The Welcome Back Dance brought to you by the Office of Student Involvement, MPB and SAAC on September 10 was held in the MPR and featured professional light and sound systems and acted as a Pep Rally for all fall sports teams. Students age 21 and older enjoyed the luxury of a beer garden featuring $2 beers and wine.

~Photo courtesy of Rebecca Ryan~

What an Entrance: Hopey Arrives

President Hopey came on to campus in July, and things have not been the same since. One faculty member said, “there hasn’t been energy like this on campus in a long time.” Arriving from Northeastern University, Hopey came storming in and began making changes, “There are a lot of changes here, this is a very exciting time for Merrimack” Hopey said of his changes to campus. “Our main goal is to provide better service and better support for all of our constituencies.”

Hopey hopes that alumni will be more active in campus, and that they take pride in their alma mater. “Merrimack has a collection of stakeholders, faculty, staff, students, alumni and the community. We want to serve them as best as we can,” he said.

Dave Foreman, senior resident advisor in the apartments is very pleased with the President’s actions so far. “I was really impressed that he was walking around on move in day, getting his face out there. No president in my time has done that,” said Foreman. “It is just too bad that this is my last year, and I’ll only have one year with him as my president” he added.

Hopey has been a crowd pleaser on campus, according to students, but for faculty and staff as well. Sara Hicks, Assistant Director of Residence Life, and a 2004 graduate of Merrimack, can definitely identify what Hopey has done for Merrimack so far.

“While President Hopey has only been on campus with us since the summer, he has been very busy at work. In his short time, his commitment to the success and future of Merrimack has been clear as he continues to look for ways to make our institution even stronger. He brings lots of big ideas and excitement to our campus community,” said Hicks, who in her time at Merrimack has been on campus for three presidents.

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Patrick Lawlor ’13
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New School Year Brings Changes

Ashley Barria ’12
Editor-In-Chief

Getting your voice heard on campus is a high priority for most Merrimack students. Students write for the school newspaper, speak out at Student Government Association meetings, and partake in student organizations like Merrimack Program Board to try to make a difference.

Changes are taking place in departments all over campus, responding to the requests of students. For example, for years students have complained about not being able to get into residence halls past 11 p.m.; now all resident students have 24-hour access to all residence halls, excluding the townhouses.

Also available to students 24/7 is the Sakowich Campus Center. Although for now the Warrior’s Den and Sparky’s Place don’t have extended hours, the Fitness Center, however is always open. The Sakowich has new carpeting and repainted walls. The Mack Shack was knocked down on the second floor and a new office was built for Father Ray Dlugos and Administrative Assistant Beverly Lavallee, creating the Office of Mission and Student Affairs.

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Jeanne Clery Report

Why Colleges Must Report Crime Statistics

How a Propped Door Resulted in Student’s Rape, Murder

Sergeant Jan Fuller
Merrimack College Department of Police Services

Jeanne Clery was a freshman at Lehigh University in April of 1986 when she was brutally raped and murdered in her bed where she was asleep. The crime occurred at 6 am and was perpetrated by a fellow student she didn’t know.

It was easy for the murderer to enter her dorm because three automatically locking doors, just like the ones we have here at Merrimack, had been taped open by other students so that they could gain easy access to the dorm rooms of other students with whom they were involved in relationships. Jeanne was raped, sodomized, her neck cut, and she was strangled to death by fellow student Joseph Henry, who had originally entered the room to steal, something he’d done many times before on campus. After the murder, he finished his originally intended crime before leaving. His penchant for theft was a behavior fueled by a drug and alcohol problem and one that was well-known to his friends who did nothing to stop him. Afterwards, he returned to his apartment and bragged to his roommate about what he’d done. Subsequently, he told other fellow students who reported the crime to the police several days later. There were other aberrant behaviors exhibited by this student that should have raised red flags to fellow students and administrators alike, but in the interest of keeping such criminal activity under wraps, little was done.

Jeanne’s parents discovered that there had been 38 violent crimes on the campus in the two years prior to Jeanne’s murder that had never been publicized. As a result of this incident the “Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act of 1990” was enacted, requiring colleges and universities to provide accurate crime statistics annually.

Lessons to be learned?

At Merrimack, we’ve seen everything from broom handles to beer cans propping open doors, coins stuck in mechanisms in an effort to prevent them from locking properly, and doors simply left wide open for easy access. Officers routinely patrol residence areas to check and close doors they find open, only to return later to find them propped again. Each incidence of propping is logged, reports of such activity forwarded to Residence Life, and fines levied for frequent offenders.

Before you prop a door, consider the possible consequences. Not everyone on campus has honorable intentions, and offering an open invitation to enter a building is asking for trouble. It’s not only the intended guest who can gain access. Merrimack is a safe campus. However, never become complacent enough to believe that “it can’t happen here” or “it won’t happen to me.”

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Merrimack College Annual Clery Report can be found on the Police Services webpage. The complete story of Jeanne Clery can be found at www.securityoncampus.org

Interested in Joining The Beacon?
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September 22, 2010 at 6:30 PM
Santagati Classroom 319
Alexandra Picardi, ’13 Staff Writer

There has been much controversy and discussions around campus about the new alcohol policy. The big question is, will it really prevent underage drinking on campus? Every year, millions of students go off to college for the first time and experience different exposure to alcohol than the exposure they had in high school. For most, alcohol is more available and usually it is in greater quantities. Merrimack’s new policy is about the amount of alcohol allowed on campus for people who are legally of age to drink. Is it fair to limit the amount that someone legally can have in order to prevent bad decisions being made by younger students.

The new policy at Merrimack states that students who are twenty one and older have: “A limit to the amount of alcohol someone can have on their person, in their room or in their car: 12-ounce containers of beer/wine cooler or one pint of liquor or one half gallon of wine.” This means that at any given time, students who are 21 or older cannot have more than that amount of alcohol between themselves, their car, or their room. Basically, students cannot bring more than 12 beers, a pint of liquor or a half gallon of wine on campus.

The president added that he wants a Merrimack degree to be really refreshing to have faculty involved with Hopey’s changes in communications. “I have never dealt with a president like him, the culture change is amazing, and it is absolutely to make us the best,” Sendall said.

Sendall also was very pleased with Hopey’s changes in communication between administration and faculty. “It is really cool that he is involving faculty in his cabinet. It is really refreshing to have faculty involved. It is great that we are finally on the same page as administration,” she said.

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Professor Deb Burns, Chair of the Communications Arts and Sciences Department echoed the acclaim that many others have expressed. Professor Pat Sendall, Faculty Senate President, described Hopey on behalf of herself and the faculty by claiming Hopey was like “none we’ve ever had.” Sendall commended Hopey on his “eloquent support of the faculty.” I have never dealt with a president like him, the culture change is amazing, and it is absolutely to make us the best,” Sendall said.

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Sunday through Thursday, the McQuade Library will be open 24 hours. Friday and Saturday nights, the library will close at midnight. In previous years, the library closed at midnight Sundays through Thursdays and at 5 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. In a quick attempt to satisfy students’ request for an outdoor basketball court, a single hoop was placed behind the Ash Centre in 2009. With the increase of the student activity fee in the 2009 referendum, The SGA funded the expansion of the student activities program. Introduced Adams

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“Merrimack Remembers 9-11”

Abigail Clark, ’12 Copy Editor

Though there were clouds in the sky Friday, Sept. 10 there was not a drop of rain that prevented Merrimack’s Sept. 11 Memorial from taking place.

Organized by junior Kelsey Adams and senior Brian Colby, the memorial went off without a hitch. Approximately 60 students, faculty, and staff members from the Merrimack and North Andover/Andover community came to pay tribute to the day that changed America. Also in attendance were police officers from Andover, North Andover and Merrimack as well as members of North Andover’s Honor Guard and Fire Department.

Tim Cormio, Merrimack’s assistant director of student involvement (programming), introduced Adams

“We pause to remember, to never forget, to never forget what happened.”

Police Chief Ronald Guilmette

“...to begin the Memorial. Adams spoke of where she was the day of the attacks and how her life afterward was affected. She said, “Our way of life was threatened” as a result of the attacks.

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Police Chief Ronald Guilmette
MC TV-10 Open for Business

Nicole Meaney, ’13  
Staff Writer

With the first month of school underway, students have begun to notice a change around campus. Vibrant with knowledge, Merrimack College has grown both academically and has made technological advances. With new state of the art equipment, the college has revamped its television station to reflect a real TV studio. Located next to the Media center, the television station is made to work as a real world functional TV studio. Contains advanced equipment, including six Macs equipped with the video editing program Final Cut Pro, students now have access to making posters and logos. Need to make a presentation for that business class? The TV station is the place to do it. Media center director Kevin Salemme offers tutorials on how to use all the equipment and programs including Photoshop.

Want to get the word out there about an on campus event? Use the MC-TV 10 station to advertise an event or club. Advertisements will appear on televisions across campus, primarily in the Sakowich Campus Center. This offers students exposure on how to make advertising campaigns. The station also has a recording studio for those students who may be interested in recording a song.

Students who want to record video presentations to show future employees the opportunity to do so here. Currently, there is a course called Intro to TV Production, which is working to produce original programming for Merrimack College. Students interested in getting exposure into the world of television producing are encouraged to take the class. Whether in this class or not, all students are encouraged to use the Media center and television station. Tutorials are offered for those who are interested in programs such as Final Cut Pro. An opening reception for the television station has been planned for September 23, 2010 and all are encouraged to attend. Having a fully functional television studio on campus is a wonderful addition that can benefit all students.

Police Pistols for ‘Defense of Human Life’

Abigail Clark ’12  
Copy Editor

Three years ago, the Merrimack College campus police talked with the Board of Trustees about becoming an armed force. Today, it is becoming a reality; after time-consuming training and tests, the Merrimack College police officers will be armed in the next few weeks.

With support from both Merrimack’s Faculty Senate and Student Government Association, the Merrimack College police have worked with the Andover and North Andover police departments in an effort to become a certified campus police force. Police Chief Ronald Guilmette says, Merrimack College is one of four campus police forces in Massachusetts to become certified according to 150 state and national standards. To become an accredited police force, the Merrimack police officers will have to go through 170 state and national standards to become the third accredited police force in Massachusetts.

Becoming certified is very much “respected in the community” according to Guilmette. “Most students and their parents do not notice that the Merrimack police officers are unarmed.”

However, that will be changing in a few weeks.

All Merrimack police officers went through extensive training; both physical and psychological; in order to be qualified to carry a handgun while on duty. Almost all Merrimack police officers are currently part of a town or state police force, or have retired from one after 20 plus years of experience on a police squad. Therefore, nearly all of Merrimack officers have carried a handgun before and have had experience in other police forces.

Merrimack students should know that the Merrimack police officers are going to be armed for the sole purpose of “defense of human life” according to Chief Guilmette. He said no officer would draw his or her pistol if a student simply is being uncooperative. The only time in which the pistols will be drawn is if a life of a student, faculty, or staff member is in danger, as in an armed suspect roaming about campus.

Chief Guilmette said that when a pistol is in a holster, there is a three-step process to remove it and there are two safeties on each pistol. Because of this, someone could not easily grab the pistol from a Merrimack officer.

In addition to the handguns Merrimack officers going to be wearing bullet-proof protective vests; at a cost of approximately $500 per vest. Each pistol is approximately $450. Along with training, testing, guns, ammo, and other equipment, the arming of Merrimack officers totals approximately $70,000.

The arming of Merrimack police officers has been a relatively simple, yet time-consuming process. The officers have one additional training session to complete in October before they are going to be carrying the pistols. Look for Merrimack police officers to be carrying guns come mid-November.

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PoliceLog

On September 5, 2010 at 23:35, police responded to reports of a fight on the front steps of Ash. Units reported making contact with non-student who was holding his nose, which was probably broken and was bleeding. Unit requested NAFD and they responded and arrived on scene at 23:41. Units reported that the AC was on scene. Individual was transported to LGH for evaluation. Fight is under investigation. Units cleared.

On September 6, 2010 at 23:30, a caller reported a suspicious odor from K-Tower. Units responded and requested another officer for a dispersal. AC was notified and responded as well. The suspicious odor was unfounded. However, Residence Life will be documenting alcohol policy violations. All units cleared.

On September 7, 2010 at 19:58, the Santagati front desk worker called to notify Police Services that a resident student reported that someone had smashed the rear window of her vehicle while it was parked in Lot 8. An officer was dispatched to speak with her. Incident is under investigation. All cleared.

On September 7, 2010 at 23:10, a caller reported that there was loud music coming from G-Tower. The residents would not open the door for the RA on duty. Officers responded to speak with the residents of that room. They turned the music down. All cleared.

On September 8, 2010 at 10:52, a caller requested an officer for a suspicious older male that walked into Ash carrying something in his hand. A unit responded and reported it was the grandfather of a student and door was not secured so he was able to enter. No problems. All cleared.

On September 8, 2010 at 16:29, Police Services received a call from a resident student stating that she and her roommates had returned to their room after class to find that the window screen had been broken and that there were shoe prints on one of the beds. No items appeared to be stolen. The door was locked at the time. Officers documented the incident which is under investigation.

On September 9, 2010 at 01:43, Campus Center staff reported that an individual on a skate board road through Main Street “yelling obscenities” and is possibly intoxicated. He exited towards the Library side. A unit responded and reported checking the area with negative findings. An officer spoke with the building manager and advised him to notify PS if that individual returned. Units cleared.

On September 11, 2010 at 00:32, Units reported being out with a student for an alcohol assessment. AC was called. Unit reported that student is conscious but is not feeling well. AFD was notified and arrived at 00:40. Student was transported to Lawrence General Hospital. Unit and AFD cleared at 00:50.

On September 12, 2010 at 01:42, Deegan West Front Desk attendant called to report a loud verbal altercation in the Freshman Quad that could have turned into a fight. All units responded and reported that residents from the second and third floor of Ash were yelling at somebody in Quad who got upset and was yelling back. That individual was gone upon arrival. Residence Life will be documenting the incident. Units cleared.

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50 Years ago at Merrimack:

In the September 30, 1960 issue of The Warrior, the student newspaper:

- Freshmen were affectionately referred to as “Frosh”.
- His Eminence Richard Cardinal Cushing was made an honorary member of the Order of Friars Hermits of Saint Augustine in the Collegiate Church of Christ the Teacher.
- The first Men’s and Women’s Dormitories officially opened on campus.
- The Very Reverend Arthur B. Maxwell, O.S.A wrote an article entitled “Who Put the K in Merrimack”.
- A “Hello Hop” Opened “Frosh” Orientation. Each freshman received a traditional beanie and button at the start of orientation.
- An architect’s conception of Merrimack’s campus showed the original plan was to build a lagoon between Sullivan and Cushing Halls. This plan had to be abandoned due to the presence of a rock bed in the proposed location.
- Sports at Merrimack included Sailing and Tennis Clubs.

40 Years ago at Merrimack:

In the September 25th 1970 edition of The Warrior:

- The freshman class numbered 581 students – the beanie was redesigned.
- The average weekly press run of the Warrior was 2000 copies of which 1,600 were distributed to paid individual subscribers.
- Films: Catch 22 and Joe were playing at the Showcase Theatres in Lawrence.
- A Travelers Guide program to match riders and drivers was established.
- The National Security Agency, a U.S. Government agency responsible for developing invulnerable communications systems to transmit and receive vital information, actively recruited Liberal Arts Majors to take the PQT, its employment qualifying test.
- Plan to open “Club 21”, awaited a decision from the Selectmen of North Andover concerning a liquor license for the college. Drinking and drug use among students were the subjects of the Warrior’s editorial.
- Frank Monahan took over as Head Basketball Coach.

30 years ago at Merrimack:

In the September 26 1980 edition of The Warrior:

- President John A. Coughlan, O.S.A announced his resignation effective at the end of the school year.
- An “Over Twenty-five Club” to meet the needs of older students was reorganized for the 1980-81 school year.
- R. Wood reported on the visit of independent candidate for Vice-President, Patrick J. Lucey, half of the Anderson/Lucey ticket, who spoke to students in the atrium of McQuade Library.
- Last Class Pub planned to allow students 18 years and older in; hand stamping those student of drinking age, 20 years old and up.
- A recipe for “Cheeseburger Pie” was published.
- The future of the radio station, WMMC was uncertain after losing its office space to SGA.
- A Warrior editorial entitled “The Broader View of a Narrow Education”, stated: “We must make clear to our professors and administrators that we do indeed want an education which will not only prepare us for our particular professions but also for a life outside of the eight hour professional day”.

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Questions on the Quad
What is your favorite change on campus?

The President
- Angela Milinazzo, Class of 2012
24/7 Sak
- Hannah Cunningham, Class of 2012
The basketball court
- Gino D’Avolio, Class of 2013
24/7 Mack Card Access
- Anthony Romano, Class of 2013

What did you miss most about Merrimack over the summer?

Cross Country
- Christina Fischer, Class of 2013
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- Corey Dever, Class of 2013
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Keep it Real
The Real Life Troubles With Fake IDs

Submission from a Merrimack student who wishes to remain anonymous.

"Are you going to get a fake ID?" This is what my sister asked me, jokingly, before I went off to college. At the time, I never thought I would seriously get one, but now, after a full year after this lighthearted joke, I had a very real experience with a fake ID that almost changed my life forever.

The basic assumption that people have about college students is that most of them have fake IDs. This common misconception is what I think draws underaged students to purchase fake IDs. In my case, I got a fake ID because of that misunderstanding and I figured my college years are supposed to be the best times of my life, so why not? It will just allow me to get into bars and clubs and drink with my friends off campus.

I could not have been more wrong. Little did I know that getting caught using false identification has repercussions that are nothing less than life ruining.

As soon as I got my fake ID, I started trying it out at restaurants around Merrimack. It was working just as I had hoped. I never ran into any trouble ordering drinks while I was using it. I am sure I kept getting away with it, I was starting to get overconfident about using it.

The tipping point was on the last night of the Celtics playoff game. It was a Thursday night and everyone over 21 in the area was headed to The Claddagh, a local pub in Lawrence. I knew beforehand that getting into this place was going to be difficult because they always have a police officer at the door. My hand was on the watch with my older brother over my face and I had never heard of the police following up on you after being denied to get in. However, police confiscate fake IDs on a regular basis, and once they have it, prosecution is likely to follow.

In my case, I was hit more fortunate. Other than having to pay thousands of dollars in legal fees, I ended up volunteering to do community service so the officer that was charging me did not send me through the court system. If the officer had decided to take me to court, I would have had to be looking at a sentence of up to five years in prison.

Getting caught using a fake ID is a serious offense. Ultimately, you are looking at hundreds of dollars in fines, community service, and suspension of your driver’s license. You might think the police have other crimes to worry about, and in some places that may be true. However, it’s not worth the risk to chance it. In areas where underage drinking is rampant, such as near college campuses, under age drinking and ID laws are usually a main focus of law enforcement.

In Massachusetts, the use of a fake ID means more jail time, higher fines, and years-long suspension of driving privileges. A felony also means you now have a criminal record. That translates to having a much harder time finding a job or getting into college. I could have refused to give the police the ID, but I would have been arrested for resisting. The police could have taken me to court, and I would have faced the worst fears I could ever imagine. If I had known this little trick earlier, I might not have had the date the police could have given into the temptation it offered. I hope everyone reading this can speak from my experience, and be aware of the things that I was oblivious to.

For me, my emotions of this ordeal went from the best times of my life to the worst fears I could ever imagine. If I had known this little trick earlier, I might not have had the date the police could have given into the temptation it offered. I hope everyone reading this can speak from my experience, and be aware of the things that I was oblivious to.

Arianna Faro ’13
Staff Writer

Student Commentary

Before any commuter reading this may get offended, let me explain myself a bit. During the 2009-2010 school year, which was my freshman year here at Merrimack College, and a pretty dull one at that. Sure, I made a couple of new friends and took some interesting classes, but aside from that, the campus as a whole just seemed kind of boring.

Day after day, I would drive out the same way I came in and knew little of the faces that darted around campus. It was working nothing less than life ruining.

I would constantly hear about events after they had already happened because of my minimal campus involvement. Due to an incredibly rare medical condition, I was not able to live at college last year nor am I able to do so today. So, does this mean that I am destined to live a life of solitude on campus for the remaining three years?

As I am coming to discover, certainly not. Yes, being a commuter may seem as if there is no one to talk to that extra step in order to be involved in campus life, but the option is there if one chooses to take it. In fact, the college draws the commuter just as involved as those who are residents. Take the involvement fair for example, which took place on Sunday, 10/18 with THT. All students were invited to attend, and nearly all of the booths invited both residents and commuters to join their activities.

This is not the only way in which the Merrimack community has tried to reach out to the commuting students either. The official Merrimack College Orientation Weekend for commuters this year is more than welcome to arrive on campus during the day to purchase items at the Campus Bookstore or have their Merrimack College ID photo taken.”

While browsing through the web looking for information pertaining to Merrimack and commuters, I came across a Facebook page that instantly caught my eye. The page is called the Merrimack Commuter Council, which seeks to promote commuter students forming on becoming involved on campus. The group was initiated by fellow Merrimack student Boyan Pavlov, an undergraduate student in the Biotechnology program. The description states: “Our goal is to promote commuter student involvement on campus by being a means of communication for commuters. Our goal is also to integrate residents and commuters as one Merrimack community. This group is open to all Merrimack commuters, students.” Pavlov also states, “College experience is what you make out of it, so let’s make it a good one!”

I have to agree with him. I thought a commuter student was viewed in a negative light. For this reason, after perusing the page, I was eager to interview Pavlov; as he seemed to embody such a positive attitude on the subject of commuting.

Q: How long do you commute/ have you been commuting for?
A: I have been commuting for the entirety of my freshman year, I became involved with biological issues and concerns that affectus all. I slowly worked my way up the ranks, and now I am beginning my second mandate as a vice-president. It has taught me valuable lessons when it comes to team work, dedication, and most of all growth in terms of passion for biology.

Q: What made you decide to create the Facebook group entitled Merri mack Commuter Council?
A: When I first came to Merrimack I dreaded the fact that I would miss the whole college scene, and might even be separated from the rest of the students and staff. I created the group in order to bring together all commuters, and create a friendly and supportive atmosphere.

Q: Do you feel Merrimack could do anything better to help make commuters more involved in campus life? What? and why?
A: The college body consists of about 20 percent commuters, yet we don’t really hear about us commuters. Often we are often considered a commodity by most of us, commuting students have left campus. It is often hard after a long day to wait four to five hours more just to attend an event. Perhaps events could be moved to earlier times to accommodate more commuting students.

Q: What is some advice you have for fellow commuters looking to get involved in the commuter council?
A: There are many clubs as possible, because these clubs are also a great place to meet students and make friends. Commuters are typically the last to hear about the events happening on campus, as well as club meetings and social gatherings. One of the first steps a commuter must take is to constantly ask what is happening and to be curious and do his/her own “research.”

I entirely agree with Pavlov’s sentiments on this particular subject. By making a simple effort early in my sophomore year, I am already more involved on campus than I was the entirety of my freshman year.

So to all of the commuters out there, do not be fooled by the negative connotation commuting has attached to it, as Pavlov has illustrated through his own experience. I want to be an active member of the Merrimack Community in spite of not living there.

In my opinion, if one chooses to be involved in campus activities and reap the benefits of doing so; he or she will by no means be an outsider on campus. If, however, a person chooses to ignore all campus happenings, and drive straight home the instant after he or she classes are finished, then they will remain an outsider. I feel that Pavlov offers up some final words to commuting, “Don’t be passive, but eager to be involved in clubs, sports, and all college related events. Being a commuter is no excuse for not being involved in college life.”
A Student’s Opinion: Kanye West is Back

Alex McNeil, ’13
Staff Writer

After taking a break from the rap game I think it’s fair to say that Kanye West is back. His last album, 808s & Heartbreak, dropped in late November of 2008 and stemmed away from his conventional rap style. Since then he’s been featured on a number of tracks and has shown that he hasn’t missed a beat. Now he’s gone back to his roots and announced the release of his fifth studio album, Dark Twisted Fantasy (formerly known as Good Ass Job) in mid November of this year. A couple months ago he released his first single from the album “Power” and holds nothing back. Absolutely killing it on the track he quickly made a remix with rap legend Jay-Z.

Yes, he has been in Hawaii working on his new album and whatnot, but the project I’m most interested in right now is his announcement of “G.O.O.D. Friday.” Under his record company G.O.O.D. Music he is recording a new track every Friday until Christmas. He has already came out with three songs which have exceeded expectations, but the one that stands out to me is his song “Monster” Ft. Rick Ross, Jay-Z, Bon Iver, and Nicki Minaj. With a lineup like that it would be extremely hard to not produce a hot track. Every single one of them go off and tear it up explaining how they’re the best right now and how, as you could guess, they’re all monsters in the rap game. Kanye is coming back to rap with something to prove and as of now I applaud everything he’s been doing.

Club Baseball Falls to Maine and New Hampshire

Report Submitted by Club Baseball
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Saturday, September 11, Merrimack Club Baseball team faced a double header against The University of Maine Orono. At 1:30 p.m. the Warriors took the field in their season opener at Warrior Field. Casey Cummins was the starting pitcher, throwing 4 and 1/3 innings allowing four runs. Reliever Kyle Murphy pitched the remaining of the game, giving up no runs. Merrimack offense was held at bay by the Black Bear pitching, managing only a few hits. Nick Clini singled for the Warriors against the Bears. Merrimack fell to the University of Maine for their game opener.

The Warriors faced the Bears again in Saturday’s double header at 4:00 PM. The Warriors were again defeated, losing 11-4, the Warriors bats were quiet, but still manufactured four runs. Freshman pitcher Jon Chiarelli relief pitched two shutout innings in his Merrimack debut.

The Warriors faced the University of New Hampshire Wildcats on September 12, at 2:30 PM at Niver Field in Somersworth, NH. The Warriors said that this was their best performance thus far, only falling to the Wildcats 8-6.

In the fifth inning the Warriors took lead of the game, with Andrew Napolitano’s and Dave Desimone’s key hits. The Warriors will be playing their next game at home versus Northeastern on September 19.

Volleyball Returns All

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This season has been a challenge for the Merrimack Volleyball team. The team’s record this year has not been one of the most promising that the team has seen in previous seasons. The Lady Warriors had their entire team returning to play again for this year, including the NE-10’s Libero of the year, Alyssa Pickert. Pickert has been out with a shoulder injury for the start of the 2010 season.

The team is looking to turn their season around with the help and guidance from their team father, Father Ray Dlugos. This year, the Merrimack Athletics Department has decided to incorporate the Augustine Fathers by having a father for each team in the department. This allows the players to have someone outside of the coaching staff to go to and discuss their problems and concerns.

Shaunda Forcier spikes the ball
~Photo courtesy of Merrimack Athletics~

“I think having Father Ray will really be a positive thing for our team as the season goes on. It is nice knowing he is going to be there to support us no matter the outcome of the game,” said sophomore Jenna Reilly.

Along with Father Ray, there is also another new face for the Lady Warriors, Karen Harrington. Harrington is the new assistant coach who has been coaching along side with Joey Pacis in the 2010 season. Harrington was a former volleyball player who graduated from the University of New Hampshire. She recently was named Eagle-Tribune player of the decade.

“Karen is a great addition to the coaching staff. She’s young and energetic which brings a lot of positive energy to the court,” said teammate, Brianna Trabucco.

The Lady Warriors have their home season opener this upcoming Friday, September 17th, against C.W. Post at 7:00 p.m. at Volpe Athletic Complex. The team is looking for a repeat of last year by defeating C. W. Post again. The Lady Warriors would love the support from their school, so come out and support the volleyball team!
A Professor's Experience with Running

Submission By Dr. Warren Kay

The true runner is a very fortunate person. He has found something in him that is just perfect.

— George Sheehan, MD

As long as I can remember I have loved everything about running. In Junior High I enjoyed reading stories about runners like Emil Zatopek of Czechoslovakia—nicknamed the “running machine”—who won the 5,000 meter run, the 10,000 meter run, and the marathon, all in the same Olympic Games at London. And I still enjoy watching or seeing on TV the exciting upset win of Billy Mills in the 1964 Olympic 10,000 meter run—I think I still have the Wheaties box with his picture on it!

My high school idols included Peter Snell of New Zealand and Jim Ryun of Kansas, both half-mile and mile runners. But I wasn’t just a spectator—I also ran cross-country and track in high school and ran track in college. So when I first came to Merrimack and heard from some students that we had a cross-country team, I was very interested to see how they were doing.

Now I don’t want to say that in those years the cross-country teams were doing badly, but they sure were improving remarkably. Then in 1993, Chris Cameron was hired as head coach, and almost immediately he turned things around.

Cameron had been an outstanding distance runner at the University of New Hampshire, and went on to run cross-country and track for nationally ranked Clemson University in South Carolina. He also went on to run many miles of running, sometimes 10 to 15 miles at a time—through woods or along down hills, through woods, around lakes and ponds, sometimes on dirt roads, sometimes on docks. And cross-country runners practice and compete in all sorts of weather—rain or shine, and even snow. Frankly, I don’t remember a cross-country race ever being cancelled because of weather conditions!

Also, I have heard it said that in cross-country running, “the only ‘cross’ stant” is a variable. That is, there are certain limitations to the length of a cross-country race: according to NCAA rules, the race ranges between 8,000 and 10,000 meters (around 5 to 6.2 miles), and women run 5,000 and 6,000 meter races. For both men and women, the maximum times for the race are 35 minutes for men’s races, and around 30 minutes for women’s races.

But it’s a big jump from high school to college. When I first started at Merrimack College, I was number among the spectators. We runners had nature and that is how I remembered I have nature and that is why I had been fascination by the variety of the cross-country season, from the heat of early September to the cold and possible snow of November. I appreciate the purity of running as an activity, and I never cease to be impressed with the personal discipline and camaraderie of cross-country runners here at Merrimack.

In short, I just love this sport.

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For more details on the Cross Country team’s most recent race, see page 11

Stadiums are for spectators. We runners have nature and that is much better.

—Juha Väätäinen, Finland European Champion for 1971 5,000 and 10,000 meters
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A Run in the Sun at the 29th Annual Shacklette Invitational

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In Manchester N.H., the Merrimack men’s and women’s cross country teams attended the 29th Annual Shacklette Invitational hosted by Saint Anselm College. Unlike previous years, teams were blessed with clear skies and dry trails. Along with Merrimack College, six other teams competed in this year’s invitational. The teams included, Southern New Hampshire University, Bentley University, St. Rose College, Saint Anselm College, Northern College, and Assumption College. The women’s 5k race went off at 11 a.m. followed by the men’s 8k race at noon.

Before the start of the women’s race, the Lady Warriors completed their team warm-up. As soon as the gun echoed the sporting complex the Warriors were off using each other to push hard until the finish line. Freshman Briana Devereaux placed 8th overall and first for the team, with a time of 20:43 followed by senior Captain Rebecca Ainscow who finished 10th with a time of 20:50. Senior Captain Caitlin Kasala-Hallinan placed third for the team followed by junior Ashley Sarris, sophomore Anne Bajor, senior Captain Ashley Bock and freshman Fiona Coleman. The ladies worked hard causing them to tie for third place with 66 points.

“Everyone ran close together and worked together. For early in the season that’s great because later in the season we will be even closer,” said Bock. “We had a good pack which is encouraging to see and it was great to place well with all the NE-10 competition,” added Ainscow. The lady Warriors expressed great enthusiasm for the remaining of the season. Compared to the first meet of the 2009 season at Bryant University, the ladies improved their times.

With five meets left, the team looks stronger and will only continue to improve throughout the course of the year. Hallinan concluded, “Our first meet went really well, we had a good pack and everyone ran well at practice this week. I think we are looking really good for the end of the season.”

The men’s team finished third overall as well, with a score of 73 points. Junior John Doherty led the Warriors placing 8th with a time of 27:44. Freshman Tyler Faulkner finished behind Doherty with a time of 28:40.5 followed by sophomore Harry Mullin who crossed the finish line at 28:47.2.

Senior Captain Brendan Mornmle said, “Our first meet could have gone better. We took third overall, which isn’t too bad, but missed second by only three points. Half our team consists of freshman and it was their first time running an 8k opposed to the high school 5k. It was a tough course to run your first race on. We have a young team this year, the majority being freshman and sophomores. There’s a lot of hard work ahead of us this season, but I know these guys are up for the challenge.” He said.

“Our program is fortunate to have a very knowledgeable coaching staff to help get us to where we need to be in time for the meets that really count. By the time we race at the NE-10 meet in November I’m confident we’ll be in peak condition to upset some teams. I’m looking forward to the upcoming months and moving up in the NE-10 rankings.”

For both men’s and women’s teams, Assistant Coach Matt Pimentel said,

“For the first race of the year we have several strong performances. John Doherty improved 45 seconds over last year’s time to lead the men’s team. Freshman Brianna Devereaux ran well in her first ever collegiate race. We still need our upperclassmen to step up and close the gap on our top runners.”

Head Coach Chris Cameron added,”It was our first meet and hopefully we all learned something from it. I look at it as one step in a long season. The key is to push for the month of November and that’s what both teams are setting their sights on.

The next race will be held September 25 at Franklin Park in Boston.

New Year, New Players, Same Dream

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Entering his third season of football, head coach John Perry now has an NE-10 Conference Championship on his resume and is not willing to settle for anything less.

“Last season the guys came together and they did not allow mistakes such as a bad drive or a giving up a big play to hold them back. I’m fully confident that they can come together again,” Perry said. Merrimack’s high-powered offense is once again in the hands of NE-10 MVP quarterback junior James Suozzo who scored 38 touchdowns with both his arm and his feet combined.

Running back junior Anthony Smalls is also returning to the position behind the quarterback coming off last season where he rushed for six touchdowns on 157 rushing attempts for 1,161 yards (7.4 yards per carry).

Off the stats sheet, arguably the best offensive line in the NE-10 anchored by senior tackles Dave Bellmont and Jacob Bradley who did a fantastic job of keeping opposing defenders off Suozzo and Smalls, allowing the offense to maintain rhythm and stability. In multiple games last season, the offensive line held defenses to zero sacks and opened wide holes for Smalls to turn on the jets. Despite replacing guards, Coach Perry has displayed confidence that his offensive line will still be solid and up for the challenge of the season.

With five receiving targets graduated, including Chris Laham and Jeremiah Watts, Suozzo will have a plethora of new weapons to throw to this season and virtually any receiver on Perry’s bench can become a breakout playmaker. Going into the season, junior Omar Mobley and Northeastern University transfer senior Greg Abel will split Suozzo’s primary target along with sophomores Shane Ferguson, Isaiah Voegeli, and 6-foot-2 inch 225-pound tight end Steve Serwon.

In the Warriors’ road opener versus Slippery Rock, Ferguson and Abelli each showed great ability to get open with solid speed. Ferguson caught 10 balls for 63 yards and Abelli caught nine balls for 92 yards. These receivers will also greatly benefit from Suozzo’s great running ability outside of the pocket which will make defenders commit to the run, opening them up to the pass.

Merrimack’s defense retained most of its powerful front seven.

On the flip side of the line of scrimmage, Merrimack’s defense retained most of its powerful front seven with new Merrimack tackles king senior and possible NFL prospect junior inside-linebacker Shawn Leouise and sacks king junior outside-linebacker Tony Johnson leading the charge. Seniors John O’Leary and Radoslaw Szwecwicz are the new members in the front seven at nose tackle and inside-linebacker respectively. Other returning starters include defensive ends senior Garrett Boyd and junior Nick Desjardins, and outside-linebacker junior Ryan McCarthy.

Merrimack’s secondary on the other hand is witnessing the incoming of new talent led by sophomore cornerback Jesse Fowler who last season led the team with 11 pass deflections and is their only returning starter. Partnering with Fowler, is new starting cornerback sophomore Artis Holt who has been praised by Perry and his teammates for his speed and athleticism. At the safety position, Perry will be relying on his seniors such as Ryan Slattery and Billy Dooley to man the deep areas of the field along with freshman Josh Henry and sophomore Justin Marzan.

In their road opener at Slippery Rock the Warriors could not hold defensively in a 45-26 loss, but the season is long.
Meet Your Fall Sports Captains

Clockwise from left top corner...

Brendan Mormile - Men’s Cross Country - Class of 2011
Ashley Bock - Women’s Cross Country - Class of 2011
Caitlin Hallinan - Women’s Cross Country - Class of 2011
Rebecca Ainscow - Women’s Cross Country - Class of 2011

Ashley Alnwick - Women’s Soccer - Class of 2011
Kerri Domohowski - Women’s Soccer - Class of 2011
Victoria DeLacey - Women’s Field Hockey Class of 2012
Jenna Barbato - Women’s Field Hockey Class of 2011

Ashley Nadeau - Women’s Field Hockey Class of 2011
Garrett Boyd - Football - Class of 2011
Jacob Bradley - Football - Class of 2011
Elyse Lorenz - Volleyball - Class of 2010
Molly Cindric - Volleyball - Class of 2011

Robbie Sabadoz - Men’s Soccer Class of 2012
Nick Lo Coco - Men’s Soccer - Class of 2012

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