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From the Editor

Reader Response:

"A Wasteful Word"

I think that there are more important events happening on this campus that are more worthy of front-page news then the wasting of napkins in the DDC. Thanks to this article, the school has gone out and spent money on little plastic trays to hold napkins for each table. I can see them on the tables for at least a month, slowly declining in numbers as more and more people decide that they want one for their dorm rooms until eventually, there aren't any left. Its nice to know that Husson can provide us all with a little plastic basket, but what about the money that you were so concerned about? There goes that idea.

Now, if we're worried about saving the environment, why waste paper on printing an article about wasting napkins and making hundreds of copies that will be looked at and tossed aside each week?

—Anonymous

Ouch. Good points about the article... but, it's always discouraging when the validity of the "voice of the students" is equated with that of paper napkins.
Keep those letters coming.
*zann

Dear Husson College Staff,

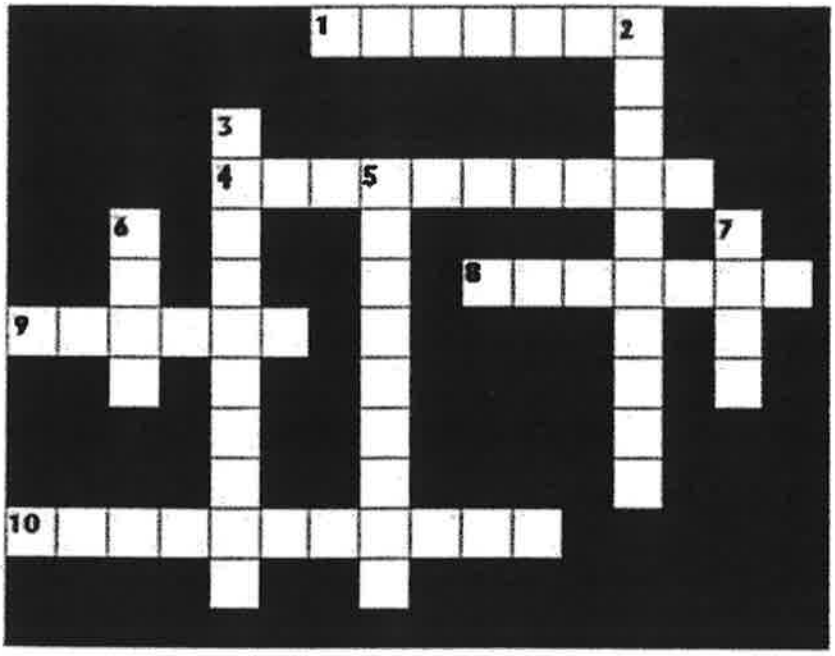
On behalf of the student body and the staff of the Spectator, I would like to thank you for the quick resolution of the napkin issue. The baskets were a welcomed addition to the tables at DDC, and I'm sure that they have already begun to serve their purpose, saving money for the school as well as conserving paper. I hope this will serve to remind the student body of the Spectator's primary objective, to be a voice for the whole student body and a firm representative to the administration of the students' needs and concerns. Let it be known that although our staff may be small, and our paper may be no more then an over-sized pamphlet, we remain a paper for the people, and a paper that gets things done! Although some may say that this victory is small, it is still a victory nonetheless, and it is one of many that the Students of Husson College and the New England School of Communications will continue to speak out for in the years to come.

Thank you,
Mark White

Pocket Full of Plastic

By: Mark White

These days we all carry around plastic for everything. Personally I have a Visa Card, A card for Doing Laundry, Eating at the Commons, Calling Friends, and an ATM card, just to name a few. But, it doesn't have to be this way. What I am proposing is that we have one card that does it all. The proposed "Husson Premium Card." This card would serve the student body in more ways than just meals. You'd be able to do your laundry, call up friends and relatives, access your savings account; It could even be used as a room key. This whole idea may sound far fetched to many of you, but the reality is that most schools are already using the one card system, including the University of Maine. I do not expect Husson to just switch into this system over night, something like this takes a lot of planning, not to mention the expense. I'm only suggesting that the school at least look into the idea, which after consideration might not seem so far-fetched after all.



Across

1. "Everybody Loves _____"
4. speed up
8. eight-sided shape
9. current president George _____ Bush
10. skill or ability

Down

2. lexicon
3. not Celsius
5. "Nightmare on ___ ___"
6. Au (element)
7. abode

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Sports

Time to Heat up for Husson

Elgin Traylor

Well, we all have been very busy and so have our Husson Braves Basketball teams. The women have compiled a record 9-12. Don't be fooled by that record. They have lost some close, tough games including a two point loss to rival and nationally-ranked team, St. Joseph's. It was a very exciting game, which included several lead changes down the stretch. Despite their record and youthful bench the Braves have ripped off two wins in a row, and from experience they know this is the time to heat up. Senior captain Leslie Trott who averages 13 points per game and 4 steals a game leads the Braves as well as Liz Boone, who has 12 points and 8 rebounds per game. Look for good thing out of this team who have out-scored their opponents in their last 15 games in which they have racked up 8 wins. During that time 4 of their losses have been by a total of 19 points. This proves the fact they can indeed play with anyone.

6-7. That is not the type of start that head coach Warren Caruso had in mind but that is what he faced after retuning from three games in Pennsylvania. Since that time the Braves have come storming back for ten consecutive wins. Perhaps the most exciting game was Robert Pilsbury's 3

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Pro Sports: Super Bowl Journal

Jacques Strapp

6:15 Finally, the player introductions have arrived. All this pre-game stuff has to be cut in half. This is ridiculous. I mean, who really wants to see Barry Manilow and a bunch of other has-beens singing? It just brings down the real event. The Rams have chosen to introduce the greatest show on turf, their offense.

6:20 Patriots intros are up and what is this? They all come out as a team. What are they doing? Don't they know Fox set aside 5 minutes for this? Someone will have to pay for time lost.

6:27 Mariah Carey's national anthem was pretty good. Maybe this can resurrect her career…then again, maybe not.

6:37 George Dubbya's father, Dubbya senior, is out for the ceremonial coin flip. The Rams have won the toss. Let the massacre begin.

6:41 The first kickoff of the game and an interesting stat pops up. It will be the Rams' 1st ranked offense versus the Patriots 24th ranked defense. That's right, all that talk about the defense and they are 24th. The truth hurts doesn't it?

6:47 Oh look, the first commercial break of the night. Bud Lite has a good one. I mean, who doesn't like to see robots beating on each other?

7:02 Finally someone scores in the game. Jeff Wilkins kicked the 3rd longest FG in Super Bowl history with a 50-yarder. I can't believe it's only 3-0 at this point.

7:05 I have a feeling Bud Lite is going to sweep the commercial ratings. Ced the Entertainer is back for another commercial. This one is hilarious. Bud just used a classic bar scene event. As in most cases, women are very insulted when referred to as, um; let's say "escorts." This one made me laugh aloud.

7:10 Another Bud Lite commercial that is pretty good, as the beer-fetching bird makes one guy's life easier, but it makes the restaurant people's lives a bit rougher. I have to find myself a bird like that.

7:14 Well, the first quarter is officially finished with the score 3-0. Yawn, will the Rams start scoring soon?

7:23 Jeff Wilkins missed a 52-yard field goal. It's still 3-0. I wish the true Rams would show up. Mike Martz had better not do what he did in the last team loss. He has to give the ball to the best player in the league, Marshall Faulk.

7:30 Britney Spears in a Pepsi commercial. Enough said.

7:34 Oh man, the first touchdown of the game is scored as Kurt Warner gift-wraps the ball for Ty Law as Law takes it to the end zone for the score and the 7-3 lead.

7:37 Bud with a great commercial, the holiday card

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pointer: with 2 seconds left vs. St. Joes. Pilsbury in this stretch has led the nation in scoring as well as picking up his 1000th point. But, let's also give credit to the unsung hero of this team, the bench. Most of the guys coming off the bench this year had very little experience, but they do now. Nate Cyr and Scott Cunningham lead the guard assault with quick defense and deadly 3-point accuracy. Also among defensive threats is forward Brad Galley. He's not as big as some of the other players, but Galley contributes to the scoring as well. Nikos Armenakis has shown incredible improvement with post move help from assistant coach and former Husson Brave Rick Sinclair. The best thing about the Braves is they do it all as a team, and they are getting hot at the right time. We expect all you Husson Fans to travel down to the Augusta Civic Center for the playoff games on Feb 24th and 25th.

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choosing differences between males and females. It is so true. That's why it's funny.

7:55 Another costly turnover for the Rams as Ricky Proehl fumbles the ball. The Rams are clearly beating themselves thus far.

8:01 Tom Brady throws a pass to the corner of the end zone and Davis Patten makes a sick catch for the touchdown. Who does Tom Brady think he is? In fact, I have a request. Will the real Tom Brady please stand up? I repeat, will the real Tom Brady please stand up? Boy, is he in for a rude awakening next season. You can bet on that.

8:08 Halftime has arrived to find the score 14-3 in the Pats' favor. I don't know what's going on, but when Warner decides to start throwing touchdowns for his team rather than the opponents, then the Patriots will be in trouble.

8:15 The halftime show features U2 this year. That's surprising considering the jinx of the halftime performers. U2 is currently at the top of their game. Maybe it's a sign for things to come. I can't really tell you how their show was; I mean I can listen to them anytime I want on the radio. It's not everyday, however, that you can see playmates on Fear Factor. I did what every real guy did during halftime; I flipped the channel to NBC.

8:35 The second half of football is about to begin. Let's see the Rams get back in this.

8:41 Another great commercial that Bud has put on. The "How you doin'" gone country is sure to bring a smile on your face. It's time we make fun of the cowboys in commercials.

8:46 I just saw the best commercial of the night, well in my mind anyway. Bud Lite is the king of commercials this season. Two words "satin sheets" are enough to explain this one. Where do they come up with this stuff?

9:06 Kurt Warner just threw his second interception of the game. Is he trying to lose? I bet he is. I bet he is being paid to throw the game. He just can't be doing this poorly after his first Super Bowl performance. Can someone find this out?

9:09 It is now 17-3 for the Patriots as the man with the golden toe, Adam Vinatierri, kicks a FG. I think someone should take a bolt of electricity to all the Rams players. Maybe that will put them back on track.

9:13 At the end of third quarter it's 17-3 with the Pats on top. All I can say is, wow. Watch out for the Rams in the final quarter.

9:22 After an impressive drive, the Rams find themselves with a 4th and Goal, and they are going for it.

9:25 Warner fumbles going for the end zone and the Pats recover. He could go all the way, touchdown Patriots. Oh-oh, wait a second. The Pats were called for holding on the play. What a break for the Rams. The game was over, now they are back in it, just like that.

9:30 Warner scores the first Rams TD with a quarterback sneak. It is now 17-10 Pats with 9:31 left in the game.

9:37 With 7:44 left in the game, the Rams get the ball back for the chance to tie the game with a touchdown.

9:48 With 3:44 left in the game, the Rams punt to the Pats. The Pats' offense has sputtered along for most of the game. The Rams should get it back.

9:51 Two minutes left in the game and the Rams get the ball back. This is game is beginning to get good. They need a touchdown.

9:56 Warner makes a good pass to the wide-open Ricky Proehl. Ricky makes an even better move by cutting to the inside of the field to score a touchdown to tie the game. The momentum has turned now. With 1:30 left in the game, the score is tied at 17. With no timeouts left for either team, we should prepare for overtime.

9:59 The Pats start the drive with 1:21 left on the clock. What are they doing? Well, we'll see if they can drive the length of the field here.

10:00 What was Troy Brown doing completely open?

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Events Calendar

Feb 11 Monday	Women's Basketball—Home vs. UM Machias 5:30pm Cardio Kick—Arrowhead 6pm Men's Basketball—Home vs. UM Machias 7:30pm Great Skates! 9:30-11:30pm
Feb 12 Tuesday	AIDS Awareness Education—DDC 7pm
Feb 13 Wednesday	Women's Basketball—St. Joe's 5:30pm Cardio Kick—Arrowhead 6pm Men's Basketball—St. Joe's 7:30pm
Feb 14 Thursday	Buy last-minute Valentine's gifts @ 7-11 Portland String Quartet Valentines Gala Concert—Campus Center 7pm
Feb 15 Friday	Casino Night! Arrowhead 9pm-12m
Feb 18 Monday	Cardio Kick—Arrowhead 6pm
Feb 19 Tuesday	Senior Photos—Campus Center 9am-4pm
Feb 20 Wednesday	Senior Photos—Campus Center 9am-4pm Cardio Kick—Arrowhead 6pm Movie Night—"Monsters, Inc." KOM 8pm
Feb 21 Thursday	Movie Night—"Monsters, Inc." KOM 10pm
Feb 22 Friday	"Thunderhead" live band concert—Arrowhead 10pm-2am

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I told you, the Rams are throwing this. Now the Pats are in field goal range.

10:03 7 seconds remain on the clock as Vinatierri lines up for the 48-yard FG. I am hoping Adam pulls a Scott Norwood right about now.

10:04 It's good. With 2 seconds left on the clock, the Rams need a miracle with the score 20-17. Wait, what is going on? Two seconds remain on the clock and the refs say the game is over. This isn't right. Rewind the tape; 2 seconds remain on the clock. I kid you not. Remember the "Music City Miracle" a few years back? The Rams could have still pulled it off.

I can't believe the Rams lost. First the Yankees and the best reliever in the history of baseball lose to the Diamondbacks; then the Rams lose to a team who won't even make the playoffs next year. Well, this only means one thing. The Lakers will also lose in the NBA finals this year. It only makes sense. They have to follow this current trend in professional sports right now.

Well, that was some game. I can't believe it's over. I am stunned. I won't be able to sleep tonight. I can't even sum this up with my usual movie quote.

Entertainment_

Upcoming Concerts

Blue Oyster Cult @ Bangor Auditorium—Feb 28
Nelly Furtado @ State Theater Portland—Mar 2
John Hiatt @ State Theater, Portland—Mar 13
Coal Chamber w/Drowning Pool @ State Theater—Mar 16
311 & Hoobastank @ State Theater, Portland—Mar 26
Rob Zombie w/Sinisstar @ CMCC, Lewiston—Apr14

This Week's Reviews:

Rob Zombie-"The Sinister Urge" *graded by zann* A-

In honor of his upcoming concert, I decided to finally give this CD a review. Better than his debut solo album, "The Sinister Urge" is mad groovy and a lot of fun. Ozzy makes an appearance (as is the trend in the best of hard rock these days) on a song called "Iron Head," which won't disappoint. This album marks a change for Zombie in that not all the songs are the same tempo. "Go To California" slows down a bit, a perfect break halfway through the album, to get one's groove on. Dead Girl returns, and is now a superstar in track 3. The only questionable song on this CD is the final track, "House of 1000 Corpses," the theme song for his equally questionable movie which may never see the light of day. This song is exaggerated and rather cheesy; it's more of a silly bonus track on the end of an album that ends at track 10. Final word: if you liked that "Dragula" CD, give "The Sinister Urge" a listen.

The Mothman Prophecies *graded by zann* C+

This slightly-above-average movie is sadly one of your best choices at the theaters right now. "Mothman," no relation to Mothra, is a vaguely moth-like apparition that appears to foretell doom. This flick is based on true stories, which as usual means an unsatisfying ending and few plot twists. Good points: Richard Gere is great, there are a few gripping and creepy scenes unlike anything you've probably seen before, and the bridge scene is well-done in the effects category and that it remains believable. Debra Messing (Grace of "Will and Grace") is not the best choice for the wife role. She's too giggly to be scary and it's hard to believe she can draw. However, she has limited screen time in which to annoy you. My advice: if you're interested in seeing this flick, wait until Tuesday night at the cheap seats, or even until Blockbuster shelves.

PlayStation 2 - Final Fantasy X *Ben Prunty* 8.5 out of 10

The latest in Square's seminal series is truly the evolution that Square was touting it to be. Many things about the games that are normally taken for granted have been scrapped, and many new things have been added. Regardless, the game is one of the best in the series. The two most immediate changes are the completely 3D world, instead of the pre-rendered backgrounds of the previous games, and the inclusion of voice-acting. The new 3D-ness basically makes the entire game seem like the cinematic cutscenes from the older titles. The voice acting, while not perfect, is very well done by talented people, and it makes the storyline much easier to follow. The battle system has been completely redesigned, doing away with the Active Time Battle system (time passes while you're making menu choices) that has been around since part IV, and putting in the more traditional turn-based system. The battles are much more strategic this time around; each character in the party has a very specific role, and matching characters with their respective enemies is what you'll be doing most of the time. Party members can be switched in and out of battle at will with no consequence (it doesn't use up a turn). The graphics are great, though not quite at the level that Metal Gear Solid 2 has now set. But FF has MGS2 beat for sheer artistry. The character and set designs are just amazing and filled with personality and color. The storyline is nothing new, but because of the addition of voices it makes it a different experience. I certainly got caught up in the love subplot. My only gripes are the lack of originality and variety of enemy types and the fact that the music, after you get past the unexpected death-metal piece in the opening scene, is extremely light and not nearly as powerful as it used to be. Composer Uematsu must be getting tired after ten games. Overall, it's a fantastic game that can't be missed by fans of the series, and it's also a good place to start if you've never played any of the games.

WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU GRADUATE?

A voice from fellow students and professors

Date: 02/25/02

Time: 12 noon

Come join us on February 25th, 2002 at 12 noon in Kominsky Auditorium for an hour long seminar on your future. Discuss plans from students who are graduating this year and get a professional opinion from some professors here on campus.

- Refreshments will be served.
- Please bring a lunch and enjoy the seminar.

Sponsored by the Psychology Club here at Husson

Diary of Walter Dylan

Dear Friends,

Have you ever loved someone so much that it made you cry? Have you ever closed your eyes and felt the presence of the person that you want to spend the rest of your life with? I've been lucky enough to have a couple of people that I've loved that much. And the truth is that you never stop loving these people, no matter how much they hurt you, no matter how long it's been since you've last seen or heard from them, some people you just never stop loving. I hope that I can find love like that again, and this time have everything work out.

-Walter

Fortune Cookies~!

Recipe

Ingredients:

1 egg white
1/8 tsp. vanilla extract
1 pinch salt
1/4 cup all-purpose flour (preferably unbleached)
1/4 cup white sugar

Directions:

Write fortunes on strips of paper about 4" long and 1/2" wide.

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. Generously butter/grease 2 cookie sheets.

Mix egg white and vanilla until foamy but not stiff. Sift flour, salt, and sugar; blend into egg white mixture.

Place teaspoonfuls of the batter at least 4" apart on one of the prepared cookie sheets. Tilt the sheet to spread batter into rounds about 3" in diameter. Be careful to make batter as round and even as possible. Do not make too many on one sheet because the cookies must be very hot to form, and once they cool off it is too late. Start with 2 or 3 to a sheet and see how many you can handle.

Bake for 5 minutes or until 1/2" strip around outside of cookies has turned golden brown. The center will remain pale. While one sheet is baking, prepare the other.

Remove from oven. Immediately use a wide spatula to move cookies to cutting board, placing them upside down. Place a fortune in the middle of the cookie and fold cookie in half. Place the folded edge across the rim of a measuring cup and pull the pointed edges down, one on the inside of the cup and one on the outside. Place the folded cookies into the cups of a muffin tin to hold shape until cool and firm.

Quotes of the Week

Last night somebody broke into my apartment and replaced everything with exact duplicates... When I pointed it out to my roommate, he said, "Do I know you?"

—Steven Wright

The bad news is that you are the slave of your past. The good news is that you are the master of your future.

—anonymous