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Husson Law Holds First Open House



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Guests ask questions about Husson's Law School at a recent open house on campus.



article by
Leigh-Anne Hurley

"Husson is not just in Maine, Husson is of Maine," Husson University President William Beardsley once said, and that same thought was reiterated when Husson Law School Dean Michael Mullane quoted Beardsley in his opening statement at the school's first open house. Mullane explained the impact a law school will have for both the northern Maine communities and rural Maine communities. The law school will produce competent and ethical lawyers who Mullane believes will help serve Maine communities where they grew up.

The school will embed ethics into the entire system, even within the first year of attending. Comparatively, many larger law schools insist their students take an ethical course or two at the end of their education. However, Mullane states Husson will be different from other law schools, beyond just the requirement of injecting ethical situations into every course. Each student will be given an advisor to review all students testing done throughout their academic career at Husson. Also, assessments will be given in every class, every

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Husson Names New President



article by
Leigh-Anne Hurley

With less than a month left in the semester, Husson University is preparing to welcome new university president, Dr. Robert Clark. The Husson University Board of Trustees made its decision after narrowing down the applicants to three finalists.

Current President William Beardsley praised the board's decision. "Bob Clark will be a great president for Husson. He weds a sound grasp of higher education in Maine with a global touch. His exceptional grants-manship with the Lilly Foundation and others is exemplary," stated Beardsley.

The appointment of Clark as president becomes official January 1, 2010, as Clark steps down from his current position of Vice President of Strategic Initiatives for the University of Evansville. Dr. Clark recently discussed his feelings about being appointed as the new Husson University President.

"I think it's a terrific honor and humbling responsibility, and I think of the excitement of engaging the community and am looking forward to the next chapters in Husson's future. There are opportunities and challenges to create the kind of collaborative learning community that fosters students' success. We'll work together with on campus and the off-campus community to create that positive learning experience for students."

Clark is no stranger to Maine either; he was born in Waterville and attended the University of Maine where he received a B.S. in Business Administration and B.A. in Spanish. Though he currently resides in Indiana, he is excited to return to the Pine Tree State and to Ban-

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Husson's New Emergency Warning System



article by
Robert Kilpeck

I'm sure by now most of you have noticed the huge speaker system that's protruding from the Peabody Hall roof just above the campus center, and many of you may be wondering just what it is.

What you are seeing is Husson's new Emergency Warning System (EWS) developed by Acoustic Technology, Inc. (ATI Systems) out of East Boston, Massachusetts.

The project, which was approved by Dean John Rubino, President Bill Beardsley and the Board of Trustees, started several months ago with a site survey and acoustic design by different competitive companies who provided Husson with bid proposals.

ATI Systems, which was awarded the bid, partnered with Hampden Electric who started the construction and installation two weeks ago, and the system should be complete and functioning by December 1.

When fully functional, the EWS will add yet another level of emergency notification to the Husson community. It will be programmed with preset recorded messages that can be broadcast in 360 degrees across campus via the four high powered speakers on Peabody Hall. Each preset message will be preceded by a different audible alert and will be repeated three times. Depending on the level of the emergency, further instructions will be provided via Husson's Emergency Mass Notification System (e2Campus). If needed, the EWS can also function as a manually operated public address system.

This system was installed with the hope that we will never have the occasion to use it. However, it is another indication of Husson's University's commitment to the safety and security of all of its students and those who are here in support of those students.

The EWS is not a replacement for e2Campus, to the contrary. It is meant to compliment and to add more power to our mass notification system, which has also undergone some updates this year. If you have not already subscribed to the e2Campus system, we would encourage you to go to www.e2campus.com/my/husson and sign up today. Husson has committed the funding to help keep you safe, so there is no cost to you, and there is no invasion of your privacy.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns about the Emergency Warning System or the Emergency Mass Notification System.

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David Lewis Profile:

Resident Director of Hart Hall



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Being safe but also being able to have fun are some of the ideals that students look for when living on campus. With David Lewis, the Resident Director of Hart Hall, dorm residents are getting just that.

"It's a fun job," says Lewis. "It's never the same thing everyday."

Lewis has been overseeing the residence halls here at Husson University for almost three years. He graduated from Framingham State College in Massachusetts in 2007 where he worked as a resident assistant. After graduating and living in Florida for a few months, he came back to continue working in residence halls.

"I decided to get back into residential life," he says. "It was something I really liked."

Husson University is what really appealed to Lewis and what made him begin working here as a resident director.

"Everything about it attracted me," he recalls. "The small atmosphere and the school's drive for students' success."

Lewis is in charge of overseeing the halls and the resident assistants. He's also in charge of many other responsibilities whether he is on duty, advising Residential Hall Association, or assisting in the housing process.

"Every night I'll do rounds in all three buildings, whether it's responding to an incident or talking to anybody that needs any help," he says. "That's what I'm here for."

Casino nights and campfires are just some of many events that Lewis has been in charge of over the years. He supports students having fun while getting their education.

"The best thing about my job is getting involved with the students," he boasts.

"Whether it's helping them with problems or creating campus wide programs for their enjoyment. It's good to see all the students having fun while they are here for their academics."

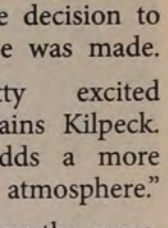
Education is also very important to Lewis. He will be earning his Master's degree in Business Administration this December. He also intends to earn his second Master's in Human Relations and eventually his Doctorate.

"Education is really important, I try to express that to as many students as possible," he emphasizes. "You should really strive for success in life which starts at Husson and in your academics."

Any residents and students are encouraged to seek the help and advice of Lewis with any of their concerns.

"The big thing I try to stress is my theory on this job," he says. "It's to not only educate the students but as resident directors we're here for the students. You can come to us with your problems."

Husson Security Office Move



article by
Heather Megill

Husson University is lucky to have a Campus Security office that strives for student safety and service. In order to serve the students better it needed more space. Campus Security is now located down by Student Activities across from the Husson bookstore. The customer service window is now in the warm hallway rather than by the chilly freight dock.

"It wasn't a safe location for students to be standing," says Bob Kilpeck, the Director of Campus Safety and Security. "If it was ten below zero outside, then it was ten below zero at our customer service window."

Student Activities was kind enough to give the security office more space to expand their operation. With the support of Deans John Rubino and Sharon Wilson Barker, the decision to move the office was made.

"We're pretty excited about it," explains Kilpeck. "I think it adds a more welcoming atmosphere."

As they continue the move, Kilpeck still emphasizes the focus on student safety. Husson University is constantly working to advance their safety procedures. A new emergency warning system has been installed over the roof over the campus center. It's expected to begin working sometime after Thanksgiving break.

"Hopefully we'll never have to use it," Kilpeck says. "But the fact is if we do need it, it's there."

Kilpeck also has high standards for Husson as security works toward maintaining quality protection over the students.

"I have a vision for the campus," he says. "I want it to be the safest campus in the state, if not the country."

Law School
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three weeks that will mimic questions on the bar exam.

As of now, however, Husson's Law School has not been approved to allow their graduates to sit for the Maine Bar Exam. The Maine Supreme Judicial Court had concerns regarding Husson's Law School and the hearing is set for December 1, with the actual decision to be reached by late December to early January. The court was concerned over the quality of the law school's curriculum, the requirements for the library as well as the experience of its professors.

Husson has considered these questions and has responded with detailed answers to all of them. Husson has employed four additional law school professors, as well as adjunct professors, to better meet quality of curriculum and requirements. The students will all be given a professional mentor who is currently practicing in the field of law; one who they will work with closely throughout their education.

Husson Law School has also addressed the issue regarding the quality and quantity of books pertaining to law in its library. Generally, a law school's library is supposed to have 300,000 books on law as required by the American Bar Association, or ABA. The ABA, however, is looking to change this requirement due to the increase of electronic research being done today by law practitioners. Dr. Harry Martin, who is a professor at Harvard Law School as well as a Henry N. Ess III librarian, has stated in a letter that the Husson Law School library is sufficient for its students and in his opinion it should be approved.

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If the Maine Supreme Court allows Husson Law School graduates to sit for their bar exam, it is another step in the right direction for the school. Not all states require their law practitioners to have sat for the ABA Bar Exam. Mullane is confident that Husson has addressed all issues given and law school graduates will be able to sit for the exam. Things are looking good for graduates to sit for the exam, but should Husson not be approved it will reimburse students half their cost of the LSATs.

The school will have the curriculum broken down into two parts: a full time program and extended program. The full-time program is 90 credits in six semesters, averaging 15 credits per semester. The full-time program will have classes in the fall and spring semesters in the afternoon and evening and is considered a four-year degree program. The extended program will be a part-time program at 90 credits in 9 semesters. The semesters will average about 10 credits per semester and will be during the summertime, fall and spring as evening classes for three years. The tuition for the law school will average $18,000 per year and the school is now taking applications.

The school will allow students to focus on two out of four concentrations. Unlike most other law schools, which only require the student to have one area of concentration, Husson wants to prepare students in two areas. Students are required to choose two out of the four following concentrations: criminal law, family law, transactional business law and civil practice with a focus on Maine disputes (such as property). The school will prepare every student to be in both an externship and clinic to prepare them for practicing in the real world. Students will graduate with entry-level competency in both areas of their concentration and will already have real-world experiences to begin their career.

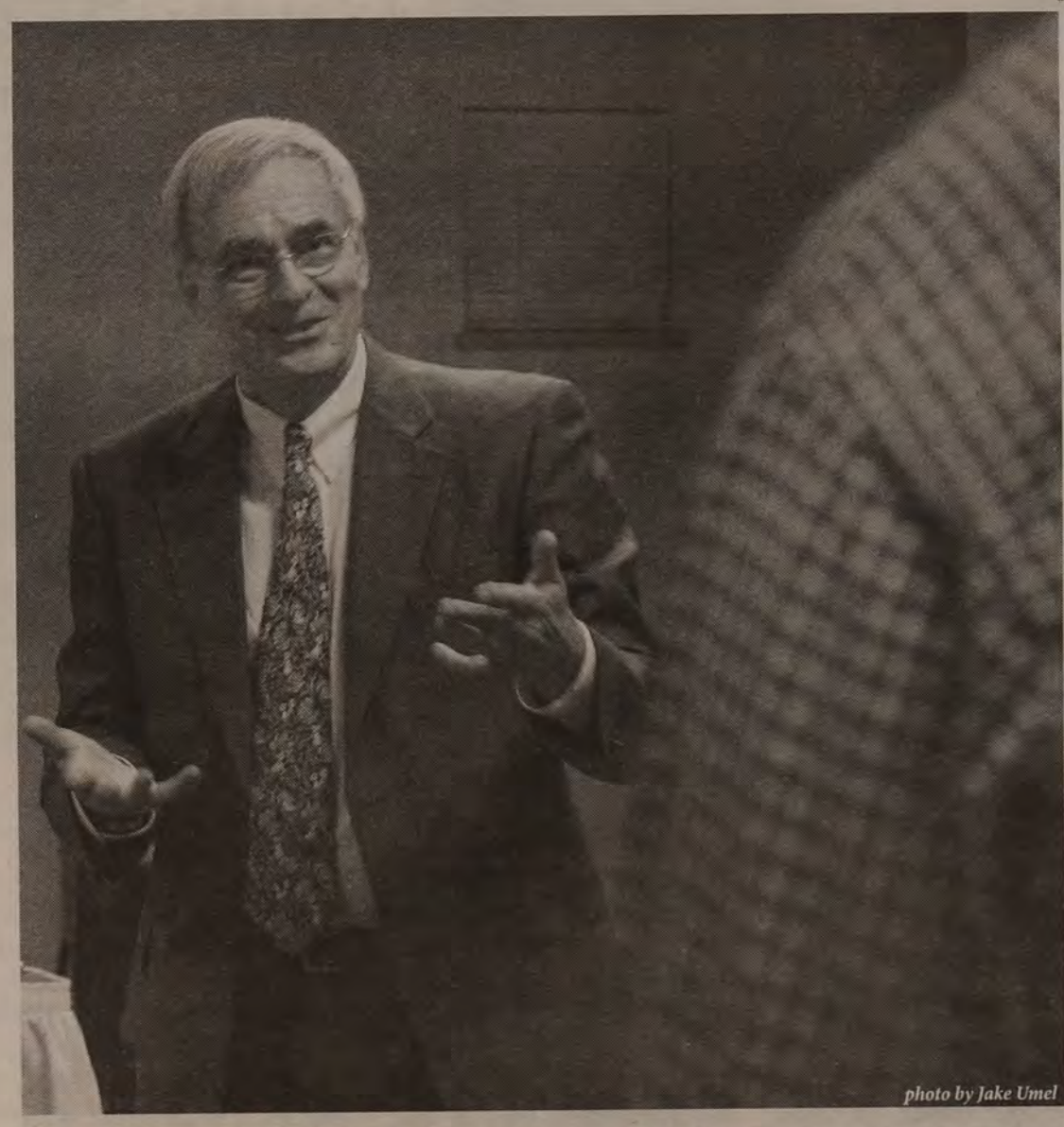


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Law School Dean Michael Mullane addressing questions at the first Open House here on campus.

New President
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gor itself. Clark remembers the city of Bangor as the "big" city of his childhood.

As for Husson University itself, Clark states that it is an opportune moment for him to be appointed president of the university. "It's the right institution at the right time in my professional life and to know that my entire family is within an hour or so drive…so that's a benefit bonus. It's the excitement about the university that really creates that opportunity to come back to Maine."

"I think as you make the transitions, you want to ensure to all the constituents of the university, from students to faculty and staff and the greater Bangor community, that you're open to their suggestions and ideas," Clark stated in regard to what he will be focusing on in January. "I think it's particularly important to all stake-holders in the university to know that our overriding goal is to create that learning environment where we have experiential learning opportunities for students that prepare students for success. As we focus as a university on those efforts both as staff and faculty, the excitement is we transform student lives."



Husson University's new President as of January 2010, Robert Clark.

As Husson University focuses on the transition between Beardsley and Clark, it does not take much to look around and see what President Beardsley accomplished. With his twenty-three years as President, Beardsley has changed the reputation of Husson from "Husson High" to the prestigious university it is today. After developing new programs for the university as well as bringing in both the Boat School and the New England School of Communications, Beardsley's legacy will forever stay with Husson. As Bob Clark prepares to take the reins as President of Husson University, we bid ado to President William Beardsley and welcome Dr. Robert Clark with open arms.



Avoiding the Freshman 15

article by **Nikky Raney**

"Freshman 15" is the name of the infamous myth for the weight gain experienced during freshman year of college, but research done in Nutrition Journal for 2009 shows that nearly one in four freshmen gain at least 5 percent of their body weight, an average of about 10 pounds, during their first semester.

The September 15, 2009 issue of Newsweek suggests that the fear of Freshman 15 could contribute to eating disorders.

Dr. Richard Kreipe, a specialist in adolescent medicine whose research centers on eating disorders, says within the article, "Going away to college makes all students vulnerable to weight gain and disordered eating, often at the same time. Students tend to experience a loss of structure when they go from high school to college. Studies have found that college students are less likely to eat breakfast or regular meals, and snack foods account for many often-unrecognized calories. All-you-can-eat dining halls and easy access to alcohol also make college students more susceptible to weight gain."

In a random, unscientific poll of 100 Husson University and New England School of Communications students, 27 students say the weight gain is due to over eating at Dickermann Dining Commons as well as late night binges, another 29 students do not believe in the myth and the final 44 students attribute the weight gain to partying.

"I gained weight my freshman year because of partying," Paul Gibbs, senior at Husson, admits.

Freshman15.com prides itself as the official website for everything having to do with the Freshman 15. The webpage explains how alcohol consumption during freshman year is a major contribution to Freshman 15. It states:

"Freshmen are usually not used to the freedom of being away from parents, so they choose to stay out and drink as late as they want. Drinking late at night also tends to lead to other Freshman 15 contributors such as late night foods."

Jill Sarno, Husson sophomore, dealt with the Freshman 15, "I wish I hadn't eaten at the DDC so much, but I am glad I went to the parties. I wish I had gone to the gym. I was really bad my first semester, but by second semester I was able to lose the weight."

Bethany Carlson, NESCom junior, never had to deal with the Freshman 15 saying, "I actually lost weight during my freshman year, because I didn't eat at the DDC. It's an all-you-can-eat buffet, and it's hard for some people to stop."

Sarah Hicks, NESCom freshman, says, "I think that freshmen living off campus are less affected by 'Freshman 15' because we don't eat meals in the dining hall. I definitely think the weight gain is due to overeating, not drinking."

The Freshman 15 has become such a big deal on college campuses that CNN reported at the end of August 2009 that MTV has been holding auditions for their newest reality television show which will be the basis of the program.

Dr. David Prescott from Acadia Hospital in Bangor is a psychologist who looks at this issue from a different perspective.

"The idea that [Freshman 15] is in culture means that it is important and we need to pay attention to it. For a lot of students it is the first time that they don't have someone controlling them," he goes on to say, "I know that right before class students will pick up something that is usually fatty and high calorie."

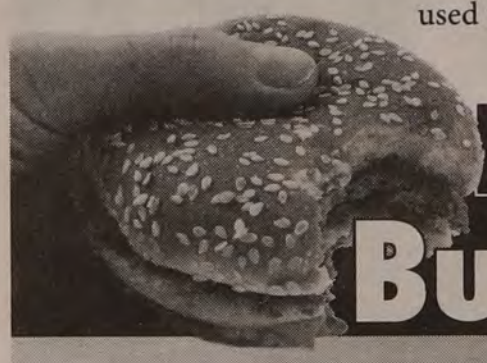
Prescott does not only limit this to students living on campus.

"Many students living off campus have jobs, as well as many on campus do also, but they are driving to class and then to work and usually picking up something really fast on the way. Or going to a snack place really quick and just picking up something easy to get."

Prescott also offers a different approach to how to help solve this problem.

"Students will eat what is available to them. You have to put it into a bigger perspective than to just give out informational packets about how to eat healthy. We can all say eat carrots and apples, but it's in the doing. If they limit the choices available to the student they might be able to help nutritionally."

As the end of the first semester approaches freshmen should take this advice into consideration before calling Domino's at 11 p.m. to order that large pepperoni pizza.



Put that Burger Down!

Eating lots of fast food and sweets, particularly late at night, is a sure way to pack on the pounds. If you must eat late at night try having a healthy snack such as an apple or other piece of fruit.

Tips for Healthy Living

Follow these helpful tips to avoid turning into a ravenous, bloated parody of yourself, shunned by friends and unrecognized by loved ones:

- **Husson has a gym. Go use it.**
- **The pool has also just been redone. Swimming is good for you.**
- **No time for the gym? Walk around the circle. Even just 20 minutes of walking is better than nothing!**
- **Yes, the DDC is all you can eat. No, that is not a personal challenge. Know when to stop stuffing your face.**
- **Stay away from kooky or fad diets: the best way to lose weight and keep it off is to eat healthy and balanced meals.**

Be sure to keep these tips in mind along with a healthy dose of common sense.

Election Night at the Bangor Daily

guest article by
Mark Woodward

Election night is when the Editorial staff of the Bangor Daily News takes a deep breath, musters its "A" game and brings the entire resources of the newspaper to bear on what is usually the major scheduled news event of the year.

This year we were privileged to have writers, multimedia reporters and a photographer from NESCom sharing the newsroom floor with us, and anticipating each advance in the vote count as we worked to meet our respective deadlines.

The aspiring journalists from Husson, Wes Hart, Tim Simpson, Robbie Nesbitt, Nicky Raney, Chris Wager and remote broadcast engineer, radio student Paul Wolfe led by Journalism Instructor Anne Gabiannelli O'Reilly, also shared in our catered, election-night banquet. We were all in it together, covering the election and taking routine long walks down the hall to the conference room for soup, sandwiches, deserts, chips and soda. And also, for coffee. If you plan to be up all night covering an election, include plenty of food, and a bottomless coffee carafe.

This off-year election had magnified significance because of the referendum on Question 1, the repeal of the law passed by the Maine Legislature allowing same-sex marriage. The question placed Maine, the Bangor Daily News and NESCom directly in the eye of national and international interest in the outcome of the vote.

But the story NESCom wanted to tell was about the election-night process we go through at the Bangor Daily News. The NESCom team asked questions about the logistic challenges we face as a news organization covering the northern two-thirds of Maine. The students circulated among our staff, observing and inquiring, selectively interviewing BDN journalists with the goal of developing perspective on the people responsible for coordinating the efforts of reporters, editors, photographers, web and support staff at our newspaper.

Mike Dowd, BDN managing editor, recalls how "Students from NESCom interviewed me on three occasions as election night progressed. In each instance they asked intelligent questions about our operation, showing not only a reporter's curiosity but a level of understanding about the technical challenges posed by our coverage that I would not have expected from college students."

Editor Dowd, a former reporter and columnist, expressed the unanimous sentiment of BDN editors who interacted with NESCom students that night when he observed, "I was impressed with their enthusiasm not only for modern media, but for the election itself. It was refreshing to get a glimpse of our world through the eyes of the young."



photo by John Clarke Russ / Bangor Daily News

NESCom journalism students chat with BDN Editor Mark Woodward as they await election returns.

Rick Levasseur, the night editor responsible for the smooth operation of the process that integrates writing, editing, design and pagination of the daily paper, shared Dowd's sentiments about the quality of questions from the NESCom team. Ever practical, always mindful of the clock and the need to start the presses on time, Levasseur added that in addition to their professionalism as they "listened and watched intently," the NESCom students "politely stepped back when one of our deadlines approached."

Editor Levasseur, whose background includes reporting and extensive experience as a desk editor, discovered there was an intangible benefit to having the students aboard for the election-night experience. "I particularly enjoyed the exuberance and enthusiasm they displayed during the evening," said Levasseur, "as they shared our election returns with their radio audience. There were spontaneous 'yahoos' and genuine applause after some of the broadcasts. It's great to see a younger generation of news reporters and broadcasters get pumped up about the profession."

> *"Thank you NESCom and Husson for making this election night, my last as a newspaper editor, so memorable for me and the staff at the BDN."*

As for me, the roots go deep in time, back to the Maine Campus at UM, where I earned gas and recreation money as ad manager and business manager, and later in my first "real" job in advertising and continuity at WABI radio.

When Leigh-Anne Hurley sat in my office, taking notes, gently but deliberately asking about the past, building the highlight reel of 38 years in the news business, there were bitter-sweet moments of reflection: Surviving the ice storm of 1998, challenges to our business with the advent of the internet, the wee-hours headline decision of "Too close to call" on Bush-Gore…lots of memories.

With a distant radio background—but some things you never forget—I imagined the activity at the other end of the, at the station back at WHSN, where instructors Susan Patten and Jodi Veneziano were working with student editors, producers and news anchors.

Wearing my headset, answering Leigh-Anne's questions, I looked around the makeshift NESCom studio in our conference room and felt the same energy and saw the same camaraderie, collaboration and attention to deadline and detail that Mike and Rick fostered in our newsroom.

I have to tell you, one of the brightest moments for me came after election night, today in fact as I was writing this. Heather Steeves the BDN editorial assistant who so capably works with her editors to produce the Midcoast Beacon and the The Weekly, came up to me in the newsroom and said there was photo of me on Twitter.

Somewhat apprehensive (In 38 years as a writer and editor I've made a lot of friends, but there are those out there who might not be charitably disposed toward me.) I went over to her computer to take a look. There on the screen was a moment, still and descriptive, of the NESCom team gathered at the table with me, talking shop, sharing the experience on election night. Best of all, my eyes were open and I wasn't doing anything to embarrass myself.

You never know with journalists.

Thank you NESCom and Husson for making this election night, my last as a newspaper editor, so memorable for me and the staff at the BDN.



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NESCom journalism students Leigh-Anne Hurley and Robert Nesbitt prepare for a live election update on WHSN, 89.3



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Broadcasting live from the Bangor Daily News on election night.

NESCom Students Learn at The Bangor Daily News

article by
Nikky Raney

On November 3, 2009, seven journalism and radio broadcast students from The New England School of Communications went with advisor Anne O'Reilly to The Bangor Daily news to cover the election and produce coverage for 89.3FM WHSN.

"What went on tonight is the same as when I worked at Mutual Radio Network," O'Reilly says.

The journalism students would get new information from the BDN's staff around the office, as well as the webpage and Twitter webpage, and then use that information to send back to NESCom for students there to broadcast on WHSN. As part of the on-air news updates, students at the BDN would prepare scripts and report updates live.

Webmaster Jeff Tuttle said that this was the first year the BDN had students. This year every news outlet in Maine received their election results from the BDN.

"It is a good year to be here. We usually pair with public television during presidential elections."

Rick Levasseur, Night News Editor, spent the most time with the NESCom students. He offered his advice for future journalists.

"The big thing is listening to the people that you interview. You can come in with a preconceived idea, but you have to be flexible. The interview could lead to another angle. You have to be persistent, pay attention and hang on to your dreams."

Eric Russell, BDN reporter, was working on questions 2 and 4 throughout the night.

"Be versed in all forms of media and learn more about the web and audio," Russell advised.

Along with election coverage, Leigh-Anne Hurley, junior at NESCom, was able to interview Executive Editor Mark Woodward, who announced his retirement from the BDN after 39 years. This was Woodward's final election and Hurley asked him to recall previous election memories.

Woodward recalls the Gore/Bush election when the other news outlets were already announcing Gore as the winner.

"We were all here until 3 a.m., but it was too close to call. We are in the business of reporting the news, not forecasting the outcome," Woodward says on the decision the BDN made to postpone the announcement of the winner.

Along with Hurley the journalism and radio broadcast students participating in election night included Paul Wolfe, junior at NESCom , who provided the radio equipment and made sure the audio was sent to WHSN, Christian Wagner, sophomore at NESCom,who provided updates on the BDN Twitter page and candidate races, Wes Hart, sophomore at NESCom, who reported how the BDN covered the election, Tim Simpson, freshman at NESCom, who reported on how the internet helped with the coverage of the election, Robert Nesbitt, junior at NESCom, who reported the on the referendum questions and Nikky Raney, freshman at NESCom. Also involved in the WHSN election night coverage were NESCom students Sean Stackhouse, Tim Ferris, Rick Fitzgerald, Monique Pelletier, Mary Jane Ferris, Selina Rivera, Mark Dumont, Brendon Finnemore, Tony Zore and digital photography student, Paul Floyd.

"It was fun for one night, but not every day," Simpson said as the night was ending.

The all around reaction from the students was accomplishment and enjoyment.

"It was great to be here, and I definitely could not have gotten the same experience if I didn't participate. I enjoyed seeing how the newsroom worked and how much time actually goes into it," Hart says.

Promotion on WHSN helped the BDN's Twitter page gain new followers as the updates were announced over the radio and listeners wanted to get news right away.

The night that the NESCom students spent at the BDN is one that will shape the opinions and future goals of the students who attended.

NESCom Now Offers Two Degrees

article by
Christopher M. Bouchard

Many students on campus are unaware of what arguably is an important change occurring within NESCom. Starting in 2010, NESCom students will be receiving either one of two degrees: Communications Technology, if you are concentrating in Audio Engineering, Live Sound Technology, Video Production, or Web Media, or Media Studies, if you're concentrating in Journalism, Marketing Communications, Radio Broadcasting, or Sports Journalism. Fortunately, existing students can still receive the original Bachelor's of Science in Communication degree if they so choose. NESCom understands that these existing students applied to the school with the promise of receiving a particular degree, and is not about to break that promise.

"Students here now have the option," explains Anne Reed, who is the Registrar as well as an advisor here at NESCom. "Originally, there were eight concentrations under one degree." However, the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges (ACCSC) recently spoke to the NESCom administration and suggested that it was a bit much to have this many concentrations under one degree, and recommended that they be "broken off into two separate ones" to more accurately meet ACCSC requirements. Reed assures existing students that they will not be forced to receive a degree bearing one of these titles, seeing as they were only recently introduced, and those students had already planned on graduating with a Bachelor's of Science in Communication. Overall, Reed seems to be relatively pleased with the diversification that has been applied to the one initial degree, and concluded with an optimistic statement, "I think it will out work well."

The Communications Technology degree will be awarded for concentrations of a more "hands on" and "technical" nature. The ACCSC felt that the word "Technology" would be an accurate description of the Audio, Video, Live Sound, and Web programs. It involves courses that allow students to work with cutting edge equipment that's being utilized in the media world today.

"I think that they both describe the school more accurately," states Ron Belanger, a Communications Technology major, "but our degree has to contain all aspects of communications technology. Which means if I'm going to school for Audio Engineering, I should be able to know about all aspects of communications technology in order to fit, including video and web."

The Media Studies degree will cover the remaining concentrations, and those concentrations fit into a category that encompasses a wide variety of knowledge regarding media in general. The NESCom website describes this category well in its description of their Marketing Communications concentration, "Through a hands-on approach you will gain perspective on a broad range of mediums. From creating marketing plans, public relations strategies,writing copy for ads, designing high-end web pages to graphic design,you will experience it all."

Though there is a noticeably positive reaction regarding the switch to Communications Technology, some Media Studies students feel the name is a weak description of what they're attending NESCom to learn. "Media Studies doesn't accurately describe what we're being taught. Unlike Communications Technology, it doesn't accurately represent the type of career that we're going for." says Nick Violette, a Marketing Communications student. "What bugs me is if you look at the course requirements sheet, it says Bachelor of Science in Communications, with a concentration in Media Studies. It seems like the Media Studies degree is more so hidden in the catalog, which is misleading to students."

Violette does, however, only express these concerns for the students that will be entering NESCom in 2010, and is optimistic regarding the fact that existing students are presented with the opportunity to choose which degree more accurately represents their major.

Textbooks: Buying, Renting, and Saving

article by
Chris Esterguard

With only a few weeks left in the fall semester, the classes of spring 2010 are rapidly approaching. Along with this comes a process that is too familiar to college students: buying textbooks. The total cost of buying even a few books can amount to the equivalent to purchasing a new 32GB iPod Touch and about 60 songs, 134 gallons of gasoline, or about 68 pizzas (not including a tip for the delivery guy). Especially while working with a tight budget, college students must put forth extra effort if they want to salvage as much money as possible for these extra necessities.

In order to find the best deals on textbooks that are required, try comparing the prices of multiple retailers both in-store and online. To illustrate how much costs can vary, the prices of two textbooks were compared between The Husson Bookstore, Half.com, and Chegg.com. The Husson Bookstore and Half.com sell both new and used textbooks while Chegg.com primarily rents textbooks via mail. Chegg.com also gives its renters the option of buying rented books at the end of the rental period rather than returning the book.

The book Mind on Statistics by Jesica M. Utts, R. F. Heckard, and Robert F. Heckard, is the required textbook for the class Probability and Statistics. The full retail price for this book in new condition is listed as $183.25 at The Husson Bookstore. It is also available in used condition for $137.50. On Half.com, this same book is listed for $85.00 in brand new condition and as low as $42.00 in good condition. On Chegg.com, this book can be rented for one semester for $31.49.

The book required for Anatomy and Physiology I, titled Anatomy & Physiology by Elaine Nicpon Marieb, Katja Hoehn, and Katja N. Hoehn, is available for $180.75 in new condition at The Husson Bookstore, as well as $135.75 in used condition. On Half.com, it is available for $127.56 in brand new condition and as low as $76.95 listed in very good condition. It is also available for rent on Chegg.com for $62.99 for one semester.

With such a noticeable difference in prices, one would wonder why students don't simply get all of their textbooks from either Half.com or Chegg.com. When Follett, the company that owns The Husson Bookstore, was asked how prices for textbooks are decided upon, Elio Distaola, Follett's Director of Campus Relations, replied by saying, "Textbook selling prices follow a very simple model… and are determined by the cost from publishers and by the contract that Follett has with the college or university. New textbooks for which the publisher has a suggested selling price, i.e., a list price, are sold at that price. New books that have no list or preprinted price are sold at an agreed upon margin between the institution and Follett. Used textbooks are usually sold at a 25% discount from the selling price of the new book."



For some students, though, getting their textbooks in a timely manner has priority over its cost. "I bought my books at The Husson Bookstore because of the convenience," said Tim Ferris, a sophomore at NESCom. "I did not do research, but I intend to next semester."

Not all teachers insist on their students buying text books for their classes, however. "I don't want to ask my students to buy a textbook unless it's going to absolutely benefit them," said Mark Nason, WHSN's Program Director and professor of radio classes at NESCom. "We have found books in the past but they [don't] keep up with evolving technology." Since Nason does not use a text book for any of his classes, he has found that he is required to do some more footwork than if he did. "I have taken bits and pieces, whether it is articles or chapters here or there… and put [them] in [handouts] rather than require the students to buy a textbook." This way, learning content stays fresh and students can keep up to date with what is going on in the radio world.

It seems without fail that every semester, a professor is accused of requiring a text book for their class which ends up being a waste of money when it is not used at all or is not used to an extent to justify its purchase. Professor James Passinisi is one professor who falls under the fire of such accusations. When Passinisi was asked about his 20th Century American History class and the textbook that is said to be hardly used, he elaborated further on his point of view by saying, "You can't require students to do the reading even if it's assigned," he said. "I use the book to give the students a different view from what I say in class… [but]… I can't look over everyone's shoulder to make sure that it is being done." When asked if he believed whether a student could succeed in his class without purchasing or having access to the required textbook, Passinisi replied by saying, "If they were extremely motivated, but I think it would be challenging…Depends on the student." He also added that he takes into consideration the price of the book and encourages his students on the first day of class to look at alternative sources to find a cheap copy. To give them a sort of leeway, he provides copies of the first few chapters and hands them out to the students, for as long as copyright permissions will allow, to give them time to have the book shipped to them.

Before fully committing to buy from an alternative source, students should understand that it is not completely fool-proof. "A problem with buying from an alternative source is they don't always come with the CDs that may be required for the classes," said Husson student Kylie Cleary. "[And] sometimes it's hard to find the edition you need."

In ideal situations, some students may not even need to buy a textbook at all for a class they will be taking this coming spring semester. Professors have the option of leaving a textbook, whether it is theirs or an additional copy that they have, on reserve in the library for students to use. "Professors do [this] sometimes because there aren't enough copies in the bookstore or they are too expensive and are giving the students a break," said Husson University Library Director Amy Averre. "However it the professor's decision to put it on reserve, not ours… If a student wants a teacher to put a book on reserve, they need to ask the professor." Even though this could amount to big savings for students, students also need to take into consideration that they won't be the only one needing to use the book. "It's not always convenient," said Kylie Cleary, "because other students might have them out." Not all professors may be aware of this option, so if a student would like to find out about this being a possibility, they should get in contact with their professors as soon as possible so they know whether or not they will be needing to purchase or rent a textbook of their own.

Learn to Shop Smart for your Textbooks!

Textbooks can be bought, sold, and even rented through the Internet. Be sure to check the following sites to save yourself a ton of money that can be better spent on pizza and a movie:

Ebay.com/Half.com
Amazon.com
Chegg.com

Also check to see if the textbook your searching for has an International Edition. These editions may have minor differences from the US edition, but tend to sell for much cheaper.

To Live On-Campus, or Not To live On-Campus... That Is The Question



article by
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BANGOR- It's getting down to the end of the first semester and many students have a common interest; living situation for next year.

Husson University and New England School of Communications has roughly a combined student body of 2,500, according to Trudy Mcleod, Daina Allen and Katie Leighton. Mcleod is the Admissions Operation Coordinator at Husson, Allen is the Assistant Registrar at NESCom, while Leighton is the Assistant Director of Finical Aid at NESCom. Collectively, they also calculated that 36 percent of the combined student body lives in one of the three dorm halls.

Many students like the fact of waking up and walking a few feet to class. This is a perk of living on-campus. Second year Husson student, Kevin Hill, takes advantage that his dorm is next to his classrooms.

"I don't have to worry about going to start my car and warming it up if it's cold out. [I] just get up, roll out of bed, get in the shower, and head to class. I just find it easier than driving."

Second year Husson student Alecia Coleman agrees, "You're stuck here the whole day if you have classes throughout the day. You're not going to want to go back and forth driving."

First year NESCom students and roommates, Jared Quirion and Brandon LeClair stress that driving to school isn't that big of a deal.

"We live like a mile and a half away from campus," explains LeClair. "If the lights are going our way, it's a three minute drive," adds Quirion.

One issue that pertains to on and off-campus living students is the parking situation here at Husson. Both categories of students agree that parking is an issue that the administration needs to take a look at.

"That's the one thing that sucks about living off-campus. It sucks 'cause there is no parking," stresses Quirion.

Second year Husson student, Jesse Cullivan, also believes that parking is the worst thing about living off-campus. "I've been trying to ride my [pedal] bike to school to save on gas, that and the fact that it sucks parking here on campus."

Students who live on campus feel the same way. Hill explains that the parking is so bad on campus that he doesn't even move his truck when he gets a parking spot. Coleman thinks that the parking could be better if students who live in Bell Hall parked in the upper parking lot of Bell Hall. She says that they park in front of their dorms and it causes a snowball effect that makes Carlisle Hall students have to park in front of Hart Hall and causes Hart students to park either at NESCom or at the lower parking lot.

Money is a huge factor that plays into whether a student lives on or off-campus. Husson's room and board is $6 thousand a year. This covers living expenses, media uses such as internet and cable, utilities and a meal plan. That figures out to be roughly $777 a month. Rent typically ranges anywhere from $200-500 a month depending on how many roommates there are and if utilities are included or not. Cullivan, Quirion and LeClair all stressed that living in an apartment that is cheaper than room and board was the biggest reason for them to live off-campus.

Student Activities at Husson is constantly offering activities for students to participate in. Whether it is clubs, comedians, open mic night or whatnot, almost every weeknight is hosting a new event. On-campus students believe that living-on campus really helps keep them informed with what's going on.

"There are flyers around in Peabody and the dorms. Then student activities puts out that board letting us know about activities," says Coleman.

Off-campus students believe that they aren't as informed as on-campus students, yet they still have a good grasp of what the activities are.

"Were not as informed [as on-campus students] because we don't have the word coming from other students in the dorms. But we're informed by our teachers and stuff like that," says Quirion.

LeClair explains that since he's part of the radio program at NESCom, he knows of most things going on around campus because WHSN promotes student activities.

Both categories of students express that on and off-campus students both have to deal with roommates so that isn't much of a factor. In a dorm, the roommates will be forced to live closer together, but the noise, tidiness and alone time issues are still there. Quirion and LeClair say that the only thing that factors in is who is doing the dishes.

Social life plays a huge role in the debate too. Hill owes many of his current friends to the fact that he lives on-campus.

"You kind of hang with a clique, like your floor. You're submersed with a lot of people, and you either get along with them or don't. You get to meet a lot more people here, whereas off-campus you don't have specific people on your floor that you can relate to."

Coleman agrees, "For me, last year I met all of my friends. The people that I became good friends with were the people I met throughout the dorm not in class."

Cullivan takes full advantage of the social life of living-off campus. "You can have a lot more people over to the apartment than in a dorm. The night life at Husson isn't cool. Sitting on someone's bed watching TV isn't fun."

Collectively, on-campus students enjoy the fact that there is the dining commons that prepares all the meals for them, but they get tired of the food they offer. Stealing the delicious Andy Sandwiches has become a past time for the students of Husson and NESCom though. On the other hand, off-campus students enjoy that they can make whatever they want, but food expenses add up quickly. They also don't have to deal with the freshman fifteen.

On-campus living versus off-campus living is merely a preference of choice. Both have perks, yet both have drawbacks. It seems like most students spend a few years in the dorms, then end their schooling living off-campus. There is one major issue that off-campus living has over on-campus living.

Bathroom accommodations are most definitely a downfall of living on-campus. Cullivan, LeClair, and Quirion all stressed how they kept their bathroom almost spotless. First year NESCom student, Luke Zale, finds the dorm bathrooms are a shortcoming of living on-campus,

"Everyday there's at least one stall that has fecal matter on it."

Vacation Policy for Campus Students

article by
Ken J. Merchant

For many freshman students this year, paying for college is all they thought was needed. Soon as the vacation comes around, it turns into a whole different matter. With vacations such as Christmas and spring break students do pay to stay. According to David Lewis Jr. and Colby Cain, Resident Directors and Coordinators of Student Life, the Husson Residential Policy for vacations states that all breaks are not included in the school's housing contract.

Most students that stay on campus are international students or athletic students. Students must fill out a vacation request form before they can stay on campus. After returning the form to the residential director of their dorm hall, the residential director will then notify the Associative Dean for application review. Usually students with good academic and social standings are allowed to stay, and are notified within 24 to 48 hours. Students are required to move out the night before vacation begins at the latest. Costs of staying vary every year. Last year's approximate costs were $115 per week without meals and $175 per week with meals. Since Husson is a profit-free university, money that students pay to stay goes directly towards the school's expenses while they stay.

Derek LaPlante, who's a freshman at Husson University commented, "Well I personally think that for as much as we are paying for room and board a year, then we should be able to stay here."

Currently the amount of money that a student pays for room and board is roughly $7000 a year for both NESCom and Husson University students.

Some students have to figure in travelling costs into their financial plans. One commuting student, Tim Ferris, a sophomore at NESCom explained, "I think it's silly, because the room isn't really doing much of anything while you're gone... a lot of us take a bus to go home during break, which costs about $50 round trip, and staying here costs what, $75 a day? It's ridiculous."

It becomes a serious financial problem for some students to travel back and forth from home, but what about those who think that it is a fair deal?

Alba Briggs, a sophomore, thought, "Well, I do think they shouldn't have to pay extra for Thanksgiving, because it's not a very long time... but for Christmas they should definitely have to pay."

Personnel have to be hired, food has to be provided, and security needs to be on the look out. Brigg says this about personnel, "They would have to pay janitors, Dickerman workers, security and all kinds of other people they don't need around over break."

Whether or not students decide to stay on campus for vacations or go home, they seem to feel that these extra fees are unnecessary and create financial problems. Maybe in the future these issues will be considered. As for now the vacation policy is set in stone.

Rape Aggression Defense (R.A.D.) Training

Student Activities, in collaboration with Campus Safety and Security, is proud to offer a series of rape defense training seminars to the female student body of Husson University to promote awareness and self-esteem.

Course dates: December 2nd, 4th, 9th, 11th
Time: 6:00pm - 9:00pm

The course is limited to 20 students that will be filled on a first-come first-serve basis. Please e-mail schmidta@husson.edu or kilpeckr@husson.edu if you are interested and can commit to the full time requirement.

For more information check out the RAD website:
http://www.rad-systems.com

Arts & Entertainment

Graphic Design Student Accomplishments



article by
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Graphic design students here at NESCom are getting more opportunities to display their talents. Some of the students are responsible for creating projects that can be seen around school. Bryan Lackee made the WHSN Acoustic Showcase poster for Mark Nason, WHSN station manager. Ericka York's DVD cover design is being used by Bill Devine, Career Services Director at NESCom. Marketing major Jon Griffiths worked to develop the Gracie theater logo. Theresa Ayotte, NESCom graphic design instructor, sees a lot of potential in her students.

"There's tremendous talent in the graphic design students," she says enthusiastically.

Ayotte explains that it is beneficial for the students when they are assigned work. They are able to build relationships with clients who offer constructive criticism on their projects.

"It's wonderful," says Ayotte "It's a great experience for the students to hear feedback from an actual client rather than just from me and their fellow peers."

The creation of the Gracie theater logo last spring also gave the students an excellent opportunity. Julie Green, Husson Director of Public Affairs, and other members of the administration, were the ones who chose Jon Griffiths' logo. Green would offer the students feedback to improve their logos, and the students would go back and make revisions.

"It was quite a rigorous process that the logo designs from the students went through," explains Ayotte.

As the spring semester approaches, NESCom's Graphic Design II gears up for another exciting class. Ayotte hopes that the faculty and staff will take advantage of the students' talents.

"We're open to helping out any other departments on campus that might need some design work done."

The graphic design students have also done work for outside non-profit organizations which include Eastern Area Agency on Aging and the Bangor Department of Health and Human Services.

The winning logo design for Husson's new Gracie Theater was created by NESCom's Marketing student, Jon Griffiths.

NESCom Writer Publishes Novel

article by
Jodi Hersey

Twilight and Harry Potter may have a new fiction series to compete with called the Xsardis Chronicles. Book one of the series called "Issym" came out in November and the author, 17-year-old Jessie Mae Hodsdon, is barely older than the main characters Seth and Rachel. "They, like many kids, have an imagination where dragons, fairies and the like exist. When they grow up they get sucked into this world they imagined," Hodsdon says. While on the mystical continent of Issym, Seth and Rachel have to decide whether to follow their own desire to escape back to Earth or put their trust in God and remain in Issym to help those living there.

Hodsdon, a Bangor resident who is taking a class at both NESCom and Husson this semester spent her evenings and early mornings writing this 145-page novel. Writing the story she says was the easy part. "Editing was hard because it seems like it's a critique of you, which is hard, but it's actually a critique of your work to try and make it better," Hodsdon says.

Finding a publishing company wasn't easy either. After a lot of research Hodsdon decided to self-publish her work. "I already sold 8 books to people I don't know so that makes me happy," she says. Hodsdon sold several more during her first book signing at Angelo's Pizzeria in Bangor on November 28th.

This ambitious teenager says someday she'd like to own her own national publishing company. In the meantime her work can be found at Lamb's Book & Bible in Bangor or online at www.issym.com.

Husson University Theater

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Rumors

December 4th, 5th, and 6th
at The Gracie Theater

Friday and Saturday Shows at 7:30, Sunday at 2pm
Tickets are $1 for students, $5 for non-students

Sports

Husson Fall Sports Wrap Up

article by
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photo by Larry Ayotte

Fall sports fans pack the stands to cheer on the Husson Eagles.

As the game clock winds down and the last whistle sounds, it is time to look back at the fall sports season for Husson University Eagles.

The Eagles football team came into the season with high expectations after they finished last season with a seven and three record and hosted the NCAC Northeast Bowl. The Eagles started the season by winning two of their first three games and were undefeated in the conference, but the rest of the season would not be kind to the Eagles. The Eagles were only able to win two of their last six games, and finished with a subpar record of (4-5) while missing the playoffs.

Men's soccer entered the season looking to build on the last years successful run to the NAC Semi-Finals. The Eagles regular season was a tale of two halves. The first started off rocky and the team was trying to keep its head above water, then the Eagles were able to flip the switch in time to earn a spot in the NAC playoffs. The Eagles have made the best of it and were able to win this seasons NAC title. The victory gave the Eagles a spot in the NCAA tournament and they will face Williams College.

Senior Captain Justin Gauvin says, "Although we started off slow winning only two of our first seven games, we've really matured as a team, having fifteen first year players who have really stepped up knowing they're individual roles to get the job done. It's always nice going in as the number one seed but at that point you're a target to all the other teams in the conference. So, going into the week of practice we had to keep our composure. We approached the semifinal round versus Maine Maritime Academy wanting to stick to our game plan. There will always be a certain amount of nerves going into a sudden death type of setting. We are going to prepare more than we have ever prepared before, having lost the last two conference championships to the same team. There's now more of a rivalry between Castleton State and Husson than ever before and it's always a entertaining game. I would consider this a successful season win or lose, having the opportunity to play with my teammates, to have battled with my teammates and have left it all on the field!"

Women's soccer headed into the season with high expectations after their recent run of three straight NAC titles and NCAA tournament berths. The question entering the season was could they do it again. The Eagles jumped out off the gate, with a roaring start winning four of their first five games and established themselves as contenders. They would not take their foot off the pedal finishing the regular season strong with a record of (13-5). The Eagles proved to be a tough team especially at home; they finished with a (9-0) home record and dominated their conference with a (6-1) record. The Eagles strong play earned them a spot in the playoffs. They beat Castleton three to one to take their fourth straight NAC title. The victory earned the Eagles a berth in the NCAA tournament and will face Middlebury College in the first round.



photo by Larry Ayotte

The Husson Eagles in action.

Junior captain Caitlin Butterfield summed up the season by stating ,"I'd say we had a good season. We won a lot more big games than we have before. Saturdays win over Castleton was a good win, we definitely played well. This week we need to work on keeping our speed of play up because we don't want to settle into someone else's game plan because we have speed and quickness to our advantage. Win or lose this weekend, this season was a successful one where we found we can compete with any team in New England and we are considered one of the best. All four of the seniors have stepped up for sure and they don't want the season to end, so this is their last time playing and we need to win as many games as we can."

The women of field hockey entered the season looking to continue their dominate conference play and earn their sixth straight NAC playoff berth. The Eagles started slow in the first half of the season with only two wins and seven loses. The record was deceiving because in three of the Eagles first five losses, they lost by one goal. The Eagles hard work and effort paid off in the form of wins in the second half especially in the conference (2-1), and with the late push, the Eagles were able to clinch a NAC playoff berth. The Eagles beat the University of Maine Farmington (2-0) to win the NAC title and earned an invitation to the NCAA tournament. The field hockey team made an appearance in the NCAA tournament on Wednesday, November 11th, and fell to the number one seed Amherst, 3-0. Senior captain, Jenika Kelley says the Eagles 3-0 loss was, "a battle, we definitely could have beat them. It was a hard fought game."

When asked to talk more about their season, she spoke highly of her teammates and their winning season. "I love my team. We are very young but I am happy we have that make up. It will help form a great team down the road, and now we are heading to playoffs! We are really coming together when it counts and I can see the changes that we have made really making a difference. I feel good heading down the playoff road with this team. We get along really well, we have an amazing coach who knows what she is doing and knows the game AND we are on a winning streak right now. Our young talent is starting to step it up and really shine. So



The Husson Eagles Men's Soccer team had a slow start but ended strong.

I wouldn't want to head into playoffs with any other team!"

The Husson women's volleyball team wrapped up its season with a tough 4-1 loss against the Colby College Mules. This loss finished their season up with a 13-14 record, second in the North Atlantic Conference. Although they lost their last game, the Eagles made it to the NAC Championship and fell to the Mariners of Maine Maritime Academy, 3-0. The Eagles finished with six conference wins in the NAC. According to the Husson University website the volleyball team finished their season with a total of 1948 points, to with their opponents 1902 points. They averaged 8.7 kills per game, which trumps their opponents mere 4.7 average. A particular high note of the season was the fact that they also ended their regular season with a whopping 246 aces!

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When asked about the season, sophomore Kaitlyn McKay responded, "Our team got along really well from the very beginning. Our season started off slow and a lot of good players didn't connect very well. However, towards the end of season we seemed to gel to make it to the championship game. In the end we lost but it was a great season. Next year we have a great group of returners and we are looking forward to our season because we have already played together!"

It has been a great fall semester to be a Husson sports fan and with most of the teams making it to their respective playoffs, it does not look like it will end any time soon.



The Husson Eagles win the NAC title.

Bruins Falling Rapidly



editorial by
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To say the Boston Bruins have had a surprising, albeit disappointing, first half of the season is an understatement. Though many top ranked teams were struggling at the beginning of the season, Boston has not been able to find its footing, as they previously have been able to do. With the Buffalo Sabres having a surprisingly great season, the Bruins are falling fast in the rankings after picked to be a top five team in the league.

Unfortunately, for Boston, the only aspect of their game that seems to be on point is goaltending. Though he got off to a rough start, Tim Thomas has worked himself back to the condition he was last season and backup Tuukka Rask is shining as a rookie within the NHL. Boston has managed to find the back of the net numerous times this season and have managed to hold off offensively driven teams. The problem does not exactly lie in the offense or defense, however. Boston does not finish their games, giving up possessions and allowing breakthroughs against their defense. Even Coach Claude Julien has commented on the reality that Boston loses its momentum in the third period.

This summer there was a lot of movement with players in the Bruins organization as Aaron Ward, PJ Axelsson, Stephane Yelle, Shane Hnidy, and Steve Montador were lost as free agents, with Axelsson going to Sweden and opting out of playing within the NHL for his last years. The acquisition of Derek Morris and Steve Morris has helped slightly, as well as the re-signing of Tuukka Rask, David Krejci, Tim Thomas and Byron Bitz.

Perhaps two of the biggest trades this season, however, have been the Phil Kessel and Chuck Kobasew trades. Kessel became a free agent this past summer and would not agree to any contract extension set before him by the Bruins organization. Boston would not budge: they need cap space for possible emergency signings this upcoming season as well as for next summer when the free agency list includes some of their key players. After being traded to Toronto, fans were not sure if Boston could find the back of the net without their resident rebound sniper.

The season started rough for Boston, they could not keep the puck out of their zone one game then the next game they would not be able to find the back of the net. They found a good stride a few games into it, and then lost it again. Seemingly, out of nowhere Chuck Kobasew was traded to the Minnesota Wild, which seemed to break Boston out of their slump. However, with the loss of Marc Savard and Milan Lucic to injuries, as well as inconsistent play, Boston has had a hard time crawling back up the leadership board.

> *Boston fans are only concerned with one thing however: the Bruins need to start winning and fast.*

Last season, Boston's play was consistent. Though their offense lagged a little, in general they managed to rally when they were down and come back. However, it almost seems as if players do not care this season. The Kobasew trade seemed to wake the team up a bit, but there is only so much that can be done to get the team motivated.

Boston was named as a top ranked team for this season but there have been a lot of surprises within the NHL in terms of predictions. With the Buffalo Sabres blowing past their opponents, especially on the road, and the Anaheim Ducks and Carolina Hurricanes at the bottom of the pile, it should be interesting to see if any predictions made for this season will come true. Boston fans are only concerned with one thing however: the Bruins need to start winning and fast.

The Back Page

Counselor's Corner

"Once upon a time, there was....."

article by
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Once upon a time, there was a man, who in his wisdom, guided many. Not all, to whom he offered his guidance, liked him or his words. Perhaps that's because he was a judge by profession. By nature, Judge William Silsby was a gentle, kind and brilliant man.

What enduring wisdom can we borrow from Judge Silsby? There are two major characteristics that immediately come to my mind. The first is virtue and the other is integrity.

Virtue is the quality of doing what is right and avoiding what is wrong. It is the equivalent of moral excellence. Not unlike virtue, integrity is about moral soundness and common honesty. In the process of growing up, parents, family members, religious leaders, teachers and community folks contribute to a child's, and then an adolescent's, moral development. By the time that person reaches college, there is an expectation that morality is set in place.

Judge Silsby knew differently. He was, often painfully, aware that not everyone had the opportunity to learn virtue and integrity. He often gave those who stood before him in his courtroom a second chance because he knew they previously had no frame of reference -- no opportunity -- to understand those moral constructs.

At Husson University faculty and staff know students who have not had healthy frames of reference for moral development. Second chances are not uncommon whether in the classroom, on the athletic field, or in the social arena. For students who have found their behaviors unacceptable, such as using drugs and alcohol, the educational program, Making Healthy Choices, is one program where students can learn an alternate frame of reference. I suspect that many of you know a student who cheated and was given another chance, or a student athlete who made harmful decisions for him/herself affecting the team and was offered a new opportunity.

Judge Silsby wanted people to make good use of their second chance. He was specific in his instructions to those who faced themselves in his reflection of them. Will you eagerly accept the wisdom of those who attempt to provide a frame of reference for you when you are struggling? Or will you squander another opportunity to grow and develop within a healthy framework?

On our campus, there is a professor and a student who called Judge Silsby "Papa". They know their loving grandfather's guidance first hand. Today, I thank them for keeping his philosophy alive and invite you to do the same.

Emergency Notification System

Husson Campus Safety and Security is urging all students to sign up for the emergency notification system available on the campus. This allows you to receive information regarding any emergency on campus through your mobile phone, web page, RSS feed, PDA, e-mail, text pager or Google/AOL/My Yahoo page.

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