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THE VALENTINE LEGEND

The tradition of Valentine's Day, the day lovers exchange sweet words and small gifts, dates back to ancient times.

It began as Lupercalia in ancient Rome. During the festival, young men drew names of women as dance partners. If they became enamored, they would be formally engaged in mid-February the following year. The betrothal was sealed with an exchange of gifts.

Early Christians shifted the purity and the remembrance of St. Valentine. Whatever their intentions, romance continued to rule the day.

European countries developed similar customs and offered sweets and small gifts to lovers on Feb. 14. Inspired by the belief that birds chose their mates on that date, the Europeans in the Middle Ages thought it only natural that they do the same.

French man Charles Duc d'Orleans is credited with the first writing of Valentine's Day messages. His love poems were delivered to his wife on February 14, 1415. She was imprisoned in the Tower of London.

In the American colonies, confections were especially valued because sugar was rare. Favorites included marshpanes, roundels and sugarplums. By the 1850s conversation hearts imprinted with messages began to appear.

This Valentine's Day, if custom continues, more confections will be purchased as gifts than at any other holiday of the year.

Academic Award Presented

by Matt Thompson

This past fall the Academic Committee of the Greek Governing Board initiated an Academic Incentive Award. This award was initiated to help promote academics among the Greeks. The award is a $100 check presented to the fraternity and the sorority with the highest grade point average for the given semester. All fraternities and sororities participate.

For the fall semester 1989, Kappa Delta Phi Fraternity achieved the highest grade point average for a fratermity with an average of 2.82. Kappa Lambda Sorority achieved the highest grade point average for a sorority with an average of 2.89.

It is our hope that this incentive award will help the Greek system to prosper academically.



Donna Berube presenting checks to Greg Holt and Cathy Zipfel. *Photo by Linda Eaton*

Black History Month

by Steve Berrien

Countee Cullen

Countee Cullen was born in New York in 1903. While a student at New York University, he won the Witter Bynner Poetry Prize, open to all undergraduates in American colleges. He received an M.A. from Harvard in 1926, and taught in the New York City public schools for most of the rest of his life. His first volume of poetry, Color, appeared when he was only 22. In 1927, he edited Caroling Dusk, an important early anthology of black American poetry. He wrote several volumes of poetry and a novel before his death in 1946.

Cullen wrote frequently on racial themes, though he was sometimes criticized for remaining within the English literary tradition and not using black rhythms and idioms in his poetry. Nevertheless, he was one of the major figures of the Harlem Renaissance.

INCIDENT

by Countee Cullen

Once riding in old Baltimore,
Heart-filled, head-filled with glee,
I saw a Baltimorean
Keep looking straight at me.

Now I was eight and very small,
And he was no whit bigger,
And so I smiled, but he poked out
His tongue, and called me, "Nigger."

I saw the whole of Baltimore
From May until December;
Of all the things that happened there
That's all that I remember.

YET DO I MARVEL

by Countee Cullen

I doubt not God is good, well-meaning, kind,
And did He stoop to quibble could tell why
The little buried mole continues blind,
Why flesh that mirrors Him must some day die,
Make plain the reason tortured Tantulus
Is baited by the fickle fruit, declare
If merely brute caprice dooms Sisyphus
To struggle up a never-ending stair.
Inscrutable His ways are, and immune
To catechism by a mind too strewn
With petty cares to slightly understand
What awful brain compels His awful hand.
Yet do I marvel at this curious thing:
To make a poet black, and bid him sing!

Editorial Page

Steve Novak recently wrote an article in The Spectator about some improvements that have been made on the Husson campus. While it's true that some of the bathrooms in the dorms have been remodeled and cleaned and new lights have been installed in stairwells, there are some forthcoming improvements and changes that Steve didn't mention. I spoke with the gentleman in charge, a Mr.....Mr..... I forgot his name, but you know who I mean . Anyway, we had a long conversation, and folks, there are some drastic changes and improvements about to be made at our college.

Believe it or not, all the roads and parking lots on campus will be paved this summer. The Circle and the parking lot beside Peabody will not be paved because they were done this past summer. (They are scheduled to be paved again in the year 2050.) Also during the summer, wall to wall carpeting will be installed in all dorm rooms. The color of the carpeting will vary-some rooms will have light blue, others green, and some brown. The carpets will be made from the DuPont stain resistant fiber that is advertised on television. It was decided to use these high quality carpets because they have to be steam cleaned and vacuumed only once every five semesters. They are essentially self-cleaning.

Starting next semester, each dorm room will come equipped with a personal computer (printer included). At the end of the academic year, the roommate with the higher grade point average gets to keep the computer. The following year, there will be new computers, better and faster ones. Yes, instructors will also have their own PCs with printer.

Instructors were also supposed to receive a pay raise, but they rejected the administration's offer, claiming it was too lucrative. Sources say that the administration proposed an increase in pay of 7.5 percent each year for the next 4 years and then an incrase of 5 percent every year after that. As it stands now, the starting salary for an Associate Professor is $77,500. The two sides will meet again soon to try to settle the issue.

Those are the changes that are planned for the next year. Some more improvements are being planned for the near future, but no firm arrangements have been made. These include the construction of a two-thousand seat auditorium between the gym and Peabody. The same building will also house the new library which is expected to be as good as, if not better than the University of Maine library. The administration also has plans to connect all buildings on campus, either with skywalks or underground tunnels. They cannot decide which will be the best choice, so they may do both.

All of you are probably wondering how much these improvements will cost. Not to worry, because tuition rates are not expected to rise until 1995-96 (there is a 3.3 percent raise in tuition rates planned for that year). The man in charge assured me that "Husson College is here for its students, faculty, and staff." He added that "our dream is to build a dynasty....so we too can be mentioned in the same breath with Beal College and Harry's School of Cosmetology." His words brought tears to my eyes, and, for a brief moment, I wished I wasn't graduating in May.

Alex Nicolaou



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ALCOHOL AWARENESS

by Jack Slomback

Last time I wrote about what goes on at Al Anon meetings. This week I would like to briefly describe what Alcoholics Anonymous, AA, is all about. Often people are surprised at what AA does or doesn't do.

People go to AA meetings because they don't want to drink or use drugs today. And they have admitted to themselves that, perhaps, they can't accomplish this goal alone. By being surrounded by others with the same goal, it becomes easier to get through one more day, drug free. AA meetings have the best track record at keeping people sober. Many have reported 80-90% success rates for those who regularly attend.

The above, however, is just a small part of what AA is all about. The person who is struggling with alcohol or drugs begins to learn what alcoholism is at these meetings. He or she learns how chemicals affect people physically, emotionally, psychologically, spiritually, and intellectually. He or she also learns how his/her behavior has affected those who are close to him/her. One learns not only the damage inflicted upon oneself, but upon others as well.

The drinker gradually learns more and more about him/herself, and why he or she does what he or she does. Meetings help people know themselves. People find out that they are OK persons suffering from a bad disease. Each meeting has a topic or speakers devoted to not drinking today or learning how to live a normal life, making day-to-day decisions like everyone else, but doing so chemical free.

AA, like Al Anon, uses as its foundation 12 steps which act as a blueprint for living. These steps give a person a philosophy of life, to become a better person, and experience personal growth.

AA also offers a person a fellowship of friends which they may never have had before: real friends. Most chemical abusers admit to not having many real friends, just drinking buddies or partners who quickly abandon them when they reach out for help. AA offers a large number of real friends who are willing to be there if you need them. So AA meetings do a lot of things; only a small part of which is trying to keep people sober.

Husson Library

New books are added to the library collection continually. Here are descriptions of three of them.

Conn, Peter. Literature in America: An Illustrated History. Cambridge; Cambridge University Press, 1989.

From the Puritans to the present day, this book traces the history of literary movements and presents the authors associated with them. Conn puts literary trends in perspective with current events. Color plates illustrate artistic styles; black and white drawings and photographs enhance the text.

Klivington, Keneth A. The Science of Mind. Cambridge; The MIT Press, 1989.

How the brain works, the dimensions of the mind, senses, thought, and memory are some of the topics discussed by the author. Beautiful color and black and white illustrations enliven the text. The subject matter is of interest to everyone and the writing is suited to a college audience.

Margolin, Judith B. Financing a College Education: The Essential Guide for the '90s. New York; Plenum Press, 1989.

Margolin presents the range of asssistance available to middle class families trying to save money for college or find immediate financial solutions. It covers most options, including loans and private as well as public sources of aid. Written for the parents and the learners.



LIBRARY HOURS

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Student Life

ON-CAMPUS JOBS AVAILABLE

Students with valid Work-Study or Job Bank contracts can still find a few job openings on campus for Spring:

Employer	Job Title	Pay Rate
Academic Development	Tutor	III
	Accounting (must have a 3.0	
	Science GPA. BTE student	
	Business may receive Co-op	
	English Credit.)	
	Peer Counselor	
DDC	Food Clerk	III
Library	Library Asst.	II
CED	Data Entry	II
Copy Center	Switchboard	III
GYM	Various Positions	
Residential Life	Custodial Aide	I

If interested in any of these positions stop by Career Development for more information or assistance.

We have several contracts for students which have not been picked up as of February 5, if you would like one of the above jobs stop by Room 119 to see if you have a contract there.

The Greek Side

EPSILON TAU EPSILON

The sisters of Epsilon Tau Epsilon are very busy at the present time. We currently have nine pledges who wish to become a part of Epsilon Tau Epsilon. That will bring our total number of active sisters to 22.

We will be doing a community service at St. Joe's Hospital on Thursday, February 8. We will be visiting with the children and the elderly there.

Another thing on the agenda at the present time is a bottle drive and a spare change drive, both off campus.

We hope everyone is getting into the swing of things in the new semester and we wish you the best of luck with your classes.

The Eyes of The Spectator

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A View From Beneath, Behind, And Between...

"What Happened to this Years' Soccer Team?"

by Derek King

What happened to this years' soccer team? I wish I had a nickel for every time someone has asked me this question over the past couple of months. Finishing with a record of 2-12-1, it was obviously a very disappointing season for the usually competitive Husson soccer team.

One is always put on the spot when trying to evaluate a season, especially a losing one. First of all, there is no one reason that can account for the 2-12-1 record.

I also want to stress that these are my personal opinions of the major factors that led to a less than competitive team this fall. I love the game of soccer, and I aspire to be a collegiate NCAA soccer coach someday. I study the game daily and am confident of my knowledge of the game.

One of the big problems this fall was the great number of injuries we had. There wasn't one week during the entire season that we had a string of consistently healthy athletes. As I wrote in an October 2nd issue of the Spectator, 65% of the team had at least one injury that sidelined them. The high number of injuries could be attributed to us being out of shape.

We also had a very tough schedule the first 1/3 of our season. Our first eight games included Johnson State, Lyndon State, Thomas, U.M.F. and U.N.E. It is incredibly tough to start out a season with teams like them. It's tough to bounce back the rest of the season after getting shellacked in your first handful of games. Our spirits and confidence were low after the first couple of weeks, thus giving us less than exciting morale and spirits.

We also had a new coach this fall. I am not trying to undermine coach Ashby, who did an excellent job, but with a new coach come new styles, new theories, and new approaches. This all takes adjusting. No matter what the level of play is or what sport it is, getting a new coach is tough, on both the coach and the players.

Another reason was the lack of recruiting during previous coach Ziegler's tenure. Coach Ziegler's recruiting could be considered low to none. When he took the job in 1987, he was fortunate to inherit an outstanding crop of recruits from coach Mark Franchi, who, in my opinion, was a superb coach and excellent recruiter. We were fortunate to have walk-ons like Carl Crawford and the Warman brothers.

After the last crop of Franchi's recruits graduated last spring, we were a team with little experience. We returned only four starters this fall. This lack of experience led to our difficulty in establishing an effective transition game. We had serious problems in sustaining consistent offensive attacks after we worked the ball out of our defensive third. This lack of experience also led to us not knowing how to win. I know, how do you learn to win? You can't really learn to win; it's a desire built on pride and hard work. The Gipson twins who graduated last spring are an excellent example. They weren't blessed with the talent that some of the players had, but they wanted to win no matter what and at any cost. They would run over, through, or destroy any opposing player, a teammate, or a concrete wall for that matter to get that ball in the back of the net and win the match.

The lack of eagerness to win may be a reason why we couldn't win the close ones. We lost three games in overtime, tied one game, and lost two games by a lone goal. The team wasn't in the best physically fit condition either and this could contribute to us losing the close ones as well.

Last year the NAIA incorporated several new eligibility requirements. I don't know who's responsible, but the coach wasn't informed of the list of possible ineligible players until a couple weeks before the season. If he had known, adjustments could have been made. Two of the ineligibles could have taken a summer course to give them the proper number of credits and to bring up their GPA.

Last year's starting goalkeeper Todd Bickford, was found to be ineligible several weeks before the start of pre-season. This thrust me into the starting position. I'm not trying to make up excuses for myself. I believe I possess the quickness, leadership, technique, and confidence that it takes to be a goalkeeper, but I haven't seriously trained for the position since the fall of 1986, and goalkeeper is a position that must be practiced consistently to maintain the necessary edge a "keeper" should have.

There is also a serious lack of commitment from some of the team members that is necessary to

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Sports Page

Husson Wins Bigs against Monks

by Stephen Novak

It sure wasn't a pretty win,but a win is a win and Husson will take it,especially against St. Joe's. Not only was it a big win but it showed that Husson could win under adverse conditions.

Unlike Husson's smooth offense which features a mix of both run and gun and a set up offense, the home game on Thursday, February 1. Both teams were unable to hit the shots and both had trouble controlling the ball.

Only a few who played in the game actually shot over 50% and those who did took only a few shots.

Husson started the game by jumping to a 14-7 lead but St. Joe's mounted a comeback and took the lead behind Paul Searles' short jumpers along with a fast break dunk. Husson took the lead back again with some scrappy basketball on both ends of the floor . Basically that is how the entire game went except Husson always had the lead. All St. Joe's did was keep it very close so Husson couldn't feel comfortable and relax.

After coming out of the lockerroom holding onto a slim 31-26 lead, Husson found themselves clinging to a 3-point lead right off the start thanks to a Searles jumper.

The final outcome was a 65 to 56 victory for a team who at the beginning of the year had trouble holding leads throughout the game, but things are different now.

Bobby Campbell had 16 points to lead the Braves along with Buster Frederick and Scott Nance who each had 12. Buster also had a game high 14 rebounds.

Paul Searles had 22 points for St. Joe's and Steve Chase helped with 13 points.

Monks Defeat the Lady Braves

by Stephen Novak

In a rematch of the two teams St. Joe's once again showed their dominance over the Lady Braves but bearly earned a two-point victory (72-70) in a home game on Thursday, February 1.

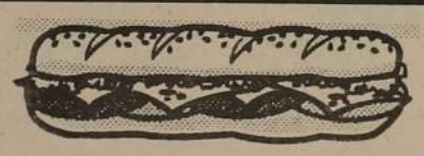
The beginning saw Husson fall behind and then climb back to take a 4-point lead into the lockerroom 41-37,thanks to some great inside plays by Sharon Siebert.

In the second half, St.Joe's regained the lead and began to pull away, using a 2-3 zone defense to stop Siebert, but Husson started to make a comeback late in the game only to miss the final opportunity to tie the game up with seconds left.

For the victorious Monks, Robin Haley had 22 points while Kendra Coates added 16 points.

For the Lady Braves, Sharon Siebert had 23 points while Sue Lea connected for 13 points.

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Husson Sinks the Clippers

by Stephen Novak

When the going gets tough the tough get going. That is exactly what Mamadou Kone and the rest of the team did when they played at home against rival University of Maine at Machias Saturday afternoon, February, 3.

It was really the Kone show in the second half after he was held scoreless in the first 20 minutes of the game. Thanks to Bobby Campbell's desperate 3-point shot at the buzzer, Husson had some breathing room going in with a 38-35 lead.

That was all that Kone needed and out of the lockerroom he came, firing three-pointers. following up on fastbreaks and driving in for lay ups. 21 points, all in the second half, was what the Braves were looking for.

We can't forget the supporting cast of Bobby Campbell, who had 10 assists on the afternoon, and Buster Frederick, who had a game high 12 rebounds.

Right from the start of the second half UMM was doomed when Kone hit two quick threes and soon it was over. Another day on the courts for the Braves and another victory to win the series 2-1. The 86-69 win avenged a loss to UMM just before Christmas break.

Bobby Campbell had another fine game with 22 points, Kone had 21 points and Mitch Range contributed with 14 points and 8 rebounds.

For UMM, Ade Orelaja scored 28 points on 11 for 12 shooting from the field.Todd Middleton helped with 18 points.

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field a cohesive, winning club. I know this isn't NCAA Division 1 and that kind of commitment isn't expected, but I've seen more commitment and dedication on J.V. high school teams.

The final factor that contributed to our performance this fall is the lack of one distinct style of play that everyone on the team shares. This is tough to establish at this level because everyone has been taught to play the game a different way. Some of us have been taught to play an English/Western European style which includes a slow-paced game using skilled passing and the implementation of timed runs and passes. A couple of players play a more South American style which emphasizes speed, strength, increased roughness of play, and more individual dribbling. Then there are some players who, through the lack of proper instruction in high school, play a style we refer to as "Boot-Ball." This "Boot-Ball" is characteristic of high school soccer in eastern and northern Maine. This style relies solely on athletic ability where roughness, strength, speed, and kicking the ball as far as you can as hard as you can prevail.

This is a tough issue to tackle as a coach because it's tough to break players' old habits. Probably the only way to avoid this contrast in styles of play is to recruit players who share the same style. This is what University of Maine coach Jim Dyer does.

Thus far, this article points out the negative aspects of our season. There were many positive things as well. We improved individually and as a team. We've adjusted to coach Ashby's style and we know what he expects of us. A good foundation was laid for next year's club, and I think we all enjoyed ourselves.

Nobody likes to make excuses for a losing season, and it's easy to sit back a month after your last game and criticize the season. However, it's important to evaluate what happened so adjustments can be made and hopefully improvements will be seen next fall.



Unfortunately, the 1989 season wasn't always this joyful.

Photo by Derek King

Next week...An interview with TNT.