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College Opens Nationwide Dean Searches

Merrimack is conducting national searches for deans for two of its four schools: a dean of liberal arts and a dean of science and engineering. These two positions, said Provost Josephine Modica-Napolitano, are “essential roles in achieving the goals of the Agenda for Distinction.” The Provost’s Office has new leadership in Modica-Napolitano, in what she calls a transformative time at the college. The Provost’s enhanced leadership and staff will help facilitate the college’s success. Modica-Napolitano said she is confident the committees will find the highest quality candidates to fill the deanships.

Dean of Sciences

Marissa Diaz ’14
Staff Writer

Merrimack College has officially begun a national search for a new dean for the School of Science and Engineering.

The school is composed of eight departments: biology, chemistry, civil/mechanical engineering, computer science, electrical engineering, health sciences, mathematics and physics. Approximately 700 students are already enrolled in these departments, with the numbers rising.

Merrimack is seeking someone

who, according to the college’s website, can “harness the excitement of the campus and academic missions of the School of Science and Engineering” while also “encouraging and supporting faculty teaching, scholarship, and curriculum development” among many other things. The college is requiring that all candidates have a doctorate from an accredited institution in an area that is offered in the school.

The hopes of students and faculty alike are to find someone who is reliable and can represent their school with integrity while also taking initiative in evolving and strengthening the school.

Interim dean Associate Professor

Mary Noonan is replacing the Josephine Modica-Napolitano, who was promoted to provost this year.

The role of a dean at Merrimack is not just to take control of the advancement of academic programs in each department but also to unite the school as a whole. One of the requirements of the job is that the dean must “have the ability to build and work with teams in the school and as a member of the college senior leadership team to reach consensus” according to the college’s website. Merrimack is not merely looking for a new dean but for a new leader to help guide students to a brighter future.

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MC Honors Rabbi

Patrick Lawlor
Editor in Chief

The Goldziher Prize Dinner on Oct. 15 honored Rabbi Burton Visotzky, but brought an honored guest, Cardinal Sean O’Malley, archbishop of the Archdiocese of Boston, to Merrimack.

The \$25,000 prize is awarded biannually to someone who has greatly improved relations among Jews, Christians and Muslims.

The event, organized by Merrimack’s Center for Jewish, Christian, Muslim Relations, began with the Heroes and Worship student event, in which students sat with a par-

ticular “hero,” someone who has worked significantly on interfaith relations.

After the event, the heroes and other distinguished guests enjoyed a lavish dinner in the Merrimack Club.

Guests included President Christopher Hopey, who offered welcoming remarks, and scholars in the field of interfaith relations.

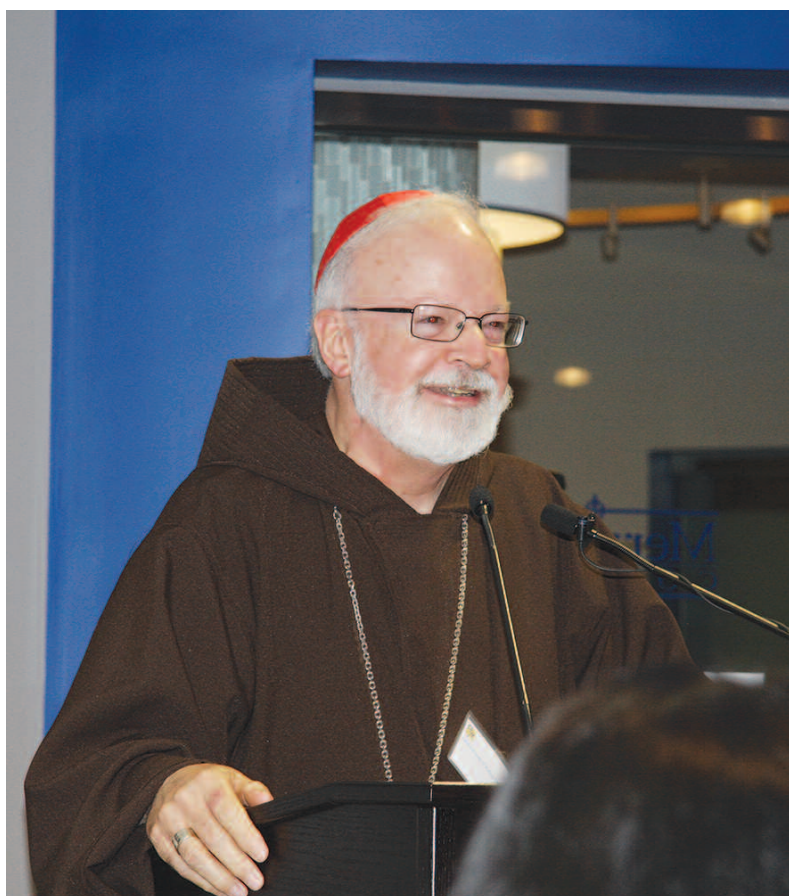
Cardinal O’Malley said it was great to be back at his “alma mater.”

He received an honorary doctorate from Merrimack two years ago.

Joseph T. Kelley, dean of experiential learning, organized the event.



HITTING THE MACBOOKS: Midterm study session in McQuade Library.



Cardinal O’Malley speaks at Goldziher Dinner.
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Final Day for Flu Shot at Hamel

Kristin Anderson ’14
Staff Writer

The sounds of coughs and sneezes have already started to trickle into the day-to-day soundtrack of Merrimack.

This can mean only one thing: With flu season upon us, Hamel Health Center has been offering flu shots to all students, faculty and staff.

The last vaccination session is today – Friday – from 1 to 4 p.m.

It is important to get a shot as soon as possible to prevent catching the influenza

virus.

This is because it takes two weeks after receiving the vaccine to develop protection against the virus. But once you do develop this protection, you will be protected for about a year.

These vaccines have been available on campus since Oct. 5. If these times are inconvenient, appointments can be made by calling Hamel Health at ext. 5441.

The vaccination is only \$15, which can be paid with cash or a check made out to Merrimack.

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Question on the Quad

By Agata Adamczuk
On Halloween, What Will You Be?



Skyllore White-O'Brien '14
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Cool Runnings
Sam Harris '16
A Penguin

Police Log

<p>Oct. 7 Student reports glass at entrance door to O'Brien Hall has been shattered. Police respond and ask that Physical Plant be notified.</p> <p>Oct. 12 Woman reported to be having heart-related problem. Student reports to Lawrence General Hospital.</p>	<p>Male reported to be committing lewd act on the third floor of the library. Officers respond.</p> <p>Oct. 14 RA reports an unconscious male in Ash. North Andover Fire Department responds, cannot locate victim. Police disperse approxi-</p>	<p>mately 200 people from apartments area.</p> <p>Oct. 18 Student reported to be having a seizure in the library auditorium. North Andover Fire transports student to Lawrence General.</p> <p>Oct. 20 RA reports a fight outside K Tower. Police dis-</p>	<p>patched.</p> <p>Oct. 21 RA requests an alcohol assessment in C tower. Andover Fire Department transports student to Lawrence General.</p> <p>Athlete on the turf field reported to have a broken ankle. North Andover Fire transports student to Lawrence General.</p>
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Mack Tweets

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I'm actually wicked excited for Friday #isthatweird #merrimack #collegetour

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Excited to start a circuit of #NewEngland schools today!! #Merrimack come see me and talk about #service!

[@LivBowie_8](#)
Playing Justin Bieber! This col-

lege knows how to attract me! #merrimack is out of control

[@GethinCoolbaugh](#)
There's a chance #Merrimack basketball won't be able to outscore football in a single game all season. 81 points is crazy.

[@ohlegitlynn](#)
I find it funny that there's more drama with males than females here majority rules #merrimack

[@NColson_17](#)
This line for a omelet in sparkys

[@Cody_Anderson97](#)
Going to Merrimack's Rugby practice tonight. Have never played before so this could get real interesting.....

[@DHo!11](#)
Merrimack #16 in the nation for men's soccer and it feels sooooo good

[@chelsjhnsn](#)
Someone take this test for me. I'll pay you in trident layers



Homecoming 5K to Aid Haiti

Thomas Lanzone '15
Staff Writer

As October comes to a conclusion, the second annual Homecoming 5k Race is almost here again.

This year it's held on Nov. 3 and with higher expectations as ever, and all benefits will go to the Hope for Haiti Mission Trip in January.

The event takes place right on the campus of Merrimack College with prices of \$10 for students and \$20 for

other. You can sign up online at www.merrimack.edu/homecoming. The race takes off at approximately 8:30 am.

All the proceeds go to the funding for the trip and allow students go contribute and get involved and truly make a difference. Merrimack will be sending two selected major groups to Haiti; the civil engineering program is trying to create a clean water delivery system, while cleaning and improving water.

"It will be a fun event for a great cause and all of us who are participat-

ing in the trip really appreciate all the support from the Merrimack community," said Mike Laracy '13.

Also, the athletic training program is helping improve medical care and is going to inform and teach Haitian health care workers. The event goal is to raise a total of \$16,000.

This 3.1-mile race goes allows the runner enthusiasts to capture their fix, and most importantly helps the Merrimack community reach their goal and send students to Haiti to help the world.



NAILING IT: Kerry Phelan '16 is ready to run at the NE-10 Championship at Le Moyne.

Sodexo Highlights Food Waste at MC

Luigi DiSisto'13
Staff Writer

Seven thousand pounds. On average, that is about how much food is wasted every year just from breakfasts at Sparky's Place.

At its "Weigh the Waste" event, Sodexo literally weighed what students wasted after an average meal, and then encouraged them to do something about it. On Oct. 16, Sodexo measured all the uneaten food from breakfast at Sparky's. To many students, the amount of waste was shocking.

Due to the success of the event, there will be another "wasteLESS day" coming up next month to weigh the waste of lunch.

The total amount of food wasted at breakfast on Tuesday was 27 pounds. Though that may not seem like much for the entire community of students who eat at Sparky's, one can imagine how it would

add up over a week, a semester or a year. If 27 pounds is the average daily waste, that is just less than 7,000 pounds of wasted food every year, just at Merrimack, just for breakfast, and just at Sparky's.

One of the central themes behind this event was awareness. Students had the chance to learn what they were consuming, and how much of that consumption went to waste. The director of environmental studies and sustainability at Merrimack, Professor Rose-Mary Sargent, pointed out that "The Weigh the Waste event is about sustainability and also about Sodexo's global stop hunger initiative."

Sargent also mentioned that Merrimack's Green Team has been "researching how other schools have worked with Sodexo on sustainability projects." The Green Team was founded in 2008 and includes more than 150 students. It consists of a

community of students at the school who work together on a variety of sustainable activities on and off campus.

Merrimack also has two environmental studies and sustainability students who are interning with Sodexo to learn about the company's "going green" initiatives. Juniors Chelsea Comfort and Autumn Linteau (who also happens to be the president of the Green Team) are the interns who helped to make the morning possible.

"Our mission is to improve the awareness, participation, and satisfaction with sustainable programs offered by Sodexo and College Dining Services" and "to propose, implement, and measure sustainability initiatives on campus through collaboration with Sodexo's Better Tomorrow Plan, campus community, and college commitments," Comfort said.

"Our vision is: Be a leader

in the education of the campus community, dining staff, and administration on the impact of sustainability," she said.

The event was promoted on Facebook under Merrimack's Dining page, as well as Sodexo's Sustainability Facebook page.

This event did not take place only at Merrimack; Oct. 16 was Sodexo's "Global WasteLESS Day." This means that Merrimack was not the only campus being environmentally conscious for the day; there were initiatives at schools supplied by Sodexo everywhere.

Another aspect of this day was the pledge wall, which students used to make promises about how they planned to improve their means of consumption. "I pledge to only take as much as I can eat," "I will finish my fries," "Freeze and refrigerate my leftovers, and take one plate at a time" were a few of the pledges.

School News

ZTA Drive Raises Cancer Awareness

Lauren Bowers '15
Staff Writer

During the month of October, the sorority of Zeta Tau Alpha has been all around campus raising money for breast cancer awareness.

By eating large amounts of yogurt, kissing away cancer, and making Strides for Breast Cancer, the sisters of ZTA are doing their part to help educate and work towards a cure for an illness that has affected lives for much too long.

The week of Oct. 14, one of ZTA's main fundraisers was called Kiss Away Cancer. All week the sororities' members were on Main Street getting students to buy a \$1 pink pair of paper lips. Every pair of lips sold meant one more dollar contributed to the education and awareness of breast cancer.

ZTA took all the lips, organized them on a poster to make the breast cancer symbol, and hung this poster up on Main Street. Because each donor's name was written on his or her pair of lips, the whole Merrimack community was able to see who among us joined the fight against breast cancer.

ZTA's second fundraiser was its yogurt-eating contest on Oct. 17. At 12:30 p.m. stu-

dents gathered in the first floor lounge to see who could eat five yogurts the fastest. The lids of these yogurts would be donated to the Susan G. Komen For The Cure foundation, the biggest contributor to the fight against breast cancer.

All participants were encouraged to eat as much as they could because no matter what, all of the lids would be donated to the cause. To do its part in the fight against breast cancer, Sodexo was generous enough to donate both strawberry and vanilla yogurt for the contest.

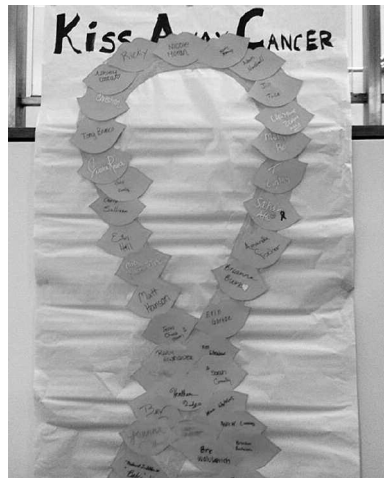
Will Griffin was the winner and went home with a \$25 Visa gift card as a reward and thanks for his contribution to the cause.

As a ZTA member and contest participant, Bri Burk was happy to give her time to the cause. "I finished all of my five strawberry yogurts. I didn't feel 100 percent great afterwards, but I know it was for a really good cause. It was very dairy-ing thing for me to do. Get it? Daring and dairy."

By the end of the week, ZTA raised a total of \$83 for Kiss Away Cancer. They are nothing but appreciative of all those that came out to help their cause.

Each year, ZTA promotes breast cancer education and awareness, putting a lot of time and effort into fundraising, especially by participating in Boston walks like the Strides for Breast Cancer Walk and the Race for the Cure.

Overall, it can be said that ZTA did its part during this month of October, and the Merrimack community is looking forward to any future fundraisers for this great cause.



Chefs Cook Up Contest



Sodexo chef Jill Grimley puts finishing touches on creations of turkey cutlet, cornbread cake and chutney in the Pep Rally before Chef Fest.



Sarah Buckwald '14
Staff Writer

Sparky's chefs worked hard in a food competition that honored the local food movement, in which chefs prepared meals that included fresh and local ingredients.

Sodexo's "Chef Fest 2012" took place at Colby College's Foss Dining Hall on Oct. 24. This culinary experience involved Sodexo chefs from all over New England, in a search for the best campus chef.

The event challenged chefs to create better meals to represent local sustainable foods. The campus teams prepared and served meals to guests in order to win over their votes. Sodexo, which organized the event, supports the local food movement.

At Chef Fest, each campus team consisted of executive chefs and a prep cook. The guests at the event were able to taste the meals after the chefs have completed them. They then voted on the chef that produced the best meal.

There were six college and universities involved in this competition: Colby, Thomas College, University of New England, Maine College of Art, Endicott College and Merrimack. It was hosted by Colby, in Waterville, Maine.

Last week in Sparky's, Sodexo organized

a Pep Rally for Chef Fest. This Pep Rally offered a sample of the meals that would be presented at the competition. Not only did students get to try the food, but were informed about the upcoming event.

The meal that Merrimack chefs Jill Grimley and Don Harris prepared was a turkey cutlet with cornbread cake, cranberry orange chutney, butternut squash mousse and grain mustard foam.

Junior Brittany Desmond explained that Chef Fest allowed the chefs to accommodate different options such as vegetarian dining. For example, during the Chef Fest Pep Rally, as an alternative to the turkey presentation, the chefs just served the cornbread cake with sauce.

The district marketing specialist with Sodexo, Michelle Herlihy, said she supports the Dining Team in all marketing efforts around campus and is heavily involved with Merrimack's Student Government Association as well as the Merrimack Green Team. She also assists with the projects of the student promotion and sustainability promotion coordinators who work hand in hand with Merrimack Dining.

Merrimack's Sodexo team worked with the Student Government Association after the event on campus to gather feedback on the judges' favorite meals.

Federal Push Will Expand Women's Sports

Kali Tudisco '15
Staff Writer

Merrimack College has agreed to form three new women's sports teams in response to a review by the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights (OCR).

One of the new teams will be women's ice hockey, projected to play in Division I by 2016.

The OCR reported that women were greatly underrepresented in Merrimack athletics and that the college fell short of compliance with Title IX.

This year is the 40th anniversary of Title IX, a law that prevents gender discrimination in any education-related activity receiving federal funding, as well as the 40th anniversary of Merrimack's very

first women's athletic team, the basketball team. Yet, according to the OCR report, about 65 percent of the athletic opportunities at the school were for men, while only about 35 percent were for women. The formation of the new women's teams is projected to bring these opportunities to an equal level.

In addition to the creation of new hockey, water polo, and swimming and diving teams, the college also plans to expand three recently formed women's teams: track and field, crew, and golf. The college has outlined a plan to bring such matters as coaching salaries and scholarships for these teams up to the level of their equivalent men's teams within the next five years, as well as have them compete in the same division as the men.

Ideally, once completed, the expansion of the Volpe complex will be helpful in allowing the men's and women's teams to get equal practice time, particularly in the case of ice hockey.

To ensure that Merrimack maintains its Title IX compliance, an official Title IX Committee has also been formed, per the resolution between the college and the OCR. The Title IX Committee will meet three times a year to review Title IX compliance and discuss any new issues that arise.

Although most people only associate Title IX with athletics, it is important to note that the law covers all aspects of sex-based discrimination and misconduct. That means that the committee will also deal with issues of admissions discrimi-

nation, sexual harassment, and sexual assault.

The committee, headed by Assistant Vice President of Administration and Personnel Linda Murphy includes five deputies whose jobs are to monitor, investigate, and respond to cases of discrimination. In addition, the committee plans to implement a campus-wide education program, including training to foster a positive climate on campus and stop misconduct before it is an issue.

Those who have concerns or questions about issues of gender discrimination or would like to report an instance of it are encouraged to contact the coordinator or any one of the deputies, who can provide them with guidance about what actions can be taken.

VETERAN SPOTLIGHT

Diego Alfonso Ortiz

Lauren Bowers '15
Staff Writer

Full name: Diego Alfonso Ortiz

Age: 22

Year: Sophomore

Major: Psychology, plans to add theater

Hometown: Originally from North Andover; moved to Hudson, when he was 10.

Q. What branch did you serve in?

A. United States Marine Corps.

Q. What was your rank?

A. E3-- Lance Corporal.

Q. Where, when, and how long did you serve?

A. Served in Okinawa, Japan for 2 ½ years, from 2009-2012.

Q. What made you join the service?

A. I went to college for a year; it wasn't really for me, so I went to the Marine Corps. I wanted to go to Afghanistan, but unfortunately I never got the chance.

Q. How would you describe your experience overseas?



A. I loved it. I was completely immersed in a different culture, so I got to see how they live their lives. I found it very interesting, very fascinating.

Q. Do you have a favorite memory of your time in the service?

A. Not a specific memory, but just the overall camaraderie with my fellow Marines.

Q. Can you tell me about the veterans organization on Merrimack's campus?

A. We're still trying to get it started and figure everything out. The main focus will be to ease the transition of veterans coming back to school, dealing with things like getting their GI Bill (benefits) straight and health benefits.

Another side to it will be working with civilians. We'll work with non-veteran personnel to do things not only for the local community, but also for the veteran community.

For example, we've discussed sending care packages to soldiers in Afghanistan. Basically raising awareness. Father Ray (Dlugos) and Kevin Welch came up with the idea and we're hoping to get it started soon

Q. What was the first thing you did when you came home?

A. I went and saw my family because I hadn't seen them in awhile. I really just spent time with my family and saw my friends.

SGA Growing Traditions

AJ Andreucci
SGA President

When you drive through campus you see building around Volpe or the new residence hall project near O'Brien. When you walk through the Sakowich Campus Center you can also see the new O'Brien Center for Student Success, which will have its ribbon-cutting ceremony Homecoming Weekend. Merrimack is growing and the campus we know now will be different in a number of years.

However, some things that will not change are some of our older traditions. This year's Welcome Warrior Week was a huge success; everyone had great fun around campus. Along with a great Welcome Week this year's Convocation was successful, with the Rogers Center filled to capacity for the opening Mass and the Convocation in the MPR even better attended.

The growth of these traditions has been amazing to witness, especially in comparison to previous years.

I want to thank those students who came to this year's Mack Meeting on Wednesday; this is an important tradition to continue, as it is an opportunity for students to voice their opinions directly to the administration.

We have also created this year what we hope will become new traditions, including the return of Midnight Madness. Katie Ganser and the rest of the Student Athlete

Advisory Committee were the hard workers behind the success of the event and all we can do is thank them.

Other groups, such as MPB, SGA, the Dance Team, the O'Brien Center for Student Success, the bookstore and Dining Services, contributed by either working the event, performing, or donating prizes and must be thanked for their contributions to such a great night. This event was proof that when the entire campus works together something special can happen. I can only look forward to coming back as an alumnus and seeing how this event has grown.

I am also anticipate seeing the community come together for Mack Gives Back. This day will serve as a way for the campus to work together to help the community around us. If the number of people who showed up to Convocation or Midnight Madness register and show up for a day of service, it will be a great moment for our community.

Merrimack has given us many chances to create memories, and Homecoming is one of them. This weekend is coming up and I am looking forward to all the great events planned, including the Mr. Merrimack competition, another great tradition.

All of these are great opportunities for us to create our own Merrimack experience. Everyone should take advantage of them.

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Songs in the Key of Mack

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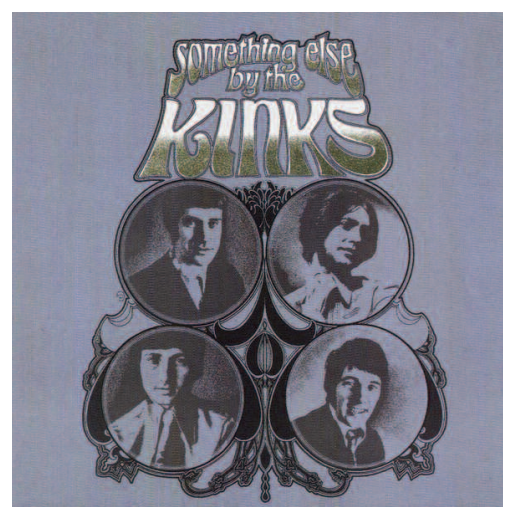
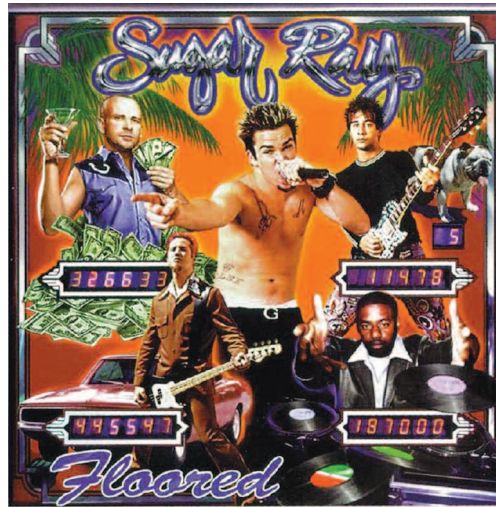
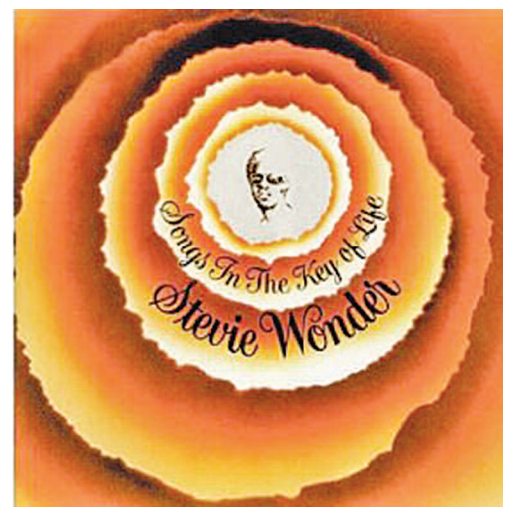
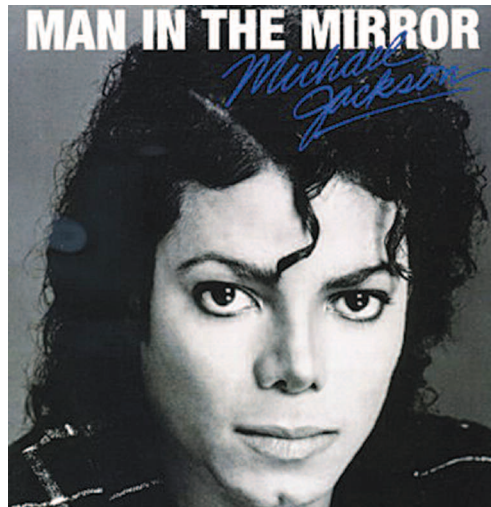
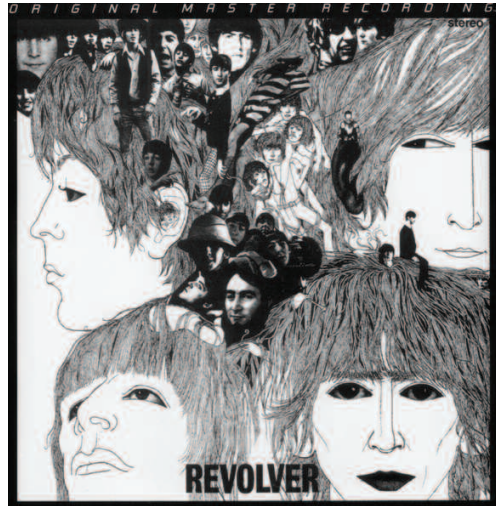
Music is a powerful thing, and simple words can go a long way – so believe me when I say words paired with rhythm can create an out-of-body experience.

With all of the accumulated stress from school, sports and severe gossiping, college life can certainly get to you. I'm here to let you know that you don't need to skip class, or sleep through practice, and you definitely don't have to stop the gossip — there is a way to transform that anxiety into smiles, and that is with a simple track.

Music has the ability to lift your spirits and turn your day around a full 180 degrees, so go ahead and let it.

I've compiled a list of songs (different genres for the different hipsters here at the Mack, of course) to allow your mind to wander away from the nonsense weighing your spirits down. This is not Taylor Swift's latest album or that Chris Brown song you hear three times a day, however. This is music that hit you deep down when you were younger, but was sadly forgotten, jams that you once loved but have neglected for years because of the dominance of dreadful mainstream.

We live in a confused generation, one that assumes that "old" is bad and "new" is



"established." Phases are for teenage girls trying to find their identities, not for music, so just in case you dropped some gems on your path into the real world, let me take you back to a time of real hip-hop, tender harmonies, happy-go-lucky choruses, and soulful vibrations.

Caution: The music listed below will dramatically brighten your day. If you haven't heard these songs, then welcome, and enjoy!

"Man in the Mirror" by Michael Jackson (1988 album "Bad")

"Eye Know" by De la Soul (1989 album "3 Feet High and Rising")

"Fly" by Sugar Ray (1997 album "Floored")

"Waterloo Sunset" by The Kinks (1967 album "Something Else by The Kinks")

"Sir Duke" by Stevie Wonder (1977 album "Songs in the Key of Life")

"She Said She Said" by

The Beatles (1966 album "Revolver")

"Fell in Love With a Girl" by The White Stripes (2001 album "White Blood Cells")

"Jerk It Out" by The Caesars (2003 album "Love for the Streets")

And some peer suggestions:

"Waterfalls" by TLC (1995 album "CrazySexyCool"), sophomore Katelyn Wilcox

"All Star" by Smash Mouth (1999 album "Astro Lounge"), freshman Ashley Weissman

"Out Loud" by Dispatch (2001 album "Gut the Van"), sophomore Chris Mason

"The World's Greatest" by R. Kelly (2002 album "LoveLand"), senior Shaunda Forcier

"Mambo No. 5" by Lou Bega (1999 album "A Little Bit of Mambo"), sophomore Megan Keenan

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Dave Coulier Hopes to Pack a Full House

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Dave Coulier, perhaps most famous for his role as Uncle Joey on the hit show "Full House," is coming to Merrimack College.

On Saturday, Coulier will be performing his standup comedy act open to both students and the public. The show will be held in Merrimack College's Rogers Center for the Arts.

Ahri Findling will open up for Coulier. Findling began his comedy career at the Pittsburgh Improv. His credits include the Pittsburgh Improv and New York's Comic Strip Live.

Tickets are on sale now on Main Street in the Sakowich Center, \$5 for students and \$10 for guests and the public. Doors open at 9 p.m. and the show starts at 9:30.

Modern-Day Warrior Stage 2: Unplugged

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I am a week and a half into the second phase of the Modern Day Warrior project — depriving myself of my iPhone and social media. Social media includes my Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn accounts, the three social media venues in which I participate; I have also locked up my Beacon-issued iPad, just to make sure I don't get off too easy.

Initially I thought the limited access to email was going to be tough. I get a slew of emails every day, and have four different accounts I check on my phone throughout the day. People are used to me checking my email so frequently, because I reply quickly. That, however has not been so bad — in fact it is nice to be away from email for a little while.

What is tough is the phone I have replaced my iPhone with. It is a Samsung flip phone that is basically counterintuitive. Yes, I can still text during this

month, but boy is it a pain. First, texting without a conversation thread is the worst — how am I supposed to remember what I said in the last text? I find myself going back to the outbox to check. Not to mention not having a keyboard.

I have played around with the “Alpha” option (when you have to hit the five key three times to get an L), as well as the “T9 Word” option (when the keyboard attempts to decipher what you want to text by what keys you hit just once). But T9 has its fair share of problems — I mean who wants to type “ze-diog” instead of “wedding”?

Not being on Facebook or Twitter has not been that bad at all. I am sparing myself from seeing foolish webcam self-portraits that annoy me, Facebook statuses that make me cringe, and Tweets that kill my brain cells.

I used to be kind of anti-social media. I just got a Facebook account about a year ago, a Twitter account a little before that. I made it awhile without both

platforms, but I realized the importance they have when sending messages to large number of people, and how vital they are in the modern communication process in general.

I am learning to deal with the flip phone a little bit. I only have a small percentage of my contacts programmed into this phone, and I find that I am certainly not using my phone as much, mainly because of the hassle that comes with the flip phone.

I did get pretty irritated when my mother, who has an iPhone, was sending me message after message recently ... which is not so annoying on a smart phone, but when you have to exit the message composition window and see what the person said, that gets frustrating.

But, these are all what the social media world has deemed “First World problems,” things that seem like major inconveniences to us — but in the global scheme of things are certainly not.



Speaker: Assisted Suicide Not Only Option

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On Oct. 16, approximately 40 people gathered to listen to M.C. Sullivan speak about the issue of physician-assisted suicide.

Sullivan is a nurse, bioethicist and attorney, who is currently the director of ethics at Covenant Health Systems, a Catholic health-care system based in Tewksbury.

Warriors for Life — REAL (Respect Every Aspect of Life) is the organization that sponsored this event. Senior Matt Hannafin gave a brief overview of what the organization does on campus and then introduced Sullivan to the crowd. The focus of the event was Massachusetts ballot Question 2, a referendum on the November ballot that would allow physicians to write a prescription for a

lethal dose of medicine for patients with less than six months to live.

Physician-assisted suicide would be legal after receiving a written request from the patient, seen by two witnesses, and two other doctors hearing the request orally.

The doctors have the option of referring the patient to see a psychiatrist, but it is not mandated. The only requirements are that the patient is at least 18 years old and that a doctor has told them that they have less than six months left to live.

Under this proposed initiative, doctors are completely protected. Pharmacists, on the other hand, are not. Doctors have a conscientious clause, if they do not feel comfortable giving a patient a lethal dose so that they can kill themselves, they do not have to. Pharmacists do not have that option, unless they have dis-

cussed it with a manager.

Sullivan argued, “Question 2 is so deeply and irrevocably flawed.”

One of the biggest concerns she repeatedly raised was the fact that in this proposal there is not a requirement for family notification, meaning that patients could make this decision completely on their own, without any input from their relatives.

Sullivan suggested alternatives to physician-assisted suicide. The main alternative was palliative care, which is different than hospice because it begins at the moment of diagnosis, she said.

In reference to doctors and nurses, she said, “Our job is to make suffering and pain go away.” This does not mean to kill patients, she said; it means to relieve their discomfort and make them as comfortable as possible at the end of their lives.

Sportsmanship for Field, not Bleachers

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On a recent walk by the Martone-Mejail turf field, I noticed some signs that list rules for those attending athletic events at Merrimack. They seemed pretty standard — no alcohol or tobacco at games was one of the rules — but one that stuck out, to me, was the prohibition of personal remarks to athletes or coaches on either team.

I know there has been a history in sports competitions of harassment or excessive swearing or yelling that have caused some problems.

But really, no personal remarks of any kind? So if I am at a game cheering on one of the many Warrior sports teams, I am prohibited from yelling “nice catch, Jake” or “great save, Mary”?

I highly doubt that was the intention of the Athletic Department, but it nonetheless provides confusing signage all around the athletic facilities.

The extension of sportsmanship expectations to the crowd or audience of spectators is a bit appalling to me.

The worry should be the sportsmanship on the field, court or ice, not in the bleachers — that’s why fans are in the bleachers and not in the competition.

But honestly, we all know these sportsmanship signs are a farce, an empty gesture. How many students get kicked out for drinking or being drunk at a game?



How many students get kicked out because they are packing a lip full of tobacco? Perhaps ejection is not a consequence on infringement of these rules ... but then what are the consequences?

The ban on personal remarks is silly and vague.

I understand a level of civility and decorum needs to be present on a college campus, but sporting events are a place for passionate fans to express excitement, anger or any other emotions towards either team.

Whether these rules are codified by the college, Northeast-10, Hockey East or even the NCAA, I think we can all agree that at this level of competition, sportsmanship should start on the field, and civility in the bleachers, while a great idea, can’t be created by signs.

Drone Program a Human Rights Nightmare

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Columnist

An untold number of Pakistani citizens currently cower in abject fear, worried habitually that their daily routine may be belligerently interrupted by barbaric violence. Ironically, these fears are not caused by the Taliban. Instead, the appallingly brutal and immoral drone warfare that the United States currently implements, with shocking disregard for the country’s civilians, is rapidly emboldening a new generation of terrorists and allowing moral principles to be superseded by a deceptive expediency, displaying policy that is helplessly inept at curing ills the nation faces abroad.

An estimated 474 to 884 civilians have been killed in the drone strikes, 176 of them children. A drone refers to an unmanned aerial vehicle, controlled by computer, with the capacity to fire missiles at targets, furthering the disparity between the United States and those who suffer the cost of its rabid bellicosity. Drones were an incipient program under the Bush administration, used sparingly against a few Taliban targets in 2001, and subsequently gained a heightened role under the Obama administration.

The administration’s “kill list,” in which Mr. Nobel Peace Prize himself personally selects targets in Middle Eastern hotspots, has come under criticism for its undiscerning eye in killing “terrorists.” The most egregious policy dictating who will be terminated in the strikes is the following malicious diktat, counting all military-age males in a strike zone as combatants, according to several administration officials, unless there is explicit intelligence proving them innocent after they have been killed.



This is a gross reversal of the standard of innocent until proven guilty -- employing its polar opposite, an already heinous war crime, exacerbated by the countless innocent lives that have been lost due to the administration’s callous concern for innocents. Little thought is given to what the strikes do to the region’s environs, in areas where prudence and diplomacy should be germane principles. Furthermore, the number of innocents condemned to death may be exponentially higher than the statistics the Obama administration disseminates. This is due to the aforementioned policy of counting all military-age males as combatants, allowing for another case of an immoral vagueness in the administration’s policies, and allowing truth to be invisibly concealed. The cost of such a morally bankrupt policy has catalyzed recruitment for terrorism in the region, highlighting the

shocking cost of expeditious policies.

Militant Faisal Shazhad, who attempted to set off a car bomb in Times Square, was quoted telling the judge in his court case: “When the drones hit, they don’t see children.” This raises fundamental questions about the strikes’ efficacy and probity. Many U.S. statesmen often view the drone strikes as necessary to repress terrorism, equating eliminated leaders with progress. However, when the apocalyptic situation is viewed in Pakistan, revealing Shazhad’s reaction to be far from atypical, it is obvious that the strikes foment mordant hate, oftentimes among previously reasonable citizens.

Ibrahim Mothram, co-founder of the Yemen Enlightenment Debate, weighed in on the effectiveness of the strikes: “There could be short-term military gains from killing militant leaders in these strikes, but they are minuscule com-

pared with the long-term damage caused by drones. The notion of targeting Al Qaeda’s leaders to demolish its organizational structure has been proven ineffective; new leaders spontaneously emerge in furious retaliation to the attacks.”

The situation is further exacerbated by living conditions in Pakistan — utterly barbaric, with citizens living in perpetual fear, disputing the United States’ passionate claims of alleviating the terrorism so inherent to the region. And a recent strike in Yemen has allegedly killed four U.S. citizens, at the price of eradicating a single terrorist. One of the four was a 16-year-old boy.

Mainstream Western media have largely given the administration a pass on events like this — not isolated events, but legion in the region. It is incredibly easy to feel disgust when hearing of a Taliban member brutally torturing and

killing children. However, the drone war and its 176 dead children is often treated as a statistic, and not as vile as the acts of our enemies. It would be very interesting to view the nation’s reaction if reporters pointed their cameras at the innocent departed, bringing a piercing light to a situation that has wallowed for too long in relative obscurity. Friedrich Nietzsche’s old adage, “Be careful when you fight the monsters, lest you become one,” rings appallingly true.

In the North Waziristan region of Pakistan, drones hover overhead at all hours of the day, striking on a whim, without the communities being informed or having a say in the terms of the administration’s physical and psychological warfare. Imagine the reaction if an industrialized, Western nation were faced with this policy. Unimaginable terror,

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Dean Searches Begin

Dean of Liberal Arts

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Michael Rossi, dean of the School of Liberal Arts, will step down in spring as the longest-serving member of the academic administrative staff. The college has begun a nationwide search for his replacement.

Rossi has served under four presidents and five provosts during his time as dean, and has worked through some radical changes on campus. Prior to his tenure as dean he was a writing professor, a post he will return to, and also helped anchor the Writing Center.

In an interview, Rossi said, "I look forward with great optimism to the opportunity that I am opening up to the school of Liberal Arts, and I myself am looking forward to contributing to the college in many other ways."

He feels confident in the search team's abilities and that this planned transition, for which he gave plenty of advance notice, will be very successful after his 12 years of service.

Now that Merrimack has added roles for deans to the Agenda for Distinction and the college is evidently experiencing changes for the better, Rossi noted that it felt like the right time for the School of Liberal Arts to begin a new chapter by hiring a new dean. After a sabbati-

cal he will move back into his previous position as a full-time writing professor and most likely become involved with a program that contributes to the college at a developmental level.

To choose the new dean of the School for Liberal Arts, a focus group has been formed to provide a description of the position, review resumes, and provide proper advertising and to decide which candidates look most promising before selecting the finalists. These finalists will then be invited on campus for final interviews and for the opportunity to meet faculty and to get a feel of what it is like to become a member of the Merrimack community.

The School of Liberal Arts currently has 800 students and offers a wide array of majors, minors and programs for its students. The new hire must have a degree in a relevant field of study, while holding a distinguished record of teaching, and community service, and properly embodying the traditions of the Merrimack experience.

The new dean, along with other deans, will be faced with the challenges of helping the college reach an enrollment of 3,000 undergraduates by 2021. They also plan to begin implementing assessment program, mentoring, retaining and attracting new students while supporting scholarship and experiential learning, which will contribute to the growth of the faculty.



Rabbi Burton Visotzky accepts the Goldziher Prize on Oct. 15 in the Merrimack Club.

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wrought by the fear that a bomb might explode at any moment, paralyzes the will, destroys whatever hope that country has for a future, or a thinkable, livable present.

This unimaginable horror is masked by rhetoric increasingly tribal, with the U.S. government fear-mongering, allowing phrases like "the constant fear of terror at home and abroad" to seep into the zeitgeist, leading to public consent for malignant policies. An easy analog is the Patriot Act and its curtailment of civil liberties. It is not as if either of these policies produces tangible, fruitful gains, either for domestic or foreign policy.

Further, humanitarian workers and citizens often are afraid to help one another, due to the fear that they might be eviscerated by a subsequent strike. It seems that innocent Pakistanis no longer have a chance of a meaningful existence; only a life that overflows with blood, entrails, and primeval deprivation. If this sounds lawless, you may be more right than you know.

The war powers clause of the Constitution allows war to be waged on foreign soil, and delineates the stipulations necessary for a legitimate cause for war. A president cannot order killings, with or without provocation, if he lacks the approval of Congress. As with his predecessor's invasion of Iraq, President Obama has waged warfare by drastically expanding the clout of his office, notably in Libya, and with the current strikes. Rather than explicitly providing room for policies of this, Congress prohibits a president from waging war solely on his own, Congress' approval being absolutely essential to the violence wrought on foreign soil. The Guardian reports that the administration has circumvented this, ironically enough, by appealing to an edict passed by Congress in 2001, the Authorization for Use of Military Force (AUMF), to allow attacks on Afghanistan. It has been interpreted to confer unlimited attacks against any location where Al Qaeda may be located. Along with this, the administration has offered

some lame platitudes about the nation's right to defend itself against Al Qaeda under international law, (ironically coupled with the administration's claims that Al Qaeda has been deracinated).

Compelling rhetoric (without a doubt President Obama's greatest élat), but the situation in the Middle East paints a stunningly different picture. Al Qaeda and affiliated groups are growing in Yemen, Libya, Somalia, and sundry other Middle Eastern nations. The Wall Street Journal reports that Al Qaeda in Iraq has doubled in size since the U.S. withdrawal. Despite the administration's deception, it was quickly brought to light that the attack on the U.S. consulate in Benghazi was committed by a faction of Al Qaeda. This is not progress, nor is it an indicator that the drone strikes should be heightened, acceleration the administration zealously seeks.

The late journalist Hunter S. Thompson, writing immediately after the attacks of 9/11, offered this chilling harbinger: "We are going to punish somebody for this attack, but just who or what will be blown to smithereens for it is hard to say. Maybe Afghanistan, maybe Pakistan or Iraq, or possibly all three at once. Who knows? Not even the generals in what remains of the Pentagon or the New York papers calling for war seem to know who did it or where to look for them."

As I write this, Mitt Romney and Barack Obama are engaged in their final verbal sparring, degrading each other into caricature, in service of displaying their "radically" different views to the American body politic. However, for the continued death of children, your vote really doesn't count. Both candidates support the continuation of the drone strikes. With Romney calling for policies as banal as "cracking down" on pornographers (as if the Republican Party's moral worth wasn't deluded enough), it is obvious that the genuine reformation of certain policies will take a much wiser candidate than either of those proffered, especially for the protection of the inviolate sanctity of human life.

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WARRIOR SPOTLIGHT

Ronald Ried

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Staff Writer

Merrimack Men's Soccer Freshman Ronald Ried (Schwendi, Germany), has come through in the clutch late in the season. On Oct. 13 Ried scored the lone goal again Assumption to lead the Warriors to an overall record of 9-2-1. For his performance against Assumption he was named the Northeast-10 Conference Rookie of the Week. Ried didn't stop there. Four days later the men's soccer team traveled to Le Moyne for a pivotal in conference matchup. The Warriors trailed Le Moyne after a late goal in the 83rd minute. Ried provided the late game heroics once again, tallying in the 86th minute. The game ended in a tie and the goal from Ried help Merrimack stay unbeaten for the 8th straight game.

Q: Who is your favorite professional athlete?

A: Nemanja Vidic -- he is a soccer player from Manchester United.

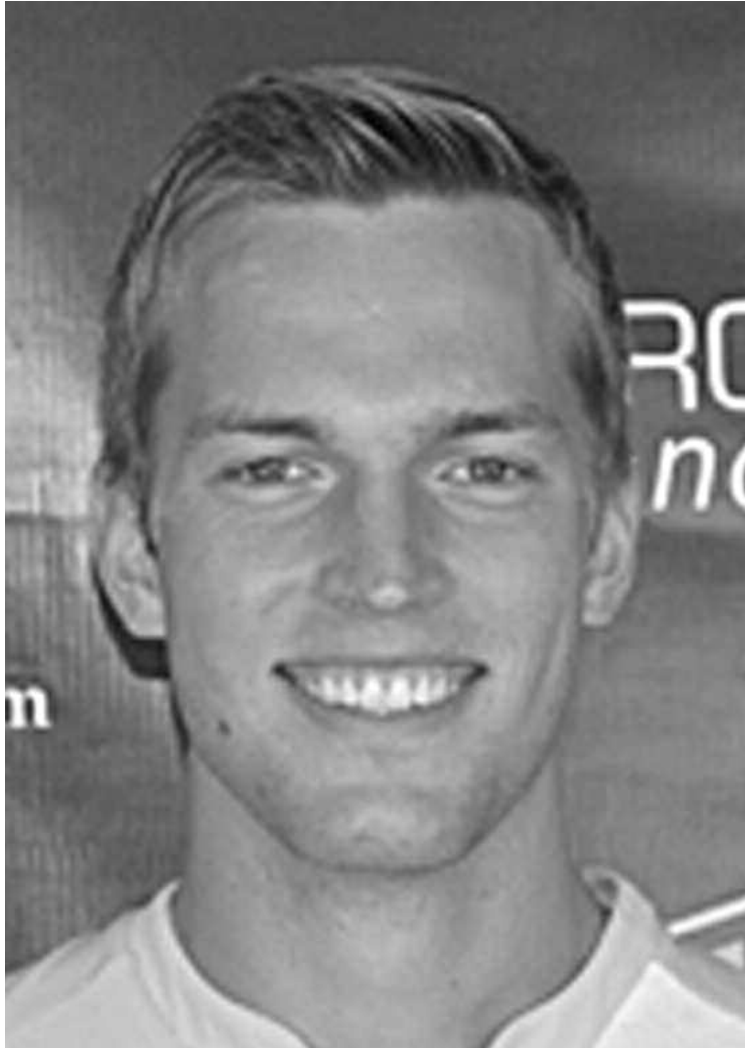
Q: Do you have any pregame rituals?

A: I always put my left shin guard on and then my right shin guard. I really don't know why and when I began this ritual.

Q: Who is your favorite professional soccer team?

A: Although I am from Germany, not Bayern Munich but Manchester United is my favorite soccer team.

Q: What is it like starting as a freshman for a nationally ranked



team?

A: It makes me proud to be a starter in my first season. I am happy that my coaches have faith in me and I hope I can help my team.

Q: How did it feel to be named the Northeast-10 Conference Rookie of the Week?

A: Of course I am happy about this honor. In my opinion it is also a honor for my whole team because I could not have received it without their help.

Q: Being from Germany, What is it like playing for a college that is so far away from home?

A: In Germany there are no college teams but only club teams. So it is a completely new experience for me to play for a college and I really like it so far.

Q: Is the style of play in the U.S. different from that in Germany? If so, was it easy for you to adjust to a different style?

A: Yes, soccer in Germany is more about skills and tactics while it is more physical here. All in all it was not too hard to adjust.

Q: How did it feel to score your first 2 career goals back to back?

A: It was a great feeling to score especially because both goals were very important. But at the end of the day it doesn't matter who scores as long as we win.

Warriors Drop Two at Brice Alaskan Gold Rush

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The Merrimack hockey team was denied victories in both games at the Brice Alaskan Gold Rush tournament this past weekend in Fairbanks, Alaska. The Warriors fell 3-2 to Alaska Fairbanks on Friday and 6-3 to Alaska Anchorage Saturday night.

"I think we played well all game there were some major gaps that ended up in the back of our net, but I thought in the large stretches of the game we were really competitive," coach Mark Dennehy responded.

In the first game against Alaska Fairbanks, Quinn Gould got the Warriors going with a first period goal. Gould buried home a rebound off of a breakaway attempt from Brian Christie who recorded the assist, 1-0. Mike Collins added another goal for the Warriors in the second with his end-to-end wrister from the top of the faceoff circle, 2-0.

That was all the watching the Nanooks could handle, as they reeled of three straight power play goals in the second period. Tyler Morley found the back of the net for Fairbanks and Trevor Campbell put another power play goal home for the Nanooks at the eight minute mark tying the game at 2-2. Cody Kunyk finished off the scoring for Fairbanks with his power play goal with just 2:49 remaining in the second period giving the Nanooks their first lead of the game and eventually the win. Merrimack goaltender Sam Marotta finished the game with 30 saves.

Merrimack continued to struggle heading into the second night against Alaska Anchorage despite putting up three third period goals.

The Seawolves started the scoring off as Blake Thatchell found net just over three minutes into the first period, 1-0. Anchorage scored two short-handed goals to end the first. Alex Gellert put the first one past Rasmus Tirronen at the twelve-minute mark and four minutes later, Scott Allen would net one more giving the Seawolves a 3-0 lead heading into the locker room.

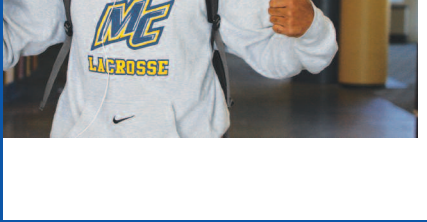
Allen picked up his second goal of the game on a tussle play in front of the net to give the Seawolves a 4-0 advantage heading into the third period. The Warriors outshot Anchorage 10-5 in the second.

Merrimack finally ended their scoring drought just two minutes into the third as John Heffernan laid one past Seawolves goaltender Rob Gunderson. Anchorage pushed their lead back up to four off Thatchell's second goal of the game 12:05 remaining. Collins added his second goal of the weekend a p toe five hole past Gunderson, 5-2. The Seawolves would connect on their first power play of the night when Quinn Sproule netted one past Tirronen giving Anchorage a 6-2 lead. Dan Kolomatis gave Merrimack its third goal of the period just one minute later, 6-3. The Warriors fell short despite their third period effort. Merrimack was just one of five on power plays in the second game; the Seawolves finished one for three.

Merrimack's home opener will be this Friday and Saturday, as they will host the Vermont Catamounts (0-0-1, 0-0-1 HEA) at Lawler Arena. Friday's game is scheduled to start at 7:30 pm and Saturday's game will stat at 7:00 pm.



PUTTING HER BEST FOOT FORWARD: Senior Christina Fisher takes the course at Le Moyne last weekend.



Soccer Squads Successful

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The men's soccer team strung out their unbeaten streak with a victory over Bentley on Oct. 20.

Since being recognized as the 25th-ranked team, the Warriors have not disappointed. With the win over Bentley and a tie versus Le Moyne, the Warriors increased their unbeaten streak to nine games, moving them to 10-2-2 on the season and 8-2-1 in the Northeast-10 Conference.

The game's only goal was scored by Olof Lindhe, as the Warriors shut down Bentley 1-0.

"This was a very big game for us both within league play and at the regional level," said head coach, Tony Martone.

Merrimack dominated throughout the game against Le Moyne, but they were unable to capitalize on multiple opportunities. The game remained scoreless for 84 minutes, when Le Moyne managed to sneak in a late goal that was quickly answered with a penalty shot goal from freshman, Ronald Ried. Neither team was able to score in OT and the Warriors had to settle with a tie.

As the regular season winds down, the team is focused on continuing excellent play and hope to climb in the ranks. The Warriors will play St. Rose in the final game on Oct. 26 at home.



The women's team also attempted to shore up what has been an up and down season. On Oct. 16, the women met with St. Michael's and came away with a 1-0 victory. Junior midfielder, Jordan Schnopp scored the game's only goal late in the second half.

Coach Gabe Mejail was happy with the team's effort: "It feels like a month since our last victory, and hopefully this'll push us into a good stretch as we close out the regular season and try to move up in the standings."

The Warriors played another important game against Adelphi (9-4-3) on the night of Oct. 20. Before the game, nine seniors were honored during a senior night ceremony for their dedicated

play and contributions over their college careers. Seniors Kristin Elliott, Laura Spang, Marissa Gambale, Emily Para, Kathryn Eagan, Jenn Pino, Sarah Woolley, Jamie Alnwick, and Krista Fazio were all recognized during the ceremony.

The game was tight throughout and though the Warriors dominated, they were unable to score. The game ended in a scoreless draw. The teams proved to be a solid match-up and their records showed it.

With these games, the Warriors rise to 9-6-1 overall and 7-5-1 in Conference play. The team will travel to Assumption for the final game of the season on Oct. 27.

Merrimack Remembers Coach Chris Serino

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Chris Serino, a retired head hockey coach who influenced Merrimack students on and off the bench, died Oct. 15 at age 63 after a battle with throat cancer.

"He brought a lot of respect here," said Brian Heafey, maintenance supervisor for the Volpe Athletic Complex. "Whether you were a cleaner or a million dollar donor, he treated you the same, he would always say his friends were like extended family," said Heafey.

Serino made a major impact on the Merrimack community. He coached the Warriors from 1998-2005, leading the team to the Hockey East Playoffs six times, and also served as athletic director. He was an asset to the hockey program and may have helped it get where it is today. He played an important role in raising funds for the athletic department, and his ideas for a spacious new locker room for his team as well as luxury boxes helped shape the renovated Volpe Complex. Serino was always looking for ways to improve the school and his team and gave Merrimack a reason to look forward.

After leaving Merrimack, the coach took over as head athletic director and hockey coach at Malden Catholic High School, where he led the Lancers to their first ever Super-8 Championship in 2011.

Serino was well known around campus, and the Merrimack community gives their condolences to his family and friends.

Serino will be honored at the Warriors home opener versus Vermont on Oct. 26.

"He was always a fighter, he never quit anything he did," said Heafey.

Men's, Women's Hoops Eye Winning Seasons

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With basketball season right around the corner, the men's and women's basketball teams are working hard to start the year with a win.

"This season is going to be a surprising season. A lot of people are counting us out because we lost five seniors; and we have six incoming freshmen, and one transfer," said point guard Travonne Berry-Rogers, a sophomore. "Even though we are a young team I think we are going to turn a lot of heads."

With star players Ro Davis, Aaron Strothers, and Wayne Mack graduating, the Warriors need to fill their leadership roles. Strong showers so far this year are point guard Trevonne Berry Rogers, forward Kevin Regan, and center Mike Clifford.

Berry-Rogers sounds confident in his teammates and coaching staff. His tone and quick responses indicate that

this season will not be a losing one.

The men's season will kick off with a match against Franklin Pierce, which last year went down to the Warriors 85-75.

The women's basketball team also lost some strong seniors to graduation, and picked up some untested freshmen – and as a team, they want to make up ground lost last year, when their performance did not equal the men's. But the team has a new head coach, Monique LeBlanc, the team's assistant coach during the 2009-2010 season.

"I expect us to be much more competitive in the conference this year," LeBlanc said. "Half of our team are new faces, the returners know the expectations this year."

The women's season will open with an away game against Franklin Pierce on Nov. 13. The women Warriors fell to Franklin Peirce last season by 13 points.

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