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Nursing Program Announced

Beginning in the fall of 1983, Husson College will expand its academic offerings to include nursing.

The new program is the result of a joint effort between Husson and the Eastern Maine Medical Center in Bangor and won final approval from College Trustees in July.

Husson President Delmont N. Merrill said that College officials are "pleased and proud to join with a fine institution like Eastern Maine Medical Center in meeting the critical need for health-care personnel in eastern and northern Maine. We trust that both institutions and the entire state of Maine will benefit by the close cooperation of Husson and E.M.M.C."

Merrill also said that the program "is consistent with the College's commitment to work with Maine employers to help meet their personnel needs."



Governor Joseph E. Brennan, seated, signs into law a bill authorizing Husson College to grant a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. Standing (L-R) are: Malcolm Stevenson, chairman of the Husson Board of Trustees; Delmont N. Merrill, President; Rep. John Diamond (D-Bangor); Rep. Ed Kelleher (D-Bangor); Sen. Nancy R. Clark (D-Freeport) and Rep. Swift Tarbell (R-Bangor).

Robert Brandow, executive director of EMMC, cited the urgent need for nurses in the area, saying that the medical center alone hires between 80-100 new nurses each year.

Brandow termed the affiliation with Husson as "the continuation of the hospital's diploma program" which has been in operation for 90 years. The cooperative venture, he said, should result in an enriched academic program.

Husson will provide science and liberal arts courses to the nursing students with EMMC handling clinical courses and experience. The program differs from traditional four-year nursing programs in that students receive clinical experience early in their program.

"The nursing students will have the option of living on the Husson campus," says Merrill, "and will have all college services and opportunities for personal development available to them."

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Second Computer Added

Husson College in Bangor doubled its computer instruction capacity this fall with the installation of new IBM System 34 computer.

According to Husson President Delmont N. Merrill, the new system will complement a similar system purchased by the College last summer. Burgeoning enrollment in computer-related courses has lead Husson officials to expand computer facilities.

Merrill also said that the new system will allow Husson to offer a variety of computer languages that will make graduates more adaptable to computer systems in use in business and industry.

"The new system gives us the flexibility for virtually unlimited future growth in our computer offerings," said Merrill. "We will now be able to drastically increase student use of and practical experience on computers while continuing to integrate that same technology into the management of the College."

Merrill explained that one system will be entirely for student use while the other will serve administrative purposes through the development of a campus-wide management system.

"The future of Husson College will be marked by our ability to provide instruction in the latest business technology. This system will enable us to do that."

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College Remains Committed

The Aroostook County educational programs of the Husson College Continuing Education and Extension Division will mark their tenth anniversary this fall and college officials say they remain fully committed to providing education for business in Aroostook County in the future.

Vice President and Academic Dean Jay L. Fennell cites the Loring program as the largest business program offered in Aroostook County. Last fall 158 students were enrolled. Seventy-five percent of them were in accounting or business administration degree programs.

"Over the years we have provided literally thousands of courses to Aroostook residents," said Fennell, who emphasized that although the Husson program is on Loring facilities, it is open to all residents of the County.

"Aroostook County has always provided Husson with some of our most successful students and graduates, particularly in accounting. This is as true of those who enroll at the extension program at Loring as at the Bangor campus program."

"At Loring we have a full-time program administrator, the faculty have the same qualifications as those required in the campus program and college personnel make frequent visits to the sites," said the Husson Academic Dean. "The education provided at each location is the same."

Fennell said that the Aroostook program is enjoying increasing popularity which he attributes in part to an expanding group of younger students who are electing to work full-time and go to school in the evenings rather than enroll in full-time college programs in Aroostook or elsewhere.



Husson Vice President and Academic Dean Jay L. Fennell addresses Loring faculty.

225 Receive Degrees

Saying that optimism begins with a recognition of realities, Husson College commencement speaker Edward G. Kaelber told 225 graduates of the class of 1982 to be aware of global realities but become involved.

Kaelber, retiring president of the College of the Atlantic, addressed the 83rd Husson commencement on Saturday, May 8.

Agreeing with Mark Twain that "there is no sadder sight than a young pessimist," Kaelber claimed that pessimists "lack the boldness to risk efforts to improve." "However, a worse failure comes from apathy and a failure to try."

Kaelber and retired Bangor banker Frederic S. Newman received honorary degrees from Husson.

Conferred during the ceremonies were 20 Master of Science in Business, 102 baccalaureate, and 77 associate degrees as well as 26 one-year office administration diplomas. Paul Peterson, an accounting graduate from Belfast was the class valedictorian and Dale Mower of Bangor, also an accounting graduate, was the salutatorian.

In his charge to the graduates, Husson president Delmont N. Merrill reviewed accomplishments made in the past fifty years in business, health and in the environment.

"There are," said Merrill, "some things which they (the previous generation) have not been able to solve and they are passing them on to you. They have not found an alternative for war, nor for racial hatred. Perhaps you ... will perfect the social mechanisms by which all men and women may follow their ambitions without the threat of force, and resolve social issues and mend racial differences."

Saying that their generation will be measured by its success in solving the world's remaining problems, Merrill cautioned that the graduates "won't do it by negative thoughts, nor by tearing down or belittling."

"You can do it by hard work, humility, hope and faith in mankind and trust in the democratic process. This, then, is your challenge."

Broadcasters Support Husson Program

The Maine Association of Broadcasters has renewed a $1000 scholarship to students in the media communications program at Husson College.

According to M.A.B. President Ron Frizzell, the scholarship "shows the support of the M.A.B. for efforts to improve the Maine broadcast industry."

Frizzell said that, with the guidance of Husson, the scholarship will help to prepare better people for broadcast careers and that the preparation will be provided in Maine.

The Husson media communications program has been in operation since September 1980. A special committee composed of Husson faculty and staff and of local broadcasters will select the scholarship winner from students enrolled in the program and active at WHSN, the Husson radio station.

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Dr. Jay L. Fennell, Vice President and Academic Dean says that nursing may be the first of several allied health-care programs at Husson.

In an address to the Student Senate, Fennell said that "Husson College is truly a broad based professional school and with the combination of business and allied health, there exist tremendous opportunities for the school to grow."

Fennell named medical records and medical assistant training as possible future programs but asserted that nursing will be the "flagship" program. The others will enroll considerably fewer students than the nursing program. Scheduled to begin in September 1983, the nursing program will enroll a maximum of 200 students by 1987.

"Business will always be the heart of the Husson curriculum," said the Husson vice president, "but strong elements in nursing and allied health professions will give the College greater flexibility in future programs."

Now that the program has been endorsed by both institutions and the Maine Legislature, officials must put together the detailed curriculum and make final preparations which include purchasing additional laboratory equipment and specialized library holdings.

"Fortunately, when the Husson campus was built in 1968, a wise investment was made in laboratory facilities," said Fennell. "That investment will now begin to pay off."

Class of '81 Successful

Almost ninety percent of all May 1981 Husson College graduates who responded to a recent survey have found employment, according to a report compiled by the College's Career Counseling Office.

Other findings of the annual study of graduates' employment trends include an 88 percent chance that a graduate who is employed is working in a job related to his academic field of study.

Accounting and office administration bachelor's degree recipients were the most successful in finding employment with all 1981 graduates of both departments currently employed. The business teacher education department graduates report an employment rate of 91 percent and 86 percent of four-year business administration graduates have secured jobs.

Nine percent of the survey's respondents are pursuing graduate study and 5.3 percent are voluntarily unemployed.

Caroline Banasiak, director of career counseling, says the study shows that business and related fields seem to be more "recession-proof" than some others and increased unemployment rates across the nation have not shown up on this year's survey.

Class of '82 Donates Gifts

Husson College and the Ronald McDonald House in Bangor were the recipients of gifts from the Husson class of 1982.

Prior to their graduation in May, the students raised over $1200 for the McDonald House and constructed a 10-foot brick signboard at the entrance to Husson. The sign was completed the day before commencement.

Saiful Huda, president of the class, says he thinks a tradition of community activism has been established at the Bangor college and he hoped future classes will contribute even more to the city and to the college.

"We wanted to leave something behind for Husson and we also wanted to be part of the Ronald McDonald project," said Huda. "The projects gave the class a purpose, developed a spirit of camaraderie and have brought the class closer together."

To finance their projects, the seniors conducted a dance-a-thon in April.

"Interest among class members started slow but we now have a sense of satisfaction and accomplishment. The projects have prepared us to be better alumni," Huda says.



William Read, Jr.

Read Edits Review

Husson College professor William Read, Jr. is the editor of the recently published **Business Law Review** of the North Atlantic Regional Business Law Association.

The law review contains articles on labor relations, international business, sexual discrimination, and the Economic Recovery Act of 1981.

The annual review was published through grants from Husson and its business administration department, Bentley College, and the association.

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Annual Fund Report

Alumni Increase Participation

Alumni cash contributions to the 1981-82 Annual Fund were over four times what they were to the previous year's fund, according to William J. Mooney, Director of Development.

Husson Alumni gave the college $10,445 last year, an increase of 336 percent over the $2,396 given during the 1980-81 campaign.

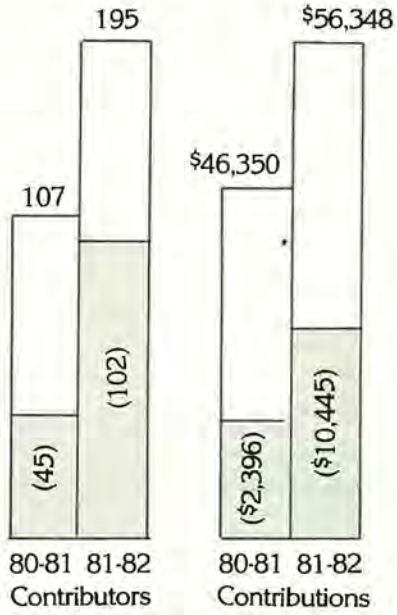
Total annual fund contributions increased 22 percent from $46,351 in 1980-81 to $56,348 last year.

The most important annual fund statistic, says Mooney, is the number of contributors. In 1980-81, 45 alumni contributed. Last year that number jumped to 102, an increase of 126 percent.

Mooney labeled the 1981-82 campaign a good start and added that all alumni should feel challenged to help continue progress made in the past year.

"If Husson is to continue developing new programs like nursing and consistently up-grade computer equipment as has been done in the past year, it will need a strong annual fund and high levels of alumni participation."

"I think we all want to see Husson grow and prosper as it has done in the past year."



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1982-83: A New Responsibility

On April 6, 1982, Maine Governor Joseph E. Brennan signed a bill into law that gave Husson College the tremendous responsibility of preparing future nurses for eastern and northern Maine.

This is not a responsibility that College personnel take lightly and, just as Husson has helped meet employment needs for accountants, business teachers, managers and office personnel over the years, the College is committed to providing a top quality education in the health care field.

The nursing program is but one of the many new programs and developments that have created an air of excitement on the campus. Husson is a college that continues to grow, develop and make significant contributions to Maine. It is an institution in which past graduates can take great pride.

Alumni response to last year's annual fund campaign shows that many graduates want to take an active role in assisting the college in its educational mission. Over the past year the needs of the college have not diminished and we encourage all alumni to join the growing list of classmates and fellow graduates who are investing in the future of the business and health care professions through the Husson Annual Fund.

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Graduate Program Expands

In just four years of operation, the Graduate Studies Division at Husson College has grown from 12 students to a current enrollment of 113.

Dr. Robert Smith, dean of the program, attributes much of this growth to the opportunities and mobility available in business and related professions and that his program is not limited to persons with a business background.

"Our position is philosophically different from traditional graduate business programs," says Smith, "in that we would argue that a student's previous academic background is valuable and can be applied to business situations."

According to Smith, the principle objective of the program is to develop in students the ability to make managerial decisions in rapidly changing contexts, effectively using research, analytical problem solving and communication skills.

While the program, which leads to a Master of Science in Business degree, is designed primarily to educate management generalists, specific concentrations are available in health care administration and business education. Established in 1978, the program operates under Husson's accreditation by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Inc.

Smith estimates that about 90 percent of the students in the M.S.B. program are employed in full-time jobs and are enrolled in classes on a part-time basis. Graduate courses meet in the evening to accommodate the needs of those whose employment and family responsibilities preclude enrollment in a day-time program.

"Most part-time students can graduate within two years if they remain on schedule with six credits a semester, but the majority end up spending two and a half to three years in the program," he said.

The average age of graduate program students is in the early to mid 30s, Smith noted. "Students with eight to ten years work experience in a whole gamut of occupations add a diversity to classroom interaction often missing in more traditional graduate programs," he said.

Response to the Husson program has come not only from students but also from their employers with many providing tuition reimbursements to their employees who complete courses in the program.

Even with the recent popularity in graduate business programs, Smith does not anticipate continued rapid expansion of the Husson program.

"Right now we are at an optimum size and we have the resources to support a program of this size very nicely."

Colleges Should Stress Technology, Liberal Arts
Says Husson President

Colleges and universities throughout the nation must review their program offerings to incorporate modern technology, says Delmont N. Merrill, President of Husson College in Bangor.

Speaking to faculty and professional staff at the opening of the school year, Merrill says that computers and other technology should not be limited to certain institutions.

"A realignment of the extent and scope of the depth of study to be committed to any concentration, whether scientific or liberal, must be examined in light of the electronic age in which we live."

New technology, says Merrill, expands the role of post-secondary institutions to "teach students how to think as well as what to do; and withall, to ensure each graduate with a potential insight in how to live as well as how to earn a living."

The Husson president also stressed the importance of a strong liberal arts component in business and professional studies, saying that "Husson has always been ahead of its time in programs that broaden and enrich a student's collegiate experience."



Husson President Delmont Merrill

In light of cuts in federally funded tutorial programs, Merrill challenged the Husson faculty and professional staff to make "every effort" to ensure the success of the students.

"The primary responsibility for the welfare of our students shifts to those who can be most effective - the faculty and student service personnel. A greater emphasis on student retention is the responsibility of us all, however."

The Husson president also warned that public colleges and universities are "broadening their programs of study to include all areas of post-secondary education," but maintained that "it is up to us to see that the quality of our programs justify the cost and that Husson becomes a first choice among students."

Class Notes

1930's

1939 Hazel Benn has been named associate executive director of the Undergraduate Admissions Committee at the University of Michigan, Dearborn.

1950's

1954 Patricia Robbins True of Berlin, N.H. is teaching in the Business Department at Berlin Senior High School.

1956 Janice Smith Johnson, formerly of Bangor, is currently working for Pacific Northwest Bell in Portland, Oregon. She has a son, 20 and a daughter, 15.

1960's

1960 Eugene L. Babineau, business teacher and Business Department Chairman at Fort Fairfield High School, has received the 1982 Maine Vocational Teacher of the Year Award. Chosen for outstanding service and contributions in his field, he has completed 21 years of teaching and holds memberships in many business and community organizations.

1961 Ralph G. Harvey of Bangor has been elected a vice president of the Merrill Trust Co. He came to Merrill Bank in 1959 as a management trainee. He had held the position of bank auditor for Merrill Trust Co. and Merrill Bankshares Co. since 1972.

1962 Gloria N. Shaugnesy of Keene, N.H., teaches business law and accounting at Keene High School. She and her husband have three children.

1965 Ronald J. Albert of Saco, is a tax accountant with Union Mutual, Portland. He is tax director of the New Union Mutual Charitable Trust Foundation.

1965 Ronald A. Libbey of Presque Isle, has been elected first vice president of Maine Mutual Fire Insurance Co., of Presque Isle, Maine. He has served Maine Mutual for 14 years in various capacities in underwriting and personnel management. In addition, he held the offices of assistant secretary, assistant vice president and vice president. He also holds a MBA degree from the University of Maine and is currently a CPCU candidate.

1967 James K. Hunt of Manchester, Maine has been promoted from Vice President and controller to Executive Vice President of Depositor's Trust Company. As chief financial officer of Depositor's, he is responsible for meeting compliance requirements for state and regulatory agencies, all internal financial affairs and stockholder relations and reporting.

1967 Steve Ziegler of Bangor has joined the Bangor firm of Quick Data Processing with his wife Pam. He will be responsible for Marketing and Sales.



Joseph A. Lovejoy, CPA, '69, was elected to the governing Council of the 187,000-member American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) today at the AICPA's 95th annual meeting here. Mr. Lovejoy is a partner in the public accounting firm, Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co., Portland.

1969 Robert DiGennaro of Suffield, Conn. has been elected president and treasurer of Suffield Savings Bank. He has been with Suffield Savings since 1971 and is the former executive vice president since 1981. DiGennaro is married and has four children.

1969 Joseph M. Kostek of Wilbraham, Mass. has been elected Director, Operations Auditing at Monarch Life Insurance Co. He joined Monarch in 1979 holding the title of Senior Operations Auditor.

1970's

1970 Percy W. Christian, Jr., of Windsor, Conn., has been appointed assistant director, field administrative services, in the administrative department of Tulna Insurance Co., the property and casualty subsidiary of Connecticut General Corporation. He joined the company in 1976 as a training analyst and was named senior training analyst in 1977 and superintendent, policy insurance support, in 1979.

1970 Dean S. Read formerly of Belfast has been named vice president and senior loan officer of Northern National Bank, Presque Isle. He has been vice president of the bank since 1977.

1972 Stephen M. Andrews of Wilder, VT., has been working with Hartford High School, VT. as a guidance counselor and owns Wilder Business Services. He and his wife, Nancy, have two children.

1972 Dr. Ronald I. Soucie of Bangor has been selected for inclusion in the 1981 edition of Outstanding Young Men of America. Recognized for his achievements, the criteria for selection includes a man's voluntary service to his community, professional leadership, academic achievement and business advancement.

1973 Denise B. Cloutier of Keene, N.H., is the executive secretary to the vice president of Maine Fidelity Life Insurance Co. She and her husband Ronald have a son and a daughter.

1975 Dale Kelly of Bangor has joined Knight Auto Sales Co. of Bangor as a salesman.

1976 Robert B. Blakely, formerly of Hampden, has been promoted to the position of supervisor, shipments and production accounting in the controllers department of Great Northern Paper Co. He joined the Company in 1972 and prior to his promotion was a project analyst.

1976 Dennis Coleman of Ellsworth married Roseanne Houston of Dedham October 10, 1981. He is employed at C. E. Noyes as E.D.P. manager.

1977 Adrian L. Clark, formerly of Corea, has been named controller for newly formed Leaf River Forest Products, Inc., which is building a pulpmill complex in New Augusta, Miss. He joined Great Northern Paper Co. in 1967.

In Memoriam

1901 Helen B. Richardson
1906 Minnie (Ginsberg) Kominsky
1932 Russell D. Hathaway
1939 Margaret H. Gillis
1941 M. Louise Maloney
1943 Margaret (Perro) Havsli
1964 Phyllis (Pingree) Street
1969 Rodney A. McPherson

1977 Antonio Joaquin of Orrington has been elected vice president/installment loan officer at Heritage Savings Bank. Prior to joining Heritage Savings, he served with the Household Finance Co.

1977 Geralyn Huss and Patrick Joseph Theriault ('79) of Portland, married May 29, 1979. She is employed by the Maine Department of Transportation and he is employed with Maine National Bank, Portland.

1978 Timothy McMahon, formerly of Melville, N.Y., is a member of Maine Light Helicopter Squadron - 26F, Maine Corps Air Facility Camp Pendleton, CA. He joined the Maine corps in March 1980.

1978 Susan E. Jepson of Bangor was married to Wayde A. Leighton December 5, 1980. They are currently living in Brewer. She is employed at the Eastern Maine Medical Center Family Practice Residency Program and he is employed at Thrust of Maine Inc., builders.

NEW ADDRESS?
If you are moving, have moved, or if you know of alumni who are not receiving mail from the Alumni Office, please notify us of the correct mailing address.

1978 Lynn S. Coombs, formerly of Bucksport, has been named controller of the St. Regis Paper Co.'s operations in Costigan. She joined St. Regis in 1980 as accounting supervisor at the Costigan mill. She lives with her husband, Melvin, and their two children in Orrington.

1979 Lynn P. Thompson of Peabody, Mass., has been appointed tax manager of Scudder, Stevens & Clark, an independent investment counsel firm. She joined the firm in 1972 and joined the tax department in 1979.

1979 Arie L. Wader, CPA of Millinocket, has been promoted from service accountant to manager at the Millinocket office of Geany L. Ranger, CPA. She joined the public accounting firm in 1978.

1980's

1980 Seige T. Bosse, Navy Seaman Recruit of Millinocket, has completed training at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill. He joined the Navy in December 1981.

1980 Dana H. Burleigh, Jr., of Millinocket, has been promoted to project analyst - B in Great Northern Paper Company's accounting department. He joined Great Northern in 1980.

1980 William Cassidy of Calais, Maine, has been appointed director of the Waterville Regional Vocational Center.

1980 Peter D. Dunham of Sanford married Lou-Lou Chapman June 27, 1981. He is employed at Jerry's Market in Sanford.

1980 Linda D. Fish of Newburgh married Thomas R. Snape of Rehoboth, Mass. August 15, 1981. She is employed at Kathy's Kitchen and the couple resides in Bangor.

1980 Louise P. O'Donnell of Gardiner married William A. Cheek, Jr. of Dallas, Texas July 24, 1980. The couple currently resides in Dallas, Texas.

1981 Sue Ellyn Beckwith of South Portland married James J. Mastrian '82 April 17, 1982. She has been employed by Casco Bay Bank and Trust Company and he is employed by Lenape Equipment Company, Lakewood, N.J.

1981 Janice A. Eaton of Clifton Park, N.Y. married L. Raymond Gariele of Albany, N.Y. May 8, 1982. She is employed by Tate, Bishko & Rutham, Albany, N.Y.

1981 Kathleen Ann Heath of Sherman married Wallace L. Qualey of Benedicta September 18, 1981. She is employed by Thomas W. Wells.

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If this issue of the Ledger is addressed to your son or daughter who no longer maintains permanent residence at your home, please notify the Alumni Office of the correct mailing address. Thank you.—Ed.

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