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Coming Together The Bangor Theological Seminary and the Husson College Campus Community held and prayer and worship service this past Wednesday, March 26th. The service was led by students of the Bangor Theological Seminary,

Campus Ministries:

Adding to the Campus Community

By Dan Schweitzer

For many students, going off to college provides a variety of new opportunities and challenges. Students need to learn to deal with more intensive courses and heavier homework loads. On top of new academic expectations, students must adapt to a new environment, filled with many new faces and a completely different way of life. One organization that aims to assist students with these challenges here at Husson College is Campus Ministries.

The Campus Ministries team is made up Annette Joseph and David Gardiner, who are currently students at Bangor Theological Seminary. "The central goal of Campus Ministries is simply to connect with students at Husson," said Annette Joseph, "we want students to know that we're concerned with their lives; we aim to provide a safe, open environment for people to come together and get connected."

Campus Ministries gets involved with a variety of activities on campus. They have been present at many different events throughout the school year. "We enjoy getting involved in the different aspects of campus life," stated David Gardner. Campus Ministries plans various interdenominational worship services on a monthly basis. Services are planned with one objective in mind: foster the spiritual well-being of students here at Husson College. Taizé services have been held at the Husson Chapel

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A New Addition to Campus:

Bell Hall Has a New Resident Director

By Nathan Fournier

There's someone new over at Bell Hall. A month ago the dorm got a new Residential Director. His name is Ben Reining. He's 30-years-old and is originally from Rochester, New York.

The transition from off campus living back to on campus living has been a smooth one for Ben. "It hasn't been too bad, I've been to busy to have any trouble. The students are really good and the residential assistants are really good. We all work well together," said Reining.

Reining just took part in an annual event for a residential director. March 15th to 17th was residential assistant group training for potential residential assistances next year. The event took place in Kominsky Auditorium. The applicants were giving a presentation on what it takes to be a residential assistant. "The applicants were divided into three groups and each group was giving three skill tests on how while they communicated," said Reining. Current residential assistant Rick Fitzgerald took part in this process. He said he doesn't remember much. He does remember meeting new people. Current assistants didn't have to go through this process The Residential Directors thought it was pointless. They were there to review the applicants. Ben couldn't tell how many applicants they were going to hire. He said

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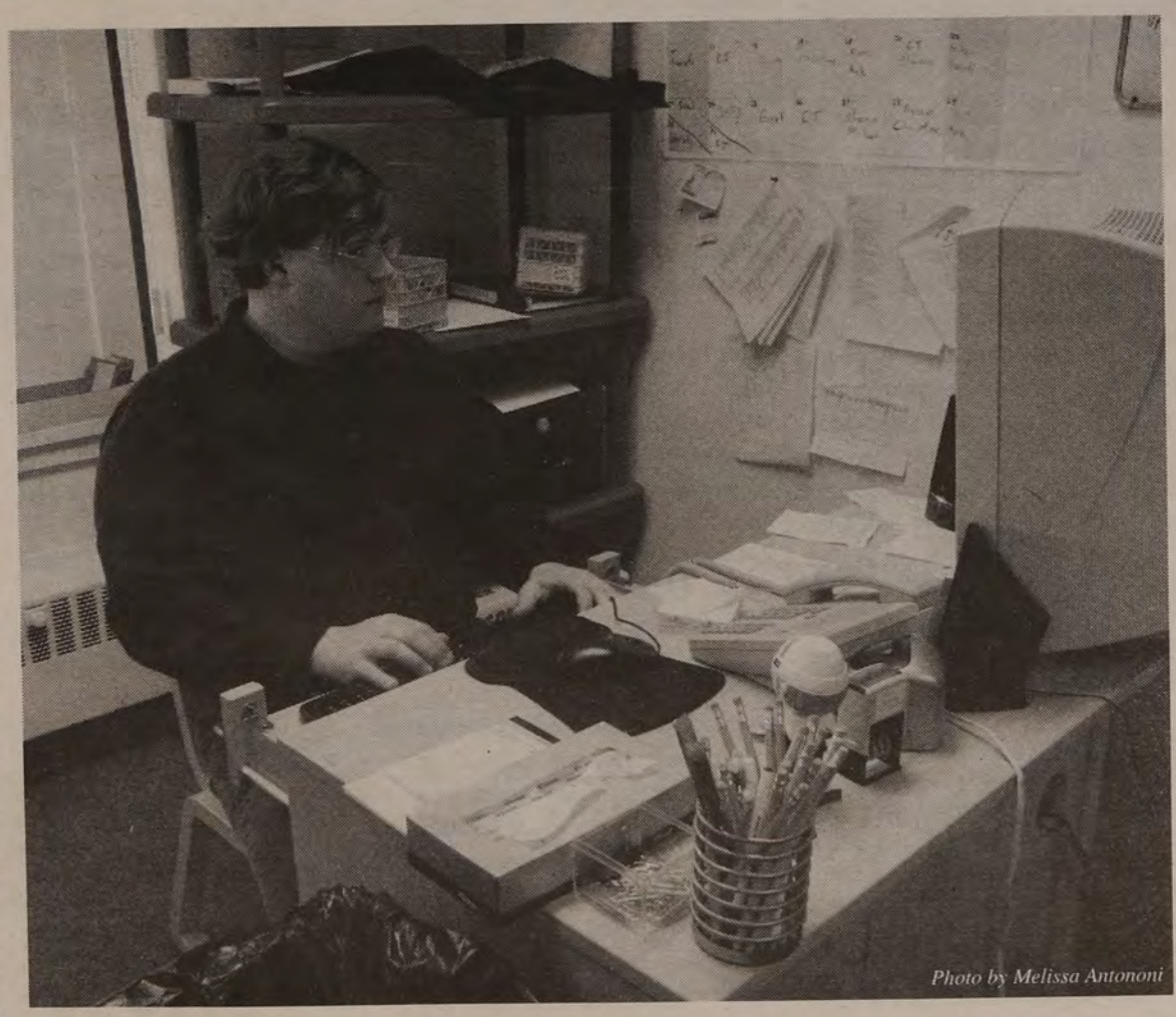


Photo by Melissa Antononi

Adding to the campus Husson College has a new addition to the campus community. Ben Reining is the new Resident Director for Bell Hall. Reining was adding to the resident life team about a month or so ago.

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NESCom's Audio Engineering Society:

Students Become Part of Worldwide Organization

By Theresa Dziezyk

The New England School of Communications has prided itself in its ever-growing audio engineering program since it's introduction over a decade ago. As a school, NESCom devotes itself to assuring that every student has access to top of the line equipment and the newest information. Under the direction of Dave Maclaughlin, NESCom's audio department decided to become a part of the world's largest audio organization, the Audio Engineering Society.

Frank E. Sherry Jr. wrote a letter in 1948 to the "Audio Engineering" magazine in which he intimated it was time there was an official organization for the field, initiating the Audio Engineering Society (AES). Since then audio engineers worldwide have come together as members of the AES to network, share information, and learn about the audio field from conception to the near future. It was only natural for audio engineering students to be involved in the organization. This year, over 50 student sections exist across the world.

In December of 2005 there was a meeting of audio students here at NESCom to see if there was interest on campus in starting a Student AES Section. Growing through the last three years, it has recently become an official section.

Throughoutthepastyears this AES section has had an array of speakers and presentations, which have included: owner and operator of Gateway Mastering & DVD, Bob Ludwig; microphone and audio equipment manufacturer, Telefunken USA; drum tuner, Carl Plaster; and NESCom alumni and Grammy winning engineer, Josh Wilbur. A small group from the student section also went to the AES Convention in New York City, which included many different lectures and presentations along with an extensive floorshow of the newest audio equipment on the market.

The AES Section at the New England School of Communications is a place for audio students of all levels to get together, learn from area professionals and from each other. With the integration of different classes within the AES section it gives students opportunities to network, and learn from other students and area professionals. If you are interested in getting involved with the Audio Engineering Society, or have any questions check us out at http://aes.nescom.edu.

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CHISPA Centro Hispano is the local Hispanic community in the Bangor area that has gotten together to create this organization.

CHISPA's mission is to "facilitate and promote the socio-cultural values and education, uniting the Hispanic community and those that identify with it."

Elected Officers:

President: Maria Rave
Vice President: Roberto Zavaleta
Secretary: Georges Kabche
Treasurer: Stefano Tijerina
Director of Public Relations: Juan Santiago Rave

A Board of Directors was also created.

The money collected at the dance on campus on March 29 was put toward the fees necessary in becoming a Maine non-profit corporation with the status of a 501 C3 charitable organization.

CHISPA appreciates everyone's support.

Continuing the Education Process:

Education Doesn't Have to Stop Once You've Been Jailed

By Tania Morales

The word jail is often associated with hard-core criminals who have committed violent crimes. In Bangor, the Penobscot County Jail is home to all kinds of criminals. Some have committed minor crimes, such as failure to appear in court, and some have been charged with more serious crimes, like murder. When serving jail time you are only able to serve up to 9 months at the Penobscot County Jail, after that time is up you are shipped elsewhere. Some people havenít been proven guilty yet and are just being held before their court hearing.

"When you're doing time, you shouldn't waste time."

Inmates are dressed in different colors to separate the severity of the crimes committed. Although they are dressed differently they do share something in common, which is the chance for an education. There is a classroom within the jail facility, and an educator, Alden McPike. A lot of the inmates have yet to complete high school.

Prisoners are able to achieve general education degrees, high school diplomas and even attain credits from Eastern Maine Community College to further their education. The inmates are able to do this with the Plato Program, which is a software based education program that demonstrates English, Math, Science, History - and other general courses with module guidance. Inmates, who pass the module courses, are allowed to takes those module credits and turn them into college credits at Eastern Maine Community College for a small fee once they are released from jail. The partnership between EMCC and Penobscot County Jail is "very, very effective," said Sheriff Glenn Ross. For some people this is quite the opportunity to change their life around and that's exactly what McPike hopes for. "When you're doing time, you shouldn't waste time," said McPike. The funding for the education comes from the actual inmates themselves mostly. When they do things such as, make a phone call, the money they use is put towards their education.

"The educational component is one big factor that brings positive change to inmates and often keeps them away from negative influences and keeps them focused on not becoming a repeat inmate."

There are high hopes for mostly everyone that walks through the security doors at the jail. Most inmates want to pursue an education, and if they are given a chance they'll go from "chains to change," as one of the inmates' painting reads inside the classroom. Since last year there have been a total of 18 inmates who achieved their general education degrees. "At our jail and across the nation we see a lot of the repeat offender population growing. The educational component is one big factor that brings positive change to inmates and often keeps them away from negative influences and keeps them focused on not becoming a repeat inmate. You can see a positive change right in front of your eyes," said Sheriff Ross.

Along with the inmates being able to learn, officers are also learning on the job. Camera operations are one of those things officers need to learn. There are an estimated 80 cameras within the jail and they are all operated by one person in the control room. With the press of a few buttons, all the cells can be opened. Because of that very reason, the control room windows are tinted, and have the strength of 10 bulletproof windows. The officers also have to be CPR certified, and know how to use certain machines such as a defibrillator, which has saved 40 lives alone.

"...You can see positive change right in front of your eyes."

Visiting the Penobscot County Jail is a learning experience for everyone who enters whether they are there by choice or not. The officers make sure they can make the most positive impact on at least one inmateís life per day. PEW, which is a national ranking, shows 1 in 100 people go to jail. Maine is doing better than the national average with an estimated 1 in 300 people being incarcerated. Sheriff Ross says it is pleasant to see the number difference but, "Maine still has a long way to go."

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they are looking to fill a couple of positions. He said about two-thirds of the current RA's will be back for the next academic year. At the same time plans do change and people who say they will be back or take the job back out.

What does a residential assistant have to do when hired? Each semester they are given $150 to put on three events for the floor. They need to have an educational, a social and a community event. Some residential assistants will show a movie or have a talk with their residents. One floor had an event how to put a neck tie. Some of the daily duties include helping residents if they lock themselves out of their rooms. They help residents if they are having problems with people on the floor or with their roommate.

"Residential assistants have to communicate and listen to what other people have to say especially their residents," said Reining. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights there's a lot more going on so there are two residential assistants on duty. "They are there to support each other," said Reining. Another way that they support themselves is getting together once a month and doing a group activity. One thing they don't like to do is busting people for drugs or alcohol. The reason is because they have to do paper work for the incident that occurred. "Some kids don't act their age," said Fitzgerald. With the busy schedule of being a residential assistant, Rick wishes he had more free time. One positive aspect of the job is the residential assistants get to meet new people that they might not have talked to in the past.

Residential assistants don't get paid but they do get some compensation. For their work they live and eat on campus for free. Reining said it's also good to have on your resume for applying for a job. He said there are a few people that apply just to get the free room and board. "We usually weed them out right away," said Reining. You have to be in good standing with the school to become a residential assistant.

Reining has some plans for the Hall and on campus, which his assistants will be apart of. "I am looking to get a disc golf course on campus so this will be more of a fun place on the weekend," said Reining. On his white board that hangs on the door he asks what you (the students) think of having a disc golf course on campus. He's looking at the wooded areas behind campus and in open areas. His goal is to have students to stay on the weekends more often.

Reining wants to promote safety around campus. He talked to the school nurse and every floor will have a container filled with condoms for the students. It's to teach students to have safe sex. The container will be located on the residential assistant's door. There will be more posters about sexually transmitted diseases and the dangers of alcohol abuse around the hall.

Reining is showing the initiative to be involved in the Husson community. He wants to be involved in making the campus a fun place and a safe place to live.

Spotlight on Student Leaders:

Noel Pratt

By Brooklyn Famosi

If you've taken a stroll through Peabody or one of the Residence Halls and have seen those bright colorful signs for events and activities, then you've witnessed the work of one of Husson College's creative and dedicated Student Activity workers, Noel Pratt. Noel is a sophomore at Husson College in the education department. Currently she is student teaching for her practicum at the Vine Street School. She loves working with the Kindergarten students there. She is a fun and friendly girl who loves animals and Moxie, and is often described by her peers as a "people person."

Noel is a student leader because on top of her academic achievements, she is involved on campus and encourages others to get involved too! One activity she enjoys is being a part of Campus Crusade for Christ. In that group she has participated in weekly Bible discussions, Glow in the Dark Frisbee socials and community service projects such as trash pick-ups and delivering free Tim Horton's to residents around mid-terms. Her favorite thing about being considered a student leader is that it keeps her busy! She doesn't like having down time because she prefers getting up and moving.

Noel loves interacting with people. Therefore it is no surprise that as part of her Student Activities role she assisted with summer Orientation and continues to help freshmen adapt here at the college. She enjoys it when a student walks by 104 Peabody and has a question that she can help with. For those of you who have ever felt a bit lost, make a mental note that Noel wouldn't mind lending a helping hand.

If you know of a Student Leader who deserves the spotlight, contact Brooklyn Famosi at famosib@husson.edu or call x7127.

Husson Law School?

Taking a Look at Possibilities

By Rick Fitzgerald

Husson College awaits a ruling from the Maine Supreme Court following a hearing that was held in late February. The hearing was held to see if the court would allow Husson to move forward with a law school that would be on campus this fall. Husson petitioned the court for permission to allow graduates to take the Bar Exam without being accredited by the American Bar Association (ABA).

The ABA is the largest accreditation organization used by law schools. When a law school is ABA accredited, a graduate can take the Bar Exam, which allows them to practice law in that state. At this time Husson is not pursuing ABA accreditation.

Husson's Chief Human Resource Officer and General Council Tom Johnston said, "The ABA accreditation of law schools is based on larger law schools that have 200 students or more at a time."

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Husson wants the law school to be small so they can better interact with the students. That's not as easy when the classes are so large. At this point 106 people have contacted Husson expressing interest in the law program, but want to stay in the Bangor area.

Dean of School of Business Robert Kuhn says, "We haven't formally taken applications and we won't until we hear form the Maine Supreme Court whether or not they will let us open the law school."

Most lawyers in the state work in the Portland area, because that is where more money is. Kuhn says, "Husson Law School wants to reach out to students that would want to work in rural Maine, the poor towns in the state."

Husson hopes the law school would generate ten to twelve graduates a year. The tuition for one year would be about $12,000 to attend. An average law school student would graduate and maybe in debt of $67,000.

Kuhn says, "Husson wanted to start a law school ten years ago but did not." If the Supreme Court says no to the law school Kuhn says, "There isn't a next step." "If the court is not excepting of the law school then that is that." There are many good things about the proposed law school such as internships for students, which will build contacts before they graduate.

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So now, the future of the Husson Law School rests in the hands of five Supreme Court Justices and many anxiously await their ruling.

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throughout the year. These musical services allow students to interpret their own thoughts and feelings in an open, welcoming environment. "We aren't trying to force any beliefs onto students, we only want to give people an environment where they can get in touch with their spiritual side," said Joseph.

Joseph and Gardiner are familiar faces outside of the chapel as well. They have planned and carried out many activities that have benefited the Husson community. Gardiner and Joseph attend Open-mic nights and also plan activities for students during the "Stress Relief" week all through finals. Campus Ministries has also organized trips to local movie theaters for students to watch movies that deal in some way with ethical, moral, or religious issues. "We like to find contemporary ways in which to connect with students and show them that faith and life aren't two different things, they're very much intermingled," said Gardiner. Campus Ministries is also involved with Campus Crusade for Christ, a student organization that has performed services at the chapel and gives students a place to share their beliefs and faith. Campus Crusade for Christ meets at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday evenings. These activities, and all others that Campus Ministries carries out, are all designed in a way that puts Annette Joseph and David Gardiner among the student body, which is exactly where they feel they belong.



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Budget Cuts Threaten Support Organization:

Member of Husson Community Shares Her Story

By Annette Joseph

Many non-profit organizations in the state that receive financial support from the Maine Department of Health and Human Services are facing significant budget cuts. Agencies in Maine that support victims of domestic violence are concerned about their ability to continue to serve and educate. Annette Joseph is also worried and shares her story of abuse with The Spectator, in her own words:

My name is Annette Joseph and I work in campus ministries here at Husson. I wrote this up as a statement regarding the current budget cuts for the hearings in Augusta on March 12. I did not want to go unheard. I was unheard ten years ago when I finally filed a Protection from Abuse Order and decided to divorce my abusive husband.

When I think about how I finally came to leave my situation, I had no idea what domestic abuse was. I went to see the advocacy center in Bridgton on recommendation from my pastor at a local church. I think he had attended a training event led by this group. I went those first times and started to describe the situation I was living in to the woman who was there. She informed me that I was living in a domestic abuse situation and spoke to me about some of the options I had in staying or leaving and how to keep myself safe. I would have never taken the steps I did without the help of this woman and coming to an understanding that what I was living in was not healthy for my children or me.

In the ten years I was married I never once called the police. There were times that this call should have been made, but I always was embarrassed because I thought I had provoked the attack or that the situation was not of a serious nature and did not warrant a call to the police. I thought that the abuse was just because of my inefficiency in doing things around the house or my lack of understanding of how a wife should be. The woman at the advocacy place explained things to me in a new light. I first had to accept what I was being told by her because this was a whole new way of thinking about my situation. Instead of blaming myself for the instances of violence and verbal abuse, the woman blamed my husband and showed me how he was controlling the situation at home.

Without this important resource for information on how to negotiate the court system, who would be a good lawyer for my case, and knowing what I had to do in splitting time (my case was first filed between Portland and Bridgton as the Bridgton court was not a full time court) I don't know if I would have ever gotten out of my situation on my own. With so many of my friends, coworkers, and bosses who left me alone to negotiate through my divorce and leaving by believing my ex-husband's side of the story on things or through his efforts in trying to get me fired from my job through the project, I finally had a support system that I could fully rely on during this year long crisis of events that happened.

My ex-husband did not make things easy and the only people who I felt were truly on my side was one officer who happened to be an old family friend and the woman at the project. This is vitally important for a woman who is trying to cope with living in a domestic abuse situation, as well as for those who are trying to leave their situation and trying to start a new life. If my pastor had not recently had the bit of training he received from this advocacy group, I may have never been referred to them.

I am currently involved in a community training as a volunteer to support the Abused Woman's Advocacy Project from Farmington to start a community event in Wilton. This is important for the clergy of the area as well as for the whole community network. If more people can recognize the signs of domestic abuse and reach out to these women in proactive ways that support them in their struggle, we will be making great strides toward bringing about a peace in women's lives who don't normally live in peace. The more we cut these programs, the more we will see the rates of violence against women rise in our state. At the time of my protection order in 1996, Maine was one of the states with the highest murder rates for women in a domestic abuse situation. I do not want to see this begin to go on the rise again. This problem affects too many areas of community life to be ignored and looked at as an item of little importance to put our money into. The money we have to pay out in order for women to receive treatment from injuries they sustain, in lost work days, and in burying the dead and incarcerating the offenders costs much more than you will save by cutting these training programs that help to decrease the incidences of this horrendous crime against women.

I would like to invite any students to a fireside chat in the commons at Peabody on this issue on Wednesday, April 9 at 9 p.m. We will serve some refreshments and chat on this topic and any others you would like to discuss regarding the budget cuts that are being proposed. For RD's and RA's this would fulfill your floors' requirement on attending a social issue. Please contact Annette at arjoseph@tdstelme.net or phone 778-1766 or just show up. Hope to see you there!

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WHSN and the Fight Against Multiple Sclerosis

By Tony Zore

Colleges act as lifeblood to a community. They provide platforms for bands to perform, speakers to teach, and students to mature. The New England School of Communications and Husson College have hosted bands from Stealing Jane to the Aurora Jazz Project throughout this school year. WHSN, our campus radio station, serves as a training ground for future "DJs" and serves the community by helping different non-profit organizations get their message out.

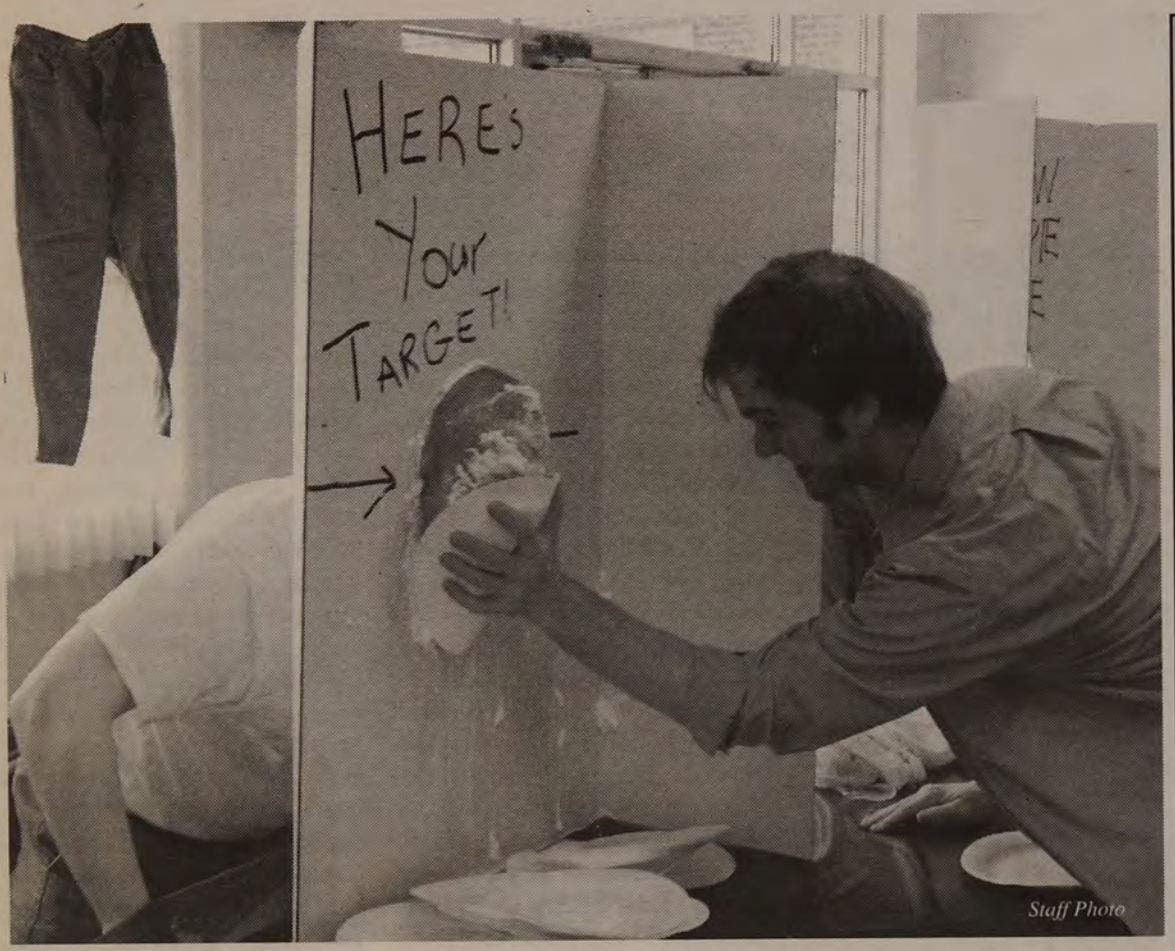
On April 5th, WHSN will host the fifth annual Acoustic Showcase to Benefit the National MS Society. Too Late the Hero, Sparks the Rescue, and The Killing Moon are three of the five bands which will be playing at the Underground located at 1606 Outer Hammond Street, Bangor. WHSN will also be participating in the Walk for MS on April 12th at the Brewer Auditorium.

Multiple Sclerosis is a disease, which attacks the fatty substance that lines the nerves in your body, or myelin. This results in a variety of different possible symptoms as your body's transmitters lose their insulation and "short out".

We gladly participate in these events to help raise money and awareness and by participating with us, you can rock out to your favorite bands, hang out with the WHSN personalities, and help fight this debilitating illness at the same time.

While a cure hasn't been found, there are ways to treat and manage Multiple Sclerosis. With the help of donations and fund raising events like this one, research projects can be funded to further medical advancements regarding Multiple Sclerosis.

For more information, visit www.whsn-fm.com or www.nationalmssociety.org



Having a Little Fun Students, faculty, and staff came together in late February for a pie throwing event. The event involved several faculty and staff members from both Husson College and the New England School of Communications. It was put on by the Senior Class Campaign in order to raise money for important campus needs.

The Senior Class Campaign Gains Momentum:

Seniors Offered the Chance to Win an iPod Touch

By Amanda Kitchen

The Senior Class Campaign hosted a "Pie Throwing Palooza" on Wednesday, February 27, 2008 from 11am-2pm in the Webber Campus Center. Faculty and staff that participated included Audrey Furman, Laurie Eddy, Greg Fortier, Mark Nason, Steve Vachon, Dewey Martin, Bob Wood, Greg Winston, Robert Duron, and Terri Baker. The goal of the event was to raise funds and awareness for Husson's first-ever Senior Class Campaign, led by campaign chair Ashley Palmer '08. The event was a success, raising over $100. Another primary goal was met - many students were educated on the importance of the Senior Class Campaign and what it's all about.

The Husson Senior Class Campaign was begun this year to build a tradition and spirit of giving among the student body, as well as raising funds for important campus needs. Seniors were given the opportunity to vote for where they wanted the funds to be designated, ultimately choosing campus technology.

Palmer's goal is to have 100 seniors, or 25% of the senior class, participate in the effort. So far the effort is about 20% to the goal, so more effort is needed to make it a huge success! Palmer and the Alumni Office also have the goal of maintaining a connection with seniors after graduation.

In an effort to collect accurate contact information for where the seniors plan to be after graduation, an iPod Touch will be raffled for those that supply the information. Anyone interested in joining the contest should visit www.husson.edu/alumni and fill out the form under "Update Mailing Address" or call or visit the Alumni Office at 992-4925. Seniors may also visit a campaign booth to sign up.

For more information:

Senior Class Party: Greg Fortier in the Student Activities Office at 941-7680.

Senior Class Campaign: Amanda Kitchen at 992-4925 or kitchena@husson.edu.

Also check out: www.husson.edu/alumni and our Facebook group!

Check Out These Upcoming Senior Class/Senior Class Campaign events:

Mr. Husson Pageant

That's right, Husson's finest will be strutting their stuff on the runway and competing for a prize.

Want to be a contestant?

Contact Ashley at palmeras@fc.husson.edu or stop by Student Activities to sign up! Wednesday, April 9th from 9-11pm in the Furman Student Center.

Senior Class Party

This year, seniors will be celebrating in STYLE!

Join us for a FREE buffet dinner followed by a great band and fun activities into the night!

There will be giveaways, prizes, games, and so much more, Wednesday, April 16th; beginning with a free dinner at 7pm and the band and activities at 9pm.

Senior Class Campaign Booth

Check out the booth on Tuesday through Friday at noontime in the Campus Center to find out how you can win a free iPod Touch, to find out more about the campaign, or to give your gift.

Remember, even $1 allows us to count you 100% towards our 100 donor goal!

EARTH DAY CAMPUS CLEAN-UP

Campus-wide clean up needed for Earth Day, Tuesday, April 22. Accompanying cook-out to occur same day at patio between Campus Center and Furman Center.

Let's make the campus litter-free!

Clubs and organizations encouraged to also sponsor or co-sponsor Earth Week activities all week long 4/21-4/26.

Media Relations 101

Anne Ravana, business writer for the Bangor Daily News; Katherine Pegram, news anchor for WABI-TV 5; and a radio newsperson will share their views on what they look for in a news story - and the best way to make them aware of the story you want to share. Friday, April 25 at Husson's Dyke Center for Family Business. A continental breakfast will be served.

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8:00-8:30 am Registration || 8:30-10:00 am Program

10:00 am Mentor session

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Eagles Softball:

Taking a Look at This Year's Team

By Amanda Davey

After showing marked improvement in 2007, the Husson College softball team will look to take another step forward this spring. The Eagles will have somewhat of a new look in 2008. With the addition of 7 newcomers, Eagles fans will see some new blood sporting the Green and Gold this spring. What will remain the same, however, is a sold foundation of players, including 7 starters from last season.

Perhaps the most noticeable difference in this years team is the pitching staff. The Eagles will rely on three freshmen to carry the pitching load this season. Caitlin LeBorgne (Scarborough, ME), Tammie Arsenault (Gorham, ME) and Nicole Sargent (Sullivan, ME) will be on the mound for the Eagles. All three ladies will have opportunities this year; the starters dependent on who is the better match up against opponents. LeBorgne is a finesse pitcher with a lot of power and utilizes good movement and change of speed to strike batters out. Arsenault has good power as well as location of her pitches. She has great instinct on the mound, and has a good idea of how to get batters out. Sargent will also be called on to contribute innings to the team. She offers a great change-up and will be effective with her movement and change of pace.

Flashing the signs for the Eagles will be senior co-captain and 3-year starter Shawna Bell (Corinth, ME). Bell, Rookie of the year in 2005 and second-team all conference in 2007, is one of the premier hitters in the conference. Starting every game in 2007, Bell led the team in batting average (.370), runs scored (28) and tied for doubles (9). Bell is an experienced catcher and her knowledge of the game, combined with her leadership skills will allow her to get the most of the young pitching staff and the defense behind them.

The infield returns a capable rotation of Eagles, including 2007 second-team all conference second baseman Cassie Berry (Darmiscotta, ME). The sophomore returns to the diamond after a standout rookie season finishing second on the team with a (.364) batting average from the leadoff position. Berry registered 9 doubles, 2 triples, 21 RBI's and 5 stolen bases as a rookie. She led the team in hits (39), homeruns (6), total bases (70) and slugging percentage (.654) and finished the season with a (.952) fielding percentage.

One spot on the infield where the Eagles return significant starting experience is at shortstop. Senior Carolyn McAvoy (Brewer, ME), who took the 2007 season off returns for her final season. Rookie of the year in 2004 and first-team all conference in 2004, 2005, and 2006, McAvoy will bring leadership and experience to the infield. She has great arm strength and brings a big bat to the plate.

On the corners for 2008 expect to see junior co-captain Jenny Rollins (Corinth, ME) and junior Shannon Pietras (Lincoln, ME) at third and first base respectively. Rollins finished the 2007 season with a (.358) batting average, (.575) slugging percentage, and led the team in RBI's with (29). Pietras anchors the first base position and is backed up by freshman Megan Richard (Wilton, ME) who will also see time in the Designated Player position.

The Eagles have several outfielders on the roster, all of who are capable of doing the job. Sophomore Brittni Adams (Bucksport, ME) will return to centerfield this season to anchor the outfield. Adams offers an outstanding presence in the outfield and has an incredible arm. She is an extremely intelligent player and her head is always in the game. Adams will also see time in the infield this season, acting as the backup at shortstop and second base. Joining Adams in the outfield will be sophomore Jenika Kelley (Jay, ME) and freshman Dottie Cameron (South Plainfield, NJ) in left and right field respectively. Kelley adds tremendous speed to the outfield, covering a lot of ground and will use her speed as a second weapon on the base paths. Cameron also offers the outfield exceptional speed and gets a great read on balls hit to the right side. At the plate Cameron is an exceptional hitter who can hit for power and is going to be a key player in the future of this program.

Also seeing time in the outfield this season will be Megan Bradstreet (Warren, ME), Michelle Varney (Houlton, ME), and Jamie Milton (Howland, ME). Bradstreet, offering the outfield a solid arm, also provides the Eagles with a strong offensive weapon from the left side of the plate. Varney is a solid defensive player whose upbeat personality motivates her teammates to do well on and off the field. Milton, a pitcher and infielder throughout high school has shown continuous improvement and dedication in the transition to a solid outfielder. Having this many outfielders is a plus; there is strength in numbers. This spring there are many options in the outfield and many talented players to fill the positions.

Eagles softball will have a full schedule, playing well over two-dozen games in the month of April. The team will plan to have their home open on April 5th, rescheduling the planned opening game against Bates until later on in the month.





Getting Ready The Husson Eagles baseball team practices on the campus soccer field. The team has been preparing for their busy April month and will open up at home today, April 1st at 3:00 pm.

Photo by James Grindle

Diamond Days:

Our Husson Eages Baseball Team

By Michael LoSchiavo

It's April, temperatures are rising, and the snow is finally melting. That means one thing: baseball is right around the corner. The Husson Eagles will play nearly two-dozen contests in the next thirty or so days. Leading this year's team is a new interim coach, Jason Harvey.

Just last year, he was checking Husson's lineup cards for his name, now he finds himself filling them out. Coach Harvey has encountered many challenges in his transition from the field to the bench, from gaining the respect of players who were former teammates, to no longer controlling the fate of a game with his own bat.

"You always wish you could be in there, a game on the line, and step in to hit, but you've just got to trust the guys you have in there," says Harvey. Coach Harvey says spring training was a good learning experience for the Eagles, who despite losing 8 of 12 spring games had the best conference record.

"We definitely learned a lot in the 12 games we played, we'd like to have won a few more games, but the guys progressed as the two weeks went on; we learned from our mistakes." With a team that is finding an offensive groove and is young defensively, Coach Harvey says pitching will be a major factor for the Eagles.

"Pitching is definitely going to be a key for us, it's going to keep us in most games." Husson dropped 2 close road games to Johnson & Wales to start the regular season, and is preparing constantly for their home opener.

The Battle for Fort Myers

By Sterling Pingree



A Little Rivalry? At Shoeless Joe's Sports Café in Fort Myers, Florida a visible rivalry can be seen between Red Sox and Twins fans. The walls of the sports lounge even express this rivalry, with team memorabilia from both teams - in separate corners.

Photo by Sterling Pingree

When thinking about great Baseball towns, Fort Myers, Florida isn't one of the first that come to mind. No professional sports team makes its home in the Naples suburb; there aren't any Fort Myers Manatees or anything along those lines. In the off-season it's a different story.

Fort Myers is home to two professional sports teams during the months of February and March. The Minnesota Twins and the 2007 World Series Champion, Boston Red Sox, both make their spring training home in Fort Myers with just 10 miles of Route 41 separating the two.

"The Marlins aren't much to talk about down here, the Red Sox and the Twins are the local teams here," said Herb Moses, the head of tourism for the Crowne Plaza Hotel, which is the middle ground of the two teams all spring. "Fans stay at the Hotel because it's right in the middle, now that the Red Sox are sold out most days some fans will go over to Hammond Stadium to watch the Twins."

The rivalry isn't publicly visible between the fans, except for at Shoeless Joe's Sports Café inside of the Crowne Plaza Hotel. The memorabilia on the walls is visibly split, one corner is devoted to the Twins and the Red Sox own the opposite corner, which is complete with a television locked into the New England Sports Network at all times. The fans are friendly and hold no real animosity towards one another, but the players that sometimes frequent the café like to talk up their own teams, sometimes switching sides in the process.

"David Ortiz used to come into Shoeless Joe's all the time when he was with the Twins; he does once in a while now that he's with the Red Sox too. It's harder because he's a bigger star now" said Crowne Plaza Hotel driver, Ralph Terry, whose shuttle runs the route along to both Hammond Stadium (the home of the Twins) and City of Palms Park (the home of the Red Sox).

The competition for turf between the two teams was realized in the late 1990's when the only two independent governors in the country, Jesse "The Body" Ventura of Minnesota and Angus King of Maine, realized their local baseball teams were battling in Florida each spring. There became a minor wager between the two and the "Mayor's Cup" was born. The Red Sox recently sewed up their second consecutive Mayor's Cup, which is concentrated on more by the media than the teams. If you look at the starting line ups of the final game it would seem that the teams were taking it pretty seriously. All the starters were in the line ups for both teams and each threw their best young pitchers, Jon Lester against Francisco Liriano, to try and take the cup home.

There is nothing not to like about this rivalry or this circumstance of two teams sharing one pre-season home. Each team's stadium is less than 20 years old, capacity for both is between 7,700 and 8,000 and tickets are not only readily available but also affordable. Just to give you get an idea of the price discrepancy. The most expensive ticket for a Boston Red Sox game at City of Palms Park is $44.00, this price at Fenway Park would get you a seat out in the deep right field bleachers. Each has a fan friendly atmosphere and is much more affordable for a family on vacation to take in a ball game and actually spend under $100.

"The great thing is that the players live in the same area in which they play, so it is fairly common to see them out at restaurants and such. That makes it a lot of fun for the fans who come down here," noted Herb, who pointed out that a number of the Red Sox players stay in a condominium community a block away from the Crowne Plaza and less than 5 miles from the ballpark. I experienced this first hand when I looked up during a meal at an Outback Steak House in the area and saw Twins All-Star catcher, Joe Mauer.

Is this heaven?

No, it's Florida.

Counselor's Corner:

Advice for a Successful End of Semester

By Rene Collins

Spring break is over, spring training is coming to an end as Husson College's athletic teams are now prepared for their seasons, and we know that academic challenges will wind up. The vernal equinox passed on the calendar with no evidence of spring really experienced by us. Nonetheless, the countdown to the end of this semester is on.

We only have six weeks of classes remaining folks! While this fact can feel relieving, it can also be daunting because of the workload we have facing us. What do you need to do to emerge from this semester successfully?

My suggestion is to make a plan on paper or on your computer. Get it in writing. We use our visual sense as the primary way of understanding things. Grab a calendar or a blank sheet to write down what remains to be done. Include papers due, projects needing completion, speeches to be given, quizzes or tests to be taken, games to be played, social events and family visits to be enjoyed, and finally just plain fun times.

Once you get this in a visual format, you may see that the paper due in three weeks is in the middle of a speech assignment and a test. This is your red flag to work on the paper and complete it before the other two academic obligations. Or, you may notice that you have a game the afternoon before a test. Begin your review a few days ahead of time instead of leaving the task to a cram session after the game when you are exhausted and may feel more like celebrating the victory.

Stress occurs when demands exceed resources. Call on all of your resources to help you leave this semester feeling good about how you managed your most precious resource - time. Fuel your body well with food, avoid alcohol and other drugs to cope with your stress, and arrange for adequate sleep. Said another way, take good care of yourself.

In Student Counseling Services, we are eager to help you "figure out how to get out." Call Jayne Thibodeau at 941-7184 or Rene Collins at 941-7981. We'll offer you choices for getting out of the semester successfully and feeling good about you!

Faculty Spotlight:

Husson Custodian John McDonald

By Agnes Neill

"I like living day-to-day," says John McDonald who is one of Husson's Custodians. McDonald went into the Army right out of high school and served our country for two years in the Vietnam War. In Vietnam, he was involved with the Quarter Master Supplies, where he helped issue supplies and did paper work for the Army. McDonald also went to the field a few times in Vietnam. During his service, he also traveled to Texas, Virginia, and California.

McDonald has been working at Husson as a Custodian since 2004 and he also held a job at Eastern Fine Paper for thirty years prior to coming to Husson. He ended up losing his job at Eastern Fine Paper when the mill started downsizing and he began taking on multiple, mini odd jobs within the mill. He finally became involved with custodian work within the mill and with that, began looking for a steady custodian job.

McDonald began doing temporary custodian work at Husson while working for Page Employment. Two weeks later, he was placed in a steady custodian job here on campus.

McDonald is a very relaxed, easy-going gentleman who in his time off likes to watch the horse races. "I sometimes enjoy betting on the horses. I also enjoy playing golf during the warmer months," said McDonald.

McDonald shares his philosophy of living with his wife, whom he married in 2004. McDonald met his wife at the Eagles Club and said he impressed this lady with his dancing skills when he asked her for a dance nine years ago. McDonald is grateful for what he has and says that living day to day is the way to go.

Student Activities

TUESDAY, APRIL 1

6:00PM-8:00PM HUSSON IDOL AUDITIONS in Kominsky

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

6:00PM-8:00PM HUSSON IDOL AUDITIONS in Kominsky

SATURDAY, APRIL 5

8:00PM-10:00PM INDEPENDENT GAME NIGHT/SNACKS in Furman
3:00PM-7:00PM PIANO RECITAL in Kominsky

TUESDAY APRIL 8

11:00AM-3:00PM PARTY VISION SIGN SHOP

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

9:00PM-11:00PM MR. HUSSON PAGEANT in Furman sponsored by the Senior Campaign of the Alumni and Development Office

THURSDAY, APRIL 10

10:00PM JASON LEVASSEUR SINGER/SONGWRITER in Furman
11:00AM-12:00PM BANGOR HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA in Campus center
6:00PM LIVE REMOTE: WHSN'S THIS WEEK IN SPORTS in Furman
7:00PM YANKEES VS. SOX PARTY in Furman
10:00PM DYNAMIC DUO: SPOKEN WORD in Kominsky

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16

10:00AM-4:00PM BLOOD DRIVE SPONSORED BY OPTS in Campus Center
9:30PM FAMILY FEUD/PRICE IS RIGHT in Furman
TIME TBA SENIOR THANK YOU PARTY in Furman(tentative) sponsored by the Senior Campaign of the Alumni and Development Office

THURSDAY, APRIL 17

9:00PM-11:00PM HUSSON IDOL FINALS in Furman

SATURDAY, APRIL 19

9:00PM-12:00AM RHYMES WITH FUNK AND TIT in Furman

WEDNESDAY, APRIL, 23

5:30PM STUDENT SENATE BANQUET at CFB

THURSDAY, APRIL 24

9:30PM BLINGO: THE LAST HURRAH in Furman

FRIDAY, APRIL 25

10:00PM RONNIE JORDAN COMEDIAN in Furman Center

SATURDAY, APRIL 26

ALL DAY PORTLAND SEA DOGS AND SHOPPING
12:00PM-9:00PM GAME SHOW: LIVE TAPING BY NEScom in Campus Center

MONDAY, APRIL 28

11:00AM-1:00PM JOHN RUSH MUSICIAN in Furman Center

TUESDAY, APRIL 29

4:00pm-10:00pm KRAMER MOVIE MAKERS in Campus Center

FRIDAY, MAY 2

10:00pm-1:00am ETE TOGA PARTY in Furman

SATURDAY, MAY 10

TIME TBA GRADUATION Newman