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M.O.R.E. Students Interested in Retreat

Luigi Disisto, ’13  
Staff Writer

While the details of the Merrimack College Merrimack Outreach Experience (M.O.R.E.) Retreat remain secretive, it is known that more and more students are getting involved in the experience every year. The retreat is led by the Campus Ministry Office on the third floor of the Sakowich Campus Center.

A few of the many people involved with the retreat are Fr. Keith J. Hollis, O.S.A., the director of Campus Ministry; Fr. Raymond F. Diogos, O.S.A., vice president for mission and student affairs; Brian Stuehs-Vassel, the assistant director of Campus Ministry; and Fr. Bill Waters, O.S.A.

The Campus Ministry’s website says M.O.R.E. “is an off-campus weekend retreat experience, which encourages students to reflect on their relationship with God, themselves, and others.” The retreat is also known to help strengthen relationships between students. Though M.O.R.E. has been around for a while, student interest in the retreat has recently spiked.

Rita Persichetti, administrative assistant at the Campus Ministry, says it is the “first time we have had a waiting list in quite a while.” The sheer number of interested students has prompted the Ministry to schedule another retreat, which will be held in the first weekend of March.

This retreat is one of Merrimack’s most popular activities. Students who have already been on a M.O.R.E. Retreat, or would like to become more involved with the experience, have the option of joining the M.O.R.E. Council, which meets on Sundays at 3 p.m. in the Campus Ministry Office.

For more information about the M.O.R.E. Council, Fr. Bill Waters, and for any information regarding the next M.O.R.E. Retreat, contact Fr. Keith at HollisK@merrimack.edu or ext. 5356.

Burning Ambition: Amber Legacy keeps warm while she studies in the Sakowich Center.

Photo by Alexandra Maas, ’14.

Tuition, Room and (Long)board

Kamaranie Joyce, ’15  
Staff Writer

As the year grows old and the temperatures begin to drop, the rate of student absenteeism climbs at Merrimack College. Although Merrimack is a relatively small campus, any commute in the treacherous New England weather can be treacherous to walk in.

As a result of both the weather and the student body’s laziness, alternative forms of transportation around campus have been on the rise. Bicycles, scooters, and skateboards are all commonly seen getting students from point A to B. But the most popular, and newest traveling trend, is the longboard.

At first glance the longboard looks very similar to a skateboard, however there are several distinct differences that set it apart. There are several shapes of longboards, such as humtails, flat-nose riders, drop-through decks, drop decks, and boards with the shape of a standard skateboard. The longboard’s larger wheels create the feeling of surfing, giving skaters longer strides and better distance.

Longboarding is not only a convenient way to get around, but a great way to stay active and enjoy the outdoors. In warm-weather areas of the country, longboarding is a hobby, and many people are passionate about learning new tricks and finding new paths to board on.

“Longboarding is fun and reminds me of snowboarding. I’d be lost without my longboard,” said Ryan Hunt ’13. Alex Maas, a junior, could not agree more.

“Longboarding has always been a way for me to get out of my room and enjoy being outside. I love boarding behind the apartments and down the streets in Andover,” she said. Keep a look out for longboarders in the upcoming weeks.

Ryan Hunt, ’13
Questions on the Quad

By Agata Adamczuk ‘13

What Do You Want for Christmas?

Chris Alves ‘16
“Season ski pass”

Nicole Moran ‘13
“A puppy”

Zach Gilbert and Jake Alldredge ‘13
“Each other”

Cailyn Kelly ‘16
“Clothes”

Shaun O’Rourke ‘14
“An iPad”

Kaleigh Ryan ‘14
“An engagement ring from Rajon Rondo”

Police Log

Nov. 11
RA reports fight in apartments. Sgt. on scene reports non-student Concilio Thomas in custody. Sgt. requests AC be contacted to have all parties in apartments shut down for the evening. Sgt. reports transporting individual to APD.

Individual reports seeing a group of men walking in apartments with a large knife and making threats. All unites notified. Units report dealing with disturbance outside. Officer reports that she has retrieved a large knife located near Tower.

Nov. 14
Received a call of a suspicious odor on the third floor of Deegan West. Officers were dispatched. Unit reports confiscating beers and marijuana from room.

Nov. 16
Officer reports that the vending machine located in the lobby of O’Brien has been vandalized. The plexi glass on the front of the machine has been broken and an unknown amount of items have been taken. Most of the remaining items have been secured.

Nov. 17
RA from O’Brien called reporting a male student with hand laceration in lobby. Officer on scene requested AFD. Student reports being assaulted in H Tower with a bottle breaking up a fight. Student transported to LGH.

Anonymous caller reports loud music being played in the 3rd floor of E Tower. Officer sent to investigate.

Unit reports noise was located. Residents lowered music.

MCPD received a fire alarm in H Tower on the 1st floor. Officer reports malicious pull in H Tower. AFD on scene.

Nov. 20
MCPD received a report of a male and female trespassing in library. Unit was dispatched to area. Emily Blech 08-12-91 and bret Newman 04-04-92 were served trespassing notice in hand.

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@Aj_Lopez
Last class at merrimack tonight! no doubt

@tuckerschwarz5
Hey twitter pals, tomorrow is my signing to play lacrosse at Merrimack and I want you guys to help celebrate.

@theshaves
The Wolves have recalled goaltender Joe Canning from Kalamazoo of the Echl. The rookie from Merrimack College appeared in 1 Wolves game.

@bridgetanne09
Merrimack just doesn’t do it for me anymore.

@MikeyBeau
Every time in hungry in the @merrimack campus i crave a cup containing 4 pounds of cheese cubes.

@broadph_sutton
On my way back to Merrimack, bout to reunite with some of the realist #youknowwhoyouare

@MileMcMah0nCHN
New post: Jonathan Lashyn signs National Letter of Intent with Merrimack

@sully_says
Puttin up wreaths a christmas trees around campus for work tod just call me sully claus
Registration Process Under Review

Kerry Phelan ’16
Staff Writer

With spring registration now complete, measuring the success of the freshman registration — a process that has undergone several reassessments over the years — is under review.

In an attempt to make the process run smoothly, this year’s registration offered new students the opportunity to attend information sessions held within residence halls, and groups like the new First year Experience Program. Appointments could be scheduled online and in person, depending on the department, and e-mails were the main tool for sending out general information about the Master Schedule, time slots, and advice for registering successfully.

When asked for general feedback, even those who agreed that the registration process was well-managed believed it could be improved with greater consistency among departments and better communication. Essentially, students felt that departments should settle on one way of scheduling appointments and suggested that each advisor e-mail students their expectations prior their appointment. Some students explained that when they arrived at their appointment, they were unaware where to find the classes they needed to take and would have felt better prepared had they been e-mailed personally by their advisors.

Though the process was not perfect, freshmen generally agreed that registering for classes was simple. “Seems like every other day we got an e-mail about advising... besides a few issues in scheduling I felt well prepared registering for my classes on time,” one freshman said.

Panera Gives Back to Boys & Girls

Panera Bread in North Andover announced on Nov. 26 that it has raised $6,750 through its Operation Dough-Nation to benefit the Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence.

The café’s customers donated $3,375, and the store matched each contribution.

The funds will be used for academic outreach as well as health, social, and educational programs for members.

Panera prides itself on its community programs, which include the Day-End Dough-Nation of unsold breads, bagels, and pastries; the Community Breadboxes to collect donations the company will match; event and product donations; and participation in the Scrip fund-raising program, which lets nonprofit organizations buy $10 Panera gift cards at a 9 percent discount and resell them at full price.

Season’s Greetings: Merrimack students prepared Christmas cards for veterans.

DiSisto Earns Award

Senior Luigi DiSisto, a Beacon staff writer, was recently honored with the President’s Volunteer Award for his work at the New England Aquarium in Boston.

DiSisto, of Medford, put in more than 500 hours of volunteer work at the Aquarium, diving in the central ocean tank with sharks, sea turtles, and other marine life.

During a dinner for volunteers, he was presented with a pin, certificate, and letter of praise from President Barack Obama.

He majors in environmental sustainability, with minors in philosophy and communications.
Making INROADS to Aerospace

By The O’Brien Center for Student Success

Ewing Concepcion, a senior studying psychology and mass communication, is actively engaged on Merrimack’s campus as a leader of Mackapella and ALANA. Reflecting upon his experiences at Merrimack, Ewing credits his communication professor, Jacob Turner, for his learned leadership abilities. “He empowers students by taking the time to talk to each and every one as individuals,” he said.

When Ewing is not enjoying himself through the studies of communication, song, and dance, he is serving as an extremely motivated and determined participant of INROADS. Ewing’s exposure to INROADS has led him to a potential opportunity working abroad with all expenses paid!

INROADS’ mission is to develop and place talented, underserved youth in business and industry, and prepare them to be corporate and community leaders. Upon being accepted into the program, participants are matched with an appropriate employer. Ever since his acceptance, Ewing has worked for UTC Aerospace Systems. Opportunities through the program and through his co-op position as human resource generalist have allowed Ewing to further develop his communication soft skills and master the navigation of the corporate business world.

Today, Ewing talks of his experiences at UTC Aerospace Systems with great enthusiasm, as he recognizes a future of endless possibilities. In addition to potentially working abroad, Ewing may also have the ability to work for a year while also receiving a fully compensated MBA degree!

Ewing’s advice for Merrimack students: “Apply for internships! They will provide you with experience, networking opportunities and professional development that can lead to full-time job offerings and other opportunities after graduation.”

The O’Brien Center for Student Success can be of great support in helping you to find and sustain an internship, co-op and/or full-time job opportunity. What are you waiting for? Stop by the O’Brien Center for Student Success today, and visit ADVANTAGE, https://myinterface.com/merrimack/student, to apply for active opportunities.

Want to share your success story? Send an email to careersgradassistant@merrimack.edu!

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In News as in War, Accuracy Counts

To the editors:

Just wanted to comment on the photo you ran with the drone article in the Oct. 26 issue.

The drones shown in that photo are BQM-74s (as stated on the side of the airframe). These are test target drones, used as a target in missile and radar testing for the Navy. They are nothing more than a flying jet engine that gets shot down. They only can fly 200-300 kilometer and have a loiter time of 20-30 minutes.

The UCAVs you speak of in the article (Unmanned Combat Aerial Vehicle) are really the MQ-9 Reapers, or the more widely known MQ-1 Predators. A quick search of Wikipedia or globalsecurity.org would fill you guys in on all that.

In the grand scheme of things, it doesn’t matter what photo you run for this article, but one that actually shows the weapon system that you speak so passionately against might be helpful.

Phil Bond ’05
hot cocoa
holiday social

Come and get “social” with the Merrimack Dining Student Promotions Coordinators at Sparky’ Express for an evening of holiday music FREE hot chocolate.

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Fight Club Fever Hits Merrimack

By Patrick Bradley '14 Staff Writer

An unusually high outbreak of fights on campus recently has people wondering if Merrimack students are taking the name “Warriors” a bit too seriously.

The first rule of Fight Club is you do not talk about Fight Club. The second rule of Fight Club is you DO NOT talk about Fight Club. This, though, is something we have to talk about.

If anyone has gone out the last few weekends, especially the two before Thanksgiving, you know what I’m talking about: Remember the scene from The Dark Knight Rises when all the prisoners were freed? That’s what the apartments looked like each night.

Merrimack Police Services officers were scattered throughout the campus, many looking as if they didn’t know what to do, or what they could do. Fights were breaking out around every corner, and the gathering students forming mobs of bystanders created perimeters of helplessness.

Those who “won” the fights before they were broken up were falsely identified as prisoners, while their fellow Merrimack student lay bleeding on the ground next to them.

I get it. This is college. Alcohol, hormones, and jealousy flow freely through the veins of most of the people out on a Saturday night. Inhibitions are lowered; feelings are more easily hurt. It doesn’t take much to have one of the best nights of your life, but it takes just as little to turn into one of the worst. Fights happen, sure, but not like this.

One night in particular saw five recorded fights, although many more occurred before anyone was able to respond. The combatants included athletes on the same team fighting one another, girl-on-girl fights, and guests on campus causing a ruckus. One of those fights involved a guest walking into a party with a foot-long knife.

A thought: When someone leaves your apartment with a foot long knife, you stop them. It doesn’t matter if it’s not your problem, not your guest or if you didn’t do it. If you didn’t stop it, you’re responsible for what happens.

And sorry, ladies, but if “your man” wants some other chick, punching her in the face isn’t going to do anything but hurt your hand.

Merrimack, what are we doing?

In a recent survey of Merrimack students, when asked where they currently go to college, 100 percent of them answered “Merrimack College” or “North Andover” — not “Gotham City” or “Arkham Asylum,” although maybe that’s where some of us belong.

We need a hero. Batman would be great actually; he’s the hero we need, not the one we deserve. Unfortunately though, as much as I’d love to see Batman outside J tower stopping the idiots ruining our Friday and Saturday nights, he’s not gliding onto campus anytime soon.

The only heroes we have are ourselves. If we don’t stop this childish nonsense, no one will. And if it doesn’t change, the phenomenal weekend atmosphere we’ve grown to love at Merrimack will quickly disappear before we know what hit us.

This isn’t Fight Club and we don’t live in Gotham City, either. This is Merrimack College. That used to be something to be proud of.

It’s one thing to right a wrong, and even understandable to act passionately, without thinking, while intoxicated. However Scarecrow, Bane or the Joker are not who you’re fighting with.

You’re swinging at your classmates, your teammates, your friends.

Opinion

Warriors: Rise Up for the Weekends

Thomas Lanzoni ‘15 Staff Writer

Last year Merrimack was known for a great time during the weekends, with tons of excitement and fun.

This year the weekend has diminished a little, with more people staying in Friday nights and going to other schools to find the excitement.

The question is: Why is this happening? The weekends were wild last year, with sports teams, clubs, and individual students throwing registered parties. This year is a different story, with barely anything going on Fridays, and when Saturday comes when students expect people to be out, they are disappointed. Is it because people are hanging and partying with their friends?

Last year the partying ended in an amazing fashion, with Spring Weekend, at which everyone was outside having a great time, partying and socializing with friends. Will Spring Weekend be the same as -- or top -- last year? Or will students be disappointed and question why they attend this school?

It’s not as if Merrimack is boring or anything, but the weekend could improve a little. The atmosphere at Merrimack is great, and if everyone goes out and has a great time with their friends, and partying and socializing, the sky’s the limit. Let’s get fewer people to leave for the so-called party schools and more staying at Merrimack -- and help Merrimack get its own great reputation for weekends. Let’s let our inner Warriors and let everyone know we are the Weekend Warriors.

The Beacon has pledged to donate all revenue for the 2012-2013 publishing year to Emmaus Inc., a non-profit organization with the mission of solving the complex problem of homelessness. Along with financial capital, The Beacon will provide human capital to Emmaus through volunteerism and mentorship programs that promote education to the youth and adults who participate at Emmaus.

The Beacon is honored to take this new direction.

-Pat Lawlor, Editor
Modern-Day Warrior: How Dry I Am

Patrick Lawlor '13
Editor in Chief

Not drinking alcohol the last month of first semester of my senior year may seem like a little crazy — well, it is. As far as drinking goes, most of us in college say that we do it regularly. I am a non-deterministic abstaining drinker. I enjoy beer, wine and hard alcohol pretty much equally. For beer, I go with the classic Budweiser. I enjoy a chilled pinot grigio, and as far as liquor goes, Canadian Club with some ginger ale is my go-to beverage.

It is not so much not drinking alcohol that’s the painful part; it’s being around people who are drinking. It’s that seeing friends drinking makes me want to drink and I can’t handle the pressure; rather, when people are drunk and you are not, things are a lot less funny and a lot more annoying. Drinkers are louder and more obnoxious when you are not drinking.

One thing drinking gives us in the social construct of college is confidence. After a few drinks our funny inner jokers becomes more funnier, our upper lip more smooth, and we have a v i n g drinks with clients or colleagues that can sometimes race us up the corporate ladder.

Sometimes it’s not for social reasons that we find ourselves in a glass in hand. Alcohol can be, for many of us, a stress reliever. After a long day, taking a seat on the couch with a drink can be a way to unwind or reflect on the day, remove ourselves from the fast paced lifestyle.

Another opportunity for drinking is food. Depending on where I am and what I am eating, an alcoholic beverage goes very well with a meal. If I am wolfing down pizza or a burger a beer is the choice, but a glass of wine with a nice Italian dish can never go wrong.

Until Dec. 15, I’ll have to limit my beverage vices to coffee and tea. For those who know me, a cup of coffee is never out of my reach, so that won’t serve me too badly.

Bloomberg Overreaches With Soda Ban

By Roger McCormack

New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg’s ban on large sodas in a measure that the mayor views as a necessity to reduce Manhattan’s fatness, limiting the choices of consumers along the way. The edict is the latest in impinge on New Yorkers’ independence, supposedly proposed for the purification of the calories that undermine the city’s resolve against the “dis- ease” of obesity and the health problems it fosters. Harder to discern is the mayor’s personal whims behind the law, merely one of an incongruous multitude that New York’s mind has passed, drunk on the Pettiness his office allows.

The law requires the ban of soda exceeding 16 ounces by restaurants, cinemas, street vendors and stadium concessionaires. The argument hinges on the dualistic (and oft made to conflict) forces of consumer luxury and public health. The mayor’s proposal marks just one of a plurality promulgated for the public’s health: Prohibition of smoking in parks and cities, breastfeeding in public, required calorie counts on the restaurant menus, and the ever increasing demonization of consumer choice. While Bloomberg’s measure might gain clout if it successfully vitiates obesity rates in the city, the Mayor still sets a precedent of regulation that could seep into other domains of private life. The ban of soda’s exceeding 16 ounces soda seems to be an illusory measure, a quasi-utopian pretension of pruning the fat, when fast food and other unhealthy choices abound. Why not force all the Burger King’s on Fifth Avenue to close? This would surely make people thinner.

The same could be said for a ubiquitous regulation of the food items people choose to purchase. It may be arduous to imagine policemen examining the merchandise you have chosen at the grocery store, vetting each customer to discern if they are thin enough for the desired product, callously able to dictate choice.

This smacks more of personal arrogance than a public health campaign

However, the intoxication of power often be a bit befuddling: lawmakers to enact measures in a vein that usurps the first decree, creating an amorphous body of laws in the process.

No more pervasive is the infantile nature of the ban. Mayor Bloomberg wrote a proclamation letter for the city’s 75th annual doughnut day, during which free doughnuts and coffee are handed out in the city. The mayor lauded the proceedings, in what would normally be a loco position but rendered ludicrous with the mayor’s recent ukase. Appearing on the “Today” show in early September, Mayor Bloomberg made the point: “Come on, it doesn’t sound ridiculous. One doughnut’s not going to hurt you. In moderation, most things are OK.”

The mayor has clearly broadened his prerogatives, heralding himself as the arbiter of moderation, a ridiculous path, and indicator of a dictatorial policymaker. Had the mayor focused on educating Manhattan residents of the dangers of obesity rather than enact an inef- fectual law, perhaps a semblance of credibility could be had in the claims that the law aims to promote health and longevity, rather than the habits of people personal.

Somehow, praising an event that featured tine sized doughnuts seems to undermine his posi-
Not Only About the Benjamins

By Patrick Lawlor ‘13
Editor in Chief

Much as it did last year, the Powerball lottery has been drawing media attention. Most of it is in the same vein: Critics and pessimists pointing out the obvious, “Do you know what your chances of actually winning that are?”

I do. It doesn’t matter. For me, and I suppose for many of the many others who indulge a few bucks on the occasional quick-pick ticket when the pot gets large, it is worth thinking about what you would do with that kind of money.

I rarely gamble, I don’t desire to go to casinos, and I don’t make friendly bets on football games, but the enjoyment of talking with friends and planning what we would do with the money is easily worth the $2 expense.

I get excited when I sit around a table in the cafeteria and share what I would do with the $500 million. Would you take the lump sum? Would you stay in school? What is the first thing you would do if you won? All these questions have given friends and me nearly endless discussions.

What someone says they will do with the lottery can tell a lot about them. I think all of us would donate a considerable amount to the causes we care about, treat our parents to cars or houses, and take that vacation we always wanted to go on.

But regardless of what we would do -- or think we would do -- these dreams, these aspirations are healthy. Striving for something, dreaming up ideas that seem impossible to accomplish, is the American way. If we don’t think big, if we don’t dream big, we sell ourselves short.

I don’t think the occasional lottery ticket is gambling. I think it is an investment in ourselves that yields dreams, ideas, and spirit.

Writing on the Walls

Chloe Rothman
Staff Writer

Young adults find many different ways to openly express themselves: They join clubs or sports teams, or wear funky hats, or rock neon yellow pants.

By doing this, they consciously influence those around them. Ideas of what’s “in” are passed along from student to student, and eventually individuals create their own style based on a combination of what they see daily.

Openly expressing who you are has a huge effect on those around you and on what you believe – as appearance is trendy, so are thoughts. Your friends might babble about everyday items, but when motivational or stimulating concepts are introduced, their thoughts can turn serious and have a lasting impact on those around them.

Your approach toward life can vividly change when you get a grasp on newly discovered emotions that your classmates or friends are experiencing. A good friend let me know this: you cannot control emotion, but you can control whether or not you share it. Sharing emotions is tough to do, but refusing to clear your thoughts can cause unwanted build up in the mind. Oftentimes, the emotions that engulf you are the same ones that are cluttering your peer’s noggin. As hard as it may be, sharing these thoughts can relieve the stress, making you feel like a healthier, easy-going individual.

Kids understand this instinctually, and have actually created an outlet for those struggling with the constant build-up. I’m not talking about a psychiatrist or a stress ball, but rather a rebellious, sneaky escape in the bathrooms of the McQuade Library.

The last stall in the women’s bathroom in the library basement and several stalls in the men’s bathrooms on the second and third floors represent the unheard voices of the student body here at Merrimack College. From regrets to advice, the walls of these stalls express what is hidden from light on a regular school day. Opinions, powerful quotes, and doldrums of importance are hidden expressions from those around you.

Take time out of your day (our out of your peek break) to absorb the soundless speech of your nameless colleagues and as their words hit you, consider helping someone else out.

Allow the voice in your head to express itself on the walls of the 65 year-old library.

With Soda Ban, NYC Mayor Overreaches

McCORMACK
From Page 8

more Todd Akin here than George Soros). A precursor to the fascist bureaucracy forthcoming in medicine, Bloomberg punctu-

ness harshly concedes to re-
sponsible citizens, well, I would say at his peril but the slew of laws he has placed with little difficulty con-
tinuously transcends common sense. Take for instance $100 fines for the “improper use of a milk cart” (sitting on it), fines for smoking out-
side, fines for taking feet off bicycle pedals, and penalties for whatever violates the Mayor’s fragile aesthetic tomorrow (like the two term limit for New York’s Mayoralty that Bloomberg supports the restoration of, despite his success in having the law changed to accommodate his third term, as three terms is obviously too great a task for the mere mortals that will succeed him).

The New York Board of Health approved the Mayor’s proposal, but not without a bitter fight from labor groups and trade unions, with The National Restaurant Association and American Beverage Association issuing lawsuits stating that the law suffers from numerous problems, namely, the lack of “any spe-
cial expertise or technical competence,” and “is laden with ar-
bitrary exceptions that have no con-
nexion to the purported purpose for the rule.”

Citizens of New York should fight for a referendum to abolish the law, offsetting the Mayor’s benchmark. After all, are not citizens in one of the most sophisticated cities in the world conscious adults, rather than the Neanderthals the Mayor sup-
poses them to be?
Baseball Hopes To Snap Back
Andrew Hurd ’13
Staff Writer

The Merrimack baseball team has a brand new year to look forward to this spring, after a disappointing 2012 season.

Last year the team started off the season fairly well, but after losing the last 14 games on the schedule, it was time to focus on preparing for the 2013 season.

With a more mature team, including some new talent, the team is working hard in the offseason and trying to make the proper adjustments to be a threat in the NE-10 division.

This fall, the team has been bonding through volunteer projects, working out, and running a 5K race together. The coaches feel that a united team will ultimately result in a successful team.

The schedule will certainly not be much easier in this upcoming season and it is essential that the team improve greatly in all aspects of the game. The mental and physical parts of the game will need to be better. Last season the Warriors lost some heartbreaking games, and as every sports fan knows, those are extremely hard to get over, especially if there are several in a row.

Teams like Franklin Pierce, Bonline, St. Anselm’s, Stonehill, and Southern New Hampshire will be looking to have strong seasons as well, and will make the job tough for the Warriors. It will be up to the captains and coaches to set the tone and lead the team in the right direction.

The captains for the 2013 season will be determined in the near future, but last year’s captains, Brett Julian and Joe Man- toni, are expecting a lot from every single player.

Said Julian, “We have a great freshman class looking to make immediate contributions along with a veteran lineup and pitching staff.” He hopes that all the hard work offseason will carry over on to the field in a couple months.

The players know that they have to be better and work harder. A long winter break and many workouts remain before the season. This leaves plenty of time to tweak the issues and hopefully come out in the spring, as a different ball club.

Colts Sign Loiseau
Stephan Lockwood ’14
Staff Writer

Merrimack College’s own Shawn Loiseau ’13 has inked a deal with the Indianapolis Colts of the NFL.

The Beacon caught up with him recently to clear up confusion on campus about his status.

Loiseau recently flew to Indianapolis to meet his new teammates and finish out the 2012 season. He is on the team’s practice squad for now, although observers predict he will soon see some playing time due to his strong work ethic.

Making the practice squad is an opportunity for new players with a lot of talent and potential to become bigger parts of the team, given some time and hard work. It is essentially a long tryout.

The Warrior-at-heart says he is still chasing his lifetime dream, and thanked his strong corps of supporters, from his former teammates and coaches to his friends and family.

Golf Sees Promising Year, Crew Preps for Spring
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Staff Writer

The women’s golf team made a strong showing in their fall season, never finishing below the top five in the six tournaments attended. The women excelled, finishing first out of nine at Kutztown and second out of 15 at Mt. Holyoke.

A promising addition to the 2012-2013 team, Louise McGillivray, a transfer out of Carson-Newman College in Jefferson City, Tenn., said, “I feel confident in the team’s commitment and camaraderie.”

McGillivray also said she feels Coach Nick Crovetti is a crucial component in the team’s success, and he provides the women with excellent opportunities to travel and compete.

Crovetti said, “The spring 2013 season should be very exciting, as was the fall. We accomplished a lot of team goals and broke our own records seemingly every tournament this past fall. However, the expectations are a bit higher for the spring as we look forward to competing in the first conference tournament.”

In addition to competing at a high level within the conference, the squad hopes to move up in the regional rankings. Currently, it stands 12th out of 46 teams in the east region and the top nine will qualify for regionals in May. It’s evident that Merrimack women’s golf is entering an exciting time as they continue to achieve on and off the field.

The women’s crew team is preparing for the upcoming spring season, too. They are a very young team this year, with only six returning members.

Returning member Kaylin English, does not think this will hinder the team. “Freshmen … matured quickly into spots that most schools fill with upperclassmen.”

The team developed great chemistry in the fall season and expects to mature as a program. They recognize this is only their second year as a varsity team and they will need immense effort and dedication to establish Merrimack as a competitive team.

On Sept. 23, the women’s crew team picked up their first two varsity wins in program history. From that point onward, their momentum has carried them forward.

This spring Coach Tim Desrosiers noted, “Our biggest goals are to compete well in the NE-10 cup, a first year event which will take place in Worcester, and is hosted by Assumption, and to also do well in the Dad Vail Regatta, a race in Philadelphia which will help determine our regional ranking.” Both races will test the team at a very high level.

Desrosiers said, “My hope is that we can create a situation where high school student throughout the country will want to attend the school and become a part of our team moving forward into the future.”
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Mike Collins

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Junior forward Mike Collins is third in the Hockey East in scoring, with 7 goals and 8 assists (15 points) through 12 games for the 2012-13 season.

His 15 points is good for first on the team in scoring. Collins also leads the team in power-play points with 1 goal, 4 assists and 5 points.

In the 2011-12 season Collins appeared in 35 games and racked up 25 points, with 10 goals and 15 assists, leading all underclassmen in scoring.

In Collins’ rookie campaign he appeared in all 36 games, scored 30 points and led all rookies in scoring in the Hockey East. He was selected for the Hockey East All-Rookie team, named Rookie of the Month for January and was the Hockey East Rookie of the Week twice.

At preseason Collins had an impressive 70 points in 83 games. The Warriors next game is tonight (Nov. 30) at 7:30 p.m. in Lawler Arena.

Q: What is your major?
A: I am double concentrating, business management and sports management.

Q: Who is your favorite professional athlete?
A: My favorite professional athlete is Pavel Datsyuk. He plays hockey for the Detroit Red Wings.

Q: What is your favorite team in the NHL?
A: My favorite NHL team is the Boston Bruins.

Q: Do you have any pregame rituals?
A: I always put the left side of my gear on before the right side, and I always tie my skates at the same time every game.

Q: When did you start playing hockey?
A: I started playing when I was about 4. My uncle played and I idolized him so I wanted to start as soon as I could.

Q: Where did you play before coming to Merrimack?
A: I played at Catholic Memorial High School in West Roxbury, Mass. I then played Juniors In Vernon, British Columbia.

Q: If you could play any other college sport what would it be? Why?
A: If I could play any other college sport it would probably be golf because that is one of my favorite things to do in summer, so I wouldn’t hate doing it year round for school.

Q: What are your plans for after college?
A: After college it would be awesome if I got a chance to play at the pro level. If not I would love to become a cop.

Q: How do you feel about the NHL lockout this year?
A: I have lost interest in the details about the lockout. One of the main reasons the lockout is happening is because of money, and neither side is making any because of it, which doesn’t make sense to me.

Laxmen Aiming High for ’13 Season

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For the men’s lacrosse team, being nationally ranked no. 4 is definitely not the worst way to head into a season.

With a record of 30-4 at home, head coach Mike Morgan has high expectations for his team in spring 2013.

When describing the overall strength of this team, Morgan said, “I believe this is the hardest working group we have ever had, and a great group of leaders. On the offense side of the ball we return a handful of guys who can really produce, and I’m confident our defense, who was young last year, will be one of the top units out there.”

Entering the month of December, the team has just finished fall ball and is mainly focusing on consistency and being more detail-oriented game to game, practice to practice. Competing in Division 2 leaves little room for error, especially against teams such as Lemoine and Adelphi. However, Morgan says that he has confidence in his players, especially veterans like Corey Lunnery and Greg Melaugh and those with a big game presence, such as Mike Perdie and Jimmy Holland.

He also says to watch out for the goalies, sophomore Morgan Green and senior Connor Reagan.

During winter break, players will work on their own. This includes lifting, practicing stick skills, and playing as much as possible. To succeed at this level each member has to be extremely self-motivated, and Morgan says his players are just that. In fact, he says that in terms of talent, leadership and focus, the team is better than it has ever been.

While Morgan says that his players always bring their “A” game, he emphasized that the fans have been outstanding and are the main reason the team is 30-4 at home since he began coaching at Merrimack.

Overall, one of the main goals of the team is to try to shape a well-rounded group of young men. They finished off last year with a team GPA of 3.1, and recently participated in some community service projects. Morgan says that if his players are doing well academically, they’ll do well on the field, too.

Each day leading up to the season, the staff and players of the men’s lacrosse team are working harder and harder. They have high goals for the season and expect an opportunity to compete again in the NE-10 Championship and National Championship.

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Warriors Win NE-10 Honors

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Senior wide receiver Isaiah Voegeli was named North-east-10 Conference Most Valuable Player, and fellow senior quarterback Joe Clancy was named Offensive Player of the Year.

Voegeli is the second Warrior in program history to receive the MVP honor, joining James Suzzo from the 2009 season. He finished his Merrimack career in style as he produced one of the greatest seasons in NE-10 history for any wide receiver. He led the NE-10 in virtually all receiving categories as a senior and broke the conference all-time record with 108 catches in a season.

His 1,500 yards receiving is good for the second most in NE-10 history and best in school history, while his 14 touchdown catches sets a school record.

The man responsible for getting the ball to Voegeli, Joe Clancy, turned in the best passing season in program history during the 2012 season, leading to him claiming the Offensive Player of the Year honors. Clancy finished the 2012 season leading the NE-10 and breaking school records in all passing categories as he went 323-for-510 for 3,945 yards and 31 touchdowns during his senior campaign.

Clancy also set NE-10 records for attempts, completions, yards and touchdowns as he went 50-for-81 against AIC and he threw for 553 yards and seven touchdowns against Saint Anselm.

Voegeli and Clancy were both named as first team All-Conference members along with fellow captain Artis Holt and offensive lineman Michael Hubbard. Seniors Jimon Hill and Zach Gilbert received second team honors along with senior Justin Marsan and junior Matt Tripicchio.

Cornerback Ruben Berger and wide receiver Jere Brown also received All-Rookie squad nods.

Nine all-conference honorees is the most from Merrimack since the 2009 season where the Warriors received 11 honorees.

Above, Isaiah Voegeli dodges a St. Anselm’s defender during the Warriors’ 62-26 victory Nov. 10. Right, Nick Zwaan taps in an extra point.

Runners Finish Strong, Eye Winter Success

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Warrior men’s and women’s cross country teams had promising seasons and are looking to continue their momentum into indoor and spring track.

Both of these teams have young squads and are thrilled to have such good freshmen recruits. The men’s squad finished the season strong, in eighth place in the NE-10 conference and 10th in the region out of a total of 27 teams. As for the women, they finished sixth in the NE-10 conference and ninth in the region.

Both teams completed the season on a strong note and are looking forward to what the upcoming track seasons have to offer.

With the new seasons approaching, the distance aspect is covered with cross-country all warmed up. The sprinting and field events are starting to gear up for their season for the first time since last spring.

This is only the third year that track and field has been an NCAA sport for Merrimack and the athletes continue to grow stronger and stronger by the year.

Now recruiting for more events, the only way to look from here is up.

Both teams have almost doubled since the original season and continue to expand. Senior distance captain John Lawrence said, “We have a very young team and from what I’ve seen so far we have looked very good. I am excited for the season to get under way.”

Senior women’s captain Christina Fisher added, “I think we will improve this year. This is our third year as an official team. We are expanding and getting more depth in a variety of events.”

As the season starts, the school is rooting for these teams to be successful in hopes to some day compete for the track championships.

The season kicks off Dec. 1 in Boston at the Reggie Lewis Center.