Merrimack...Da Costa has landed

Freshman forward, Stephane Da Costa, netted a hat trick in the span of ten minutes and scored five goals total against last weekend’s 6-3 win over Army.

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If you’ve seen the movie Mean Girls, you probably remember the quote of “Halloween is the one night a year when girls can dress like a total slut and no other girls can say anything about it.” While this quote may have some truth to it, classy girls know that it is, in fact, possible to go too far.

Mean Girls depicted the two extremes of costume choices. Lindsay Lohan costumed herself with a full-on, detailed witches’ garb while her Plastic posse dressed in lingerie. Lingerie and other undergarments are not costumes! Be creative with your costume. The typical girl costume consists of some kind of low-cut top, a short skirt or shorts, high heels or boots that go up the leg, and either knee-high stockings or fishnets. Boring and lackluster! You will look like every other girl, whether you are dressed as Wonder Woman, a referee, a fairy, or a variation of a princess. Yes ladies, there are still ways to look sexy without revealing your entire body to the world. Which reminds me, if you do choose a costume that includes short skirt/shorts, please remember to wear undergarments. October is chilly....and nevermind windy! Also, if you chose a costume and you can see your refection in its shiny, pleather-like material, put it DOWN and WALK AWAY. Nothing good can come from such an outfit.

Look up crafty costumes on your own. Google is your friend. I am sure you can come up with something that is one of a kind and appropriately accentuates your physical features without dressing up in lingerie. Think about it, you want to leave something to the imagination of those that will be checking you....ermm complimenting you on your costume. Look good, have fun, and be safe!

By Abigail Clark
Copy Editor
School News

Zeta Tau Alpha fronts war on cancer

By Shannon Nickerson
Staff Writer

It goes without saying that cancer is a horridous and shocking disease that has affected millions of families and continues to haunt the medical realm with its mystery. According to the Susan G. Komen website, in 2009, an estimated 192,370 new cases of breast cancer will be diagnosed in American women.

The two leading factors of breast cancer are gender and age. In 1960, the risk of women who lived to be 85 developing breast cancer was one in fourteen. Statistics have since shown that one out of eight American women who live to be 85 will develop breast cancer. These statistics show that the rate has increased by almost half in about 50 years. Breast cancer diagnosed in American women account for more than one in four cancers, with the exclusion of skin cancers.

Breast cancer is developed when cells in the breast divide and grow without normal control. It is the second leading cause of cancerous death in women, after lung cancer. About 85% of breast cancers develop in the mammary ducts, while the other 15% develop in the lobules.

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. This month is dedicated to raising money through many charities to fund research for breast cancer treatments. The most well known breast cancer research foundation is the Susan G. Komen Foundation. While the American Cancer Society is dedicated to finding cures, the Susan G. Komen Foundation focuses primarily on breast cancer.

There have been some new breakthroughs recently with early detection of breast cancer. Though there is no cure for breast cancer, there are some different treatment options that can help if the disease is caught early enough. The new breakthrough that helps with early detection is BSGI (Breast-Specific Gamma Imaging). This is a test that looks at how the cells and tissues of the breast are functioning. There is no cure for breast cancer, rather than just looking at a picture of the breast. This helps find the cancer before it becomes invasive. This is revolutionary in the medical world because it is one more step towards early detection. If you can find the cancer early, there is a better chance that you can have successful treatment. Mammograms miss about 15% of cancers before they are invasive. If scientists can create a test that catches just that 15%, hundreds of lives could be saved. This new test is available in about 50 medical centers in the United States right now.

Although there are many deaths related to breast cancer, there are also many cases of survival and hope. These cases are inspirational and the stories of the struggle are amazing. The strength that breast cancer patients and their families have and the bond that forms around a group of people involved with someone who is fighting breast cancer are truly unique. There are many survival stories right here at Merrimack and many ways that students and staff can get involved in the fight against breast cancer this month.

Zeta Tau Alpha is the sorority on campus that is a philanthropic representative of breast cancer. Each year, they hold an auction for breast cancer in the spring and they sell t-shirts in the fall. This year, the t-shirts are cameo printed and say “Fight Like a Girl” on the front and “Think Pink” on the back. They will be sold on Main St. in the Sak and if you are interested, you can always tell a sister that you want to buy a shirt! The t-shirts are $12 each and the proceeds will go towards finding a cure.

Information From:
http://www5.komen.org/Breast-Cancer/WhatsBreastCancer.html
http://www.networkofstrength.org/information/bcnewstats.php

Shakespeare set to visit Mack...70’s style

By Abigail Clark
Copy Editor

This fall, the OnStagers Dramatic Society at Merrimack has been preparing for their performance of a drama-comedy, Shakespeare’s A Midsummer Night’s Dream. Hours of rehearsal include line memorization, blocking (knowing where to stand and when), choreography, and countless other techniques and skills in order to represent accurately one of Shakespeare’s most famous works. Professor of Fine Arts, Kathleen Sills is the show’s director. To make the show more interesting, she has decided to interpret it in a modernized way. In place of “Ye Olde Shakespeare”, Kathleen has decided to make the theme of the show “70’s Glam Rock”. She has added a beginning scene that depicts some of the cast as college students studying A Midsummer Night’s Dream on their computers. Suddenly, they get sucked into their computers and they find themselves in Shakespeare’s play taking place in the 1970’s. In addition to this new scene Kathleen has added, there will also be some music incorporated in the show. There will be music during scene changes and during a fairy lullaby. The OnStager’s own Jocelyn Cordell and friend Brenden Cooney have written this accompaniment.

Kathleen says that the OnStagers picking Midsummer was a “bold, risky, and courageous choice” because of its difficulty. She mentioned that the show had been performed here at Merrimack about eight or nine years ago. Kathleen praises the cast of 19 actors and actresses, all coming from different levels of experience. She states, “They have done so well with it and they have embraced it. I hope everyone is learning, having fun, and growing.”

Not only does this show incorporate hard work from the cast, crew, and directors, guests artists have also worked with the cast to put the show together. Chair of the English Department, Dr. Marie Plasse, has worked with the cast about the language and speech of Shakespeare. Also, choreographer Wendy Smith will be coming back this fall to work with the cast for a few dance numbers. Wendy has choreographed past shows at Merrimack such as Grease and this past spring’s musical, Urinetown.

The cast for the show includes students representing all class years. They have had to come together from different backgrounds and interests in order to put the show together. Senior Amanda Medeiros, President of the OnStagers says, “This is different from any other show we’ve done and it is very difficult. We are all coming together as one to help each other to produce a good show.” Vice President Lindsey Scarpitta says “At the beginning, we were worried because we had never done Shakespeare before but we as a cast have pulled together to show how funny this show is. If you sit back and watch your cast-mates, you go ‘Wow! This going to be a really great show.’ Since it is a risk for our school to do this show, it has been a good risk to take.”

Only a few weeks remain before the show’s opening night of Thursday, November 12 at 8 PM. The show will run that Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at 8 PM and also a 2 PM matinee on Saturday. Tickets will be on sale that week on Main Street. Do your best to attend the show and support your thespian classmates!
"Pep"ing for Homecoming

By Nicole Meaney

Would you consider yourself physically and mentally tough? Would you be willing to sacrifice yourself for the good of the team? Or would you make excuses and just give up? The Merrimack Men’s Lacrosse team was put to the test last month on their strength as a team and as individuals.

The Men’s Lacrosse team competed in a two-day fitness program called “Judgment Day.” Judgment Day is run by "The Program Athletics" Eric designed The Program Athletics based on the experiences he went through. After Eric was injured in the leg. Somehow, Eric managed to pull himself out of the water, sit upright and put his hands on his hips. Six of Eric’s fellow Marines were killed on that fateful day. Eric made the commitment to his passed teammates that he would put their children through college. Eric competed in many events including several Ironman’s as well as countless marathons and triathlons to raise money for their college fund. His story was inspiring to the Merrimack Men’s Athletes. "At first I imagined that Eric is the way he is because of the experiences he went through. After listening and watching Eric in action it is obvious to see that his accident didn’t make him the way he is," flute Schiellieke, a sophomore defensive "The Program Athletics based on the program’s three core principles: We are mentally and physically tough, we don’t make excuses, and we work hard." The Athletics are often reminded of these core principles during the tough exercises of Judgment Day. The two day program consists of one day on land and one day in the water. "The first day was on dry land with push-ups, sit-ups, and running with 50 pound sandbags, and lifting heavy logs as a team." Nick Maggio, a sophomore midfielder explained. Pete Schiellieke said on the second day "we did physical exercises like swimming and treading water. We had to tread water for 15 minutes in our sweat suits. The idea was to create an environment where we were uncomfortable, but had to think about our team mates before ourselves.”

Judgment Day certainly seems to have brought the team closer together. Although the program was physically demanding, the players said it was an experience that they will never forget. "The thing I remember most about Judg ment Day was day two, fourth quarter and knowing that you had nothing left to give, it doesn’t matter about your pain, all that matters is the warrior on your right and left," Jordan Tiger another sophomore midfielder said. Nick Maggio thought the greatest part of Judgment Day was "that I learned was, how to dig down your immune system. Two direct causes of colds are: touching your skin or surfaces that have germs and then touching your nose or eyes; inbreathing mucus that is full of germs. The best thing to do if you feel like you're getting sick is to rest. Rolest helps prote ct you from the elements and allows your immune system to regain strength. By following simple steps like washing your hands often will help prevent you from catching a cold.

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By Alex Gallant

By Shannon Nickerson

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As children, our parents always told us to bundle up so we wouldn’t catch a cold. An interesting fact that I found is that it has never been scientifically proven that weather effects the causes of a cold. There is no evidence that colds are caused by becoming chilled or over-heated or from exposure to the cold.

Certainly factors that effect your immune system increase the chances of getting a cold, but they are not the direct cause of the cold. It is not recommended to expose yourself to cold conditions because that begins to wear down your immune system.

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Humor or Truth?

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Meet the Beacon

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Major: English & Elementary Education with Moderate Disabilities
Years at Beacon: 2
Beacon position: Copy Editor
Reason for joining the Beacon: Never had a school newspaper in high school and wanted to try something new
Favorite Beacon Article: First issue this year...first issue in color ever!
Favorite Newspaper: The Boston Globe
What does the Beacon need: More writers!
Favorite Beacon Activity: Interviewing people
Favorite part of Merrimack: Friendly & accepting students, professors, faculty members, and staff
Job: Rite Aid slave at home, student worker at Registrar's Office
Favorite Food: Coffee ice cream with chocolate chips
Favorite Musical artist: Billy Joel
Favorite TV show: Law and Order: Special Victims Unit
Favorite movie: Cruel Intentions
Favorite Activities: Spending time with friends, playing with my niece and nephew
If you had to be one animal, what would you be? Hamster
Long-term goal: To have something published on a national level
Short-term goal: To survive Western Civ!
What would you do for a Klondike Bar: Not too much...I don’t like them that much

Department of Network Services would like to warn students of a recent facebook spam plaguing campus.

If you receive any strange sounding facebook messages such as “heyyyyyy checkkk out this coooool new video”.....DON’T CLICK ON IT

Instead forward such email or print our a copy of the message and bring it to the IT department in the library.

Use your best discretion on opening emails and messages, even from people you may know. If it sounds kind of fishy....it probably is!

Write for the Beacon!!!

If you or anyone you know is interested in writing for the Beacon please contact us at merrimackbeacon@gmail.com!!
By Kim Hartshorn  
Staff Writer

If you are a “geek”, or if you simply enjoy time spent in the company of the socially-awkward and exceedingly intelligent, The Big Bang Theory is the perfect night time viewing solution. Created and produced by Chuck Lorre (known for Two and a Half Men and Dharma and Greg), the show is a comedy and the result of a geek-inspired program that will constantly keep you laughing. Its scholarly humor will have some individuals scratching their heads and wondering what is so funny, while those who get the jokes are laughing so hard that their stomachs start to hurt and they have tears streaming down their cheeks. The best part is that Big Bang never gets old. The perfectly timed jokes seem to get funnier each time an episode is viewed.

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The character of Sookie also attests to the fact that there are several different ways to approach writing about vampires. Many novels attempt to deal with vampire myths – what they wish to sell as true or false. Do vampires burn in the sunlight? Do they sleep in coffins? The answers differ depending on which novel you choose to read. There are other novels which focus more on the attraction that humans have towards vampires. This is where the vampire romance genre was born. Unlike many vampire romance authors, Charlaine Harris does not go into graphic dramatic detail regarding the erotic and horror present in so many books within the vampire romance genre. Instead, she focuses on plot and mystery, which could be due to the fact that she has published several mystery novels.

The me n around her are alwa ys trying to protect her and all she wants is for them to believe that she can take care of herself. So many novels have the woman cast in the “damsel in distress” role and the man always has to come in and save the day. It is nice to be able to pick up a novel and be greeted with a heroine that is able to take matters into her own hands and defy the men that think she should just stand around and look pretty.

Dead Until Dark is the beginning of the Sookie Stackhouse universe, but it is certainly not the end. There are eight more books within the series and Charlaine Harris has signed a contract to write three more in the next few years. Even within this novel are those you either grow to love or to hate, but certainly not those you simply dismiss. Once you have discovered the vampires (maybe even some werewolves and shapeshifters too), you will find yourself immersed in fantasy and waiting eagerly for the epic to continue.

Book Review: Dead Until Dark

By Kim Hartshorn  
Staff Writer

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Entertainment

Big Bang Theory resonates loudly

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people interested is the relationship that develops between Leonard and Penny. The entire audience, not just the geeks, continues to root for Leonard in his attempt to become more than friends with Penny. However, something always seems to thwart his efforts. One would think that this plot would get old quickly and the writers would give it up and move on to something new. However, as season three of the series begins, the tension continues to exist between the two characters. Someone, the plot has not lost its interest and ability to captivate the audience. One might even argue that the chemistry between these two personalities is so strong that it makes the plot and the situations presented more intriguing to the viewers.

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The student activity fee increase has passed, and honestly I could not agree with the student body more. Increasing the fee will provide the students with better activities and more club support. However, I have heard from multiple sources that the decrease at the “polis” that concern me.

In just a few months I will graduate and be honored to be able to call myself a political scientist. The outcome of this bill, however, is making on the ballot. Therefore, I have heard numerous reports about how an eight year age difference was too much, and even more reports that it was completely unfounded. It is certainly should not be advertising how to vote at the voting table (even though we here at The Beacon agree with SGA’s opinion).

Furthermore, those conducting the polling should be as professional as possible, which means they should not watch what selection the voter is making on the ballot.

We are more than delighted at the outcome of this bill, however, next time; we hope that the voting can be conducted smoothly and without incident.

Michael Salvucci
Editor-in-Chief
Is Merrimack losing its Catholic Identity?

By Tim Iannacone Beacon Contributor

As Merrimack comes close to the middle of the first semester, many professors as well as students have been reviewing Merrimack’s newly revised mission and vision statement. As several know, the mission statement begins by pronouncing that Merrimack’s mission is to enlighten minds, engage hearts, and empower lives. This coincides with Augustine’s rule which ultimately is learning, loving, and living. As we delve deeper into the vision statement there are many aspects of diversity contributing and preparing the student for the future. Still some are saddled due to the fact that the vision statement includes the word Catholic but once. Diversity within our College should be respected and all religious beliefs should be welcomed, but let us not lose our own identity in order to adapt as well as relate to other religious beliefs and the surrounding communities. The founding members of our college would be delighted and heartbroken by what Merrimack’s Catholic identity has become. We cannot blame the College for losing its identity but rather the student losing their own religious identity. It is the way we are raised by our parents which can have an influence on our religious beliefs. Most students at Merri- mack, predominantly Catholic, apply to Merrimack because it is Catholic but also because the parents perceived the notion of the College being safe because it is Catholic. Even if it is safe, students who participate religiously on campus are slim to none. As a Roman Catholic College promoting education of higher learning, Merrimack in the light of other Catholic Colleges is losing ground. We as a community must not only live up to our Augustinian tradition but our Catholic tradition which stretches even farther. We must remember that “religion is doing: a man does not merely think his religion or feel it, he “lives” his religion as much as he is able, otherwise it is not religion but fantasy or philosophy”. It is not only up to Merrimack’s faculty and staff to decide the Colleges identity, but the student as well. So even if you are a student or faculty/staff member, ponder to yourself the question and ask is Merrimack losing its Catholic identity?

When it comes to dating, what are the age boundaries we are willing to push?

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I told her about having met someone older and as she listened, she encouragingly nodded and inserted phrases like “that’s fantastic” and “men are naturally, more mature at that age anyway.” I couldn’t figure out if she felt bad for me in some way and believed being over sympathetic would cure my doubts or more likely, there was something beneath the surface that was causing her to over identify. In turn, I asked her how her weekend had transpired to which I received a sudden silence, followed by a short “great.” Since when did Chrissy suddenly have nothing social to elaborate on? I prodded her for more information until finally, she admitted to having started a physical relationship with a freshman soccer player at my old school. She swiftly continued her story saying that she really didn’t deem a three-year age difference as much of a fuss but did however feel the need to send me a string of Facebook pictures illustrating his good looks. If she really felt that his younger age was a non-issue than why did she continue to seek my approval as she described their night out? She informed me that after going for dinner with him the previous evening, a group of freshman girls had given her scoffing faces on their walk home. “It’s probably because you’re talking about it in the good looking guys from their age group off the market.” Have you asked him what he thinks about the situation?” I said. “He says talking about it is ridiculous. I think he’s trying to make himself seem older and nonchalant about the whole thing. Plus what does he care? He’s lucky to be hooking up with a senior.”

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The discrepancy between ages is not merely the menace of relationships but instead, its not having reached a point in life when the turns ahead are not so drastic. Though there’s probably little harm in trying to make it succeed, be warned: the distinction in the number of years between you in truth, may be the number of years you’re giving up.

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If you would like to submit your own opinion article or rebutt one you’ve read
Police Log

10/13/2009 01:26 Noise Complaint
Caller reports a large group of students outside of Santagati who appear to be intoxicated and are making a lot of noise. Officers respond, but the students are unable to be located upon arrival and all is quiet and normal. Units clear.

10/14/2009 18:31 Unwanted-Guest/Person
A call was received from the Campus Center regarding four (4) non-students who refused to leave the basketball courts. Officers respond and report sending the four individuals on their way without further incident. Units clear.

10/16/2009 16:00 Larceny-Theft
Warrior’s Den called MCPD to report that four male students were observed taking sodas from the outside display case of the Warrior’s Den. Officers responded and report that a total of four drinks were taken. The incident is under investigation.

10/17/2009 23:28 Disturbance-Disorderly
All units respond to the Townhouses for reports of a fight in progress. Fight is broken up. Officers report one in custody.

10/17/2009 23:29 Arrest-No Warrant
Officers report that a resident student, age 19, is under arrest for Assault and Battery in the presence of an officer and disorderly conduct. Student has been transported to Andover Police Dept. for booking. Units clear.

10/17/2009 23:33 Suspicious Odor
An officer was dispatched to Ash for a suspicious odor. Officer reports speaking with resident students about the incident. Resident life will be following up.

10/18/2009 00:03 Medical- Coll. Issue
MCPD receives a call reporting a person passed out on the ground behind the Townhouses. Officers respond and AFD is notified. Individual is a non-student and refuses medical treatment. The subject is allowed to leave campus with a friend after signing a waiver. Units clear.

Questions on the Quad
By Ashley Sarris & Abigail Clark

What are you being for Halloween?

Russell from the movie, “Up!”
-Brian Colby, Class of 2011

Dorothy.
-Rebecca Provost, Class of 2010

An 80’s chick.
-Kaley Richard, Class of 2012

A Powerpuff girl with my roommates!
-Kayla Morong, Class of 2012

Are you afraid of getting H1N1?

I think it is like the avian (bird) flu and it’ll be over in a month.
-Olivia Trabelsi, Class of 2012

Yes, because I’m from Thailand and I travel on planes a lot. Sometimes I wear a mask.
-EK Kiapatcharapol, Class of 2012

I think it’s blown out of proportion.
-Mike Walton, Class of 2012

It’s not a good thing but it’s not like it’s the Black Death.
-Katie Miller, Class of 2012
Upcoming Athletic Home Events

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Halloween Crossword Puzzle (Difficult)

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4. Spookiest night of the year
5. Known for casting spells
6. The month Halloween is in
7. Monument found in a graveyard
8. Place where the dead reside
9. Drink’s blood by night to survive
10. Favorite food of zombies
11. Loud noise in a storm
12. Edgar Allen Poe disliked this bird
13. Directions for cooking treats
14. A lycanthrope by the full moon
15. Pirates use this on their flag
16. A place where coffins are stored
17. Sound made when very frightened
18. A reanimated corpse

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Sports

Hats off to Da Costa

By Mark Lindquist

The 2009-2010 Merrimack College hockey team under Head Coach Mark Dennehy is off to a solid 2-2 beginning of a long season. Opening on the road, the Warriors traveled west to face the University of North Dakota for a doubleheader. They got off to a slow start defensively as they surrendered 5 goals on 40 shots from UND in a 5-2 loss. Sophomore goaltender Joe Cannata was under fire all game and recorded 35 saves.

On the offensive side, junior captain forward Chris Barton and senior forward Justin Bentatibus both found the back of the net for their first goals of the year. Senior captain defenseman Pat Bowen and junior forward Francois Ouimet recorded an assist apiece. Junior forward Joe Cucci recorded 2 assists and led the team with a +2 on +/-.

In their next game, UND handed the Warriors a tough loss, losing 3-2. Starting this game was senior goaltender Andrew Braithwaite. Braithwaite saved 32 out of total 35 shots in a hard-fought game. Chris Barton continued his strong play with 2 of his 4 shots zipping into the net. Sophomore center Jesse Todd assisted both Barton goals and senior forward J.C. Robitaille recorded an assist of his own.

Returning home to just over 1,800 fans, Merrimack brought serious intensity to Lawler Arena, winning both games in their home openings. Merrimack’s 1st line of Jesse Todd, Chris Barton, and J.C. Robitaille dominated offensively scoring 1 goal apiece as Merrimack entered a 3-consecutive game winning streak with approaching games against the University of Vermont (1st Hockey East game) as well. Da Costa gave Merrimack an early 3-0 lead in the 1st period scoring 3 consecutive goals. Francois Ouimet scored his first goal of the season, giving Merrimack an insurance goal in the 2nd period. In the third period, Da Costa was not yet finished with his offensive onslaught as he netted 2 more scores in the 3rd period for a grand total of 5 goals. When all was said and done, the Warriors handed Army an emphatic defeat 6-3, with goaltender Andrew Braithwaite recording the victory. “Stephane is definitely a special player who made special plays tonight,” said Coach Dennehy. In one game, Stephane entered his name into Hockey East record books. He is the first Hockey East player since NHL star Brian Gionta to score 5 goals in one game and the most goals in a game by a Hockey East freshman since 1989. He is the 1st ever Hockey East player to score a hat trick and 2 additional goals as part of his 1st collegiate goal.

For Merrimack, Stephane Da Costa scored the first hat trick in 4 years and is the first player to score 5 goals since Merrimack joined Hockey East in 1988. Many of Da Costa’s teammates benefitted nicely on the stats sheet from his stellar performance. Joe Cucci and Pat Bowen each recorded 3 assists in the game. In addition, senior forward Pat Kimball, freshman forward John Heffernan, and sophomore defensemen Simon Demers each recorded an assist giving them their first points of the season. My “Unsung Hero Award” for this victory goes to sophomore center Jesse Todd for winning 13 face-offs which led all players. Face-off wins help a hockey team to control puck possession, which in turn lead to scoring chances. Todd also leads the team in +/- with a +5.

The Warriors look to improve their home winning streak with approaching games against the University of Vermont (1st Hockey East game of the year), and the UConn Huskies.

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Chris Barton celebrates his goal against Holy Cross with Stollery. These celebrations are seeming to come more and more frequently. Don’t be surprised to see them continue even into Hockey East Play. 

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The Merrimack Warriors before Homecoming Weekend suffered a very disappointing loss to Assumption 39-36. The Warriors early in the 3rd period were down 30-7 but coming down to the final whistle, they never quit. Sophomore quarterback James Suozzo had an outstanding offensive performance, completing 30 out of 44 passes for 331 yards and 3 touchdowns with only 1 interception. After weeks of making opposing front 7s look silly, the Assumption front 7 somehow held star sophomore running back Anthony Smalls to only 18 rushing yards. Suozzo’s rushing attack made up for it with 17 quarterback keepers for over 100 yards and a TD. Sophomore wide receiver Jeremiah Watts did his best impression of Randy Moss lighting up the Assumption secondary with 15 catches for 215 yards and a touchdown. Senior wide receiver Chris Laham contributed nicely with 11 catches for 96 yards.

Sophomore inside linebacker Shawn Loiseau was constantly around the ball, making 16 tackles and an interception. Senior linebacker Shane Brown and sophomore strong safety Jason Fischer were 2nd on the team, with 9 tackles apiece. Freshman cornerback Jesse Fowler made 6 tackles and his 1st interception of the year. Finally, junior defensive lineman Garrett Boyd made 3 solo tackles with a sack. The loss on the road at Assumption is only a small stumbling block because it is Merrimack’s only conference loss so far this season.

With Merrimack students, parents, and alumni looking on during Homecoming Weekend, the Merrimack Warriors, under Head Coach John Perry, recorded an astounding victory over New Haven, 48-20. The Warriors running attack was unstoppable as the trifecta of quarterback James Suozzo, running back Anthony Smalls, and freshman running back Jimon Hill found the end zone 5 times. Suozzo ran the ball 17 times, accumulating 81 yards and 3 touchdowns. Smalls got back on track after an off day versus Assumption, getting 21 carries for 140 yards and a touchdown. Jimon Hill gave his contribution with a TD of his own.

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The Warriors are now 5-2 with a 4-1 record in conference play, which puts them just behind Bentley University and Southern Connecticut with only 3 games remaining. Merrimack is 2nd in the NE-10 conference and 5th in the nation in scoring offense, putting up 34 points a game. Merrimack also leads in rushing offense with the tandem of Suozzo and Smalls leading the charge. Merrimack also leads in rushing offense with the tandem of Suozzo and Smalls leading the charge. Merrimack is 2nd in the conference in 4th down conversions converting more than half, which may bode well for them in the future. The Warriors have approaching games against American International, 2nd place Southern Connecticut, and Pace University.

Running back Anthony Smalls, pounds the ball up the gut against then undefeated Bentley in the Warrior’s victory over the Falcons

~Photo by Michael Salvucci~

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