especially being the apartment." Specialty housing applications are available on myMack and due by Friday, March 5.

## Study Abroad

### Interested in studying or interning abroad?

"I had the most AMAZING time on my study abroad experience! It was the best decision I have ever made."  
— Merrimack Study Abroad Returnee

The application deadline is **April 1st** for students going abroad in the summer or fall of 2010.

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Please contact the Office of International Programs at [oiop@merrimack.edu](mailto:oiop@merrimack.edu) or visit us in Sakowich 370.

## Vandalism hits Physical Plant worker hard

By Patrick Lawlor '13  
*Associate Editor in Chief*

Across the oldest iron bridge in Massachusetts, students and faculty alike can enjoy the picturesque New England landscape. To create the beauty that Mendel Pond has, and the surrounding areas; it takes work. For Marcel Paradis, making the Merrimack campus beautiful is his priority. Paradis has been working at Merrimack for 28 years and is currently a gardener on campus, ensuring Merrimack has that New England feel and looks nice. Paradis put goldfish in the pond about two years ago, but then realized a crane would fly in and try to eat the fish. So Paradis, with his own money, bought a fake crane to scare the other one. "I thought it would like cool, just make the place look nicer," Paradis commented. But a few weeks ago, Paradis was very upset when he found the crane destroyed, smashed into pieces. "Students must have

smashed it, it is very upsetting," Paradis explained. Often students will venture out to the pond and ice skate late at night, something Paradis



added was also destructive. When the skates hit the edge of the pond, it rips the liner of the pond, and when spring arrives, there is a broken liner, which becomes costly to repair. Paradis reported the vandalism to Police Services on 1/29/2010, there has since been no further action in

regards to the report. Police Services did however say that the night before the report was made, there were students skating on Mendel Pond, and police services reported that at 12:53 AM. "There has been a lot of vandalism on the pond, it's too bad kids have to act like this," Paradis added. With his strong passion for the beautification of campus, Paradis is one of Merrimack's unsung heroes making a comfortable environment for the community. Hopefully the students who did this will come forward and pay for the solid crane replication that cost \$40. "It's not about the money, I don't care, I just wanted the place to look nice," said Paradis.

# School News

## Mass Re-imaged

By Molly Warren, '10  
Staff Writer

Mass here at Merrimack in a while they may see some changes. Campus Ministry along with several students are working hard to try to improve mass. On Sunday November 8, 2009 campus ministry decided to use the homily as a time for those in attendance to break into small groups and discuss where mass should be held, at what time, and if the music, environment, or homilies should be changed at all. When the groups came back together it was found that the groups were very divided on where to have mass and what time it should be at. Some students wanted Mass to stay in Cascia, where it currently is, while others wanted mass to move back to Austin where it was held up until the Spring of 2009. As for times, some students felt mass

If one has not been to said mass is at a good time currently (5 p.m.). With no cohesive answer coming on where and when to have mass, campus ministry decided to work on changing and improving the music, homilies, and the environment of Cascia. To address what the students felt was not a very "churchy" environment the altar has been moved to the center of the hall and has chairs facing each other, rather than simply having

everyone's back being towards each other. Campus Ministry also purchased banners for the different church seasons and had a wooden Augustinian cross made that will hang in Cascia. Father Bill Waters explains that the cross is "very Augustinian and very Merrimack." As for the homilies there is now a group of students who meet once a week on Mondays at 7 p.m. in the 3rd Floor Lounge of the SAK. This group is called "Word and Worship this Week" and is run by campus minister Brian Suehs-Vassel.

The purpose of this group is to meet with students as they listen to the scriptures for the next Sunday. Together the groups tries to think what was happening in the time when the Scripture was being written, what is happening in our world today that might be similar, and what they see God doing in the scripture and in our world today. The purpose of this group is to not only reflect on the Scripture, but to reflect on what the students would like to hear in the homily. The group has met three times already and has already begun to see a change in the homilies and how they reflect on the Scripture.

Campus Ministry would like to invite anyone who wishes to come to this meeting on Mondays at 7p.m. in the 3rd Floor Lounge, as well as to Mass on Sundays in Cascia.



## Senior Event is a Bittersweet Success

By Kimberly Trapasso  
Staff Writer

On Saturday, January 30th, at 8 PM the senior class energetically piled into the buses that would be transporting us on our fourth senior trip. I, along with 103 of my classmates, arrived in Boston 30 minutes later at an entertainment facility located behind The Boston Red Sox's historic Fenway Park. The trip location can be described as an "entertainment megaplex" that spans over three floors. The excited seniors began the night on the third floor in the V.I.P. room of Jillian's, munching on finger food, playing pool and chatting with classmates. After spending some time lounging on the sofas and exploring the spacious billiards bar, I joined the rest of my classmates downstairs on the second floor at Lucky Strikes Lanes, an upscale bowling lounge and bar. The cost of our few rounds of bowling was included in the ticket price of the trip, making it a fun and hassle-free bowling experience.

After getting completely killed in bowling (it has never been my forte) my friends and I ventured downstairs to Tequila Rain, a nightclub that is advertised to "bring you to Spring Break 52 weeks a year." Despite the bitter cold temperature outside, the gigantic dance floor and upbeat music made me feel as if I had prematurely began my week long spring break excursion. The remainder of the trip was spent dancing the night away and enjoying one of our last chances to take advantage of the amazing senior events that have been offered to us by the Class Council. The occasion was bittersweet, as it was a chance to cele-

brate how far we have come in the past 3 ½ years, but also a disappointing reminder that our days at Merrimack are quickly coming to an end. This realization hit my friends and me as the Black Eyed Peas "I got a feeling" played loudly and confetti poured down from the ceiling, reinforcing the vow we made before beginning our senior year to make the most of every moment we have left together.

The next senior event is on Friday February 19th and is the annual celebration that marks the 100 day countdown until graduation. The 100 days celebration will take place in the Sakowich Campus Center and has been given the theme "Pre-game" to gradation, a name that appropriately captures the excited anticipation that many seniors are feeling as we begin our own countdown to the big day. As this day quickly approaches, it is important to remember that it is not the end—it is simply the beginning of the rest of our lives.

## How to Hook-up

By Ashley Sarris  
Editor in Chief

An assignment for Merrimack College students, Go on a date! This is what hook-up speaker Kerry Cronin told Merrimack students on Monday February 8. Her lecture entitled, "The Low Down on Getting Down," was heard by the members of the Merrimack community representing every aspect of Merrimack including Campus Ministry, Athletics, staff members, and Greek life. This event was brought to you by campus ministry and supported by SAAC and used as a program by many events throughout the campus by Residents Advisors. Cronin started off by telling the story of how she got into the hook up culture by asking students in her classes about their hook-ups and dating. After years of compiling information on the college sex life she discovered that the learning on campus doesn't happen in the classroom, but in the dorm rooms. She then explained the pie chart of college students, one fourth of us are in the pseudo- married couple range that makes everyone want to vomit when they hold hands on the way to class and kiss each other good bye. The rest of the pie chart is split in half, the first half are students hooking up, "a vague term to show your friends at brunch the next day that you have game" Cronin explained. The second half of people are people who are opting out of the hook up scene completely. There are a total of nine different types of hook-ups, which one do you

fall into:

1. The pure hook-up – Saw someone, you drank a lot had no intentions of hooking up with them, BUT you did.
  2. Regular hook-up- Hooked up with someone this weekend and just happened to bump into them again the next weekend and do the same.
  3. Friends with benefits- the friend you continuously hook up with just because
  4. The Mistake hook-up
  5. The hook-up with hope- Hooking up with someone you like hoping it turns into more
  6. The Revenge Hook-up
  7. The WHAT THE HELL?!? Hookup
  8. The "I'm bored" hook-up
  9. The Now or Never hook up
- There are also some rules to be followed:
1. Be Chill
  2. Go to a party
  3. Drink equal amounts of alcohol- it's very sketch to be a lot more sober than the person you're hooking up with
  4. Don't talk about it while its happening
  5. Don't show interest on anything besides your own pleasure
  6. Know where your shoes are
  7. Don't stay over
  8. Learn the rules of Sexting
  9. Tell your good story
  10. Don't expect anything

# Sodexo steps it up for students

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The biggest concern for Vaillette is forward progress. "We want to keep the Den moving forward". He has done this through transparency and listening to students. Those students around to remember the ways of the old dining services know that the management was hard to reach and unresponsive. The new Sodexo team could not be any more different and they welcome comments and criticism.

The Den is not the only dining location to see improvements come its way. There are plenty of new additions to Sparky's Place as well. Coming soon are "Sparky's Place" T-Shirts and Hats, all proceeds will be donated to a charity or school department of Sparky's choice.

Vaillette has been conducting many focus groups to find out what students want in regards to dining options. Some of the trending topics were: specialty grill options, self-service pasta station, stir fry station, stromboli, and specialty pizza. "If it makes someone happy our Job's done", Vaillette stated.

Some concerns with Sparky's place have been the plating and the serving size. The plating will continue, but the serving size has been increased since last semester. Vaillette stressed the point that if a student ever wants more of whatever is on the plate, just ask, the servers will gladly add more to the plate!

Another concern with both the Den and Sparky's Place has been the service hours. They recognize there is a need for more hours at both ends of the day, and it is something they are talking to "the people upstairs" about.

Students can feel free to contact Matt Vaillette at any time to voice a concern or question. Fill out one of the comment cards or just simply stop by the Sodexo office located on Main Street, "it's easier to fix a problem if we know about it immediately" said Vaillette.



## Cullen Crowned King

By Abigail Clark  
Copy Editor

Merrimack is home to men who want to prove they are worthy of the title, "Mr. Merrimack". Junior Pat Cullen has earned the right to call himself Mr. Merrimack after his performance the night of January 28th.

Pat never intended to sign up to be a part of Mr. Merrimack. Instead, he was asked by the junior class council to participate in the action. His reaction? "Sure, why not?" was his attitude. From there, he set out to become the next Mr. Merrimack.

The Mr. Merrimack show was comprised of four different parts- an entrance, swimsuit competition, talent competition, and formal attire. Pat stuck with the American theme throughout his entire performance. For his entrance, he wore a USA jacket, the American flag, and presented himself to the audience while the Olympic theme was playing in the background. Next was the swimsuit competition. Pat attired himself in an American flag swimsuit, red shorts, and was fully equipped with flotation devices on his body.

Pat's talent is probably what won him Mr. Merrimack. He and two friends as back-up dancers lip-synched to the ever-catchy "Party In the USA" by none other than Miley Cyrus. Pat said they had perfected their dance the night before the show so they could impress the audience. The audience responded very well. That ultimately helped Pat win in the end.

Before the show was over, Pat still had to complete the formal attire portion. Pat was decked out in a tuxedo with a red vest and blue tie. Again, he incorporated his American pride into this segment of the show as well. When asked what his "ideal date" would be, Pat responded that he wanted to take that "special girl" out to dinner and then for a romantic walk on the beach.

Pat's wit, charm, and performances is what had him win the competition. The four judges (Father Jim, Mary McHue, Kevin Salemme, and Donna Swartwout) based their decisions on a 1-5 (5 being the highest number of points) point scale on the participants' creativity, execution, humor, and audience reaction. These four criterion led Pat to become the next Mr. Merrimack.

Pat said he had a blast competing in Mr. Merrimack. He would recommend anybody to participating in the competition. The prize of \$150 Visa gift card was a great prize, he remarked. Last, Pat wanted to add that "there were a lot of people who do hard work and they deserve a lot of credit".

Will YOU be the  
next  
Mr. Merrimack  
next year?!

## Maganzini is back

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Maganzini also employs photo manipulation, an image editing process to create an illusion or distortion within the picture. Photo manipulation can be done in many ways, ranging from combining printed photos to using Photoshop. Some of his work depicts a landscape, which is then manipulated to show a rainbow behind it. Other manipulated photos depict David Bowie, leaves on the ground, and even a few self-portraits. These pieces are much like his paintings – brightly colored and abstract; some photographs even have a film-negative quality, sharply contrasting black with white.

All of these characteristics combine to create a unique style that makes Maganzini stand out as a young artist. His work is compa-

parable to scenes from Across the Universe or perhaps an acid trip. This exhibit is a fascinating display of art work that you won't see at many other galleries or exhibits – and you won't find his landscapes outside either. These pieces join everyday scenes with an untamed surrealism, expanding one's vision to another realm. Clearly his wild imagination has no limit, and neither does his art work.

Although the reception was the first day of February, Emocean will be on display on the McQuade gallery until February 28th. A compilation of Adam Maganzini's work can be found at [adammmm.com](http://adammmm.com). Bizarre and dreamlike, Emocean is an exhibit you will not want to miss here at Merrimack, so make sure to take a look next time you are in the library!



# Residence Life Continued

## Students said they did not realize that the room they chose during room selection was final

- We have made our wording within myMack more clear to indicate this and have included it in all of our room selection publications. In addition, students will receive a confirmation email after a room has been selected which will include the room selected.

## Students expressed an interest in being able to see who else is living on the floor/ townhouse/tower.

- Unfortunately 20 groups or more are going through room selection during the same time slot and the technology does not permit for the ability to see who has selected spaces around them.

## Students believed gender designations should not be used

- Gender designations are used so that there is a proportionate number of male and female spaces for each class year based on the male/female ratios of students.

## Students expressed that the ability to pay for a better lottery time is unfair

- This is a myth! Students are assigned to one of three rounds based on credits completed by the end of the fall 2009 semester; once assigned to a round, the lottery times are randomly assigned by a computer program.

## Students wanted to select to live in the townhouses as a group of 12 not 2

- Since moving to an online system, we had to develop a system based on individual rooms; since the townhouses are built as having 6 individual rooms (rather than a single house), the online room selection program was designed to reflect this. Students interested in a room change (for example a one-for-one switch with another townhouse resident) can come to the Residence Life Office and submit a room change request which are honored as spaces become available.

## Students wanted to have floor plans to actually see where their room is located before they pick it.

- Floor plans are posted on myMack.

## Students suggested to not do room selection and class selection at the same time

- This year, we scheduled room selection during a time when course registration was not occurring.

## Some students expressed an interest in having the lottery system weighted to take into account GPA, judicial points, etc.

- We will continue to randomly assign lottery times to students based on number of credits earned (round 1, round 2, round 3). Since GPA doesn't take into account the fact that someone may be working extremely hard and getting average grades in a difficult class/major we believe use of this would be unfair. In terms of judicial history, some students have made a poor decision and learned from it and receive sanctions through their judicial hearing; this would be an additional "sanction" that is not educational in nature.

## Some students did not like the 50% rule (meaning at least half of your roommate group needs to be in the round selecting or higher).

- This rule was designed, based on feedback from SGA, to ensure that the system was not being abused (so that one person in round 1 couldn't pull in 7 people from round 2 into an 8 person suite, etc).

## Some students expressed frustration that rising sophomores were pulled into Santagati suites before rising juniors had a selection time.

- At the end of last year's room selection process, a total of 17 rising sophomores were due to live in Santagati. Based on feedback from SGA, we will continue to keep the current system in place ensuring that students are able to live with their friends (even if they may have friends in different class years). As long as students meet the 50% rule (at least half of the roommate group is of the round selecting or higher), they will be able to select their preferred roommates (as long as everyone has paid their \$500 housing deposit on time).

## Students felt that an individual should not be able to select into a full Santagati suite during an incomplete time.

- Based on feedback from SGA, students who have an incomplete group (unable to fill a desired room), will need to fill at least 50% of the room. For example, a group of three students could at most select a 4 person space based on what is available during that time.

# Merrimack gears up for new president

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didates were greeted by Linda Murphy, the energetic and very optimistic Assistant to the President. The first one to come to campus was Dr. David Szczerbacki, Vice President of Academic Affairs for The College of Saint Rose. Szczerbacki commended the lively interaction between pro-



fessors and students. "Merrimack is a very inviting community, there is a very good exchange between students and faculty," Szczerbacki said. He spoke very highly of students, but wished he could speak to more and get a feel for the students who make up the majority of the campus. "Merrimack is a very promising community," Szczerbacki added. Once Szczerbacki got used to the crowd at the reception, he became much more comfortable and seemed very relatable and approachable. Dr. Christopher Hopey, Northeastern's Vice President saw the aspirations that Merrimack has. Like the other candidates Hopey commended the student and

All of faculty involvement. Hopey would like to see a lot for Merrimack in the future. "Merrimack has to pinpoint their distinctions and areas of excellence, and excel in those areas," Hopey said. "I would like to see more graduate programs at Merrimack, expand beyond the Merrimack Valley," he said. Hopey also commented that

he would hope to see Merrimack on a more international spectrum. Dr. Joann Rooney, a very optimistic and genuine woman, who is currently President of Spalding University, is very excited to be in this area. A native of Hull, MA Rooney has family ties here and is excited to be involved in a more resident involved campus, rather than the campus with a majority of commuters that she is at the helm of now. "There is a lot of passion



here," Ronney said. Rooney is also focused on athletics and has strong interests in student involvement. Father Ray Dlugos, Merrimack's Vice President of Mission and Ministry had a lot to say about Merrimack's identity. "Merrimack needs to crystallize its identity and embrace its very noble mission without falling into the trap of trying to be what it is not or comparing itself to

institutions that are just very different from Merrimack," Dlugos said. Dlugos also commented on how well Merrimack prepares students for their careers and graduate programs. Dlugos' favorite part of campus is the students. "Whenever I have had the opportunity to get to know them, I have found them to be people I would like to be around, to work with, to build a community

with, and to build a world with," he said.



Merrimack is lucky to have such qualified and energetic candidates for presidency. For students; to be a part of this process is very exciting. Us students are at Merrimack at the perfect time, this is Merrimack's future. Ashley Bock, a lead President Ambassador (campus tour guide)

was very happy to give tours to Szczerbacki and Hopey. "I have never been involved with bringing a Presidential candidate around campus, it was an honor," Bock explained. For both faculty and students, this will be a very exciting change, and this is the time to write Merrimack's history.

Clockwise from left: Dr. Christopher Hopey, Father Ray Dlugos, and Dr. Joann Rooney.

No picture of Dr. David Szczerbacki was available

# Opinion

## Beacon Editorial

### My reason to Relay

By Ashley Sarris '12  
*Editor-in-Chief*

I was twelve years old the first time I donated my hair. I didn't think anything of it either, I had long hair down to my lower back and the short bob to the chin was in style for every sixth grader at Long Hill Elementary School. The hair dresser had put my hair in a pony tail cut the entire thing off and put it in an envelope to be mailed off to a cancer patient in need. Since then I have

made it my "hobby" per say that every three years I donate my hair to cancer patients. Four years ago my Aunt Ann was diagnosed with breast cancer and she asked me to go Wig shopping with her, as we were shopping around the store I saw a sign to get wigs custom made. At this moment I knew that I wanted to cut off all my hair for my aunt and her wig would be made with my hair. The next day I cut fourteen inches of hair off my head

and brought it to the place to be made into a wig. After 8 months of chemotherapy my aunt started radiation and has been in remission for three years now. Cancer is an awful disease that has touched almost everyone in our country whether it is a family member, friend, co worker or teacher. Relay for life is an event held at Merrimack every year and it is a chance to do your part for our fellow Americans who have been affected by

Cancer. Raising money and raising awareness is what relay is all about. It is about working together to help and support people, to pray for the sick and remember the deceased. I encourage you to sign up for Merrimack Relay for Life and do what you can to help someone you love.

## Police Log

- 01/31/2010 000:57 Disturbance-Fight Apartments  
Officer reports incident at the apartments. During a patrol of the apartments, Officer noticed two males fighting. Officer reports two in custody.
- 01/31/2010 01:29 Alcohol-Prot. Custody Lot 8C  
Officer reports two unconscious females in the rear of lot 8C. 01:46- AFD has been notified. 01:51-AFD on scene. 02:15-ARD cleared.
- 02/03/2010 20:26 Vandalism Ash Centre  
RA called stating that there were offensive words written on the doors on the 1st floor and was requesting that an officer take pictures. Officer was dispatched. Unit reports taking photos and stated no one was in area. Unit clear.
- 02/05/2010 01:48 Suspicious Person/Vehicle/Activity Ash-Laundry Room  
Ash FDA called to advise PS that a student reported a suspicious person in the sports Med. Lab next to Laundry room. The person reportedly tried to hide when the student saw them. Officers responded. Officers report that the door to the lab was found unsecured and they since secured it. Also, a parameter check was conducted. All normal. Subject could not be located. Units clear.
- 02/05/2010 21:23 Suspicious Person/Vehicle/Activity Quad- St. Clare Ct.  
FDA called concerning two (2) males who are smoking marijuana. Sgt. responded and spoke with two students who were smoking cigarettes.
- 02/06/2010 Damage-Intentional Deegan East  
Caller from DE reports being awoken by "cracking sounds" and looking into hallway observing people running and breaking off the "EXIT" signs. Sgt. dispatched to DE 2nd floor to investigate at 800 hours. DE FDA called to report a student also just reported to her the breaking of the "EXIT" signs in the 2nd floor hallway. The caller has not seen anyone in the area other than reporting student. At 806 hours, Sgt. reports 3 "EXIT" signs are gone and 4th is damaged with exposed wires. Physical Plant was notified.
- 02/07/2010 02:23 Disturbance-General St. Thomas Apts.  
Sgt. reports being waved down by a taxi driver and that he will be off at the apt. bridge. Taxi driver informed Sgt that a student refused to pay for services rendered. Student will reimburse taxi driver from ATM.

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# Theology With Tim

## Valentine s Day

By Timothy Iannacone '12  
Staff Writer

Sunday February 14th will mark the traditional time honored holiday of Saint Valentine's Day, more commonly known today as just Valentine's Day. The holiday is named after an early Christian martyr named Valentinus and was established by Pope Gelasius I. The holiday's roots are in the ancient Roman festival of Lupercalia, a fertility celebration commemorated annually on February 15th. Pope Gelasius I recast this pagan festival as a Christian feast day circa 496, declaring February 14th to be St. Valentine's Day. According to one story, Roman emperor Claudius II imposed a ban on marriages because too many young men were dodging the draft by getting married (only single men had to enter the army). A Christian priest named Valentinus ignored the ban and performed secret marriages. He was caught, of course, which meant that he was imprisoned and sentenced to death. While awaiting execution, young lovers visited him with notes about how much better love is than war, the first "Valentines." It is unclear how the holiday took start in the United States but tradition holds that Esther Howland developed a successful business in her Worcester, Massachusetts home with hand-made Valentine cards based on British models. The popularity of Valentine cards in 19th century America, where many Valentine cards are now general greeting cards rather than declarations of Love, was an indication of the future commercialization of holidays in the United States. It was not until the 14th century that this Christian feast day became defini-

tively associated with love. According to UCLA medieval scholar Henry Ansgar Kelly, author of *Chaucer and the Cult of Saint Valentine*, it was Chaucer who first linked St. Valentine's Day with romance. In 1381, Chaucer composed a poem in honor of the engagement between England's Richard II and Anne of Bohemia. As was the poetic tradition, Chaucer associated the occasion with a feast day. In "The Parliament of Fowls," the royal engagement, the mating season of birds, and St. Valentine's Day are linked:

**For this was on  
St. Valentine's Day,  
When every fowl  
cometh there to choose  
his mate.**

It was also understood that in the Middle Ages, people began to send love letters on Valentine's Day. Medieval Europeans also believed that birds began to mate on February 14th. Love most definitely is the center of this holiday but one must understand that there are certain types of Love. Love of God, self, and neighbor are the three essential. Those who have a basic understanding of the Bible would know that the greatest commandment is "thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment". In addition to the first commandment, the second commandment states, "thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself". These commandments are what Jesus Christ called the two greatest

commandments (Mark 12:28-34). Most Christians also believe that God is the source and essence of Love, "Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love" (1 John 4:8).

Many would recall Pope Benedict XVI encyclical *Deus Caritas Est*, or, *God is Love* as insightful and inspiring. Pope Benedict mentions the three forms of Love in depth, which are Agape, Philia and Eros. Agape, In the New Testament is charitable, selfless, altruistic, and unconditional. It is parental Love seen as creating goodness in the world, it is the way God is seen to Love humanity, and it is seen as the kind of Love that Christians aspire to have for others. Philia, also used in the New Testament, is a human response to something that is found to be delightful. This is also known as "brotherly love". Eros, which most plainly is sexual Love, is never seen in the New Testament. As Valentine's Day draws near depending on the individual that you are and the situation you are most currently in, it is up to you to decide which form of Love to use but nonetheless, Love should be given every day, towards everyone. In the image of Love, we see the giving of oneself unconditionally to others, as Jesus did for us. But giving Love without a need is meaningless. God created beings that need Love, and that could partake in the giving of Love. This is ultimately what fulfills us. In this giving and receiving, we end up with broadly two types of Love that most people are familiar with. Love given unconditionally which includes oneself being able to be giving, joyful, energetic, patient, willing to forgive, desiring the good of the beloved. The other Love is that which arises out of a need to be

loved. Interestingly the dictionary definition gives us predominantly descriptions of need-love. Examples would be affection and friendship. These nouns denote feelings of warm personal attachment that are often reciprocated. Need love might be called selfish but no one ever said a child was selfish for craving its mother's love or an adult for the affection of a friend. We do need each other and this love is perfectly acceptable. It is our need that brings us to God and our Love which brings us towards each other.



*Happy Valentine's  
Day, Eileen!!!*

## A pledge to Music

By Patrick Lawlor '13  
Associate Editor in Chief

This article, I am sure belongs under the Entertainment section, but what I am doing, what I have pledged to do, is not just to entertain myself, but it is a favor to myself, my intellect, and my soul. Music impacts us in the most profound ways, it gets into our head, it changes our lives, most of us know every single word to Billy Joel's "Piano Man," but can't for the life of us memorize an eighteen line poem by Shakespeare. In no way do I aim to discredit poetry's affect on our minds, and our lives, but when a strumming, a beat, a bang is accompanied rhyming words, we just cannot get enough of it. I decided recently to purchase a CD every other week, to broaden my musical collection. As I wandered through Bull Moose music on Sunday morning, I found myself in the A's. Somehow in a split second the idea to make this CD collection begin in al-

phabetical order, purchasing a new CD whose artist's names that begins with an "A", so next week the artist's name will begin with a "B". I hope you are still with me.

I decided on Aerosmith for my first CD. What a great band, and I don't have a single CD in my collection. "The Band from Boston" as they were once called, put out several Platinum records, whose songs appear on soundtracks and commercials. I decided on their Greatest Hits album. For just \$2.97 I got a used, red album, with just over ten songs. Track 1: newly elected United States Senator Scott Brown calls, his favorite song; Dream On. Everyone knows this song, and it is very exciting whenever it comes on the radio; it is hard not to bellow out the lyrics. Also on this CD were a few of their big hits, "Come Together", "Same Old Song and Dance", and "Sweet Emotion". Steven Tyler, who was at the helm of the band for its peak, has been in the news recently for his

chronic drug problem. When I handed over the money, the woman at the store commented "yah no, I read online today, they are holding auditions to replace Steven Tyler." How horrible must that be, to build a band to such a powerhouse in the music world, and being replaced because you can't shake that drug problem.

The problem with a "greatest hits" when compared to an album, you just don't have that flow. There is no common theme in a compilation, an album fosters a particular voice, a message, no doubt the songs on Aerosmith's Greatest Hits are poignant, but the album itself lacks that poetic, and anthological magic. I couldn't pass up the chance, however, to have a whole bunch of classic Aerosmith songs on a single album. Next week's CD could be anything, I have been thinking a little bit, so far I am wavering between The Beatles, and The Beach Boys, I have far too many Bob Dylan albums already. Stay tuned.





# Meet the Beacon

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 Hometown: *Valhalla, NY*  
 Major: *Psychology/ Elementary Education*  
 Years at Beacon: *I just started!*  
 Beacon Position: *Staff Writer*  
 Reason for Joining the Beacon: *I love to write.*  
 Favorite Beacon Article: *The article I wrote about MORE because it was my first article and it came from my heart.*  
 Favorite Newspaper: *The Beacon, obviously*  
 What does the Beacon need?: *Writers*  
 Favorite part of Merrimack: *Meeting so many amazing people*  
 Job: *Office Assistant in Student Involvement, Teacher's aid at Easter Seals Preschool*  
 Favorite Food: *Chicken Parm Pizza*  
 Favorite Musical Artist: *Right now I'm a big fan of Lady Gaga*  
 Favorite TV Show: *Seinfeld*  
 Favorite Color: *Pink*  
 Favorite Activities: *Shopping, spending time with my friends and family*  
 If you had to be one animal, what would you be?: *A house dog because they get spoiled*  
 Long-term goal: *to be the author and illustrator of a published children's book*  
 Short-term goal: *to graduate from Merrimack with honors*



## Questions on the Quad

### What are your plans for Valentine's Day?



Hanging out  
with friends

~Kala Coleman  
Class of 2013



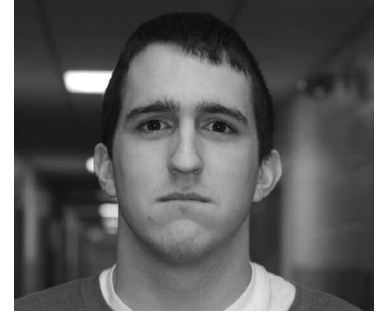
Partying with  
cupid

~Joan Corcoran  
Class of 2013



Going to Valen  
tine s Day, the  
movie

~Dave Foreman,  
Class of 2010



UMASS Lowell  
game for bas  
ketball

~Ben Filteau,  
Class of 2012

### What is your favorite place to order out food?



Phil s Roast  
Beef in  
Andover

~Kasey Cook,  
Class of 2012



Domino s

~Sahil Sagggar,  
Class of 2013



Haru

~Connor Green,  
Class of 2013



Domino s

~Nico Karon  
Class of  
2013

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# Athletic Features

## Prior Ready to Faceoff this Spring

By Jill Bradford  
*Feature Writer*

From spending a semester abroad in Salamanca, Spain, to being an Orientation Leader and Secretary of Class Council, all while balancing the responsibilities of being a student-athlete from the Women's Lacrosse team, there is no doubt in anyone's mind that Meredith Prior has taken full advantage of what Merrimack College has to offer.

Last year, the lacrosse team finished with a record of 8-8 overall and 7-3 in the conference, making it to the Northeast-10 Semifinals. This spring, along with seniors: Erica McMahon, Kelly Pasquantonio, Mia Basile, Maddie Basile, and Jamie-Lee Whiteway, Prior is set to lead her team to a Northeast-10 Championship.

"Our team has so much potential and I know that this year is our year," she commented. "We have been a good team for my past three years, but we want to be a great team, and this is our time to prove it to the rest of the conference."

Without a doubt, Head Coach Corinne Baker understands the potential that Prior is referring to. Recently, the women's lacrosse team was picked to finish eighth in the country this year according to the Lacrosse Magazine preseason poll. "We have talked a lot in our off-season about overcoming the 1-goal-game bump, and instead of losing a big game by one or two goals, winning them by five or six. It will come down to possession minutes, passion, and sacrifices. It is no secret that we are looking for some national spotlight of our own," Baker said.

The women's lacrosse team has one vital aspect that makes them stand out among its competi-

tion, and that piece is leadership.

"Our senior class represents every positional aspect of the field, and provides our rising underclassmen with the structure, knowledge, and experience that will be required for us to meet our goals this year," Baker commented. For the rapidly growing program, leadership will be an essential part of the team's success.



Prior's work ethic has not gone unnoticed by Baker as she describes her athletic development throughout her career.

"Meredith has consistently been one of our hardest working players, with an attitude of always learning and striving to get better. We have a very aggressive style of attack, and I am thank-

ful to have Meredith in there gauging to slow things down or push the fast break," Baker said. "She has worked hard and should reap the benefits of a career at Merrimack."

As a Spanish and Secondary Education Co-major with a minor in Business, Prior will graduate this spring with options as to what she would like to do professionally. At the top of her list, Prior would like to teach at a Boston public school while acquiring a Master's degree in Sports Leadership at Northeastern University.

She does not fail to recognize her motivation behind such goals. "Being on an athletic team is the best preparation for life. It teaches you how to pull through problems, work with a team, and push yourself further than you ever thought you could," Prior explains.

Associate Professor of Education, Deborah Margolis said, "Meredith's academic work was always a priority and at the same time she is incredibly committed to her sport and her team."

Like most student-athletes, Prior agrees that a busier schedule forces her to stay committed to her activities and focused on her goals. She exemplifies how at Merrimack a well-rounded work ethic academically and in extracurricular activities equals success.

The Women's Lacrosse team opens its season Friday, March 19th at Dowling at 4:00 P.M.

## Cristina Lucin's Next Step

By Jill Bradford  
*Feature Writer*

Often times, the discipline and dedication required in collegiate athletics are, although on a lesser scale, compared to that of the military. No one at Merrimack may be able to draw such connections better than Cristina Lucin, a senior on the women's tennis team from Wesley Chapel, Florida, who spent her freshman year at West Point before transferring to the University of South Florida where she joined the Coast Guard, before finally ending up at Merrimack.

Last year, the tennis team finished 14-3 in singles and 13-4 in doubles, while making the NCAA Tournament for the first time in school history. Although having graduated four seniors since last season, this year, the women's tennis team is ready for a larger title.

"Our 2010 goal is to make the NE-10 Tournament and try and get ranked in the NCAA East Region," head coach Chris Stevens commented. The team will be led by two seniors: Cristina Lucin and Caitlin Dunn.

Lucin's military experiences have played a significant role in her life and have proved transferable towards her success at Merrimack. She currently serves in the Coast Guard Reserves as a Petty Officer, First Class. Her experiences include working in the Sector Boston Command Center where she was responsible for search and rescue, pollution response, merchant arrivals and departures, and marine events. In 2005, Lucin deployed to Lake Charles, Louisiana for Hurricane Katrina recovery and response. In 2008, she was selected to deploy to Naples, Italy

for a joint operation with the U.S. Navy.

Lucin's leadership impact on the squad has been commendable. "There is a direct correlation between Cristina's military history and on court success. She is very disciplined and determined and these traits have helped her on the court and will continue to do so in her daily life," Stevens commented. Although Lucin chose Merrimack for its academic programs, Division II tennis



turned out to be the right fit for her compared to West Point's Division I team.

As a Criminology major, Lucin's worldly experience in the military has played a significant role. This past semester she took part in a Criminology Internship with Neighborhood Legal Services in Lawrence, Massachusetts. Associate Professor of Sociology Dr. Karen Hayden commented, "Cristina is a well-rounded person who balances a lot of responsibilities and makes it look easy. She excels at academics, on the tennis

team, and with her work in the Coast Guard." Upon graduation, Lucin plans to get her PhD in Sociology by continuing her education in graduate school. She has applied to seven different programs throughout Boston, Providence, Albany, and Baltimore, to name a few.

Although the life of a student-athlete is demanding, Lucin believes her transition from the Coast Guard to Merrimack was fairly easy. "I was used to having a hectic schedule, so it was nice to have my schedule be constant. It was also nice being able to focus on school after being so focused on Coast Guard operations," Lucin said. The positive impact Merrimack athletics have had on Lucin in her short time here is obvious when she concluded, "Merrimack provided me a great opportunity to play tennis in college again. It's definitely the end to a large chapter in my life. Being able to compete as part of a team has been an invaluable experience."

# Sports

## Lady Warriors fall to Saint Anselm

By Kayla Morong '12  
Sports Editor

Saturday February 6, Merrimack College women's basketball played Saint Anselm College at home, losing 74 -60. It was Saint Anselm's first win at the Volpe Athletic Center in ten years. In the beginning of the game, Saint Anselm took a quick 4-0 lead over the Warriors, but that did not stop them from putting up a fight. The Warriors answered taking a six point lead with 14:30 left on the clock. With fourteen minutes left in the game, Epiphany Smith of Saint Anselm scored a three pointer to put the Hawks behind by three. With 12:40 minutes left in the game, it was tied 12-12 until Morgan Frame of the Hawks scored two points to give Saint Anselm a two point lead. The Hawks exhibited great ball movement throughout the remainder of the first half, causing them to increase their lead by fifteen with less than forty seconds left. Given the Hawks lead, the Lady Warriors continued to hustle until the end of the first half. With a second to go in the half, Sarah Benischek hit a three pointer at the buzzer to make the Warriors down by eleven. The final score of the first half was 29-41, Saint Anselm leading.

To start out the second half, Saint Anselm had possession of the ball. The Hawks continued to make their shots from the outside causing them to keep a comfortable lead against the Warriors. Merrimack worked hard on the floor, but had a difficult time getting their shots off from the field. Saint Anselm sur-

passed the Lady Warriors, giving them their first win after losing two straight.

After a fall to the Hawks, the Lady Warriors quickly recovered to post an 80-65 defeat over the Stonehill Skyhawks. With the win, the Warriors improved their record to 9-14 and the Skyhawks fell to a

17-8 record. The Warriors are now 7-11 in the NE-10 Conference. To start out the first half of the game, the Lady Warriors scored the first basket that set the pace for the rest of the game, keeping ahead of the Skyhawks the entire game. Both teams shot well from the field, but the Warriors were 53% from the field causing them to outscore the Skyhawks in the first half. Overall, the Warriors had an exceptional first half exhibiting great teamwork on the court. Sarah Benischek scored a high of 16 points in the first half, a season high for Benischek. After half time, the Lady Warriors continued to stay on top. With a minute into the second half, Merrimack increased their lead by eleven over the Skyhawks and proceeded to extend their lead. Benischek led the game as high scorer with 28 points, putting the Warriors above the Skyhawks. The Warriors recovered well from their loss against St. Anselm; let's hope the Warriors can pull off another win against sixth seeded UMASS Lowell on Saturday, February 13 at 2:00 PM in the Costello Gym in UMASS Lowell's Cushing Field Complex.



~Photo by Courtney Cutler~

## #1 Stonehill vs. #3 Merrimack

By Mark Lindquist '11  
Staff Writer

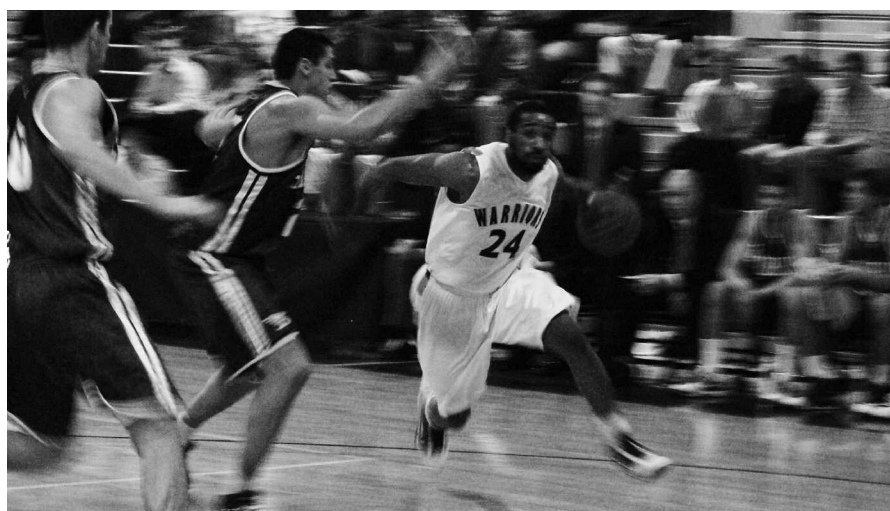
Losing to #1 Stonehill earlier in the season on the road, the Merrimack Warriors led by Head Coach Bert Hammel hosted the team with the best record in the NE-10 conference at home looking to improve their standings in the conference. Stonehill held an 18-4 overall record with a 15-2 record in the NE-10 and Merrimack held a 14-6 record overall with a 12-5 record in the NE-10. The Warriors #1 ranked scoring offense at 74.6 points per game in the 1st half got into immediate rhythm and stayed dialed-in for the entire 1st half. With the Stonehill defense watching senior point guard Darren Duncan and junior forward Darin "Dee" Mency very closely, they were trying to contain the Warrior's two star players and make the rest of the team beat them. That strategy did not work very well for Stonehill as sophomore guard Wayne Mack used his great acceleration to get dribble penetration attacking the defense to make nifty finishes and get to the free-throw line. Mack has had some cold snaps during the year espe-

cially from outside shooting but he is a very good interior driver who finishes his layups. Mack finished the game with 19 points with 7 of 12 shooting and 5 of 6 at the line. Dee Mency finished the game with only 13 points but caught fire shooting the ball in the 1st half. Merrimack's defense with Duncan, Mack, and sophomore Roland Davis produced Stonehill turnovers and held Stonehill stars forward A.J. Rudowitz and guard Randall Stallworth to below 10 points in the 1st half. The Warriors ended the half leading 42-35.

The second half was the complete opposite of the first half.

The Warriors offense that had been clicking and maintaining their hot streak had suddenly become ice-cold. The Warriors were held to only 24 points, a little more than half of their first half totals and were defeated 74-66 when all was said and done. Roland Davis had a hot hand in the second half hitting multiple three pointers and long two point jump shots to keep his team within striking distance after they lost the lead. Davis finished the game tied with Mack for the game lead in points with 19. Stonehill's defense in the second half kept the Warriors offense completely out of any real flow, got defensive stops,

and produced some very rare Darren Duncan turnovers. Stonehill pestered and bothered Duncan and held the Merrimack point guard to only 10 points and 5 assists with a low shooting percent at the end of regulation. Merrimack's bench consisting of Tyler Young, Craig Woehner, and Juan Carlos Rosich had limited minutes and were not able to make any offensive contributions. A huge factor in the game was bench scoring, as Stonehill's bench outscored Merrimack's bench 17-0. Young did have a solid game doing what he does best, making great hustle plays, playing strong low-post defense, and grabbing rebounds. Stonehill star A.J. Rudowitz had a better second half and finished the game with a double-double, 13 points and 11 rebounds. Stonehill shooting stayed solid at just over 51% and Merrimack's shooting after their second half cold snap fell to about 37% to finish the game. Despite their loss the Warriors are still holding on to the #3 spot in the conference with a record of 14-7 overall with a 12-6 record in the NE-10. Merrimack still has work to do before the NE-10 tournament and playoffs.



~Photo by Courtney Cutler~



# Sports



## Hockey splits its two games at home

By Michael Salvucci '10  
Staff Writer

The Men's Hockey team gained a vital two points over the weekend with their 3-1 win over #18 UMass Lowell last Saturday here at Lawler Arena. The Warriors came out much differently than they did the night before against Northeastern University. That game, which may come back to bight the Warriors, was considered to have playoff implications. The Warriors, who were at the time trailing Northeastern by only three points in the standings, would have come within one point and hold the series tie breaker.

However, they rebounded on Saturday. The defense played particularly well only allowing 21 shots the entire night, the ones they did let through were rushed and for the most part not great chances. "They didn't have many chances and we had plenty. It was a real good response out of a team that didn't play the way it was capable of (Friday) night", said Coach Denehy.

Lowell got on the board first but the Warriors put their 2nd ranked national power play to work early in the second with a goal from Jeff Velleca just 17 seconds in. Velleca took a pass from Brandon Brodhag and knocked it behind the Lowell goaltender.

The scoring continued in the

third period with junior captain Chris Barton wristed a pass from Da Costa past Hutton from just outside the faceoff circle. Just sixty seconds later, Flanigan lit his first lamp of the year with another assist



Junior Chris Barton beats UNH's Foster glove side  
~Photo by Michael Salvucci~

from Da Costa. This marked Flanigan's first goal of the year and Da Costa's 32nd point. The Warriors will faceoff against Vermont tonight and tomorrow in Burlington, Vermont against the UVM Catamounts. The Warriors last faced Vermont at home in late October and beat them 5-2.

### Playoff Bound?

The Warriors currently sit in ninth place in Hockey East. The

top eight teams make the Hockey East tournament, a tournament the Warriors haven't seen since the 2003-2004 season.

There have been high hopes for this team this year, perhaps too

East tournament they need to get points every weekend. Here's a look at what rest of the season might look like:

Split the series this weekend against UVM get two points out of it (reasonable to hopeful judging by their away record so far, 0-12).

Beat UMass at home next weekend but lose on the road

Drop the Tuesday game at Boston College  
Split the Maine series at home

Sweep Providence to end the year

That leaves the warriors with a 5-4 record from here on out and 24 points in Hockey East. They should be on the inside of the playoff picture with that record, but it of course depends on other teams' play and how they finish out the season.

The Warriors will need some solid play from its defense and their goaltenders the rest of the season. At times, the increased scoring ability has taken away from the bread and butter that has made up the team in the past, defense. If the team can get back to blocking shots, keeping opponents out of the shooting lane and still maintain their offensive game they should be in good shape.

high. After dropping two to North Dakota the Warriors went 6-1, with their one loss against Boston College at their barn. Three straight losses to Hockey East opponents brought the fans back down to Earth.

There is no doubt about it, this team is the best team that the program has seen in years. When it comes down to it, the first line is down right scary, and the other three all have the ability to score.

That being said, if the Warriors want a shot at the Hockey

## The Shining Saints

By Mark Lindquist '11  
Staff Writer

With anticipation due to the end of the Pro Bowl reaching its ultimate peak, The NFC Champions New Orleans Saints and the AFC Champion Indianapolis Colts finally took the field for the final battle of gridiron supremacy in the 2010 Super Bowl. With arguably most of the nation cheering for the Saints, Super Bowl 2010 broke almost a 30 year TV viewing record at 106.5 million defeating the finale of the M\*A\*S\*H series by over 500,000 viewers. In a game loaded with long drives and times of possession, goal-line stands, amazing throws, solid running, clutch kicking, and great defensive plays, it was the New Orleans Saints that were holding the Vince Lombardi Trophy when all of the smoke had cleared. The final score was New Orleans 31 over Indianapolis 17 in the highly anticipated offensive duel between quarterbacks Drew Brees and Peyton Manning.

The 1st quarter belonged to the Colts as Peyton Manning showed that he was reading the Saints' de-

fense like a map. First of all, the offensive line of the Colts was a cohesive brick wall that manhandled every single pass rusher that tried to pressure Manning all game long. Against my previous prediction, Colts starting running back Joseph Addai ran down the throats of the Saints' front-7 for multiple 1st downs. The Saints' offense experienced cobwebs with Brees and his receivers not connecting, and defensive end Dwight Freeney recording an early sack on Brees. The Colts took a 10-0 lead into the 2nd quarter with Manning hitting rookie receiver Pierre Garcon who ran past Saints safety Roman Harper, and veteran kicker Matt Stover splitting the uprights with a field goal.

The Saints offense in the 2nd quarter started to click with Brees, and their defense bended to Manning but did not break and forced the Colts to punt the ball. After a careless drop in the 1st quarter, Saints receiver Marques Colston became Brees' #1 target and caught multiple passes for 1st downs. Colston finished the game leading his team with 7 catches for 83 yards. With the Saints at the Colts' 2 yard

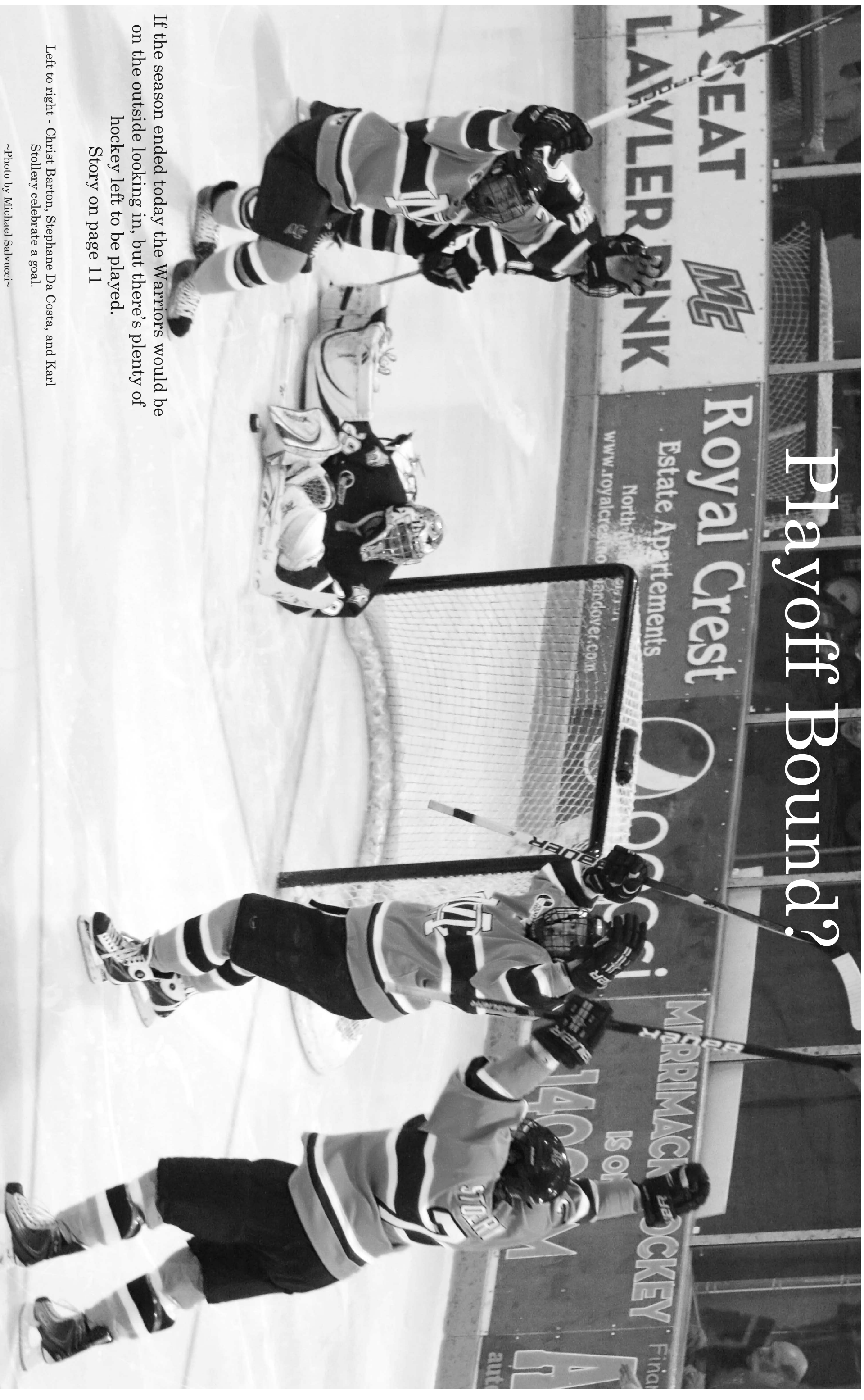
line and knocking on the doorstep, the Colts defense twice crashed through the Saints blockers to stop running back Pierre Thomas dead in his tracks. Colts linebacker Gary Brackett led the goal-line stand and all players in tackles with 12. With 2 other possessions, the Saints left it up to rookie kicker Garrett Hartley who arguably had the weight of the world on his shoulders. Hartley was smooth as silk as two 40+ yard field goals split the uprights. Hartley would later hit a 3rd kick for a Super Bowl record 3 good kicks form beyond 40 yards. Going into halftime, the Colts narrowly led the Saints 10-6.

The Saints lined up in normal formation for the kickoff and the Colts were in normal coverage 25 yards away, but their kicker made a last second turn and chipped the ball towards the sideline for an on-side kick with Head Coach Sean Payton telling his players to move. The Saints recovered the ball to the chagrin of Peyton Manning who had his helmet on ready to go. Drew Brees immediately marched his offense down the field hitting Pierre Thomas on a screen play brilliantly

dodging 4 defenders and diving into the end zone for a 13-10 lead. Peyton Manning was not rattled as he stayed sharp hitting receiver Dallas Clark through tight throwing lanes. Running back Joseph Addai stormed into the end zone to cap the drive. After the Hartley kick, the Colts running attack ended with Saints linebacker Jonathan Vilma burying Addai for losses and Manning failing to hit his targets through zone packages.

Entering the 4th quarter, the Colts were holding a 17-16 lead. The Saints marched down the field again with Brees this time hitting tight end Jeremy Shockey for a touchdown. Going for 2, receiver Lance Moore held on to the ball for dear life and crossed the line for the conversion to make it 24-17. On the Colts next drive with Manning looking for Reggie Wayne, Saints corner Tracy Porter jumped the pass and took off to ice the game at 31-17. Drew Brees finished the game as Super Bowl MVP tying a Super Bowl record 32 completions, with 288 yards and 2 touchdowns. Congratulations New Orleans!

# Playoff Bound?



If the season ended today the Warriors would be on the outside looking in, but there's plenty of hockey left to be played.

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Left to right - Christ Barton, Stephane Da Costa, and Karl Stollery celebrate a goal.

~Photo by Michael Salvucci~