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Block Party Brings Boom



The block party ended with a bang.
Photo by Alex Maas

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Amidst all of the upgrades already completed in President Hopey's Agenda for Distinction, one thing has become abundantly clear: the man has a flair for a good time.

From the extravagant inauguration party he threw two years ago, to the implementation of Midnight Madness kicking off winter sports season, the parties have all been a hit. The most recent addition was no exception.

In honor of the grand openings of the new residence halls, Merrimack hosted its first-ever block party. Filled with free food, entertainment and fun activities, the Sakowich parking lot was packed with excited students.

Stands were set up around the parking lot where you could get air brushed tattoos, have your picture taken as if to look like you went abroad, as well as decorate-your-own cookie stations with several topping options provided.

To keep the block party vibe alive, senior Dan Taliaferro, commonly known as DJ T1, provided a stellar setlist that set the tone for

the night before live entertainment came on and took the party home. As if the entertainment wasn't enough, the night ended with a boom – literally. Following the performance, fireworks from Martone-Mejail Field lit up the night sky across campus, sparking an onslaught of Instagram photos that took students several minutes to scroll through.

And who could forget the beer garden? A staple of Merrimack events, the garden allots eager 21-year-olds the unique opportunity to have a cold one with their peers and teachers.

Junior Eddie Cetrone enjoyed thought the beer garden added to his block party experience.

"I thought how the older kids could get together and have a few drinks at the beer garden with their friends at a low price was cool," he said. "I thought hanging out with the teachers was a little weird only because you don't normally see them out in a regular outing. So it was kind of cool and fun to see that but weird at the same time."

If there's one thing college kids love, it's a good party. Kudos, President Hopey.

Merrimack Runs on Dunkin'

Choiwing Kong '15
Staff Writer

Dunkin' Donuts has finally come to Merrimack College this fall semester, 2013. It is the first branded fast-food restaurant on campus. Merrimack College students are happy about the new movement of Dunkin' Donuts. "It's pretty cool to have DD on campus and that I don't have to drive 5 minutes away to grab some coffee and be late for class anymore," says Linda Wu '15, from Merrimack College.

Students used to have coffee either in the Dining Hall or buy them at Zebi, a small café in McQuade Library with limited types of food or drinks offered. There were no other options to have coffee on campus other than going off campus.

Since Dunkin' Donuts opened, people on campus seem to enjoy the new facility so much. "We sell around 400 to 500 cups of coffee a

day" says Pan Devoid, the manager of the new Dunkin' Donuts. It is an impressive sales number by Dunkin' Donuts. It's open 7 days a week from 6am to 9pm, which really satisfies most of the students' needs. "You can have the sandwich at 8am in the morning also at 9pm in the evening" says Pan. Although Dunkin' Donuts does not have special menu for Merrimack, it offers all kinds of food and drinks from day to night.

Students can buy breakfast, lunch and dinner at any time of the day which makes most of people like it better than Zebi, which only sells bagels for breakfast, and sandwiches for lunch and dinner. The existence of Dunkin' Donuts does affect the selling of Zebi's in some way.

Students are able to swipe their Mack card to pay for the meals in Dunkin' Donuts using their Mack points. One Mack point is equal to one dollar. This really benefits students

because Merrimack will offer a certain amount of extra Mack credits to students if they have purchased the meal plan. Students can actually use those free credits to buy Dunkin' Donuts if they want, which saves money for those students that are on a budget.

Dunkin' Donuts is also offering part-time jobs for Merrimack students. "We actually have few college students working here right now," says Pan. Dunkin' Donuts does have a certain contract with Merrimack College, but only high-level group of managers know about the detailing of the split of profits.

It is a successful movement to have Dunkin' Donuts on campus. The nice tables, sofas and the warmed-colored decorations in Dunkin' Donuts automatically makes it a good place to hang out with friends on campus and make the Merrimack daily life more interesting.

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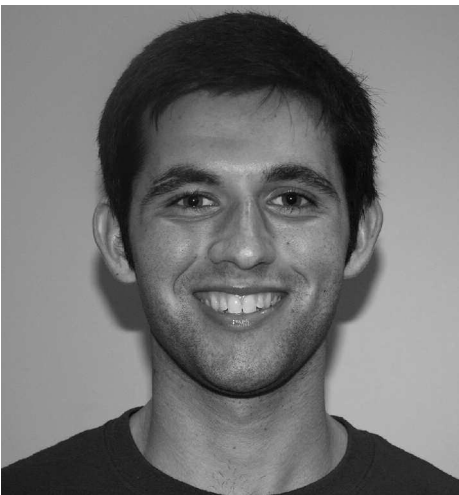
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Questions on the Quad

By Lance Hill '15
What does the fox say?



Tayyab Sheikh '17

“I’m foxy and I know it”



Sarah Connelly '15

“chi chi chi cha dit dit chi do!”



Dionys Quezada '14

“Something like ‘hiahiania”

Curious? See www.youtube.com/watch?v=jofNR_WkoCE

Police Log

September 28

11:08pm- O`Brian RA reports fight outside O`Brian Hall

11:10pm Subjects gone upon arrival. Interviewing witnesses

11:17pm Ofc. interviewed resident students who obtained injuries in the fight

11:25pm Students refused medical treatment. Units checking apartment area for another individual involved in the fight

11:38pm Unable to locate individual

October 4

1:35am-At this time non-student Mark Moran 08/16/1995 of North Reading was placed under arrest for disorderly conduct

9:30pm-Received a complaint of a dark blue SUV driving around Lot 8 squirting people with water. Units were dispatched to check out the area. The vehicle was gone upon arrival.

October 6

1:35am -RA from Degan East requested an officer for an alcohol assessment of an 18 year old male non-student. Units dispatched

andNAFD was notified. The individual was placed on a ventilator and transported to Lawrence General

3:20am -RA from Degan West called requesting an officer for an alcohol assessment. Unit dispatched, and requested NAFD for an unconscious 18 year old male non student. The individual was transported to Lawrence General by NAFD

4:55am-At this time non-student-Mark Saulnier 08/16/1995 of Norwood MA. was placed under arrest for disorderly conduct and trespassing

Joke of the Week

Colin Flannery '14
Staff Writer

A doctor of psychology was doing his normal morning rounds when he entered a patient’s room. He found Patient #1 sitting on the floor, pretending to saw a piece of wood in half. Patient #2 was hanging from the ceiling, by his feet. The doctor asked Patient #1 what he was doing. The Patient replied, “Can’t you see I’m sawing this piece of wood in half?” The doctor inquired what Patient #2 was doing. Patient #1 replied, “Oh, he’s my friend, but he’s a little crazy. He thinks he’s a lightbulb.” The doctor looks up and notices Patient #2’s face is turning red. The doctor asks Patient #1 “If he’s your friend, you should get him down from there before he hurts himself.” Patient #1 replies, “What and work in the dark?!”

Mack Tweets

@NicoleP730
@Merrimack I love hearing the bells go off every hour, especially at 8 when the anthem plays

@supa_hoopa
Hw meetings hw practice hw sleep hw class #thegrind

@paige_laroche
Maybe if people didn’t decide their day will be awful before they even get out of bed just cause its Monday..they'd actually have a good day

@ColinFlannery1
4 words: scratch and sniff tattoos

@dewingurt
Never trust a guy who eats salad

@pmilinazzo
I consider the walk to and from class my cardio for the week #lifestylechoice

@Dunny_M
Its basically impossible to say no to \$1 drafts

@talboss
Just had one of those multiple choice quizzes where every answer seems right. Could be a huge hit or miss #whoknows

@Hey_MARcarena
"I'm gunna order so much Taco Bell it's gunna make your head spin" #huntqoute #shit-thathuntsays



Generation Merr1mack

Tia Roy '15
Staff Writer

First generation (G1) college students represent a significant and growing portion of higher education enrollments. A 2010 study by the Department of Education found that fifty percent of the college population is made up of first-generation students, or those whose parents did not receive education beyond a high school diploma. At Merrimack, approximately forty percent of students are first generation.

Jennifer Engle, author of Postsecondary Access and Success for First-Generation College Students, writes that G1 students face a number of challenges including lower academic preparation, inadequate finances and a lack of support from peers or family. These challenges, among others, make it more difficult for them not only to get into college, but to be successful during college. “It is so important for first generation college students to know that there are other students like them on campus – students who won’t judge them because their parents didn’t go to college,” explains first generation college student Samantha O’Rourke ’16. First generation college students often experience the imposter phenomenon, or the belief they don’t belong on campus. These students are also more likely to work full-time; lack the cultural

capital, or pre-existing forms of knowledge associated with college success; and are less likely to persist to graduation.

In fact, first generation college students are forty percent more likely to drop out within five years of enrollment. Add low-income status to the equation, and this dropout rate increases to eighty-nine percent. Unfortunately, few programs currently exist to support first generation students once they enter college.

To engage the large population of first generation college students, Generation Merr1mack was launched in fall 2012. Generation Merr1mack provides education on what it takes to be successful as a G1 college student; offers opportunities to increase participants’ professional network and knowledge of the support services available; and encourages G1 students to take advantage of experiential learning opportunities often necessary for success

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First-generation college students gather at Merrimack.

Kerry’s Corner

Colleen Quinlan '15
Staff Writer

Kerry Cameron is the newest member of the dietitian program on Merrimack’s campus. Not long ago, Kerry graduated from UMass Amershet in 2012 and does not want students to be shy when they see her on campus. “I am close in age to the students here, I can relate to them when it comes to what they want to see more in the cafe”. Cameron says.

Cameron grew up around the saga of being healthy and fit. With her father being into and working at a gym her senior year of high school, Cameron grew a passion for becoming a nutritionist. “For me it’s such a fun career to be in. I enjoy the clinical and community aspect of it.” Cameron worked in a hospital for three

months as part of her internship and it waseye opening for her. “There are different things that you can do with nutrition that I enjoyed trying them all during my time”.

What Cameron has noticed around campus is how passionate students are when it comes to working out and eating healthy. “I’ve noticed that students care about what they are eating and not having burgers and fries everyday but are trying new healthy options”. Cameron’s main focus right now is students with allergies. “I want to make sure that there is enough food options for the students and they do not feel segregated compared to the others”.

For the future Cameron would like to meet with some of the students part of the Health Science program, and help them get on the right path to become a dietitian. She says, “I want provide healthier options to students, along with the athlete’s to come to the dining hall and eat well before and after their games”.

Cameron has a little section outside the Warrior’s Den where you can get free flavored water, a healthy snack and be able to talk to Kerry with any questions or concerns you may have. “My main job is for students to feel comfortable to talk to me and also to hear what they want to see in the future”. You can find Kerry Cameron every Monday-Thursday from 11:30-1 p.m located outside of the Warrior’s Den at the Nutrition Nook.



Bookstore: Back, Better

Tianfan Chen '16
Staff Writer

This year at Merrimack, we have a brand new bookstore on campus. It is located at in the new hockey rink, right beside Dunkin’ Donuts. The new bookstore is much bigger than the old one in the Sakowich Center. In the new bookstore, there are an array of new products and day-today items students may need. For example, there are new styles of sweat-shirts, sweatpants, new shot glasses, wine glasses, thermoses and leather notebooks. Snacks and shampoos are also available in the new bookstore at the student’s convenience. As opposed to one register at the old bookstore, they’ve expanded and added 4 more registers in the new store. “I feel very happy that we have a bigger place and the new 5 registers really help a lot. And we have more staffs than last year,” Yudenny Castillo, a full time sales assistant in the bookstore shared her thoughts about her new working environment.

There are 15 staff members working at the new bookstore; all of them being students from Merrimack, except for the manager and Yudenny. Although the bookstore is fully staffed now, students who want to work in the bookstore next semester can

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School News

More Room to Get Fit

Andrew Fournier '14
Staff Writer

Students have noticed numerous changes on campus upon their return this semester, one which included a facelift of the gym located in the Sakowich Campus Center.

The expansion of the fitness center offers a great deal to students in comparison to what it had this previous year. Director of Campus Fitness and Recreation Matthew Gordon is very pleased with the renovations that took place,

“We doubled in size from about 4,700 to 9,800 square feet. Along with that, several flat screen televisions were installed and almost all of the equipment here is brand new on lease. This guarantees that after every two years the current equipment within the gym will be replaced.”

With the extra space, more strength and conditioning equipment was installed where the bookstore used to be located. This includes new benches, extra free weights, treadmills, and ellipticals. It’s an added bonus considering more students can work out now without the gym crowded constantly through the day.

Merrimack is also doing its part for the environment as well with the addition of new water fountains which were previously only located in the Volpe Athletic Center. Unlike your typical fountain, this allows an option where you can use your

own water bottle and refill it. By placing the bottle on top of a sensor, the fountain will automatically fill it back up to the top without having to buy a new one.

This encourages students to reuse bottles because it actually keeps track and displays how many plastic bottles didn’t have to be used.

Junior Thomas Gallagher who works out regularly is very impressed with all of the changes that have been made,

“It’s definitely an improvement,” Gallagher said. “There’s a lot more room and it’s great being able to use a variety of new equipment. I personally look forward to coming here a lot more now.”

With the changes seen in the fitness center and in other places around campus, there is no doubting that Merrimack is taking initiative to offer future students the best possible college experience in the area.



New water fountain makes it easy to use refillable bottles.

Fall Feast

By Brea Lucci '13
Staff Writer

Crockpots, also known as slow cookers, are an easy way to make great food. A crockpot is a one-pot dish that makes it simple to cook and clean up. Most crockpots have four cooking options: off, low, high, and warm. The difference between low and high is all about how long a cooking period you need. One of my favorite recipes is beef stew in the crockpot, because it’s not only tasty, but budget-friendly. Beef tips are an affordable cut of meat and are perfect for when the cold weather rolls around.

- Beef Stew
- Ingredients
- 2 pounds of cubed beef stew tips
- 1/2 cups of red wine (I prefer merlot for whenever I cook)
- 1/2 cup of beef broth (I prefer Rachel Ray’s beef stock)
- 2 cans of Campbell’s mushroom soup
- 1 packet of Lipton Onion: Recipe Secrets
- 1 bag of frozen baby peas
- 2-3 large carrots, peel and cut
- 1 pound of small red potatoes (keep skin on), cut into fourths
- 1/2 teaspoon of salt
- 1/2 teaspoon of black pepper

Directions: First make sure the crockpot is clean and then add the beef stew tips; which are precut into cubes at most supermarkets. Add wine, beef broth, soup, lipton onion, salt, pepper and cut up carrots and potatoes. Everything goes in at once besides the baby peas, those cook very quickly and can be added during the last thirty minutes. Stir all the ingredients together and put the crockpot on low for six to eight hours. It is a great meal to prepare in the morning or afternoon that can be left alone and perfect for an easy dinner.

- Places to Buy a Crockpot at College Price
- Target: Crock-Pot Cook N Carry \$34.99
- Target: Crock-Pot Oval \$24.99
- Target: Crock-Pot Round Electric slow Cooker \$15.99
- Sears: Hamilton Beach \$19.99
- Sears: Rival Crock-Pot \$22.37

More Ways to Get Involved

James Sardella '15
Staff Writer

There are many student organizations here at Merrimack College. There are clubs ranging from sororities and fraternities to multicultural experience groups. Some of the clubs and organizations have been around for quite some time while others did not exist until a short time ago.

One organization that has been here at Merrimack for quite some time is the Merrimack Programming Board, or MPB for short. First Years may not be too familiar with this organization yet, but the upperclassmen have definitely been exposed to this group because they put on events such as karaoke in Augie’s Pub and the Spring Concert. To learn more about the Merrimack Programming Board this writer went to speak with MPB Advisor, Rose Dolan, who oversees the executive board and chair members of the organization while assisting in the planning and implementation of the events hosted. Rose mentioned that MPB plans to host a series of events such as a late night movie the third Thursday of every month or having a coffee house once a month.

Rose says she believes joining MPB “...is a great way to get involved on campus. The best part is when people come to the meetings, they are bringing their friends so it is always better to have a suite of people come and be interested in planning the events instead of just one person.”

In order to join MPB, students must maintain a 2.5 or higher GPA. Anyone looking to join can check in with Rose Dolan in the Office of Student Involvement on the 3rd floor of the Sakowich Campus Center or attend an MPB meeting Thursdays at 7pm in Meeting Room B on the 2nd floor of the Campus Center.

Now let’s take a look at one that was founded recently by a student. The Art Warriors is a student art gallery club created last year by Paulina Amato. Current President of the club, Molly Canyes, noted that the art and photos hung up on the walls at Augie’s Pub are the works of the Art Warriors. Molly also stated that the club is open to all students and faculty who wish to submit their pieces of work to a small committee of other students who will decide what will get displayed.

When asked about why this group was created, Molly replied, “There are already a lot of groups focused on academics and sports so we wanted to create something for people interested in the visual and performing arts to help instill a sense of campus pride. It also gives members of the college to get their work noticed and express themselves in their own way.”

The group is also currently looking for members willing to join. If any students are interested, the Art Warriors hold meetings in Mondays at 3pm in the Media Center in the basement of McQuade Library. Please try and check out the art show hosted by The Art Warriors during Homecoming weekend

Bookstore is Back, Better

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pick up an application from the store.

The manager, Megan, is also very happy about the new bookstore “The new bookstore absolutely brings the positive attitude to the school. We have been receiving positive re-

views from the students. We have a lot of new high end products in the store and we are happy to listen to students’ advice and opinions. We will try our best to satisfy students’ wants and we are very flexible. Students can just talk to me directly if they have any thoughts or ideas for the bookstore.”

The newly expanded bookstore will benefit Merrimack’s student body this year. With new apparel and products, including the 4 new registers, the new bookstore is a great addition to Merrimack’s campus. Take a look at the new bookstore for yourself and see all the great new products they have!

Mack Gives Back

Teresa Polli '15
Staff Writer

For the second, year Merrimack will be sending out students, staff members, and Merrimack Alumni, representing our campus to fulfill community service. “Mack Gives Back Day,” is an event held on the Merrimack Campus that sends people from our community to different community service sites throughout the Merrimack Valley, including, Lazarus House, Bread and Roses, and IMac, a medical resupply house. You can get together with your sports team, your class, your affinity group, and even a group of your friends to work these hours. It will be held on November

9th at the Multi-Purpose Room from 9 AM to 1 PM, and it includes a free breakfast and t-shirt. However, “Mack Gives Back Day” is more than just a volunteer opportunity to get together with your community in order to help people in need for a couple hours. This event gives you the option to lend your hand out to others any time between the dates of November 2nd and November 16th not only to students and staff members, but to the alumni as well, to participate in this event wherever they reside, even if it is beyond The Merrimack Valley jurisdiction. Even though this event is held at the Merrimack Campus, the service is being executed

way beyond that. According to Beverly Lavallee, the Administrative Assistant to Vice President of Mission and Student Affairs, “Mack Gives Back Day,’ is the representation of the Merrimack community nation-wide.” The point of service is to “honor those who have served, by serving others with our goal of 7,500 hours of service.” Merrimack is giving our community a chance to get together, be involved on campus, and most importantly to lend a hand to others in need. Whoever serves the most hours, will be hung up and represented in The Merrimack Club. You can sign up online or on your phone, both the link and QR code are listed below.
<https://merrimack.wufoo.com/forms/m7q1m/>

Hamel Health is Homebound

Schuyler Watkins '14
Associate Editor-in-Chief

Merrimack College campus sure has encountered a few facelifts over the past year. Between the new residential buildings and the innovative assembly of the Volpe addition, one may think, “What else will Merrimack introduce to its community?” If curious, take a look at the chain-linked fence surrounding a portion of the St. Thomas Parking Lot just down Walsh Way. This location is the future home of the new and improved Hamel Health and Counseling Center. Since its birth in 1973, Hamel Health and Counseling has been the primary destination for Merrimack students to visit in times of strep throat and headaches. Its new location, which was chosen because of its convenience for students, will be located within the residential community. However, students living in surrounding residence halls need not worry about potentially bothersome construction. “The college has purchased a high-end modular that has been outfitted for health and mental services,” Dr. Suzanne Slattery, director of Hamel Health and

Counseling explained. While the modular could be delivered at any point, “We are hoping we will be able to move into the new building

Health and Counseling will introduce new programs geared to students. Dr. Slattery revealed there will be a peer education group

group, collaboration with campus ministry on TALL, Talking About Life and Lost, and starting in January, an after hours phone counseling service, which will provide phone services for students on weekends and after hours. Included on the list of new offerings is an appointment system. “It’s a much more efficient system. Students will know appointments are available-they know they are going to be seen and there won’t be a long wait,” Dr. Slattery proudly stated. Programs that have been used in previous years will still be offered at the new Hamel Health and Counseling Center. These include urgent care, crisis intervention, short and long-term counseling, and assessment and referral for specialized care. Until Hamel Health and Counseling moves to its new location, students can find counseling services on the second floor of the Sakowich center, or for health services, visit Deegan West. For updates or information about Hamel Health and Counseling services, please visit http://www.merrimack.edu/about/offices_services/counseling_and_health_services/services.php.



Hamel Health will be moving to new quarters in January.

the first week of January,” Dr. Slattery acknowledged. Along with a new look, Hamel

which will provide support to other students, a student health advisory board, stress reduction

Inside Andover

Ashley Yenick '14
Staff Writer

When you’re looking for some fun with your friends, where do you go to? The answer is simple: Off campus! There are tons of places that you can go to have a great time with your friends. If you’re not looking to travel too far, we found three great places for you right in North Andover.

Richardson’s Ice Cream
156 South Main Street (Rte 114)
Middleton, MA 01949
Phone: (978)-774-5450

Right down the street from Merrimack on Route 114 is Richardson’s Ice Cream. At Richardson’s, there are so many things to do. You can play some mini golf, swing baseballs at the batting cages, or have Richardson’s

homemade ice cream. Richardson’s makes their homemade ice cream right at their facilities onsite. You can also view the goats, calves, and cows on the property. Richardson’s perfect to spice up your Friday night!

Laser Craze Interactive Family Fun Center
South East Entrance
1580 Osgood Street
North Andover Ma 01845
Phone: (978)-689-7700

Looking to reminisce on your childhood? Head over to Laser Craze in North Andover! For just \$22, on Saturday nights there’s a special “All You Can Play” value offer. You can play laser tag with your friends, and play up to six games! The “All You Can Play” Laser Tag games start at 6:30 pm and run in hour increments till 11:30 pm.

Smolak Farms
315 South Bradford Street
North Andover, MA 01845
Phone: (978) 682-6332

Fall is finally here and at Smolak Farms you can pick your own apples and pumpkins. Not only can you go pick your own pumpkins and apples, you can try their apple cider doughnuts and homemade pies. During the appropriate seasons, you can also pick strawberries and raspberries yourself. Smolak Farms also sells pie mixes, cake mixes, pancake mixes, and muffin mixes that you can bake with the delicious fruit you buy as well.

So, what are you waiting for? All of the places mentioned above you can get to in less than 20 minutes! Go have some off campus entertainment with your friends!

Actors Heading West

Kali Tudisco '15
Staff Writer

The first of four plays starring Merrimack students this year—two presented by the Department of Visual and Performing Arts, and two by the OnStagers—the dark comedy *True West* brings a story of brotherly hate to the Rogers Center stage this fall.

It's the late 1970s, and Austin (Nathaniel Vilandre) is a successful, clean-cut Hollywood screenwriter with a wife and family; his brother Lee (Matt McCormick) is a good-for-nothing drifter who makes a living stealing household appliances. The two brothers' lives have rarely intersected since they were children, but as Austin prepares to pitch an important screenplay, Lee crashes back into his brother's life. When, on a whim, the unrefined Lee pitches a tacky Wild West story to the Hollywood producer Saul Kimmer (Josh Canner), he captures the producer's attention—and all of a sudden, Austin's dreams are dashed while Lee finds himself launched to the level of a real screenwriter. But neither brother fits well in his new role, and, as they clash again and again,

the brothers begin to unravel at the seams. Their frightened and powerless mother (Kali Tudisco) can only watch as her sons destroy her suburban kitchen and, literally and figuratively, tear each other down.

Director Kathleen Sills first saw *True West* in its iconic Steppenwolf Theatre production in Chicago in 1981, starring the then-unknown John Malkovich and Francis Guinan, and directed by Gary Sinise.

"I was profoundly impacted by the play and in particular the sheer power of the acting. I knew then that someday I wanted to direct the play," says Sills.

She believes that this play is both exciting to work on and exciting to watch because of the constant tension and conflict that builds between the characters with each and every line of dialogue.

"Playwright Sam Shepard's characters actually do things to each other. They take action in service of what they want, take risks and crazy things happen because of it," she states. "The play is funny and violent and that is one of my favorite combinations."

She also believes that college stu-



Visual and Performing Arts' production of *True West* opens

dents can relate to many of the play's themes, from sibling rivalry to the unpleasant results of drinking too much.

The play provides a gritty contrast to the OnStagers' show this semester, the wacky musical *Little Shop of Horrors*, which will run November 14-16.

In addition to the four actors, several others have been key in bringing this production to life—lighting design and technical direction are by Carter Miller, sound design by Andrew Joyal, and set design by Peter

Waldron. Casey Watkins serves as stage manager.

True West runs at the Rogers Center for the Arts on Oct. 17 and 18th at 7:30 p.m. and on Oct. 19 at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. As always, student admission is \$5, but this time, theatergoers can obtain a free ticket to the show if they bring a nonperishable food item to support a Bread and Roses campaign.

In addition, students over 21 can use their ticket stub to get \$1 off a beer or wine purchase at Augie's Pub after the show!

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Reality Headset

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Do you ever wish that your electronic devices would charge automatically and wirelessly? I know I do. And so does Ossia Inc., the creator of "Cota". Cota is a wireless power technology made up of a charging box and multiple wireless receivers. The charger is a 2x2 foot box that sends signals around the room. These signals are then picked up by the wireless receivers that can fit into anything from a laptop, to a phone, and even AAA batteries.

Cota's technology is important because it can safely and efficiently power multiple devices, and only those devices, at a distance. It can even follow devices across a room and around corners. Cota is safe, (and follows FCC guidelines), because it is based on wifi.

It only emits 1 to 2 watts of power, which is normal for many devices. The charger is able to focus signals because it naturally wants to avoid losing energy. Which makes it safe for humans because we would not absorb the radiation. The charger box can detect and power devices within a 30 foot radius.

The oil and gas industries are currently seeking this type of technology to reduce the risks of disastrous sparking from current technology. Ossia Inc. estimate that Cota will be available for sale in early 2015. But in the meantime, coffee shops all around the United States are hoping to have Cota prototypes by 2014.

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MERRIMACK’S MOST INTERESTING PERSON

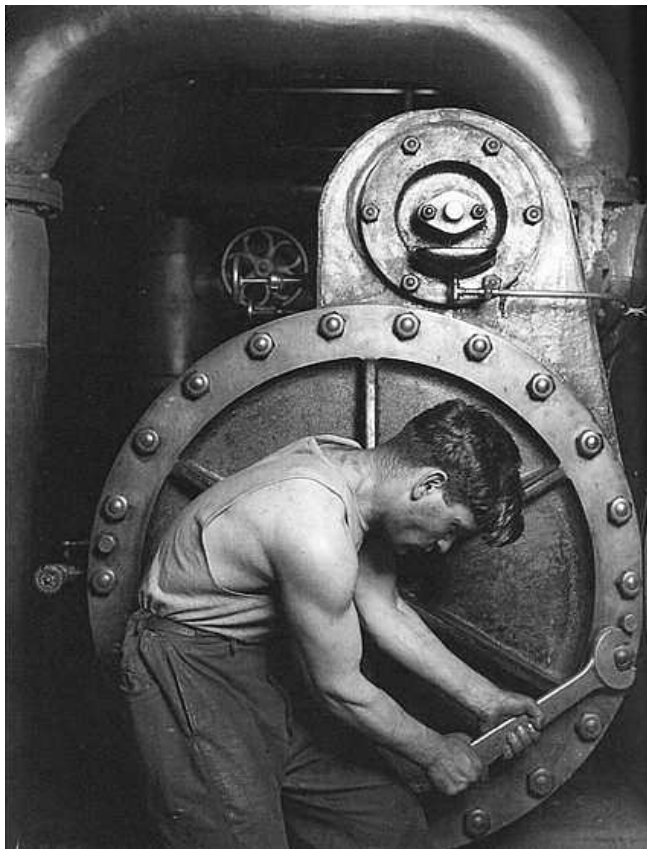
Matthew Isbell

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Tucked away on the third floor of Cushing Hall you will find Dr. Matthew Isbell’s subtle but metaphorically fitting office. It is organized perfectly to the “Isbell” standards that so many of his students can attest to. Everything is strategically placed and serves a purpose. The poster that hangs from his wall entitled, “Steam Room Operator” by Lewis Hine, flawlessly depicts his organizational communication background by painting a picture of how we as humans work with machines. This photograph simultaneously represents Dr. Isbell’s hometown roots of the “Motor City,” in Detroit, Michigan.

If you have spent time in any of Dr. Isbell’s classes, you know that producing less than the highest quality of work is unacceptable. He stresses the importance of preparing for life after living within the confined walls of Merrimack and makes it his priority as an educator. His countless hours spent editing resumes and cover letters to perfection while also being involved with the O’Brien Center for Student Success prove his priorities to be just. His skillset showcases his ability to network himself, and this insight is passed on to his students. “I want Merrimack students to not be just categorized as “nice” says Isbell. “You should leave with a complete education that will feel just when

you graduate, so you can navigate through life well.” Though, Dr. Isbell earns the “Most Interesting” title not only for having a doctorate in Communication, but also for his work outside the classroom. Dr. Isbell has experienced various cultures around the world in visiting countries such as Scotland, Costa Rica, Germany, Ireland, Singapore, Cambodia, Malaysia, Turkey and Vietnam. He describes his desire to travel as an opportunity to “experience the entire spectrum of culture and how it is understood.” You will find a quote by Alexander



Professor Matt Isbell, upper right, enjoys the photo ‘Steam Room Operator’ and a cup of joe.

von Humboldt as the end of each email he sends: “The most dangerous worldview is the worldview of those who have not viewed the world.” Dr. Isbell does not just travel to travel, but to gain something from each destination that may be out of his comfort zone. He also enjoys giving lectures outside of the United States. His next endeavor will take place in January, as he was invited to deliver a lecture in Prague on “What is Organizational Communication?” After attending some of our countries big name institutions such as



Michigan State, the University of Montana and the University of Texas, you may wonder what brought Dr. Isbell to this small, liberal arts college in North Andover. “With a hell of a lot of good luck.” Says Isbell. Him and his wife have defied odds and made it to the Northeast as Communication professors. They teach thirty-five minutes from each other, as she is a professor at Boston College. Dr. Isbell has proved his move to Merrimack to be a good fit. He has made his presence

known here by playing a crucial role on six committees on campus. “There is no shortage of people that want your time on this campus,” says Isbell. His involvement on such committees as I.R.B., Merrimack’s Care Retention Committee, the Student Conduct Board, and the Mobile Technology Committee make him a dynamic faculty member.

Dr. Isbell is also a part of the Merrimack Road Runners here at Merrimack. This committee is a group of faculty and staff that actively maintain a healthy lifestyle through running. This group prides themselves in being “non-judgmental” and sticks by their motto of “leave no runner behind”. “I would run with anyone. The act of running with someone else is so much better than that of being alone. I’d rather run a twelve minute mile with someone else than an eight minute mile alone.” He has also exhibited his passion for the sport of running by participating in last year’s Relay for Life and completing 26.2 miles (370 laps) around the Merrimack indoor track.

To be interesting, one must possess some sort of provoked curiosity and then be able to hold that kind of sparked attention. Dr. Isbell brings this definition to life through his dynamic role on the Merrimack College campus. At the end of the workweek, Dr. Isbell is focused on continuously maximizing Merrimack’s potential as a college.

Where’s The Party At?

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The number of registered parties that have taken place this semester is few compared to last year and year’s prior. Last year, by the third week of school there were more than 20 registered parties taking place come Saturday night. With those registered parties followed around 150 transports, alcohol violations and nefarious acts against school policy. All of these acts took place in the first semester alone last year. So far this semester there have only been three registered parties going into the second week of October. The Merrimack party culture has resorted to conjugating outside the apartments, which those of us who have experienced a spring weekend here know this to only happen to such an extent on that particular week. So what has happened to this drastic shift in parties on Merrimack’s campus over only a few months? A room is eligible to hold a registered party with only a few condi-

tions. First of all a room has to have at least half its residence be of the legal drinking age. Secondly the residents of the room where the party is being held must take a safety class with student involvement on the third floor of the Sakowich Center. At this class students are taught the rules and regulations of holding a registered event. These classes are held every couple of weeks making it easy for those interested to fit it into their schedules. Lastly the room must complete and submit the registered event form before noon the Friday before the event takes place. One of the most frequent responses to holding off hosting registered parties is the difficulty to control who enters the room. There are however registered guest lists that can be filled out which will give RAs grounds to get rid of any individuals who are unwelcome. Another typical response for students is they don’t want their room getting trashed to the extent that there are damages they have to pay for. While these reasons are completely understandable the miscon-

ception is that those who reside in the room will have to pay for it. This isn’t the case; as long as the damage is reported 48 hours after the party it is not considered the fault of the room. This holds as a type of insurance for the residence there. There are many misconceptions that come with registered parties, the best thing for anyone eligible to do is to simply take the class and learn the truths to hosting a registered event. But until rooms take the class, there won’t be any registered parties, and with the winter months fast approaching, the days of enjoyment meeting new people and having fun out in the quad every weekend are numbered. Upcoming registered event classes will take place in O’Brien 219 on the following dates: Wednesday Oct. 9 – 7pm Tuesday Oct. 15 – 6pm



MC has seen fewer registered parties this year.

Pro-Life is a Pro-Woman Position

Texas state Sen. Wendy Davis’s filibuster over abortion restrictions and newly announced gubernatorial bid raises questions regarding liberty and its limitations,-and the perennial debate over abortion in the U.S. public sphere.

The bill Davis filibustered will ban abortion after 20 weeks of gestation. Davis said that abortion is “sacred ground,” and requires a firm leaving-alone by government. President Obama inelegantly referred to abortion rights as “a fight against the war on women,” perfectly outlining the Democratic Party’s stand on abortion. The issue remains divisive and prejudicially covered, with a debate centering on the collision of women’s liberty and the rights of the unborn.

The relatively moderate restrictions require higher standards of medical acumen for abortionists, as unregulated clinics and incompetent physicians pose a menace to women seeking abortion. The bill mandates that abortion centers have a parity of standards with ambulatory surgery centers, and stipulates that abortionists have admitting privileges to hospitals within 30 miles of where the abortion is performed, thereby avoiding the woeful lack of regulation displayed in clinics across the country.

Cecile Richards, president of Planned Parenthood, said: “The thing that’s incredible to me — North Dakota being

case in point — is the thought that ... there are now states where it’s not safe to be a

woman,” in retort to a series of North Dakota laws proposing to forbid abortion in the instance of a detectable heartbeat, or in cases of gender defects and gender preference. These sensible restrictions aside,

Planned Parenthood’s claim to be in the vanguard of women’s safety does not cohere with the obstinate stand the group takes on late-term abortion.

The costs of late-term abortion can be debilitating, especially to the fetus, but also the well-being of the mother. A case pertaining to Arizona legislation banning abortion at 20 weeks, which Arizona’s Ninth Circuit Court subsequently struck down as unconstitutional in *Isaacson v. Horne* (now under appeal), illustrates the dangers of late-term abortion. New insights in embryology exhaustively document the ability of a fetus to feel pain as early as 16 weeks, and offer evidence that the effects of late-term abortion on the health of the mother are adverse. The Arizona court ruled that a ban at 20 weeks was permissible due to “substantial and well-documented evidence that an unborn child has the capacity to feel pain during an abortion by at least 20 weeks gestational age,” as well as finding that “the instance of complications (to the health of the pregnant woman) is highest

after 20 weeks of gestation.” Arizona’s legislation carved out exceptions for significant health risks or threat to the life of the mother.

The stipulation of infant viability as the sole threshold for impermissible abortion, in the landmark 1973 Supreme Court ruling *Roe v. Wade*, did not stop the court from deciding in *Gonzales v. Carhart* to uphold a ban on partial-birth abortion. Justice Anthony Kennedy wrote, “The court has given state and federal legislatures wide discretion to pass legislation in areas where there is medical and scientific uncertainty.”

The unscrupulousness of late-term abortion is seen in Kermit Gosnell’s Philadelphia abattoir. Gosnell, an abortionist, was sentenced this year to life in prison for first-degree murder. The New York Times reported: “Plastic bags and mineral water bottles holding aborted fetuses were found stashed in Dr. Gosnell’s clinic. Jars containing the severed feet of babies lined a shelf, the Philadelphia district attorney, Seth Williams, said in a statement.” Prosecutors referred to the clinic as a “charnel house ... riddled with fetal remains and reeking of cat urine, with furniture and blankets stained with blood.”

Gosnell typically served minority and immigrant women in Philadelphia; one of the murders he was charged with involved the newborn baby of a 17-year-old. USA Today noted the dearth of media coverage of the murders: “Infant beheadings. Severed baby feet in jars. A child screaming after it was delivered alive during an abortion procedure.

Haven’t heard about these sickening accusations”? The New York Times ran the story on page A-17 — the nether regions of the paper. (By contrast, coverage of Wendy Davis’s filibuster inspired widespread media adulation). The grand jury report observed pitiless negligence: “Government health and licensing officials had received repeated reports about Gosnell’s dangerous practices. No action was taken, even after the agencies learned that women had died during routine abortions under Gosnell’s care.”

Gosnell’s ease at preying on impoverished women displays the economic malaise that is the impetus for a significant number of abortions. A further twist in the abortion debate is the unwillingness of the Republicans, a party ardently opposed to abortion, to offer assistance to women in dire straits, or acknowledge the circumstances that drive women to abortion. Institutional degradation also plays a striking role, as poor women are rarely fully cognizant of institutions that could assist with adoption, or provide economic succor. Likewise, the Christian Right holds women who seek abortion in contempt, rarely displaying generosity in dealing with a decision that is rarely made with levity.

And if you really want people to stop having abortions, banning or withholding birth control is inconsistent with the goal. The Vatican’s crusades on this issue are responsible for innumerable instances of the squalor and abject poverty in the Third



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Opinion

Explaining Federal Reserve Tapering

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If you have watched the news in the past few weeks you could not have missed the issues that are currently facing the U.S. government concerning passing the spending budget. As the budget has not been passed the government has moved into its second week of shutdown. As some have watched in fear of the government shutdown, you may have asked yourself what does this really mean? The issue facing our government today is trying to pass an acceptable budget for the upcoming year and there is some serious confrontation on the issue of funding the Affordable Care Act, also known as “Obamacare”.

The shutdown has furloughed, temporary leave without pay, nearly 800,000 government workers and has shutdown the national parks and mon-

uments due to the spending budget for these government agencies and attractions not being available. Politics and budget decisions aside, from a market and global economic perspective, the government has some much larger issues coming into play than trying to pass the budget for Obamacare.

Regardless that the government has been shut down for the second week, another deadline is quickly coming about which is the decision on what to do with the US debt limit. The decision to raise the debt ceiling or default is due on October 17th 2013. This issue has faced the US in the recent past in August of 2011. This debate on whether or not to raise the borrowing limit in 2011 caused a downgrade of the US credit rating from AAA to an AA+ rating by Standard and Poor’s. These ratings are indications of the likelihood that a government is to repay their debt to whoever is the holder of the debt issued. If the government, in the current

shutdown, does not pass a temporary or long term debt limit expansion well before the deadline, the perception is that the US government lacks the confidence in their ability to pay back the debt outstanding. If this debt limit is not raised, the United States faces having another downgrade of credit rating. These downgrades have a negative effect on not only the holders of debt, fear of not getting repaid, but also on the US dollar’s global reserve currency status. If the US government does not make a decision on whether or not to raise the debt limit the United States faces the decision to default. Defaulting simply means the failure to fulfill an obligation. The US government will not have enough cash to pay its bills if the borrowing limit is not extended. In addition, the affect of the US government not meeting its debt obligations will most likely have an impact on financial institutions, stock markets and US currency valuations globally.

America’s Youth Deserve Respect

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“I speak to everyone in the same way, whether the is the garbage man or the president of the university” - Albert Einstein

From a young age, we are taught a timeless message that sticks with us throughout our lifetime: One should treat others as one would like others to treat oneself – the Golden Rule. This rule has been instilled in our heads since pre-school, where we apply it to everything from sharing our toys to being good listeners while our classmates are talking.

Being taught the ethics of the Golden Rule, we are told to always respect our elders, for they have paved the path for the life that we live today. We universally show them respect, from something trivial like holding the door open to helping an elderly woman carry her groceries to the car. Companies even go to great lengths to show special consideration to elders with things like “Early Bird Specials” and senior citizen discounts. While is it unanimously known to respect your elders, it seems to be just the opposite treatment towards the youth of America.

Respect is something that each and every person deserves; regardless of age, race or sexual orientation, we are all created equal and therefore deserve to be treated that way. Why is it that our generation, the youth of America, seems to be left out of this equation when it comes to the matter of respect? As a teenager you are still learning and growing into the person you will become. Once we hit our twenties we are striving to reach the goals we have set for ourselves and work our hardest to achieve them. Within youth there are those who have given up and think life is about sex and partying, but they solely represent a small sample pop-

ulation rather than the greater majority of young people today. A large portion of this generation has goals and morals and is striving to build a foundation for the future and become productive members of society. Your twenties are about growing and learning about yourself and the world around you. However, it seems to be right at this age that individuals are shown more disrespect than at any other time during our lives.

Today it is nearly impossible to land a job without experience, and how do we gain experience? By participating in an internship. At one point in time interns were looked at as prodigies and the future of the companies that they were working for. Now companies know we need them, at least on our resumes to be in any position to even be considered for a job, and take advantage of that. They don’t find it necessary to pay us for our work since they are doing us the favor by giving us experience. Interns come and go so fast some management doesn’t even take the time to learn their names. And why should they? In that time of passing through, what is the purpose of the intern? We are the ones who get to do the work the big shots won’t waste their time completing. When it comes down to it, an intern level position is where everyone must start to make it in the field they desire. So shouldn’t companies be encouraging and enlightening the interns with the realization they are the future? Instead, they’re so caught up in the limelight of their own successes they don’t realize one day, sooner rather than later, that light is going to go out, and when it does it will shine right to the person they couldn’t give a spare minute to.

This isn’t the only way our generation is disrespected. People in general look at us as naive, and believe we lack world knowledge. As young people, we are targeted and taken advantage of daily.

Those older than us try to use our lack of knowledge against us and trick us into getting what they want in return. Car salesman and realtors seek out the young and con us into paying more, not giving us the deal that they would offer to someone older since “we don’t know any better” than to accept less. Servers will look at a young couple dining in their section and not work as hard as they would if it were an older couple, judging their age as determining factor to the amount of money they are willing to dish out for a tip. And they’re right – we won’t tip well, but it’s not because of our age. Rather, it’s the quality of service we receive.

It seems people treat those who are the same age as them, as well as older, as they would like to be treated, yet disregard the adolescence. How are we supposed to gain life experience in our formative years in a world where our elders – who we admire so highly – don’t give us a chance to prove ourselves? Rather than educating the youth and preparing us for the future, they take advantage of our efforts. This trend only breeds an endless cycle of incompetence, with the youth being mistreated and growing older only to do the same to the generations that follow.

Just as we should show respect to our elders, our elders should show respect to us. Companies should take time to realize that although the work an intern completes may not be all that difficult, they are there and are willing to put forth their best effort into whatever task is assigned. To be old and wise you must first be young and dumb. Individuals deserve respect for their actions and character accumulated through time, not the "finite wisdom" that is assumed in correlation with their age. It’s time we all took a step back and be reminded of what we learned in pre-school, the Golden Rule, and realize there is no age requirement for respect.

Generation Merr1mack Supports Students

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after graduation. Generation Merr1mack participants are fully supported by a first generation mentor and a career advisor in the O'Brien Center for Student Success. Students in the Master of Higher Education program at Merrimack are also intimately involved in Generation Merr1mack as part of a course entitled: The First Generation College Student Experience.

“I now know that being a first generation college student impacted every aspect of my college experience” recalls Felicia Sorrentino, an alumnus and former peer mentor of Generation Merr1mack. Sorrentino is now a Student Financial Counselor at Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences. Some staff and faculty at Merrimack can also identify as being first generation. “As a first-generation college student many years ago, I really had a lot to figure out about college on my own, and I probably could have made some smarter decisions related to choosing a major, choosing classes, and other aspects about getting through college in the best possible way,” states Dr. Raymond Shaw, Associate Professor of Psychology and Director of General Education. “I’m really excited about the Generation Merr1mack program, and what it means for first generation students as a resource.”

Generation Merr1mack has received national attention as conference sessions at the New England Conference for Student Success; the Career Professionals Conference: Supporting Unique Populations; and the National Association of Colleges and Employers National Conference and Expo in Orlando, Florida.

To raise awareness for the need to support this important population, a showing of the documentary FIRST GENERATION, narrated by Blair Underwood, occurred on campus September 17th. The documentary depicted the struggles and successes of four first generation college students from different areas of the United States. To learn more about the documentary, visit <http://firstgenerationfilm.com/> (cut for print)

All first generation students at Merrimack are encouraged to participate in Generation Merrimack. To learn more about Generation Merr1mack, visit www.merrimack.edu/obrien/generationmerrimack, email generation1@merrimack.edu or stop by the O'Brien Center for Student Success.

The Pro-Life Position is Truly Pro-Woman Stand

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World.

However, economic rationales fail to explain away a 2008 U.S. Centers for Disease Control study finding that more than 800,000 abortions were performed in this country.

The numerous motives for seeking abortion raise significant questions about the increasing permeation of choice into spheres typically deemed sacrosanct. For example, in the United States it is estimated that, in 90 percent of cases in which fetuses are diagnosed with Down syndrome, abortion results. This is also demonstrated in the Third World, hardly a bastion of liberalism and women’s rights.

In an essay in the New York Review of Books, Amartya Sen depicts the misogyny of Indian society: “Since the 1980s, the wide use of new techniques such as sonograms for determining the sex of fetuses has led to huge — and growing — numbers of selective abortions of female fetuses, offsetting the gains in declining difference in mortality rate.”

While the gang-rape (and ensuing death) of a 23-year-old woman on a bus in New Delhi created a media firestorm, Sen’s delineation of abortion for gender selection in India did not. Moreover, the situation of women in much of the Muslim world offers a case so striking that its failure to gain traction as a feminist cause is inexplicable. Ibn Warraq, author of the fantastic “Why I am Not A Muslim,” limns the misogyny of Pakistan: “The birth of a baby girl is the occasion for mourning.

Hundreds of baby girls are abandoned every year in the gutters and dustbins and on the pavements. An organization working in Karachi to save these children has calculated that more than 500 children are abandoned a year in Karachi alone, and that 99 percent of them are girls.” (Benazir Bhutto, the first woman prime minister of Pakistan, was pro-life).

For feminists to keep silent over the ravages of the Third World indicates a lack of intellectual honesty about the starkest threats to women’s health and liberty.

Abortion remains contentious and, while overturning Roe v. Wade would be imprudent, more subtle and reasoned moral suasion to truncate abortion rates would be welcome. The practice remains inherently sexist, as it implies that women must exhibit unrestrained concupiscence to attain an authentic equality of the sexes. A growing awareness of the diminishing returns of certain elements of the sexual revolution, as well as the spuriousness of the previous conception of equality, perhaps suggests a future with fewer abortions.

Abortion remains sui generis, and therefore not solely a question of women’s liberty. If the fetus were a mere appurtenance of a woman, and not a human life, ambiguity would disappear. But it is not, and thus the tragic quality of abortion remains. Nevertheless, the inclination to abuse a practice best reserved for heart-breaking circumstances also portends a society growing increasingly coarse, indifferent and callous.

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on the chances his teammates fire on net.

Bly is already impressed with LeBlanc and his classmate, 6 foot 4 inch center Hampus Gustafsson.

“It’s been pretty seamless for them getting into the lineups. I thought all of them did really well. I don’t know about you guys but I thought it sure didn’t look like they were out of place at all,” Bly said, referencing the play of his new teammates in Sunday’s 1-1 exhibition tie against McGill University. “I thought Blancs (LeBlanc) was really good supporting the puck through the middle. Hampus is a big, strong centerman. For forwards, I thought they played really well.”

Coach Mark Dennehy, too, sees them as contributors.

“They acclimated themselves pretty quickly,” he said. “I think they’ll all be able to contribute to a team that last year finished five points out of first place (in Hockey East). If they can help us get better, then bright days are ahead.”

Although the Warriors only scored one goal off of the 35 shots they put on net, Dennehy saw things trending the right way on offense.

“Blysie (Bly) did a great job to screen it and Kolo (Dan Kolomatis, who scored the lone goal) – It wasn’t a rocket, but he got it through and that same thing happened in the second (period) on the power play when he snapped one off and it went through the goalie’s legs and went wide. It’s hard to get pucks to the net, but when you do you need to make sure the goalie doesn’t see them. Until guys can score from outside the top of the circle like they used to, then that’s what it’s got to be: getting pucks and bodies to the net.”

Of course, if there’s one player on this team who can make heads turn with his playmaking ability and nifty shots on net, it’s senior Mike Collins. A preseason All-Hockey East Team selection, Collins led the



Thomas McCarthy signs autographs in Lawler Arena.
Photo by Pat Bradley

team with 38 points (17-21-38) last season. As good as he was last season, the buzz around some college hockey circles is that Collins may be even better.

“You want all your players to make improvements every year, and I think Michael has done that,” Dennehy said. “He went from a guy you could put on power plays to score goals and now he’s getting penalty killing time and you see him in all situations. His skating is in great shape - he worked on it. He’s being a little more physical, he’s winning puck battles.”

With the influx of talent and presence of veteran leaders, this edition of Warrior hockey holds its destiny in its own hands. Dennehy knows that, and has faith in his veterans to make sure that message bleeds through the locker room.

“We talk about being the hardest working team; we talk about being physically and mentally tough; and

we talk about making no excuses. Now, those can be just words or those can be words that we just live by.

“I think that’s what Blysie’s talking about – there have been times since he’s been here where we’ve lived it, and there have been times where we’ve just talked about it. I think there were times last year that we did live by that code, and there were others when we came up short of that. Those are our goals. Those are our principles. We’re trying to live up to them on a daily basis and I think that if we do that this year we’re going to be incredibly successful.”

Steps in the Right Direction
Collins isn’t the only player who has made strides this offseason. Dennehy has been impressed by the improvement of most of his team, but a few names have really stood out.

“Dan Kolomatis continues to im-

press on the point. I think he’ll be a leader on that front. And Justin Mansfield who really only had six months of playing defense had a whole summer to adjust and came back really strong so those are two guys off the top of my head,” Dennehy said.

Mansfield of course transitioned from the forward position midseason last year due to necessity caused by injuries.

Dennehy also noted senior Shawn Bates has looked good early on.

“Shawn Bates is playing with a lot of energy. There’s highs and lows but when he really brings it he’s tough to contain – his speed is really electric. I think you’ll see more than just Mikey. You’ll see some older guys take a step and then some younger guys come into their own.”

Mile High Club
Merrimack opens its season on the road for the second year in a row against a ranked opponent. Last season, the Warriors beat then No. 5 Union in New York before going just 1-6-3 through the rest of its conference play.

This weekend, the team travels to Denver for the first-ever meetings between the two programs. The Pioneers were tabbed at the No. 17 position, while Merrimack only received two votes total. Dennehy hopes his team can open up stronger and set the tone early, especially given that they don’t play any Hockey East competition until a Nov. 8 home game against Providence.

“We take every game the same and just try to go in with a level of confidence and if we play hard we feel like we can beat anybody. There’s no doubt that conference play means a lot more now that we have twice as many games - if we only win two this year and don’t tie the other 12 we’re going to put ourselves in some dire trouble. We’re not going to approach them any differently but there’s definitely more importance to them.”

Confidence, Chemistry Reboot Volleyball’s Season

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After their rough start to the season, the women’s volleyball team is putting all their hard work and perseverance into every serve, spike, block and dig. Following a 1-6 start to the season, the Warriors have bounced back with an impressive hot streak, going 5-1 over the last month.

Freshmen Juliette McCall, an outside hitter, and Tara Stuhr, a setter, spoke highly of the team’s recent improvements.

“Each person had more confidence in their individual game, which brought us together as a team,” Stuhr said. “Communication on and off the court helps us stay together and raises our team’s chemistry.”

McCall agrees.
“We believed in each other and grew as a team,” she said. “Spending a lot of time together and getting to know each other on a personal level really helps our team.”

Stuhr’s goal is to be the best teammate possible en route to an NCAA berth this season. McCall, too, is confident that her team will make it to the NE-10 Championship as long as she stays aggressive and plays hard at all times.

Juniors Stephanie Sheehan, an outside hitter, and Allison Cote, a

defensive specialist, feel they’ve turned a corner as a team.
“We are even more of a team this year,” Sheehan said. “There’s more of a structure in the coaching staff and there is more chemistry on the court. That brings out a more positive environment. We click when everyone is involved - all 15 girls and coaches.”

Both Cote and Sheehan hope to help lead the team to the NCAA Tournament this year, while Sheehan also hopes to tally 1,000 kills this season.

Senior hitter Jackie Jones has gotten a different perspective this season, as she’s watched a few games from the sideline with an injury. She believes the team’s energy, confidence and chemistry have improved as the season has progressed.

“I think the chemistry as a team finally clicked, especially bringing in this many new players,” Jones said. “We are learning to trust one another. You can definitely see it on the court; we move as one. Once our energy starts to build, our confidence builds as well. We are unstoppable once we get going.”

Cote summed up the progression nicely.
“Honestly, we got sick of losing,” she said. “Once we competed with Bentley and Saint A’s, we realized that we actually could win. We click so well when everyone does their job and trusts each other.”

WARRIOR SPOTLIGHT

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Impact: having a strong effect on someone or something. That is exactly what Brady Antaya has done for the Merrimack men's soccer team. Brady, 6, joined the team this past June (officially drafted in August) through Team Impact; a non-profit that matches kids with life-threatening and chronic illnesses to college sports teams.

Brady is diagnosed with CHARGE syndrome, which occurs in about one in every 8,000 to 10,000 births and the characteristics of CHARGE differ for each child. Vision impairment, airway obstruction, hearing loss in both ears and small semi-circular canals which effect balance may be the CHARGE syndrome characteristics for Brady, but his personal characteristics are greater than any challenge he faces.

Off the field, Brady is like any other 6-year-old. He is fully of energy, does karate, loves to watch "Jake and The Never Land Pirates" and loves the color red. His favorite movie is Cars 2 even though there is a bad guy in it (don't worry, the good guy wins). Soccer is his favorite sport but he also likes baseball, specifically the Red Sox affiliate the Lowell Spinners. When asked who his favorite team was, instead of the anticipated New England answer of "The Pats" or "The Bruins", with the biggest smile on his face Brady answered with "The soccer team".

The team immediately welcomed Brady as one of their own and has provided a camaraderie that can only come with being on a team. He has his own jersey and attends practices and games, one of which included taking the bus with the team to New York for their game against St. Rose. Brady has also spent time with his teammates off of the field. Recently him and some of his teammates went apple and pumpkin pick-



Brady Antaya is proud of his MC jersey.

ing followed by a few rounds of Mario Kart and of course some soccer.

Brady says that practicing and playing with the team, especially with the goalies is one of the best parts about being on the team as well as being the tallest one in the huddle (Brady is always picked up by one of the players). As for soccer in general, Brady exclaimed "Running laps!" is his favorite part. Before games, Brady leads his team to the field where he gives high fives and fist bumps to his teammates and of course, lots of smiles.

"How do you think the team has impacted Brady?" was an overwhelming question to Brady's parents Cynthia and Keith Antaya who didn't know where to begin to describe the incredible impact being a Warrior has had on their son. Brady's father stated "It has really boosted his self-esteem...he's always excited for games ... the coaches have really provided a positive influence on Brady."

Coach Martone, the men's soccer coach, could not be more thrilled about the relationship that has developed between him and his players with Brady. "...the reality is that we have benefited as much if not more than he has from this ongoing relationship. Every time we see him he puts a smile on our faces and he has a way of making us forget any difficult situations that we may be dealing with as well as break the daily tension that we deal with when we are in season."

The team has had a strong season so far with an overall record of 7-2 with several games left to be played. Brady expressed that he is proud of his team, and there is no doubt that his team is also very proud; proud to not only call themselves Brady's teammates, but to call themselves Brady's friends.

Field Hockey on Fire After Slow Start

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After going sub .500 with a 2-3 record in their first five contests, the Merrimack field hockey team has caught fire the last four games soundly beating NE-10 rivals Adelphi (7-1final) and Franklin Pierce (4-2final) final in the process.

On Saturday September 28th the team the team faced NE-10 rival Adelphi. The Warriors were familiar with this opponent as they had lost 5-1 to this same Adelphi squad just a couple of weeks prior.

This time the game would go in the Warriors favor with Merrimack dominating the play while routing Adelphi by a 7-1 score. Six different Warriors had points in the game including Abbey Stacey who scored her first two collegiate goals along with teammates Katrina Squeri, Candace Waldie, Maura Doyle, Jessica Otis, and Kaitlin McCauley.

"Once we had it in the circle, every opportunity had to be strong shots. Really what I just saw was it was just kind of hanging in the middle and I just went for it and shot it", said Stacey, a junior, on her first collegiate goal.

Coach Anne Rounce knew this was a crucial game to win to make a stament to the conference that they weren't the team that Adelphi saw just a couple weeks before.

"Adelphi was a critical win. We knew we had

played awful on the road there, we just weren't mentally prepared for the game. So I think the girls and the coaching staff wanted to send a pretty strong message to the conference that we're not the team they saw in the box score", Rounce said.

The Warriors went on to win their next conference game against Franklin Pierce, 4-2, to get their four game winning streak after a slow start to the season. Coach Rounce believes that the team's recent success is attributed to the players getting a better feel for each other.

"I think it's just getting comfortable with each other. It's a whole different team compared to the years past. There is a lot of learning and teaching going on with the freshman. So, it's just taken time".

This past week, Warriors defender Abbey Smith earned the NE-10 Conference Defensive Player of the Week honors. Stacey felt honored to receive this mention and said it boosted her confidence as a player.

"I'm really honored because I've never really had something like that before. It really boosts up my confidence level and I have to keep it up now", said an excited Stacey.

Rounce feels that it is Abbey's hard work and effort and supporting cast that has led to this honor.

"Abbey's a good kid. She worked hard over the summer, she stayed here to get classes done and

workout for the team and for the season and it shows and pays off", said Rounce.

"She's the big rock of the defense but it is definitely her supporting cast that has led her to that honor".

Merrimack has since had their four game win streak snapped by conference rival No. 5 LIU Post, dropping their record to 6-4 overall and 2-1 in conference play. The Warriors now have two home games this weekend against Bentley and Southern Conn. State.





MC Hockey Preview

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2013 started with a bang for Merrimack hockey. After a disappointing first half in which inconsistency rang loudest among the alarms sounding on this team, the Warriors came storming out of the gates for the first six weeks of the second half of last season. An 8-2-1 stretch through mid-February culminated in a brief stint atop the Hockey East standings before a slow but steady descent. Despite ending the season two games below .500, the Warriors still finished just five points out of first place in the conference.

The biggest difference in Merrimack's much-improved second half was goaltending, as Sam Marotta and Rasmus Tirronen gave up three or more goals just three times through the first two months of the second half. The problem was offense, as the Warriors struggled to capitalize on opportunities at the net and had seemingly lost the reputation of a banging, bruising team that scored on second, third and even fourth chances and made the NCAA playoffs and stood as the No.

1 team in the country over the previous two seasons.

As the team skated off the ice following a sweep at the hands of Boston University in the Hockey East Quarter-finals last March, no one wondered what had happened; the issues facing this team were obvious. Now, reloaded and returning their top 10 scorers from a season ago, Merrimack is looking to become Warriors once again.

Senior alternate captain Rhett Bly is the first to admit this team is looking not necessarily to regain what it lost, but rather for something new.

"We're going after our identity again, really trying to be a tough team to play against and be physical," said Bly, who happened to take a hard hit late in the game hustling after a loose puck. "Right now it's just shaking that dust off and getting rid of that summer league mentality, banging some bodies and stuff. I got rocked there once, and it felt kind of good actually."

Part of that identity needs to be regaining a net-front presence, but not by simply throwing one of the bigger skaters out there and hoping



MC hockey prepares for game against McGill.
Photo by Pat Bradley

for the best like what often appeared to be happening last season. Instead, the skater needs to show his teammates where he wants the shot in order to best redirect it, know when to screen and how deep to do so, come out of the slot every so often so as not to be ignored by a goaltender, and when to fall off back-door and catch someone by surprise. But who on

this roster is capable of doing this?

Enter freshman Chris LeBlanc, a 6 foot 3 inch, 205-pound wing already drafted by the Ottawa Senators. He's a name you should get used to hearing, and a perfect Milan Lucic-like player to play out front and capitalize

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Football Welcomes Challenge

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There's something about the foliage and the weather of October that makes us think of football. At the start of October, the Merrimack Warriors football team stands at a solid 3-2 record (2-2 conference). That being said, the team has very high hopes for the rest of the season.

Coach Dan Curran, who spent the past three seasons as an assistant on the football staff, has grown as a coach in the program alongside this season's batch of seniors. After four years, both Curran and the class of 2014 have formed helpful familiar relationships with each other. With the majority of the team being upper classmen, you don't have to look very far for leadership.

Senior linebacker Matt Tripicchio gave his insight on the new coaching system.

"Coach Curran has set a standard for this program and team and everyone has really bought into it, everyone

would agree that there is just a different feeling with this team than there ever has been before," Tripicchio said.

Tripicchio knows the enthusiasm and effort of the upper classmen funnels down to the younger players - the future of Merrimack football.

"When the veterans are excited and enjoying themselves, the attitude permeates through the whole team, making the entire attitude and morale of the team positive and focused on our goals," Tripicchio added.

Coach Curran has very high hopes for this program and wants to implement them right now.

The team goal for the season is to make a playoff appearance in the NE-10 championship.

"It's been a long time since Merrimack has won the title," Tripicchio added. "And with the conference being the way it is today that anyone can beat anyone, it just proves that title is always up for grabs."

Merrimack is scheduled to face off in an NE-10 conference game against the University of New Haven on October

12th. The following weekend they will be facing Saint Anselm, another tough NE-10 conference game.

Coach Curran likes to remind his players that the most important game is the next one you have. He doesn't want players to look too far ahead because you can never take a team lightly in this conference.

However, there is one game that players have circled on their calendars: October 26th against rival Bentley, homecoming weekend. These two teams have built up the sort of hatred that is beloved in all sports rivalries.

"I'm looking forward to playing Bentley because Merrimack and Bentley have a strong hatred towards each other and it always calls for a good game," said senior tight end Greg Devine.

Now add to that the environment of homecoming weekend and you got yourself a game you don't want to miss. Described by Tripicchio as "one of the most exciting games of the year," this is a game that you for sure don't want to miss.

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