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MC Slams ‘Crushes’
College: Twitter Feed Offended Students

Patrick Lawlor '13
Editor in Chief

Merrimack Crushes — a Twitter account that listed the fantasies and crushes between students — was taken down late last week after the college said it would punish students involved in the site.

In an email to student leaders, orientation leaders, resident advisors and athletes, college officials asked students who follow the Merrimack Crushes account "unfollow" the account as to not support or condone its tweets.

The Twitter account was taken down last week. But the attempt to control and influence the content by which a student can view on Twitter was criticized by many, raising questions as to how far the college could go in content control.

"We've been for sale on Main Street. Students have jumped at the chance to see this tonight," said Adam Goldstein, an attorney with the Student Press Law Center.

The center is a nonprofit, nonpartisan legal assistance agency devoted to educating student journalists about rights and responsibilities.

"This is a mild form of censorship, but it's legal," said Goldstein.

"This is strange when colleges resort to censorship first, when education is what they're good at," said Jeff Doggett, professor of journalism at the University of Southern Maine.

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"I Die Young" and "Postcard from Paris."

The Band Perry's sophomore album, "Pioneer." This album was released April 2, and it will be a treat for Merrimack to see the Perry's play some of their brand new songs live. Their current single "Done" debuted at no. 23 on the U.S. Billboard Hot Country Songs chart. Jon Freeman of Country Weekly called the album "time well spent," which leads to the band on furthering their "stadium-sized auditions."

Merrimack will be one of the first stadiums to host the band as they play songs from their new album. If you have not yet purchased your tickets, there is still time. For students, guests and the general public, tickets are available on Main Street.

A Race For Life

Jillian Toce '13
News Editor

Over 380 people participated in Merrimack College's annual Relay for Life event on April 5. Opening speaker Chris Hart '15 shared the inspiring story of his personal battle with cancer. According to the college, "The Relay for Life event runs through the night with the notion that 'cancer never sleeps.'

Teams walk together to celebrate the lives of survivors, remember those who have lost their lives, and to fight back against the disease."

Beca Ryan, '13 said, "The American Cancer Society set a goal for our school of $35,000, which we far exceeded. We had set a personal goal of at least one year in tuition, room and board, and fees at MC, which is $45,610 this year. So far we have raised $44,859.70 and fundraising continues past the event all the way through August, so we are confident!"

The luminaria ceremony was an emotional and touching part of the event. People were able to buy luminaria bags for $5. Many of the bags included messages such as, "I relay because …" or "In honor/memory of …" The bags, with glow sticks inside, were put around the track where people walked.

For the ceremony, the lights in the MPR were dimmed and Meghan Reynolds '16 and Jess Gurka '13 talked about their parents, who are currently fighting cancer. Ryan said, "There was a faculty team called the "Road Warriors," headed by Professor Warren and Nancy Kay, who ran around the track for 24 hours … This was one of my favorite aspects of this year's Relay because it was motivating to look up and see them working hard for a good cause."

Mackapella and the Merrimack College Dance Team performed at the event, which also featured a musical chairs scavenger hunt, zumba, yoga, and other activities to keep participants awake.

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Melissa Doran ’15
“Statistical Methods in Psychology”

Sam Novicki and Colin Hay ’14
“Ethics and Social Responsibility, together, we can do it!”

Krista Ippolito ’14
“Foundations of Mathematics”

Mike Enright ’14
“Investing”

George Swartz ’13
“Asian Philosophy”

Matt Donarumo ’16
“Calculus”

Mack Tweets

@mscarlysullivan
Gotta love sing-a-longs to 80s music during relay for life #merrimack

@Karamarie_Joyce
The only part I don’t like about perfection is the part where my sandwich ends

@Auts10
Everyone tweet about where they’re living next year. I wanna be set in your favor #housingselection

@nattydaddysam
I always thought that dogs laid eggs

@Auts10
There’s a karaoke in Augie’s on Friday night. We think everyone should go. @MPBLateNight

@Karamarie_Joyce
Happy Housing! May the odds be ever in your favor #housingselection

@nattydaddysam
#sore4day

@kayylamariex3
When a kid at the table next to me is watching a video and chomping on food with his mouth open on the quiet floor in the library << #FML
Spring Activities to Fill Entire Week

Natalie and her band have a unique sound, as they incorporate the fiddle and perform covers of classic rock and country songs.

Silent Demonstration in Honor of the Day of Silence & Breaking the Silence Ceremony
Sak Patio, 5-6:30 p.m.
The Day of Silence is a student-led national movement to take a vow of silence in the effort to increase awareness and support for anti-bullying and harassment in schools for all sexual orientations, and gender identities and expressions.

Thursday April 18
Cash Cab — Campus-wide, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
The Merrimack Planning Board will be using a Merrimack van as a “Cash Cab,” re-creating the television game show in which students can take a ride in the van and will be asked a series of questions, and if answered correctly, they win prizes.

3v3 Basketball Tournament (Merrimack Women's Basketball Fundraiser)
Volpe Gym, 5:30-6 p.m. Check-In
A comedian uses humor to promote awareness of the presence and impact of varying forms of stereotyping.

Friday, April 19, 2013
The Band Perry with Joel Crouse
Lawler Arena, doors open at 7 p.m., showtime at 8 p.m.
This popular country band will be performing a concert with opener Joel Crouse. Tickets are currently sold out.

Saturday April 20, 2013
Softball Tournament
Volpe Field, 8 a.m.
In this annual single-elimination softball tournament, there can be up to 16 players on a team, all teams must be captained by a senior and made up of approximately 6-7 players on each team. Each team must also have a minimum of three women on the field at all times.

Heart and Soul Night
Sak Patio, 9 p.m.
In this block-party type outdoors event you can spread a blanket out on the grass and listen to the sounds of the steel drum band The Gentleman’s Outfit that performs a blend of reggae/Jack Johnson-style music, with food, novelty giveaways, and the possible presence of a beer tent.

If you are interested in joining the Merrimack Planning Board, you can contact Rose Dolan at dolanro@merrimack.edu.
Seven Confirmed in MC Ceremony

Molly Canyes ’15
Staff Writer

On Apr. 7, seven Merrimack College students received the Sacrament of Confirmation while others received their First Communion. These students met 20 times since last September and worked with Fr. Bill Waters, archbishop of Boston, for the Rite of Election in Boston this past February. On Apr. 6 the group met for six hours for a day of recollection.

Maria Arzu ’15 and Hannah Morley ’13 had already been baptized. Morley was baptized as a Methodist and Arzu as a Catholic. Both students received their First Communion and Confirmation.

“After being confirmed and receiving my First Communion I know that I have created a personal relationship with God and that this whole process has been very informative, rich, fun and we’ve all become friends since September,” said Arzu. “I have always wanted to be confirmed and receive my First Communion and I had no idea that we could get an opportunity to do this here on campus. “I took it upon myself to sit down and speak to Fr. Bill about it. I encourage others to invest their time to do this because you learn a lot and build relationships with others who are going through this process as well,” she said.

However, “it is a process that you have to commit to,” she said.

Morley chose to become a Catholic because her father’s family is Catholic. “I have been asked this question before and for some reason and it’s hard to put in words why I chose to become Catholic,” she said. “For much of my life, I haven’t been religious but I believed in God. Coming to Merrimack, taking religion classes gave me a feeling that this is the right time.”

Morley said she has been excited throughout this process and that Apr. 7 was always the end goal for her and for the other six students.

“It’s been an educational experience and one that I am truly thankful for — this process has educated me on what it really means to be Catholic and what the Catholic Church stands for. Even though this process is long and overwhelming at many points, I am truly thankful for the experience and the knowledge because I know that it will make me a better Catholic,” she said.

Kerry Phelan ’16 and Maegan Cote ’16 also received First Communion and were baptized. Phelan said she was finally able to embrace her Catholic faith.

“It means that I am officially a part of the Catholic Church and the community I have always grown up with. It is my way of sealing my faith with God and saying yes to the mission he has set for me,” she said.

Andrew Suttle ’15, and Benjamin Knox ’13 both received First Communion and were baptized. Suttle said he was not religious by any means while growing up, and being a part of the Catholic faith did not really occur to him until beginning this journey.

“It is a huge commitment and the process since September has been very difficult but worth it,” he said. “With soccer and homework it has been difficult and I knew this coming into this process that meeting every Sunday night would not be easy.”

Suttle noted he was never baptized or confirmed when he was growing up, though he had wanted to be for quite some time; he never knew the process for doing so until coming to Merrimack College.

“I felt like something was not complete and so I chose to do this now because I can put the pieces together,” he said. “At this age I feel like I can gather more knowledge and know more about the religion.”

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Many at Merrimack Seek Master’s in Ed
Molly Canyes ’15 Staff Writer

The graduate program at Merrimack College integrates the highest level of scholarship with a welcoming community and powerful, real-world possibilities. Within five years students can earn their bachelor’s and master’s degrees. These programs prepare students to meet the diverse demands of their chosen fields. Over the past three years the masters program has enrolled 250 students. 75 percent of them are going for a masters in education. According to Dan Butin, associate professor and founding dean, “there is a huge interest in the field of education.”

While students split their service, volunteering is a vital part of the graduate program, real-world experiences are just as important. The School of Education offers opportunities to gain practical experience, conduct original research, and refine skills in hands-on settings. “We enroll students who we think would work well here at Merrimack” Butin said. It has been harder for graduate students to find jobs in this economy that once they have their degree, there is a job with their name on it waiting for them. However, it is easier said then done.

Some MC graduate students have ended up working at Merrimack, Northern Essex Community College, and UMass Lowell or at another higher education institution. Students also

end up in elementary schools, middle schools, and high schools. It all depends on their specific field.

The Fellowship program offers three fellowships: teacher education, higher education, and community engagement. The Fellowship program has become more popular over the last year. It went from 17 enrolled students to 91. This program links theory with action and classroom with real-world learning experience. Thirty alumni can get accepted as well as a full tuition and a free masters degree.

The Teacher Education Fellowship consists of taking summer courses to prepare for residency and then transitioning to evening classes while participating in their classrooms. After completing their coursework, residency, and a portfolio project, Teacher Education Fellows graduate with a master of education (M.Ed.) and a licensure in their area of specialization. To be a fellow, students must have a GPA of 3.5, an essay, letters of recommendation, and an interview. The program does not require GRE’s.

Both Beringer is a current graduate student enrolled in the Community Engagement Fellowship Masters Program in the School of Education. “I especially appreciate the structure of the fellowship program which has allowed me to gain practical experience during the day while I’m taking classes in the evening,” Beringer said.

Alternative Spring Break Lets Students Do a World of Good
Kerry Phelan ’16 Staff Writer

This year, 40 Merrimack students and eight advisors were given the opportunity to provide service over Spring break, in the college’s annual Alternative Spring Break program. The students split into four different locations in Bronx, N.Y., Camden, N.J., Durbin W.Va., and multiple locations including an island in the Middle East and New Orleans leader Chris Provost, ‘13.

Along with his group of 10 students, the group was able to work with Habitat from Humanity in building a home with a family affected by Hurricane Katrina.

In New York, ASB co-leaders Courtney Gray and Claire Wisley described their time as an “amazing experience.

Stationed in the Bronx, their group of 10 was able to serve at multiple locations including an immigration center, a shelter for women and children, a soup kitchen, daycare center, and even a popular food bank.

“We had a great time interacting with the staff and serving over 400 hot meals to the people of the Bronx” said Gray.

With another successful spring break trip completed, SucheVas-sel would like to remind all students that all Campus Ministry trips are open to everyone.

Despite the work, Provost and other students explain that these trips are not only fun, but also meaningful for all involved.

“Hearing how appreciative the people were of our service made everything worthwhile,” said Provost.

Student-Run Gallery to Open at Augie’s Pub
Sarah Buckwald ’14 Staff Writer

Paulina Amato, who recently graduated from Merrimack, had the idea last semester of opening a student run art gallery. This month, that idea will become a reality.

The gallery will reside in Augie’s Pub, which will give students many opportunities to get involved.

“I believe that this gallery will be influential in attracting new students to the school as well as help promote and celebrate the diversity and talent of our peers,” Amato said.

Students will be able to hold art workshops as well as create their own pieces of art without having to worry about the price of materials.

The gallery will be open during lunch and dinner for students to view exquisite displays of art by their talented peers.

Amato describes her goal as promoting the collaboration of students with different majors within the visual and performing arts department, while giving students a chance to experience and learn about the workings of an art gallery.

This gallery will be a great opportunity for students to advertise their work in a gallery setting as well as interact with peers. Amato said. The gallery will be accommodating to new ideas from the students and alumni who contribute their art as well.

Amato earned her bachelor’s degree in art history. Since her graduation last semester, she has passed along the gallery idea to Merrimack students Jaclyn Caruso, Rachel Mueller and Molly Caynes.

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Spring photos by
Patrick Lawlor and Jessica Raver
This week I had the pleasure of interviewing a very driven and goal-oriented gentleman from the junior class, Benjamin Knox.

This class act came into the world on Aug. 31, 1992, and spent his childhood in Hingham, Mass. While attending Hingham High School he became a very active member of his student body, and created his high school’s chapter of Relay for Life, which raises money for cancer research. Ben’s guidance counselor thought that his leadership skills could be put to great use at a small school, and pointed him to the direction of Merrimack College.

Upon becoming a member of the student body here, Ben surely brought those leadership skills with him. As a junior, Ben is vice president of the Merrimack Planning Board and an orientation leader, as well as being elected one of the four Relay for Life chairs.

Ben is an organizational communication major; his dream job would be working in public relations working for either the Dana Farber Cancer Institute or the American Cancer Society. The root of his passion comes from the loss of his mother; when Ben was 10 years old, his mother passed away after a long and arduous battle against breast cancer. He has a strong passion and gives much support to help promote and fundraise for cancer research organizations.

Since arriving back to school this September, the Relay for Life event was one of Ben’s main priorities. Ben as well as the other three chairs for Relay, Becca Ryan, Jess Gurka, and Bridget Gilroy put much of their time and effort into making sure this year’s event was a success. The event was held April 5 in Sakowich Campus Center of Merrimack College. The 37 teams and 380 members registered to participate in the event brought a huge success to The Relay raising $37,414.70 this amount doesn’t include all of the donations that were received the final amount raised is expected to be around $45,000.

The top participants in the event were Alyssa Alt who raised $2,118, Bridget Gilroy with $1,830, and Leanne McAuliffe raising $1,555. The teams that raised the most money at the event were Rucking for a Cure, $4,005; Fight Like A Girl, $3,653; and Prove People Wrong, $3,385.

“All in all it was one of the most rewarding experiences I’ve had at Merrimack thus far, and I look forward to making next year just as memorable,” he said.

Drink of the Week

Brianna Trabucco ’12
Staff Writer

April Shower
1 ounce brandy
1/4 ounce Yellow Chartreuse
1 ounce orange juice

The Merrimack Beacon urges students to drink responsibly and legally. The legal drinking age in all U.S. states is 21.
Merrimack Take-Homes, Beyond the Education

By Chloe Rothman '15
Staff Writer

Let’s face it, this school makes a big hit on the pocket change, more so than other schools in this area. If all you get out of it is an education, that seems a bit like a robbery to me.

We, obviously including the parents here, work hard for our money (most of the time). We deserve to get back in return the utmost resources possible.

Well, good news: Merrimack does this without even trying. The college gives back to the students what the students have given to it (oh so much cash), and what the students have really given is “essentials” for the future.

I’m a young sophomore and am surely not wise enough to compile the full list of these treasures, so I turned to the students to get the student body for help. Any fears you had that you’d made an atrocious and irreversible financial decision by coming to Merrimack will rapidly diminish after reading the list they compiled.

Free Ts
Want to leave this school with something really special? Simply show up to any Merrimack sporting event and that “in-debt brown” is turned upside down. If you really dedicate yourself to this, come senior year, you’ll have a new wardrobe of vibrant T-shirts sponsored by Orthopedic Northeast! Just make sure if it’s a hockey game, you show up an hour early.

Z-Packs For Dayzzz
Why go off campus to seek medical help? Get all you can out of your college costs and hit up Hamel Health for a fun Z-Pack to fix all your worries. The doctor is available a full hour a day.

Musical Chairs
You know Merrimack’s doing something right when every one gets a seat. Nothing is better than having seating options, so you can sit when you want and where you want. It just might have to be on the floor when it comes to the cafeteria between 5 and 6 p.m. on weekdays, or the library from 6 to 11 p.m. during finals week.

Discomfort Year-Round
Did you spend a bunch of bucks to experience the beautiful four seasons of good ol’ New England? We know we went out of our way to isolate two out of the four, right in your very own room. Experience “hot as hell” and “cold as an icebox.” The best part is, you never know which one you’ll get.

Get Your Feet Wet
Luckily for us, some of our tuition money has gone to one, but two pools at Merrimack. Mendel Pond and Gati Pond provide a much-needed filler to our dry afternoons. Note to readers: Gati Pond is only available after monsoons.

So follow students, I ask of you, to ease not so over this economical imbalance after graduating. Look past the education and realize you got hooked up with new clothes, the best medical care around, ample seating, an extended campus life, to the chief of staff and the president of the college, all brought their share of complaints to my desk, and in nearly every situation, justifiably so. But what I take away from every time I get a tongue-lashing, is this: “People care what we are writing about.” I have been cornered in the Den, and criticized on Facebook for story coverage, still I told myself: “They wouldn’t complain if they didn’t think we mattered”.

Skins
In all seriousness, we helped re-shape dining on campus with our articles on lackluster food service, we helped make physical plant workers feel as if their jobs were safe, we wrote about our beloved food service workers, administrators who were pushed out of office, and students who shone on and off the field. We revitalized the importance of the campus newspaper, something that wasn’t done since the 70s.

Walking into the Sakowich Center and seeing someone reading The Beacon is an honor, to this day. To know you helped people become informed, to know they’re actually reading what you wrote is a great feeling, I always think to myself “wow, I put that in their hands.”

And I suppose that makes up for all the times throughout the years I have heard, “Nobody reads The Beacon.”

This is my 30th edition as a staff member of The Beacon. When we wrap things up I will have been on staff for 40 issues. All very different, but the level of pride in each of them was the same.
Rights stopped, minorities frisked in NYC

Roger McCormack '14
Staff writer

New York City Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly, in a 2010 meeting on the NYPD's controversial "stop, question and frisk" program in which police may stop individuals in public areas for verbally protesting suspicious or criminal activity, catalyzed the arguments of critics alleging the program disproportionately targets minorities. State Sen. Eric Adams alleged that the commissioner said he "wanted to install fear in them, every time they leave their homes, they could be stopped by the police," in relation to black and minority residents of New York City.

The NYPD's policy sheds light on the difficult demarcation between individuals civil liberties and the safety of society at large. Coupled with the often brutal tactics exhibited by the powerful, Roman poet Juvenal's aphorism, "Quis custodiet ipsos custodes?" (who watches the watchmen?) suggests the danger that institutions wielding significant power can easily lapse into corruption.

"The New York Civil Liberties Union's summary of stop and frisk statistics from 2011 documents the following:

1. "Young black and Latino men were the targets of a hugely disproportionate number of stops. Though they account for only 3.0 percent of the city's population, black and Latino males between the ages of 14 and 24 accounted for 41.6 percent of stops in 2011. The number of stops of young black men exceeded the entire city population of young black men (168,126 as compared to 158,406). Ninety percent of young black and Latino men stopped were innocent." 

2. "Black and Latino New Yorkers were more likely to be frisked than whites and, among those frisked, were less likely to be found with a weapon."

In 2011 as compared to 2003 (the earliest year a gun recovery figure is available), the NYPD conducted 524,873 more stops but recovered only 176 more guns. This amounts to an additional recovery rate of three one-hundredths of one percent.

Unsurprisingly, citizens in heavily policed precincts report unwillingness to report crimes, fear of police, and the anxiety produced by police utilization of confiscation. Similar with the stop and frisk statistics, roughness is often meted out on minorities, selectively and without cause.

New York has seen a vast drop in crime since the program's birth in 2002, but the returns from stop and frisk have fallen into near obscurity. A study by Center for Constitutional Rights, taken from January 2010 through June 2012 records scants gains, with a mere 6 percent of stops resulting in arrest, 1.8 percent in appropriation of contraband, and .12 percent in arrest rates for stops. Though they account for only 4.7 percent of the population, black and Latino males accounted for 32 percent of stop and frisk statistics from 2011 documenting young black men by police, the judge ruled the necessity for reasonable suspicion prior to police examination was being flouted.

Alarming in the lack of checks on police power, the inaccuracy of the program training has taught officers the following lesson: Stop and question first, develop reasonable suspicion later," according to U.S. Judge Shira A. Scheindelin. The case Ligon v. City of New York focused on police hired to patrol private residences for trespassers, a ruling that may be a harbinger for the broader policy throughout the city. Noting special hostility shown to young black men by police, the judge ruled the necessity for reasonable suspicion prior to police examination was being flouted.

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Yale Students Find Key to Brain Recovery

James Callens ‘14
Staff Writer

Those studying biology and psychology might already know that neuronal development is characterized by a period of exuberant synaptic growth. In other words, the juvenile brain is much more malleable than the adult brain. Thus, it is able to recover more quickly from trauma than the more stable adult brain.

Obviously, a slower working brain gives clarity to reason why there is such a decline in mental acuity as we age. But, wouldn’t it nice to “flip the switch” and be young again?

Over recent months, Yale Medical School students were able to identify the gene responsible for suppressing the high level of plasticity of an adolescent brain. They discovered that the Nogo Receptor gene (NRG-1) is responsible for brain maturation. In response to these findings, the researchers were able to recreate youthful brains, in adult mice, that facilitated learning and healing.

The NRG-1 was previously known to just block axon regeneration following an injury and stabilize the neuronal wiring of an adult brain.

But researchers realized that it is also found in developing postnatal neurons as a barrier to limit the number of excitatory potentials in the synapse.

When researchers used mice in their study that had no NRG-1, the mice were able to retain their juvenile-like brain all through adulthood. In older mice, the NRG-1 was inhibited and researchers received the same results. Also, the NRG-1 was found to slow the loss of memory. Mice without the NRG-1 lost stressful memories more quickly than mice with a normal functioning NRG-1.

Yale student and primary researcher Feras Akbik stated that “…this raises the potential that manipulating the Nogo Receptor in humans might accelerate and magnify rehabilitation after brain injuries like strokes and even PTSD.”

Them’s the (Spring) Breaks

Brittany Reissfelder ’13
Staff Writer

As students came back last week from spring break, the question most commonly heard on campus was: What did you do on spring break?

Spring break for many college students means a time to go with friends to a warm place, and forget about the cold weather, and of course your classes. Many students have this vision, but only the lucky ones get to follow through on the dream without other commitments breaking in.

Many students, like Kyley Murphy ’13, worked through their break—but wish they could have made it to a warm, relaxing place! Kathleen Mondo ’15, was one of the lucky few, and spent the week enjoying Jamaica with her family.

Even without leaving the state, many students were able to catch some sun and relax, and that left them rejuvenated and ready to finish the semester.

If you are more risk-averse, on the other hand, conservative strategies can help protect your investment from a sharp market correction down the road. And there are several “conservative” strategies that still offer attractive returns with lower risk by implementing sophisticated diversification techniques such as international exposure and hedging through derivatives (financial instruments which derive their value from changes in value of other financial instruments such as stocks and bonds).

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Bruno, Russo Ask Support To Lead SGA

The Student Government Association (SGA), the student group charged with representing the interests of the student body is holding elections for president.

Both candidates currently serve on the executive board of SGA; Anthony Bruno ’14, the current vice president and Maria Russo ’14, the member-at-large.

Russo and Bruno presented their candidacies to students in the Warrior’s Den on Tuesday night.

SGA, in addition to representing fellow students to the college administration is also tasked with overseeing clubs and student organizations. SGA approves club charters and funding for student organizations.

Elections are open on Blackboard until Monday, Apr. 15 at 11:59 p.m.

Job Hunt: Salary Only Part of the Deal

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Many Merrimack graduates will be entering the workforce this upcoming semester. As you look for that perfect job to start your career and get that coveted offer letter, it is important to understand what the company is offering in its entirety.

Oftentimes students compare only the base salaries of different opportunities in their job search. However it is also prudent to consider the benefits packages that companies offer their employees—cost savings and long-term investment advantages these packages provide may well make up for the difference in salaries between the various positions.

One benefit that is often overlooked is a company’s 401(k), an investment plan that allows employees to save for retirement by making contributions directly from their paychecks. Many companies will match a percentage of the money that you contribute to your 401(k), which gives you an immediate return on your investment and amplifies future gains. A 401(k) also gives you the ability to lower your taxable income because the money is contributed to the account before taxes are applied to your paycheck, which gives more money to individuals in the present. Additionally, employees who hold their contributions past age 60 can withdraw the money without tax penalties.

One thing to keep in mind, however, is that contribution limits exist to ensure that Uncle Sam get his fair share of tax revenue from each citizen.

Another unique feature is that you have the opportunity to allocate specific percentages of contributions to different investment vehicles. Companies have traditionally offered mutual funds as the primary investment choices. Mutual funds offer investors immediate diversification by allocating investor money between numerous holdings, and often provide exposure to different asset classes such as stocks and bonds.

Over recent months, Yale Medical School students

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This week we look at two of the Merrimack women’s lacrosse team’s best players — one from each side of the field. Jenn Pino and Kristin Elliot have dominated the game and helped Merrimack become one of the best teams in the Northeast-10. Pino is currently second on the team with 29 points, 22 goals, and 7 assists. Elliot is a crucial part of the Warriors defense, which ranks sixth in the conference in goals against.

Jenn Pino – Offense

Q: What’s your favorite warmup song?
A: “Drop the World” by Li’l Wayne & Eminem.

Q: Who is your favorite professional athlete?
A: Dustin Pedroia.

Q: How is this season going to be different from the last seasons?
A: We are a close-knit team on and off the field. We have a young team but everyone steps up and does their job.

Q: Do you have any pre-game rituals?
A: I always put on eye black right before my coach comes in the locker room.

Q: What personal goals do you have for yourself this season?
A: I want to be a leader that my teammates respect and look up to and to be a top scorer in the league.

Q: Describe your thoughts on your season so far.
A: The season didn’t start the way I hoped for my senior year. Having a lost a good amount of games was hard to overcome. It took a lot of work mentally to get over all the losses and I wasn’t sure if we were going to turn it around. But after having our first win at home against the no. 7 Dowling, I knew that our team was capable of winning.

Q: Why do you prefer defense over offense?
A: The concepts of defense have always made sense to me in any sport. Being able to anticipate your opponent’s next move and causing turnovers is one of the best parts of playing defense. A strong and aggressive defense can change the pace of the game.

Q: What is your major?
A: Electrical engineering.

Q: What do you want to do after college?
A: I plan on working for an electrical engineering company and I hope to keep myself involved with sports.

Q: What was your favorite win at Merrimack?
A: Dowling in overtime.

Kristin Elliot — Defense

Q: What’s your favorite warmup song?
A: “Jump Around” by House of Pain.

Q: Who is your favorite professional athlete?
A: Well, since it’s hockey season, I would go with Nathan Horton.

Q: How is this season going to be different from the last seasons?
A: We have a very young team. In years past players who saw time were mainly upperclassmen and only a few underclassmen would get playing time. This year many underclassmen are stepping up and getting time out on the field.

Q: Do you have any pre-game rituals?
A: I have to have my teammate Milly braid my hair. One braid in the front and one in the back.

Q: What personal goals do you have this season?
A: This season I want to push my teammates to work hard for the two hours of the day we have lacrosse. I want to set the standards high to make them work that much harder each day.

Q: Describe your thoughts on your season so far.
A: The season didn’t start the way I hoped for my senior year. Having a lost a good amount of games was hard to overcome. It took a lot of work mentally to get over all the losses and I wasn’t sure if we were going to turn it around. But after having our first win at home against the no. 7 Dowling, I knew that our team was capable of winning.

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Q: What is your major?
A: Business, sports management.

Q: What do you want to do after college?
A: Work for a professional team.

Q: What was your favorite win at Merrimack?
A: Win in overtime vs. Dowling.

Reed Wins Medal

The women’s golf team took home a second place finish at the Dr. Edwin B. Cottrell Invite hosted by West Chester University. The Warriors had a two-day combined score of 713. Ali Reed took home medalist honors after firing 79 on day one and 86 on day two. From left are Jaclyn Drew, Louise McGillivray, coach Nick Crovetti, Reed, Bethany Arnold.
Double Headers Wound Warriors

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The Merrimack softball team moved to 8-14 on the season after a 2-3 weekend. The Warriors hosted Southern New Hampshire University on April 5, a double-header against New Haven on Saturday, and a double-header against Southern Connecticut State University on Sunday.

Southern New Hampshire scored six of its seven runs in the top of the second inning, and that proved to be the difference in the game, as the Warriors rallied with four out of the game’s final five runs but ultimately fell, 7-5, in the Warriors’ home opener on Friday afternoon at the Warrior Softball Diamond.

After the visiting Penmen took a 6-1 lead after two innings, the Warriors clawed to within one run in the bottom of the fifth thanks to a three-run homer off the bat of Keaira Monet Perry ’14. Southern New Hampshire added a late insurance run on an infield single in the top of the sixth inning, and reliever Ali Maloof sealed the deal in the late innings to preserve the win for the Penmen.

On Saturday, the Warriors earned a double-header split as they played host to the New Haven Chargers. Trailing by a 6-0 deficit heading into its final at-bat in game one, the Warriors rallied for five runs and had the tying run in scoring position, but starter Micah Stonesifer shut the door by striking out the final batter of the game, as the Chargers held on to hand Merrimack a 6-5 defeat to start the afternoon. Down by a run in the bottom of the fourth in the second game of the afternoon, Ashley Perry ’14 sparked the Warriors with a two-run homer to cap off a five-run bottom of the fourth, as Merrimack went on to earn the double-header split with a 6-1 victory over New Haven in game two.

On Sunday, the Warriors hosted host to a double-header against the Southern Connecticut State Owls. In game one of the afternoon, SCSU came to within one run after four innings, but Lindsay Gibbs ’15 and Keira Perry connected on back-to-back solo home runs to put the game out of reach, as the Warriors took game one, 6-2, over the Owls. Southern Connecticut would have no answers in the sixth and seventh innings, as the Warriors held on to earn the game one victory. In game two of the afternoon, Merrimack held the lead, 3-2, in the top of the sixth.

That lead evaporated as Southern Connecticut returned the favor with a game-changing two-run homer, as the Warriors dropped game two, 5-3, to set the double-header split.

Freshman Alexis Perry had a lead late in the game after entering the game in the top of the second, but the rookie allowed a two-run, go-ahead homer and one further score in the sixth to put the Owls ahead by two.

Baseball Gears Up for Another Busy Weekend

By Helen Gillis ’13

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The Merrimack College Baseball team had a busy weekend, with two games on April 6 and two on April 7.

On April 6 the Warriors (18-8 overall, 9-3 conference, 4-0 division) had conference games against Pace University (18-9 overall, 4-4 conference, 4-1 division) and came up big with two wins. The first game, against the visiting Setters, ended with a score of 9-6. Junior Casey Cotter had three doubles and senior Joe Mantoni had a three-run home run to help the Warriors to victory.

The second game of the day the Warriors shut out Pace with a score of 5-0. Sophomore right-handed pitcher, Joe Carnevale pitched a total of 7 innings, only allowing four hits. Junior left-handed pitcher, Conner McMahon, came in as first relief and threw for one inning. To close the game, right-handed pitcher Tyler Cuming, a junior, came in the ninth inning.

The next day, the Warriors hosted the Panthers of Adelphi University (13-14-1 overall, 5-8 conference, 3-2 division), but came up short in both conference games losing the first 1-0 and the second 12-3. Right-handed pitcher Alec Morency ’14 pitched all nine innings for Merrimack, giving up five hits.

When asked on how the season has gone thus far, senior Alan Pastynak Jr. said, “The season has been going really well. About half way through and our record is 18-8. Most importantly we are 4-0 in division play. Our goal as a club is to make the playoffs and winning the division game is what is going to get us where we want to be, which is playing baseball long into May.”

The Warriors will travel this weekend to face the Penmen of Southern New Hampshire University (20-10 overall, 6-7 conference, 3-3 division). Senior Joe Mantoni shared his thoughts on the rest of the season, “The upcoming schedule is difficult but if we pitch well, play good defense and have timely hitting we will be very successful.”

Merrimack has three division games this weekend, two tomorrow (noon and 3 p.m.) and one on Sunday (1 p.m.) all at Southern New Hampshire University.