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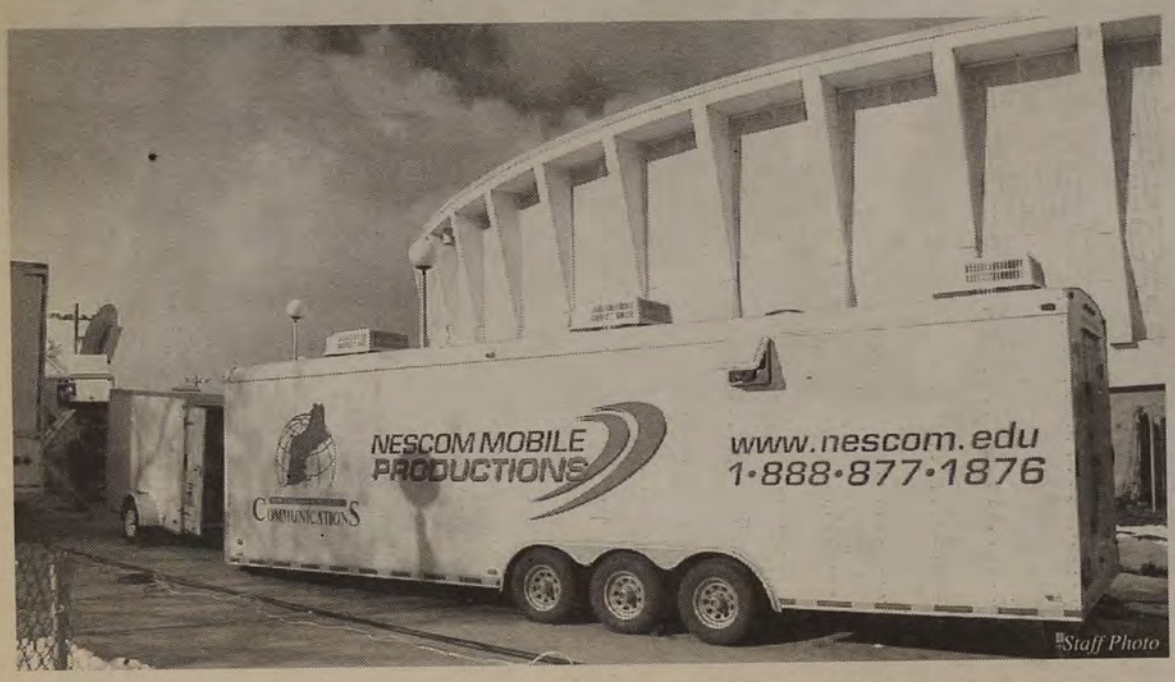
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Hanging out with the big boys The New England School of Communications mobile unit sits parked outside Springfield College over the weekend of January 19th. The mobile unit and its crew, which consisted of about ninety percent NESCom staff and students, was used to broadcast three basketball games for ESPN360.com.

ESPN Teams Up With NESCom Mobile Productions

By Len Harlow

When you have state of the art equipment and the expertise to use it, the big boys come calling. That is the case for the New England School of Communications, which rented its recently constructed mobile television unit to ESPN-360 to televise three of the games at the Spalding Hoophall Classic at Springfield College's Blake Arena, this past Sunday, January 20th.

Sunday's games were part of the High School All-Star Tournament at the site of the Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, MA., January 18th-21st, and which featured nine of the top 25 high school basketball teams in the country and many of the top 100 players.

Accompanying NESCom's mobile unit and truck to Springfield was 15 staff members and six students as well as several sub-contractors and Hoop TV employees to operate the unit's EVS replay machine, cameras, audio, intercom, switcher and recording equipment. The three announcers, an executive

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A Work in Progress:
Husson's New Addition, the Meeting House

By Eleanor Kipping

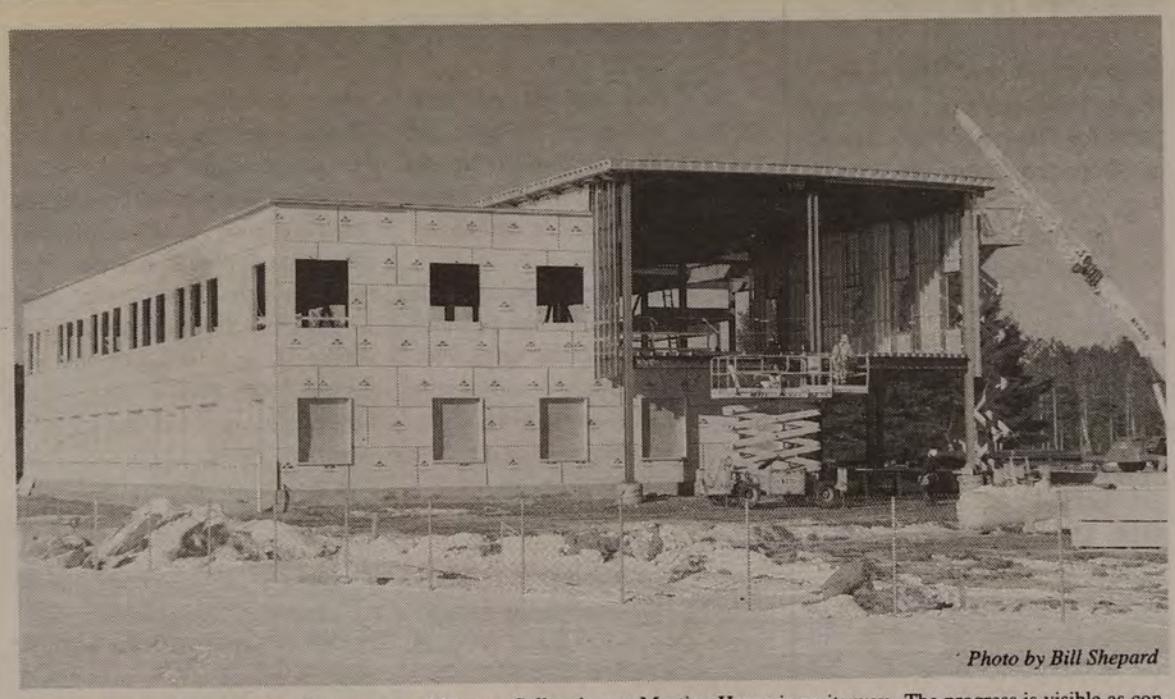
Many students wait in excited anticipation of The Meeting House on the Husson College Campus. From the ground breaking, which took place on September 27th of 2007 to now, an actual steel structure has begun to form in the center of One College Circle, demanding the attention of all who pass. Many people have questions regarding the progress of this massive project.

The construction of The Meeting House has thus far been an exciting experience for all involved. The building will house 9 new classrooms, each equipped with digital technology, and the Gracie Theatre. The 500-seat theater will house state-of-the art lighting equipment and control rooms. The project is currently still on budget.

"It [first theatre performance] will probably be a musical. We will most likely begin working on it this fall, before the theatre is even complete! "

Due to the frequent snowstorms, however, the construction schedule is somewhat behind. Every time it snows, workers must relocate all the building's steel and equipment. The classrooms are expected to be in use by autumn of 2008, leaving the first theatre opening to spring of 2009. "It will probably be a musical," says Thom Johnson of the New England School of Communications. "We will most likely begin working on it this fall, before the theatre is even complete!" With

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Showing the work in progress Construction of Husson College's new Meeting House is on its way. The progress is visible as construction crews work through the bitter cold weather to make sure the Meeting House stays on schedule.

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Car Crash Wrecks Husson Employee
Wishing Well To Chef Michael Junkins

By Stacey Libby

For most of Husson students, Wednesday January 23rd, was just another day at college, but for Husson's very own morning chef, Michael Junkins it was an unforgettable day. Junkins was injured with head lacerations, and a possible broken leg after being hit by a vehicle while crossing the intersection of State and Broadway. Soon after, Junkins was rushed to Eastern Maine Medical Center.

The driver responsible, 25 year old Natalie Rodriquez, was charged with operating a vehicle without a valid license, and driving with an obstructed view. Rodriquez's vehicle windows were covered with ice, and although she is restricted to wearing glasses while driving, she did not have them
on.

It is unknown the exact date Junkins will be returning to Husson College, pending a possible surgery for his leg.

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Staff Photo

Paying a Visit to Husson College Inspector General for the Iraq Reconstruction visited Husson College over winter break. The inspector general, Stuart Bowen, spoke to the gathered listeners on campus.

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the construction of The Meeting House successfully underway, plans for Husson's Pharmaceutical Department are also underway. The new space being created by The Meeting House will benefit that program as well.

The only change or difficulty is that the original design for the Gracie Theatre featured a full orchestra as well as a level beneath the stage. After further examining the surrounding lands, it was decided to pass on the under stage. The surrounding wetlands would provide for an impractical, expensive and dramatic draining system. However, the theatre will still have the advantage of a full orchestra pit. The theatre will accommodate a complex electronic system which is proving to be an interesting experience in itself. All of the lighting in the structure has to be manually and robotically controlled. Although this is a benefit, its still requires a lot of technical consideration and manual labor.

The Meeting House is going to undoubtedly offer something to both the students and faculty of Husson and NESCom. With more space to grow and the tools needed to teach, it is going to offer a variety of opportunities and learning experiences which New England as well as Bangor, Maine has yet to see.

A Sense of Community

By Robert Kilpeck

Welcome to all who are new to Husson College, and welcome back to those returning students, faculty, and staff. I trust that you all had a safe and enjoyable holiday break.

As everyone knows, life on a college campus can be much like that in any other town, city, or community. It is a community where we live, work, dine, entertain, and socialize. As is the case with all communities, we interact with people who inspire and impress us, and those who do not.

The campus community affords us the opportunity to meet people from all walks of life and to expand our own horizons by being able to experience other cultures, religions, beliefs and understandings. It's a community where you are encouraged to open up dialog about diverse issues in an attempt to gain understanding from others while sharing your own. It's also a place where you can learn to disagree without being disagreeable. It's a place where respect and courtesy begets respect and courtesy, while disrespect for ones person, property, or space, results in negative consequences for all concerned.

This community just like all others is a place where you must watch out for others, because not everyone shares the same values. While the overwhelming majority of people here and elsewhere are honorable and honest, there are still those who deserve our scrutiny, and sometimes our guidance. The person, who would sell a lost book, would in all probability steal a book, perhaps your book to sell. The person, who would steal from your room, is stealing from your home, and the person, who would steal from the campus, or vandalize campus property, is stealing from, and vandalizing your community, and as a member of this community, it is your right and your duty to discourage and report such deviate behavior.

Every time that maintenance is called to repair a vandalized door, window, lock, toilet, sink, towel dispenser, exit sign, traffic sign, fire extinguisher, or article of furniture, it cost everyone. Every time the Bangor Fire Department has to respond to a false alarm, it cost everyone, not to mention the danger associated by putting these brave fire fighters in harms way every time they respond to what they consider an emergency.

So please all keep in mine, that this is not high school anymore, to the contrary this is a community of young adults. Protect yourself, protect your friends, and protect the reputation of this fine institution of higher learning by abiding by the community code. Be good citizens and know that every crime that is committed on this campus, your community, is reported annually to the US department of Education where it becomes public record. I am proud to tell you that our statistics look pretty good, but it is up to you to help us keep them that way. It is up to you to report inappropriate behavior. Don't concern yourself with being called a snitch, because the only ones who would call you a snitch are those who would be guilty of the inappropriate behavior, and perhaps they shouldn't be here or, perhaps they need some positive intervention.

We are at your service, and we are always striving to make this a safe and secure community for all. You may have noticed that our tolerance for inappropriate and criminal behavior has lessoned, but we could use your help. If you witness a crime being committed, or any behavior that constitutes inappropriate community behavior, please report it to the Department of Safety and Security. If you would like to leave me information anonymously, feel free to call me direct at Ext 7785 or 941-7785 from an outside line.

This is your community. This will be your Alma Mater. You can make a difference.

A Call For "Victims"

By Susan Patten

Local emergency response agencies are looking for student actors to play the role of "victim" in a very important dramatic production. The performance will be the first weekend in May and the venue is Bangor International Airport.

The Federal Aviation Administration requires responders to evaluate the effectiveness of Bangor International Airport's emergency plan. This is done by holding a comprehensive, full-size Field Emergency Plan Exercise or EPLEX, which is conducted every three years. The exercise is based on a scenario depicting a real life threat or emergency. The exercise determines the effectiveness of emergency personnel and their ability to coordinate resources and manage a crisis.

The unfortunate reality, in almost all cases, is most emergencies involve victims. The exercise in May will require one hundred or more volunteers to play the roles of victims. "This will require the use of medical supplies and ground transportation resources to effectively simulate the incident," says Vance Tripp, Bangor Assistant Fire Chief. Responders will also be dealing with simulated fire, staged at different locations to further inject a sense of realism.

If you would like to participate in the exercise, call or email me at 973-1092 or susan@nescom.edu

Bangor Theological Seminary Convocation 2008

By Becky Wright

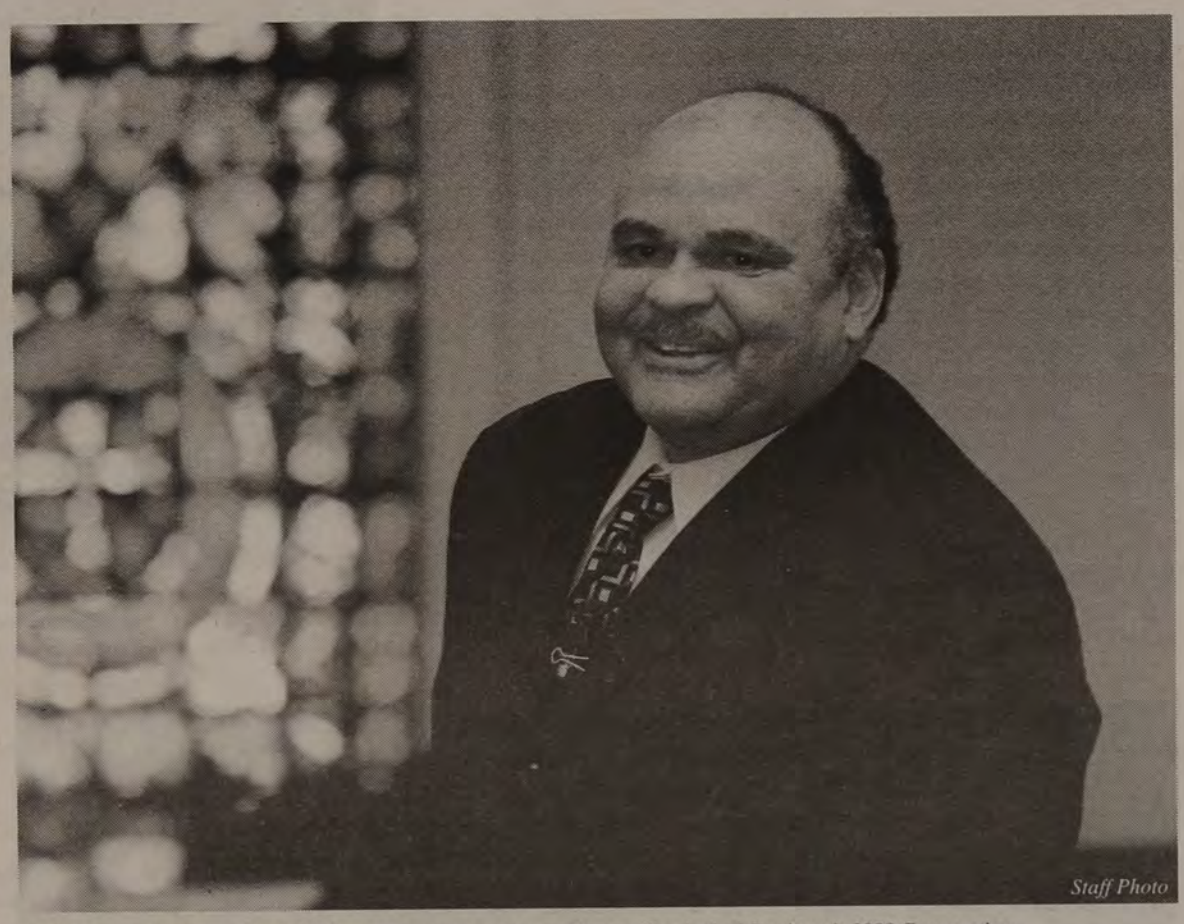
In the Bangor Theological Seminary course catalog of 1903-1904, the Seminary's first convocation was described as an opportunity of "bringing students into personal touch with great living experts." The description continued noting that the "generosity of friends of the Seminary has provided for three courses of lectures." With one or two exceptions, primarily during World War I and World War II, convocation has been an annual event since 1905.

"She [Mel Bringle] helped to open my mind to other ways of leading worship."

The list of those who have lectured and preached includes the names of many of the great theologians and preachers of the 20th Century including Reinhold Niebuhr, Paul Tillich and Henry Sloan Coffin. In the early days, convocation lasted a full week and attendance was limited primarily to seminary students and their professors. For many years now, the lectures and worship services have been open to all who are interested in the theme being explored. Area clergy and interested lay people from near and far join Seminary students and faculty for what is now generally a two- or three-day event.

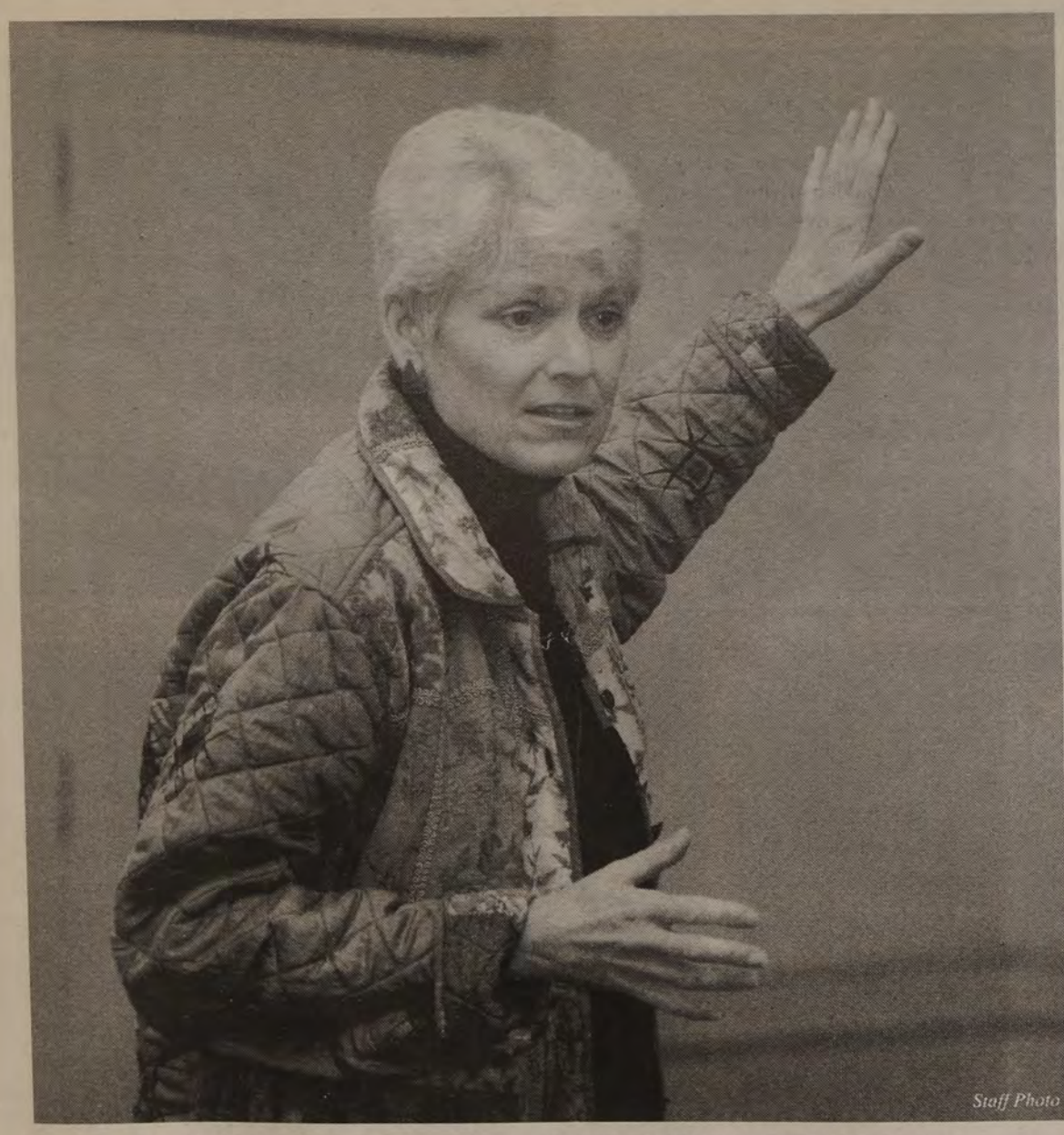
The theme of Convocation 2008 was "Festival of Preaching." The nearly 200 men and women attending heard a range of preachers from the Reverend Dr. Nancy Taylor, the first woman in 355 years to be elected senior minister of Old South Church in Boston to the Reverend Dr. John Kinney, Dean of Virginia Union School of Theology, whose preaching has grown out of the African-American tradition. Dr. Mary Louise (Mel) Bringle, an award-winning hymn writer, offered much practical advice on hymns and hymn singing.

Seminary student, Sarah Pringle Lewis, and the Reverend Dr. John McCall, senior pastor of the First Congregational Church, UCC of South Portland offered brief but powerful sermons honoring the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The Chairman of the Seminary's Board of Trustees the Reverend Dr. Kenneth Brookes '72 and the Reverend Elaine Hewes '97, pastor of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Bangor also participated in early morning worship. One of the highlights of the evening programs was Seminary graduate Kate Braestrup, author of the best-selling book, Here if you need me, who shared an often humorous account of what is like to be a best-selling author and the first woman to serve as chaplain of the Maine Warden's Service.


Staff Photo

Adding on another year Dr. John Kinney was among those at Bangor Theological Seminary's 2008 Convocation .

Convocation 2008 received high marks from many of those attending. Angela Tarbox, a seminary student and member of the North Brewer-Eddington United Methodist Church, was quoted in the Bangor Daily News and was especially positive about Mel Bringle's lectures. Angela said "She helped to open my mind to other ways of leading worship," and "she opened me up to a more creative way of thinking." Plans are underway for Convocation 2009 and the BTS community hopes that members of the Husson Community will want to attend


Staff Photo

Addressing the crowd Dr. Mary Louise (Mel) Bringle lectures at the group assembled for the BTS 2008 Convocation

Criminal Justice Club Bottle Drive

The Husson College Criminal Justice Club is collecting cans and bottles to help local families in need of heating assistance this winter. Club members are seeking the donation of returnables from students, faculties, and staff throughout the remainder of January. Additionally, several area businesses have agreed to participate in this community service endeavor. All proceeds will be translated into fuel cards through the Dead River Company and distributed to families in February and March.

On Monday, February 4, 2008, the club will be collecting bottles and cans throughout the dorms. Please save your donations!

If you would like to either donate or volunteer time to help, please contact Professor Cornel Plebani at 973-1022.

ESPN Mobile

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producer and a producer were supplied by ESPN.

According to Rod Verrill, NESCom's executive director of video productions, the ESPN connection was a good fit for both the national TV outlet and the school. "While we're not an expensive mobile unit, we are very cost effective for ESPN to produce and stream games on the Internet. After discussion with the ESPN executives, I know they are looking for the new generation of broadcasters and hopefully this will lead to a strategic partnership between us," he says.

Some of the top high school teams in the tournament included number one Oak Hill Academy(VA.), number two St. Anthony's of New Jersey and perennial top 10 DeMatha Catholic(MD.) The games featured both boys and girls teams. Among the New England teams involved were Brewster Academy (NH) and St. Thomas More of Oakdale, CT.

Three of the Sunday games were produced and broadcasted by the team containing the NESCom staff, students, and mobile production truck. The games were streamed on ESPN360.com as well as some being re-broadcasted on ESPN-U the following day.



Putting It All Together A total of six students and fifteen NESCom staff helped run operations during three basketball broadcasts for ESPN360.com. The Spaulding Hoop Hall Classic was held in Springfield, Massachusetts at Springfield College. Above: Brandon Gassett operates the video swithcer during the games.



Above: Craig McDonough operates the audio console during one fo the three games broadcasted.

"Knowing that I worked for ESPN was a great feeling. It will be an amazing thing to add to my resume," Brandon Gassett, junior video student at NESCom.

"I have to say that mixing sound for an ESPN broadcast was the best experience I have had while here at NESCom. Not only was it an amazing experience, but it helped build NESCom's relationship with ESPN," Craig McDonough, senior audio student at NESCom.

"I can not imagine anything matching the opportunity this provided out students. We had a chance, as a school, to work with the best in the industry and we held our own every step of the way. In the end I received nothing but compliments from the president of ESPN360.com on the work our students did," Frank Welch, video instructor at NESCom.

"It was awesome. Probably one of the best experiences I have had in college," Kevin Matlock, senior video student at NESCom.

"It was great to be able to get real life experience while still in school. Where else are you going to get that?" Kasey Mehuren, junior video student at NESCom.

"It was not a surprise to me that the staff and students that were assembled for this production exceeded the expectations. This broadcast was as real life as it gets," Larry Ayotte, video and photography instructor at NESCom

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"It was like a two day adrenaline rush," Tracy Bantegui, junior video student at NESCom.



Above: Kasey Mehuren helps assitant produce during the games, working closely with the talent.





Above: Members of the production team meet for a brief moment before the three game broadcast. The announcers and sideline reporter for the games were provided by ESPN360.com Right: Tracy Bantegui stands with ESPN sideline reporter. Bantegui also helped assistant produce, working closely with the talent and producer.

Brad Ryder's Story as the Owner of Epic Sports

By Jillian Whitney

Brad Ryder stands at the top of the winding staircase on the second level of the store, looking down at the 13,000 square feet that is Epic Sports, his home away from home. It was even his home before that when it was Cadillac Mountain Sports. But he's never regretted his choice to open his own business and leave the world of franchises smoldering in the dust behind him.

Brad stands of average height, but straight and strong. His goatee is sprinkled with gray flecks to match his hair, a reminder of the years now behind him. He wears khakis and a warm green vest and just by looking at him you can tell that he loves to be outdoors.

When Epic Sports first moved into the old W.T. Grant building, Brad used the second floor for storage, but it is set up now to beckon the outdoor adventurer like himself. His eyes pan the tents and sleeping bags set up on the floor showing customers what fun they are missing out on. The kayaks and canoes are neatly set in their tall wooden stands, tempting him to take a day off to be on the water. He glances proudly around his store, remarking over the road long traveled to get to this point. He chuckles now to think that the life of his dreams has led him back here to Bangor. But he would have it no other way.

"You get to know your neighbors and car about them. Some will leave, but new ones will come in."

Brad descends the black metal stairs slowly to the first floor with a strong hand on the cold railing. He is reminded of the way he once proudly marched down the aisle to receive his diploma from Husson College many years ago. He smiles as his mind wanders to his Kappa Delta Phi brothers and he wonders what their lives are like now.

Brad lingers at the bottom of the steps and looks around at the displays and wall hangings that his staff have creatively constructed and arranged. It wasn't like this 10 years ago when he and his wife first entered the building to clean what would soon be Cadillac Mountain Sports. The building had been vacant for two years and a series of trashy bars and smoke-hazed night clubs had taken up home there before that. There had still been beer cups on the floor when they began remodeling the building.

Brad has always known this is the career he wanted, and it shows in his 30 years of retail experience. After college he began a life in retail as a manager for a local drugstore called Rexol. From there, he was a manager for Welby Drug Store and when Rite Aid bought that company, he continued to be a manager for them for two more years. "I loved retail but knew there had to be a better life out there," Brad recalls. Answering an ad to Cadillac Moun-

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Student Activities Schedule

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FEBRUARY 1
- 9:00pm-12:00am BLACK & WHITE DANCE in Furman Center sponsored by 2nd and 7th floor Hart

FEBRUARY 2
- 10:00PM SHANELLE GABRIEL, ACTIVIST/POET/MUSICIAN Kominsky

FEBRUARY 3
- 8:00PM SUPER BOWL PARTY in Furman Center by MEX & Student Activities

FEBRUARY 6
- 10:00pm TOMMY JOHNIGAN, COMEDIAN in Furman

FEBRUARY 7
- 9:30PM STEALING JANE, BAND in Furman

FEBRUARY 9
- 10:00PM-1:00PM KARAOKE in Furman

FEBRUARY 12
- 9:00PM TEASER & 10:00PM PERFORMANCE MICHAEL KENT: MAGICIAN/COMEDIAN in Furman & Kominsky

FEBRUARY 13
- 12:00pm-9:00pm PETER BIELAGUS FINANCIAL ADVISOR Kominsky, Campus Center, classrooms

FEBRUARY 14
- 11:30AM-1:30PM STEVE ERWIN: SINGER/SONGWRITER in Campus Center
- 10:00PM-11:30PM CALEB HAWLEY: SINGER/SONGWRITER in Furman

FEBRUARY 15
- 10:00pm JAY BLACK COMEDIAN in Furman Center

FEBRUARY 16
- 1:00PM-5:00PM DDR & GUITAR HERO in Furman Center

FEBRUARY 22
- 7:30-11:30PM WINTER GAMES Outdoor/Indoor
- 5:00PM(TENTATIVE) GREAT WINTER CHILI COOK-OFF in DDC

FEBRUARY 23
- 11:30AM(TENTATIVE) GREAT WINTER CHILI COOK-OFF in DDC
- 1:00PM –TBA WINTER GAMES Indoor/Outdoor
- 10:00PM-11:00 MICHELLE BUTEAU COMEDIAN in Furman Center

Beating The Pump

By Seth Davis

So you went a bit overboard spending on gifts for the holidays. Perhaps you spent a little too much cash on eggnog this New Year. And now you come back to school and think you might actually buy a book or two. Yet we all know as we start this new year, there is one expense that will not go away, especially if you live off campus. Gas.

The average gas price in Bangor is currently $3.12 a gallon. Sure it has gone down in recent days, but a year ago according to mainegasprices.com we were paying $2.19. I walked around campus to find out how it was affecting people. Second year student Dan Perichino driving from Orono admits to feeling the pinch. "I spend most of my money on gas, just getting to and from school. I couldn't even make it to a couple classes last semester; I had to wait for my next pay check."

It is a problem all too familiar to students and Mainers. Sociology professor, Kirstin Lindstron also feels the daily effects of gas prices. "Usually on the weekends I like to go out somewhere in Maine, I just can't do that anymore." Lindstron admitted that she has had to give up things she enjoyed like skiing. Perichino and other students might have to save a few paychecks to get the new H-X Hummer or "Green Hummer," that runs off ethanol. Car companies, especially struggling American brands are scrambling to go green. I even heard a local furniture store offering $25 gas cards to customers for each piece of furniture they buy. So until a rail system to campus is built what can be done to save money? Well we always have each other, not just car pooling, but thanks to GasBuddy.com you can find the cheapest prices in your area. Their motto is "Consumers working together to save on gas." The website like many in this era, asks that you become a "member" and asks each member to report the gas prices after a filling up at the pump. They reward you for doing so with points. Points can also be earned by participating in the website's forum, polls, and reading news items. The points earn you a chance at daily raffles for gas cards up to $250.

You don't need to be a member to get the up to the minute information on the cheapest gas prices in your area: currently, the member's only Sam's club price is at $2.99. It seems membership does have its privileges. Here are some helpful tips, thanks to GasBuddy and MaineGasprices.com:

• Avoid High Speeds - As your speed increases, your aerodynamic drag increases in an exponential fashion. Driving 62 mph (100 km/h) vs 75 mph (120 km/h) will reduce fuel consumption by about 15%.

• Do Not Accelerate or Brake Hard -By anticipating the traffic and applying slow steady acceleration and braking, fuel economy may increase by as much as 20%.

• Keep Tires Properly Inflated - Keep tire air pressure at the level recommended by your vehicle manufacturer. A single tire under inflated by 2 PSI, increases fuel consumption by 1%.

• Keep Windows Closed - Windows open, especially at highway speeds, increase drag and result in decreased fuel economy of up to 10%.

• Service Vehicle Regularly - Proper maintenance avoids poor fuel economy related to dirty air filters, old spark plugs or low fluid levels.

• Use Cruise Control - Maintaining a constant speed over long distances often saves gas.

• Purchase a Fuel Efficient Vehicle - When buying a new vehicle examine the vehicle's rated fuel efficiency. Usually choosing a small vehicle with a manual transmission will provide you with great fuel economy.

America's Top Expert On Young People and their Money Set to Visit

Financial Advisor Ready to Jumpstar the Financial Lives of Husson and NESCom Students

Courtesy of www.peterbspeaks.com

Speaker, author and licensed financial advisor Peter Bielagus, (affectionately known as "The Go To Guy For Young People and Their Money") is coming to Husson College for one day only to present a series of financial presentations to the students, on February 13th.

Bielagus, a twenty something who himself was $5000 in credit card debt his freshman year of college began touring the country three years ago trying to prevent college students from making the same mistakes with the finances as he did. "When I arrived on campus, I signed up for every credit card they threw in front of me. No one ever told me this hurts my credit score. No one ever told me I even had a credit score." Bielagus chronicled his journey out of the debt dungeon by writing Getting Loaded: A Complete Personal Finance Guide For Students And Young Professionals. (Published by Penguin Putnam/NAL 2003)

"This number [credit score] literally determines how expensive your life will be and will affect your ability to get a job."

As one of the few professional speakers committed exclusively to this niche, Peter travels to colleges and universities nationwide introducing college students to their financial lives. "Most Americans let alone most college students don't know what their credit score is." Says Bielagus, "This number literally determines how expensive your life will be and will affect your ability to get a job. I try to tell students the financial information they need to know before they need to know it."

Peter provides an upbeat and outspoken interview that teaches audiences how to jumpstart their financial lives. Peter Bielagus will be on the Husson College campus on Wednesday, February 13th, from 12pm until 9pm. Bielagus will be giving a number of presentations as well as offering students a chance to win free cash prizes. Presentation locations will include the Campus Center, Kominsky, and some classrooms in Peabody Hall.

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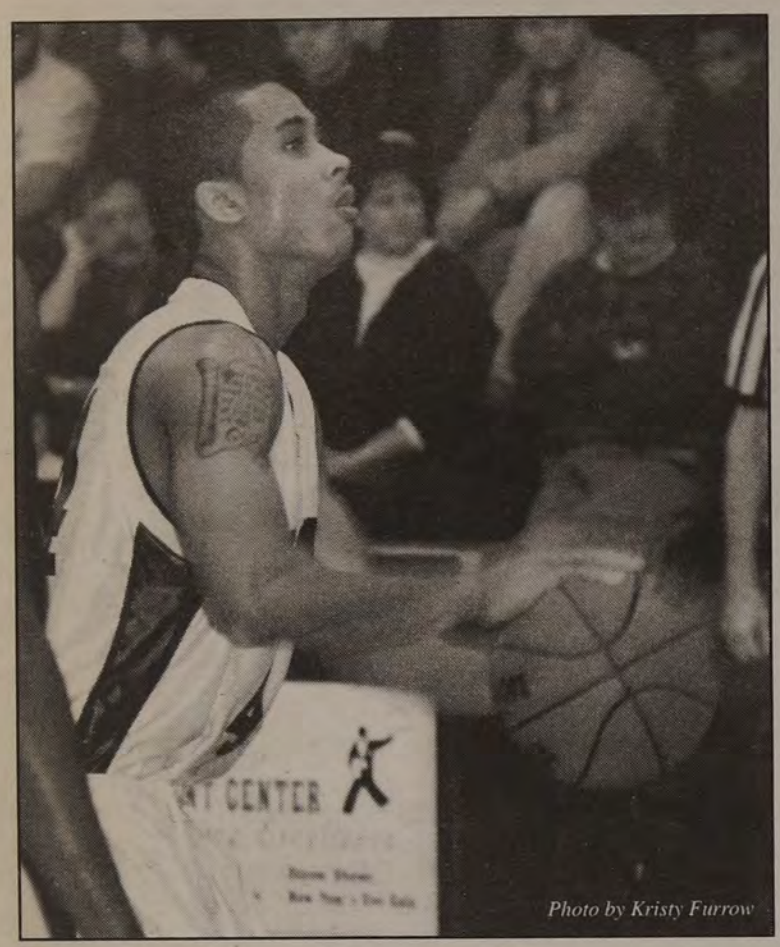


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Husson Sports Schedule

FEBRUARY 1
- 6:00PM WOMEN'S BASKETBALL @ BECKER COLLEGE
- 8:00PM MEN'S BASKETBALL @ BECKER COLLEGE

FEBRUARY 2
- 2:00PM WOMEN'S BASKETBALL @ ELM'S COLLEGE
- 4:00PM MEN'S BASKETBALL @ ELM'S COLLEGE

FEBRUARY 5
- 7:00PM WOMEN'S BASKETBALL @ COLBY COLLEGE

FEBRUARY 8
- 6:00PM WOMEN'S BASKETBALL VS. JOHNSON STATE COLLEGE
- 8:00PM MEN'S BASKETBALL VS. JOHNSON STATE

FEBRUARY 9
- 2:00 P.M. WOMEN'S BASKETBALL VS. CASTLETON STATE COLLEGE
- 4:00PM MEN'S BASKETBALL VS. CASTLETON STATE COLLEGE

FEBRUARY 13
- 7:00PM JV MEN'S BASKETBALL VS. LEE ACADEMY

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15
-ALL DAY WOMEN'S SWIMMING @ NEISDA TRIALS/FINALS
- 6:30PM WOMEN'S BASKETBALL @ LESLEY COLLEGE

FEBRUARY 16
- ALL DAY WOMEN'S SWIMMING @NEISDA TRIALS/FINALS
- 2:00PM WOMEN'S BASKETBALL @V BAY PATH COLLEGE

FEBRUARY 17
- ALL DAY WOMEN'S SWIMMING @ NEISDA TRIALS/FINALS

FEBRUARY 19
- 5:30 P.M. WOMEN'S BASKETBALL VS. THOMAS COLLEGE
- 7:30PM MEN'S BASKETBALL VS. THOMAS COLLEGE

FEBRUARY 21
- 7:00PM JV MEN'S BASKETBALL VS. SMCC

FEBRUARY 22
- 6:PM WOMEN'S BASKETBALL VS. MAINE MARITIME ACADEMY
- 8:00PM MEN'S BASKETBALL VS. MAINE MARITIME ACADEMY
- ALUMNI BASKETBALL GAME IN Newman Gym (DURING HALFTIME VARSITY GAMES)



Photo by Kristy Furrow

Opportunity Knocks For Husson Basketball

By Rob Poindexter

After a doubleheader sweep of the University of Maine Farmington, the Husson Eagles men's and women's teams control their own destiny as they enter a crucial road trip against North Atlantic Conference foe's beginning Monday night in Castine against Maine Maritime Academy.

The Husson women enter the trip red hot, riding a six game winning streak that has seen them take no prisoners, pounding their opponents by an average of fourteen points per game. They're 5-0 in conference play, and with a strong showing on this road trip, could take a stranglehold on the conference.

Head Coach Kissy Walker's crew overwhelmed UMaine Presque Isle Friday behind Shelby Bradford, who made the inside painted area her house, and everyone else was just paying her rent. She scored 12 points and yanked down game high 14 rebounds as Husson cruised to a nine-point advantage at the half. Bethany Sevey poured in a team high 17 points, including 3-4 from behind the three-point line as Husson chalked up a 64-56 victory.

After starting the season 0-4, Husson has gone an astonishing 9-2 since, giving them the opportunity to control their own destiny.

The Husson men used a balanced attack to help the Eagles complete the doubleheader sweep over Presque Isle. Scott Kissinger and Matt Mackenzie scored 18 points each and Blaine Meehan and Sheraud Lee added 15 apiece as Husson outlasted Presque Isle 90-81. Husson used an outside attack, launching 3-point daggers all night, to hold Presque Isle off, despite a blistering shooting night for the Owls who shot 50 percent from the floor for the game.

The Husson men face a big test Monday night when they battle the Mariners of Maine Maritime Academy for North Atlantic Conference supremacy Monday night.

Counselors' Corner:

Looking At How To Simplify

By Rene Collins

Hans Hoffman reminds us that "The ability to simplify means to eliminate the unnecessary so that the necessary may speak." What better time to simplify than at the beginning of something new, like a college semester?

Simplifying is more than randomly paring down or eliminating. To just cut something in order to simplify could lead to dangerous outcomes. Simplifying requires deliberate thought about choosing priorities and then devoting time and energies to them. For college students, simplifying can involve, but is not limited to, academics, athletics, relationships, or personal wellness.

How will you decide what is unnecessary and what is necessary? Spending hours a day communicating with friends may be necessary to you, but unnecessary to your roommate, who prefers to spend time exercising or reading a novel. Simplifying means understanding what is important to you, not what is important to someone else—unless of course that someone is your professor who believes doing homework is necessary. (Note to professors: I agree with you!)

Staying with the words of Hoffman, what will the necessary in your life say when it speaks? Will you listen? Do you have a pattern of responding to the unnecessary so as to avoid what is necessary? Do your friends and family respect your necessary, or do they encourage the unnecessary, which ultimately may benefit them but not you?

On the surface, simplifying seems so simple, yet it really can be complicated! Just how does that happen? It happens because most humans really do pay attention to the words of others, their actions and their wishes for us. It happens because we are not always able to prioritize for what we need, but instead do so for what we want. I promise you that once you learn to effectively simplify, you will be a more efficient, relaxed, and content person.

If you would like assistance learning how to simplify, call Rene (7981) or Jayne (7184). We'll help you listen to your necessary speak.

Epic Sports

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tain Sports in Bar Harbor set him on the path to a job he would later consider "play." Soon he was managing a new branch in Bangor. It all happened so fast that these memories blend together in his mind, making a great recipe for continued success.

He walks now, hands in pockets, to the back room of the store, wandering among the shelves of footwear, now the owner of Epic Sports. When these words first sounded in his head, he was filled with euphoria and fear all at once. With the Cadillac Mountain Sports franchise came more and more restrictions. After soul-searching and internal debates, Brad decided to pull away from the franchise and open his own store. Owner of Epic Sports. He thinks about the drive to Providence, Rhode Island, when he and his wife went to a buying show and used the six hour drive to come up with names for their new business. He looks around the store and a North Face jacket catches his eye. "That night I had remembered a climber for North Face, Craig Evans, as once being described as an 'epic adventurer,'" says Brad. Epic. He and his wife briefly pondered the word before decided it would fit. Epic Sports.

He strolls lightly to the front of the store where light floods the store through the long wall of decorated windows. He passes a customer looking at gear for a little one and pictures of his new baby granddaughter, Avery, scroll by in his head. Finally a grandfather. As he reaches the window, his eyes adjust to the gorgeous sunny day painting the sidewalk of downtown Bangor. Brad's wise eyes, framed by his rimless glasses, scan the area and fall across surrounding businesses. He likes that this is a neighborhood. "You get to know your neighbors and care about them," Brad says. "Some will leave, but new ones will come in."

A wave of content washes over him at the thought of being such a big part of a close knit downtown community. When he lived in Bangor during college he never used to go downtown. "It has been quite a change to live and breathe here," he says with a smirk. The relationship with the city, the atmosphere downtown; it is the perfect environment to own a business.

The sun falls briefly behind a wisp of cloud and the reflection on the glass disappears to reveal people walking in the street. Some are hand in hand, others walk dogs on leashes or carry coffee while they talk on a cell phone. A deep sigh settles in his chest and he tries to hide a proud smile. His life is what he dreamed. He feels at home.

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