The Beacon

New Leaders Elected

Patrick Lawlor ’13
Editor in Chief

The results are in: after signature collection, campaigning and voting on BlackBoard, student leaders were elected by their peers. Most prominently, Tony Brunco ’14, was elected President of the Student Government Association. SGA is the voice of the student body to the college administration. Bruno formerly served as SGA Vice President, which involved oversight of over 50 clubs and organization that are funded under the SGA budget allocation. Brunco edged out Maria Russo, SGA Member-At-Large for the top student leadership post.

SGA, in addition to an executive board, also has representatives for each class. The Class of 2014 Representatives elected were: Maria Russo, Kaitlyn Davis, Neil Gagnon, Brendan Shea, Arianna L’Euvray, and Cam Greenburg. The Class of 2015 Representatives are Sarah Connelly, Chris Hart, Julie Salisbury, Lauren Foster, John Ferraro, Tim O’Leary, Jennie Votta, and Danielle Trudel. The Class of 2016 Representatives are Lauren Folinio, Mackenzie Goebel, Ashley Walsh, Max Zhang, Alison Langone, and Madison Davis.

In addition to SGA Representatives, Class Councils were also elected. Class Councils are responsible for the programming and planning of class events. Next year’s senior Class Council, the Class of 2014 will be led by Marissa Deưa as President, Neha Patel as Treasurer, Bridget Gilroy as Secretary and Madison Davis. Last year’s commencement speaker, Dave McGillivray ’76, of the Boston Athletic Association, is the long time director of the Boston Marathon.

SGA Meetings occur every Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. and are open to the public.

By Nicole Meaney ’13
Staff Writer

Monday, April 15, was when taxes were due, Patriots Day was celebrated, and the Boston Marathon was attacked.

At approximately 3 p.m., two homemade bombs exploded 534 feet apart near the finish line of the Marathon, in Boston’s Copley Square. Each was filled with nails and metal pellets, three people were killed and more than 170 injured.

While many Merrimack students, and some alumni, staff and faculty, were involved in the Marathon, many Lady Warrior cross-country runners were in the crowd, as were some softball players and at least one coach – all were reported safe.

Merrimack sent an email to the community, offering college resources to those traumatized by the evening but noting, “In moments like this, we must turn to one another for comfort and care.” The college held Mass in Our Mother of Good Counsel Chapel in Austin Hall the day after the Marathon, for the community to come together and pray for those affected.

The three dead represented a range of Marathon watchers. Krystle Campbell, 29, of Arlington, Mass., was described as “having a heart of gold” by her mother, Martin Richard, 8, of Boston’s Dorchester neighborhood, was described by neighbor Billy Farrey as “a quiet, compassionate kid - and somebody who was a good leader.”

Lu Lingzi of China was a Boston University graduate student studying mathematics; at a memorial service, her cousin remembered her as always smiling.

Senior Emily Moldoff, a three-year finish-line volunteer, was among those tended to the severely injured. She told the Eagle of the Boston Marathon.

By the end of April 16, the press and the public had answers to the questions what, where, and how; the questions that remained were who and why. The FBI reminded the world: “Since these stories often have unintended consequences, we ask the media, particularly at this early stage of the investigation, to exercise caution and attempt to verify information. Please see MARATHON Continued on Page 6

OMARATHON

Students share memories, reflections of tragedy

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We are Boston Strong

MERRIMACK
Questions on the Quad

By Alex Maas ’14

What are you looking forward to most about summer?

Inna Helden ’14

“Warm Weather”

Enrique Etges ’15

“Going back to Brasil, going to the beach, and seeing my family and dog.”

Mikey Enright ’14

“Getting as drunk as possible”

Police Log

April 14

O’Brien RA reports an altercation between the second and third floors. Units respond, report male suspect in custody. All clear.

AC requests officer for intoxicated male vomiting in the lobby of O’Brien. AFD responding with officers. Resident student transported to LGH.

April 15

Student calls to report a call from a strange phone number, due to the ongoing incidents in Boston. No further information available.

April 18

Student calls to report a backpack left on the St. Ann bridge. Described as tan tweed. Sergeant responds. Unit reports checking immediate and surrounding area. No backpack in sight.

April 19

Lieutenant out in the Deegan East quad for an alcohol assessment of an intoxicated female. Officer assisting. Student transported to LGH.

AC reports male student in Ash semi-conscious. North Andover Fire Department is on scene. Student transported to LGH.

AC reports a couple of students smoking marijuana on the Ash steps. Unit reports speaking with a non-student and a student. Small amount of marijuana confiscated.

Sergeant requests EMT for a female at the stage in Volpe. Female transported to LGH.

Male caller reports suspicious odor coming from a room in L-Tower. Sergeant reports no odors.

April 20

O’Brien RA reports grills outside still burning unattended. Unit extinguishes flames with water bottle.

Student reports female vomiting in the doorway of L-Tower. Unit calls AFD for highly intoxicated female student. Student transported to LGH.

Mack Tweets

@Master_ Bates

Joe Cannata, I know him better as JCann35 will be backing up Bobby Lou tonight #Canucks #JoeSaysNo

@MC_Athletics

... APRIL DAUGHERTY of the Merrimack field hockey team! Congrats, April! #GoMC

@Briana255

Cops on bicycles and golf carts? Only at #merrimack #springweekend

@Billea

The best time to have a hotdog is at 2am

@MC_Athletics

...COREY LUNNEY from the men’s lacrosse team!!! Congrats, Corey, and congratulations to all our student-athletes on a tremendous year! #GoMC

@realmattkirkham

how much are the sock companies paying the washer/dryer companies? #nomatches

@desiree_deleon

Not knowing where your Mack card is really puts a damper on your day #needaleashforthatthing

LEAD awards honor groups, individuals

Molly Canyes ’15

Staff Writer

For the past 10 years the LEAD awards ceremony has taken place every spring at Merrimack. Awards are given to outstanding students and organizations in recognition of the hard work done over the year.

Members of the Merrimack community nominate honorees.

LEAD stands for Leadership Education Athletics Development.

Students are encouraged to wear their organization T-shirts, sweatshirts, team jerseys, and to “hoot and holler for their peers as they win the awards,” said Allison Stinson, associate director of student involvement.

This year 10 groups, eight student-led programs, 18 athletes, sports teams, and three club sports team were nominated for one of the 24 awards that were presented at the LEADS.

“Last year we incorporated athletics awards to be presented with our leadership awards, in an effort to show how involved our students are on campus in many different areas and it was a complete success,” said Stinson.
Watkins ’14 will serve as vice chair and Lawlor ’13, the current chairman of the executive board and editor in chief. The Beacon’s Executive Board is made up of three members that lead the paper in policy, budget and oversight. The outgoing Executive Board members are Patrick Lawlor ’13, chairman, Joan Corcoran ’13, vice chair, and Jillian Toce ’13, ranking member. Next year’s Executive Board will consist of Joyce as chairwoman, Watkins as vice chair and Raver as the ranking member.

“I am very happy with this group, and confident they will continue with the momentum that we have had the last year,” said Lawlor. “I have a lot of faith in Kara and I am very happy she will lead the newspaper.”

Under The Beacon’s bylaws, editors can either be elected by the staff or appointed by the executive board.

Next year will mark The Beacon’s 12th publishing year as a student organization and the fourth year The Beacon has had an involvement in the academic curriculum.

There are two course offerings in the Communication Arts and Sciences Department that teach aspiring communicators media production and new media application. Jim Chiavelli, an adjunct professor and advisor to The Beacon, teaches both courses. The Beacon prints biweekly on the academic calendar.
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So, what exactly is an ETF?

An ETF is a financial security that tracks an index, a commodity or a basket of assets like a mutual fund would, but trades like a stock on a stock exchange. ETFs can be passively or actively managed, have lower costs, are highly liquid, offer diversification and will surely have the approval of the average investor. But its unique characteristics and capabilities offer tremendous advantages to the savvy investor as well.

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While ETFs are becoming more popular, financial analysts alike can’t help but compare this relatively new innovation to the mature mutual fund industry. Both of these securities are similar in that they offer diversification, can be passively or actively managed, and more or less track an index. An ETF can be advantageous when compared to a mutual fund in the sense that it does not have a minimum investment, can be more tax efficient, offers higher liquidity, and can have lower fees.

So, which one is better? It’s really a matter of personal preference and risk appetite. I for one prefer the ETF because of its ability to be traded throughout regular trading hours (unlike a mutual fund that can only be sold at market close) and for the potential to magnify returns with the use of leveraged ETFs.

Securing Your Future

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Staff Writer

Economic Indicators that Matter to You

Andrew DiNuccio ’13
and Andrew Ferraro ’13
Staff Writers

We often hear of terms such as GDP, CPI, and unemployment rates on the news but many in today’s society are not well-versed in what these important economic indicators are or what impact they have on our daily lives. This is especially true for college students who may not be required to track these figures and have not gotten a foothold in the professional world that forces one to care about these terms. As college students it is essential to understand this data to be able to make efficient and rational decisions in the future. Understanding key economic indicators allows one to have a better grasp on the business cycle and where our nation is heading in the future.


The economic indicator that will be analyzed in this article, the national unemployment rate, is one that is viewed by many as having the greatest impact on young adults, such as college students and recent graduates, today.

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On April 18, Waiting for an End

Patrick Bradley '14

Staff Writer

I’m upset. We all are. As someone who was not directly affected by a friend or family member killed or injured, the sadness that dwells in my heart has not yet waned. Is it possible that I’m slowly being replaced. My life continues.

Last night I went to a concert, arguably one of the best shows I’ve ever seen put on by Timeflies – a two man group who got their education down the road at Tufts – at the House of Blues. In the middle of the show, the first responders, one of whom went to high school with the band’s lead singer, came onto stage. It was the loudest roaring of applause I’ve ever heard. In this city, that means something.

I’ve gone back and forth with my emotions. I don’t know what to feel.

To a degree, I’m scared – perspective becomes a bit sharper, words and phrases being meaningful. I’ve always wanted to experience it, and I just turned 21 so this seemed like the year to go. Instead, my priorities shifted and I spent time with people I care about over the weekend, neglecting a story I had to get done for work and suffering for it on Monday by not being able to go into the city. Instead, I’ve gone to the Red Sox, had the time of my life, and wandered straight over to the finish line to join in the pure joy and elation of families, friends, and runners celebrating such incredible accomplishments. I would’ve gotten there just around the time the first bomb went off. I would’ve been standing right there. I could be dead right now.

Had I survived the blast, I wouldn’t have run. I’m too stupid to do that. I would’ve thrown my own neck on the line for either brave hero out there and tried to save someone’s life since mine was fortunate enough to be spared. I’m no hero, but I would’ve tried even harder last Monday. Instead I’m writing about it, trying to figure everything out. Part of me feels blessed, part of me feels guilty. Why them, not me? Why an 8-year-old boy? Why?

It’s an anger I want to fight. But not fight like war – no, more violence is the last thing we need (although to be fair if I met this punk on the street he’d have a few teeth less than an old time Bruin, but that’s besides the point). I want to be in the middle of it. I wish I were one of those cops or first responders – one of Boston’s Finest – being out there making a difference. I feel helpless. I want to fight for everything that’s good in this world, not promote this cowardly act and the losers behind it.

So that’s why I’m writing this, I guess. Partially for you, whoever you are reading this to, encourage you. Smile at someone today. Hold a door for someone, whether they need it or not. When I was younger and trying to understand death, grown ups told me people died because God wanted them to. As I got a little older, they explained to me that everyone was here for a purpose. Sometimes, you’ve fulfilled your purpose at a much younger age than any of us would like, so God lets you come home and join Him in eternal paradise and happiness. I hope that’s not happening too far – so far – they wanted to scare us, they wanted us to be uncomfortable. They wanted us to be angry. They wanted us to pay – God knows what for. They’re succeeding. We cannot let that happen. When little 8-year-old Martin Richard saw his father cross the finish line at the Boston Marathon, he was so excited that he ran out from the sidewalk and embraced his father in a hug to congratulate him. He then ran back over to his mother and sister on the sidelines as his father went to go get the medal he rightfully deserved. Just as he got there, the bomb went off.

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The story broke developed quickly on Saturday morning Saturday, hundreds of state, federal, and local law enforcement officers descended on Watertown. Residents of that town and the abutting communiites of Newton, Cambridge, Waltham and even Boston were told to stay indoors; businesses were asked to shut down, and MBTA train and bus service was suspended, along with taxi service in Boston. Police conducted door to door searches in Watertown and heavily armed officers and military-style vehicles patrolled neighborhoods; Boston’s bare streets gave everyone a vision of life after an apocalypsis.

The daylong search ended around 9 p.m. when a Watertown man noticed blood on the boat stored in his yard. Police found the younger Tsarnaev hiding inside, and he was eventually removed and taken to a Cambridge hospital in critical condi- tion. Sources have said that the media has been kept out of the hospital.

For Merrimack students who want to help those affected, donations will be collected on Main Street for One Fund Boston, which was established by the city and the state.

In addition, the Merrimack College Fitness Center, Her Campus Merrimack and ZTA are holding a Dance-A-Thon to raise money for One Fund Boston on Monday, April 29, from 4 to 6 p.m. in the fitness center. Suggested donation is $5, and 100 percent of the proceeds will go to One Fund Boston. Those unable to attend can make a donation with cash or through their Mack Cards.

MC Strong After Bomb

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On April 17, reports surfaced that a suspect was in custody. This widespread report carried by reputable news sources turned out to be merely speculation. The missteps on Wednesday did not stop there; there were reports of a bomb threat at Boston’s federal courthouse shortly afterward, and the building was evacuated, but the threat was proven to be false. Many news sources once known for accuracy had to retract multiple false reports.

On April 18, President Obama attended a memorial service in Boston for those affected by the bombings. At Merrimack, students were reminded to keep vigilant and to report any concerns to police. That afternoon, the PBI released surveil- lance footage of two males they explained were one of Boston’s Finest – being out there making a difference. I feel helpless. I want to fight for everything that’s good in this world, not promote this cowardly act and the losers behind it.

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**MERRIMACK’S MOST INTERESTING PERSON**

**Raily Henriquez**

**Kara Marie Joyce ’15 Staff Writer**

This week’s most interesting person is someone who I am proud to call one of my greatest friends, Raily Henriquez. Raily and I have been friends for a year now and in this year I have learned what a beautiful person he is inside and out, but it wasn’t until I sat down and had a formal interview with him that I realized how interesting he truly is.

Raily was born on March 3rd 1993 in the beautiful Dominican Republic; he was born into a very large family. Growing up Raily became part of the Boys and Girls club of Lawrence. This club helped him to make friends and get involved in his new community. The group leaders regularly had activities planned for the kids which would take place here at Merrimack. They would use several of the beautiful facilities to hold fun activities for the kids, such as the Recreation Center, the Wicked Running Club, performing skits and Volpe for organized sports events. Raily said it was the times they would come to Merrimack, and always thought the campus was beautiful as he watched it grow and expand throughout his childhood. Raily attended Lawrence Technical High School where he was loved and looked up to by his peers. His senior year he was elected the president of student council. He loved being involved and as he was excited to be president his senior year, he was also sad to be leaving his school that he cared so much about.

When it came time to apply to colleges Raily knew exactly where he wanted to go. It wasn’t even a few days or a week, Raily longed to attend Merrimack and make this campus his new home. When the day came that he received his acceptance letter from Merrimack he was ecstatic, this was the beginning of a huge step for Raily but for his family as well. Raily is the first person in his family to attend college. Raily couldn’t wait to get to college and get involved, even more moving in he applied to be a part of the Wicked Running Club. The Austin Scholars are a community that live and learn together in their community. As freshman the scholars all live in the same hallway and all are put into the same Christianity and Context class giving them a chance to truly bond with each other. They then participate in a weekend mission trip together as a way to give back to their community. Being accepted into this program gave him even more ambition to get involved as much as possible when we arrived on campus.

As a sophomore Raily is an RA in Ash, a member of the Merrimack Planning Board, a proud member of the multi racial group A.L.A.N.A, part of the on the stagers, and a member of the pre-law society. He is in the process of completing a major in political science with a double minor in pre-law and theater. While theater is only his minor he dreams of someday making it big in Hollywood, and making California his home. Raily is one of the most loveable people I have ever met; he is extremely outgoing and has a heart of gold. He is a great asset to Merrimack College and I think that he will hold big things in the future.

**Kerry Phelan ’16 Staff Writer**

This year marked my fourth consecutive year volunteering at the Boston Marathon at mile 17. The Wicked Running Club, partnered with PowerGel, has been at the spot for the last five years and as a member, I had always been given the opportunity to volunteer. This year, the club member who organizes the volunteers agreed to my request to let 10 members of Merrimack’s girls track team volunteer with Wicked.

The tragedies that afternoon began just as we were wrapping up our assignment. Before the explosions, the volunteer station had been, once again, an awesome experience. Our team and the club worked together really well and everyone had a great time watching not just the elites, but the thousands of runners who raced for time, for charity, or for fun. Our job was simple – hold out Powergel to the runners so they could grab them as they ran by. Each of us was assigned a different flavor, and wore a shirt that matched the flavor’s color. As a bonus, we each received an official yellow Boston Marathon volunteer jacket.

By 3 p.m., we were both exhausted and thrilled by the day’s excitement. We had just taken a group picture and returned to our cars when the news of the bombing reached us. Panic immediately swept us as I thought of all the Wicked club members, and my mother, who was running with her best friend and would be finishing right around the four-hour mark. Desperately, each person in my car began to call her. When we finally got hold of her, she was at mile 24, completely clueless of what was happening at the finish line. No one, especially not her, had heard of this. This wasn’t just such a happy Patriots’ Day tradition, and runners and spectators looked forward to it every year. The first hours following the tragedy did not get any better. The runners scattered, cold and exhausted, without their possessions, looking for some direction, many unable to make a phone because cellphone service had been cut. Boston was gridlocked; police roamed the hospitals, major buildings, and streets. Getting out of the city, for a long time, was nearly impossible.

Reflecting back on the experience, I am still shaken. My own family had been in the midst of it all, and I knew people who were affected. I often think about how differently I would view some more seriously than others. However, in no way will it stop me. Despite the tragedies, Boston pulled together and reacted courageously. Not only will I continue to volunteer, I will run the marathon one day. After watching my mom run Boston twice, and running the finish with her both times, I look forward to running down Boylston, remembering the tragic day that Boston became stronger than ever.
Patrick Lawlor ‘13
Editor in Chief

Not many people have the opportunity to thank people in such a venue as this. Last issue I gave you my swan song, my favorite stories from four years on the Beacon staff in this final editorial, I’d like to take this space to thank those who have helped me along the way during my time at Merrimack. I would like to thank anyone who has ever written a word for The Beacon. You have made my job easier; you have done the Merrimack community a lot of good.

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Thatcher: Divisive Even in Death
Roger McCormack
Staff Writer

The passing of Margaret Thatcher, Britain’s former prime minister, marks an era for admirers and political bedfellows. Succumbing to a stroke at the age of 87, Thatcher will be best remembered as a titan of the modern political right, and a resolute presence in Ten Downing Street, leaving an influential legacy for Britain’s political development.

The daughter of a grocer, Thatcher studied chemistry at Oxford and rose to prominence in the Tory (Conservative) Party. First running for a Conservative seat in Parliament in her early 20s, Thatcher was noted for her aggressive approach and a resolute presence in Ten Downing Street, leaving an influential legacy for Britain’s political development. Avoing Hayek’s belief that socialism and state-run business would result in a “Road to Serfdom,” Thatcher’s role as education minister solidified her tough persona, refusing to follow her political brethren in taking the famed “U-turn” on tempering public-sector avarice.

Ascending to defeat Heath in 1975, Thatcher became the first women in a Western country to lead a political party. As Prime Minister, Thatcher ushered in a series of crises in the House of Commons. The preceding Labour government had ushered in a series of crises by employing easy money policy, leading to near bankruptcy, an unviable currency, and a series of negotiations. In outer space of crises, engaged in the International Monetary Fund for credit. Trade unions’ demands led to the shutting down of the mining industry, providing the coup de grace to the Labour Party’s grasp on power.

Public opinion shifted to the Conservatives, and voters elected Thatcher prime minister in May 1979. National interest magazine, in describing the mess Thatcher inherited, gave this summation: “The mid-1970s, Great Britain had become a calamitous mess. England, once a byword for gleaning efficiency, had become sunk in sloth and ennui. The miners didn’t mine. Teachers didn’t teach. Workers didn’t work — unemployment had reached 2 million. Manufacturing output had plummeted by about 16 percent in 1980 alone.”

Pursuing a harsh policy to correct the damage of the Labour years, Thatcher was able to palliate recession-plagued England. Curbing ingrained union power and enormous public expenditure, Thatcher’s reforms (dubbed affectionately “Thatcherism”) were able to impress her severest detractors. The late journalist Christopher Hitchens reminisced: “The worst of Thatcherism, as I was beginning by degrees to discover, was the rodent slowly stirring in my viscera: the uneasy but unbanishable feeling that on some essential matters she might be right.”

Checking inflation and raising taxes at the nadir of recession — contrary to dominant thinking at the time — Britain’s GDP grew at an average 8.6% during the eight consecutive years of economic growth and a decrease from 22 percent inflation to 4.2 percent between 1980 and 1988.

This growth was assisted by a flood of privatization, including previously government-owned gas, coal, telephone and electric companies. Reducing government-controlled industry was a step to economic prosperity, negating the inefficient results of socialism and bureaucratic Leviathans. In Thatcher’s own words, “The lesson of the economic history of Europe in the 1970s is that central planning and detailed control do not work and that personal endeavors and a state-controlled economy is a recipe for low growth and that free enterprise within a framework of law brings better results.... And that means action to open free markets, action to widen choice, action to reduce government intervention. Our aim should not be more and more regulation from the centre: it should be to deregulate and to remove the constraints on trade.”

These reforms had tangible effects;
The laborious work mining entailed destroyed miners' communities. Thatcher's reforms ended state firms. These policies hurt miners' striking power as a danger of Discontent" saw trash piled in ilk were derided as radicals. Thatcher and those of her ideologues were seldom put into practice; little to devolve power from the top, for local governments, Thatcher did not demand for yourself what you mate aspirations, because you can -t not resolve diplomatically. Sim-

In an ironic twist of history, Thatcher's deference to interna-

Best Buddies: Matching Up New Friends

Sarah Buckwald '14 Staff Writer

Best Buddies is a great organiz-

tion on campus that combines com-

James Callens '14 Staff Writer

Once again, it's that time of year! The sun shines, the beaches open, and college students rush to the exit of their classrooms. But you don't have to forget about all the work and research you've done over the year. In-

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Even In Death, Britain's Iron Lady a Divisive Figure

Thatcher, Reagan

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Running Out the Clock on Four Years

Michael Romannella ’13
Sports Editor

Four years and four quarters – that’s how I see my college career at Merrimack and my time with the Beacon staff. Coming from New Jersey, the only time I’d ever heard the word Merrimack was in history class – the Battle of the Monitor and the Merrimac. North Andover was just another place to meander, let’s face it, getting to Merrimack from any route is just a lot of trees and not much else to look at. But, like in every facet of life, there’s something that draws us to a place. The people in the community are great – it’s a close-knit community filled with joy. The Beacon staff is just a subset of that. They are an even closer group of people who help one another grow and prosper.

Over the course of a game, whether it be football, baseball or hockey, you experience adversity. Which was a new school record as well. Plenty of adversity in our version of the press box. Throughout these four years there has been more than one of her events in every meet this year. She also came in third place in the 200m dash with a time of 26.22 seconds. This time also set a new school record in this event.

The clock is winding down slowly. It’s time to work the two-minute offense in a last-ditch effort to build memories that will last a lifetime. There’s no going back now; we can only complete this game and move on to next season. When the clock strikes zero, you can just look back, nothing more. John Lennon once said, “Life is what happens to you while you’re busy making other plans.” This just simply means that while we would love to live room. But the Beacon has never faltered or folded. The staff has always risen to the occasion, and that’s a characteristic I can take with me.

Being a sports editor has been an honor. In four years I’ve been able to witness Merrimack Athletics grow to dominance. Merrimack hockey fought for a no. 1 ranking two years ago and made the NCAA tournament. They gave fans something to really cheer about in Manchester – we will see you again soon, Fighting Irish. Warriors football captured their second NE-10 championship in 2009 – something no one, other than the people in this community, ever thought could happen.

Even the construction project that is currently finishing up just shows all of us there’s a brighter future for everything at Merrimack, better things to come.

Track Teams Finish Strong

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Staff Writer

Merrimack College Men’s track and field have their most recent meet at the Greyhound Invitational at Moravian College on April 20 in Bethlehem, Pa.

Freshman Denzel Livingston had a big day for himself, winning the long jump with a final distance of 6.75m.

This made it a personal record for him and broke the school’s previous record.

The jump also qualified him for the New England Championships that will take place in mid-May.

Livingston also came in second overall in the 100m dash finals. He had a time of 10.84 seconds, which was a new school record as well.

Graduate students Ethan and Ian Weaver took fifth and sixth place in the 400m with times of 49.47 seconds and 49.84. Ethan Weaver also took a fifth-place finish in the 200m dash with a time of 22.77 seconds.

The women’s track and field team also traveled to Bethlehem to compete in the Greyhound Invitational. Sophomore Noelia Figuereao came in first place in the 100m dash with a time of 12.01. This time also set a new school record in this event.

With this win, Figuereao has come in at least one of her events in every meet this year. She also came in third place in the 200m dash with the time of 26.22 seconds.

Junior Briana Devereaux had a first-place finish in the 1500m run. She beat all her competition by more than three seconds with a time of 4:45.57.

Sophomore Alyssa Otis earned fourth in the high jump with a distance of 1.53m.

We’re With The Band

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The Masters Tournament is one of the four major championships in professional golf that is full of rich tradition. Scheduled for the first full week of April, it is the first of the majors to be played each year. Unlike the other major championships, the Masters is held each year at the same location, Augusta National Golf Club, a private golf club in Augusta, Ga. The field of players in the Masters is smaller than those of the other major championships because it is an invitational event.

The tournament’s traditions include the green jacket, which since 1949 has been awarded to the champion, who must return it to the clubhouse one year after the time of that player’s victory. In most instances, the jacket is only removed from the club’s grounds by a first-time champion.

Jack Nicklaus has won more Masters Tournaments than any other golfer, six times between 1963 and 1986. Other multiple winners include legendary golfers Arnold Palmer and Tiger Woods, with four each.

The 2013 Masters Tournament was the 77th edition of the Masters Tournament held on April 11 to 14. Closing in on the final round of the Masters, it was a tight race to first place. There were five golfers who were all within a few shots off the lead entering into Sunday’s final round.

With one hole left on the final round, Adam Scott birdied his putt to take a one-stroke lead ahead of Angel Cabrera. Angel Cabrera returned the favor by sinking a birdie shot of his own to force a sudden death playoff between himself and Adam Scott. Adam Scott won the Masters Tournament on the second hole of the playoff.

It was Scott’s first major championship and the first time an Australian won the Masters.

Canucks Call Cannata

Former Merrimack goalie Joe Cannata has been promoted to the Vancouver Canucks of the National Hockey League for the final two games of the regular season, the team said Wednesday. The move comes retroactive to Cannata backup goalie Cory Schneider’s injury.

Cannata had been playing for Vancouver’s AHL affiliate, the Chicago Wolves, and posted a 2.65 goals-against average and a .912 save percentage in 14 games for Chicago.
Brad Duhaime has been a focal part of the Warriors defense since transferring from Lasell College. Duhaime racked up 22 ground balls and caused 12 turnovers, while appearing in all 16 games in 2012.

This season, Duhaime has found himself a place in the starting lineup and is making his name known. Merrimack’s defense this season has ranked in the top half of the conference in every defensive statistic.

The Senior defenseman will look to guide the Warriors to another final four appearance as the season begins to whine down.

Q: What’s your favorite warmup song?
A: ‘Till I Collapse” by Eminem & Nate Dogg.

Q: Who is your favorite professional athlete?
A: Dennis Rodman.

Q: How is this season going to be different from the last seasons?
A: We have made it to the NE-10 Championship and fell short. We are going to win it this year.

Q: Do you have any pre-game rituals?
A: I pet my pet hamster “Hammy.”

Q: What personal goals do you have for yourself this season?
A: Score a goal.

Q: Describe your thoughts on your season so far.
A: We have had two losses so far in this season where we could have won each of them, which is hard to take in.

Q: Why do you prefer defense over offense?
A: I'd rather hit people then get hit.

Q: What is your major?
A: Business administration.

Q: What do you want to do after college?
A: I would like to open up my own fish market in Salem, Massachusetts.

Q: What was your favorite win here at Merrimack?
A: My favorite win here at Merrimack would have to be this season, when we won against the #1 team in the nation, Le Moyne 5-3.

Brad Duhaime
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Stats Don’t Tell Baseball Story

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As the sun returns, the grass greens, and the sound of cracking bats echoes into the bitter air of campus, you can feel it: it’s baseball season. The Merrimack College baseball team has made a strong showing this season. Having an adjusted double-header due to the rainy weather on Saturday, the Warriors stepped onto the field for the third, final game. After a few innings of consistent scoring, Saint Anselm’s College went silent in the bottom of the ninth for a 9-6 Merrimack victory. Senior captain and second-baseman Alan Pastyrnak Jr. names this game as most memorable in the entire season," I could not be prouder of the way our team has fought for every match we have played this season," head coach Sean Tully told Merrimack Athletics following the win. “We had great focus today and accomplished what we set out to do from the very first day of practice. We plan on using this momentum to carry us through the region in the NCAA Tournament.”

With the conference tournament championship in hand, the Warriors earn an automatic bid into the NCAA Division 2 Tournament, marking their sixth straight appearance and sixth overall. Junior Chris Barnhart and sophomore Vince Bellino each earned First Team All-Conference honors in the No. 3 and No. 4 singles category, respectively, while the duo also earned Second-Team honors in the No. 2 doubles slot.

The Warriors earned a No. 3 seed in the Division 2 NCAA Tournament and next play April 28 in the first round against Philadelphia’s Chestnut Hill College.

Frank Crinella had two hits against Saint A’s. Courtesy Merrimack Athletics

Netmen Take NE-10 Title

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The team has now won 10 straight overall matches after going undefeated in the month of April. With their 8-1 victory at Stonehill on March 13, the Warriors moved to a perfect 9-0 in conference play and clinched the No. 1 overall seed in the conference tournament, earning a first-round bye and an automatic berth to the semi-finals.

The Warriors were fortunate enough to play an extra tune-up match against Hartford, a game rescheduled due to an earlier postponement in March. The team was schedule for another non-conference tune up with Hartford on April 15, but due to the events in Boston the match was cancelled.

Just six days after clinching the regular season crown, Adelphi University sat waiting in the conference semi-finals, but their home field in the second game on Sunday, with a 6-1 victory over Merrimack. After leading the Warriors only 1-0 for the first six innings, Saint A’s went on a hitting streak, scoring five runs in the seventh inning, and overwhelming the silent bats of the Warriors. With the series in a 1-1 stalemate, the Warriors stepped onto the field for the third, final game. After a few innings of consistent scoring, Saint A’s led Merrimack 4-1 going into the top of the eighth. But Merrimack really “stepped up to the plate” with a frenzied swing of the bat, scoring 4 runs to lead Saint A’s 5-4. Saint A’s answered with 2 runs in the bottom of the eighth to lead 6-5. And in another bat-cracking inning, the Warriors tallied an additional 4 runs against Saint A’s, who went silent in the bottom of the ninth for a 9-6 Merrimack victory.

The Panthers were no match for the Warriors, who won by an easy 5-2 decision. Next up were the Penmen of Southern New Hampshire University, but once again Merrimack handled the match with ease, winning by a 5-1 final.

“I could not be prouder of the way our team has fought for every match we have played this season,” head coach Sean Tully told Merrimack Athletics following the win. “We had great focus today and accomplished what we set out to do from the very first day of practice. We plan on using this momentum to carry us through the region in the NCAA Tournament.”

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But the greatness of this team cannot be found in statistics, or counted among a row of wins and losses. Their greatest strength is each other. With a unique compilation of batting intuitions — including Rihanna’s hit song “S&M” — reflecting each player, the team has a roster entirely constituted of characters. Pastyrnak credits this as the team’s defining quality and what separates them from the rest. He says, “The best part of being on the baseball team is definitely having the teammates I have ... it’s what separates us.”

And as the team looks with upturned caps to the rest of the season, they hope to obtain that coveted spot in the NE-10 play-offs and continue their season well into May. The Warriors have an upcoming home weekend series against Franklin Pierce. And while they hope for the future successes of their season, their greatest success is in the character of their team.