Number 15 ranked Loyola Men’s Hockey team traveled to Wisconsin this past weekend to face the 6th ranked Marquette squad for a tough two game series. The Ramblers embarked from Lake Shore Campus Friday afternoon for the trek to their home rink, North Shore Ice Arena, to grab their gear and head for what they know will be a worthy opponent. The red Chrysler-containing starting goalie Nathan Pecoraro, senior forwards Nick Kemp and Jackson Bray (a father figure on and off the ice to several Rambler players), and up-and-coming sophomore forward Ryan Khalil talked strategy and playoff scenarios for what seemed like the entire car ride to the rink. These players would need to be factors on the scoresheet if the Ramblers wanted to come out victorious. Friday’s game ended with a tough 7-3 loss with Nathan Pecoraro facing nearly 40 shots on target and goals by Nick Kemp (2) and captain Jordan Hawkins capitalizing on the powerplay, all the goals assisted by Jackson Bray. Perhaps what is more important is the bond that the Ramblers formed off the ice as they ate at Buffalo Wild Wings after the first game. Highlighting the team dinner was the Ryan Khalil, who ordered a Shirley Temple to drown his sorrows after a tough game. We talked to Ryan after the dinner and asked him about his unusual choice of beverage. He responded candidly saying, "You know, I'm just trying to lighten the mood and bring up team morale after a hard-fought battle against a respectable team." He later said, "These were some of the strongest Shirley Temples I've had in a while; good thing I'm not driving,
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right?" Obviously referring to the contract negotiations between Enterprise and Campus Rec that prevented him from driving the minivans this weekend. Hoping for better results the next day, the Ramblers left their hotel and arrived at the rink ready to fight hard for an important two points in the standings. The Ramblers took an early lead but were unable to hold it after an unrelenting attack from Marquette and suffered another loss, 6-2 with goals by sophomore forward Nick Sohl, assisted by Matt Evans and Joe Nolan, and senior Nick Kemp, assisted by Jackson Bray.

The Ramblers left Marquette with their heads held high knowing they gave a valiant effort that weekend. They now look forward to facing 7th ranked Iowa State for their final home games of the season on the 30th and 31st when they will have their final fan bus game and honor their graduating seniors with a pregame ceremony on the 31st. Jackson Bray was MVP on the ice with four assists and Ryan Khalil was MVP off the ice with most laughter generated!
WOMEN’S ICE HOCKEY
START OF SPRING 2015 SEASON AND SCRIMMAGE
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Women’s Club Ice Hockey had a great start to the beginning of their season! The first weekend back they played a series against Lake Superior State. The game resulted in a tie for the first game and the women won with a shutout in the second. This was the first win of the season, in a new league! This past weekend they played a scrimmage against the Inferno. The women beat Inferno 8-1. This is monumental for the team considering last year the Inferno was a very challenging opponent in the league. Overall results were as follows: LUC vs. LSS (Friday 2-2, Saturday 4-0) LUC vs. Inferno (8-1).

THE FOUNDING OF BOXING

Boxing is a newly added co-ed team within our Sport Club program. After a year and a half of applications, the club is finally an official Loyola sport team, competing within the US Intercolloegiate Boxing Association. The team practices at a boxing gym in Evanston, with Coach Rich Garnica. The team will compete within the USIBA. The team is looking to take home wins at 3 of the planned 4 competitions next school year. Ryan Motzel is the President and Founder. Alex Carl and Mario Federico are Co-Captains.