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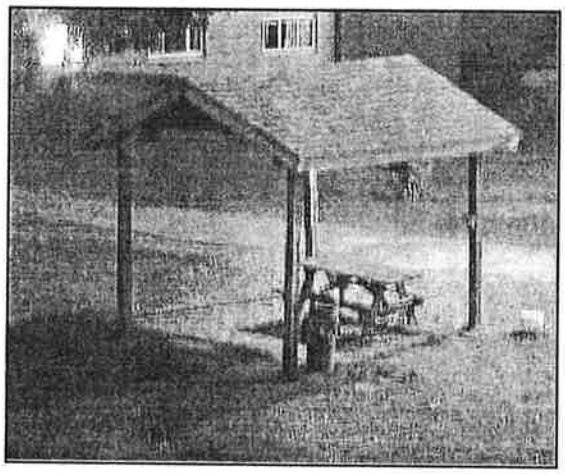
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Student-Run Paper for Husson College and NESCom

Up in Smoke

By: Mark White

It seems that plans for a new "Butt House" have gone up in smoke, or at least put on the back burner for a while. Students that attended last week's 45 minute meeting say that Husson officials only used that time to re-enforce ground rules for Butt Hut decorum, rather then address the recently



sparked ideas for a smoke shack renovation project. The idea for renovation included creating an enclosed structure with windows and an appropriate ventilation system. The new "But House" could be routinely cleaned by the school's janitorial staff and keep students protected during the harsh winter months. The proposal was brought up by students at the beginning of the meeting. However, it was swiftly shot

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The Gray Area

How to Fix Everything

by James Gray

This writing marks my first foray into the pages of The Spectator in several months. The reasons why are unimportant. I mean, I could write an entire column about everything that's happened to me since I last addressed all the little Grayniacs out there, but I honestly think that I care even less than you do. I bought Playstation 2. That's it. That's the only interesting thing. Sure, I had many amazing adventures with my newfound companion, but sharing them with you would somehow ruin the magic, I think.

There are certainly more important things to be written about. The parking situation at Husson, for one, is something that gets a fair amount of coverage. In fact, there are many issues with our school that deserve to be discussed at the very least. I'm just speculating, but I would guess that there is not a single student attending Husson/NESCom who feels that the school is totally perfect. This is *not* to say that we are attending an awful school—merely that there is always room for improvement.

This is why The Spectator is such an important tool. An article in this publication carries a little more weight than a lunchroom gripe session. On rare occasions, The Spectator has provoked real, honest-to-goodness change. At the very least, people talk about what is written—whether they agree or not. Nevertheless, the more we discuss, the more likely things will change as a result.

If this is true, then to sit in silence is to be part of the problem. Nothing gets solved unless somebody steps up and says something about it. A botched order at a restaurant will remain botched until someone asks for it to be fixed. Our school is a good school—but it is our responsibility as students to make sure that our school lives up to its promises. After all—most of us will be in debt for ten or more years. We should make sure we get what we pay for.

By the same token, our school *wants* us to speak up if something is wrong. Customer feedback is important to any organization which sells a good or a service. It is an opportunity to improve. If we as students leave satisfied, we're more likely to say positive things about the school, we're more likely to encourage our kids to go, and we're more likely to donate money down the line. The school needs our feedback to grow. They want to hear what we have to say.

So what are you waiting for?

Dumb or Fun…?

By Lilly

Skate night wasn't as big a success as some were hoping, but it still turned out to be great fun. As most events go, things started off kind of slow but soon picked up a little more speed. The night started with about six people and grew to probably about 15. I know it doesn't sound like much of a night, but we made the fun.

After a few falls and tumbles, they decided to give us the grand joy of Laser Tag. I myself did not go in, but I was informed by one of the participants that "It was great, but it gets tiring after a while."



It looked like fun on the inside, but it was also fun on the outside. While most of the clan was in shooting each other to bits, some played air hockey and others just hung around and chatted. All in all, it was great fun and for all of those who didn't come, you really did miss out.

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when it comes to MLB standards, but still, a no-hitter is a no-hitter. Fact of the matter is, Lowe should have had 2 no hitters this year. Against the Orioles during the same month, Lowe pitched a 1-hitter. The only hit of the game was an infield hit off the bat of Tony Batista. Shea Hillenbrand tried to make a great play. Had he let the ball go foul (which it clearly would have), then Lowe would of had 2 no-hitters in the same month. Beantowners will not soon forget it, considering they once again failed to make the playoffs. They have to hold on to something from the season.

6) *Angel's in the Outfield...and the infield, too-* The Anaheim Angels put together a fantastic season when they reached the playoffs the year after a horrid season. They compiled an astonishing 99 wins. What's makes it so crazy is that it was one of three teams in the division with 90+ wins, but more on this later.

5) *Contract This!* - The Minnesota Twins won the division title in a season marred by contraction talks. Well, the Twins let Bud Selig know where to stick his contraction plan. The Twins were probably the most exciting team to watch this season. The main reason for that was for great plays in the field every night. The Twins may surprise many in the playoffs.

4) *Torii Hunter aka Spiderman-* Torii Hunter's catch off Barry Bonds' bat in the All-Star game was definitely one of the plays of the game. It was clearly the highlight of the game and one of the best plays of the season. Hunter did this all season, but that catch was fantastic. More on the All-Star game later.

3) *Bonds, Barry Bonds-* Is Bonds even human? This is crazy. After you think he couldn't do nearly as well as last season, he goes and has another amazing season. He had many notable moments during this season. He hit his 600th homer, shattered his own walks record, and will undoubtedly break his own MVP record this season. He has previously won 4 MVPs (already a record) and will clearly win the 5th this year. Oh, and he also is the oldest person to ever win his first batting title. He hit .370 this season. That's just crazy. Also, he finally led his team to the playoffs. Speaking of...

2) *Wild, Wild, West-* The AL and NL West hosted the best division races of the year. Each league had 3 teams with 90+ wins. That's just crazy. The Mariners got the short end of the stick in the AL while it was the Dodgers who were shafted in the NL. Still, all six teams involved led to an amazing final month of baseball. This will be remembered until next season for sure.

1) *All-Star Game finish-* Bud Selig made this year's All-Star game, one that we won't soon forget. He decided to call it a tie after 11 innings. A tie? A freakin' tie? You can't have a tie in baseball. What the heck was he thinking? Well, clearly he wasn't. We will undoubtedly still be thinking of this moment by next year's gala.

Now it's time for me to tell you all my picks for MVP: Cy Young, Coach of the Year, and Rookie of the Year for each league. For AL MVP, my choice is Miguel Tejeda. Tejeda didn't put up the numbers of A-Rod, but Miguel was much more a factor to his team than A-Rod. A-Rod is the best player in baseball in my mind, but not the MVP. In the NL, only one choice exists, and that is Barry Bonds. No explanation needed for this pick. Coach of the year for the AL is the Angels' Mike Scioscia for turning around that team into a 99-win team. He did a great job. For the NL, no clear-cut winner stands out, but I would go with Bobby Cox. Bobby coached the Braves to another fantastic year. Hey, who knows, it may actually be their year this year. The AL rookie of the year is a clear choice in the Blue Jays third baseman, Eric Hinske. He was the leader in offensive numbers for all rookies. He was also one of the better hitters for Toronto, though that isn't saying much. For the NL, my choice is pitcher Jason Jennings of the Rockies. Not only did he win 16 games as a rookie, but he did it in the worst pitcher's park in the league. That definitely is something to rave about. Finally, we have the Cy Young award. For the AL my choice is the man who has clearly been the most dominate pitcher for the past 3 years or so. Pedro Martinez finished once again with the lowest ERA in the AL. He also had 20 wins. If I were to have any pitcher in the league for a must win, I'd go with Pedro. For the NL, my choice is Randy Johnson. Although Schilling was the most dominant pitcher for the first 3/4s of the season, Johnson pitched great the whole season. When all was said and done, Johnson finished with more wins, lower ERA, and more strikeouts. Johnson had the better stats so he gets yet another trophy.

So, now that you know where the trophies will go, only one trophy remains, and that's the World Series trophy. Well, I will once again shock the world and not predict the champ. I will say, however, that of the remaining teams, I hope that the Twins go all the way. I just love to watch them. With that I close with a quote from Mystery Men which appropriately sums up the Twins. As the Shoveller said, "We're not your classic Superheroes. We're not the favorites. We're the other guys. The guys nobody bets on. We've got a blind date with destiny! And it looks like she's ordered the lobster."

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Events Schedule

RAPE/RELATIONSHIP AWARENESS WEEK	
Monday *7*	Piano Recital 7pm @ Campus Center
Tuesday *8*	Movie Night "Count of Monte Cristo" 9pm KOM—sponsored by Psychology Club
Wednesday *9*	Men's Soccer vs. UM Fort Kent 3:30 Volleyball @ Unity 6pm Movie Night "Scooby Doo" 8pm KOM Psychology Club Booth 10-2pm Campus Center
Thursday *10*	Golf @ Natanis—Sunrise Championship, time TBA Movie Night "Scooby Doo" 10pm KOM Veterans Club 1st Meeting—Bell Hall 2nd floor conference room 12noon
Friday *11*	Golf @ Natanis—Sunrise Championship, time TBA Volleyball @ UMF, time TBA
HOMECOMING WEEKEND	
Saturday *12*	Field Hockey vs UMF 2pm, HOME Men and Women's Soccer vs. UMF 1&3pm, HOME Volleyball @ UMF Tr. @ 10m
MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK	
Monday *14*	Columbus Day Observed—NO CLASS Golf @ USM 12:30pm
Tuesday *15*	Columbus Day Observed—NO CLASS Golf @ USM 8:30am Women's Soccer @ Thomas 3:30pm
Wednesday *16*	"Better Grades Less Time" 7pm @ KOM
Thursday *17*	Open Mic Night in CC 9-11pm Rescheduled Event: Deb Mitchell "Personal Safety" 7pm Campus Center
Friday *18*	Midnight Madness 9pm-12m @ Gym
Saturday *19*	Cross Country @ UMF (invitational) 10am Field Hockey @ Elms College, MA 2pm Men and Women's Soccer @ St. Joseph's College, VT @ 1&3pm
Sunday *20*	Field Hockey 1pm @ Becker College Golf @ New England Individual, time TBA

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down by the school, which stood firm in its decision to not finance any renovation project on the grounds that any new structure built for the smoking community would simply be vandalized and left in a constant state of disarray.

Husson officials did say, however, that they would continue to allow students to use the Butt Hut as long as they agree to keep the area around the Hut clean and free of after hours noise pollution. If these ground rules continue to be broken, though, the school will not hesitate to take immediate action and re-locate the smoking area across the road beside Peabody Hall.

At the end of Wednesday's meeting a majority of the Husson smoking community was left still un-satisfied with the school's answers. Many students said that what did not come across enough was that it was not the smoking community who have been causing all the late night noise and vandalism, but that it was actually the fault of "irresponsible new alcoholics" who cause a majority of the problem. "We police ourselves, as far as the noise and stuff...we're always telling people to be respectful and quiet," said one smoker.

"If they move the Butt Hut somewhere that isn't convenient, we'll just smoke in our rooms," said another.

In the meantime, the school has donated two new buckets for butt disposal, one will be kept hanging from one of the Hut's four posts. The other is buried in rubble adjacent to the smoking area. The existing trash barrel will remain in the shack as well.

Beginning New All Over Again

By Bart McCarthy

The Bush administration's National Security Strategy released on 9/20, in addition to calls for a "new" doctrine of pre-emption, has an idealistic element to it. That strategy aims to create a "balance of power that favors freedom, liberty and democracy." "Preventing or forestalling hostile acts" and "promoting democracy" are the two prongs of the Security Strategy.

The doctrine of pre-emption is quite a sticky wicket (and one the Senate will be raging about this week). I won't even get into to that here.

What interests me is the moral promise of this promotion of democracy. This (along with pre-emption) is not a new idea in US foreign policy, and what is interesting is how this plays out in real political life among our potential "converts."

What does promotion of democracy look like? It may be hard for someone elsewhere to see anything besides the self-interest of the Democracies. Ask someone in Central America about United Fruit (the Octopus). Ask a Pakistani intellectual about the upcoming "free" elections. Ask a Palestinian about holding free elections while Israeli soldiers roam the streets carrying US military issued M-16s. And on and on... don't even ask about oil.

It's the cognitive dissonance of these moral absolutes about the battle of good v. evil that many people experience and color their vision of the Democracies. 9/11 for a second seemed to signal the end of moral relativism. "You're either with us or against us" was the cry. Well as usual, things prove much more complicated, and problems that were lurking in the half-light of American consciousness suddenly blistered into focus unavoidably for all of us to see... and think about.

GREEK LIFE

By Megan Coughlin

Everyone dreams of finding a group of friends who he or she can call family. As a freshman in college, I am looking for those people who I will become close with. So, I decided to check out a sorority and see what it was all about.

I saw a group of girls who were very close. Each one was different in her own way, but as a whole they were a family. Seeing this bond made me want to be part of it.

Rushing a sorority was interesting and exciting. I learned many things about how sororities started at Husson and which sororities are connected to each other. I learned what they do for community service. The sorority I am interested in is very involved with their community. This gave me a different outlook on sororities.

The speakers who spoke about why a person should join were very convincing.

So, in short, I think I have found a place where I can be part of something big. Sorority life is definitely something I want to be part of.

Quotes of the Week ~ Topic: Mental Health

"Insanity: doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results."
—Albert Einstein

"Happiness is like a cat, If you try to coax it or call it, it will avoid you; it will never come. But if you pay not attention to it and go about your business, you'll find it rubbing against your legs and jumping into your lap."
—William Bennett

"Nature gave men two ends - one to sit on and one to think with. Ever since then man's success or failure has been dependent on the one he used most."
—George R. Kirkpatrick

"We do not have to visit a madhouse to find disordered minds; our planet is the mental institution of the universe."
—Göethe

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