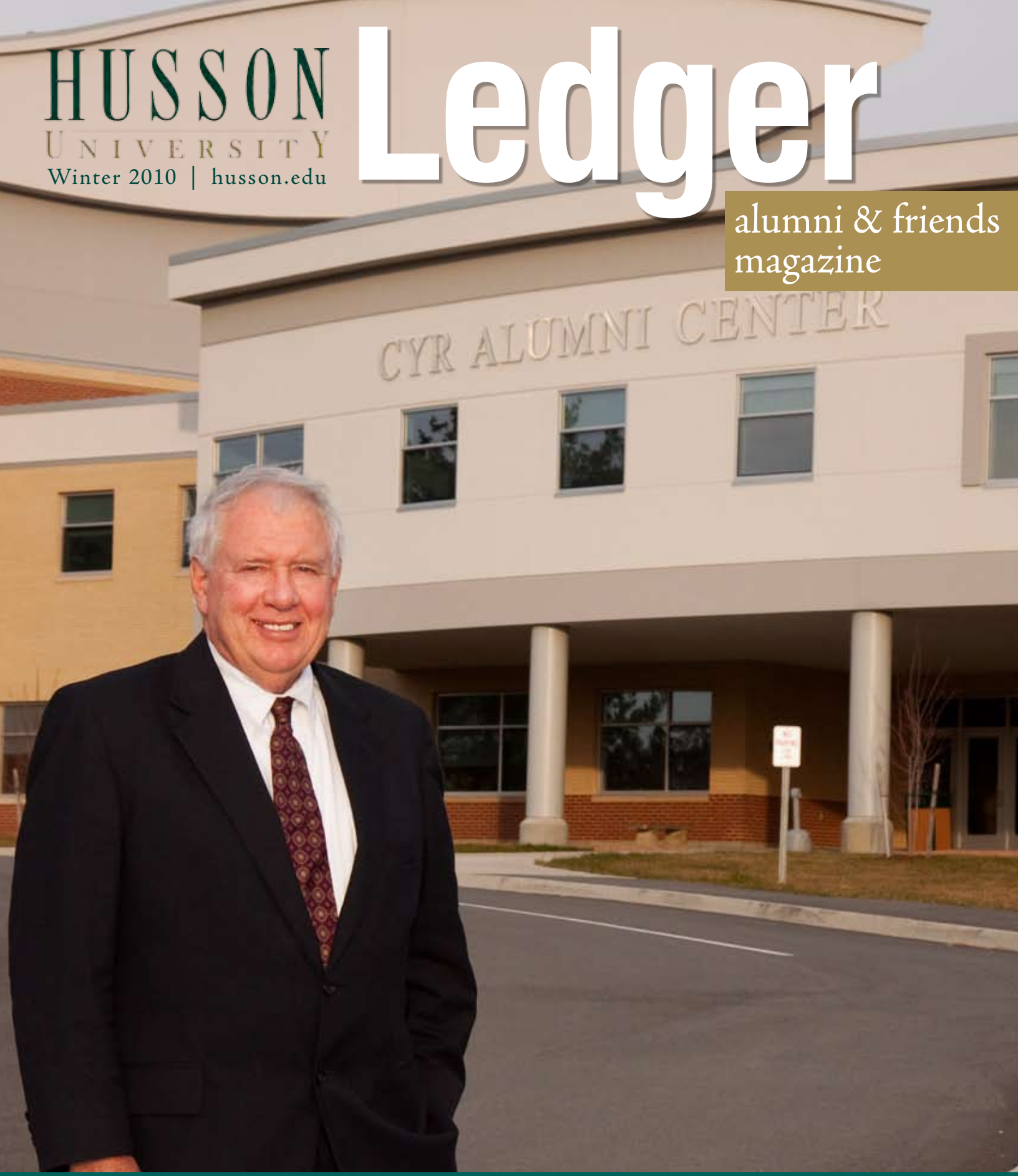
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Dear Alumni and Friends,



This is a time of great change at Husson. The changes that are taking place will forever mark the face of Husson's history. It is at this time of change that we look back and reflect on what has come before and gaze into the future whose foundation has been laid by President Beardsley's bold vision. He brought the school back from the verge of bankruptcy to a financially sound institution. He has expanded the course offerings to fill niche markets in Maine. President Beardsley's vision has shaped Husson College into the strong continually evolving university of today.

Husson is standing on the brink of a new era. President Beardsley was honored at Homecoming for his dedication and commitment to Husson and bringing quality education to Maine's "diamonds in the rough." As President Beardsley's time with Husson comes to a close we find ourselves witnessing the passing of the torch. The Presidential Search Committee has selected his successor.

The Board of Trustees voted to name Dr. Robert A. Clark as the new president of Husson University. Dr. Clark currently serves as the University of Evansville's vice president for strategic initiatives and as the director for the institute for global enterprise in Indiana. Also, he is currently the Schroeder Family Dean and professor of finance and international business at the University of Evansville's Schroeder Family School of Business Administration. He holds a Ph.D. in Finance with a minor in Econometrics from Purdue University. Dr. Clark also earned an MBA as well as undergraduate degrees in both Business and Spanish from the University of Maine. Clark is a native of Albion, Maine, and is married to Tricia McGarry Clark formerly of Bangor. She is currently the music director for a United Methodist Church in Indiana. They have two daughters, Sarah and Elizabeth. It is an exciting time as we usher in a new president while honoring the illustrious career of President William Beardsley.

This issue is a tribute to Bill and the incredible change and progress he has brought to Husson in his 22 years as its president. His retirement is truly the end of an era. In this issue Bill tells us about his time here at Husson, the articles all reflect the impact his leadership has had on moving Husson academics to serve the community and the State of Maine, and chronicles our fond farewell at Homecoming this past October and the dedication of his Meeting House. The Meeting House, which now bears the Beardsley name, as well as Gracie Theatre were all dreams of Bill's that have been made a reality and grace the pages of this issue.

While the pages of one chapter of Husson's history slowly reach the conclusion we have not reached the end of the story, merely the beginning of the next exciting chapter. President Beardsley transformed the face of Husson and expanded offerings while continuing to stay the course of Husson's motto of "Humilty and Character." Bill has exemplified this motto in all that he has done and continues to do. Although his time at Husson has reached its conclusion both Bill and Husson are beginning exciting new chapters. We wish Bill the best in all his future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Adrienne Pelletier
Editor



Husson Trustee Kris Doody, '97 RN, CEO of Cary Medical Center in Caribou, Maine and 15 year veteran of Quorum Health Resources (QHR), the nation's largest hospital management company, was recently appointed chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Maine Hospital Association. Doody is actively involved in the State of Maine Community College System, serving as a member of their Board of Directors and incoming Board chair. She serves on the American Hospital Association Regional Policy Board; is a recipient of the ACHE Early Career Regents Award. Doody has been named an "Up and Comer" by Modern Healthcare, "Woman of the Year" by the Maine Business and Professional Women's Association, and "Alumnus of the Year" by the University of Maine at Presque Isle.



Jonathan Bayless Ph.D, has been selected as the Project NExT Fellow. *"Project NExT* (New Experiences in Teaching) is a professional development program for new or recent Ph.D's in the mathematical sciences. It addresses all aspects of an academic career: improving the teaching and learning of mathematics, engaging in research and scholarship, and participating in professional activities. It also provides the participants with a network of peers and mentors as they assume these responsibilities.

The program is competitive, requiring an application and letter of support from the Fellow's employer. They accept around 80-85 new Fellows each year. Specifically, this year's Fellows attend the MathFest this August in Portland, OR, the Joint MAA/ AMS Meetings in San Francisco in January, and next August's MathFest in Pittsburgh.



At the Friday April 3, 2009 session of the International Society for Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing Conference in Greenville, South Carolina, **Elizabeth Clark, PhD**, Associate Professor of Nursing and Director of Baccalaureate Nursing Track, **Teresa Steele, '63 PhD**, Professor of Nursing, Dean of the School Health and Director of the Advanced Practice Psychiatric Nursing Track, and **Connie Sprague, MSN**, Assistant Professor of Nursing presented their research *Acadia Magnet: An Oral History*. In 2003 Bangor's Acadia Hospital became the first psychiatric hospital world-wide to achieve Magnet Designation. This award recognizes excellence in nursing leadership and practice. The goal of the research was to identify factors that contributed to Acadia's success, at the same time identifying factors that signify excellence in nursing care. The audio recordings from the oral history are being archived at the Maine Folklife Center.



At the March 31, 2009 session of the International Society for Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing's Second Annual Psychopharmacology Institute Conference in Greenville, South Carolina, **Lisa Cyr Buchanan, MS, FNP-BC, CRRN**, Assistant Professor of Nursing and Director of the Family and Community Family Nurse Practitioner Track participated in the panel presentation *"Cognitive Dysfunction and Altered Mental Status Across the Life Span: Acute to Long Term Care"*. Lisa was one of three presenters in this panel presentation and her paper was titled *"Delirium & Dementia in the Geriatric Patient in Long Term Care"*. The focus of this presentation was to provide advanced practice clinicians with an in-depth knowledge about clinical and pharmacotherapeutic management of delirium and dementia in the geriatric population in settings such as the community, skilled and long-term care nursing facilities.



Teresa Willette Steele, '63 PhD, Professor or Nursing, Dean of the School Health and Director of the Advanced Practice Psychiatric Nursing Track was nominated by her colleagues at Husson University for the International Society for Psychiatric Mental-Health Nursing Education Award. According to the ISPN, "ISPN awards provide an opportunity for the association to formally recognize some of the many outstanding contributions of

psychiatric-mental health nurses throughout the world." The ISPN states "The Education Award acknowledges exceptional creativity and effectiveness in curriculum development, teaching strategies, student recruitment and support, educational outreach and/or other activities by a psychiatric-mental health nurse educator. The nominee is viewed as a mentor and role model by colleagues and students." In the words of her colleagues: "Teresa is an exemplary professor, mentor and healer," "She leads without hierarchy," "Because of the trust extended, I am able to function with autonomy and faith that my work will be honored and that I have the support from her when I need it." In the words of Senator Susan Collins, "Teresa has had an invaluable impact on the health of the people of the State of Maine, the United States, and even abroad." Dr. Steele was presented with this award on April 3, 2009 at the ISPN 11th Annual Conference in Greenville, South Carolina.



At the Saturday April 4, 2009 session of the International Society for Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing 11th Annual Conference in Greenville, South Carolina, **Rene Collins, Ed.D., LCPC, RN**, Director of Student Counseling Services and Clinical Coordinator for the Advanced Practice Psychiatric Nursing Track, and **Thomas Rusk, MD**, Senior Psychiatrist at Penobscot Community Health Center presented "Healing the Wounded Spirit: Learning to Seek and Deeply Accept Comforting." Collins and Rusk wove elements of attachment theory into understanding how individuals' histories and attachment styles influence their ability to seek and accept deep comforting for their emotional pain. An interactive exercise helped the audience understand firsthand the advantages of overcoming lifelong awkwardness with arranging deep comforting for both their personal growth and their work with patients.

Faculty and Staff



Long-time director of the Husson University Extended Learning Center in Presque Isle **Carolyn Dorsey '91, '95** is leaving after 14 years of service to the university. Carolyn, who received both her B.S. and an MSB from Husson, has taken a job as an associate professor of Business Management at UMPI. Carolyn has helped to grow the Aroostook County Center in both enrollments and in programs offered, first at the former site in Caribou and now at the site at Northern Maine Community College.



Dr. Conrad Dhing is an associate professor of social and administrative sciences in the Department of Basic Pharmaceutical Sciences. He earned a bachelor of science in Chemistry and a Ph.D. in Pharmacy from the University of Louisiana at Monroe. Before joining Husson University in July 2009, Conrad taught at Long Island University and St. John's University in New York. He was also a health economics consultant for a research firm in New York City.

Conrad's research interest is focused on the pedagogy of pharmacy education and secondary data analyses, with emphasis on the access and utilization of health care services and medications. He has over 20 research papers and posters presented at national meetings and was a regular speaker at pharmacy continuing education programs. Conrad was inducted into Rho Chi, Phi Kappa Phi, Omicron Delta Kappa and the Mortar Board. He was also awarded Teacher of the Year in 2006.



David B. Romerill, Pharm.D., BCPS Dr. Romerill received his doctor of Pharmacy degree with college honors from Butler University. He completed postgraduate residencies in pharmacy practice at Wishard Health Services/Purdue University in Indianapolis and in critical care at The Methodist Hospital in Houston, Texas. He remained at The Methodist Hospital as the clinical specialist for a 20-bed neurosurgical ICU until joining Husson University in August. He is a board certified pharmacotherapy specialist whose professional interests include hyperglycemia in critical illness, therapeutic hypothermia, and neurological injuries.

David lived in Indiana until he joined the Air Force after high school. During his six-years on active duty, he graduated with honors from the USAF School of Health Sciences and earned an associate of applied science degree from the Community College of the Air Force. He was a cardiovascular technician in inpatient, ambulatory, and industry settings for more than decade before attending pharmacy school.

Until his partner of 19 years and their loyal Sheltie companion of 14 years join him, he shares a residence in Bangor with Kai, a seven month old Chow Chow. He is an avid fan of Butler basketball, Colts football, and all things volleyball.



Dr. Roger Phipps Dr. Phipps joined the Husson School of Pharmacy as lecturer in pharmacology in August 2009. He earned a BA in Biochemistry and Physiological Sciences in 1972 from Oxford University, UK, and a PhD in Respiratory Physiology from London University, UK in 1977. Roger completed a post-doctoral fellowship at the Cardiovascular Research Institute, San Francisco in 1977 to 1978. In 1981 he accepted a position as director of asthma research at Mount Sinai Hospital, Miami Beach, with an adjunct associate professor appointment at the University of Miami. In 1988, Roger gave up the academic life and went to work in the pharmaceutical industry. He accepted a position as principal scientist at Procter & Gamble Pharmaceuticals, located first in upstate New York and later in Cincinnati, Ohio. At P&GP, Roger worked mainly on therapies to treat respiratory and bone disorders. After 20 years at P&GP Roger moved to Maine in 2008 to head the Bone Genomics and Cancer group at the Maine Institute for Human Genetics & Health in Bangor, before his appointment at Husson University. During his time in academia and industry, Roger has authored over 50 peer-reviewed research manuscripts and 7 review chapters, and continues to serve as an ad hoc reviewer for several bone-related journals. He has given over 25 invited presentations at national and international meetings.

Outside of work and family, Roger's passion is soccer. He played for over 20 years before taking up refereeing in 1982. Since then he has refereed at all levels from Under 6 through professional.



Jennifer Flynn of Presque Isle was selected to serve as the new division of extended learning coordinator at the Presque Isle site. Last year, Jennifer, was the communications director MSAD #1. She was the acting media/public relations agent for the district, editor of the district newspaper, as well as the volunteer coordinator. As part of a sharing agreement, she also fulfilled a similar media relations role for MSAD #32 in Ashland and maintained their website.

Jennifer was previously employed by the Limestone School District for six years as their computer technology teacher. She developed and instructed the school's computer curriculum for students ranging from grades five through twelve and updated the Limestone Community School website. She filled the role of teacher leader for the Maine Learning Technology Initiative, in which she assisted and trained the staff with technology integration. While there she created an Advanced Computer Technology course for upper level high school students. Students in this class worked with community organizations and businesses designing and updating the content and appearance of their online presence and print media needs.

Jennifer enjoys golfing in the summer and skiing in the winter. In 2000, she received a M.Ed. from the University of Maine. Jen resides in Presque Isle with her husband, Rob, and two sons, Hunter and Noah.



Rachelle M. Smith, Ph.D. has joined our School of Science and Humanities as a professor of psychology. She received her Ph.D. in Psychology from the University of Maine in May 2009 with a focus on Development. Her research interests include how the developmental process has been shaped by evolutionary pressures with a focus on the development of social intelligence. Rachelle is very excited about the opportunity to join the faculty at Husson University and is looking forward to getting to know the diverse students, faculty and staff.



John Lowe has been recently hired as director of academic services. He received his BA in Psychology from Muskingum College, a MS in Counseling from Miami University and a Ph.D. in Higher Education and Organizational Development from The American University. John has many responsibilities in student and academic services including residence life, counseling and psychological services, career development, health, orientation and code of conduct. One of his areas of expertise and a strong interest of his is working with undeclared students, conditional admits, academic support and first year experience courses, which is his area of responsibility at Husson. Prior to this position he has been assistant vice president and dean of student development at Frostburg State University in Maryland.

He is living near Winterport with his wife Mikal who is a new faculty member at Husson. They enjoy hiking and sailing, reading and

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exploring Maine with their two canines. John has wanted to return to Maine permanently since having a summer job in college.



Crystal Sands, assistant professor of rhetoric and composition, holds a PhD in Rhetoric from Texas Woman's University. Her dissertation provided a rhetorical analysis of Nathaniel Hawthorne's books for children. She has taught writing and literature at both the community college and university level in Texas, Oregon, and now Maine. At Texas Woman's University, she was awarded the J. Dean Bishop Award for Excellence in Writing Instruction. She has published a variety of children's reference book as well as a children's travel guide. She is also a wife and mom, with two sons age 12 and 2 months.



Wayne B. Scott, assistant professor of physical therapy, was born and raised in Delaware. He received all three of his degrees from the University of Delaware; a Bachelor of Arts and Science with anthropology major, a Master of Physical Therapy and a PhD in Biomechanics and Movement Science. His research and teaching interests are in the areas of electrotherapy, exercise and physiology. Prior to joining Husson he was at the University of East Carolina in Greenville, NC for 3 years in their physical therapy department. In his leisure time he enjoys cycling and hiking with his wife and children as well as following professional cycling, soccer and Formula 1.



Aaron Domina has recently joined the Husson faculty with a joint appointment in Biology and Pharmacy. He received his BS degree in Biochemistry from Worcester Polytechnic Institute, followed by a PhD in Pharmacology and Toxicology from Dartmouth College. For his graduate degree, he studied MCL-1, a protein that plays a role in several types of cancers. Following this, he held a research postdoctoral position at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, Texas, where he studied various pathogens, including Venezuelan Equine Encephalitis Virus and SARS. For the last five years, he has taught Biology at Eastern Nazarene College in Quincy, MA.

Robert Turcotte, '84 recently hired as the director of the Boat School and an instructor, has over 30 years of boat building and design experience. This includes yachts and commercial passenger and fishing vessels in Maine. Bob has worked as a designer and project manager for a number of reputable custom boat builders in the midcoast area. Most recently he was employed for a high end composite company using the latest in vacuum infusion processes.

Mr. Turcotte is a graduate of the Boat School in Eastport, Maine. He is continuing his studies with the Westlawn Institute of Marine Technology graduating in 2009. Bob has also taught CAD classes at a vocational high school and Southern Maine Community College in Brunswick.

Bob grew up on the coast of Maine sailing and power boating. He spent his teens and early twenties fishing commercially for tuna and lobster with his father. Bob's passion is seeing and experiencing new boats being built in other shops around the state of Maine.



Mikal Crawford joins the faculty in the School of Education as an associate professor for the graduate counseling programs. She received her bachelor's degree in Journalism & English from West Virginia University, her master's in Counseling Psychology from Frostburg State College, and her doctorate in Counseling Psychology from West Virginia University. She completed her predoctoral internship at the University of Maine Counseling Center, and knew that she would return to Maine one day. Prior to joining the Husson faculty, she was a psychologist in the counseling center at Frostburg and served as an adjunct faculty member in the departments of Psychology and Education. For the past nine years she has been the program coordinator for the graduate program in School Counseling at Frostburg. She enjoys spending her free time hiking with her husband and her two goofy dogs, swimming, and sailing. She is looking forward to launching her Flying Scot sailboat, the "Oquossoc Doc" on a lake in Maine next summer.



Robert Brooks, has been hired as an associate professor of biology, anatomy, and physiology in the School of Science and Humanities. Bob was born in Alaska, but at last count had lived in 9 or 10 different places. He received his bachelor of science in Zoology and Chemistry from the

University of Idaho and his master of science from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in Biodynamics. His doctoral work included writing dissertations in both biomechanics/anatomy and science education in a cooperative program through the Medical School and the Science, Mathematics and Engineering Education Center at Washington State University. He completed his post-doc at Wake Forest University. Since then he has taught 25 different courses at three other institutions, most recently Fort Lewis College in Colorado. His research interests include studying the biomechanics and motor control mechanisms of muscle. Bob has three children, Justin, Kelsey, and Allison and a cat named Bobby.



Thomas E. Stone has been hired as a mathematics instructor. Tom is a native Mainer, having been raised in Newport and graduating from John Bapst Memorial High School in Bangor. He received his commission as a Naval Officer after graduating with a B.S. in Physics from the United States Naval Academy in 2000. He completed his M.S. in Physics at the University of Wisconsin—Madison before reporting to Charleston, South Carolina in 2002 for nuclear power training. Tom became a fully qualified submarine officer and nuclear engineer, spending four years aboard the USS Annapolis (SSN 760) and the USS Pittsburgh (SSN 720). After leaving the Navy in 2007, he resumed his PhD studies the University of Maine in the area of statistical physics. Tom joined the Mathematics department at Husson University in the fall of 2009.

Tom and his wife Melissa reside in Veazie with their two dogs and are expecting their first child in March. Depending on the season, Tom can be found either riding his bicycle on the roads around Bangor or on the slopes of Sugarloaf. He and his wife also enjoy gardening and hiking.

EDUCATION

The Physical Education Program in the School of Education

The Physical Education program prepares students for fulfilling careers in teaching, coaching, and leadership. The Physical Education Non-teaching/Youth Development track prepares individuals to successfully teach and work in community-based youth-serving programs like those offered at the YMCA, YWCA, Boys and Girls Clubs, and municipal recreation departments.

One of the exciting hands-on courses in which students in the Physical Education program are trained in is the methods of outdoor and adventure education. In this Outdoor Education course, Dr. Jeannie Hamrin teaches land navigation, survival skills, outdoor-cooking techniques, and strategies for mastering a ropes course. Students cultivate skills for archery, rock climbing, canoeing, and fishing. Additionally, they master basic first aid techniques, wilderness safety, wilderness survival and environmental care. Dr. Hamrin promotes an awareness of diversity and emphasizes that challenge and risk are context-specific. For example, canoeing on a calm lake may not be adventuresome for a seasoned paddler but could be for someone who has never lived outside of a major city and/or never had the experience of being on the water. Her over-arching goal is to empower students to become committed and responsible global citizens. The Outdoor Education course teaches important skills necessary for safe, responsible outdoor recreation, which can be applied within classroom or various non-school programs.

Another course offered as part of this degree program is the History and Philosophy of Physical & Health Education, taught by Head Football Coach Dr. Niles Nelson. This class is designed to consider what educators are currently teaching in schools and what they should be doing in relation to three pillars of physical education: (1) recreation, (2) strength, and (3) cardiovascular. The course is an important introduction to philosophical and historical implications and to the foundation principles of physical and health education, including an overview of both disciplines. It also provides an opportunity for critical examination of theory and practice.

With increasing rates of childhood obesity and related diseases, health education is continually vital to our schools. As a result, the School of Education at Husson now offers a Bachelor of Science degree in Health Education at the K-12 level. Husson's

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B.S. in Health Education uniquely provides students with an avenue to major in Health Education or to pursue a dual major in Physical and Health Education. Students are prepared to assess individual student and community needs, plan and implement health education programs, evaluate the effectiveness of coordinated school health programs, and serve as a resource in the area of health education. Husson University is presently the only teacher education program in the state of Maine to offer both Health Education and Physical Education degree programs.

Husson's Health Education program serves as a strong complement to the Physical Education program, since many physical education teachers in schools are also responsible for teaching health education classes. The B.S. degree in Health Education can be earned by completing an additional course each semester, so a Physical Education student could graduate within the four-year time frame, or take an additional semester of courses to complete both degrees. Courses may also be taken for re-certification purposes and are conveniently offered each semester in a once-a-week format on the Bangor campus with ICV connections to Portland, Presque Isle, and Calais sites.

If you would like to learn more about Husson's Physical Education or Health Education programs, please contact Assistant Professor Cindy Connelley at connelleyc@husson.edu or (207) 941-7063.





Photos

[top] Physical Education majors participate in a Ropes Course.

[right] Students work on orienteering skills.

[middle] Husson students learn safety skills for canoeing and kayaking in Webber Pool before taking their boats onto the open water.

[below right] In October physical education students went to Burnt Island camping as part of the Outdoor Education course.

[below left] Students practice archery skills.













School of Law

Husson University has petitioned the court to allow law graduates to sit for the Maine Bar Exam. Husson's Law team has developed a plan to address the court's previous objections to the proposal, developed curriculum founded on American Bar Association academic standards and the most recent studies on how best to teach law. Husson is now seeking approval from the Maine Supreme Judicial Court to sit for the Maine Bar Exam.

"We have taken the Courts recommendations to heart. We have strengthened our curriculum, hired a highly credentialed and experienced law school faculty and have proposed what we believe is a rigorous review process to assure on-going program excellence. This program fits Husson's mission and serves an unmet need in the northern two thirds of Maine. We hope to have the first year of the law program fully enrolled and underway in 2010," said President William Beardsley.

The Law School has already begun accepting applications. All applications are contingent upon Court and NEASC approval. "In order to accept students in the summer and fall of 2010, it is necessary for them to take the LSAT no later than February 2010," said Dean Michael Mullane. "The registration for that exam is in early January therefore, we are beginning the application process now."

The program will be headquarted and taught on the Husson campus in Bangor. It will be initially delivered in the late afternoon and evenings to accommodate working adult learners. Initial classes are expected to range from 30 to 50 in size with scheduling designed for full and part time students.

Husson has reaffirmed its decision to open as a non-ABA school. "We have studied the options and have designed a program that we believe meets the academic standards of the ABA. We have met with the ABA in Chicago. We are committed to becoming an ABA school on or before 2017. At the same time, the ABA is going through substantive review of its own standards and rarely approved law schools with fewer than 100 students per class. Quantitative and physical standards for library holdings are in transition. We have concluded the best way to meet our mission is to start small with a clear focus and high academic standards and then evolve toward the ABA over the next five years as they, themselves, evolve," said Dean Mullane.

To address the Courts concern that Husson Law have substantive oversight, Husson has proposed a Court-appointed review commission that would periodically review the Husson program, reporting findings and recommendations back to the Court. Husson would find but have no role in the oversight. "It is presumed the criteria for oversight would closely match the academic criteria for the ABA, positioning the school very well for its ABA application, planned for 2015," said Mullane.

The court has issued an order requiring Husson to answer questions propounded by the Court, permitting interested persons to file memoranda commenting on the application, and setting a public hearing on the application. The public hearing was held December 1, 2009 at the Penobscot Judicial Center. Results of the hearing are anticipated to be received early January 2010.

Questions about the Law School should be directed to (207) 992-4994 or ballingerj@husson.edu.

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Online Degree Program for New Brunswick Community College

Husson University is doing what it does best by filling a need for educating place-bound students, only this time the reach extends beyond the United States borders. Husson and Unobskey College in Calais have partnered with New Brunswick Community College and the University of Fredericton to deliver a bachelor of science in Business Administration to Canadian students.

New Brunswick Community College (NBCC), offers students a certificate in business, but there were limited opportunities for students to earn a bachelor's degree in order to apply to the University of Fredericton master of Business Administration (MBA) program. The University of Fredericton approached Husson University about developing a partnership to address this need. After a year of research and development, the online degree program offered through the Husson Division of Extended Learning was born, bridging the gap for place-bound students.

Students interested in Husson's program must have successfully completed the business diploma program at NBCC. Students who are accepted into this program will receive up to a maximum of 90 credits for their NBCC diplomas and will complete 30 credits, or 10 courses, through Husson University. At least 15 of these credits will be in advanced business courses and the remaining 15 credits can be comprised of a variety of general education and business courses. Upon successful completion of the program, the University of Fredericton will also award a diploma in Advanced Business Studies, and students will be eligible to apply to the University of Fredericton's MBA program.

Husson ran the pilot of this program last spring and received favorable responses. This fall, the complete program was launched, offering Advanced Business Communications and Public Relations courses. The courses are offered through an online portal provided by the University of Fredericton. Husson's faculty was trained in how to use the Moodle instructional platform. Courses are taught in "real time," but also are recorded on a central server in Fredericton, benefiting students who miss a class as they are able to watch it at a later time. Robert Kuhn, Dean of the School of Business, is enthusiastic about the new program. "Students are able to receive the same high quality education as students enrolled in an on-campus program because the students are able to interact with peers and professors on a daily basis to ask questions, participate in discussions and work collaboratively on student material all from the convenience of their home." Current technology has allowed for educational delivery methods that create engaging and relevant learning experiences that suit the needs of learners. Dean Kuhn hopes that in the future, the same delivery methods can be utilized for American students at Husson because many students work full-time while attending school, and online classes would allow them greater flexibility.

This program is being facilitated from Unobskey College in Calais, and all academic advising sessions and formal assessment measures will be administered at Unobskey. Lynne Coy-Ogan, Dean of the School of Education and the Division of Extended Learning, states, "Our colleagues at NBCC and Fredericton have been very collaborative. Their commitment to this exciting venture has ensured our success at Husson as we embark on this joint initiative." Ken Green, Dean of Academic Affairs at the University of Fredericton, echoes Dean Coy-Ogan's sentiment by saying, "I am impressed and excited that three independent institutions have partnered to provide a practical means for New Brunswick Community College business graduates to pursue undergraduate degree completion," and added that it will be fulfilling an important educational opportunity mission for NBCC students who are often unable to access or afford the courses at provincial university campuses. "This enlightened partnership exemplifies how institutions can undertake, at minimal disruption or cost, action which can provide educational advancement to the underserved."



If you watch TV dramas like Grey's Anatomy, you can understand how young adults get enamored with the idea of becoming a physician or nurse. What's not to like? The actors save lives, are treated like heroes or heroines, are hip and cool, and get paid very well. The other hundreds of thousands of professionals employed in healthcare are only bit-actors, right?

B.S. In Health Care Studies Plan A Or Plan B? Husson University

Well, not quite. As it turns out, physicians, nurses, and other caregivers couldn't do their work unless they partnered with another professional, the health care leader. The healthcare leader makes sure that the work environment is safe, efficient, and effective for not only the patients and front-line care givers, but for all staff. Whether buying sophisticated medical equipment, hiring the right staff, purchasing the supplies, educating the public, tabulating finances, developing computer systems, or maintaining the confidentiality of a patient's medical information, the health care leader is critical to the success of every type of healthcare organization.

Husson University's B.S. in Health Care Studies was developed to give students a way to begin a fulfilling, highly respected, and well-paid career as a leader in healthcare.

In addition to the general education courses that all students must take, students in the Health Care Studies program start off with courses in biology, chemistry, anatomy and physiology and computers along with 3 core courses during their freshman and sophomore years. The core courses include Overview of Careers in Health Care, Introduction to Health Care Studies, and Medical Terminology.

In their junior and senior years, the Health Care Studies student takes more intensive courses, including Healthcare Management and Organization, Introduction to Public Health, Medical Databases, Healthcare Economics and Policy, and a senior Capstone course. Because of the number of electives available, students can also develop additional skills in Business and Behavioral Sciences.

Gail Tudor, PhD, and Michael Skinner, M.S.Bus, are the primary faculty in the program. Dr. Tudor is a biostatistician with many years of experience in epidemiology, biomedical research, and public health. Mike Skinner has many years of experience in hospital management.





Mike Skinner
After serving in the U.S. Army as a medic, Mike earned a B.S. in Nursing from Fitchburg State College, Fitchburg, Massachusetts, and an M.S. in Business, with a concentration in Health Care Financial Management, from the University of South Carolina. He held increasing leadership roles over 30 years at Eastern Maine Medical Center, Nantucket Cottage Hospital, Nantucket, Massachusetts, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, New Hampshire, and finally, as president Baystate Franklin Medical Center, a hospital in Greenfield, Massachusetts. Mike has numerous healthcare articles published, including a recent book chapter in an anthology of leadership experiences by nurse executives. He has international experience, providing leadership training to hospital executives in post-communist Croatia. Mike has been a member of the Board of Trustees of numerous organizations, including a hospital association, United Way, Chamber of Commerce, and a community college.



Gail Tudor
Gail received a BA and MS in Biometrics from the University of Minnesota and a PhD from the University of North Carolina. After graduation she spent three years working at Quintiles, Inc., a contract research organization that helps biotechnology companies and pharmaceutical companies get their newly designed drugs approved by the Federal Drug Administration. She spent a year at West Virginia University, Department of Statistics, then three years at the Duke Clinical Research Institute teaching and consulting and then six years at the University of North Carolina in the Department of Biostatistics. In 2005, Gail joined the faculty at Husson. In addition to teaching, she serves as a consultant for students and faculty at Husson who need help designing, conducting and/or analyzing their research projects. Gail is married with four children, and loves to water ski, swim, hike and play soccer.

PHARMACY



Oath of a Pharmacist

I promise to devote myself to a lifetime of service to others through the profession of pharmacy. In fulfilling this vow:

I will consider the welfare of humanity and relief of suffering my primary concerns.

I will apply my knowledge, experience and skills to the best of my ability to assure optimal outcomes for my patients.

I will respect and protect all personal and health information entrusted to me.

I will accept the lifelong obligation to improve my professional knowledge and competence.

I will hold myself and my colleagues to the highest principles of our profession's moral, ethical and legal conduct.

I will embrace and advocate changes that improve patient care.

I will utilize my knowledge, skills, experiences, and values to prepare the next generation of pharmacists.

I take these vows voluntarily with the full realization of the responsibility with which I am entrusted by the public.



The fall 2009 semester ushered in the inaugural class for the School of Pharmacy. The students began their semester a week before the rest of the Husson community with a rigorous orientation. The School of Pharmacy welcomed 65 students, 49 of which were from the State of Maine. The Board of Trustees awarded a scholarship, known as the Founders Scholarship, of $5,000 to each member of the inaugural class.

The students took their Oath of Pharmacy at the White Coat Ceremony held October 4, 2009 in the Gracie Theatre. Since its inception in 1989 at the University of Chicago's Ritzier School of Medicine, the symbolic white coat ceremony has become a defining experience in many health care schools. It is intended to make students aware of the need to balance science with empathetic patient care as well as serve as the first step in their professional development, relating the attributes associated with the pharmacy profession with the incoming students themselves. In accepting the white coat, students are pledging to ethical and honorable behavior and to practice patient care within these values.

The ceremony is also a statement of the faculty's confidence in the students. Recognizing the rigor of pharmacy school, the ceremony is an affirmation by the faculty that says "We trust you can do it." The event further helps students cross the boundary from pre-pharmacy studies into a world of learning, thinking and practicing the profession of pharmacy. This ceremony recognizes the students' transition into a patient care role which is particularly significant at Husson given our students will begin working with patients as part of their community Introduction Pharmacy Practice Experience in January of their first year.

The "white coat" is a commanding symbol of the unique responsibility that pharmacists have as healthcare providers. The presentation of the white coat to students represents their passage into the pharmacy profession with all the opportunities and responsibilities associated with the profession. The ceremony also provides an opportunity for the class to come together for the first time to celebrate the first of several significant and memorable events in pharmacy school.

Renovation

The third floor of Peabody Hall has just undergone a serious renovation in preparation for the School of Pharmacy. The renovation will serve as a "model" for the further renovation for Peabody. It brings with it a Cognitive Skills Lab. This lab is one of only a handful in the country and offers critical and cutting edge technology. The labs will serve both the pre-pharmacy and pharmacy candidates so the students will be able to work side by side.





Husson University's Department of Nursing is at the forefront of safely paving the way for nursing students to learn. The very men and women that may be by your hospital bed during a life-threatening emergency are getting an intermediary step in their education that bridges the transition between the classroom and acute health cases with live patients through simulation.

Traditionally, nursing education takes place through a continuum of rigorous classroom-based learning followed by hands-on, clinical experience with patients. "The clinical instructor is responsible for eight students and eight to sixteen patients for a six to nine hour period," Cynthia Peterson, M.S., R.N., Assistant Professor with Husson's Department of Nursing points out. "The potential there for an untoward event is enormous, particularly taking into account the increased acuity of patients on the units today and the nursing students' inexperience."

Husson's Learning Resource Lab, is developing expertise on par with some of the most innovative nursing programs throughout the US, to provide education experiences that address these issues. With the help of SimMan®, a human simulator, Husson's Lab is the first university-based simulation lab established in central and northern Maine, providing a realistic clinical environment, equipped with intermediate and technologically advanced mannequins that simulate actual clinical situations. The mannequins have a variety of features to mimic realistic patient situations, including changes in vital signs, heart and breath sounds, and the ability to talk and breathe. The simulation lab creates a "real world" clinical experience in an increasingly sophisticated, controlled setting that allows for success or failure in a safe environment. Students can go back and "do it over again," demonstrating learning and development of skills application. "Because of my simulation experience," Husson nursing student Liza Stone points out, "I can also learn from my mistakes without potentially doing any harm to the patient. I also learn from my successes which really builds my confidence in my skills."





Simulation devices and techniques most effectively manifest their potential as training aids when they are skillfully integrated into the classroom-lab teaching structure. "It's not just about the mannequin," Valerie Herbert, MSN, RN, Husson's Learning Resources and Simulation Director states, "but how it is implemented into the education environment." Simulation labs such as the one at Husson provide an effective bridge between classroom-based static skills development and actual hands on patient care in the clinical setting.

"Working with technologically advanced simulators can recreate a situation that requires the same spontaneous active thinking and problem-solving as may be encountered in the clinical setting," Peterson states. Simulation allows students' understanding to progress from comprehension of concepts to application and ultimately to critical thinking and analysis of situations. "I know the book," nursing student Hanna Belvin explains, "but thinking on your feet is much harder. With the simulator I never know what's going to happen next and it really keeps me alert." The lab allows for simulation exercises to be recorded so that faculty and students can debrief after the simulation experience. "I think the de-briefing is the most important part of all, the most constructive part," Belvin adds. "I learn from others and don't take criticism of my work personally. It really helps me learn." Debriefing can take place in the classroom adjoining the lab or anywhere on campus through WiFi.

"We are at just the beginning of a revolution in the use of simulation for advanced healthcare practitioner training and skills enhancement," Herbert notes. "Just as technology grows along with our understanding of how best to interact with and make use of its strengths, Husson's Lab will continue to be at the forefront of this remarkable

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ATHLETICS

President Beardsley named Dr. Niles Nelson the Head Football Coach at Husson University in July of this year. Nelson had been the defensive coordinator at Husson for the last five years. Niles has a wide array of football coaching experience. He was a head high school football coach in Massachusetts, Bangor and Orono, ME, an offensive coordinator for University of Rhode Island and Nichols College and line coach at The Citadel and Methodist College. Nelson has an undergraduate and master's degree from the University of Maine and a Ph.D from Florida State University.

Shawn Demaray has been named an assistant football coach, responsible for overseeing the offensive line for Husson University. He is also a strength and conditioning coach in the Athletic Department. Previously Shawn was an intern football coach at Maine Maritime Academy. He was a three year starter for the University of Maine as an offensive tackle and was named All-Conference his senior year. Demaray graduated from the University of Maine with an undergraduate and master's degree in education with a concentration in exercise science.

Nelson has named Bruno Dorismond a graduate assistant football coach for Husson University, responsible for monitoring the student athlete's academic progress. Bruno is also the team travel coordinator and the linebacker coach. Previously Bruno played football in Germany for the Marburg Mercionaries. He was a three year starter on the defensive line for the University of Maine, a team captain his senior year and an All-Conference player for two years.

Athletic Director, Cindy Connelley, named Katie Flaherty head field hockey coach in June 2009. She also is a strength and conditioning coach for the Athletic Department. Katie previously worked at Thomas College as the assistant field hockey, women's basketball and women's lacrosse coach. She played field hockey at the University of Maine where she served as a captain for three years. She was chosen for the America East Field Hockey All-Tournament Team in 2004 and 2006. Katie has an undergraduate and master's degree in Kinesiology and Physical Education from the University of Maine.

Jennifer Fried has been named the sports information director for the Husson University Athletic Department. Jen previously worked as a compliance intern at University of Iowa where she was also a volunteer assistant softball coach. She has coached soccer at Franklin & Marshall and softball at Swarthmore. Jen played soccer and softball at Franklin & Marshall College in Lancaster, PA where she received an undergraduate degree in Psychology and is currently finishing her master's degree in athletic administration from the University of Iowa.









Photos

Katie Flaherty [top left]. Jen Fried [top right].
Niles Nelson [bottom left]. Shawn Demarary [bottomm right].

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new world of nurse training in Maine and beyond." SimMan® is currently being integrated into other programs at Husson such as Physical Therapy and Criminal Justice. Herbert believes that this is just the beginning of how simulation can be integrated into both healthcare and non-medical professional training. Husson has been recognized as a Center of Excellence here in Maine by Laerdal Medical Corporation, the manufacturer of our simulator, SimMan®. Herbert hopes in the future to add a SimBaby® or SimNB®, as well as pursue the development of a collaborative Regional Simulation Center here at Husson, to benefit students as well as provide a resource for the greater Bangor community.

If you are interested in learning more about the Simulation Lab or to take a tour, please contact Valerie Herbert at herbertv@husson.edu or by phone at (207) 941-7745.

HALL OF FAME

Betsy MacGregor Webb ’83, Ed.D.

Inducted 2009



Betsy MacGregor Webb has spent nearly her entire life at Husson University. When she was growing up in Bangor her father Bruce was coaching basketball and teaching at Husson and she spent many hours playing basketball and other games in and around the Newman Gym. She received her B.S from Husson in 1983, her M.S. in Educational Administration from USM and went on to earn her Ed.D. in Educational Leadership from UMaine in 2008.

Betsy began her career in education in 1983 in the Wells-Ogunquit School District where she worked as a Technology Teacher. With stops at Thornton Academy and SAD #68 in Dover she found her way to the Brewer School Department in 1997 when she was named Principal at the State Street School and K-12 Technology Coordinator. In 2001 she was named Superintendent of Schools in Brewer. In 2005 she became Assistant Superintendent of Schools in Bangor and was named Bangor School Superintendent in 2008.

Brenda I. Joslyn BSN ’90, MSB ’04

Inducted 2009



Brenda Joslyn is a caregiver in every sense of the word. She has worked as a registered nurse since she received her B.S.N. from Husson in 1990. A life-long learner she received her Master of Science in Business from Husson in 2004. After spending fourteen years as a staff nurse in Oncology/ Renal and ICU/PICU she was hired as the Clinical Supervisor at CancerCare of Maine responsible for supervising Nurses, Medical Assistants and Nursing Technicians. In 2008 she became Department Head Nurse for CancerCare. Responsible for the daily operations, patient scheduling and a myriad of other responsibilities, she has been the driving force behind the care for thousands of patients afflicted with cancer. She is the clinical influence in the development, process, and flow of the new Cancer Center. Whether it was facilitating a comprehensive cancer treatment education program for patients undergoing chemotherapy, working to improve medical records or quality assurance and performance measures she never forgot that every patient is special and deserves the best treatment possible.

William H. Beardsley

Husson Honorary Alumnus

Inducted 2009



William Beardsley served as president of Husson University for 22 years. During his tenure the school transformed from a small professional college with a School of Business to a university with seven schools and graduate degrees including multiple master’s degree programs and doctoral degrees in Physical Therapy, Pharmacy and Law. Extended learning centers were established across the state in Presque Isle, Calais, and South Portland, and we assumed ownership and fostered the growth of the Husson Boat School. Under his leadership the campus blossomed with new buildings, new programs and beautiful landscaping. The Beardsley Meeting House is named in his honor. His true legacy was his service and dedication to Husson students, providing educational opportunities to his “diamonds in the rough.”

HUSSON UNIVERSITY

Hall of Fame

HALL OF FAME

John W. Winkin Ed.D

Sports Hall of Fame | Coaching & Baseball

Inducted October 17, 2009



Dr. John Winkin's name is synonymous with baseball in the State of Maine. After beginning his coaching career at Colby from 1954-1973 he then spent 23 years at the University of Maine and led his team on six occasions to the College World Series.

He was named a Husson Fellow for Sports Leadership in 1996 and became head baseball coach at Husson in 2003. In the spring of 2007 he earned his 1000th win. He received the American Baseball Coaches Lefty Gomez Award, received the Distinguished Achievement Award from the ECAC and has been named Division I Coach of the Year, National Coach of the Year, and Northeast Region Coach of the Year six times. He is a member of 11 Halls of Fame including the American Baseball Association and the Maine Sports Hall of Fame. The Athletic Complex at Husson University bears his name.

Sue Ann Allen

Sports Hall of Fame

Inducted October 17, 2009



Sue Ann Allen played basketball at Husson from 1994-97.
Her accomplishments on and off the court were exceptional. She served as team captain in the '96-97 season. She was named to six all-tourney teams and was named MVP of the Paul Bunyan Tourney in 1995. She was named to the State of Maine Team and Maine Athletic Conference team in 1997. Her teams won two MAC titles 1995 and 1996. Sue led her team to NAIA National Tournament in 1996. Her career statistics include 107 games played, 1036 points scored, 214 steals, 357 assists and 369 rebounds.
Her 117 assists in her senior year is one of the highest season totals in the history of the program. She was a true leader.

Along with her achievements on the court she was also an outstanding student. She made the Dean's List every semester of her college career. She graduated with magna cum laude and was named an NAIA Academic All American her senior year.



HOMECOMING '09











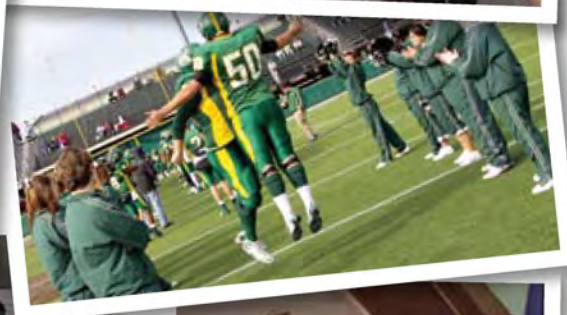
















Homecoming '09

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Gracie Theatre

The original idea for a performing space on campus began eight years ago as a way to provide a teaching platform for Husson and NESCom students, and a way for Husson University to become an even more integral part of the Greater Bangor community. Ground was broken on the project in September of 2007 and today the $6.5 million Gracie Theatre stands proudly on the west side of the campus adjoining the 55,000 square foot Beardsley Meeting House. The entire project was built by Brewer construction firm Nickerson and O'Day, who brought the project in under budget. The theatre gets its name from Gracie McCollum, age 7, granddaughter of Hilda Hutchins McCollum, a long-time trustee and friend to Husson University.

Along with WBRC Architects and Engineers of Bangor, Husson worked with Walters-Storyk Design Group of acoustic and theatre consultants of New York City, to create a space that merges cutting-edge technology with the university's educational goals. The 500-seat theatre has a sound booth with recording capabilities, sound mixing booth, and light booth that are all large enough to be used as hands-on classrooms. The Gracie's interactive communications learning center and teaching spaces will offer students many opportunities. Already this year Husson has hosted a live television show, had performances by comedians and other entertainers, and produced our own version of West Side Story with a cast and crew of 50 people along with 23 members or the Bangor Symphony Orchestra providing the music for Homecoming Weekend. All three nights of the performance sold out very quickly!

The Gracie has a scene shop, rehearsal hall, three dressing rooms, a cocoon for the Steinway piano, and an orchestra pit. One of the unique facets of The Gracie is the more than 50 feet of fly space above the stage so that backdrops, set pieces, a 20-foot screen and even actors can be moved into place from overhead.

The Gracie is also handicapped-accessible with seats that can be removed to accommodate wheelchairs as well as listening devices for those that need them. The Gracie truly is designed for the community.

Husson University is offering alumni, friends, and community members the opportunity to become an integral part of The Gracie by naming a seat. To date over half of the seats have been named. If you are interested in leaving your mark on The Gracie by naming a seat please contact Amanda Kitchen at kitchena@husson.edu or by calling (207) 992-4925.
















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The Breakout Year 1987

Q: *When did you begin your tenure at Husson?*

PB: I arrived on December 26, 1986, as interim executive vice president and CEO. The date and the wants of the subsequent month are telling. The Board had wanted me, 45 years old at the time, to start January 1, 1987, but I insisted on December 26th because I was so unsure of the institution or my own survival that I wanted my future regime to say 1986 to 1987.

Q: *What kinds of things did you encounter in your first days as Husson's President?*

PB: Well first, Husson's local bank president came to say the bank was going to pull Husson's line of credit. Then the representative from the US Government came to say the feds were going to call their $10 million loan. Then Husson's regional accreditation, the New England Association of Schools and Colleges met with me to discuss how Husson was to survive. Finally, a small group of board leaders came to suggest that perhaps Husson should sign a contract to be managed by another local entity.

In a scramble, alumnus Dick Dyke, board powerhouse Doug Brown and I met at the Cumberland Club in Portland and developed a plan. First, no matter what it took, balance the budget for 1986/87. Second, since few would lend to a bankrupt school, approach the local friends of the college about repayable no-interest loans which could be forgiven if the school survived or repaid with sale of assets if the school went under. It worked. The feds, wanting cash more than toxic assets, ended up settling for 28 cents on the dollar. The last challenge was getting a bank loan and line of credit. Every bank turned away until the Husson troop arrived at Bangor Savings Bank and the officer of the bank, President Mal Jones, in what was probably the tipping point in Husson's grand turn around, finally looked up from his desk to say in his thick down east accent, "I'll do it. I'll make the loan and line of credit. And you want to know why...because my cat used your campus for a kitty litter box."

Within months debt was reduced by 60 percent, the college ran a $2,000 surplus for the year, the feds were gone, the creditors eased up, I was appointed president on July 1, 2007, and Husson was once again on its way.

Q: *When faced with the question of closure how did you respond?*

PB: That is a good question. A faculty member came to my office and said "The word around campus is that you are going to close the college," fortuitously a pair of heavy equipment was rolling past the window and I gestured in that direction and simply responded, "No, I'm going to pave the road."











Blocking & Tackling 1988-1994

Q: *What action was taken during those first few years to turn the tide of Husson's future?*

PB: A state wide evening /weekend continuing education program provided much needed cash. At the same time secretarial studies and business teachers education program were fading away but offset by modest growth in nursing. Traditional undergraduate enrollments were a scarcely stable 900 students, leaving about one third of the campus vacant. A third of Peabody, Dickerman Dining Commons, the gym and all of Bell Hall was leased to the Penobscot Job Corps program, an invaluable program, but it simply was too large and too divergent in mission to be a good fit for the College Circle campus. Since Husson needed Job Corps revenue to survive, the only apparent solution was for Husson to run larger surplus and to grow. And in the 1989-1992 time frame Maine and Bangor's economies were in poor shape. While there were multiple factors involved, two stand out. Despite very tight budgets, the College decided to announce a zero tuition increase in the 1990/91 recession year. It was the same year NAIA All American basketball player Mark Tagler arrived with a reverse slam dunk, the likes of which the region had never seen. Whether it was price elasticity or the reverse slam dunk Husson will never know, but enrollments soared with 100 students the following year and surplus began to grow such that the College was able to survive without Job Corps revenue. Job Corps, meanwhile, was building their own campus and was completely gone by 1994.

The year 1993 was also a critical year that set the stage for our future growth in other ways. The College received a full 10 year reaccreditation from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. The faculty presented and gained approval for a new faculty handbook that formalized protocols and standards for multiple year contracts, promotions, and the end of tenure. These were stressful times as evidenced by a unanimous vote of no confidence in me in the spring followed by a positive vote in the fall. The times were captured by the words of trustee, Chair of the Board Dick Dyke observed: "any business can survive in good times, but we need a good recession from time to time to get rid of the failed institutions so the good ones and new ones can start anew." Husson had passed the test and Constance Carlson opened: "there are moments in the history when events converge, stress goes sky high and then the valve on the old pressure cooker lets the steam fly and everyone pulls together." Husson's pressure valve worked and we were on our way.








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Laying the Ground Work for Grants 1994-2002

Q: *Husson began to explode after 1994. What changes occurred?*

PB: In 1994, things began to happen. A successful capital campaign added the first new building in a quarter century: the Webber Campus Center and the Dyke Center for Family Business. Susan Collins joined Husson to direct the Dyke Center then moved on to the US Senate.

In 1997, Husson purchased the assets of the small New England School of Communications, converted it from for-profit to non-profit and added a Bachelor's degree, then built Wildey Hall to accommodate its rapid expansion.

Coach John Winkin arrived with grand plans for an artificial turf baseball stadium and through Husson's fast $1 million gift from Harold Alfond, the Wikin Stadium and Alfond Field became a reality. Additional gifts led to Sawyer Library, the Swan Center, the Trott Fitness Studio, Boucher Soccer Pitch, and the Kilgore Endowment for the Arts.

Q: *What academic programs were added?*

PB: For its first 100 years, proven as a business school, Husson College was now comprised of schools of business, health, science and humanities, and the New England School of Communications. The physical appearance of the campus was beginning to evolve, the number of doctorally prepared faculty doubled, and ever more academic programs were subject to professional accreditation. A real endowment began to emerge.

In 1994 nursing expanded into graduate studies and new graduate programs in physical and occupational therapy arrived, creating a new and expanding School of Health on par with the School of Business.

In addition to a bachelor's degree from the New England School of Communications, liberal studies faculty, previously only providing general education courses, began and expanded such a career oriented majors as paralegal studies and criminal justice.

Finally, in 2001, Husson's core undergraduate enrollment began to breakout of the 700-1,000 student enrollment levels that it had known for 30 years. In the fall of 2002, Husson and NEScom had combined traditional undergraduate enrollment of 1,100 students. There was now 15 years of operating surplus, Job Corps a distant memory, and a mind set among all constituencies that Husson could be what it wanted to be.

The Transition to Husson University (2002-2009)

Q: *Starting in 2002, it seems a strategy was created to expand*








Husson's future. Can you elaborate on this?

PB: In 2002, Husson faced a new reality. The original campus was operating at full capacity, the public sector was expanding and about to create new community college systems, the number of 18 year olds graduates from Husson's primary market were on a long term decline, and the Maine economy north of Portland was in chronic recession. The 2003 ten-year regional accreditation review was fast approaching. Trustees, senior management, deans, the faculty, and I through several planning and economic discussions and retrials, basically reached a consensus that Husson's best strategy was to continue its traditional, inventorial, entrepreneurial ways.

To keep students longer Husson added graduate degrees. To attract students from greater distances it added football, field hockey, lacrosse, and swimming in athletics. With 9/11, criminal justice made a great leap forward followed by companion psychology and by graduate degrees in each year. The New England School of Communications, with its audio, video, and multi-media programs, was in the right place at the right time. Noting windows of opportunity in teaching education in the state, Husson returned to being a leader in education, not in business teacher education as it offered for its first 100 years, but in elementary and secondary education and physical education, building growing academic programs in physical therapy and sports management and in alternative teacher certification. When the National Physical Therapy Association declared a doctorate would be required for licensure, Husson treated this move into doctoral education as simply a natural progression.

The result of this release of creative energy basically led to a doubling of core enrollment from 1,250 to 2,500 students from 2002-2009.

Q: *With these new programs and so many more students to support, what facilities were added to meet the student body growth?*

PB: The Robert O'Donnell Commons was built to house the Schools of Health and Education and student services. The President's house was purchased at 840 Broadway. The Ross Furman Student Center was built for 24/7 student activities. Sports facilities were expanded with O'Keefe Softball Complex and artificial turf was added to Boucher Field which made possible spring lacrosse. The 700 acre forest near Husson was received, a gift of Richard and Alice Trott. Most recently the architecturally central Beardsley Meeting House has been constructed to house the School of Science and Humanities, the Cyr Alumni Center, Bob and Kathy Anderson Lounge, Darling Atrium, and the 500 seat Gracie Theater. The front entrance was upgraded and named for Alumnus Woodrow Cross, a beautiful Broadway home










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was purchased and now bears the Quirk name. Endowments instituted by John Kilgore brought world class music performers to campus in a fall music series. Collectively, these program expansions, enrollment growth and new facilities have transformed the campus.

Q: *It has always been important for you to serve the community and the people of Maine. How did Husson begin serving the community?*

PB: Husson looked outward to serve the greater educations and cultural community. Faced with financial inability to maintain its 200 year old Bangor campus, the venerable Bangor Theological Seminary moved onto College Circle. The only regionally accredited seminar in northern New England its highly credentialed faculty and masters and doctoral students academic space add to the campus environment. The Bangor Symphony Orchestra, the oldest community orchestra has moved its offices onto College Circle as well. When the University of Maine system pulled out of Calais, Maine, through the generosity of Nancy and Sidney Unobskey, the Unobskey College campus in Calais became part of Husson and has became a platform for Husson's on-line academic programs in New Brunswick, Canada. When the Maine Community College system announced the closure of The Boat School in Eastport, the oldest boat school in the nation, due to low enrollments, the city came to Husson and Husson stepped in partly because it is a beautiful program, partly because it was the right thing to do, and partly because it is a testing ground for a possible Husson venturing into vocational/ technical education through a subsidiary.

Q: *What led Husson to transition from College to University?*

PB: Husson began to seriously consider doctoral programs in law and pharmacy. Both fall within Husson's mission, both would meet a current regional need. The pharmacy doctoral, the PharmD, received all its approvals in 2007, 2008, and early 2009 and will matriculate its first class in 2009. The Law School started the same approval process, but an approval road bump with the Maine Supreme Court, plans were overhauled, a renowned core faculty and dean have been hired, the plan has been submitted for final approval in 2009 and matriculation of the first class is planned for 2010.

All this momentum re-energized the discussion of Husson becoming a University, initiated by the faculty, the students and alumni. The trustees were reluctant but basically concluded: "Let's not pursue university status. Let's demonstrate we can educate doctoral students and enroll over 3,000 students. Then a university we'll be." In May of 2008, Husson hooded and graduated its first students in physical therapy. In September of











that year, enrollment exceeded 3,000 students for full time. Accordingly, on October 11, 2008, Husson became Husson University.

Reflections on the Shift of the Beardsley Years 1987-2009

Q: *Looking back on your time here at Husson what are your thoughts on Husson's successes?*

PB: In many ways Husson has survived, evolved, and prospered in its own unique ways. Its style is certainly a reflection of the way I do things, yet it is equally a style valued and encouraged by its trustees, faculty, and alumni.

Husson has more than a mission of preparing graduates for professional careers. From its very founding in 1898 it converged an enduring sense of serving to rural youth of limited means. Even as peer institutions shifted away it is just such students that Husson constituencies prize. Students from every walk of life now fill the campus, but the "diamond in the rough" come because they know they are prized.

Husson's affordable tuition has also served the university well. While many private institutions raised tuition in real terms, Husson did not and does not, resulting in operating a more than full capacity and enrollment growth even in hard times.

Q: *Have you had counsel over the years that has been cornerstones in your course of action?*

PB: Two outstanding national quality consultants have given me wise counsel over the past 20 years. World renowned campus planner, Richard Dober wrote recommendations guiding campus development for two decades. Among his recommendations was the use of additive architectures and strategies points of beauty, building of the arboretum, softening the scene of College Circle, and building a new entrance through the forest.

In about five year intervals a senior officer in a world wide connections gave advice we followed: positioning the New England School of Communications for inevitable growth, that Husson is only constrained by its bandwidth of leadership more than finances, that Husson should build an additive and multiple degrees as today's students are looking for "two-fers and three-fers", and that Husson should limit its enrollment growth to no more than 10 percent per year, because as a people organization, faster growth would mean there could not be enough old time mentors to train the apprentices and Husson would lose its cultures and identity.

The Trustees also brought a unique brand of guidance. They generally bought into my creative, entrepreneurial management style and my Quakerish bias towards flat, multi-tasking, organization, planning that was less used, inflexible and highly responsive to the evolving higher educational world. At the same time they united on various financial accountability, minimal debt, and avoidance of oversized initiatives. If it's in the mission, don't exceed 10 percent of the annual budget and if it pays its way then its fair game. They also encouraged ideas that came from any and everywhere. They also were extremely given to cut off bad ideas or, as the late guides would put it, "Beardsley, when are you going to realize that hound dog don't hunt."

Q: *You have left a profound mark on Husson and have laid the foundation for its continued success. How are you feeling as you enter the next stage of your journey?*

PB: I love the College, I'm still full of energy. The competitions sprout and new ideas, yet, when you are in a relay race and you've been sprinting for 22 years, it's probably time to pass the baton.

In the thick of the action, caught all on tape

Barry Alley '95, Associate of Science in Communications with a concentration in television



My career in broadcasting has been a rewarding one, and as I look back at where it all started, I'm struck by the influence of all the people and places where I've worked.

In 1995, I started as a sports department intern for WVII, the ABC affiliate television station in Bangor, while still in school at was then the New England School of Broadcasting on the campus of Husson College. I thought I wanted to be an on-air sports reporter. But that spring after graduation, WVII had an opening for a videographer. Since I really just wanted to get my foot in the door of TV news, I went for it.

Almost everything I learned about shooting video came from training on the job, which only a small market TV station can offer. Colleagues moved on to greener pastures, and it wasn't long before I followed, with the help of recommendations from some of my former co-workers. In 1997, I applied for and landed a job at WMUR, another ABC affiliate in Manchester, New Hampshire. I was among one of that station's dozen or so videographers for the next three years.

Until I decided I needed a change – and a new challenge. I was tired of the every day fires and car accident scenes and court cases. My favorite events to cover were sports. Once in a while my boss would send me to the Patriots games, and doing that full-time was my goal.

With former WVII sports director and then-Fox Sports Net New England anchor Eric Frede as a reference, and what I hoped was an impressive resume tape of sports highlights, I got a job in 2000 with the cable sports network, which is now known at Comcast Sports Net. For more than nine years, I've covered college and professional teams in New England year-round.



I view all of the experiences I've had in news and sports as invaluable to becoming the videographer I am today. My newsroom experience gives me a perspective perhaps other sports shooters with less experience don't have. I'm aware of opportunities for using natural sound, and sometimes I make suggestions to editors which I know would make a story better. I've had to be my own producer on several assignments, and I'm usually comfortable with that.

Some of my career highlights include covering the N.H. presidential primary election; three Patriots Super Bowl victories; the 1999 Baseball All-Star game in Boston; annual coverage of Red Sox spring training in Florida; and of course, the recent Red Sox World Series wins. Other assignments were not as joyful, including John F. Kennedy Jr.'s plane crash and the death of Celtics legend Red Auerbach. I've also been a member of a team which has won two New England region Emmy awards.

I'm forever grateful to the faculty of NESCom who got me interested and ambitious to jump into a broadcasting career, and to the people who took a chance hiring and encouraging me, helping to sharpen my talent and skills. Driving through Bangor to visit family in Maine always brings good memories!

NOTABLE ALUMNI

Hard work and persistence pays off

David Paine '68, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration
Owner of Jordan's Restaurant, Bar Harbor, Maine



I own one of the longest running restaurants in Bar Harbor Jordan's Restaurant. Opened in 1955 as a store, Jordan's was originally owned by a local character named Lowell Jordan and everyone knew who he was and where he was, and since I wanted everyone to know where I was I kept the name and it has worked out well for me.

I bought Jordan's in 1976 and over the next few years converted it from a store to a restaurant that captured the growing morning business and the lunch business. I have three children, two of which help me run the restaurant. Family is very important to me and Jordan's has always been a family effort with my children, son-in-law, nieces and nephews all working for me at one time or another. I worked to make Jordan's into a destination. We do that by greeting people at the door. My daughter often is the one to greet customers and tell them where to go. We do things a little out of the ordinary. If a family sits at the counter, and the kids aren't too shy, I will have them come around the counter and flip their pancakes. It is something that leaves an impression. It is amazing how over the years we have had fathers, their children and now we are seeing their children's children sit at the counter and say "do you remember me? I'm so-and-so and I flipped those pancakes 20 or 30 years ago" and it is something that we have worked on for a long time.

Jordan's is also known for the "wild blueberry" and the quality of its food. We make our food from scratch. Where most places have turned to box pancake mix we make our own. Instead of frozen pre-made hamburger patties we buy our ground beef from the grocery store next door and we measure and pound out all our patties by hand. It is a little more labor intensive but it's a much better product.

My education at Husson helped me build Jordan's into the presence that it is today. I had worked in restaurants while in school at Husson and during the summertime so the cooking I learned on my own but success with the business side of running a restaurant are thanks to my time at Husson. Learning business language and how to deal with banks and lawyers were skills that I gained at Husson that were a big benefit to me. Putting myself through school was a challenge because I was married with a child. It was the support of Clara Swan and others that encouraged me to keep going with my education because when you are working and not a full time student you don't realize how much you are learning. I didn't realize until I went back to the Island where I grew up and started the restaurant that I had learned a lot more then I thought I did and it was really rewarding to see all that hard work pay off.



"Looking back at my career at Jordan's I have met a whole variety of people. From eastern European employees to former Husson classmates and teachers to Paul Newman's daughter, I have had a rich experience working at the restaurant. One of my most memorable experiences has to do with the College of the Atlantic. They called me up one day, oh it was back in the 80s, and Mel Newman was going to school there. She came in here every day before the school put a cafeteria in. The kids all came in here so I saw her a lot. So one day the College called me up, I forget who called me now, and they said we are going to bring Paul Newman down with his daughter, and "we'd like to bring him in for breakfast at 10 o'clock." They asked if it would be alright and I said "sure" and they said "please don't tell anybody" and I said "I won't tell anybody." This was in like the fall, it was not in the summer season. I didn't tell one person. I didn't tell anyone who worked here, I didn't tell anybody. And at 10 o'clock there was 300 people here! So he didn't come in. I didn't know why or anything but later on someone called me and said they came by but there were so many people they didn't want to come in. So they didn't come. And I did not tell ONE person."

class notes

1940s



Raymond Fournier '49 ΜΣΧ and Virginia Fournier married shortly after Ray graduated in 1949. On July 2, 2009 they celebrated their 60th anniversary. They have two children, five grandchildren, and five great grandchildren.

1960s

Randy Grava '65 shared an interesting story from his Husson days. "In 1959, **George Albert '59** ΚΔΦ and I competed in an intercollegiate pool (not swimming) competition and came out number one in New England and 17th in the country out of 51 colleges and universities that competed. It was based on the honor system and we played 14.1 continuous pocket billiards in an old pool room downtown (Bangor)." (*Editor's note:* Randy–billiards is alive and well at Husson today in the Furman Student Center. We can arrange for a challenge match the next time you make the trip to Bangor.)



Stanley J. Morin '66 ΚΔΦ CPA has been elected trustee of the New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants for a two-year term. Stanley is principal of Stanley J. Morin and Associates, PC, and joined the New Jersey Society of CPAs in 1983. He is a member of the Professional Conduct Committee, the Accounting & Auditing Standards, Governmental Accounting & Auditing, Healthcare and Nonprofit interest groups.

Barbara Foss '68 has been employed with Unum for 27 years, currently as a disability benefits specialist. She is also a Hypnotherapist and creator of self-hypnosis CDs. See more at www.hypnotherapycomfortzone.com. Barbara says, "I enjoy the Ledger—I recently connected with a prior roommate and, by coincidence, with Sandy and Diane—you know who you are!"



Stephen E. Mitchell '69 ΚΔΦ, after 40 years has decided to end the full-time employment as an educator, thirty-two of which have been as a high school administrator. However, he doesn't intend to be idle, Steve looks forward to taking on some interim principalships in Connecticut and Rhode Island since he lives on their border. Also, he plans to do some consulting with area school districts, and more extensive accreditation work for the New England Association of Schools and Colleges as well as at the international level. He has traveled many miles since the days of his youth growing up on Indian Island. He has positive memories of Husson and his association with Kappa Delta Phi, his student teaching with fellow alum, **Hildred Phillips '55** ETE, at Bucksport High School, his first teaching position at York High School in York, Maine, and then on to Rhode Island where he began his thirty-two year administrative career in public secondary school education. Steve says, "It has been a great ride."

Maria DeHaan Petrola '69 writes, "In 1995 as the Regional Director of Accounting in the Boston office, I took an early retirement from the US Department of HUD. During the last 10 years I have worked at several local housing authorities in the Boston area. I officially retired again in May 2009 and moved with my husband, Bob, to Venice, Florida."

1970s

Jacqueline Curran '70 ETE retired in 2000 after dedicating thirty years as a business educator in the Rockland District High School. She continues as a substitute teacher in the school system. Jackie and her sister, Jo Curran '70 ETE live in Thomaston, and enjoy playing golf and traveling.

Tim Martin '74 ΜΣΧ has recently been appointed executive director of Taylor Home in Laconia, New Hampshire. Tim, a native of the Boothbay Harbor area, had spent 28 years as executive director of Milton Residence for the Elderly Inc. in Miton, Mass. He wants to increase his presence and the Taylor Communities presence in the Lakes Region, to show that organization not only cares about its residents but about the wider community.

The New England Basketball Hall of Fame inducted three former Husson outstanding athletes at their October 2009 ceremony. **Jack Scott '63** ΚΔΦ was inducted in the high school all-star category and **Walt Edwards '76** in the NAIA players category, and **Shara MacDonald '75**. Jack, Walter, and Shara are all members of the Husson Sports Hall of Fame.



Pictured in the photo is L to R: Cyndi Bona, Patty Stogsdill, Kathy Sanborn, Adrienne Turner, Mary Whited, Lana Merchant and Coach Maureen McInnis.

Mary Whited '79 recently participated in the 2009 National Senior Games in Palo Alto, CA as a member of the Maine Triple Threat Basketball team. The team won a gold medal and finished the tournament with an 8-1 record (50-54 age group). They defeated the Colorado Herd for the championship in double overtime. This is the first gold medal won by a Maine women's basketball team in the games. The National Senior Games are athletic competition for adults age 50+ and are held every two years. Mary is a member of the Husson Sports Hall of Fame. She is the executive director of Sylvan Learning in the South Portland office.

1980s



Dr. William H. Cassidy '80 MSB retired as president of Washington County Community College in Calais on December 31, 2009, after a distinguished 36-year career in Maine public education. Cassidy had served as president of WCCC since 2003. Under his leadership, the school has added new academic programs, undertaken a number of significant capital improvements, and formed new articulation agreements and partnerships with colleges and universities in Maine and New Brunswick. His tenure has also been marked by an increased emphasis on volunteerism and the role of the college in the life of the local community.

Milton C. Kirk '81 has been named vice president and senior relationship manager of business banking for Key Bank's Maine District. Kirk is responsible for business lending and developing and growing business relationships throughout Key's Bangor-area market.

Glenda Dwyer '81 RN, '03 MSB, FACHE Vice President Horizon's Health Services, joined the Aroostook Medical Center in 1999. Her experience includes leadership roles at TAMC, including chief operating officer of Horizons and director of primary care, and administrative positions at Aroostook Valley Health Center and Visiting Nurses of Aroostook. She oversees TAMC's primary and specialty care physician practices that serve families in central Aroostook County and beyond. Glenda is a member of the Northern New England Association of Healthcare Executives and holds the credential of fellow from the American College of Healthcare Executives. She is very active in the community and serves on the board of the Ashland Care Givers Association and the Ashland Advent Christian Church.



Veronica Francis '85 ETE and **Mollie White '85** ETE have continued their friendship developed at Husson and their active participation in ETE. Fifteen years ago, they co-founded an organization called WREN (www.wrencommunity.org) which continues to thrive today. Please watch for an in-depth article in the next issue of the Ledger about their career success and the part their Husson education played.

1990s

Kim MacDonald Wadleigh '93 is the new vice president of distribution operations, information and support services at Bangor Hydro-Electric Co. She joined the company in August 1987 and over the past 22 years has held progressively senior roles within the information technology and customer service areas. She continues to pursue advancement in her education at Husson.

Rich Mazurek '94 has been inducted into the Midcoast Sports Hall of Fame. He was one of Rockland District High School's most talented all-around athletes, playing for state Class B championship basketball and baseball teams, also excelling in golf, and football. Rich has also been inducted into the Husson Sports Hall of Fame.



Amy Dyer-Kelley '95, a member of the Husson Sports Hall of Fame, has been named the head women's basketball coach at Belfast Area High School. Amy had a stellar high school career at Belfast, scoring more than 800 points and grabbing more than 900 rebounds. She is fifth in school history in career field-goal percentage (50) while hauling down 378 boards. Amy is looking forward to working on the "home" court.

Matt Gilbert '95 MSB '04 MEX has been promoted to Commercial Portfolio Loan Officer at TD Bank. He is working out of the Auburn office.

Christopher Paradis '96 says, "I have been recently reappointed by Governor John Baldacci to my second three year term to the Board of Directors of the Maine International Trade Center. In addition, I was also elected to the position of vice chair of the Board by my peers." About the Maine International Trade Center (MITC): MITC is responsible for working with the Governor, State Legislature and other identified public and private stakeholders in shaping Maine's international trade strategy. The MITC assists Maine companies large and small to compete in world markets.

Jennifer (Tyler) Gilbert CNM, RN '98 ΔΣΔ earned her master's degree in Nurse Midwifery from Philadelphia University and is working as a Certified Nurse Midwife at Backcove Midwives in Portland.

2000s

Heather Petley '00 RN is engaged to Bryan James and they plan a July 2010 wedding. She is currently working at EMMC as an RN. Bryan works for AAI Corporation as an instructor pilot. After the wedding they will be residing near Salt Lake City Utah.



Amy Saucier Delano MSPT '00 and **Brandon Delano MSPT '00**, a daughter, Amaya Sarah, July 8, 2009.



Dawn Doucette-Kaplan '01 is pictured with her daughter, Haly Amber, at her baptism. She was born February 8, 2009. Dawn's job at Sacred Heart University this past year has been the coordinator of volunteer programs in the Campus Ministry Department. She absolutely loves it. She organizes volunteers for the local schools, soup kitchens, Habitat for Humanity and so much more. She only has three classes and her thesis left in her 3rd master's degree. This one is in religious studies. Dawn says, "This one has been interesting, my favorite out of the three."



Louie Morrison '02 TKE and Amy Morrison are proud to announce the birth of their first child. Camden Michael was born on August 10, 2009. He weighed 8lbs. 3 oz. Louie owns a Personal Training company in Bangor. They reside in Hermon.



Odias Bachelder II '02 has joined Northeast Financial, located at Northeast Bank in Falmouth to provide investment and financial planning services. Odie has been a financial consultant since 1996. He is a registered Representative and Investment Adviser Representative of Commonwealth Financial Network, Member FINRA/SIPC, a Registered Investment Adviser.

Derrick '03 RN/BSN and Patricia Nutter, gave birth to daughter Hailey Grace, June 28, 2009.



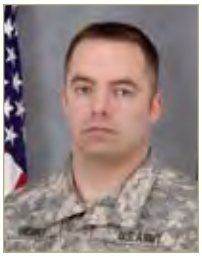
Kaleena Nakowicz Harrington '03 was married on June 21, 2009 to Ray Harrington. The ceremony and reception were held at the Lucerne Inn in Dedham, ME. Immediately after the wedding they took off on a road trip to California for their honeymoon. They took a week to drive out and spent a week in Southern California then flew home to Maine. Kaleena and Ray reside in Bangor and are very happy to start their lives together. Kaleena is the assistant community development director for the City of Bangor.

Wade Butler '03 married Eliza Stevens on July 11, 2009 at Columbia Street Baptist Church. Wade works for Northeast Occupational Exchange as a Systems

Administrator. Eliza works for Green Tree Coffee and Tea in sales and marketing. Wade and Eliza reside in Brewer.

Karen Thurston '04 is currently a 4th grade teacher at Dirigo Elementary School in Peru, Maine, and lives in Rumford.

Wayne Cartier '05 has been elected to Vietnam Veterans of America National Board of Directors, Region I, representing New England. Wayne joins eight others in serving in this capacity. The term is for two years with possibility of re-election. The organization is headquartered in Silver Springs, Maryland. Wayne and his wife, Frances, live in Orrington.



Daniel W. Henry '05 of Augusta was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in Maine Army National Guard. Henry is the strength management officer for the 120th Regional Support Group based in Augusta. Fulltime, he is a department of defense contractor at Camp Keyes in Augusta. To receive his commission as an officer in the United States Army and the Maine National Guard, Henry successfully completed an extensive training program and swore an oath to support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies. Daniel is the son of Leonard and Dorothy Henry of Frankfort, ME. In 1993, he enlisted in the army and served on active duty.

Danny White '07 is now the interim varsity football coach for the '09/'10 season at Foxcroft Academy in Dover Foxcroft. Danny, a 2003 Foxcroft graduate, as a senior was named the LTC Class C football player of the year and the Big East Conference basketball player of the year. He has maintained his close ties with the school and has a long family history with Foxcroft.

Christine Hanna '08 RN/BSN was featured in the Bangor Daily News, July 2, 2009. She shared the story of her journey from a stay-at-home Mom in her 30's with a GED, to May 2008 when she received her bachelor's degree and became a registered nurse. She considers her position with Waldo County General Hospital as a geriatric nurse an opportunity to nurture and care for her patients. Hanna, who lives in Dixmont, now has two children in college and a 14 year-old at home.

Paul Husson '09 ΚΔΦ, long time employee of Husson University, and son of the founder of the school Mr. Chesley Husson, is currently serving as a Husson Fellow and working diligently to preserve Husson's history. Paul is three-time cancer survivor who has survived stage IV colon cancer, skin cancer and most recently an unrelated lung cancer in 2006. Paul is no stranger to adversity and those around him admire his strength. He is thankful for the wonderful care he received over the years at Cancer Care of Maine from the nursing staff, administrative staff and doctors. Everyone he worked with there showed a compassion and professionalism that was crucial to his recovery. Paul was selected to be the honorary chair of EMHS Run for Hope race on September 13, 2009 at the Lafayette Hotels Best Western White House in Hampden.

in memoriam

1930s

Raphael William Green '37 ΜΣΧ died July 6, 2009 at the age of 97 at Dekalb, Illinois. He and his wife Jocelyn worked on the following letter to the Ledger about his unusual and fascinating life, which is available upon request in the Alumni Office.

Edith Edgecomb Hunt Graffte '38 died August 12, 2009 at Deerfield, New Hampshire. She was a homemaker and a gifted artist. She and her husband, Norman owned Hunt's Dairy in Skowhegan in partnership with Norman's twin brother. After Norman's death she married Thomas Graffte. Edith traveled extensively, enjoyed writing, bridge, and summers in Maine.

1940s

Ruth Washburn Flanders '40 ETE died May 20, 2009 at Dover Foxcroft. She worked several years for Maine Potato Growers as a bookkeeper and later as a secretary to the superintendent of schools in Dover Foxcroft. For a while Ruth owned her own business, Country Lane Gift Shop. She was active in the community and her church.

Virgie Ada Perry Birt RN '40 EMGH died September, 2009 at East Millinocket. She served her country during WW II as a U.S. Army Nurse in Australia and at Cushion Military Hospital in Massachusetts. Virgie earned a B.S. in Education at Boston University had a career teaching at Opal Myrick School in East Millinocket retiring in the early 1880's.

Katherine Marie Faulkingham Higgins '40 died August 28, 2009. She and her husband George owned and operated a grocery store, lunch room and fish wharf, in that order. Later they turned to lobster fishing for a living. Kaye also worked for Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., Lawrence S. Robinson Co., Mt. Desert High School and Maine State Ferry Service.

Virgina "Ginny" Thompson Schupak '41 died June 7, 2009 at her home in South Portland. During World War II Ginny worked at the Presque Isle Air Force Base in payroll and administration. Later she was Finance Director for the City of South Portland and subsequently with the South Portland Housing Authority until her retirement in 1989.

Philip Eugene "Buddy" Plante '42 of Machias died August 22, 2009. He worked for the U.S. government in Washington D.C and the Panama Canal Zone before joining the U.S. Navy. He served on the USS Borum in the North and South Atlantic and his ship escorted the first wave of landing craft at Omaha Beach during the invasion at Normandy. Philip returned to Machias after the war and eventually became postmaster. He enjoyed flying his plane, hunting, fishing, building boats, sports and spending time at his camps.

Frances Roberts Glover '43 ETE of Dover Foxcroft died June 22, 2009 at Bangor. She was a teacher and a legal secretary. For a time she and her husband owned and operated Riverside Greenhouse in Dover. She was active in her church and her community.

Elizabeth Margaret Clark Lugdon '45 RN EMGH died August 4, 2009 at Bangor. Survivors include her loving daughter and son-in-law Liz and Steven Jonason.

Theresa Byron Coleman '45 died June 26, 2009 at Concord, New Hampshire. Theresa enjoyed her family, duplicate bridge, traveling and entertaining.

Lucy Wright Simpson '46 RN EMGH of Bangor and Gilbert, Arizona died July 18, 2009 in Mesa, Arizona. Lucy worked more than 40 years in various hospitals including Eastern

Maine Medical Center and St. Joseph's.

Sheldon T. Pinette CPA '48 of Skowhegan died August 29, 2009. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II in the Pacific. Sheldon worked for Scott Paper and Madison Paper before moving to Stoughton Massachusetts where he worked as a certified public accountant for Brookfield Engineering for 15 years.

1950s

Esther Andrews Cox RN '50 EMGH of Brewer and Princeton died May 26, 2009 at Bangor. She had a brief career in teaching and working in a defense plant in Connecticut. Esther then became a nurse. She was inducted into Husson College Alumni Hall of Fame for her work in archiving the EMGH/ Husson College School of Nursing materials. Esther was active in scouting and in Democratic Party Politics.

Clair E. Taylor '50 ΜΣΧ died August 7, 2009 at Milo. Clair served his country in the U.S. Army National Guard. He worked as an accountant for the State of Maine, before returning to the family farm in 1954. Subsequently he joined the Agricultural Stabilization Service. He retired from USDA in 1993. He was active in the Shrine and his community.

Robert Emery Small '51 died May 19, 2009 at Bangor. Bob served his country in the U.S. Air Force from 1951 to 1955. He and his wife Roberta (Johnston) were married 54 years.

Erma Lee Holden Hunt '53 of Winslow died August 30, 2009. She was a devoted mother and homemaker. Erma was active in her community and church.

Beverly Jane Farnsworth Martin '56 ETE of Bangor and Gray died September 24, 2009. She worked for New England Telephone, AT&T and then Lucent Technologies as a sales manager until her retirement. She enjoyed sports, cooking and her family.

Joan Bohan Davenport RN '56 EMGH died June 15, 2009 at Bangor. She was a resident of Belfast. Joan worked as a nurse and a substitute teacher at Daytona Beach Florida. She returned to Maine as a hospice nurse. Joan was an active member of Belfast United Methodist Church.

Daniel Wesley Hastings '57 ΜΣΧ died June 4, 2009 at his home in Gorham. He taught at Eastport High School for many years before moving to Southern Maine. He worked at K-Mart in Falmouth for 19 years. Daniel was a member of the Knights of Columbus, and the Lyric Theater of Portland. He enjoyed travel and vacations in Florida.

Robert E. Elwell '58 died May 23, 2009 at Annapolis, Maryland. Bob was a U.S. Army Veteran serving in the Korean War. He worked for Liberty Mutual Insurance Agency in Massachusetts, New Jersey and Maryland, Giant Food Stores and Nationwide Insurance in Maryland before his retirement.

E. Desmond Curley '59 died June 3, 2009 at his home in Winthrop. He served on the USS Kleinsmith in the United States Navy. Desmond worked for the Internal Revenue Service for 29 years. He enjoyed sports, hunting and fishing, his church and family gatherings at Cold Stream Pond, Lincoln and East Grand Lake in Danforth. Desmond was a devoted father and grandfather.

Martha Verna Webster Libby '59 of Bedford, Massachusetts died August 20, 2009. She worked for many years for J & S Medical Associates as a Customer Service Representative. She was active in Girl Scouts throughout her life.

1960s

Edward Paul Foster '60 ΜΣΧ died August 13, 2009 at Kennebunk. Paul was a teacher before joining the U.S. Post Office from which he retired in 2002.

Gail D. Tardie '60 died August 13, 2008 at Caribou. She was employed by several Connecticut banks for more than 35 years. After retirement, Gail returned to live with her sister Delores in Caribou.

William R. Bowden '64 died July 16, 2009 at his home in Brooksville. Bill served in the U.S. Army, the Army National Guard and later embarked on a career in the U.S Coast Guard retiring in 1995 as Chief Warrant Officer. He was an accomplished artist, woodworker, and golfer.

William Eugene Reed '65 of Woolwich died May 21, 2009 at Boston. He was a sales representative for four years with Esso before returning home to Maine to join the family business, Bent's Esso Service and Oil Company. He expanded the business to include a bus service. Bill was a community leader in Bath serving on many boards and civic organizations.

Theodore "Teddy" Pavone '65 ΚΔΦ of Millinocket died July 17, 2009 at Bangor. He worked for Great Northern Paper Company for a brief time. Teddy enjoyed spending time at South Twin Lake and following sports.

Ronald DiRobbio '66 of North Providence, Rhode Island died August 12, 2009. Ron, a Vietnam Veteran, taught for 29 years in the Business Department at East Providence High School. He earned a Master's at Springfield College and was a man of many interests.

David Mann '68 died August 23, 2009 at Trenton. He had a successful 20 year career with McDonalds Corp. David and his wife Jayne also operated a home business. He enjoyed spending time at camp and woodworking.

1970s

Steve Estes '78 ΤΕΦ of Denville, New Jersey died July 3, 2009 at Morris Hills. He was the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer at Clifford W. Estes Co., Inc. in Totowa for 31 years.

Russell Edwin Hillock '79 died May 24, 2009 at Tampa, Florida. He served in the U.S. Navy and the U.S. Army retiring with 20 years of service. Russ completed two tours in Vietnam. He worked for the U.S. Postal Service for 15 years.

1980s

Sharon Craft Loudy '81 died August 25, 2009 at Mt. Vernon, Indiana. She also studied at Middle Tennessee State University. Sharon was a former member of the Mt. Vernon Business and Professional Women and was awarded Woman of the Year in 1993.

1990s

Leslie A. Jordan RN/BSN '90 died July 10, 2009. She was a dedicated Nurse and cared deeply for her patients. She loved spending time at the family camp at Branch Lake. Leslie was a voracious reader who had myriad interests and a wonderful sense of humor.

2000s

Angelica Hawkes Skipper '07 of Charleston died August 13, 2009 at Bangor. She was about to receive her Master's from the University of Phoenix. Angelica was married to Matthew Skipper and had a son, Jacob and a daughter, Madyson.

2010s

Kyle B Dwyer '11 of Brunswick died September 4, 2009 at Bangor. Kyle was an excellent athlete and played football and lacrosse at Husson. He worked at local restaurants while attending school.

Bonnie Mae Bunch, former Husson Faculty, died July 29, 2009. Her home was at New London, North Carolina. Bonnie taught at several Community Colleges in North Carolina.

Andrew J. Hayward, former Husson faculty, died May 9, 2009 at Boston. He was a math teacher and loved teaching.

Charlotte Pomeroy Kelley, former Husson employee died July 3, 2009 at Bangor. She was a member of Hampden VFW Post No 4633 Lady's Auxiliary. Survivors include her son David Kelley '87 and his wife Sarah Prescott Kelley '87 and her sister-in-law Jeanette Pomeroy, former Husson employee.

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