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Bangor to Bangkok and Beyond

Paul Husson and his colleagues set out on a worldwide journey

INSIDE









Celebrating Clara's 100th Birthday

Husson University celebrated Clara Swan's 100th Birthday party on Saturday, April 28th at the Gracie Theatre. A 1933 graduate of Husson University, Clara has dedicated her life to teaching, mentoring, and service to Husson University, its students, and the community in which she lives. Over 300 Husson alumni, students, friends, and members of the greater community gathered to celebrate this incredible milestone in Clara's life. The event included a social time in the Darling Atrium followed by presentations in the Gracie Theatre. A complete photo gallery of the event can be found on the Husson website.



















Dear Alumni and Friends,



Since our last issue, we've experienced a number of positive events and developments including our 113th Commencement, Clara Swan's 100th Birthday Celebration, the offering of four new degree programs, and the launch of a dynamic new website. In addition, we recently celebrated the opening of the new Living and Learning Center and the newly renovated Dickerman Dining Center. Although these activities are diverse in nature they are all connected to the University's common goal of delivering an educational experience that transforms students' lives and advances their success.

Also tied to this common goal is our commitment to providing a diverse cultural experience for our students. To this end, I recently traveled to Thailand, and other Husson colleagues traveled to Korea, Thailand, and Japan to build connections with other institutions and strengthen relationships with our international alumni. These connections not only strengthen our outreach, but also enhance our own community's understanding of the importance of diversity. It fosters a common understanding about the importance of experiential learning and global perspective that is a distinguishing feature of a Husson education.

It is also great to recognize that one of Husson's own, Dr. Sandip Wilson, Associate Professor of Education is currently serving as a Fulbright Scholar in India this fall. Having served as a Fulbright Scholar in Norway, I know that the experience will enrich Dr. Wilson's classes upon her return.

We've focused on our international efforts in this issue, and we hope you'll see how these new connections can have an impact on our current generation of students. I think you'll agree that connections – student to student, student to faculty, you to us – make a difference, and benefit everyone involved.

Thank you for your continuing support of Husson University.

With appreciation,

Robert A. Clark, PhD, CFA
President



I am constantly reminded of why Husson University is such a special institution. I am also reminded of the special people who have worked and continue to work at Husson. Most recently this realization took place on a trip to Asia…with Paul Husson. As I went through the photos when we arrived back home, I began calling our trip "Paul and Tom's Great Adventure" in jest. Hopefully the article will convey just how great this adventure was. I hope this letter can set the stage.

Paul, who as he says has been everything at Husson from janitor to trustee, served as director of admissions and then as director of international recruitment for many years. About 10 years ago he was sidelined with serious bouts of cancer. With his health challenges the international program was sidelined too. Our trip was to regain a lost legacy. A legacy that predated most U.S. Universities' efforts in attracting international students. Husson and Paul were ahead of their time.

In the 1960s through the early 2000s, parents from international countries, many of them in Asia, sent their students to Husson. They did not stop at the named institutions on the West Coast. Nor did they end up in the large cities of the East Coast. Instead, the students ended up in Bangor, Maine, at Husson University. The stories all had a familiar ring. They came here because of the reputation of a great business school, Bangor was a safe place, and there were no large populations of their native speaking people. They were immersed in the English language.

There was one other significantly big attraction. A smiling, friendly, caring gentleman called Paul…who happened also to have the last name of the institution…Husson. Paul became the surrogate parent. He watched over the international students. Often he and Judy, his wonderful wife, had them to dinner at their home. He genuinely cared for them. They have never forgotten that care and nurturing. To say he is loved by our international alumni is a gross understatement. It's the best I can do.

I hope you will read the story. Read it for the adventure that it was. Also, read it to understand the uniqueness that it presents of an incredible University, one that keeps awakening this new Mainer about how lucky we all are to be a part of the Husson Family…both the University's and a man named Paul's!

Sincerely,

Thomas A. Martz
Vice President for Advancement

Beginning in Fall 2012, Husson is offering five new Bachelor of Science degree programs: Forensic Science, Software Development, Hospitality & Tourism Management, Retail Management, and Environmental Science. The programs were developed to help Husson students take advantage of professional opportunities in growing industries. Students who are interested in learning more about these programs or enrolling should contact the Admissions Department for more details.



Katie Armiger



Daria Rabotkina



Step Afrika!

On March 17th, Husson hosted and sponsored the *Penobscot County Spelling Bee*, in which twenty eight 8th grade students took part in an elimination-style spelling competition in the Gracie Theatre. Winner Caitlin Hillery achieved victory with her correct spelling of the word "amphibious." Husson awarded her and a parent an all-expenses paid trip to Washington, D.C. to participate in the National Scripps Spelling Bee in May.



Throughout the spring term, the **Gracie Theatre** hosted a number of diverse and innovative performances. In February, *Aztec Two-Step*, a folk-rock duo that's been performing since 1972, brought a combination of original music and classic Simon & Garfunkel covers to the theater; next came a powerful performance by *Richard Troxell*, an opera singer who performed a series of arias and Cole Porter classics.

In March, *Daria Rabotkina*, a young piano prodigy from Russia, performed a concert featuring selections from Bach, Schumann, and Prokofiev's Ten Pieces from Romeo and Juliet. That month, the Gracie also hosted *Step Afrika!*, an American step-dancing troupe that bases its dances on modernized versions of traditional African Zulu dance steps. *Katie Armiger*, a young upstart in the country music world, hit the theater in April to promote her new album, *Confessions of a Nice Girl*. Later that month, the Husson and greater Bangor communities were entertained by *Broadway's Next H!T Musical*, an improv comedy show in which actors bring audience members' ideas to life on the stage.

Colleen Grover Joins Husson as Director of International Initiatives



Colleen Grover recently joined Husson as Director of International Initiatives. In her role, Colleen is responsible for building and growing an international program, which will include recruiting students from across the globe and working with the University community to develop support services.

Colleen comes to Husson with a strong background in international student recruitment and programming. She most recently spent eight years at John Bapst High School and eleven years at Foxcroft Academy, where she helped to build new international programs for the schools.

"I look forward to this new challenge," states Colleen. "I am eager to work with the Husson community to bring international students to the University and provide the support services they need to have a positive, enriching experience."

Colleen has established several key goals for her first year on the job. She plans to immediately begin traveling to recruit students and develop initial partnerships with at least one foreign university, and also plans to start summer programming. The International Program will eventually expand opportunities for Husson students and faculty to travel.

You'll learn more about Colleen in our next issue of the Ledger, where she will provide an update on her travels and her first few months on the job.

College of Business

Two renowned leaders in the healthcare world, *Dr. Dennis Spencer,* Harvey and Kate Cushing Professor and chair of the department of neurosurgery at Yale University School of Medicine, and *Dr. Elson So*, professor of neurology and director of

electroencephalography at the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine, presented a lecture on leadership and healthcare at the Jackson Laboratory in Bar Harbor in April, as part of Husson's Jackson Lab MBA program. The lecture was also open to the public, providing a valuable learning opportunity for medical professionals and other business leaders within the Bar Harbor community.

At the Bangor campus, the College of Business welcomed career and workplace expert ***Elizabeth Freedman*** to Gracie Theatre for a free business etiquette workshop, focused on helping students make the transformation to polished professionals. Freedman is the author of the workplace advice book, *Work 101: Learning the Ropes of the Workplace Without Hanging Yourself*.

College of Health & Education



Dr. Sandip Wilson, an associate professor of education at Husson, is currently serving as a Fulbright-Nehru Scholar at Avinashilingam University Institute for Home Science School for Women in Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, India. While there she is teaching graduate and undergraduate students. Dr. Wilson is working on teaching with a discipline-centered approach to content areas such as history, one that is focused on collaborative, interactive, and project-based learning. She is one of approximately 1,100 U.S. faculty and professionals who will travel abroad through the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program in 2012-2013.

Dr. Wilson states, "One of the motivating factors in proposing the project was that I was interested in finding out what is happening in the world, what was happening in people's lives inside and outside the academy in another country, in another culture. I wanted to bring back my experiences to Husson and our students." Other Fulbright Scholars within the Husson community include Associate Professor of Chemistry Marek Sitarski, Dean of the School of Science and Humanities Frank Hubbard, and President Bob Clark.

In February, Husson launched the Husson Institute for Continuing Health Education Programming (HI-CHEP), an educational program that provides continuing educational courses to Maine health care providers. The first program, Husson Pharmacotherapy Series, focused on improving drug-related outcomes through medication management with a focus on the patient, and was attended by pharmacists, nurse practitioners, doctors, and other health care providers.

New England School of Communications *(NESCom)*



In April, NESCom's student-run radio station, WHSN, was honored by the Broadcast Education Association (BEA) with an honorable mention in its "Signature Station" competition, which honors school radio stations that demonstrate excellence in factors including community involvement, programming, and student management. The award was granted at the Student Media Advisors business meeting in Las Vegas on April 16th.

The BEA also honored NESCom students with a first-place prize at its 2012 Festival of Media Arts in the "student audio" competition. The students won the award for their WHSN radio performance of Edgar Allan Poe's *Tales of Mystery and Imagination*, which was performed in period costume and accompanied by old-fashioned sound effects to replicate traditional radio show production values.

School of Pharmacy



In the Spring semester, 20 students and two faculty members were initiated into the Delta Delta Chapter of Phi Lambda Sigma. Phi Lambda Sigma, also known as the national Pharmacy Leadership Society, serves to promote leadership development among pharmacy students, and accepts students of high moral and academic quality who have completed at least one year towards a pharmacy degree.

School of Science & Humanities

The Husson University Symposium on Ethics presented a lecture with *Daniel E. Weuste*, director of the Robert J. Rutland Institute for Ethics and professor of philosophy at Clemson University, in April in the Gracie Theatre. Weuste presented a lecture on the nature of ethics and trust when interacting in professional fields, with a speech entitled, *"Trust Me, I'm a Professional: The Conditions and Implications of Trust and the Role of a Professional."*

Editor's note

In the Annual Report featured in our last issue, we incorrectly listed a gift from John T. Kidder III '66 as a gift in memory of David Dodge. It should have been listed in memory of Doug Dodge.

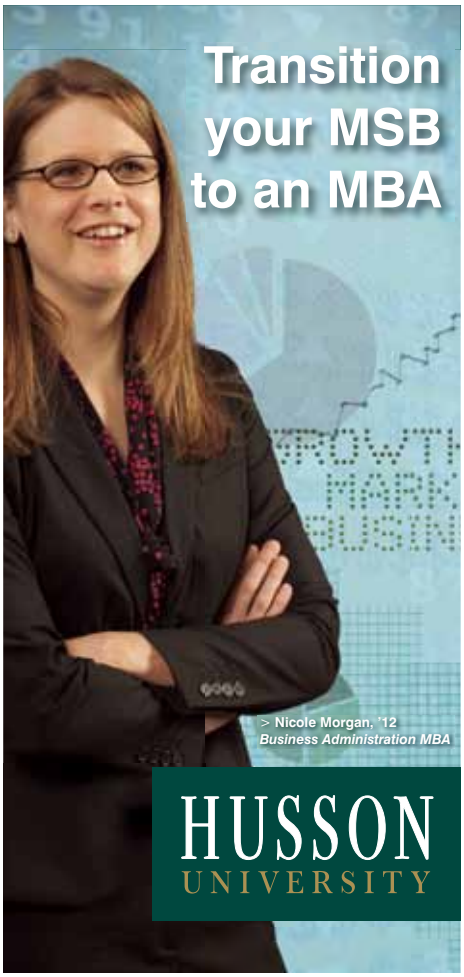
Our apologies for this error.

Husson Announces Two New M.B.A.-Related Programs

Husson University has always focused on helping students achieve their educational goals according to the learning models that work best for them. Now, the University has launched two new programs to help students gain more flexibility with learning and further their educational qualifications.

M.S.B. to M.B.A. Program

Husson launched its new Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.) program in January 2011. Prior to the program's commencement, students focused on graduate education in business enrolled in the Master of Science in Business (M.S.B.) program, which was discontinued when the M.B.A. program was launched.



Now, alumni who've completed the M.S.B. degree are able to take one or two additional courses depending on their graduation year to obtain Husson's M.B.A. degree. The courses are available online to match participants' busy schedules.

The program is fully accredited by the IACBE and the courses began in the Fall 2012 semester. Graduates from May 2009 or later are required to take one course, while those who graduated prior to May 2009 are required to take two.

Those required to take the two courses will have the flexibility to take both in the same semester or spread over two semesters, as the courses will be offered for several semesters in a row.

"We are really pleased to offer this program to our M.S.B. graduates," states Husson Provost Lynne Coy-Ogan. "We've had many alumni ask how they could earn their M.B.A. after we launched our program, and we worked to provide this option in a way that is both flexible and affordable."

Tuition for the course will be the same for the regular MBA program at $394 per credit hour, and the $40 application fee will be waived.

For eligible applicants, it is simple to enroll in the program, says Kristen Card, Director of Graduate Admissions at Husson. "Applicants simply need to send a one-page application," she says. "We could have them accepted to the program and registered within the space of a week." So far, many

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MSB alumni who graduated May 2009 or later will be required to take BA 731. Those who graduated prior to May 2009 will be required to take both BA 731 and BA 745.

BA 731 – Business and Information Technology *(3 credits)*

This graduate course approaches Information Technology from the perspective of information consumers as opposed to technology implementers. During this course, students will examine various technologies and their application within modern organizations. This course addresses the need to sift through information in an intelligent manner and make smart business decisions.
MSB alumni who graduated prior to May 2009 will be required to take BA 731 and the following additional course.

BA 745 – Innovative Global Strategy *(3 credits)*

This course will build students' awareness of the challenges that must be addressed and the opportunities that may be present when competing in the global marketplace. The course focuses on how firms apply innovative strategies to create a sustainable competitive advantage in the global arena. Course content will be drawn from readings, case analysis, online content, and discussions. The course requires students to analyze and understand real world examples of both successful and unsuccessful global strategy implementation.

Husson M.S.B. graduates have taken advantage of the program. In fact, nearly 50 students are enrolled in the Fall semester.

Online M.B.A. Program

In addition to a campus-based M.B.A. program, Husson is now offering a fully online M.B.A. program, which had a soft launch during the 2011 school year and formally launched this summer.

"The program is a great option for students looking for flexibility, such as adult learners in the workforce who are looking to fit a graduate degree into their schedules," says Card.

The online program features a community portal where students can interact with their professor and each other. Students can chat online and respond to forum posts, watch videos, read texts, and participate in interactive videoconferencing.

The 36-credit program takes two to three years on a part-time schedule, says Card. For students in the Portland, Bangor, or Presque Isle communities, the program may be taken as a hybrid of online and offline at local Husson campuses.

For more information about either program, contact Husson's Graduate Admissions Department at (207) 992-4994 or toll-free at 866-567-5990.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Josh Clark: Student Athlete Organizes Husson's First Triathlon



Josh Clark got hooked on triathlons after trying one with a fellow Husson Running Club member. "I like the feeling of accomplishment after a hard run, I like pushing myself, I like the views of the places I go," says the 21-year-old junior in Husson's physical therapy program. After participating in several triathlons, he thought that the Husson and Bangor communities might benefit from a triathlon of their own.

Working with Maj. James Karcanes, the cross-country team's head coach, he planned out a route map: A 750-meter swim in the Webber Pool, followed by a 20-kilometer bike ride towards Pushaw Lake, and ending with a 5-kilometer run. He started brainstorming over winter break and recruited 20 volunteers during his spring semester. Clark and Karcanes secured sponsorships from the Husson Running Club, the Army ROTC, and several other organizations, and made a plan to donate all entry fees to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

While at Husson, Clark has served as a resident assistant, president of running club, and vice president of the Organization of Physical Therapy Students (OPTS), but planning the triathlon challenged him to delegate more responsibilities to others.

"I've always believed that if I want something done right, I need to do it myself but with the sheer volume of everything we needed to accomplish, I told people what needed to get done and let them do it," he says. Volunteers helped by setting up the registration table and distributing flyers. Some even secured local media coverage so that Clark could appear on local radio and TV stations to promote the triathlon, which took place on April 28th.

In addition to promoting the triathlon, Clark worked with the Bangor Police Department to ensure a safe course for the triathlon. However, he says timing his marketing efforts was one of the toughest parts. "We needed to get the word out so that people could train for it, but not too early because we didn't want the Husson students to forget about it and become desensitized to our advertisements," he explains.

Clark and his volunteers' work paid off, with 68 participants in the triathlon and plenty of positive feedback. Clark is already focused on organizing another triathlon for next year, using the lessons he learned this time around.

After graduation, Clark looks forward to a career in orthopedics. "I've watched my own body get injured and heal, so that's where my interest lies," he says. "I'd like to settle down in a clinic, but long term plans are to open up my own clinic someday."

—Susan Johnston

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Saundra Pelletier, Changing Women's Lives



As CEO of WomanCare Global, an international non-profit focused on women's reproductive rights, Saundra Pelletier '91 spends much of her time traveling abroad, witnessing her organization's work on the ground in countries such as Ghana, Kenya, India, and Mexico. She doesn't make it back to her native Maine too often—but when the notable alumna made the trip to serve as commencement speaker at the New England School of Communications (NESCom) in May, she was impressed by the Husson community's connection to her mission.

"When I sat down with President Clark, I found out that he had done a lot of work in sustainable markets in Africa," says Pelletier. "I was pleased and excited that he could speak my language and understood the challenge of sustainability. It made me very hopeful for the future of the school."

Pelletier graduated from NESCom in 1989, and went on to get a business degree from Husson in 1991. She credits the schools for helping her flourish as an entrepreneur and leader. "The Husson environment is entrepreneurial, but it also has boundaries," says Pelletier. "Even though you're away from home and don't have guidance or parental supervision, it matters to the faculty if you're engaged and present. I felt like I mattered."

Pelletier put herself through school working two or three jobs at a time, but she still found time to serve as president of the Delta Sigma Delta sorority for two years. Though the Greek system often gets a reputation for cliquishness, Pelletier's experience wasn't like that at all: "It wasn't about segregating yourself from others, it was about finding ways to come together in activities that benefit school and communities," she says.

After leaving Husson, Pelletier had a successful career as a pharmaceuticals executive and global franchise leader, then an author and motivational speaker, before joining WomanCare in 2009. She is based in the international organization's San Diego office.

The nonprofit organization partners with local health clinics and doctor's offices throughout the world to provide affordable contraception, fertility, and pregnancy management options to women, and is working to become financially self-sustainable within five years. The business model relies on combining developing and developed markets: Affordable product sales in developing countries like Ghana and India are subsidized by markets like the United States and the United Kingdom. "We rob Peter to pay Paul," says Pelletier.

Pelletier's work in support of women springs from her childhood in Caribou, Maine. "I learned in Caribou, women have two choices: who to marry and how many children to have." Pelletier's mother—who had ten siblings of her own—raised her daughter to have more choices, teaching her household management skills instead of domestic chores and encouraging her to pursue higher education.

"She encouraged me to speak out for people who were invisible, especially women," says Pelletier. Pelletier believes that, by providing women across the globe with access to contraceptive options to control their futures, WomanCare Global will grant them the tools to build a better world. "When a woman is empowered, she will make the right decisions," she says.

—Kathryn Hawkins



We've always felt deeply committed to Husson. The University provided me with an invaluable education, so the notion of giving back and helping future students is a natural choice.

Making a gift of land was a win for my business and a win for Husson."

—Richard '65 & Alice Trott

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Contact **Emily Shubert Burke**
Office of Planned Giving
at 207.404.5651 *or* BurkeE@Husson.edu

ALUMNI AUTHORS

George Lambert's Second Act Career as a Writer



George Lambert '66 always knew he had a book in him. Turns out, he had a dozen—and counting.

Lambert first discovered his love of writing while at boarding school, and he pursued that passion through his years at Husson, where he served as editor of this very publication, the *Husson Ledger*.

After finishing college, he traded words for numbers. He became an accountant at Portland's KPMG Audit, where he remained for more than 28 years. In 1994, Lambert and his fellow Portland partners acquired the practice, founding the accounting firm Baker Newman & Noyes, from which he retired in 2001.

Lambert didn't plan to sit idle in his retirement, however. It was time to return to his first love: writing.

"When I retired, I told my partners I was going to start writing books," he says. "They said, 'Are you kidding me?'"

Lambert was absolutely serious, and set out to prove it. His first book project was a lovingly researched biography of his six older brothers who served in the military, titled *Brothers and Heroes: A Chronicle of Military Service of Six Americans*.

For George, the book was as much for his own benefit as anyone else's—he hadn't been accepted for service due to a knee injury, and had always loved hearing his older brothers' tales of life on the battlefield. Lambert interviewed his four surviving brothers about their time in World War II, and dove into military records to learn about their experiences.

When Lambert discovered in his research that his oldest brother, Armand, who died in service in World War II, had been court-martialed for stealing a few pieces of candy and gum, his relatives were upset. So Lambert made a few phone calls to the military, and was able to get his brother's record restored. "He died when I was two, so I hardly knew anything about him," he says. "The book served as a way to commemorate his life."

Bitten by the biography bug, Lambert next began researching his parents' lives. In the process of writing his mother's biography, Lambert came across another surprise: He thought that her treasured recipe book was lost for good, but he discovered it was at a relative's house. It made for good material: "Every chapter starts with a recipe," he says.

In addition to studying the past, Lambert's work focuses on the future. He's been writing a series of children's books for his grandchildren to enjoy. "I believe that if you develop that ability and desire to learn language at a young age, it will lead you to value education and learning," he says. Not to mention, "being a child at heart, I thought it would be easy."



Here are some other alumni turned authors…

Saundra Pelletier '91 (profiled in this issue on page 8) is the author of *Saddle Up Your Own White Horse*, a self-improvement book for women published in 2008 that provides common-sense guidelines for achieving personal and professional success. Pelletier focuses on empowering women and helping them learn to master their own destiny and pursue their goals. In addition to serving as an executive coach and author, Pelletier is the CEO of Womencare Global, a non-profit group focused on providing women all over the world with reproductive choice. She is based in the organization's San Diego office.

Donald Sperry '67 spent many years working as a CPA at a successful firm, where he was eventually made partner. However, during his time with the firm, he was witness to an 18-year legal battle, due to another partner's decision to commit tax fraud to help a client. Sperry recounts the dramatic legal saga and its aftermath in his nonfiction book, *Injustice For All*, published in 2011. Now retired, Sperry and his wife split their time between Rhinebeck, New York, and Venice, Florida.

Meet Buffie McCue, Husson's New Director of Alumni Relations



I am thrilled to step into this new role as the Director of Alumni Relations. As a member of the Husson community since 2003, I spent the past year as a Major Gift Officer, which allowed me to meet many alumni and friends. I began my time at Husson and continue currently as the cheerleading and dance team coach. Mentoring team members has provided me with the opportunity to work with current students who will soon become alumni.

My background in event planning provides me with a solid foundation in finding creative ways to bring our alumni together. I hope to further engage my passion of event planning by offering successful events not only with local and regional alumni, but also with our alumni on a national level.

It is our goal to encourage and foster lifelong alumni participation, involvement, and commitment. Over the next several months and years our goal will include strengthening the bond between the University and our alumni through hosting events and creating programs that match the interests and needs of our alumni. We will continue to build upon the existing relationships we have with our more seasoned alumni as well as increase contact and engagement with our younger alumni. Our task at hand will be to serve as the primary communication between alumni of all ages and the University. In doing so, we will create a Husson community where students and alumni engage with one another to build lifelong connections.

Throughout the year, I invite you to reach out and introduce yourself, visit campus for a tour or join us for one of our many upcoming events. I truly look forward to meeting you in the near future.

We hope that you continue to support the institution as it is ever growing.

Sincerely,

Buffie McCue



A Day with the Washington Nationals
Alumni and friends gathered in Washington, DC this April to watch the Washington Nationals take on the Florida Marlins. The event was hosted by Husson alumnus Ted Towne '96, who serves as the vice president of finance for the Washington Nationals.



A Gathering in Hartford
A handful of alumni recently enjoyed a fun, relaxing dinner together in Hartford, Connecticut. Pictured here is Fred and Martha Winzler '71/'72, Greg Hatfield '71, Amanda Gifford '12, Don Provencal '75, and Director of Alumni Relations Buffie McCue.

Reconnecting in Florida

Alumni and friends had two great opportunities to mix, mingle and reconnect with Husson and each other in sunny Florida this March.



Husson held an Alumni & Friends Dinner sponsored by Mark ’67 and Kathy Clark in Boca Raton, Florida.



Mark ’67 and Kathy Clark are pictured here with Trustee Tom ’66 and Joyce Barrows enjoying the gathering for the Alumni & Friends Dinner held in Boca Raton, FL.



While in Boca, Alumni even had the opportunity to reconnect on the course! Pictured here from left to right are Mark Clark ’67, Trustee Tom Barrows ’66, Tom Carter ’70, and Executive Director of Development Warren Caruso ’89, ’08.

Another Alumni & Friends Dinner was held in Winter Park, Florida and was sponsored by Bob White ’65 and Husson Trustee Carol Kanar.





An Alumni & Friends Dinner was held in The Villages at the Arnold Palmer Golf & Country Club. Pictured here from left to right in the first row are Carolyn Ruhe ‘65, Linda Hews, Joyce Goodine ’66, ’92, ‘95, and Donna Townsend ’86, ‘96. Pictured in the back row are Frank Russo, Ken Hews ‘70, Tricia Clark, and President Bob Clark.



Boston Celtics Gathering An alumni event was held at a Boston Celtics game in April. Alumni from across New England came together to reconnect with each other and learn about what is happening at Husson today. They are happy to report that the Celtics won in overtime against the Atlanta Hawks.



Penobscot Valley Hospital Gathering

Director of Alumni Relations Buffie McCue met with a group at Penobscot Valley Hospital that share a special bond – they are all Husson alumni! Pictured here in the first row are Sylvia Goding '56, Monica Vanadestine '00, Melissa Pelkey '89, Ashlee Waldon '10, and in the second row are Joe Grant '05, Spring Hanson '98, Terrina Nicholson '76, Ann-Marie Rush '11, Martha Martin '03, and David Shannon '02.



A Ballgame with the Boston Red Sox

Alumni and Friends gathered for an exciting evening at the ballpark for a Red Sox/Yankees game. The evening started with a mixer at Sweet Caroline's, where alumni and friends had an opportunity to reconnect and meet President Bob Clark.



Kappa Delta Phi Brothers

Larry Richard '56, Sid Snow '76, Chuck Cressy '73





Husson Launches New Version of Website

In July, the University launched a new version of its webpage at www.husson.edu. The comprehensive update features improved navigation, an array of new features and a dynamic new design.

The new site enhances user experience through several new and improved features, including a virtual tour of the campus, YouTube videos about various areas of the University, upcoming events and important dates, and a module that allows users to request specific information about a particular degree program and/or sport program.

"The new website provides prospective and current students, parents, alumni, and the greater community with a sharp, engaging tool to interact with the University," states President Robert Clark.

Through the update, Husson will continue to offer more fresh and up-to-date information for alumni and friends of the institution, including an easier way to RSVP to Homecoming and other events, improved ways to stay connected to the University and fellow alumni, and the ability to get the latest news and calendar of events.

Please take a moment to visit the new site and let us know what you think.

Eagles Spring Sports Recap

Husson Athletics had a very successful spring, with five sports participating in post-season play—Softball, Baseball, Men's Lacrosse, Men's Golf, and Women's Outdoor Track and Field. The Softball team won its fourth straight NAC Championship and advanced to the 2012 NCAA Division III Softball Championships. Softball placed two athletes on the NAC All-Conference First Team, Aimee Mortensen and Lona Sargent, with Rookie of the Year honors going to Victoria Overlock. Additionally, Husson placed three athletes on the NAC Softball All-Tournament team, including Most Valuable Player Becca McCarty.

Baseball advanced to the NEAC Tournament and placed one athlete, Kyle Vanidestine, on the All-Conference First Team. Men's Lacrosse set a new program record for most wins in a season with 11 victories, which saw them to the NAC semifinals and the first round of the ECAC Championships. Nick Brown, Mark Nardelli, and Dillon Shaw all received All-Conference First Team honors. With three first place finishes in the spring and its sixth consecutive NAC title in Fall 2011, the Men's Golf team received an automatic bid to the NCAA Division III Golf Championships at Mission Inn Country Club in Howey-in-the-Hills, Florida. In the inaugural season for Women's Outdoor Track and Field, four athletes competed in the New England Division III Track and Field Championships. Sarah LaPlante had a standout season in the javelin throw, placing fourth at the NE DIII Championships with a personal best performance. LaPlante also qualified for the NEICAAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships and the ECAC Division III Outdoor Track and Field Championships.

Husson Hosts 2nd Annual Eagles Golf Outing









The Husson University Athletic Department hosted the 2nd Annual Husson Eagles Golf Outing sponsored by Tricia Quirk on Monday, June 11, 2012, at Penobscot Valley Country Club in Orono. Husson welcomed back alumni and friends alike, all who joined the coaches and athletic staff to rub elbows with their favorite Eagle coaches, former athletes, alumni, friends and local personalities.

The weather was absolutely perfect, as Penobscot Valley's rolling hills and beautiful landscape provided the perfect backdrop on a superb June afternoon in Eastern Maine.

The outing began at 12:30pm with registration the hour prior as the tournament was once again a shotgun start scramble. The staff at PVCC served an incredible Texas-style barbecue dinner at the country club followed by the day's awards ceremony shortly after. Prizes were awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd gross and net team scores along with prizes for closest to the pin on all four par threes and a men's and women's long drive contest.

A seemingly endless flow of door prizes and silent auction items were handed out throughout the evening, including several golf packages for courses across the State of Maine, Husson golf bags, and a myriad of golf balls, towels and other Husson Eagles apparel.

Leading off the field was the foursome of Rick Sinclair '96, Victor Garay '94, Lenny Langlais and Chris Langlais. Sinclair's group was an impressive 15-under on the afternoon and each member won a pair of shoes, courtesy of New Balance.

"We couldn't have asked for a better day," Husson Director of Athletics Bob Reasso said of the event. "Between the beautiful weather, wonderful golf course and a great turnout, it was the perfect day of golf. I want to thank Tricia Quirk for sponsoring the event along with all of our corporate sponsors, New Balance and Charles Melino and his staff at Penobscot Valley Country Club."

The tentative date for the next year's Husson Eagles Golf Outing is Monday, June 10th, 2013.

Bob and Fran O'Keefe's Gift to Husson Athletics



The Husson Eagles softball program recently won their fourth consecutive North Atlantic Conference title. "Your field doesn't make you play better, it makes you think you can play better," said Husson Eagles Softball Coach Amanda Bourgoin. "Having the type of facility that we have sends a message to our players, and to the opposing players, that the University values this program and the young women who participate. Many times we have watched as our opponent's arrive and see our beautiful campus and the O'Keefe Complex, and I'm sure they realize they are dealing with a strong program. It makes a difference."

Robert "Bob" O'Keefe was fresh off a four-year hitch with the United States Air Force when he first came to Husson at the age of 23. "I went to Husson for a degree in business, and it was one of the best decisions I ever made," he says. O'Keefe's time at Husson wasn't all about studying: He spent two and a half years playing on the school's basketball team, coached by Del Merrill, until a knee injury took him off the team. Alongside his wife, Fran, O'Keefe's connection to Husson would become a long and valuable friendship that is still going strong today.

After graduation, Bob and Fran made their home in Albany, New York, and he went on to a successful career in sales with companies including Shell Oil, Baxter Labs, and the Angelica Corporation. They retired in 2007.

"Husson did a lot for me. Fran and I were looking for a way to give back. We visited the campus and talked with some people there and discovered a real need. Supporting the softball program was the right thing at the right time."

In 2005, the O'Keefe's made the decision to give a generous donation to help establish a new field for the Husson Eagles women's softball program. The beautiful field, which is known as the Bob & Fran O'Keefe Softball Complex, is considered by many to be one of the best softball facilities in the State of Maine. Since that original construction, the metal fencing has been replaced with a net system to allow better viewing, stone fencing has been added on the outside and new padding on the inside, permanent bleachers have been installed, and plans to add a pressbox are being finalized.

O'Keefe believes that his support is simply helping to pay the school back for everything it did for him. "I have a lot of feeling for Husson; Fran and I were just happy we could help," he says. The O'Keefe's attend a few softball games each year and are looking forward to the 2013 season. "At the time that I attended Husson, the school was located 'on the hill' – there was no campus," Bob says. "It's remarkable to see what it's become."

"The O'Keefe's on-going support of our team is hard to put into words," said Coach Bourgoin. "Bob and Fran are true friends of our program and our players."

*After another successful season in 2012, and their fourth consecutive North Atlantic Conference (NAC) Title and trip to the NCCA Regional Tournament, the 2013 Eagles are eager to get back to business. Only losing two players to graduation from last season, the team is in a great position to once again to compete for a championship. The Eagles will begin their non-traditional season when the student-athletes return to school in September.

Views inside the new ***Living & Learning Center***











Ceremony of The Keys

On August 29, 2012, Husson University celebrated the grand opening of its newest facility, the Living & Learning Center, and renovations to the Dickerman Dining Center with an event entitled "Ceremony of The Keys." Husson students, alumni, friends, and members of the Greater Bangor community, including Bangor Mayor Cary Weston, came together to celebrate the remarkable moment in Husson's history.

A special edition of the Ledger will be published soon with details about each facility is part of Husson's overall mission to transform student lives and advance student success.



Views inside the new
Dickerman Dining Center











May 2012 Commencement

Husson held its 113th Commencement Ceremonies on May 5, 2012, for the Bangor campus and on May 12, 2012, for the Southern Maine campus. At these two ceremonies, the University awarded degrees to more than 600 students, including more than 200 graduate degrees.







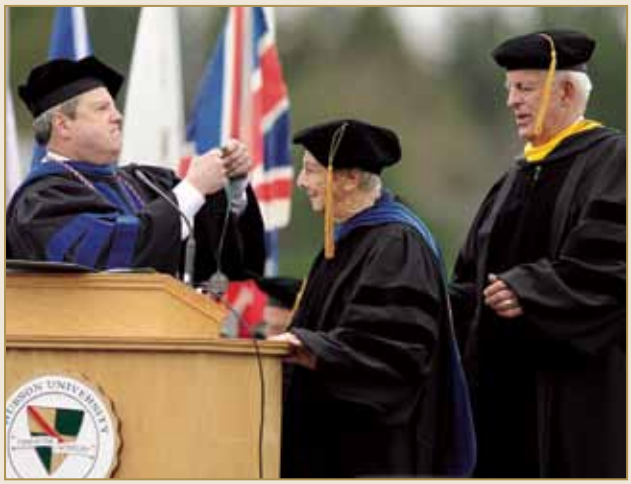


Honorary Degrees

Former Ambassador Patrick D. Duddy received an honorary doctorate in Public Service. A native of Bangor, Ambassador Duddy spent 29 years at the State Department, including postings in Chile, Costa Rica, Paraguay, Panama, Bolivia and the Dominican Republic. He served as assistant secretary of state for the western Hemisphere and as counsel general at the U.S. consulate in Brazil. He is a graduate of Bangor high School and Colby College. He also served as the Bangor commencement speaker.

Old Town native and Husson Alumnus Arthur A. Comstock '56 received an honorary doctorate in Business Administration. Comstock, a native of Old Town, received his B.S. in Business Administration from Husson College in 1956. He began his banking career in 1959 at Northeast Bank in East Millinocket and rose to the position of president and chairman of the Board. In the 1990's his bank merged with Bank of America and Mr. Comstock was appointed senior vice president for investment and community affairs. As a younger man he was a member of the Rotary and worked with several local not-for-profit groups in the Millinocket area advising them on investment strategies. This began a life time of unparalleled public service. During the next 40 years he served on more than 30 boards and helped countless thousands.

Clara L. Swan '33 was honored with the President's Medal of Honor. Miss Swan, who has been affiliated with the University since enrolling as an undergraduate in the fall of 1930, turned 100 years old on April 28, 2012. During her time at Husson she served as director, coach, teacher, assistant principal, academic dean, registrar, corporate officer, assistant to the president and vice president. In 2000 the University named its new Fitness Center the Clara Swan Center.



Commencement May 12, 2012
Southern Maine campus









Hooding Ceremony
Bangor campus
May 4, 2012







Husson Establishes Board Of Visitors

Husson has established a Board of Visitors with a mission to provide community input, leadership, advice and support to the President of Husson University, and through that office to the University community.

"The Board of Visitors provides advice and opinion to me on important concerns of the community," said Husson President Bob Clark. "After our first two meetings this group has already become an invaluable asset to me and to the University's growth going forward."



Husson Alumnus ***Daniel Hutchins***, '83, of Sudbury, Massachusetts, has been named the inaugural President of the Board. "I am honored to serve as the President of the Board of Visitors," said Hutchins. "At our spring meeting we had a rousing discussion about development, academics and ideas for new programs. We also voted to establish two working groups to meet outside of the regular board meetings to develop initiatives and to focus our input on specific areas. These two groups are going to look at community outreach/governmental affairs and academic programs/student life. With the great changes and growth going on at Husson I know I can speak for all of the Board members when I say we are all excited to have a chance to be involved."

Other specific challenges for the board are to provide advice and opinions on areas of concern, to develop a network with community partners to broaden relationships and collaborations with area communities, and to identify and develop programs needed within the community, along with funding sources for these programs. Also, Board of Visitors members serve as ambassadors, informing members of their communities about what is going on at Husson and, in turn, keeping the University administration informed about what they are hearing about Husson in their communities.

The Board of Visitors will report to the Husson Board of Trustees once each year.

The members of the Board are:

Bob Anderson '64 – *Retired financial analyst and planner, Bangor*
Yellow Light Breen – *Executive Vice President, Bangor Savings Bank*
Arthur Comstock '57 '87 '12 – *Retired Banker, Orono*
Earl Goodyear '69 – *International Disaster Risk Consultant, Spring Hill, Florida*
Nancy Harrison – *Vice President, Bangor Savings Bank*
Judy Horan – *President and General Manager, WLBZ-TV, Bangor*
Dan Hutchins '83 – *Managing Partner, PriceWaterhouseCoopers, Boston, Massachusetts*
Danny Lafayette – *President, Lafayette Hotels, Hampden*
D'arcy Main Boyington – *Director of Economic Development, City of Brewer*
Bill Miller – *Pharmacist, Owner, Miller Drug Store, Bangor*
Tricia Quirk – *Real Estate Developer, Dawson Bradford Realty, Bangor*
Kerrie Tripp – *Executive Director, Bangor Convention and Visitors Bureau*
Betsy Webb '83 – *Superintendent of Schools, City of Bangor*
Cary Weston – *Partner, Sutherland Weston Communications, Mayor of Bangor*
Shawn Yardley '85 – *Director, Health Services, City of Bangor*



Students are seen here moving into the dorms for the Fall 2012 semester. You'll see more photos in the next issue of the Ledger...

stay tuned!

Bangor to Bangkok and Beyond:
Developing International Programs at Husson University

Husson University is deeply rooted in the Bangor community—but school administrators know that looking outwards and building connections with other cultures is an important part of creating a diverse and vibrant college community. To that end, University administrators are making an effort to reach out to the international community to build a stronger international student presence at Husson. In the spring, Senior Fellow Paul Husson, Vice-President for Advancement Thomas Martz, and President Robert Clark set out on worldwide journeys to meet with members of the international community and help them gain more insight about living and learning at Husson.



Seoul, Korea



Bangkok, Thailand



Tokyo, Japan

Rebuilding international ties

During the 1980s and 1990s, Husson University was home to a strong international community: "At one point, more than 13 percent of our students came from abroad," says Husson University President Robert Clark. This strong international presence was largely due to the tireless recruiting efforts of Paul Husson, who spent much of his time traveling in Asia over that period.

As an international recruiter, Husson expressed a tireless curiosity about foreign cultures, and made a genuine effort to build connections. He's learned to effectively communicate in the Korean, Japanese, Chinese, and Thai languages. He also took a great interest in helping new international students assimilate to the Husson community: "He became a surrogate father to them," says Martz. "The students had someone who was their champion."

However, Husson has faced health problems over the past decade that have kept him from making international journeys, and the university's international enrollment has dropped as a result: Currently, only one percent of students are from international countries.

It was time to change that.

This year, Husson felt that his health had recovered enough to embark on another international voyage,

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so he and Martz set off together in late March, armed with passports, an ambitious itinerary, and a plan to help Asian students and alumni connect with Husson University.

Connecting with former and future students

Martz and Husson traveled to Seoul, Korea; Bangkok, Thailand; and Tokyo, Japan. In each location, they held meet-ups to reconnect with alumni. In Seoul and Bangkok, they also worked with recruitment agents at student fairs, where they educated potential students about the benefits of attending Husson University.

Meeting and talking with alumni was the most rewarding part of the experience, particularly for Paul Husson, who'd known them when they attended the school.

"The alums love him because of the care and concern he gave them as students," says Martz. "It was an eye-opening experience to see the personal care that he gave to each and every one of the international students."

The former students had ended up in a diverse range of careers: One served as a chief member of an anime film production company; another owns an energy company; and still another owns one of the largest textile production companies in Korea. But they all shared something in common: "They each had an absolute love for Husson Unversity and the education they received here," says Martz. "It propelled them to success."

While Martz and Husson were excited to catch up with the alums, they were even more impressed by the former students' willingness to help them spread the word about Husson University.

In each city, the alumni volunteers helped them coordinate details with recruitment agents for the student fairs, ensuring that any language or cultural barriers were surmounted.

One alumnus in Korea, Kyung-Young Kim, has close ties to the leadership at Seoul's Kookmin University, and volunteered to set up an introduction for Martz and Husson. Now, Husson University is planning to launch an exchange program with Kookmin, thanks to Kim's connection.

Developing foreign exchange programs

In early April, President Clark followed up Martz and Husson's successful international visit with a trip to Bangkok with alumnus Earl Goodyear '69, who has a long and distinguished career in international relief service. Clark and Goodyear were traveling with the goal of developing international exchange programs between Husson University and universities in Thailand.

Because Husson has an existing alumni network of Thai students, Thailand seemed like an ideal location to launch a new partnership program, according to Clark.

"We focused our attention on appropriate universities with programs that aligned with Husson's programs, and would serve to provide a quality interchange between the universities," says Clark.

Clark and Goodyear paid a visit to Mahidol University in Thailand, a large public university that focuses on health-related programs and has a highly regarded school of pharmacy. They met with members of the school's faculty to discuss opportunities for collaboration, student exchanges, and study abroad programs. Clark is now working with Mahidol faculty to develop international programs that benefit the student bodies and faculty of each school.

Clark and Goodyear also travelled to Ramkhamhaeng University, Kasetsart University, and Thammasat University. They are working towards developing memorandums of understanding (MOUs) with each school regarding future exchange opportunities. "These activities will help to prepare students for their roles as global citizens," says Clark.

The benefits of international education

The Husson University administration sees many clear benefits for bringing international students to the campus.

"For international students, the biggest driving force is that the premiere undergraduate and graduate degrees are from American universities," says Martz. "American higher education is highly valued within the global community, and Husson is appealing to them because we are an extremely affordable university with a high-quality degree."

The alumni that Martz spoke with all agreed that the Husson University education gave them an advantage in the job market: Many returned to their home countries and advanced to executive-level positions, while others remained in the U.S. and gained a strong foothold in the job market here.

Exposure to international students also benefits the domestic student body. "We all compete in an international market," says Martz. "You don't necessarily have to travel outside of Maine if the international experience is brought to you."

Bringing international students to Husson promotes cross-cultural understanding, and helps students from each community gain more insight into other traditions and ways of life.

As Husson University's international program grows, it will help visiting and domestic students alike learn how to thrive in an increasingly global society.

"Living in an international community enriches students' understanding of the world we live in," says Dr. Clark. "We are clearly interconnected. The more we can recognize and understand the global dimensions of those interconnections, the better we can be at understanding complex issues."

—Kathryn Hawkins

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Rodrigo De Freitas: Giving the Gift of Language



Rodrigo De Freitas' life is a celebration of communication. "I always felt like I had a gift with language, and I've never been shy," says the 2006 Husson University graduate, a native of Sao Paulo, Brazil.

His determination to share English within his community began when he first came to the United States in 2001 to attend the Faith School of Theology in Charleston, Maine. In Charleston, he grew close to a local family, the Scotts, a connection that would change his future.

After a year in the United States, De Freitas returned to Brazil to teach English as a Second Language (ESL) and to lay the groundwork for the JET program, an interactive ESL franchise that uses a variety of media including textbooks and videos to teach English. Though De Freitas knew he would birth a chain of ESL schools in Brazil, he anxiously awaited his next trip to America. The Scotts graciously offered to fund De Freitas' education at Husson University, and he accepted, working with Keith Scott on the family farm every day before and after school. "Keith taught me everything. I call him Dad."

The transition to college life was challenging at first, but Husson faculty soon realized they had a student with ambition. "People at Husson did things for me that no one else would—they said 'We'll help you with your dream because you're doing something great.'"

He fondly remembers individuals who were catalysts for JET: namely, Cheryl Russell, who helped De Freitas procure jobs while at Husson; Heidi Lynn and Julie Green, both Husson staff members; NESCOM; his Charleston colleagues; and of course, the Scotts. De Freitas structured the JET program on the principles he learned while in the U.S. "ESL is expensive, so we provide reasonably-priced, quality books. Though our tuition is lower, we do make students pay for their education. When you pay for something, you enjoy it more—it makes you work harder."

JET officially launched as a business in 2007, and its success was built on dedication, vision, and a dream. "I didn't have money or books, just my imagination," says De Freitas. "I sat at my desk every day after work and wrote texts that beat the competitions'."



His efforts rapidly paid off, and JET is now one of the strongest ESL centers in Brazil, with six existing JET branches and two more slated to open within the next six months. De Freitas has also started offering Brazilian students opportunities to visit America, steadily building partnerships with colleges in the U.S. including Husson and University of Maine.

JET emphasizes quality, re-investing the profits in the teaching staff, materials, and learning experiences. For De Freitas, it was not the glory of "success" that fueled his efforts; rather it was the need to be of service, a sentiment he believes is innately American. "If there's something I've learned about American culture, it's that Americans consider others. They ask 'What can I do for my community?' By experiencing the first world, I am bettering my world."

—Erin O'Donnell

Gracie Theatre Announces Performance Season

What's going on at the Gracie? These days, quite a bit.

Gracie Theatre, a 500-seat performing arts venue on the Husson University campus, opened its doors in October 2009. Since then, arts lovers in the Bangor region have been streaming in for a diverse variety of arts programs, including dramatic plays, musicals, concerts, and even a magic show.

This fall marks the start of the Gracie's first official performance season, with four productions sponsored by Bangor Savings Bank.

On September 22nd, the Gracie welcomed Second City, the Chicago-based improvisational comedy group that launched the careers of Bill Murray, Tina Fey, and countless other actors, for the show Second City for President, "a gut-busting comedy revue that doles out laughter at the expense of both sides of the aisle," according to its website. "It offered a chance to laugh about the upcoming election, regardless of your political views," says Jeri Misler, the director of the Gracie Theatre.

Jennifer Holliday, the Grammy and Tony award-winning singer who starred in the original Broadway Dreamgirls production, will perform in November. In May, Holliday performed a duet with American Idol finalist Jessica Sanchez on the show's finale, and brought down the house. "She's experiencing a career resurgence, and her performance will be a lovely way to welcome the holidays," says Misler.

The spring season will start out with a twist on a children's favorite: Potted Potter, a play in which two actors squeeze the plotlines of all seven Harry Potter books into 70 hilarious minutes. "It's sure to appeal to a wide audience demographic," says Misler. After all, there are as many Harry Potter fans in their sixties as there are in their tweens.

Finally, the Gracie's 2012-13 season wraps up with Deer Camp: The Musical, a musical comedy about four "Mighty Hunters" on the search for a 14-point buck, featuring actors Tony Papenfuss and John Voldstad from the Bob Newhart Show.

Tickets for the entire season will be available for an $80 fee, and tickets to individual shows can be purchased for $25 each, though current students will be eligible for discounts.

In addition to the Bangor Savings Bank-sponsored shows, the Gracie will also host two classical music performances this school year. The first performer, Christopher O'Riley, is a pianist who also hosts the National Public Radio show, From the Top. He's known for his innovative piano covers of artists like Radiohead and Nirvana, as well as a traditional classical repertoire.

Three short years since its birth, the Gracie is proving to be a valuable resource for the Husson and greater Bangor communities alike. To learn more about these and other upcoming events at the Gracie, visit www.gracietheatre.com.



CLASS NOTES

1950s

Gerard Picard, ’59, was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1952 where he served as a stenographer and court reporter in Korea. He married Patricia White in 1954 and worked odd jobs including clerk at the A&P store and bridge construction. Going back to school at Husson qualified him to teach accounting, typing and shorthand in the school system in Guilford, Connecticut, where he worked for 30 years. He considers those years as a family man and teacher the best years of his life.

1960s



Fran Mauriello, ’66, was inducted into his Malden, Massachusetts High School Sports Hall of Fame. He played third base on the 1960 baseball team, considered the best team in school history, and guard on the 1960 basketball team that won the Tech Tourney in Boston Garden.

Doug DiMora, ’69, celebrated his 10th year anniversary from Garlinghouse Publications, Inc., as their chief financial officer. Since then he has been active in community work by volunteering as a mentor for children that do not have fathers. In addition, he has worked with the elderly on various town fitness programs. He also has been keeping busy by doing some financial consulting work for a travel agency and he directs traffic for East Hartford High School. He is also the treasurer of his condo association. Doug turned 66 this past April and has two children, a son in Las Cruces, New Mexico and a daughter and granddaughter in Portland, Oregon.

1970s



Robert Barr, ’70, and **Daniel Carubia,’70**, reconnected for lunch last month. Robert is the current President of ENECON Northeast APS and has just opened the new Corporate Headquarters in Farmingdale, NY. Daniel is the owner of Carubia Consulting, LLC. After working for approximately 35 years for Milliken & Company, Dan founded his own Profit Development Group.



Jim Carter, ’71, was inducted into the Presque Isle High School Athletic Hall of Fame in November 2011. He has served PIHS as an active historian and has written a book on the school’s basketball program from 1950 to 2009 as well as articles about stand-out athletes in various sports. He taught at Caribou High School for 25 years and coached sports for more than two decades. He was instrumental in the founding of the new Presque Isle High School Athletic Hall of Fame and currently serves as co-chair. Through his efforts close to $5,000 has been raised to fund the Hall of Fame.

Glen Hockley,’75 TKE, wrote to say, “I am a Husson ’75 grad that is a TKE. It’s been a long time since those fun days. I am married to a beautiful teacher named Melody and have a son, Max, who makes me very proud. My grades are certainly not indicative of my son’s success as Phi Beta Kappa. I would like to hear from those folks that I knew and visa versa and see what’s been going on all these years.”

Philippe Jean-Jacques Lagesse, ’76, recently retired to Mauritius after 29 years of self-employment in South Africa. He has two daughters and three grandchildren.

1980s



Philip Laine, ’80, recently received the Employee Recognition Career Service award in recognition of 30 years of valuable service to the State of Maine. He has served for 22 years with the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and eight years with the Department of Motor Vehicles. He is pictured here with the Secretary of State Charles Summers, Jr.

Sally-Jo Sylvester Oliver, ’80, ΔΣΔ, is living in Pembroke, NH with her daughter, Monica. She was recently promoted to serials supervisor in the Library of the University of New Hampshire School of Law (formerly Franklin Pierce Law Center). She also runs a cake and cupcake business out of her home called, “Krumbles Creative Cupcakes” and traveled to Delaware in May to cater a wedding. She also sells pewter charms full-time on e-Bay. She writes, “Recently, I had the pleasure of meeting up with some ΔΣΔ sisters for a day of shopping in Freeport, ME. It was amazing to see everyone again after so much time. It’s funny how, in so many ways, none of them had changed a bit.” She also adds that she is enjoying life as a “Grammy” to her two grandchildren, Matt and Izzy.

Laurie Ann Chabot Talbot, ’83, is going back to college to get her bachelor’s degree in business administration after 29 years out of school. Now living in Charlotte, North Carolina, Talbot has two children and three grandchildren, and she recently got married. Congratulations, Laurie!



Dennis Mitchell ’84, CFP(R), has been named president & managing director of Ledyard Financial Advisors, the wealth management division of the bank. He has over 28 years of wealth management experience, the previous four years at Ledyard Financial Advisors as the organization’s senior vice president & business development officer. Prior to joining Ledyard, Dennis was the senior vice president for sales & marketing for Northern Trust’s New England market. His other positions at Northern Trust include northwest regional president based in Seattle, Washington as well as Northern California president based in San Francisco, California. He began his banking career at Peoples Heritage Bank in Portland, Maine before moving to Key Bank in Portland as their Trust & Investment Sales Manager.

Michael Skillins ’84 family Greenhouses received a Falmouth Friends of Habitat Award from the organizers of the Falmouth Family & Pet Walk. Skillins Greenhouses have been a loyal supporter of Habitat for Humanity for many years.



Mollie White, ’85, was recently hired by Northern Community Investment Corporation (NCIC) as a business resource manager. Mollie is an experienced economic development and non-profit professional. She most recently served as community executive for health initiatives at the American Cancer Society.

Scott Oxley, '89, EMHS vice president and chief accounting officer and interim chief financial officer, was named senior vice president for support services at Affiliated Healthcare Systems. Oxley will provide operational leadership and guide the growth strategies for the majority of AHS' operating companies and joint ventures. He has been with EMHS for more than 18 years.

1990s

Sondra Allen, '90, was hired as a sales and leasing representative at Prime Hyundai in Saco, ME.

Joseph Porter, '92, was recently promoted to district manager with Gulf States Financial Services in Houston, Texas. Gulf States Toyota is the exclusive distributer of Toyota vehicles and parts for all Toyota dealerships in the states of Oklahoma, Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, and Mississippi. Prior to this promotion, he served as an operations consultant for Gulf States Toyota in the Dallas, TX market for four years. In his new position, he oversees the legal compliance of 17 Toyota franchise dealers in regards to finance and insurance as well as assisting in structuring wealth building strategies for dealer principles and their heirs.

Jeff Wheelden, '94, is a self-proclaimed "Y Rat" because he spent all his free time at the Old Town-Orono YMCA as a young person. In the last fifteen years, he rose from finance director to executive director of that same YMCA, which serves around 1,000 people a day and has a yearly budget of $1.7 million.

Stacy Hafford Barnes, '95, was recently inducted into the Presque Isle High School Athletic Hall of Fame. She played varsity soccer and basketball for four years and was twice named a All-Big East Conference All-Star, and was also named to the Eastern Maine All-Tournament team. She was selected as the Maine Sports Hall of Fame Class A state final MVP after leading Presque Isle past Portland in the 1990 state championship game. She went on to play college basketball, first at Thomas College and then at Husson University. She amassed 1,094 points, 376 rebounds and 208 steals during her college career. Stacy was inducted into the Husson University Athletic Hall of Fame in 2006.

Stacy Norris, '97 has been named the new administrator of quality and safety and corporate compliance office at St. Joseph Healthcare, overseeing infection prevention, patient advocacy, quality improvement, patient safety and risk management. Stacy worked first as a nurse, then a health services consultant for the State of Maine, investigating complaints and conducting surveys at the state and federal level for hospital. She then went on to St. Joseph Healthcare as director of quality management/ organizational integrity officer. Stacy was integral in St. Joseph Hospital's recent recognition as a Thomson Reuters Top 100 Hospital.

Lisa Lyons Truman, '97, was promoted to executive director in the Affinity Health System in Wisconsin. Lisa holds a Master's Degree in Health Care Administration as well as a MBA. Lisa has been married to Tom, a conservation warden, for almost 15 years and has two sons, Brayden, 10 and Brennan, 6.

Sandy Pelletier, '98, is now a full-time nursing instructor on the Presque Isle campus of Northern Maine Community College. Before assuming her new job, Pelletier held various posts at Northern Maine Medical Center within the intensive care and adolescent psychiatric units and as a community educator.

Lita Bailly Ford '94 '98 joined Western New Mexico Medical Group-Grants as a nurse practitioner in November 2011. She says she was contacted by a recruiter and fell in love with the area and the philosophy of the health center upon arrival.

Eric J. MacDonald, '99 is now living in the Bangor area and has a position as director of finance at Eastern Maine Community College. He was formally employed with Washington County Community College.

2000s

Timothy Poitras, '01, became part owner of Chester M. Kearny, certified public accountants in Houlton, ME.

They call her the comeback kid. **Jennifer Flemming Robb, '01** first got her name in 1993 when she came up from behind to tie the state schoolgirl golf championship. Diagnosed with hemiplegic cerebral palsy at a year old, Robb's right side is not as strong as her left. Still, she earned her childhood name again when she and Husson classmate, Kim Johnson of Hermon, joined forces to run a marathon for the Lymphoma and Leukemia Society of America last spring in Orlando, FL. The society helped her during her own struggle with Hodgkin's lymphoma in 2007. A wife, a mother and a physical therapist, Robb has been in remission for three years.

Andrew Jones, '02, joined certified public accounting firm Macdonald Page & Co, LLC as an IT audit supervisor for the South Portland office. "It was a great opportunity for me," says Jones.



Garth Danielson, '03, and his wife, Amanda, are pleased to announce the birth of his daughter, Karolina Chase Danielson. She was born on December 15, 2011 at 8 lbs 7 oz and 22 inches long. Danielson works as a traveling physical therapist and currently resides in Nashua, NH.



Krista K. Putnam, '03, was promoted to assistant vice president of marketing at Katahdin Trust Company. She joined Katahdin in 2003 as Marketing Assistant and was promoted to Marketing Officer in 2008. A Washburn native, she lives in New Limerick with her husband, Andrew, and their daughter, Natalie.



Nichole Stevens, '03, has announced her candidacy for the Maine House of Representatives for District 105, which includes New Gloucester, Durham and part of Lisbon. She has been employed by Pierce Promotions, a Portland-based marketing firm, for the past five years. Stevens resides in New Gloucester with her husband, Mark, and her stepdaughter Kerrigan. She has been an active volunteer for the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southern Maine, mentoring two different "little sisters" for the past nine years. She states, "A good work/life balance has always been extremely important to me. I have always worked multiple jobs, starting back in college, and I have always made the time to give back to my community in some way, be it serving warm meals at the Bangor homeless shelter or cleaning cages for the humane society."

Lesa F. Ouellete, '05, the area information technologies director for Time Warner Cable, New England Division and owner of Hannan's Electric, had a banner year in 2011. She was awarded the 2011 Professional Women of the Year honor by the National

class notes



Joe Cyr, '62, is the owner of John T. Cyr & Sons, a family business based in Old Town.

His grandfather, John Thomas Cyr, founded the company in 1912 at the age of 51, with his son Joseph. The company began as a livery stable with 32 horses, then shifted its focus to a delivery and taxi service after WWI. Their horse-drawn carriages served as everything from mail transports to coaches to hearses.

They bought their first cars, Studebakers, in 1922, to transport Old Town schoolchildren. John and Joseph both died in 1939, leaving the business to Joseph's brothers, Albert and Harvey. They expanded it to a bus service in 1939 that ran from Old Town to Great Works, Milford and Bradley and, starting in 1945, to Eddington, North Brewer and Bangor.

Next came the third generation of Cyrs: Harvey's son Joseph (Joe), born in 1940. Joe was driving school buses by age 15. After attending Husson, Joe joined the business as a mechanic, bookkeeper, secretary and payroll clerk.

Joe Cyr took over when Harvey died in 1967, and, over the last 40 years, expanded the business into two major divisions: John T. Cyr & Sons, which operates 200 school buses for 18 school departments and Cyr Bus Lines, which operates 21 coaches that run around 4,000 charter trips a year. Last year, the company traveled a total of 3.1 million miles and burned 500,000 gallons of fuel.

It's still a family business. Joe oversees the whole company. Joe's son, Mike, controls the motor coach division, his brother Peter Cyr handles the bodywork, and his daughter Becky Whitmore is the company bookkeeper. He has two grandchildren, a boy (the youngest John T. Cyr) and a girl, who he hopes will continue the family business.

Joe says his father and grandfather's stomach would growl with nerves at the size of the company they started a hundred years ago. "We've taken growth as it's come. We haven't gone looking a lot. I think we're just going to go on as we're going," he says.

The information for this class note was retrieved from The Weekly's article entitled "Bus line celebrates 100 years" from its March 1, 2012 issue.

Association of Professional Women and the 2011 Women to Watch Award from Women in Cable Telecommunications. Ouellete holds a master's degree in Telecommunication Engineering from Rochester Institute of Technology. She is a member of the Maine Women's Network and the Greater Portland Regional Chamber of Commerce.



Heather Pelletier '04, has been named new CEO of Fish River Rural Health as of July 1, 2012. She graduated from Casco Bay College in Portland in 1995. Heather pursued two additional degrees from Husson with a bachelor of science in accounting and associate of science in business administration, graduating summa cum laude in 2004. Following her many years dedicated to making a difference in the lives of those surrounding her at Northern Maine Medical Center and Daigle & Houghton, Heather is looking forward to continuing such great work with her outstanding team at Fish River Rural Health. Heather states, "I am honored to be selected as Norman's successor and humbled by the opportunity to serve the healthcare needs of our communities. Being a native of Eagle Lake, I have a heartfelt interest to make a difference in the lives of our friends, family, and neighbors." Heather lives in Fort Kent with her husband, John and son, Caleb.

Anita Langley Leadbetter, '05, joined Wright Express in South Portland as an IT auditor in December 2010 and became certified as an internal security assessor by the PCI Security Standards Council in April 2011. She lives in Cape Elizabeth.

Amy Fecteau, '05, SPHR, MSHR writes, "I obtained my BSBA from Husson, so when I heard that the Portland Campus would be offering the master of science in Counseling and Human Relations, I jumped at the opportunity to begin the program. I began as a full time student in May of 2010 and now, two years later, I am doing what I love full time for a fantastic company. I am so lucky to work for Granite Bay Care, as the company's mission and my position within the company combine my counseling and human relations degree with my decade of experience in Human Resources. The timing of graduation and beginning this position May 1st could not have been more perfect!

Mindy McInnis, '06, joined Penobscot Community Health Care in November 2011. Her practice is built on 15 years of experience in all aspects of geriatric medical care in the nursing home setting.

Kimberly Smith, '08, secretary/ treasurer of Presque Isle Historical Society, delivered a presentation on the Bloodless Aroostook War on September 15, 2011, on the University of Maine Fort Kent campus as part of the preparations for the 2014 World Acadian Congress. Smith was Presque Isle Citizen of the Year in 2009, earned the Gold Level Award from the President's Council on Civic Participation for several years running, and is listed in several "Who's Who" MENSA directories. She is adjunct professor at Husson, the University of Maine at Presque Isle and Northern Maine Community College.

Adam John Hunt, '09, is starting his second season with the Cleveland Indians as the trackman operations intern at AAA Columbus. After working for the Camden Riversharks of the Atlantic League in 2009 and 2010, he is looking forward to another season in Columbus with the back-to-back AAA National Baseball Champions.

Travis R. Stewart, '10, received the 2012 Outstanding Airman of the Year Award, the highest personal ribbon awarded in the Air Force. Stewart is a Security Forces Journeyman assigned to the Security Forces Squadron as a Base Defense Operation Center controller at the 101st Maine Air National Guard in Bangor.

Shelli Cronkhite, '10, joined the Northern Maine Community College (NMCC) arts and sciences department as a social sciences instructor last fall. She has worked at NMCC as a counselor/ student development specialist for six years and an adjunct instructor teaching speech, technical communications, applied human relations and general psychology since 2009.

Emily Stinchfield, '10, worked with Blue Hill Memorial Hospital's Rehabilitation Services Department for her clinical field experience in the spring of 2011, where she helped design a special room on the inpatient floor that simulates a home environment. She became a Blue Hill staff member after completing her master's degree in occupational therapy last spring.

Stephanie Partridge, '10, landed a job at Penobscot Community Health Care as a nurse practitioner, where she will provide integrated psychiatric services.



Rachel McAllian, '10, was hired as a Bridges Help at Home personal services supervisor. McAllian previously worked at the MaineCare Pharmacy Help Desk. She has volunteered for the Red Cross and was involved with organizing relief packages sent to Haiti. She will supervise Bridges Help at Home services in the southern Kennebec area.

David Farrar, '11, was sworn in as a member of the Bangor Police Department in December 2011.

Kristen Lynds, '11, recently joined BerryDunn, CPAs and Management Consultants as a staff accountant.

Rachel Booker, '11, is now working as a psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner in the Adult, Child and Family Services department at Community Health and Health Services in Lincoln, ME. She plans to expand her education with a post-master's certificate in child-adolescent psychiatry and a Ph.D. in psychiatric nursing.

Dr. Jen Wolfe, '09, '11, was hired at Sheepscot Bay Physical Therapy fresh out of Husson's six-year physical therapy program. "I really lucked out; I love the community," says Wolfe.

Susan Mingo, '12, has been appointed associate dean of enrollment and retention services at Washington County Community College in Calais, ME. Mingo began her tenure at Washington Community College in 2005 as the regional coordinator for Early College for ME, a transition program for students between high school and college.

Jill Murphy was appointed to the Long Term Care team at Caroll Harper and Associates, Inc., of Southwest Harbor, ME last fall. In addition to her professional pursuits, Murphy has volunteered with Girls and Boy Scouts of Tremont for the last 17 years. She lives in Seal Cove with her husband Shawn and their three children, Nicole, Cameron and Nolan.



Nicole M. Labrecque Hall '08 is pleased to announce the birth of Merrick "Mac" Anthony Hall, born December 14, 2011 at 6:50 a.m. weighing 5 lbs 9 oz.

Alumni, we'd love to hear from you!

Please send name and address changes, advanced degree/honors received, changes in employment or family, and other important information so that we may share it with the rest of the Husson community in Class Notes. We want your photos, too!

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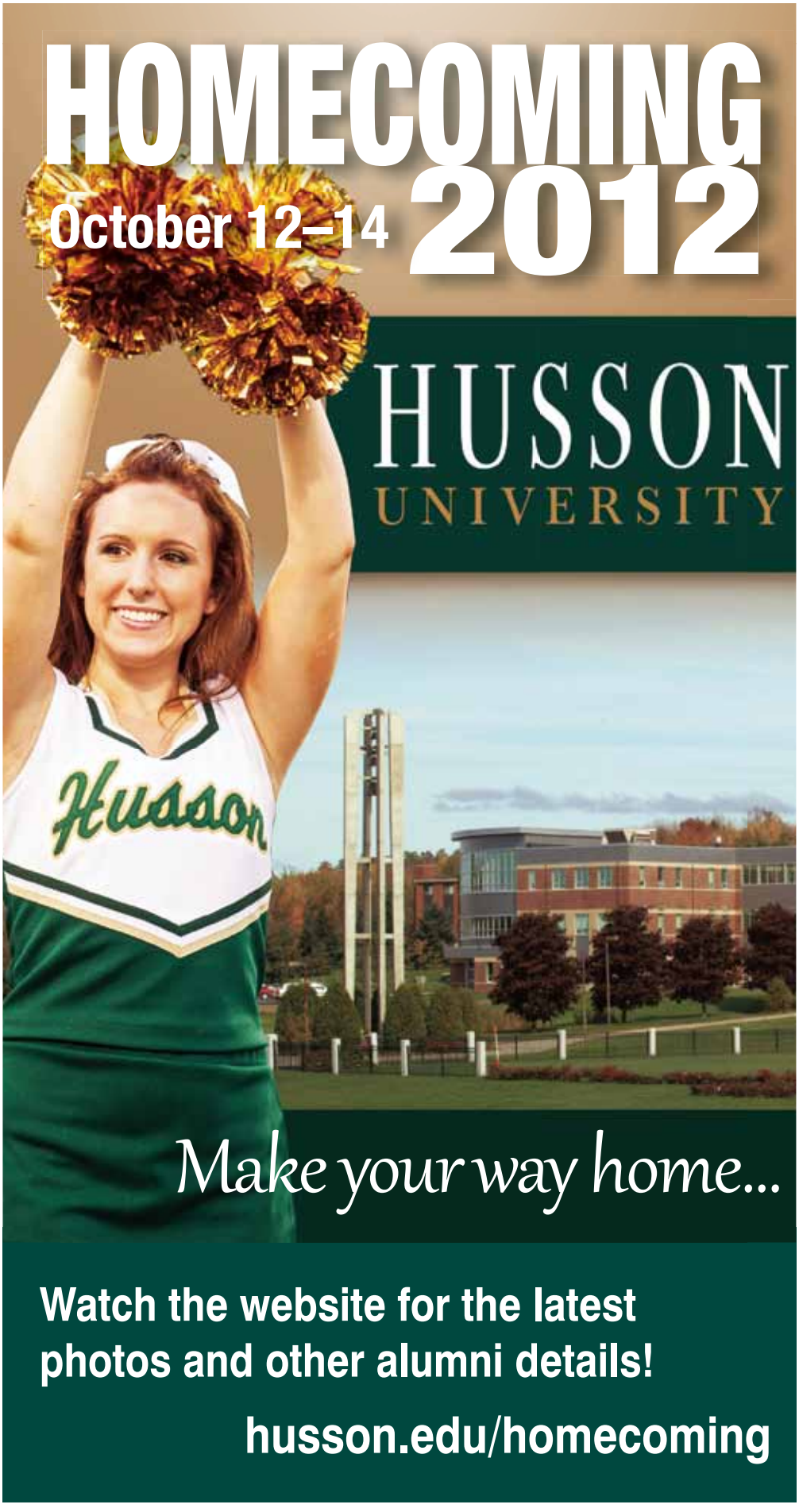
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I've always known I wanted to go into the medical field, but wanted to stay close to home. Husson is a small community so you really get to know everyone. They treat you like family and are always there to encourage you when you need support. I'm a first generation college student, so the grants and awards I received really took the financial stress off my shoulders.