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Cover Story

Second Annual Parents Weekend Attracts Record Crowd

BY AL TIEMAN

The second annual Parent's Weekend that transpired last Friday, Saturday, and Sunday was well attended and can be considered a success. For its main purpose was well executed, and that was to inform parents of enrolled students what campus life at Husson College is like. Parent's Weekend revealed to those who attended some ways how tuition money is being spent and different methods of student involvement. The events that elapsed supplied parents with different forms of entertainment and gave the parents a chance to possibly reminisce their past college experiences.

This year's Parent's Weekend got underway Friday by allowing parents to attend classes all day. Those who came and sat in on some classes were able to get an idea as to what Husson classrooms are like. Friday night, parents and students were offered a Coffee House in the dining commons. Refreshments were served and entertainment was supplied by Vicky Boyd, Maureen Cox, Guildo Cyr, and Heidi Aaskov who performed a variety of country, folk, and rock songs.

Saturday was a busy day completely devoted to revealing Husson College to the Parents. There was a half hour early in the morning for registration, in which 157 parents signed in. Registration showed a hundred percent increase over last year's attendance, and did not include the many who came later in the day. Following registration, the parents were formally welcomed by President Peters and the chairman of the parent's weekend committee, Gerry Coutu. Both thanked the parents for coming and tried to explain the aims and purposes of Parent's Weekend. Tours were then given of Peabody Hall in which Parents were enlightened as to the different types of student involvement. The school newspaper, "The Spectator", and the radio station, WHSN, were both open for inspection and interpretation. Displays set up in the wigwam by fraternities, sororities, and other organizations were well represented and proved informative.

Before eating dinner, parents and students alike were thoroughly entertained by the Ebony Organization who staged a "Gong Show". The Gong Show took place in the dining commons and contained acts by Husson students and faculty members. There were ten acts presented, including some that were very unusual and some that were taken seriously. Mr. Robert O'Donnell and Mr. Howard L. Thompson, Jr. both shared in announcing the acts. And the presentations were judged by Mr. Charles Sullivan, Kevin Price, and Mrs. Dolores Renaud.

The first act was entitled "Faculty Frollies" and included the costumed Dr. Bean, Mrs. Sullivan, Mrs. Renaud, and Mr. Goodwin singing "Aleweta". They encouraged other faculty and administration to sing along, but were unfortunately gonged. Other unusual acts that were gonged proved to be humorous and amusing. They included a comic attempt at comedy by Larry "Maxwell" Shelton. Sheldon Bickford, and James Fluellon got only half way through their songs before they were gonged. Sheldon tried singing "Bridge Over Troubled Waters", and James attempted a song by the Miracles entitled "You Cannot Laugh Alone." Valerie Jenkins invented a new way to play her trumpet, and the "Hillbillies" including Paul Serina, Maureen Cox, and Janet Beaulieu jammed for a few seconds.

See Center Section!

The Gong Show was not completely unusual though, there were some talented efforts. Nadene McLeod sang "The Lion" from the Broadway musical score, "The Wiz", and received a nearly perfect score of 29¾. The song "Killing me Softly" was presented by Guildo Cyr and Maureen Cox and achieved 26 as a score. Joan McClendon thrilled the crowd by singing "Boys, Boys, Boys" and got a score of 24 for her talented efforts, and "Wimple Pimple and the Pimpletts" presented by ETE managed a score of 12.

Trophies were awarded for the best and worst acts. Nadene McLeod received best and was awarded the trophy for her gifted performance, and the "Faculty Frollies" were awarded for the worst act.

Following the "Gong Show", a steak dinner was served and an hour of socializing elapsed before the scheduled dance started. Night entertainment was provided in the gym by the group "Windsong". They played four hours of mellow (But contemporary) rock and disco tunes. The dance was attended by both students and parents and most everybody had a good time dancing with their partner, or socializing with friends.

This year's second Annual Parent's Weekend has come and gone, but only after leaving its mark. There was great sunny weather for the weekend, allowing visiting parents to find out about campus life at Husson. Our academic-administration building, gym, dormitories, cafeteria, and even our Sunday Folk Mass was presented to all that showed up. Not only were the parents entertained, but also the students, making for an enjoyable time. With the good turn out of parents and student participation, we can be sure that in future years Parent's Weekend will remain a major event at Husson College.

Director of Admissions to Leave Husson

By Scott Towle

On April 11, Roger Daigle, Director of Admissions, submitted a letter to President Peters informing him of his intent not to renew his present contract. Daigle also included a recommendation that a search committee be formed and offered his assistance and "full cooperation" along with the realization of his current goal to recruit 400 new students for this fall. Daigle stressed that he hoped to leave the college on "good terms".

When asked to comment on Daigles plans to resign, Peters made it clear that he felt Daigle had done a good job and that it was a voluntary act on Daigles part. However, Peters also pointed out that although he hated to lose Daigle, "no one is indispensible". He was pleased that Daigle will be staying on until the expiration of his contract in August, giving them time to conduct a proper search for a new director.

Peters added that Husson may not offer the promotion opportunities as a business would and that Daigle is "young enough to make a change now". He described the Directors of Admissions as "taxing" and one that involves "hard work" with much pressure.

During a brief interview with Daigle, the **Spectator** was able to gain some insight into why he is leaving Husson.

Daigle is leaving Husson regretfully and because of what he describes as "unfavorable circumstances". His reasons probably fall in line with those of other good people who have left Husson dissatisfied and unhappy. However, Daigle hopes to maintain his affiliation with the school. He is leaving partly because of the pressurs of the job of Admissions Director here at Husson which he feels are "frustrating", yet he also feels that he knows the Director's job and could do it at another school.

According to Daigle, no one at Husson has taken the time to find out what is involved in the Admissions office and no one knows "what the hell is going on", which he attributes to a serious lack of communications. He feels the traditionally high turnover in Admissions is due to administrators not knowing enough about the department and not supplying the necessary support.

Almost every Director of Admissions, with one exception, has left under unfavorable circumstances. Husson's first director committed suicide; the second was committed to a mental institution; the third left to teach; and the fourth left under unfavorable circumstances.

There will be three positions open in Admissions including Director, Associate Director, and Secretary. This, coupled with department head changes in Academics and Placement, will result in what Daigle describes as a "loss of continuity". He pointed out that it will take time for a new Director of Admissions to establish "working relationships" with schools which produce valuabled insight on programs, trends, etc.

Why has Daigle remained at Husson this long? He has always felt that Husson has great potential and "could be one of the finest colleges". Because of this he has been willing to overlook the rough edges and hang in there.

SBA to Sponsor Management Seminar for Women

By Donna Sinsabaugh

Husson College will be the site for a workshop on basic management principles for prospective and new small business persons on Wednesday, May 4. The one-day session is sponsored jointly by the Small Business Administration, Husson College, and the Greater Bangor/ Brewer Chamber of Commerce.

Sharon Floyd, Director of Husson's Development Office, will be the moderator for the day's events. She will act as the session leader by keeping the discussion pertinent, anticipating audience questions, and introducing speakers.

The Small Business Administration is a federal agency with regional offices across the country. This office plays an important role in the stability of small businesses by reducing the hazards of failure. The SBA has consulting services, loan services to those who would like to start a business but cannot get a bank loan, and it sponsors seminars geared towards helping small business owners.

Next month's seminar at Husson will be devoted to counseling women on basic management principles because, says Sharon Floyd, "More women are looking at business as a career outlet." All of the speakers will be women who are successful in their roles; they will serve as examples to the women attending that being a female doesn't necessarily hamper success.

A startling fact is that over 90 % of all small businesses fail. The most common reasons are that the owner does not know how to expand his business, he has little capital to do it with, or he may have poor marketing, production, and sales practices. Since Maine's primary economy is based on small businesses, it is essential that the SBA plays a strong role in the support of small business owners and the encouragement of prospective owners.

The seminar is limited to 30 people, so if anyone is interested in attending, they should make reservations ($15 per person) by seeing Sharon Floyd in the Development Office.

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From The Editor

More Mon-More Fun?

The April 13th session of the Student Senate focused on a discussion concerning the student activity fee. Because of the lack of a quorum at a prior meeting, the discussion at that time was confined to a few members of the Executive Board. This "emergency" meeting of the Board was intended to result in some decision concerning the fee without the Senate's indorsement, i.e. this major decision was going to be made by a handful of students without regard to what the student body feels as a whole. However, the Board's rash act to raise the fee to $100 per year was deemed unconstitutional and the matter was once again brought to the Senate.

A few things did come out of last week's discussion. There appeared to be a general concensus that a higher activity fee would make for better activities. Nora Ayotte, Social Committee Chairman, substantiated this notion with examples of what more funds could buy *for us in the way of activities and equipment. Pouring more money into activities may help the stagnant state of affairs, but it certainly won't be a cure-all.*

The level of student interest has dropped to the point where over a third of the Senators fail to attend meetings. Last weeks discussion concerned what perhaps is the major topic of the year, yet there was not a quorum when this item came up on the agenda. Students continue to complain about our "dead" campus, yet they are sadly under represented in the major decisionmaking body. The most concerned group present represented the commuters who feel they will be done an injustice if forced to pay a higher activity fee for events poorly attended by commuters. This matter cannot be settled by simply saying that they can "always attend functions" or that "all we can do is provide the activities" regardless of whether or not they attend. However, on the other side of the coin, Husson needs move input from the commuters who have traditionally maintained a low profile in student affairs.

Leadership also starts at the top and little has been accomplished this year. Jeff Vermette, our Senate President, was among the absent third at the last meeting. This very important topic lacked his guidance and presence. How does he know what the students feel or want if he, too, fails to attend?

If this current level of apathy prevails next year, what good will more money do in the hands of a disinterested student government? How can it result in better *activities? The Social Committee had a larger budget this year than last, yet there have been few activities.*

If *you* are concerned about the activity fee, make your opinions known before the matter is decided by a "handfull". One way is to publish your opinions in the *Spectator*.

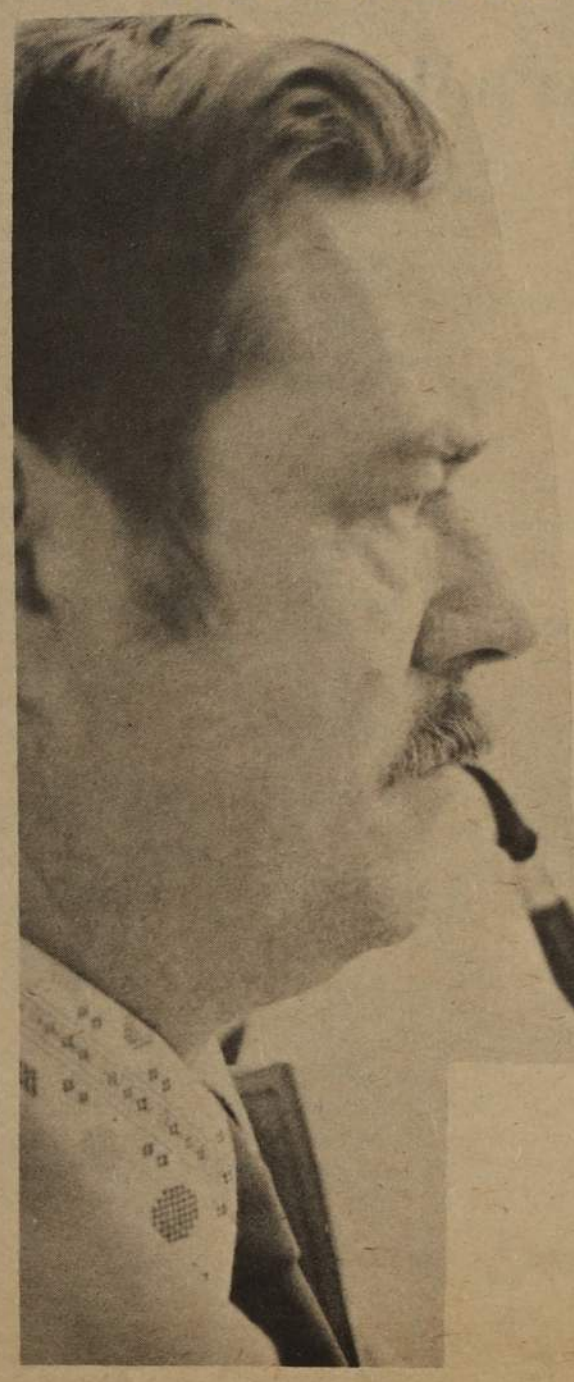
The Tube and Child Development

THE PLUG-IN DRUG: TELEVISION, CHILDREN, AND THE FAMILY, by Marie Winn (Viking). A thoughtful, lucid argument to the effect that television-watching itself, rather than the content of television programs, is what damages child development and family relations. The author draws on several disciplines–neurology, pedagogy, psychology–and blends their findings with her own research in a style that is unpretentious (no Jargon) and effective. She maintains that the passivity induced by watching television, the substitution of watching for other activities, and the emotional detachment that watching produces create lamed or limited personalities. Young children who watch a lot of television never discover their own potentialities, and, since they dwell amid ready-made fantasies, are inadequately prepared for reality. The author demonstrates that television also attenuates family bonds: intimacy and the interplay of relationships drain away in front of the screen. By way of contrast–to show that it can be done–the author interviews families who live without television; none feels at all deprived.

George Marsh
Liberal Studies

THE NEW YORKER (March 14, 1977)

Guest Column



Drama at Husson

by

Al Weymouth

In 1963, "Chief" Husson, President of Husson College, realized the importance of drama to the Husson community, and recognized that a drama program, if it were to be meaningful, had to be developed from within the institution. In previous years, the program had been directed from outside the college as well as from within.

It was at this time that Mr. Albert Weymouth, Jr., a former high school drama director, was assigned the task of breathing new life in the weakening Husson Players. In his call for interested actors and actresses, Weymouth got a total response of three very enthusiastic people. With their assistance, several others were recruited to present a one act play, **The Critic**, as an assembly program for the entire student body. The program stirred others, and in the spring of 1964, **Arsenic and Old Lace** became the first major production under Weymouth's direction. The play was presented on the small Commerce Hall stage, on Park Street, to capacity crowds. This was the beginning of an active program in drama for Husson, which was to last until the financial crunch of the early 1970's.

The Husson Players expanded their offerings beyond the limits of the campus, playing to local service groups and later touring to such places as the Maine Maritime Academy, Loring Air Force Base, Dow Air Force Base, Unity College, and locations in Portland, Augusta, Greenville, and Belfast. The Players became a respected and popular college theatre group both on and off campus.

Among some of the major productions were: **Harvey, Bus Stop, You Can't Take It With You, Born Yesterday, The Odd Couple, The Tender Trap, Three Men on A Horse, Come Blow Your Horn, You The Jury, The Marriage-go-Round, The Owl and the Pussy Cat,** and **The People Next Door.** Five of the shows went on tour, and many had repeat performances both on and off campus.

Weymouth believed that an appreciation of theatre must be developed within the community by presenting proven plays which would attract audiences. Once attracted, the people learn to appreciate and enjoy the theatre, so they keep coming. "Husson's drama program was really an introduction to the art of Theatre," said Weymouth. "Many of our students, whose time at the college varies from one to four years, have never attended the theatre, or have seldom had the opportunity to appreciate seeing people they know as college students, appear on stage as characters in a play."

Because Husson lacked the technical facilities for the factors which add "theatrical dressing" to a play (lighting, sets, costumes, sound, etc.), the emphasis of the Players was in acting...the basis of all theatre. Audiences were forced to use the mind's eye to "see" the aesthetics of scenery, lighting, and setting. They saw the play come to life through its actors, and if the acting proved effective, the spirit of the play came across most effectively.

In 1977, the question of the future of our Husson Players is reflected by such questions as: "What happened to the Husson Players" "Will the Husson Players be active again?"

What the future holds in store for the Players will be reflected in the long range planning and goal setting which is presently taking place in the college community. Should the college community feel that the Players have a place in the future of the college, provisions will undoubtedly be made to re-activate drama. If drama is not a priority in developing an appreciation for cultural and aesthetic values, it will be up to the availability of dedicated people to breathe life back into a dying memory...the Husson Players.

From The President's Pad

Guest Writer - Bob Thomas



This week I have asked Bob Thomas to write about long distance running. At this writing Bob is all keyed up for the Boston Marathon in which he will be competing on Monday, April 18 against 3,000 other aspirants. Good luck Bob and here's what he has to say about the marathon as a form of competition:

When the Greek warrior Pheidippides ran 26 miles from the Plains of Marathon to the city of Athens in 486 B.C., he was just doing his job. He had been sent with the news that the Greeks had again outfought the Persians. Pheidippides obediently ran the distance, shouted to the gathered crowd, "Rejoice, we conquer!" and then dropped dead. Now, 2,000 years later, there is considerable interest in competitively running this distance. The Boston Marathon will be my fifth such race in the past four months, but not as part of my work. It's part of my play.

Interesting things, these marathons. They tax the body for a couple of hours and then, having exhausted it, they go after the mind. Dr. George Sheehan, the guru of distance runners, says, "physical conditioning is a state through which you pass in preparing for the marathon."

People ask, "What's it like to run 26 miles?" and I want to respond by paraphrasing Charles Dickens: "It is the best of experiences, it is the worst of experiences." For me the marathon consists of four basic parts. (But no two have been identical. In fact, no two runs of any distance are ever identical.)

The first five miles or so are generally unpleasant, in part, perhaps, because I never warm up. I approach the starting line with the same grim determination that a General Motors welder approaches his eight-hour shift. During these initial 30 minutes I'm extremely conscious of time (it's dragging) and the distance ahead (there are over 20 miles left).

Then my body is a car whose transmission has shifted from low to drive. I feel loose and good. I often think of William Glasser's contention that "we are descended from those who ran to stay alive and this need to run is programmed genetically into our brains." I'm the aboriginee inexorably chasing the kangaroo. The next ten miles pass unnoticed, times is of no concern.

At about 15 miles the field of runners is widely spread. Now the splat of my feet on the pavement becomes louder, and I can't hear anyone behind me or see anyone ahead of me. I remember a passage from Alan Sillitoe: "I knew the loneliness of the long distance runner running across the country, realizing that this feeling is the only honesty and realness in the world." It's beautiful. I want to grab it in my hands and hold it forever. But like water it spills away.

The final six miles are hell. My body begins to plead for sugar and liquid. My mind has to will my feet onward. I become obsessed with the thought of, even sometimes the vision of, a heaping plate of Oreos (which I actually hate and never eat) and a frosty pitcher of beer (which I thoroughly enjoy and often drink). These last miles are weird. They're filled with pockets of pain—periods of leg cramps, stiff knees, soreness in the lower back. I try to fight through these by telling myself that I'm one of those persons who must do this, who finds psychologically stimulating to be by myself, running long distances. But I hate it. I swear that I'll never run again, that as soon as I get home I'll chop up all my running shoes and send them through the garbage disposal. I find myself passing some runners, others passing me, but they're all blurs. Now the truth emerges: in the marathon the only competition is the distance. It's the enemy to all of us aching, thirsty runners; we are foot-sore soldiers of the same battalion limping toward camp.

But suddenly there it is, the finish line, a half-mile ahead. My pace quickens. I'm actually sprinting, crossing it, only to stop suddenly, unable to run another step. I stagger around and finally wilt on to the sidewalk, drunk with fatigue.

A warm shower, a set of dry clothes, and two glasses of room-temperature Gatorade later, I feel sublime. Conversation centers around the course, the weather, and the guy or gal who cruised past us at the 20-mile mark. Then someone mentions that there's an interesting marathon in Buffalo or Holyoke or Hanover in three weeks, and I begin making plans. Interesting addiction, marathoning.

Lobbies Bloom

Students in the statehouse are becoming more and more noticeable lately as the concept of student lobbying becomes increasingly popular.

In Ohio, a 12-school pooled lobbying effort has been lauched to give students a voice in state government. But problems with the new group may arise if the lobby is funded with state money. An Ohio attorney general's ruling prohibits use of state funds for lobbying purposes. A state auditor at Ohio U., however, said he did not forsee a challenge to fund allocations since the university employs a state-funded lobbyist.

The American Civil Liberties Union has entered the picture, trying to make sure the lobbying effort is not blocked.

The Ohio group was encouraged to form after a Maryland district court ruled in January that student activity fees allocated to a public interest research group may be spent in any way—including for lobbying.

The U. of Kansas Student Senate hopes to have its own lobby underway by next fall instead of joining the Associated Students of Kansas (ASK) which represents all other state-run universities. The senate cited the need for a specialized lobby to deal with the university's problems. The group hopes to recruit 125 student volunteers to keep in contact with state legislators, thereby eliminating the need to pay ASK's $10,000 membership fee.

Even high school students are banding together to make themselves heard. In Michigan's capitol a group called the Youth Lobby Organization is in the planning stages and will strive to keep youth aware of legislative issues concerning them, especially youth rights. The lobby expects to set up a toll-free phone line so youths statewide can contribute their opinions on legislation.

A Message to the Husson Community

ROBIN HOOD AND MAID MARION
Chief-For-A-Day

My name is Steve Noyes and my running mate is Mary Whited. Mary and I will be campaigning as Robin Hood and Maid Marion in the upcoming Chief-for-a-Day election. Chief Weekend begins Friday, April 22 and runs through Monday, April 25.

At this time, Mary and I would like to introduce ourselves. I have spent four years here at Husson, and with a little luck I expect to graduate this May. Some of my activities here at school have included varsity soccer, intramurals, Greek Council, Kappa Delta Phi fraternity, and student senate. Mary, my running mate is a sophomore. She has played varsity girls basketball for two years, and this year she was voted Circle K Winter Carnival Queen.

In the time Mary and I have spent here at Husson, we've found the best way to enjoy our stay is to get involved in the many activities that are available. Our reason for running for Chief-for-a-Day is based on this principle. Each year the school has this week set aside to honor the founder of the school, Chief Husson. Chief Husson believed that there should be a time when the entire Husson Community, faculty, administration, and students can share a time of joint involvement and relaxation. To Mary and I, that's what Chief Week is all about. And we hope to provide a campaign that will give everyone the opportunity to get away from the every day routines and join in, in the fun and games. So come on everybody, join in, and let's make this year's Chief Week the best ever!

Yours truly,
Steve Noyes and Mary Whited



Photo by Tabor

POTTERY CLASS AT
HUSSON COLLEGE

From April 25-May 25 Last session until fall
For information call 989-4046 or 945-5641 Ext. 206
Cost: $50 for 24 hours of instructions, includes clay, glazing and firing. ($30 for Husson Students)
See Student Services or
Dr. Zink



Gay Students Still In the Woods

Gay students are coming out of the closet but they're not out of the woods as far as gaining acceptance into the mainstream of campus life.

Regents at the U. of Oklahoma are faced with a lawsuit brought by activist gays seeking official campus recognition. The regents denied the Gay Activist Alliance (GAA) official status as a student organization last month and the board president says there is little chance they will reconsider.

The GAA claims the refusal to grant the group recognition is a violation of the equal protection clause of the 14th Amendment. In 1972, U.S. District Court Judge Elvin Brown ruled another gay group could not be discriminated against by being denied privileges afforded other student groups.

Since the denial, charges have been filed in student court by two gays alleging harassment by nine fellow dorm residents. The charges stem from threatening phone calls, stink bombs and an incident in which the gays were allegedly threatened by a group wearing tee-shirts with the slogan "Shoot a faggot." Richard Wintory, a public defender for the Student Association says the gay conflicts have polarized feelings in a way that could lead to a "dangerous situation."

In neighboring Texas, the Gay Students Service Organization (GASSO) was denied a similar request by the Texas A&M administration and has also filed suit. Some A&M students are rallying to the cry of "Beat the hell out of GASSO."

In the middle of this controversy, Texas state Sen. Walter Mengden has introduced legislation prohibiting state-supported colleges from granting homosexual groups official recognition.

Some legislators in Montana are also up in arms over the issue of homosexuality on state campuses. Following a series of student newspaper articles dealing with gays at Montana State U., some lawmakers questioned whether they should increase funding for the university. Funding problems may also confront the United Campus Ministry at Ohio U. after it was disclosed that the group allows gay and lesbian organizations to meet in its building. Six Protestant churches in Ohio contribute $60,000 each year to keep the ministry afloat.

At the U. of California at Davis, a pair of students were disciplined for discharging a fire extinguisher under a gay student's door. The conduct office found the vandalism was intentional and the pair was ordered to send a letter of apology to the victim and attend special counseling sessions on "homophobia," the excessive fear of homosexuals.

Campus Capsules

INDIRECTLY, THE INDIANA U. Student Association has gotten involved with pablum, diapers and play-pens. The association sponsors a babysitting referral service which matches parents with a student sitter. The group has more than 100 sitters on file, of which two are male.

FOREIGN STUDENTS ARE FLOCKING to the U.S. for the education they can't find abroad. According to the Institute of International Education, 178,850 foreign students were enrolled at American universities in the 1975-76 school year. The bulk of the foreign student population is interested in a technical education, with more than 20% enrolled in some type of engineering curriculum. The institute also found that Iran exported more students to the U.S. than any other country. Last year 19,630 Iranians were enrolled at U.S. colleges, followed by students from Hong Kong, numbering 11,764 and Nigeria with 11,282.

TWO PIGS will become garbage disposals at Lewis and Clark College (Ore.). Four biology students plan to buy the pigs, feed them campus dining halls leftovers, then market them when grown.

A FEW STUDENTS at the U. of Maine have true collectors items: tee-shirts they bought at the campus store that read "University of MIANE."

BUTTONS READING "Don't say Hell... Say Hello" were sported on the State U. of New York at Buffalo campus. It's part of a campaign by the campus ministries to make the campus a friendlier, happier place.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHI GAMMA DELTA fraternity at the U. of Illinois has defended the ritual killing a 3-month-old piglet as a "sacred" tradition. The U. is investigating the incident after many complaints by people who said they saw the baby pig kicked, hanged and drowned.

A CHRISTIAN ORGANIZATION at the U. of California at Davis asked 350 students and faculty what they thought was the basic problem of humanity. Intolerance ranked highest with 18%, followed by self-centeredness at 11%, sin at 10% and lack of education with 8%. Racism, war and environmental concerns were further down the list. Seven people responding to the survey said humanity had no problems.

ALL 28,011 U. OF TENNESSEE students snubbed an invitation from their student government to attend an open forum in which representatives would discuss policy and student complaints about the university. The hearing, scheduled to last four hours, adjourned after 90 minutes of waiting for students to show up.

Liberty Lines

Gas, Thanks

By Robert M. Bartell

WASHINGTON, D.C. (Liberty Lobby News Service)-

Almost every columnist and commentator is playing the energy game in some form or other. Most are asking, "Is the energy crisis real or manufactured:" Well, some very disturbing news has come our way...and it won't make your winter any warmer.

The Feb. 7 issue of "The Touhey Report," a weekly newsletter for the oil and gas industry, reports that, incredible as it may sound, there's plenty of natural gas in Alaska. So much, in fact, that 50 billion cubic feet is being shipped from Alaska to Japan each year.

Another incredible fact: the U.S. does not have a single liquid natural gas tanker. We do have 16 under construction, but to prevent the gas from being shipped from Alaska to the lower 48 states, the Jones Act requires that U.S. vessels be used for transport of goods between U.S. ports.

"The Touhey Report" calls this disgraceful state of affairs proof that the natural gas shortage is manmade: "With an alledged national emergency facing the nation because of a shortage of natural gas, the Treasury Secretary finally granted a 'limited waiver' to Columbia Gas System to use a Liberian gas tanker to transport approximately 1.2 billion cubic feet of liquified natural gas from Alaska to Massachusetts. The tanker can make the trip in about 20 days after arrival in Alaska.

"The Jones Act waiver is good until May 10, 1977. If Congress or the Administration had granted waivers to the oil and gas industry 60 days ago, or three years ago, plenty of natural gas would have been available for those states east of the Rockies and a serious national emergency could have been averted. The U.S. government is well aware of the tremendous amount of natural gas that is available in Alaska."

The startling report also confirmed that 50 billion cubic feet of natural gas is being shipped from Alaska to Japan each year. Phillips Petroleum has the contract with Japan. The natural gas is produced from federal leased land in Alaska. Phillips converts the natural gas to liquified natural gas and the product is then shipped to Japan on foreign tankers. Japan pays less for the gas than pipeline companies pay at U.S. Gulf of Mexico ports.

"The Touhey Report" also touching on the recurring stories that once Alaskan pipeline starts flowing such a surplus will be established on the West coast that it will be exported to Japan. The report indicates that a surplus of about 600,000 barrels a day is expected on the California coast and there is every possibility that it will be treated the same as the natural gas. There are consistent rumors that the major oil companies have capped producing oil wells in many parts of North America. There are also rumors that they don't intend to uncap the wells until it is as profitable to produce domestically as it is to import crude oil.

Whether this is true or not, it is apparent that something can be done about the natural gas crisis and that is to release the gas companies from the requirements of the Jones Act and to do it now. About the only people who are profiting from this manmade shortage are the fuel oil dealers who are reaping their highest profits in history. And, of course, the Japanese.

Alert your representative and senators to the facts that they CAN do something constructive about this situation now ... and not wait until the middle of summer to fill up the tanks.

"Poetry Corner"

"Pledging Days Have Come and Gone"

Many people try, but only a few succeed,
Giving it all they have in just a short time.
The learning process is long and hard,
yet
Now we know the final goal is **Unity** and **Brotherhood.**

We are as one, one for all
The twenty-one of us it concerns
Have been bonded to fight for each other
Many conflicts have arisen, but we learn
to attack them as one
Learning lessons one by one, building
them
together to succeed.

Our bodies are worn, our minds fatigued,
Though our wheels keep rolling.
Those who passed before us and have
Succeeded leave a certain touch of
Accomplishment. They seem to start a
Flame, something which compells us to
want
to learn more and more.

Egotistical, we are not, but together
We all are,
We all want to be good Brothers,
To be respected and loved by other
Brothers.

By Tim Ingersen

Me

Edgar Allan Poe,
Henry Wadsworth Longfellow,
Great Writers,
That I'll say "I'm not",
But ... I'm "Me".
Being "Me" is kind of great,
I can be that quiet girl
in the back of the room,
Or, I can be the girl giggling
along with all the others
at something that is not really funny.
I can be very serious too.
I see something wrong with the world,
but I don't know how to change it,
not by myself anyway.
I found that there are a lot of "Me's"
in the world. If all could unite,
and become one, together "Me" would
become "We".
"We" sounds better and if the world is
wrong,
maybe, together, "We" could make it
right.

Andrea Blanchette

Humanities Wet Feet

As the water lapped up
to the dry beach,

I strove for the answers,
unable to reach.

The answers, run away, just as the
sand pipers of the beach,
(Run toward the water-
turn and run away,
afraid of the water,
and the harm it might cause).

Such is mankind, afraid of what
humanity can do for itself,
and others, therefore there's alarm.

But, ... if mankind wasn't afraid,
to get his feet wet,
he might find that...
(The Sea of Knowledge)
wasn't so deep after all!

Andrea Blanchette

Grad Program Progressing

KAY MORRILL

In February, Husson College presented its arguments in support of the Graduate Study Program at a hearing before the Joint Legislative Committee on Education. Several members of the administration, faculty, and student body, as well as a number of interested members of the business community, spoke to the Committee about the need for such a program in this area, outlined the unique characteristics of the program, and explained the many ways in which it would benefit Maine.

The Committee unanimously decided that L.D. 69 "ought to pass". The Legislature voted and passed the bill and Governor Longley signed it into law. Husson College is now authorized to confer the degree of Master of Science in Business (MSB) to students successfully completing a prescribed graduate level program.

With the initial steps completed, people now want to know when it will be expected to start; what courses will be offered; and, what effect this will have on the undergraduate program. To get the answers to these questions, The Spectator interviewed Dr. Mary Zink, Director of the Graduate Study Program. She explained that a definite date of starting had not been determined as yet. That decision rests with the Board of Trustees and depends on the ability to get a faculty, the need to add to the Husson library, and the hiring of a Dean of Graduate Studies.

The Committee is projecting that a few courses may begin the second semester of next year and then really get underway by the 1978-79 academic year. There will be a limited number of offerings at first as the program will start relatively small and then courses will be added as the needs develop. Primarily, this will be a late afternoon, evening and Saturday program on this campus because most of the students will be working people. A summer program will fit in well for those in the field of education.

The program for the Master of Science in Business consists of four parts. The basic core (9 hours) would be required of all students and involves (A) Selection and Use of Informational Materials, (B) Human Resources and Administration, and (C) Creative Decision Making and Management. The student would then move into the two main areas of concentration, (A) Education and (B(Management and Administration. This part of the program (12-15 hours) would begin with the basic principles in each area of concentration and then the student would apply these principles to his or her particular interest, such as business teacher education, cooperative education, hospital administration, counseling center administration or other interests in the human service area. Each area will start with a few courses and build gradually to meet the needs of the students.

The third part of the program, Courses in Related Areas (9-12 hours), can be applied to the student's particular field, such as Personnel Management, Administrative positions, faculty management with a department, or accounting requirements within a particular firm or organization. These courses will be filled in as needed until, hopefully, they will include all the business fields.

Will the excitement and enthusiasm for this new program detract from the undergraduate program? Dr. Zink assures us that many of the changes needed to initiate the graduate program (such as the need to add to the library) will enhance the undergraduate program as well. The interaction that a good program will generate between the students and the people of the business community will definitely add to rather than detract from the undergraduate program.

The unique qualities of this program for the Master of Science in Business provides a number of possibilities to attract students with a wide range of interests in the Maine business community, and the Committee will continue working to arrange a well organized program to fit these needs.

The fourth part of all students in consultation with the advisary committee according to the needs of the student. It may be a project related to the students' own business organization, a thesis or a research project in either private or library research, or possibly an internship in a business firm.

Husson... not a bad place

By Donna Sinsabaugh

Have you ever wondered what a person from a foreign land would think upon his first visit to Husson College?

The new Intersive English Program, begun last week at Husson by the International Center for Language Studies, has brought four new students to the campus from three far-away countries: Venezuela, Turkey, and Thailand. Three of the students are living in dormitories, while one commutes from Old Town. Their reactions to Husson and American life varied somewhat, but in general they were good impressions.

Carlos Fermin, 16, is from the Island of Margarita in Venezuela. He finished high school last July and came to America "to learn English—to become bilingual." I want to become a lawyer. When I finish my law studies in Venezuela, I will come back to the U.S. to get a master's degree in Washington, D.C."

In his spare time, Carlos wrote poetry and historical articles for the island's newspaper. He misses his country but likes Maine because of the rural atmosphere and the fact that one can easily go hunting or fishing.

"The people here are friendly, and I think they are helping me to learn English," says Carlos. He enjoys American life, although it is quite different than in Latin America. "The People are always united...this is why America is a strong country. Americans had to fight for their independence."

Sunee Saritvanich is from Bangkok, Thailand and has been living in the United States since 1975. She recently moved to Old Town with her 20-year old son, who attends the University of Maine at Orono. Mrs. Saritvanich graduated as a beautician from the Mansfield Academy in Bangor. She is enrolled in the Intensive English Program to become more proficient at speaking English, but has taken several courses before, both in Bangkok and in the U.S.

Mrs. Saritvanich likes the program hre at Husson and says that Americans are "friendly and very helpful."

Maritza Ruiz, 26, from Tucupids, Venezuela, is a graduate student in economics, who plans to finish her last year of sudy at the University of Pennsylvania. However, in order to be admitted she must pass a test which requires a good knowledge of English. She has enrolled in the Intensive English Program to acquire fluency in the language. Maritza says, "I think this place is excellent for foreign people."

Numan Dorgan, 23, is a post-graduate student from Trabzpm, Turkey, who has come to America to earn a Ph.D in electronics. He graduated from the Black Sea Technical University and will study English here at Husson for 5 months. He will then study at a universtiy in the U.S. for six years to earn his Ph.D.

Numan came to America because "American universities are high quality." He likes Husson and the English program and commented that American people are "friendly."

Job Experience Vital to Rec. Majors

Our American society is geared to recreation and many opportunities exist for those who wish to go into the field professionally.

Students in preparing themselves for the "job market" have got to do everything within their power to be marketable, and "on the job experience" seems crucial.

Having spent a great deal of time in conversation with those out in the recreation field, it seems of upmost importance that students gain work experience in the field. Therefore, students at Husson are strongly urged to find summer employment in recreation. In addition, this work experience can earn three credits under the PE463 Recreation Practicum Course.

This course is worth three credits and is offered during the summer to students who can meet the prerequisites. The student has the opportunity to work at a summer job (recreationally oriented), receives a normal salary and, at the same time, earns three college credits.

The student selects his or her own setting and once hired, then applies for the college credit. The setting then must be approved by the Professor Hennessey.

Setting examples includes such things as: Agency work—Red Cross, YWCA, Scouting, Churches, Community Programs, Playgrounds, Camps, Golf Course, resorts, parks, Campgrounds, Pools, Schools, Little League, etc.

Support Expected for CARE Project

Thousands of New Englanders are expected to participate in CARE's annual Mother's Day appeal which allows them to make a contribution in their mother's name to help a needy mother overseas.

Leon M. Blum, CARE's New England Director, said that this agency anticipates "some of our busiest weeks of the year" between now and Mother's Day (May 8th).

During this period donors to CARE can honor their mothers or other women by making a contribution in their name.

CARE then provides an appropriate and attractive card notifying the mother that vital assistance has been sent overseas in her name to a needy mother and her family.

This special project gains increasing public support each year, Blum indicated, and a great many donors even make direct contributions without the card plan and many also take the time to express their pleasure in lengthy letters.

This year, special appeals will take place on many college campuses, and through efforts of the Junior Division of the General Federation of Women's Clubs and HIgh School Key Clubs all across New England.

Information or special order forms may be obtained by writing directly to: CARE-Mother's Day Program, New England Regional Office of CARE, 581 Boylston Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02116.



Music Box

by Dennis Daigle

Looking toward the area of country rock I found two fine releases by veterans of older bands. The first is called Thunderbyrd and is by Roger Mcguinn, formerly of the Byrds and more recently an attraction of the Rolling Thunder Revue. This is a superb album leaning more to the country side. It is a combination of the writing and musical abilities of Mcguinn along with a really tight back up band. You may note the pedal steel guitar in particular. That seems to stand out from the rest of the band. An excellent album in all aspects. * * * * *

Next comes one entitled Dickey Betts & Great Southern. If you happen to be an Allman Brothers fan Dickey Betts needs no explaining. From his early days with them right through his solo career he has been noted as one of the finest guitarists in the business and a fine vocalist. On this album he displays all of his talents in both categories. The only low point is that he has a habit of becoming somewhat repetitious in his guitar work. Other than that, a good, choice piece of listening. * * * * *

Ratings:
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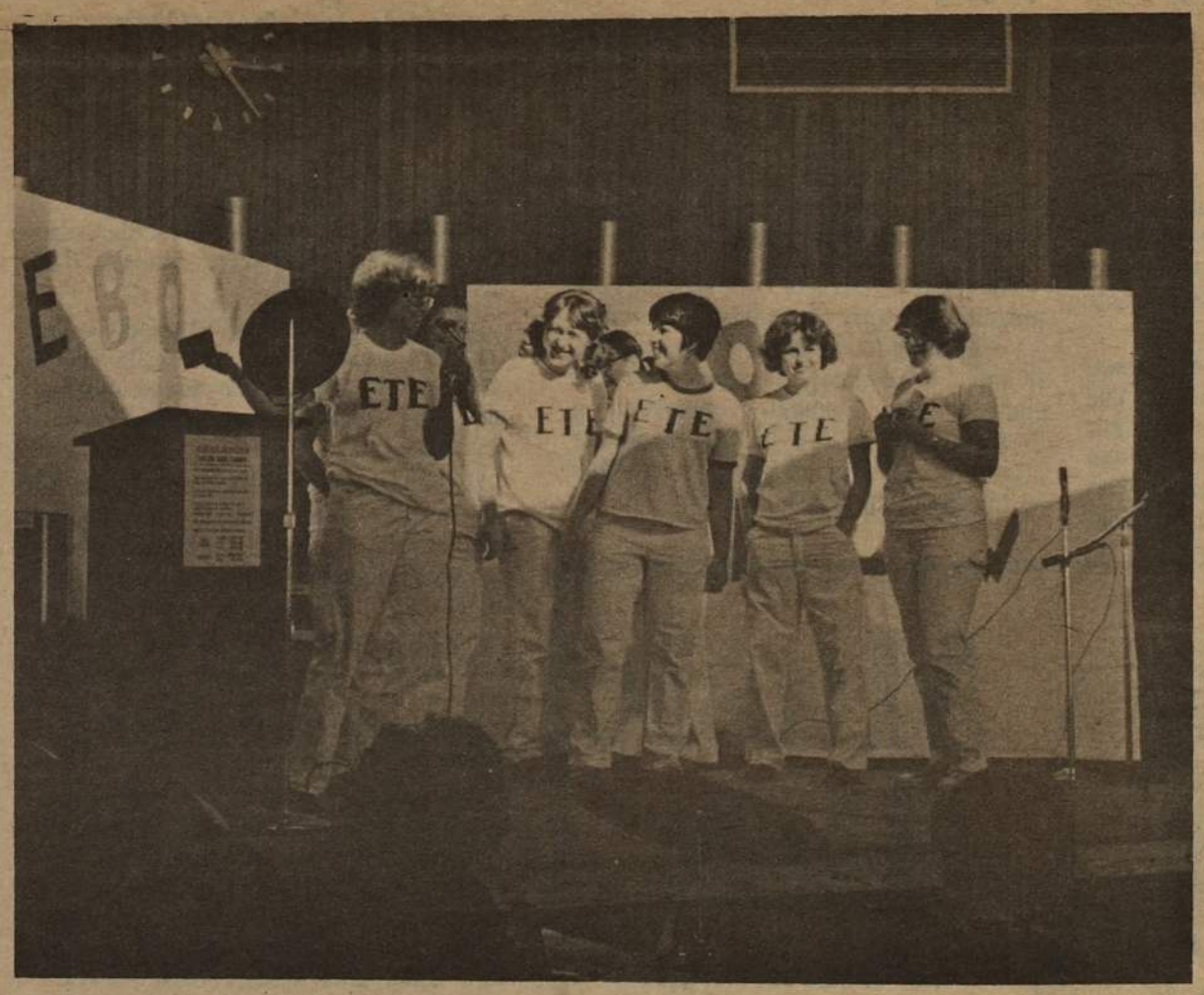
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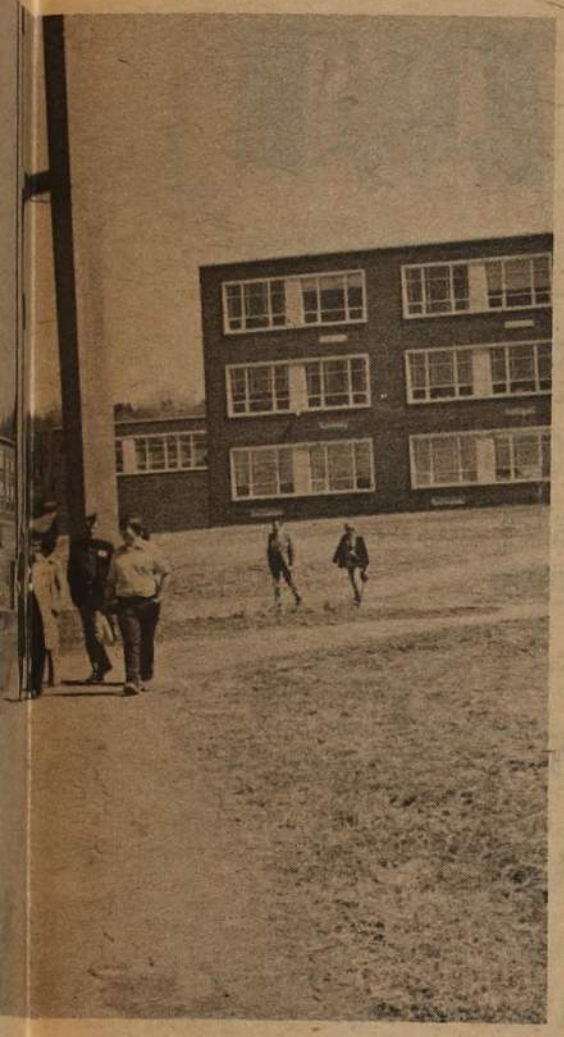




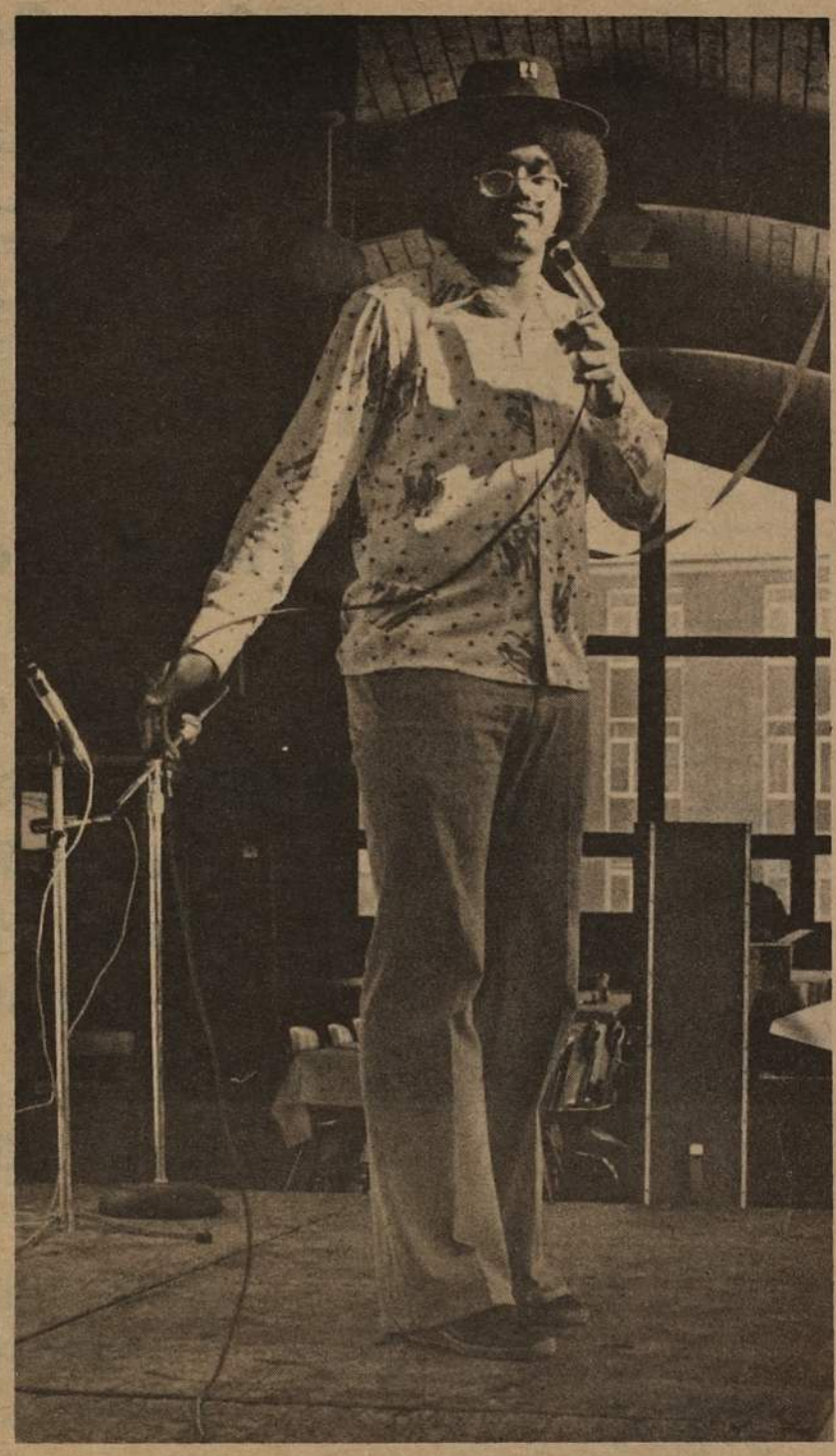




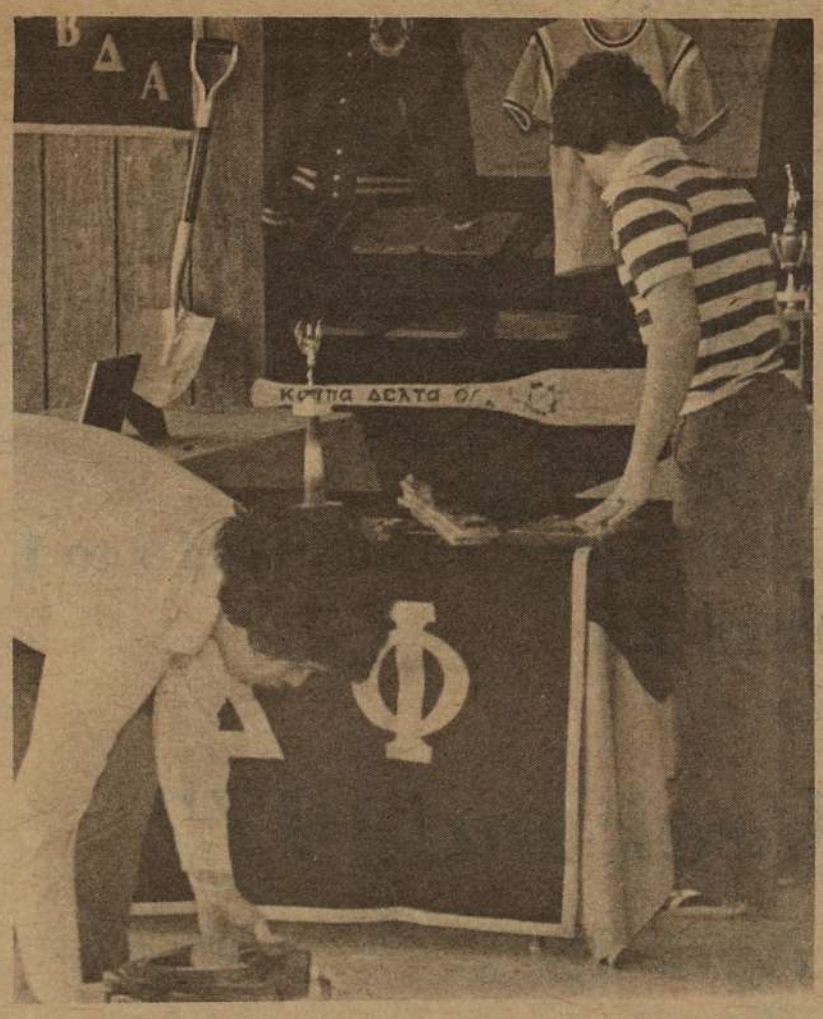
















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Chief Week 1977



Candidates

"Laverne and Shirley" — Vicki Boyd, Nancy Miller

"Chico and the Man" — Ray "Chico" Clark, Dave "Hollywood" Figueron

"Robin Hood and Maid Marion" — Steve Noyes, Mary Whited

Activities





Friday, April 22

Parade 2:30 p.m.
Poster Hanging 4 p.m.
Dance at the gym BYOB "CPAC" 9 to 1

Saturday, April 23

Road Rally (Kappa Delta Phi) 9 a.m. to noon
Outdoor Party "Gold Rush" 1 to 4
Candlelight Dinner (Steak) 5 p.m.
Candidate Speeches 5:45 p.m.
Basketball games (first round) 7 p.m.
Disco (Gathering) 9 to 1



Sunday, April 24

Mud Day 1 to 6
Picnic 4 to 5
Skits (gym) 7:30





Monday, April 25

Voting 9 to 3
Basketball (finals) 7 p.m.
Dance (DDC) "Custer's Last Band 9 to 1

Tuesday, April 26

Chief Reigns

Greek Weekend 1977

Thursday, April 28

Lighting of torch
Track and Field Events

Friday, April 29

Continuation of Track and Field events
Greek Party (DDC) "Disco" 9 to 1

Saturday, April 30

Greek Party (Gathering) .30 a beer

Sunday, May 1

Softball





Clubs & Organizations

ΚΔΦ

Summer is nearing quickly, and all of the brothers now have spring fever. That includes Kappa Delta Phi's twenty-one newest brothers. Pledging is finally over for those who took the challenge. We are proud of our strong pledge class, and would like to acquaint everyone with our newest brothers. They are: John Wyanski, Don Weissman, Willy Ledoux, Dennis Dalton, Mike Duffy, Bert Farias, Tony Reny, Ed Michaud, Doug Cyr, Bill Allen, Dick Cannan, Stuart Nye, Tim Ingerson, Mark Chagnon, Kermit Neal, Mike Talbot, Bill Schwechhemier, Charles Falkner, Joel Levesque, Dane Fulcher, and Joe Dasilva. Congratulations to everybody.

The brothers would like to thank our sisters for the birthday party that they threw for us last Friday in the Kappa Lambda lounge. The brothers all had a great time. It was one of the best parties this year. Thanx.

Congratulations are in order for brother Wayne Marquis, who hurled a no-hitter against Western New England. Good luck to the rest of the team, keep up the good work.

Chief Week is here once again, and this year should be no exception to the good times that are had each year. Brother Steve Noyes and Mary Whited are running mates this year. They are running under the title of Robin Hood and Maid Marion. Everybody enjoy themselves this year, and show your support.

A good number of alumni brothers are former Lambda chapter members showed up to witness the finish of pledging. "May the spirit never die."

The brothers all had a great time Monday at our annual formal banquet. This year we dined at the Hilton.

The Parent Weekend committee should be thanked for staging a well organized bunch of events.

The brotherhood is psyched for Greek Weekend and waterbasketball. It's the first chance the new brothers have to get involved.

Until next week, keep up on your work—summer is almost here.

The Brothers of Kappa Delta Phi

ΔΣΔ

Greetings from the Delta nest. It seems that summer is here to stay. We hope so anyway. Sunshine does wonders for some people...among other things.

The Sisters wish good luck to all Chief Week candidates. We urge everyone to get involved. Good times are to be had this time of the year.

Delta won its first intramural championship game this semester against a tough independent team—Red Hot Hot Tops. We were slow to start but we quickly had it wrapped up. Some of the sisters were already "primeo" for the game but the old Delta spirit pulled us through.

And to the TKE brothers, thanx for the brews last Sunday. We enjoyed ourselves.

Until next time, hang tough. The semester is almost over.

The Sisters

ETE

Greetings from ETE—ain't spring great???

Happy Chief Week to you all and may the best persons win. Good Luck to Sister Nancy Miller and her running mate, Vicki Boyd, better known as Laverne and Shirley.

Our wishes for a speedy recovery go out to Sister Sue "Grace" Wallace. Now don't you wish you'd stayed on 3d level?

We all trucked over to Audrey's for a spaghetti feed and party last Thursday. Thanx Aud—we needed a good meal. Nancy—does the magic stick cover those too?

Congrats to the new brothers—welcome to the family, guys. You'll find it was worthwhile—we did.

The Sisters made a good try, but went down to defeat in indoor soccer by a score of 2-1. Judy Lawler surprised the opposition (and herself) by scoring our goal. Wait'll next year, right?

A witty and dependable sister, who pledged in 1974, will be graduating in May with an A.B.S. in Executive Secretary. She has been the right hand as vice-president; and kept a very informative scrapbook for the sorority as Historian during the past year. She has always given more of herself than was asked proving herself to be a loyal sister and friend.

Gerri did radio shows at WHSN for a very long time. Her shows were always very enjoyable including rock, disco, and Top 40. A lot of hard work and study went into fulfilling her dream of obtaining her Class 3 License.

We are very proud of Sister Gerri Huss, alias "Wiggles." We will miss her very much and hope she comes back to visit us often. We hope she has found her "little bit of heaven" during her very active three years at Husson College.

Till next time, don't get too sunburned, and have a nice weekend.

The Sisters of Epsilon Tau Epsilon

SEA

The members of the Student Education Association enjoyed the visit of Miss Lorie Bruce who spoke on the "Open School" system at Skitikuk School. Miss Bruce brought slides along with her showing the school grounds, school activities and also the students at the school, ranging from 8 to 18 years of age. Many important and interesting topics were discussed which made for an enjoyable evening.

For all members of SEA, we are planning an end of the year picnic on Saturday, May 7 in Orland. Be sure to keep this date in mind and to attend our next meeting for full details.

SEA would also like to congratulate Len Duffy and Merle Adams for being chosen and sponsored by SEA to spend three days in New York City at the National Business Education Association Convention held earlier this month. Our advisor Mrs. Beaudoin also attended. Their visit to the city was an enjoyable one; highlighted with a night out to see the play "Oh Calcutta!"

For all those interested, our next meeting will be April 28 at 6:30 p.m. in Room S104. All are invited to attend!

ΜΣΧ

Hello again from the brothers of Mu Sigma Chi. We hope that all your parents had a good Parent's Weekend. Congratulations to the baseball team for a fine performance and we wish them more luck.

Now that pledging is over and things are back to normal, we would like to take this time to introduce the new brothers: Paul Berube, Ron Roy, Wayne Levesque, Larry Burns, Greg Daigle, David Dubois, Paul Michaud, Serge Bosse, Don Guimond, Dana Lauritsen, Thomas Chandonnet, Terry Burns, Sterling Hoak, Mike LeBlanc, Dan Galipeau, John Hendrickson, Glenn Vadney, Hap Lenneper, Don James, and Milton Kirk. We are glad to have you aboard.

The weather is starting to be really great. The guys are out playing ball and doing a little drinking on the side. A little refreshments never hurt anybody.

Chi. Take Care.

Brothers of Mu Sigma Chi!

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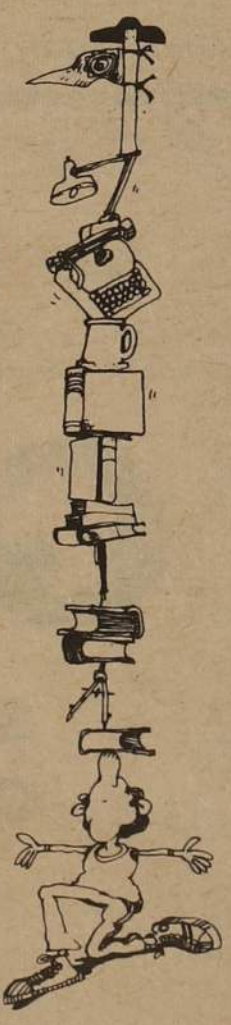
Kappa Lambda has been quite busy since vacation. We would like at this time to welcome our twenty new sisters. They're a great addition to the sorority and we know they'll work hard.

We would like to thank Roger Daigle for allowing us to use the Shalom House for a spaghetti dinner. The girls who cooked did a great job.

Elections are coming up and good luck is wished to each girl.

Until next time remember "A friend is a present you give yourself."

The Sisters of Kappa Lambda



OD

With the printing of another Husson College Spectator, comes the warm weather of spring and the crowding of the lawns between the dorms. Within the last few days, it has not been unusual to see frisbees, softballs, and footballs flying around. Like everyone else, the Order has been keeping quite busy.

A couple of weeks ago some of the girls ventured over to the Brewer Bowling Lanes to knock down a few pins. We each bowled two strings apiece, and pitted against each other, had quite the grand old time. Oh, by the way Joanne, who was that tough looking "little guy" who kept whistling everytime you got up to bowl? He sure was a cutie!

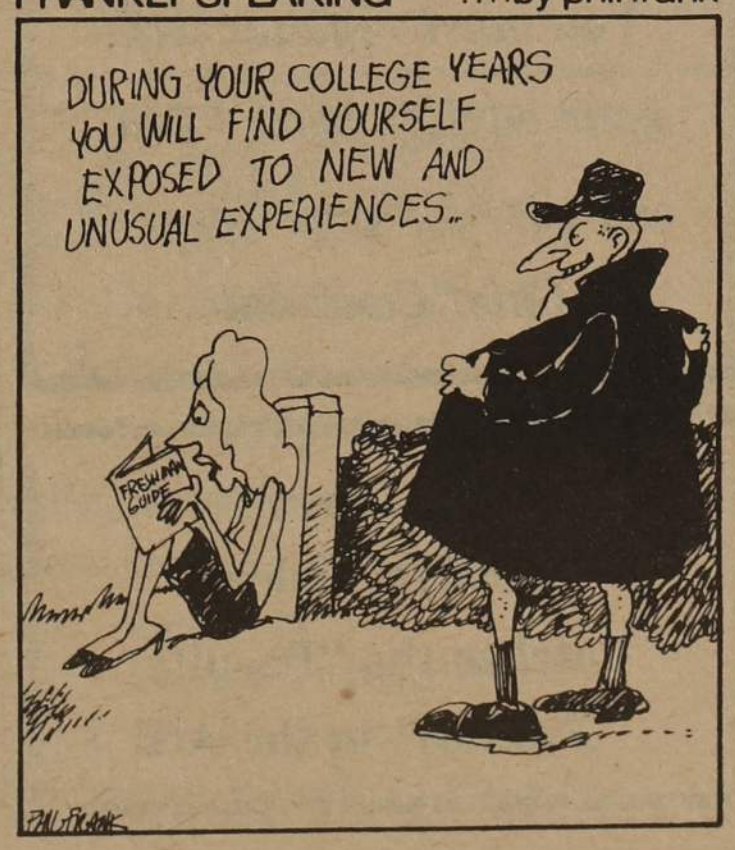
Once again, another one of our fabulous popcorn sales went over great and we couldn't let this article go by without "thanking" all of you who helped to make it a success. We have tentatively scheduled a car wash for the 30th of this month and hope you will all participate in helping us out. Watch for our posters, which should be going up soon, for the date, time, and place. Hope the weather won't fail us!

Last week, in a hard fought indoor soccer match, the Order of Diana, last year's defending champions, fell to a tough and determined Kappa Lamda team by one point. With all matches ending in single elimination, it was impossible to make a comeback; but just being able to compete made it worth the try. We are anxiously awaiting waterbasketball and softball and hope to see some very exciting games.

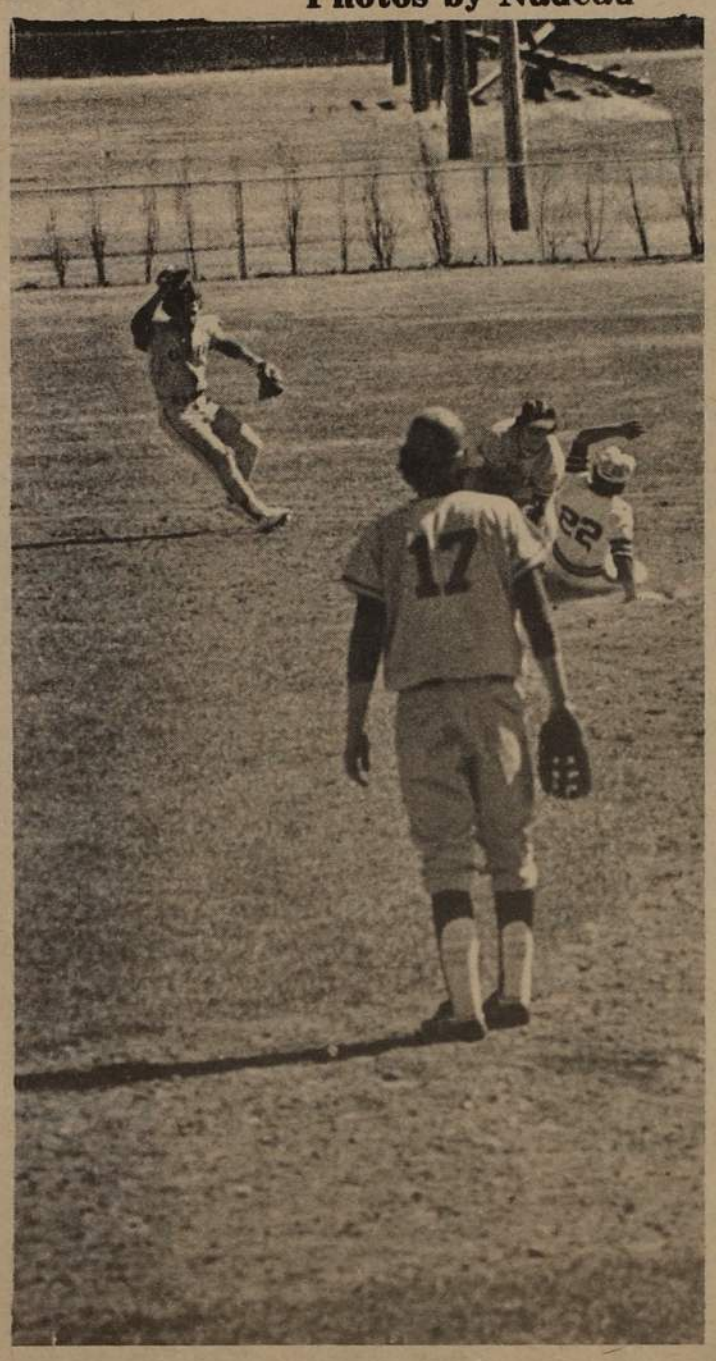
At this time we would like to "thank" the Brothers of TKE for the great party Sunday night. We wouldn't hesitate to say that we're sure everyone there had a fantastic time, and if they didn't, it was by their own choosing. To the newest Brothers of Tau Kappa Epsilon, we extend our sincerest "Congratulations" for sticking out the six long weeks of sleepless nights, drudging marches, and grueling orders from those whom you pledged under. We're all looking forward to alot of good times to come.

Today starts the official mark of Chief Week, and we would like to wish all candidates the "best of luck", and hope that everyone enjoys themselves to the fullest!

FRANKLY SPEAKING ....by phil frank



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20	AT THOMAS COLLEGE		1:00 p.m.
25	U OF M-ORONO		1:00 p.m.
27	AT U OF M-FARMINGTON		1:00 p.m.
30	ST. JOSEPH COLLEGE		1:00 p.m.
May			
3	U OF M-MACHIAS		1:00 p.m.
5	U OF M-PRESQUE ISLE		1:00 p.m.
11	AT U OF M-ORONO	[tent]	2:30 p.m.

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Husson's Joe Mesi Being Scouted by NFL's Dallas Cowboys

Last week, Joe "Mount" Mesi had an appointment with the Dallas Cowboys of the N.F.L. One of the Cowboy's scouting staff came up to time Joe in the 40 yard dash, and just get to know Joe a little better.

Each year the Dallas Cowboys send Coach MacGregor a letter asking if he knows any one who he feels could possibly play pro-ball and usually coach sends in someone's name and that's that. However, this year it went a little further. The Cowboys sent Joe a letter and asked him a few questions.

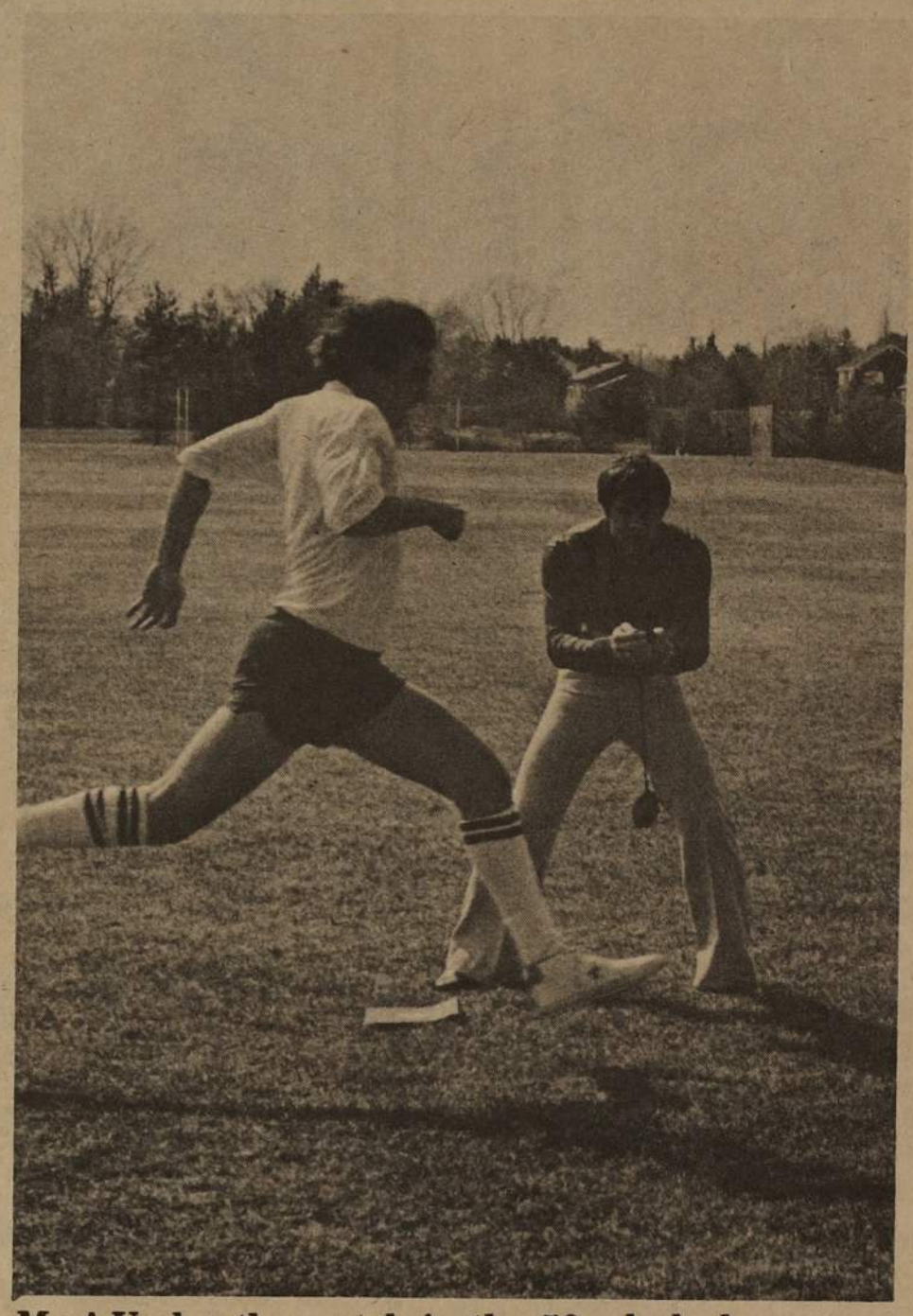
Joe filled out the questionnaire and sent it back to the Cowboys and figured nothing would come of it. However, about four weeks later, the Cowboys called and wanted to set up a time they could come and time Joe.

Why would a team come to a school where there is no football program? The reason is because it is very possible for someone who only plays basketball in college to turn around and play pro-ball. The Dallas Cowboys have at least one player on their roster who has accomplished this feat.

Another question someone might ask is why Joe Mesi? For one thing, his size! At 6'6" and 230 lbs., he is big! Given the right training program, he could get bigger. Also, before Joe came to Husson to become a big part in the Braves Basketball program, he spent a year at Marshall University where he started at the tight end position as a Freshman. While at Marshall, Joe ran the 40 yard dash in 4.8 seconds, which is good.

So, on April 13, Jim Clark came to Bangor and timed Joe. Joe's times were not that good but not that bad either; 4.9 and 5.0. Mr. Clark took down some additional information to go along with the times and then was on his way again to see some other basketball players. One other player he is going to see is Steve Grote, who played basketball for the University of Michigan, 1976 N.C.A.A. Champions.

From this small test that Joe took, who knows what may come about. He could go on and be drafted and have a successful career in Pro-Football, but that is a long shot; or nothing could happen and he might never hear from the Cowboys again. But whatever the outcome is, it's nice to know he got the chance and it is nice to know we, here at Husson, have the caliber of people playing ball that the pro team would take the time to look at.



Boss Photo

Mesi Under the watch in the 50 yd. dash.

Women's Intramurals

The Spring intramural offerings for women are now in full swing with a variety of opportunities. Indoor soccer is an activity which has shown to have a great deal of appeal. The tournament is currently underway.

Other activities include water basketball, softball, and co-ed badminton.

Softball following last years big tournament seems to be the most popular activitiy thus far.

Coach Hennessey and her intramural coordinator—Linda Mathews are pleased with the over all response to the intramural program by Husson women students.

Braves Drop Out of Northeast College Conference to Enter 77-78 Hoop Wars as an Independent Entry

This season will be the last one that Husson College will participate in the Northeast College Conference. At the conclusion of this baseball season, the Braves will become an independent in N.A.I.A. District 5.

One of the reasons that were given for dropping out of the conference, and there were many, was economic. It is cheaper to go down to play Nasson than travel way up north to play Fort Kent. But a stronger reason why, was that once University of Maine Farmington dropped out of the N.C.C. and entered the Western Athletic Conference, it was apparent that the tougher competition would be down south.

Also, when Farmington dropped out, it sent the soccer league back to a one division league and would force the Braves to play a 21 game schedule and the athletic department thought that was a bit too much.

Once the Braves dropped out of the N.C.C. they applied for admission in the W.A.C. but were turned down. Some of the reasons for being turned down where that some of the teams already in that conference would have to travel too much and also with the addition of Farmington would have to change their schedules.

So starting in 1977, the Braves will go independent and Coach MacGregor feels that it will have little effect if any on recruiting. By going independent, the Braves' schedule will be much stronger adding teams like Western New England College, Hawthorne College, and a second game against a team for the W.A.C. Also some of the teams for the N.C.C. will be kept so that Husson will be playing all over the state and the added publicity will help in recruiting.

The only bad point in leaving is that the winner of the N.C.C. gets an automatic berth to the N.A.I.A. District playoffs. So now the Braves must rely on a good record and good publicity so the selection committee will pick them as an at-large team for the tournament.

So Husson College who has dominated the Northeast College Conference in soccer, basketball, and baseball for the last three years, will leave the league, in a move the athletic department thinks will strengthen the program here at Husson.

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