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Patrick Lawlor, ’13
Associate Editor in Chief

Physical Plant, the department on campus in charge of buildings and grounds, was hit with a harsh rumor last week — that the department’s functions would be outsourced.

Alexa Abowitz, vice president of administration and general counsel told Physical Plant that Sodexo was coming in to review their operations and provide recommendations on how to improve efficiencies.

Many Physical Plant employees were nervous about losing their jobs. With concerns being reported to his office, President Christopher Hopey visited the Physical Plant staff the next day, ensuring them that their jobs were safe, and Physical Plant was to not be turned over to a contractor.

“No jobs will be outsourced.”

OnStagers off to the Forest
Abigail Clark, ’12
Copy Editor

Merrimack students have come out of months of preparation to go “Into The Woods.”

After weeks of deliberation among the Executive Board members of the OnStagers Dramatic Society of Merrimack College, the E-board decided over this past summer to perform the show “Into the Woods” this spring.

After tryouts in December and then rehearsals beginning in January, the OnStagers have been preparing for “Into the Woods” and the final product is here.

Cinderella, her stepmother and stepsisters — Photo by Sabrina Boggio

Merrimack Relay for Life
Amanda Morris, ’14
Staff Writer

More than 420 members of the Merrimack community raised more than $33,000 in the annual Relay For Life fundraising event for the American Cancer Society.

The Relay, held on campus April 1 and 2, saw 47 teams of students, faculty, staff and others walking around the Sakowich Campus Center multipurpose room over a 24-hour period. Walkers raise money through sponsorships.

Freshman Katherine Reagan was among this year’s participants.

“I have been affected by cancer, because I have had to deal with a few of my family members having it,” Reagan said, “so I thought the Relay was a great opportunity to remember all the loved ones whose lives have also been affected.”

Reagan called the Relay, which had raised $33,843.19 as of the Beacon’s deadline (with more potential donations to come in), “an amazing experience.”

“I really just enjoyed spending time with my team,” he said. “It was interesting spending time with new people and sharing stories about how our lives have been affected by cancer. Also I enjoyed spending time with my friends.”

The Relay team BPM Eisai was Merrimack’s top fundraiser as of deadline Wednesday night, with $3,952 received. It was followed by Merrimack Rugby, with $2,511.69, and Cookie Monsters, with $2,364.78.

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Mystery in Mendel Pond: Twin Lobsters, No Butter

Michael Romanella, ’13
Staff Writer

If you found yourself walking by Mendel Pond during the past week or so, it would’ve been hard for you to miss our new friends on campus.

Mendel Pond was graced with the presence of twin lobsters for a little over a week. The crustaceans, though whole, were less than fully alive.

The question is, how did they get there? Police Services and Physical Plant declined to comment on the matter.

Did they migrate here from a previous location or did human hands put them there?

Up to this point no one on campus who spoke with the Beacon has any idea of how these two lobsters ended up belly-up on the bottom of Mendel.

What do we know is that they are there, and the next time you pass by Mendel Pond, you might offer a friendly salute — not only to them, but also to the mystery that lies with them.

Know Your Augustinians

The “Know Your Augustinians” campaign is an initiative by The Beacon to strengthen the awareness of Merrimack’s Augustinian tradition and heritage by allowing our readers to recognize the members of the Order of Saint Augustine currently at Merrimack.

Father Bill Waters, O.S.A.
Campus Minister for Liturgical Affairs

How long have you been at Merrimack?
I am in the middle of my third year

How long have you been an Augustinian?
45 Years

What is your favorite subject to study?
Marriage preparation

What’s the best part about being an Augustinian?
The sense of fraternity in the best sense of the word.

What were your previous assignments before Merrimack?
Pastor for 24 years in 4 different parishes. Vocation Director, Director of Students in Formation, as well as helping couples prepare for vows.

What is Merrimack doing best?
Students being glad to be here, and the friendships.

What does Merrimack need to do better?
Greater appreciation of church, liturgy, and all that has to offer.
College Adjusts Credit Overload Rules

Submission from Office of the Provost

As part of a continuing review and streamlining of academic policies and procedures, Provost Michael Bell announced a change effective with the fall 2011 semester.

Currently, students in the different schools at Merrimack have different limits for the number of credits they may take before paying a credit overload fee. Starting with the fall semester, all students, regardless of school, major, or GPA, may take up to 19 credits in any given semester.

First-year students are not allowed to take more than 19 credits under any circumstances. Sophomores, juniors, and first-semester seniors whose preceeding semester grade point average is at least 3.00 may take 20 credits.

Second-semester seniors who need to take 20 credits to complete graduation requirements may do so regardless of their GPA in the preceding semester.

“The policy used to give more latitude to science and engineering and business students than to liberal arts students,” Bell told the Beacon. “Science and engineering students could take up to 19 credits, business students could take up to 18, and liberal arts students could only take up to 17 credits without paying a fee.”

“The differences were based on conditions that existed before we transitioned to the new four by four curriculum, but they no longer make any sense. So we made it equal for all students. It just seemed like the right thing to do,” Bell said. “A nice feature of the new policy is that now, liberal arts students can add a two-credit course or directed study project, where they could not do so before. It creates opportunities for more flexibility for students.”

In no case may a student take more than 20 credits in any one semester.

Students who meet the qualifications listed above and who wish to register for 20 credits should consult with their major department chair and the Registrar’s Office. At those consultations, the department chair or the registrar will acquiant the student with the disadvantages as well as advantages of carrying additional credits. The final decision remains the right and option of the qualified student.

Students who decide to take 20 credits will be subject to a credit overload fee as listed in the catalog.

The only change to the policy is that the maximum number of credits before paying a fee has been made the same for all students.

Any questions about the policy may be directed to the Registrar’s Office or the Bursar’s Office.

MC Eyes Long-Term Plan

Patrick Lawlor ’13

Associate Editor in Chief

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Hopey also announced he hopes to add $2.5 million to financial aid and scholarships.

Look for more information on The Beacon’s Open Forum on Strategic Planning.

Police Log

Police Services received call from a student stating that the vending machine window was smashed. Units responding to investigate and cleared. Area Coordinator and vending company were notified.

4/03/2011 09:55 SUSPICIOUS

Police Services received a call from the Snack Bar worker at Volpe stating that a parent was complaining that a male was recording the hockey game on his phone and appeared suspicious. Sergeant was dispatched at 09:56 hrs. Unit reports that the male is a parent of one of the hockey players. Suspcion unfound.

Déjà Vu

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New Kid On The Block: Jeffrey Doggett

Ashley Sarris ‘12  
Editor-in-Chief

“We’ve got momentum and we need to maintain it,” said Merrimack’s new Chief of Staff, Jeffrey Doggett.

Doggett, formerly vice president of government relations and community affairs at Northeastern University, came here with the mindset that “Merrimack is great.” He said he is eager to engage in his position, helping to guide smart growth for the college in strategic ways.

Starting his Merrimack career on April 1, Doggett said he is a “good fit” for the campus and is excited to once again work alongside President Christopher E. Hopey. The two previously worked together on Northeastern University’s president’s cabinet and in various community efforts in Boston.

In order for Merrimack to grow into the higher educational institution that many administrators envision, a strategic draft has been compiled and presented to the college for discussion.

The Merrimack Strategic Plan is a real opportunity for everyone in the community to provide input on future changes in the college, Doggett said. He urged Merrimack students to participate in these discussions, because as the college’s reputation excels, “the Merrimack degree will mean more.”

With a strong background in political campaigns, Doggett is preparing to help Hopey “through projecting existing greatness and audaciousness to tie into the local community, the state and the country.”

Growing up locally, in Salem, Mass., Doggett was already aware of the community service Merrimack offers throughout the neighboring towns of Andover, North Andover and Methuen and the city of Lawrence. Along with his campus effort, he is planning on promoting the college through various outlets.

The strategic plan will focus on private fundraising and in procuring more federal funding that can be directed toward improving the college as a whole, he said.

Doggett is looking forward to becoming a part of the college’s momentum and growth. “Merrimack is in great transition — transition, not change.”

When all is said and done, he hopes he will be able to say, “not only is the school better because of bigger and better buildings, but because we are a more cohesive academic community.”

Doggett’s comfort in the new community has been accelerated by the warm response he has received from the administration. He loves the feeling of familiarity between colleagues, many of whom came from Northeastern as well. Nevertheless, he also sees Merrimack as having its own special appeal. “I look forward to the uniqueness of this higher institution family,” he said.

Schedule of Strategic Planning Discussions

Tuesday, April 12 - Breakfast 8:30-10 AM

Tuesday, April 12 - Dinner 5-6:30 PM

Thursday, April 14 - Lunch 12-1:30 PM

Thursday, April 14 - Dinner 5:30-7 PM

Tuesday, April 19 - Breakfast 8:30-10 AM

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Sophomore Nicole Meaney was the top individual fundraiser, with $1,225 collected, followed by sophomore Tamara O’Donnell, with $880, and junior Erin Wilson, with $828. The Relay for Life included a Luminaria Ceremony, with illuminated bags on campus marking the names of individuals who had battled cancer.

“I recommend everyone to try and do a relay at least once, even if your life has not been affected by cancer,” said Reagan. “It’s definitely fulfilling.”
Photos from the Camden, NJ service trip. Pictured above: "Students donating clothes and hanging them up in a homeless day center in Camden, NJ called "New Visions"
The Golden Silence

Contemplations on the Religious life and the fight against idle gossip

While speech may be necessary to live an appropriate life, it often conversely plays an important role in the destruction of our moral integrity.

Various assaults on the Eighth Commandment (Thou shall not bear false witness) are commonly encountered as lies, slander, racism, and gossip. The first three of these four sins are serious enough in themselves, but together they combine to form a most caustic and spiteful sin: gossip.

Gossip is one of the most commonly committed sins. Often beginning with a few flippant comments, gossip quickly escalates lies through a deadly game of telephone. Jesus, as always, sets a perfect example in John 8, which involves a woman caught in adultery. Just as the Pharisees lacked the purity of heart to condemn her, so too do we lack the right to speak of others based on half-truths and lies.

St. Faustina reminds us that that one who does not stay silent will not become a saint, which ultimately is the goal of every Catholic. The custody of the tongue, while difficult to master, is essential to grow in holiness and love.

One thing I have recently come to learn here in Rome is that priests, in particular, are victims of gossip. Simply because they submit themselves to directly working with people and assisting them in their spiritual pilgrimages they open themselves up to “personal interpretation.”

A priest is not some sort of bon-vivant on a school trip, looking for his daily Catholic jollies in the Church’s grandeur. Rather, he is a member of a divinely instituted order that requires unspeakable sacrifices and commands our utmost respect. Our Lord himself revealed to a German nun, Mutter Vogel, that one should “never again accept an out-of-the-way word about a priest, and speak no unkind word about them even if it were true! Every priest is My Vicar and My heart will be sickened and insulted because of it!”

This strikes me deeply, as, hopefully, by the grace of God, a soon-to-be priest who will undoubtedly face much antagonism throughout my life. Priests are human beings, who undoubtedly will fall at times, but it is a most grave offence against Jesus, the High Priest, when we profane their reputation.

Additionally, I noticed that Our Lord clearly informs us that both the gossiper and the recipient are equally guilty in the spread of verbal malice.

Let our ears not be receptive to the malignant words of others, lest we activate our lips to perpetuate further deceit. Therefore, I urge you to pray for our priests and seminarians, that they may be holy men of God, and to defend them when spiteful lies are spread in efforts to damage their image. Let this holy season of Lent be a time of self-examination, relying on silence and tongue custody in order to fully unite with Jesus and His quickly approaching Passion.
Alisha Reppucci

Alisha is currently a junior majoring in accounting from Gloucester, Mass. This is her third year on SGA; freshman year she was a representative of the Campus Life Committee, sophomore year she was the chair of the Campus Life Committee, and junior year she was the chair of the Club Committee and the Vice President of the SGA as a whole.

If elected as President, Alisha wants to improve the sense of community within the school, work on keeping students on campus during the weekends, offer work on keeping students on campus. Alisha is open to all ideas from students and wants to hear directly from the student body what they want SGA to spend their money on.

Though there are many challenges that lie ahead, Alisha recognizes that this is a period of transition for Merrimack College where the Administration looks towards the students for their opinion on student policies and future plans.

At a time when the Student Government Association’s opinion is the most valuable, it is important to have a dedicated leader like Alisha to represent the student body.

Jeff Hanshaw

Jeff is a junior at Merrimack and is majoring in biochemistry with a minor in mathematics. He is from Amesbury, Mass. He has been on SGA for three years, serving as Secretary last year and Treasurer this year.

One of his main goals for next year will be enacting changes based on this year’s series of Mack Meetings. All three meetings yielded a lot of great student feedback about where the college is right now compared to where we want it to be in the future. Specific issues include the creation of a universal course evaluation system, improving academic advising, and continuing to try to improve the food services program. Additionally, Jeff is extremely passionate about sustainability, and intends to work to make Merrimack a model green campus. He hopes to enable the Green Team to do more by persuading the college to take over the recycling collections, and wants to see Merrimack look into renewable energy sources.

Finally, Jeff feels that the best way for student ideas to become reality is for students to have strong connections with their SGA representatives, who can then bring these ideas forward and make them happen. Thus, one of his main goals for next year will be to increase communication between SGA representatives and students. Jeff is very passionate about sustainability, and wants to ensure that students’ ideas are used to make Merrimack an even better place than it already is.

Remember to Vote!
Monday and Tuesday, April 11 and 12
SGA President, SGA Reps, and Class Council

Veteran Leaders Join Student Affairs

Patrick Lawlor, ‘13
Associate Editor

The Office of Mission and Student Affairs gained with two additional staff members this week.

Vice President of Mission and Student Affairs Father Ray Dlugos announced Tuesday that Dr. Joe Kelley and Father Jim Wenzel O.S.A. would join his staff. The pair are planning to integrate the Catholic and Augustinian heritage of Merrimack to Campus Life.

Kelley has been at Merrimack for over 25 years, and was previously an Augustinian Friar. He was appointed the Dean of Experiential Learning and Assistant to the Vice President for Mission and will oversee the Office of International Programs, the Steven Service Learning Center, and Career Services.

Kelley has held numerous Vice Presidential positions and is a tenured Associate Professor of Religious Studies, and he will continue to be a staple at Merrimack.

Father Jim Wenzel, O.S.A. will have the role as Coordinator of Augustinian Values for Campus Live. Fr. Jim will work with Campus Life to integrate the Augustinian Values into the life of the entire campus. He is known best for his work with Augustinian Studies and Spirituality.

Dr. Joe Kelley and Father Jim Wenzel are joining Father Ray Dlugos in the Office of Mission and Student Affairs.

Father Jim has been on campus for more than a decade, and studied at Merrimack before becoming an Augustinian. He has held roles as a Campus Minister, the Director of the Center for Augustinian Study and Legacy, has taught many classes, and served as a Special Assistant to the President.

The addition of Wenzel and Kelley who have always worked very well together will do tremendous things for Campus Life, and the entire Merrimack Community.
College Reacts to Housing Concerns

President: ‘Every Student Will Get Housing’

Joan Corcoran ’13
Staff Writer

This year, the room selection process was reported as stressful for almost everyone participating. The class of 2012, one of the largest at Merrimack in the past few years, filled the apartments by 10:16 a.m. on the first day of room selection. This left the rest of the class to begin filling most of Santagati Hall.

Once the first round was complete, it left only a few rooms open for those participating in the second round of room selection.

Because of the lack of availability in Santagati, the class of 2013 began filling up Monican Centre. This dorm, previously known to most around campus as the “sophomore dorm”, is now going to be a majority junior dorm, with some sophomores also living there.

The class of 2014 is placed in Monican and Ash Centre, but all were not granted an immediate place to live. Many were placed on a waiting list; this has caused some stress for those without a room for next year.

Although it may seem that their living situation is up in the air, it is actually being taken care of, the college says. Dean of Campus Life, Donna Swartwout, issued a statement saying, “We want to reassure students that there will be housing for them at the start of the fall semester.”

She also has said that “students waiting to be assigned will take priority over students who have requested room changes.”

President Christopher Hopey issued a statement to The Beacon, saying “every student will get housing.” “We will take care of kids,” said Hopey.

The incoming class of 2015 will be placed in both Deegan West and Deegan East. The class is projected to be just as large as the graduating class this year. With the school’s expansion it seems that housing will become even more in demand then it is today, and the school is working on solutions to this problem.

Although the process was a bit hectic and some were left without a definitive place to live, the school is working on and administrators are confident everyone will have a place to live on campus for the 2011-2012 school year.

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Sodexo is the dining service, responsible for the food in Sparky’s Place, the Warrior’s Den, the Merrimack Club and concessions at the Volpe Complex, and soon to have a stake in the library food service, with the current renovations. According to Merrimack’s web site, there are about 75 Sodexo employees at Merrimack.

ABM Janitorial (previously OneSource) is the college’s cleaning contractor. Joe Monteiro is listed on the college’s directory as the “One-Source Manager.” Bob Coppola, director of Physical Plant, oversees the ABM contract.

MacGray, the college’s laundry service, is also outsourced. Before last year, Information Technology was outsourced to SunGard Higher Education Technology, but IT is now overseen by college staff.

Abowitz oversees Information Technology, Police Services, Physical Plant, Purchasing, Risk Management, and Sodexo. Abowitz said that “At this time, we’re only looking to review our current operations.”
Does Everyone on College Campuses Drink?

Michael Romanella '13
Staff Writer

The perception is that “everybody” drinks on every college campus. People grow up watching movies like “Old School” and “Animal House,” and figure this is what people do when they go to college. Research shows, however, that this is only the perception — not truth, to a certain extent.

Do people drink on college campuses? Yes! That’s obvious, but people do not drink as much as everyone else thinks, according to a survey recently conducted at Merrimack.

“In every campus there are those kids that are consistent drinkers, but not everybody is drinking and not everybody is drinking as heavily as the students perceive,” explained Jim Matthews of Hamlins Health.

In the survey, Merrimack asked: How many drinks do you typically consume in a week? In a pool of 370 students, 47 percent answered one to six drinks, and 24 percent answered no drinks at all.

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Movie Review: Limitless

Kayla Morong '12
Sports Editor

The film Limitless hit theaters on March 18, receiving “B” ratings from Yahoo users. The movie is based in New York City where Eddie Morra, played by Bradley Cooper, is a writer trying to produce his own novel. Failing to meet his book’s deadline, he runs into his ex-wife’s brother, Vernon Gant (Johnny Whitworth) who has a history of selling drugs. Gant gives Morra a pill to try called NZT-48, convincing him that he will be able to finish his book on time if he takes it.

Morra, clueless of the pill’s capabilities; takes it without caution. The pill focuses Morra focused, which causes him to hang out half of his story in a night. This newfound motivation impresses his editor, he is asked to continue his book. Morra, hooked on the drug’s effects visits Gant, hoping to get more. After running an errand for Gant, Morra finds him dead. Figuring the man sent him a connection with the drugs, Morra searches Gant’s apartment hoping to find the pills. In no time Morra discovers the stash and keeps them for himself.

Once he finds the drugs Morra gains success. With his book finished and headed for publication, Morra decides to use his new capabilities and enter the stock market. Although successful, he faces times of struggle, by discovering that his body becomes dependent on the pill. His addiction hurts his relationship with his girlfriend and begins to hurt his professional career.

Robert DeNiro, who plays a powerful businessman catches onto Morra’s act and tells him that he can get him an unlimited supply of NZT. However, Morra, due to his exposure to the drug, no longer needs to take any of it. He claims that his brain is permanently altered from the pill and has retained cognitive benefits without taking the drug. What happens next keeps you alert until the ending credits.

I found the movie interesting. When I saw the effects of the drug, it reminded me of the common pill used by some college students called Adderall. The movie also showed you how drug abuse can drive individuals to their highest and lowest moments. The pill may have helped Morra become successful, but in the end he was able to cope without it.

I recommend this movie for those who enjoy suspense and want to witness Bradley Cooper in a different element other than comedy. Overall, I give this movie a B rating. The purpose of the movie was indeed different compared to other films, but if you find yourself bored during the week give this movie a shot, you may find it enjoyable.

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Hopey Announces Faculty, Staff Raises

Stephan Tullgren ’13
Staff Writer

President Christopher E. Hopey recently went out on a limb to improve the lives of hundreds of individuals on campus.

"I am pleased to announce that the college will be providing a 2 percent cost of living adjustment effective as of the first April pay period," said the president in a faculty-wide email.

Hopey suggested the raise attests to the faith he has in our educators and people who serve as catalysts in the implementation of the Merrimack Strategic Plan.

Although a strong vote of confidence, this decision could not have been easy, as this is the first salary increase that the faculty and staff of Merrimack College have seen since the recession hit in 2007. In addition to a base percentage raise, equity adjustments will be implemented to create a fair pay scale.

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New Coach Has Challenging Start

Matthew LaMalfa ‘12
Staff Writer

The Warrior baseball squad cooled down a bit over the past week, posting a 1-4 record in their last five games.

On Monday, March 28, the Warriors posted a 9-7 victory over Assumption here in North Andover. Joe Santos led the squad with four runs batted in and one run scored and Tim Curran added a 3-for-4 day at the plate, knocking home one run and scoring three more. With a 7-7 game going into the seventh inning, Curran singled to lead off the inning, and two batters later sophomore Joe Mantoni put the home team ahead to stay with a two run homer over the right field fence.

PITCHERS Bill Humphrey, Alek Morency, and Brett Julian all saw action with Morency notching the win to move to 1-0, while Julien collected his third save.

“It was a gutsy effort by our team today after being down multiple times and getting back into it and win after losing a couple tough games,” said head coach Jim Martin. “I was very proud of our pitching staff today, especially Bill Humphrey who made his first start for us and kept the game manageable early on.”

The very next day, Merrimack returned to Warrior Diamond to face Stonehill in a conference matchup. Despite solid plate appearances by Curran and Mantoni, as well as a three RBI performance from sophomore leadoff man Mark O’Flynn, the Warriors fell to the SkyHawks 13-9. Both offenses finished in this game, with seven out of the Warriors starting nine batters notching at least one base hit. Keith Johansen started the game on the mound for Merrimack falling to 1-2 on the year. “Another tough game for us today. Whenever you score nine runs, you expect to win,” said Martin. “We did a good job of battling back late in the game but we dug ourselves into a deep hole early on.”

Thursday, the club was back at it traveling to Easton to play the same Stonehill team at Lou Gorman Field. Senior third baseman Mike Dooling led the offense with three hits and an RBI while catcher C.J. Flannery knocked in the other Warrior run.

On the mound, Conner McManus and Travis Terrill combined to surrender only eight hits but it wasn’t enough as Stonehill starter Eric Haugn fired eight strong innings.

On Saturday, April 2, the Warriors traveled to Garden City, New York for a double header against Adelphi. In game one, Mark O’Flynn gave to Warriors a 1-0 lead with a sacrifice fly in the fifth inning but Adelphi tied the score at one in the sixth and went ahead for good in the eighth, scoring four more times.

Mantoni started for the Warriors and lasted 7 1/3 innings, fanning six before giving way to Chris Pinette to finish the game.

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Men’s Hockey Brings Triumph to MC with Stellar Season

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The 2010-2011 men’s hockey team put together a great run throughout the regular season and during the Hockey East and NCAA playoffs.

While they lost to Boston College in the Hockey East championship 5-3 and Notre Dame in the first round of the NCAA playoffs 4-3 in overtime, the Warriors played strong. When the winning goal was scored in overtime many emotions surfaced on the ice.

“It’s funny,” said head coach Mark Dennehy. “I thought we were going to get a break. We had the game right where we wanted it.”

“My initial thought was I can’t believe it is over. After, I was sad because I wanted to win so bad for the senior class and not being able to do that for those guys who worked so hard for the past four years to bring this program to where it is today was a major let down,” added freshman defenseman Jordan Heywood.

The end of the season was emotional, but overall the team had a successful run. Many players accomplished personal bests this season, adding to the goals the team achieved throughout the season. The team’s success was not only an excitement for the student body, but for alumni and the Merrimack community.

“Sports build energy here at Merrimack College,” said President Christopher Hopey. “The run in the playoffs got people to believe again and that’s really important.”

With the fan base stronger, Hopey said he believes that the faculty had an impact on game attendance and still does as the spring season begins.

“Glenn Hofmann has done a great job fostering a family environment. I appreciate that the students came out for the games,” said Dennehy.

With the loss of seniors Bobby Kramer, Joe Cucci, John Jamieson, Francois Ouintet, Chris Barton, Adam Ross and Fraser Allan, the Warriors will have big shoes to fill next season. “They are a special group of young men. I am appreciative to the senior class and all that they have done,” said Dennehy.

Not only will the Warriors lose these players, but Forward, Stephane DaCosta has already signed to play for the Ottawa Senators.

“You cannot replace a player like Da Costa,” said Dennehy. With the team in full support of Da Costa, his future success with the Senators will be exciting as he continues with his hockey career.

Now that the hockey season has come to an end, Dennehy said he hopes to have a deeper team next season and is confident that he will put good players out on the ice.

“They are the tightest team that has ever been around and they did a great job welcoming the freshman class,” he added.

With strong outlooks on the team, Heywood remarked, “The team camaraderie was amazing this year. We knew we were a good team and that in itself brought us closer and gave us a chance to win each and every night.”
Women’s Lacrosse Keep Heads Up

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Staff Writer

During spring break, the men’s lacrosse team went to sunny, North Carolina to compete in two non-conference games of the regular season against Catawba College and Pfieffer University.

The first game of their trip, against Catawba, turned out to be their first loss of the season. Throughout the game, the two teams remained fairly close, scoring wise. By the end of the third quarter, the two teams were neck-and-neck, with Merrimack scoring nine goals, of which three were scored by sophomore Corey Lunney, and Catawba having eight.

During the fourth quarter, the Catawba Indians scored three goals to Merrimack’s two, tying the game at 11-11 when Michael Balbuena scored the tying goal with about three minutes left to play.

Both teams rallied for the win, but in the end, the Indians managed to slip in the game-winning goal 33 seconds into overtime. Their next game proved that the Warriors do not let their spirits get down, bouncing back with an 11-8 victory against Pfieffer. The Piefel Falcons were up the first quarter of the game at one point but remained behind the rest of the game as the Merrimack Warriors capitalized and kept the Falcons to a scoreless third quarter.

In all, seven Warriors scored, as they out-shot the Falcons 39-31. Sophomore Nicholas Vazquez contributed three goals, as Michael Balbuena and Terence Barclay each had two.

Senior captain Michael Balbuena said, “After the loss our morale was very low but we knew we had to regroup and focus fast. Lacrosse is a sport where you play games every few days so it doesn’t give much time to dwell on the past, which was great in this case. Going into the next game we wanted to focus on ourselves and play loose. We didn’t play our best but got a much-needed win. From here on out every game is a must win. So we have to prepare and play each game like it’s the national championship game.”

So far in their season, the Warriors have won six of their eight games, and lost two. The next home game is against Le Moyne College on April 16.

MC Champ Hits the Mat

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Christopher Round, a junior at Merrimack College, has a passion for the sport called judo.

Judo is a form of martial arts that was developed in Japan as a part of education, not just a sport or activity. Round was 12 years old when he began to participate in the sport. His father was involved in judo, but the real influence that got him more interested was a condition: Round had to overcome some issues related to Asperger’s syndrome, and judo was a perfect outlet for him.

His love for judo became more serious during the summer after his junior year of high school. Round’s passion for judo causes him to hyper-focus on something, he said, and once he started with judo, he formed a good obsession.

Round competes and trains year-round. Most recently, he competed at West Point and in Rhode Island and Philadelphia. At the end of April, he will compete in the national championships in Orlando.

“I have trained and competed all over the world. I lived in Japan at one point doing judo. I’ve also trained in Scotland,” he said.

Round has achieved a lot in his young judo career. His resume includes: 2007 USA junior national champion, third place in the high school national championships in 2007, bronze medal at the President’s Cup in 2009 and fifth place the year after that. He is currently ranked No. 9 in the United States.

He recently took second place for Merrimack at the National Collegiate Judo Championships.

When asked if he would like a judo program at Merrimack, he said, “I’m just more focused on my school work and my own judo career right now — but if there were enough interest I wouldn’t mind organizing it.”

He said judo in Greater Boston is a very successful sport. He trains at Pedro’s Judo Center in Wakefield, Mass., with some of the best in the world.

“If the Olympics were right now, the majority of members would be from my team,” he boasted.

Judo is not extremely popular in the United States, but he hopes it gains more recognition and media attention.

“The general goal of judo is to develop well-balanced people who are good for society,” he said. “I believe my academic prowess as well as athletic prowess is a testament to that objective.”
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Student On The Ropes as Top-Ranked Jumper

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Every young girl can remember playing with a jump rope when she was little, but not many of them can say they made a career out of it.

Stephanie Scoville tried out for a jump-rope team as soon as she was eligible — the third grade — little did she know as a freshman in college she would still be competing and training competitively.

Back in Torrington, Conn., where Scoville is from, she trained eight times a week and practiced for two and a half hours every day after school, including practices before school Wednesday through Friday.

The program in which she started her training was only offered to people in her hometown if they attended her school, Forbes Elementary, because her coach does not get paid, she recalled. Anyone who tried out in elementary school could stay on the team as long as they wanted but they had to stay dedicated and stick to the rules.

Scoville described her coach as “the most amazing person I have ever met, because she’s dedicating this much time to the sport of jump rope.”

At Merrimack, you can find Scoville training independently late nights in the dance studio. “I like to go late at night, ‘cause that way I have the space to myself and I can play my own music. When I train for a competition I train for specific events,” she said.

Scoville competes in various speeds and intervals, in singles and pairs. Training to compete for a jump-rope competition is extremely intense; she usually focuses on her speed and parts of her single-rope pairs freestyle that she can practice without her partner.

“For speed training I do a lot of interval training. Obviously If I’m training for 30-second speed rather than three-minute speed, I’ll do much shorter segments of speed at a much faster pace, a freestyle day would just consist of me going over the combinations we have in our freestyle over and over again until I do not miss at all and my form is all in line. Freestyle is more muscle memory than anything else,” said Scoville.

One of Stephanie’s hardest tricks includes a round off back hand-spring with a single rope or in Double Dutch.

“I am also really good with dynamic interaction with my partner,” said Scoville.

The team she competes on is The Forbes Flyers, which has about 60 members, 20 of whom compete at the varsity level.

The highest medal Stephanie has received is first place at nationals in the open division (meaning one boy and one girl per team) for single rope pairs freestyle. She has also had many third place medals at nationals including 3x40 Double Dutch freestyle, three minute speed and team show. Also, in another organization she qualified for the world championships with second place overall master female.

Jumping rope has taken her to London, where she competed in the master and team events at the world championship. The next place she is training to compete at is in New Hampshire this weekend for regionals, to qualify for nationals in Texas this year.

To watch Scoville in action:
Check out her YouTube videos! Forbes Flyers

The Merrimack Amazing Race is back.

This year’s race will take place on Saturday April 16th at 2:30 PM and the final event will take place during half time of the men’s lacrosse game.

Co-ed teams of two will have the opportunity to compete in 8 challenges across campus (4 mental and 4 physical) for a chance to win the grand prize worth $200.

Over $600 worth of prizes will be given away this year. The first 30 teams to register will receive an amazing race t-shirt.

Email foremand@merrimack.edu to sign up your team today.