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Bobby Seale at Kominsky

by Steve Berrien

Bobby Seale, co-founder with Huey P. Newton of the Black Panther Party, spoke in Kominsky Auditorium at Husson College on February 14 as part of Black History Month. In reviewing the events that led to his formation of the Panthers, Seale emphasized two main points. One was that he had not planned to be a political activist, but the racism of American society and its violations of the black community forced him into such a career. The other was that he was not, as then Governor of California Ronald Reagan and FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover labeled him, "a hoodlum and a thug."

By the time he and Newton organized the Black Panther Party in Oakland, California, in 1966, Bobby Seale had spent four years in the Air Force, worked on the Gemini Missile project, been a student at Merritt College, and worked in the Human Services Department for the city of Oakland. Moreover, "the FBI knew I was a profound cook." (Seale later published a cookbook, Barbecuin' with Bobby.) None of this was part of the image of him projected by the media and the politicians.

Seale had wanted to be an engineer, but his increasing awareness of black history led him to change his major from engineering design to the social sciences. Affected by Dick Gregory's speaking at Merritt College and by the campus's Afro-American Society, he became involved in political protests. But after the death of Malcolm X in 1965, Seale felt the need for a new organization. He contacted Huey P. Newton, who was going to law school and supporting himself by "doing burglaries." Seale got him a job in Human Services in Oakland, and in October of 1966 they drafted a platform for a new political party. Their goal was to channel the feelings in the black community away from the spontaneous riots that had been occurring and into an organized black political machine. They drafted a simple ten-point program and included the first two paragraphs of the Declaration of Independence at the end of it. They got the idea to call themselves the Black Panthers from the logo of the Lowndes County Freedom Organization, which had been active in voter registration in Mississippi.

Seale knew that the Panthers needed to capture the imagination of the black community. In Oakland and San Francisco, there had been many acts of police brutality, and the Panthers decided to monitor the police as the Community Alert Patrol had done in Los Angeles after the Watts riots. They wore uniforms that included black berets, an idea they got from watching an old movie about the French Resistance to Nazi occupation during World War II. And they bought guns. Huey Newton knew the California laws, which allowed you to carry loaded unconcealed weapons. (Some of these laws were later changed as a result of the Panthers' activities.) Thus armed, they began following the police and monitoring their treatment of blacks. "Only about 30% of the police were racist," according to Seale, but eventually there were confrontations. The Panthers also developed community programs such as free breakfasts for schoolchildren.

The appearance, rhetoric, and activities were threatening to many whites, and by 1969, J. Edgar Hoover—"rest his racist soul," Seale adds playfully—ordered all their offices attacked. "We took arrests when we could. Otherwise, we shot it out." Seale says that since he wrote his autobiography in the late 1970s, documents released under the Freedom of Information Act show the police and FBI provocation of and attacks on the Panthers. (In fact, Kenneth O'Reilly's recent book "Racial Matters": The FBI's Secret File on Black America devotes an entire chapter to the FBI's pursuit of the Panthers and states flatly, "Hoover's pursuit of the Black Panther party was unique only in its total disregard for human rights and life itself" (294).) Though they were portrayed as a radical splinter group,Seale contends that "we were not as isolated as we have been depicted" and that the Panthers had formed coalitions with other black civil rights organizations and white radical groups. Seale was one of the "Chicago 7," tried for inciting the riots in Chicago during the Democratic Convention in the summer of 1968. Though he was ordered bound and gagged in the courtroom by Judge Hoffman for his outbursts during the trial, his conviction for contempt of court was eventually overturned. "I won all my political trials," Seale says, "but I was in jail for two years without bail."

Seale, who now serves as the community liaison for the African-American Department at Temple University in Philadelphia, where he is working towards his Ph.D., does not advocate another Black Panther Party. "The issues have to cross racial lines, and we need people's cooperation on humanism." He defines himself as "a citizen of the earth first and a citizen of the United States second," and says, "I stand up for democratic human rights." Arguing for the need for "community-based economics," Seale wants to address homelessness and black unemployment by raising money to buy rows of houses, train black youths to renovate them, and give them to black homeless women with children. He encouraged Husson students to pursue their careers. "I want you all to graduate and get a $100,000-a-year gig, but give at least 5 % of your time to activism." He feels we need an environmental coalition and universal education. "You can't forget the rest of humanity. A business major isn't just for advancing yourself."

Measles Outbreak

by Kathy Chilvers

When I spoke with Linda Jenkins, the school nurse, the question of the outbreak of measles at the University of Maine at Orono arose. I asked her, "What are you as the school nurse doing for the students here at Husson?" She explained that state law requires every degree-seeking student to have proof of immunization. She is currently reviewing her computer list to find students who were vaccinated before they were 15 months old. She has found 127 such students, who will therefore need to be revaccinated. These students have received phone calls and notes in their mailboxes. She also mentioned that the state will not provide the College with the vaccine until there has been a case of measles reported on campus. She suspects that a few cases will appear. The dose for one injection costs $30. As it is, the state already requires that all athletes be vaccinated because they travel to other schools.

Because the law considers ICLS students as non-degree-seeking, they will have to provide their own funds to be immunized. Any students who have not been contacted by the school nurse and wish to be vaccinated may call Med Now for an appointment.

Editor's Note: *This will be the last issue of* ***THE SPECTATOR*** *until after spring break.*

Features Page

Black History Month

A Salute To:

STERLING BROWN

by Steve Berrien

Sterling A. Brown was born in Washington, D.C. in 1901. Educated at Williams College and Harvard University, he taught for many years at Howard University until his recent death. His first volume of poetry, Southern Road, appeared in 1932. From 1936 to 1939, he was the Editor of Negro Affairs for the Federal Writer's Project. Brown was an editor of the important anthology Negro Caravan (1941), and he wrote the critical studies The Negro in American Fiction (1937) and Negro Poetry and Drama (1937).

Brown was educated in the North, but he had great respect and fondness for the folkways of southern blacks, and his poetry frequently uses folk themes and dialect. Brown also draws heavily on many types of black music-work songs, blues, jazz, spirituals, and ballads- for the form and subject matter of his poetry.

OLD LEM

by Sterling A. Brown

I talked to old Lem
And old Lem said:
"They weigh the cotton
They store the corn
We only good enough
To work the rows;
They run the commissary
They keep the books
We gotta be grateful
For being cheated;
Whippersnapper clerks
Call us out of our name
We got to say mister
To spindling boys
They make our figgers
Turn somersets
We buck in the middle
Say, 'Thankyuh sah'
They don't come by ones
They don't come by twos
But they come by tens.
"They got the judges
They got the lawyers
They got the jury-rolls
They got the law
They don't come by ones
They got the sheriffs
They got the deputies
They don't come by twos
They got the shotguns
They got the rope
We git the justice
In the end
And they come by tens.
"Their fists stay closed
Their eyes look straight
Our hands stay open
Our eyes must fall
They don't come by ones
They got the manhood
They got the courage
They don't come by twos
We got to slink around,
Hangtailed hounds.
They burn us when we dogs
They burn us when we men
They come by tens....
I had a buddy
Six foot of man
Muscled up perfect
Game to the heart
They don't come by ones
Outworked and outfought
Any man or two men
They don't come by twos
He spoke out of turn
At the commissary
They gave him a day
To git out the county.
He didn't take it.
He said 'Come and get me.'
They came and got him.
And they came by tens.
He stayed in the county-
He lays there dead.
They don't come by ones
They don't come by twos
But they come by tens."



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Alcohol Awareness

by Jack Slomback

This and the next few articles are devoted to hearing from Husson students who became aware they had a problem with chemicals, made the decision to get help, and how they feel about themselves today. I posed a series of questions to Ray (not his real name), a Junior majoring in Business Administration. The questions and Ray's answers follow:

Q. Looking back Ray, how old were you when you realized you had a problem with chemicals?

A. My consumption of alcohol doubled at around 19. Looking back, at 20 or 21 I started to hit the bars on weekends and during the week.

Q. How did you hide it from family and friends?

A. Alcohol was widely accepted at home because my parents drank. And I only hung around friends who drank like I did. The more the better!

Q. Do you think your chemical use affected your family?

A. As drinking became the top priority in my life, my family saw less and less of me. I would call very rarely and when I did, I would be half crocked.

Q. What made you decide to get help, Ray?

A. After drinking one morning, I felt like I hit a brick wall. I felt empty, lonely, scared and confused as to where this kind of life was going to lead me.

Q. How has your life changed since recovery?

A. Recovery is like a breath of fresh air. It feels so refreshing not worrying about where my next drink is going to come from. It was on my mind constantly when I was active.

Q. How do you feel about yourself today?

A. Being sober and staying sober has made me feel like I'm worth something today. It puts trust and responsibility into my life again.

Q. Any advice for anyone who may be reading this?

A. Alcohol paints such a pretty picture in our society and has such a hold on people. It makes you feel invisible to yourself until the effect wears off. Then its just you in the mirror with a big hangover. Next time we'll hear from another Husson student.

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Student Life Page

ON-CAMPUS INTERVIEWS FEBRUARY TO MAY

Date		Company	Major
February	20nd	Pieske Court Reporting	Court Reporters
	23rd	CVS	Management
	26th	Hartford Hospital	Nursing
	27th	Welby Super Drug	Management
	28th	Northwestern Mutual Life	Managemnet
March	1st	Spring Consortium in Portland	
	2nd	IBM (Summer and Fall coop)	Acccounting
	20th	Doris Jones Court Reporting	Court Reporters
	21st	Allstate	Management
	28th	Radio Shack	Management
April	2nd	Jackson Brook Institute	Nursing
	9th	Southern Maine Medical Center	Nursing
	25th	Bonney Personnel Offfice	Support
May	7th	Bangor City Nursing Facility	Nursing

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The Greek Side

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Tau Kappa Epsilon has been very busy so far this semester. We have already introduced our new brothers, who completed pledging February 10th. They are Jeff Eaton, Rick Foss, and Steve Franjipane.

Some of the social service projects we have been doing the past few weeks are: visiting the elderly residents at the Mt. Hope Convalescent Home, delivering crates of food and supplies to the Ronlad McDonald House, waitering for the YWCA at their fashion show, and many other activities.

In the next few weeks we plan to be busy with the Bangor Auditorium as they get set for a spring fair; our biannual Keg Roll, which will be rolled this year from Waterville to Husson, a distance of about 70 miles. This event brings money to a charity of our choice, which this year is going to a local charity in Bangor. We will also be helping Student Life with Earth Day, which is April 22. (Any help or support you can give Julie Green is appreciated.)

On April 21, 1990, TKE will celebrate our 15th year on the Husson Campus with our Red Carnation Banquet. Alumni, parents, and brothers and their dates have a great time partying, socializing and dancing at this annual occasion.

We have only one brother graduating this May—Dave Corbin, who is majoring in Court Reporting. Good luck with all your interviews, Dave! We know you will get what you want.

TKE brothers seem to be very busy, but we always have time for fun. Anyone is welcome up on our floor, 9th level Hart, anytime! Have a great semester, and an awesome Spring Break.

A VIEW FROM BENEATH, BEHIND AND BETWEEN...

by Derek King

For those of you who were anxious to read this week's column on Mike "Dr. Drums" Crabtree you'll have to wait another week.

Chances are if you've ever walked into Carlisle Hall from the rear entrance you've seen a student furiously rocking away in a wooden rocking chair. That student is Gerard Patsy Russo, Jr., better known as Jerry.

Jerry brings the rocking chair with him every year to the dorms from his home in Southern Maine. I expected to hear that the chair was an antique and that it came over on the Mayflower or that John Quincy Adams once sat in it, or that it survived the Civil War. Jerry says he received the chair in 1985 as a Christmas present. He says it's just an ordinary wooden rocking chair that came from a department store.

Jerry is uncertain of the material that the chair is constructed of. He guesses that it's red oak.

The chair helps Jerry think and relax, and all of his homework is done while sitting in his rocking chair.

Jerry is concerned for the maintenance of his chair. He says, "The heat and dryness of the dorm rooms causes the dowels to pop out." At closer inspection I could see electricians tape and string strategically holding the chair together.

Jerry plans on keeping the chair for the rest of his life and passing on it on to his children.

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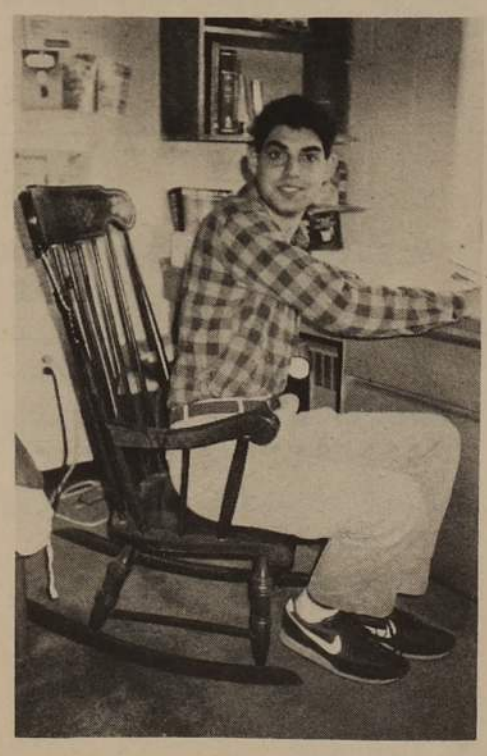
Several issues ago Alex Nicolaou wrote a very humorous editorial on future campus improvements. I heard that many students actually believed that professors at Husson would receive a yearly salary of $77,000 and that for the academic year of 1990-91 each dorm room would be equipped with a personal computer. I just thought I better clear things up and say that that isn't true. I've got a clue to readers... This is a college newspaper, not the Bangor Daily News, so don't believe everything you read in it, and don't take everything so seriously either! Next week I'll be focusing on the new varsity football program that will be starting next fall. (Okay, just testing you.)

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Just in case someone in the athletic department happens to read this, I've got a comment. Why are those little kids allowed to run around at half time of basketball games and shoot baskets??? Husson is supposedly "big time" basketball and having those little rodents on the court isn't very classy. You don't see kids doing that at University of Maine games. As a matter of fact you don't see that in back woods class D high school basketball games either.

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My article on G.D.I. several weeks ago didn't generate as much hate mail as I expected. I recieved one letter. It was from a sorority sister and it was very well written and she brought out many excellent points. I'd like to take this space to say that the G.D.I. article is not necessarily the opinions and feelings of the Spectator Staff. The article was based on personal interviews with self-proclaimed G.D.I.'s. A few quotes from the letter include..."Greeks have never tried to make independents feel uncomfortable...", and "We don't see G.D.I.'s giving donations to the homeless, the children's fund..." I talked to one G.D.I. about social and community service and he told me that although it is not common knowledge G.D.I. does have a favorite charity. The charity is the Glenburn Shelter for Stray and Abused House Cats. (For those who thought we were really getting personal computers... I'm just kidding about the house cats.)



Jerry Russo in his rocking chair rocking... studying... rocking... relaxing... rocking...

Photo by Derek King

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Any comments, suggestions or nasty-grams can be sent to me in the mailroom c/o Derek King...Next week...**Mike "Dr. Drums" Crabtree.**

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Sports Page

YMCA Indoor Soccer Tournament

by Phil Byra

Saturday, Feb. 17, the Bangor YMCA held an 8-team indoor soccer tournament. Husson entered two teams: The Husson Braves and the Husson Tribe. The Husson Braves was the "stacked" team according to the Tribe and I have to agree.

Amongst the strong teams were the Husson Braves, UMF, UMPI, The Athletic Attic, and the Unknowns—a pick-up team from Bangor. After a couple of losses and a tie the Husson Tribe was eliminated from play. Dazzling goals by Derek "The Pirate" King, Tom Largay, and Eric Rhodes were scored in the losing efforts.

While the Tribe was having trouble, the Braves were in the midst of a payback to UMPI who ousted the Husson team from their own tournament in the semi-finals a month ago. The Braves went on to romp by a score of 8-2. Believe me, revenge is sweet. Goals by Tony "Pepe, Just call me Daddy" Samuels, Phil Byra, David Roussel, Atsushi Hiriyama, Al Tripp, and Carl "Shotgun" Crawford made the victory very sweet.

The Braves then went on to play an extremely tough team from Farmington. The Braves lost that game 3-1 with the lone goal scored by Phil Byra.

The Braves finished seeded #2 in their bracket behind Farmington. The Braves had to play the #1 seeded Athletic Attic from the other bracket in the semi-finals.

The Attic was previously unbeaten and fielded a very strong experienced team. The Braves

The Braves were excited to be in the finals, but there was a sense among the team that just getting to the finals wasn't enough—they wanted to win. The Braves ended up against their tough rivals from Farmington who easily beat their opponents in the semi-final round.

The Braves scored first but Farmington scored quickly after. At the half the score was deadlocked at 1. The Braves were playing much stronger, intense soccer than their previous meeting with the Beavers. Farmington seemed cocky, but the Braves came out on fire and completely dominated the second half, outscoring Farmington 3-0. The Braves went on to a 4-1 win and were crowned the champs.

Goals on the day were scored by Tony Samuels-6, Dave Roussel and Phil Byra each had 5, Al Tripp had 3, Carl Crawford had 2 and Todd Bickford and Atsushi Hiriyama each had 1 a piece. Although Matt Redstone did not score any goals, he played strong defense and assisted on a couple of goals. The Husson team will be in a Maine Maritime Tournament shortly after Spring Break.

Woman and Men Win First-Round Playoff Games

On Wednesday night in Biddeford, the Husson women defeated the University of New England 71-44, to advance to the District Five Final Four Tournament in Portland.

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On Thursday night the no. 1 seeded Husson men defeated the no. 4 seeded University of New England 74-68 in an NAIA District 5 East playoff game. The win advanced them to the District 5 Final Four in Portland, currently underway.

Campus Question

by Carolyn Mallia

If you had a problem, would you seek on-campus counseling? Why? or Why Not?

Heather Strother- "No, it's a small campus-things get around. If I had something really troubling on my mind, I'd call my parents."

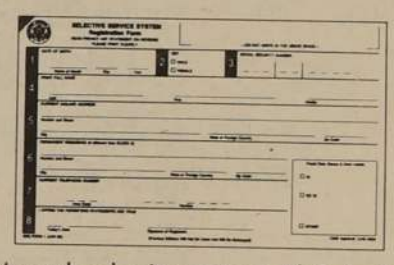
Jamie Glover- "No, cause if I had a problem, I'd go to a friend."

Tony Delahaye- "Yes, because it's the first counseling available, and it's free. If they couldn't help me, then I would go off campus."

Kelvin Higgins- "No, I'd talk with my friends before I'd go there."

Amy Richardson- "It depends on what the problem is. If it's a major problem, I think I would."

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