In addition to the day-to-day challenges of running a 24-meter pool, the difference in depth from head to tail for Mount Holyoke from batting high to batting low was well within the New England Women’s Water Polo Conference match guidelines.

This situation was unacceptable for our pool owners and for our team. Wilson was surprised to discover that the pool was too long. “When we got to the athletic facilities and found out that the pool was too long and that everyone was having issues, we then had to translate our thoughts, I thought, that was very disheartening to the sports, to the arts, and to the entire area that needs some help. Great things happen there, but spurring it up it would be a nice thing. They did just great work with the track outside. The pool seemed like it would be a reasonable next step.”

In response, Wilson decided to personally fund the construction of a permanent 7¼ inch wide bulkhead. The specialized wall converted the 25-meter pool into a 20-meter pool and an LED scoreboard. To complete the renovation project, the pool also got a fresh coat of paint and brand new lights.

SQUASH

The ascent of the Mount Holyoke College squash program continued in 2007-08, as fourth year head coach Katie Turnquist led the team to another impressive season. Paced by junior Vidushi Gururani and first-year Halaina Demba, the Lyons finished with an overall record of 11-11 for the season. Gururani won all six of her matches at the Northeast Women’s College Squash Association (NWCSA) national tournament. Gururani ranked 11th, in a new school record.

A total of six Lyons ended the year with rankings in the top 100 national. Arvindan led the way at number 28, and Gururani followed at number 32. Gururani also recorded a 16-1 and 19-3, respectively. Mount Holyoke also received a boost from senior Menusha Hettiarachchi, who advanced to play matches on the third day.

The Lyons were at their best midway through the season, when they found the win column eight straight times. After completing a perfect 5-0 mark at their home invitational, they cruised to their second consecutive Seven Sisters Championship at Smith College the following weekend. Seven members of the team earned All-Tournament Team accolades.

At the Howe Cup, Mount Holyoke competed in the “B” Division. After splitting their first two contests, the Lyons edged Bates College 5-4 in the consolation contest. Mount Holyoke’s top performances at the CSA Individual Championships came from Robinson and Hettiarachchi, who both advanced to play matches on the third day.
Spring Recaps

LACROSSE

In her first season at the helm of the Mount Holyoke College lacrosse program, head coach Lisa Nash ‘09 guided the team to an overall record of 2-9-1 and an 0-1-1 mark in NEWMAC play. The Lyons qualified for the Confer- ence Tournament, a first for the program, and advanced to the finals. The Lyons outscored the Mount Holyoke College lacrosse team 16-14 in the conference title game. The Lyons qualified for the Conference Tournament, a first for the program, and advanced to the finals. The Lyons outscored the Mount Holyoke College lacrosse team 16-14 in the conference title game.

CREW

The Mount Holyoke College crew team took part in seven competi-
tions during the spring, consistently producing top notch results. At the NEWMAC Championships (4/19/08), the Lyons boated three boats in the top-five, placing third in the frosh/soph division, fourth in the novice 8+, and fifth in the varsity 8+. At the Florida State Cup Regatta and the NCAA Regional Regatta, the Lyons outscored all of the opposition. The Lyons rowed three boats in the top-five, third in the novice 8+, second in the varsity 8+, and first in the frosh/soph division.

Pool Renovations

For his part, Wilson recognizes the importance of giving back to a sport that has given so much to his family. “If you have the ability to give back, you need to give,” he added. “It’s what I’m trying to do. I think that’s the essence of every sport, that’s what makes sports so special.”

NEWMAC All-Conference Varsity Team, while first year Elizabeth Bernal earned NEWMAC All-Conference honors in four different events. The Lyons also chipped in with 24 draw controls and 12 caused turnovers. The midfi elder posted the game winning goal in the Lyons’ victory over Keene State College, exploding for a season high five goals.

An important role in the lives of Wilson’s two children, Barry and Caroline, and his wife, Linda. The Lyons outscored the Mount Holyoke College lacrosse team 16-14 in the conference title game.

For the season, Wefald notched 12 goals and 13 assists. She led the Lyons in goals scored, making her a focal point for the opposition. The Lyons were voted to the NEWMAC All-Conference Novice Team.

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Outdoor Track and Field

Under the direction of 22nd year head coach Tina Lee, the Mount Holyoke College track and field program compiled a total of 1,398.5 points, which placed the Lyons in fourth place on the NEWMAC All-Conference/All-New England All-Conference. The team had 19 members earn points at the event, the Lyons finished in 22nd place with a total of 40.5 points, posting a season high third place showing in the long jump (15.8 meters). She earned All NEWMAC honors as a result of her finish.

In a historical achievement, the Lyons placed second in the 14-team field at the 2008 NCAA Division III National Championships. In all of New England, and the Mount Holyoke College crew program earned NEWMAC All-Conference Second Team honors for the fourth straight season. The Lyons finished in 12th place at the Championship, with a total of 61 points.

TENNIS

The Mount Holyoke tennis team competed in nine matches during the spring of 2008.

The Lyons lost their opening victory with a 6-3, 6-1 loss to Vassar College in West Palm Beach, Fla. Follow-up 6-3, 6-0 losses to both Wesleyan and the University of Massachusetts-Tyler Invitational, the Lyons boated a third place finish at the Jack Leaman Championship. In their regular season finale, the Lyons finished third at the Williams Invitational.

As a result of the strength of the program over the course of the season, the Lyons qualified for the NCAA Division III National Championships. Led by Hartmann, the Lyons concluded their regular season in a 3-0 win over St. Lawrence.

At NEWMAC championships, senior Caroline Gil-

In their opener, the Lyons suffered a heart-

A total of 53 Lyons took home Scholar-Athlete Awards. They each participated in their sport for at least three years, including their senior year.

Individually, there were 12 student-athletes who earned NEWMAC Academic All-Conference honors, including five who achieved the highest academic standing on their respective teams. Two student-athletes were named NEWMAC Scholar-Athletes of the Year, including senior Ava Gottschall, who was a member of the Lyons’ varsity eight crew, and senior Elizabeth Bernal, who was a member of the Lyons’ varsity 8+ crew.

Mount Holyoke awarded the prestigious Alumnae Association Scholar-Athlete Award to senior Sarah Kennedy for her outstanding academic performance and athletic contributions. The award is given to the female student-athlete who best personifies the qualities of discipline, excellence, sportsmanship, team spirit, character, and improvement.

Riding

A total of 18 Lyons riders qualified for the Zone 6 Regional Championships (1), regional championships (1), and national championships (17), setting a program record.

For the fourth time in program history, the Mount Holyoke College crew program earned NEWMAC All-Conference honors. The Lyons placed fourth at the NEWMAC All-Conference Championship, while first year Elizabeth Bernal was voted to the NEWMAC All-Conference Novice Team.

NEWMAC All-Conference Academic All-Conference was voted to the NEWMAC All-Conference Novice Team. The team was led by senior Nina White, who was also selected to the NEWMAC All-Conference Academic All-Conference.

A pair of Mount Holyoke squaads (lacrosse and swimming and diving) were selected to receive the NEWMAC (SWimming and Diving) Academic All-Conference and NEWMAC Scholar-Athlete honors.

December 13th and 14th

The Mount Holyoke aquatics program finished the third place finish at the Colgate Squash Association (CSA) National Championships. It was a new school record. A total of 30 Lyons swimmers competed in 100 events in the top 100 nationally. Junior Pamela Anckermann was the first at number 28, and first year Vidushi Gurunada was the sixth at number 6. Fourth year head coach Saunders received the Clarence C. Chaffee Award, which is given to the coach who best personifies the qualities of discipline, excellence, sportsmanship, team spirit, character, and improvement.

FOA Golf Tournament

With their third finish place at the presti-
gious Tournament of Champions Winter Classic in Chatham, Virginia, the Mount Holyoke College golf team proved that they have what it takes to compete with the nation’s top teams. The Lyons finished fourth in the 14 teams did not walk away with a clear-cut resolution to these issues. However, they now have a better sense of how to communicate team issues to the coach as well as how to resolve issues that may affect team dynamics when private lines blur with public ones of practices, contests and team travel.

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TOURNEY PROGRAM

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