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HISTORY OF HUSSON COLLEGE

Your school is celebrating its twenty-first birthday. The opening of Husson College in September of this year marked the end of its adolescent period and heralded its entrance into adulthood. This becoming-of-age anniversary is an ideal time for us to look into the mirror of the past and see just how, where, and when the Husson College that we know today had its beginning.

In its cradle days the "friendly school upon the hill" was known as the Shaw Business College and was located at 27 Columbia Street in Bangor. Upon being sold to the Maine School of Commerce in 1926, it became one of a chain of five such schools, the others being located in Auburn, Lewiston, Portland, and Presque Isle. After this transfer of ownership, the school remained at its Columbia Street location, and at the fall opening in 1926 the new principal, Mr. C. H. Husson of Lynn, Massachusetts, and his faculty of two teachers welcomed approximately forty students to the Bangor Maine

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THE STUDENT'S VOICE

We, the students of Husson College, are given an opportunity to voice our opinions in matters pertaining to our welfare. How? Through the Student Council. Yes, your student council, as most of you know by now, is a very active organization. But the background has already been presented to you at the Student Council's assembly. The big news of the moment is the "College Store". This project was first proposed last year, and after considerable work on the part of last year's Student Council, and the temporary council of 1947-1948, it is now ready to serve you. Such items as jewelry, banners, candy, stickers, and stationery will soon be obtainable.

The Student Council, through the pages of the "Ledger" wishes to state that this store belongs to the students of Husson College. It is run by the students, and for the students and the benefits will be returned to the students.

Your Student Council has undertaken many such projects. Your

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CHIEF'S COLUMN

As a new school year approaches, most school administrators feel like a husband walking the maternity ward, wondering what his new "family" would look like, how big it would be, and a thousand other things. He wraps himself up in contemplation of the coming event to the exclusion of all other things. It is, perhaps, the human thing to do—and most school men are human regardless of remarks to the contrary.

It was a pleasure for me to welcome such a healthy and such a big baby to Husson College in Septmeber. Meeting you at the reception was a warm experience which I shall remember for a long time. I knew that again we had a fine, wholesome, friendly group of young men and women to build into the classes of '48, '49, and '50.

The dance was one of the nicest it has been my pleasure to attend. And one of the cleanest. You proved that drinking isn't a necessary part of an evening's entertainment. Thus it was a splendid evening for everyone. I would be unhappy indeed to be called upon to dismiss a student for infractions of the rules. Spare me that experience—each and every one of you.

Permit me to make one comment on student behavior. It is a mark of good breeding to bid the patrons and patronesses good night before leaving any social function here or anywhere. So few of you took the opportunity to express your pleasure formally that I feel a hint at this time will take care of all future events. The world becomes a better place when we practice courtesy at all times. Let it be said of all Hus-

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LEDGER STAFF

The Ledger has not, as yet, appointed any of its members to editorial positions. The following names comprise the list of staff members: J. Estabrook, K. McGown, E. Willey, P. Corneil, R. Benson, C. Libbey, P. Cyr, B. Levasseur, M. Belmain, C. Hutchinson, C. Goodwin, P. Lynch, F. Redmond, J. Daigle, B. Wilbur, F. Perkins, C. LaForge, D. Soloby, R. Johnson, C. Leland, C. Butera, G. Cole, F. Whirty, N. Powell, H. Wagman, M. L. Benn.

This Husson Ledger Staff deserves a round of applause for the excellent teamwork and fine cooperation which has made this first issue possible.

THANK YOU

Our special thanks, to the correspondents of the sorority and school clubs and to Mr. Husson, Miss Swan and Mr. Frost, whose contributions of time and effort are greatly appreciated.

To those workers who have left school—good luck. And to you newcomers to Husson College, we extend a special and cordial invitation to attend Husson Ledger meetings. There is a place for you who want to write or who wish to help in any way to make the Husson Ledger a successful publication. Come on and lend your talents.

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son College students that they deport themselves properly and in good taste at all times.

We have no faculty member qualified to provide activity in a Dramatic Club program. Have you any suggestions? Come to me personally with your ideas—on this or any other subject

I hope you have learned to like Husson in the short time you have been here. We hope to reach your hearts as well as your minds during your stay with us. If we try—and you try—it can be done. Your school can mean much to your life now and later. Work with that in mind.

Come in and see me.

Cordially,

"CHIEF" HUSSON

F. Redmond: "What's that loud noise coming from the gym?"

Arline B.: "That's the boys playing basketball."

F. Redmond: "What are they using cannon-balls."



CHATTING WITH YOUR COUNSELOR

As President Husson mentioned at our first assembly, Husson College offers to each student the services of a counseling program. As your counselor, I wish to extend through this column, a welcome message to all, both old friends and new, and an invitation to bring your problems to your counselor. As many of you already know, I will attempt to assist you each month by writing a short column on some topic that concerns your welfare.

But before turning to the topic scheduled for this month, I would like to briefly summarize the counseling program. Our program is designed to assist *all* students in solving problems pertaining to social situations, personality adjustments, vocational choices and those of an academic type. Any problem that you have will be examined in minute detail, and all our efforts will be directed toward an adequate solution. I want to stress the fact that all cases are handled in *strictest confidence.*

Now to the problem for today. One major problem faced by all students is the one regarding Study and Study Habits. Realizing that each person must adopt a system of study suited to his own needs, I offer the following as general suggestions to be employed by you according to your individual situation. Try them and see how well they work for you. I am sure that if you really make a determined effort to follow these

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VETS' NEWS

For the benefit of World War II veterans enrolled in colleges and universities, Veterans Administration today reviewed recent legislation and VA regulations affecting training under the Servicemen's Readjustment Act (G-I Bill) and the Vocational Rehabilitation Act (Public Law 16) for disabled veterans.

END OF WAR—Public Law 239 sets July 25, 1947, as the official end of World War II for the purpose of computing eligibility for veterans' benefits under the G-I Bill and Public Law 16. As a result, education and training under both laws must be completed by most veterans by July 24, 1956.

INCREASED MINIMUMS FOR DISABLED—Public Law 338 provides for automatic increases in the minimum allowances paid veterans in training under Public Law 16 whose disabilities are rated at 30 percent or higher. The new minima are $115 a month without dependents and $135 a month with one dependent. Additional allowances are made for more than one dependent. The law requires no action by disabled trainees entitled to the higher rates because the increases, effective September 1, 1947, will be paid automatically with the following check.

LEAVE POLICIES—New leave policies will permit unbroken subsistence payments to veterans going to college under the G-I Bill and continue their studies under an accelerated program. Veterans will be

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MEET THE NEW INSTRUCTORS



Permit me to introduce Mr. David P. Hourin, one of our newly acquired teachers at Husson College. Mr. Hourin is married and has two children, a little girl of nine and a son, a year and a half old.

Although born in Boston, Massachusetts, you will find that Mr. Hourin is not a newcomer to Maine. He started his education at Hebron Academy; is a graduate of Framingham High, and a graduate of Holy Cross. He studied accounting at Harvard College graduate school; spent two years at Plymouth Teachers' College; and attended two summer sessions at the University of Maine.

Upon graduation, Mr. Hourin taught at the South Middlesex Secretarial School in Framingham, Massachusetts. From there he volunteered enlistment in the U. S. N. R.

Upon release from the Navy he went to work for United Aircraft Corp. East Hartford, Connecticut as a cost accountant and assistant paymaster.

In 1944 Mr. Hourin returned to the teaching field, teaching and coaching at Tilton Jr. College and Peoples Academy. In 1946 he he taught business subjects at Nichols Jr. College.

From Nichols he came here to Husson College where he admits he is happy. Quote: "I enjoy especially the friendly spirit and effort which has been shown me by all whom I have come in contact with while at Husson. I hope to make Husson my permanent home."

William J. Curran, Jr. joined the Husson College Staff last summer and is certainly a credit to the college and to his profession. His quiet dignity, poise, and calm assurance are proof enough of the qualities of leadership which he possesses.

Mr. Curran was born in Milo, Maine. He stayed there until his desire for further education led him to the University of Maine, Bangor Maine School of Commerce, and graduate work for his Master's degree at Boston University.

His successful teaching experience of seven or eight years includes: Corinna Academy, Cherryfield Academy, Army instructor at the Fort Bragg Clerical School. Mr. Curran's love of sports led him into the coaching field also. Sports and reading comprise his two main hobbies and he feels that they both contribute much toward a broad outlook upon life. Mr. Curran feels that the field of sports, especially, offers the student and teacher the opportunity to meet upon even ground and thus create a better understanding of one anothers problems.

Although Mr. Curran is not coaching here at Husson College, he will be in close contact with the students, as he has recently been appointed Faculty Advisor to the Fraternity.

To Mr. and Mrs. Curran, we say welcome to Husson College, and may your stay with us be a long and successful one.





Have you met the Hussons of 48 Vernon Street, Bangor, Maine? May we do the honors. Mr. and Mrs. Husson are the newlyweds on the Husson College faculty. Both came to us from Massachusetts. He from Lynn. She from Belmont.

Mr. Husson is a graduate of State Teachers' College where he received his B. S. degree in Education. In 1946 he attended the University of Maine where he obtained his Master's degree.

His teaching-coaching career took him first to Billerica, Massachusetts, then Belmont. He left Belmont in 1941 to join the U. S. Army where he served for five years. He received his basic training with the 26 Division, later going to Officers' Candidate School at Fort Sill, training in Field Artillery. After receiving his commission in 1942 he taught Field Artillery at Fort Sill for a year. Mr. Husson served six months in the E. T. O. Captain Husson returned to the states, enroute to the Pacific, and received his discharge in California.

Soon after leaving the service Mr. Husson returned to Belmont and resumed his teaching career. From there he came to Husson College. We are all glad to welcome George Husson, Jr., to Husson College and hope that he will make this his permanent home.

We know Chief's brother best as Coach Husson. Good luck Coach in both the coaching and teaching field.



HUSSON WOMEN'S ATHELTIC ASSOCIATION

The Husson Women's Athletic Group recently held a meeting with Miss Clara Swan at which time all girls registered at Husson College interested in athletics met and elected the following officers:

Miss Shirley Klimavicz of Dover-Foxcroft, president; Mrs. Helen Hillier of Bangor, vice president; Miss Carolyn Gamble of Veazie, secretary; and Miss Priscilla Simmons of Portsmouth, N. H., treasurer.

Miss Klimavicz was graduated from Old Orchard high school in 1946. She is enrolled in the Normal department in the School of Education at Husson and will begin her teaching duties in the fall of 1948. Miss Klimavicz was active last year in the W. A. A. holding the office of secretary. She is a forward of exceptional ability and this season should find her active on the basketball court. Miss Klimavicz is a member of the student council.

Mrs. Hillier was graduated from the University of Maine before entering the service with the U. S. Navy, as a member of the WAVE Corps. She is enrolled in the Accounting Course at Husson and was a member of the girls' varsity basketball team of last year, holding down the position of guard. Mrs. Hillier serves on the student council and is a member of Phi Mu sorority.

Miss Carolyn Gamble was graduated from Bangor High School in 1946 and entered Husson College in the fall of 1946. She is enrolled in the Administrative Secretarial course. Miss Gamble is a member of Epsilon Tau Epsilon Chapter of Pi Rho Zeta International Sorority. This coming basketball season Miss Gamble will serve as manager to the girls' basketball team.

Miss Priscilla Simmons, was graduated from Portsmouth high school and entered Husson College in 1946. She is enrolled in the Business Administration Course of the school. Last year Miss Simmons was active in athletics, having been elected captain of the girls' J. V. basketball team. She is on the Student Council and this year should find her active in basketball.

The Women's Athletic Association sponsors basketball, cheerleading, hiking and bowling for the girls. This organization will sponsor the Thanksgiving dance in November.

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School of Commerce.

Those forty members of the student body, one of whom was later to become Mrs. Husson, attended classes and study halls in a main room which was equipped with large green tables instead of desks, and they did their lessons to the tune of the whirring factory machines which occupied the third floor of the building.

The school had no bell system at that time, and Mr. Husson, being endowed with a goodly amount of Yankee ingenuity, took it upon himself to install a system of bells in order to relieve the teachers of the task of announcing the end of classes. After staying up all night working at this project, the "Chief" confidently pressed the button on the main room desk only to be disappointed—it didn't work! However, the next day found Mr. Husson being hailed as a full-fledged electrician, for his efforts had been rewarded, and the bell system was in operation. One thing led to another, and Principal Husson soon had to invest in a wrist watch to make sure the bell was rung on time!

In spite of the many inconveniences, the school progressed very rapidly, and various activities began to spring up during the first year. Using the gymnasium at the Y. M. C. A., the first boys' basketball team was formed, a few dances and parties were held in the classrooms, and in the spring, a baseball team was organized.

To celebrate the survival of this first year, the school bought all new typewriters, and the awkward tables in the main room were discarded and replaced by the desks which are now used in Room 1 of Husson College.

The second scholastic year brought about improvements in the courses of study as well as in equipment. It also was a year of increasing activity, for a girls' basketball team representing Commerce appeared on the scene. This was the era of blue bloomers and middy blouses, and the women of the school made a flashy entrance into the social life of Bangor Maine School of Commerce.

The period from 1927 to 1933 was one of rapid growth and development. The enrollment had more than doubled, courses had been changed and improved, and school activities were thriving. Mu Sigma Chi Fraternity was organized, the men's basketball team brought home the H. W. Mann Trophy (which is now displayed in President Husson's office,) and the first Men's Athletic Association was formed. It was during 1933 that the increased number of women students warranted the founding of a sorority, and Epsilon Tau Epsilon came into being.

Bangor Maine School of Commerce broke away from the chain of five schools in 1933, and Mr. Husson was elected president of the new independent school. George E. P. Husson, Jr., became the first vice-president, and George T. Carlisle became the other vice-president These are the officers who still govern the destiny of the school. This step away from the apron strings of the mother institution involved many difficulties —it was a period of depression and now important decisions were left up to "Chief" Husson. However, our present college is living proof that the correct solutions were found and the proper paths followed.

Under the guiding hand of Mr. Husson, the school continued to grow, its courses were revised and constantly improved, and extra-curricular activities provided the proper balance of work and play. It was during this period that the first dramatic club was formed. The first musical organization came into being during the 1936-37 school year, and the first staff of the Commerce Chatter (now the Husson Ledger) was elected in 1936. Basketball, football, hockey, and baseball were

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Pi Rho Zeta

First row, left to right: Mary Lou Benn, Jackie Estabrook, Gloria Morin, Priscilla Clark, Shirley Libbey, Eleanor Nealley. Second row: Arlene Buck, Zelma Jameson, Miss Bradford, Dorothy Crane, Miss Swan, Kathleen McGown

GLEE CLUB

Tune up your ears and listen for the soft melodious voices of this school's largest and best Glee Club. They are really making themselves heard this season.

The club loves to sing both popular and classical songs. One of the best songs they do is "Shortnin' Bread" with each soprano, alto, tenor, and bass joining together. Other songs, to the liking of everyone, are the "Whiffenpoof Song", "Peg O' My Heart", and the "Husson College School Song".

November 26 there will be a Thanksgiving assembly in which the Glee Club will take an active part. At this time they will have two or three soloists. Come and listen for they love to sing as well as you love to hear them. They can see an improvement in themselves and when people can do that they are not only good but they get better.

Mr. Hourin calls them great. They call him wonderful. That's the way it should be. Please come to this assembly and see what they really can do.

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support is needed and welcome. Remember that your Student Council is "Your Voice" in school affairs. Have you any suggestions? If you have kindly tell them to a member of the Council. There will soon be a suggestion box put up for all to use.

SORORITY NEWS

Entering its second year as an affiliate of Pi Rho Zeta International Sorority Epsilon Tau Epsilon Chapter held its first meeting of the 1947-48 season on September 24. Officers were elected at that time, and on October 8, Miss Clara Swan, sponsor of the Chapter, conducted the formal installation ceremony in Commerce Hall. Miss Swan was assisted by Miss Bradford, who is also a sponsor, and Miss Zelma Jameson. The following officers were installed:

President, Miss Priscilla Clark of Fairfield; Vice-President, Miss Elinor Nealley of Hampden; Secretary, Miss Mary Lou Benn of Oakfield; Treasurer, Miss Jacquelyn Estabrook of Oakfield; Parliamentarian, Miss Shirley Libby of Brooks; Sergeant-at-Arms, Miss Gloria Morin of Presque Isle.

Following the installation, a report of the Pi Rho Zeta International Convention, which was held in Elkhart, Indiana, last June, was given by Miss Clark. Miss Swan and Miss Bradford were presented with gifts by the ETE members who attended the convention.

On Oct. 15, the annual Open House for Girls sponsored by the Sorority was held in Commerce Hall. This event was in the form of a Hallowe'en Party, and over one hundred girls joined in the fun of seeing an assortment of Hallowe'en spooks stalk the corridors of Husson College.

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a regular part of the school program.

During the latter part of the 1930's, "Chief" Husson realized that Commerce was fast out-growing its Columbia Street home. After much careful planning, the present Husson College Building was erected in 1940. This modern home for Commerce was the "Chief's" fondest dream come true—at last a proper building for our progressive school, which is now one of the finest in the East. The first year in the new building set the pre-war high in attendance when 299 students enrolled.

World War II caused a sharp decrease in the enrollment of the school. The Women's Athletic Association and Epsilon Tau Epsilon Sorority, both under the leadership of Miss Swan, a member of the class of 1933, carried on the tradition of Commerce and kept Commerce in a prominent place on the sports page and social news.

It has come a long way since 1926, and it still continues to grow in both size and scholastic achievement.

Look at our school—look at its character as well as its home. Look at its courses of study and its educational prestige. Look at its citizen-molding program of activities. Look at its friendliness. Look at you—you are Husson College, Husson College is you. The future of Husson College will be what you make it.

HUSSON COLLEGE BOWLING TEAM LEADING IN LEAGUE

Husson College is leading the City Bowling League with 29 wins and 3 losses. Captain Bob Moore of Bangor calls his men together every Wednesday night for a bowling session and his team is doing a fine job. This winning Minor League team consists of Roland Marriner of Camden, George Lord of Winterport, Paul Lynch of Millinocket, Frank Whirty of Lee, Otis St. Thomas of Howland, and Eugene Weeks of Bangor.

Husson College Men's Athletic Association is also sponsoring the Twilight League and Captain Raymond Johnson of Bangor, has piloted his team to take second place in the City League. Every Thursday night we find bowling with Johnson, Daniel Soloby, Charles Butera, Frederick Redmond, Ray Goodell all of Bangor, and James Marraty of Calais.

Drop in at the Chateau and watch our boys take the League.

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ideas, many of your study problems will disappear.

How To Study

1. Organize and Plan Your Work
   a. Draw up a time budget for study.
   b. Know what you are to study each period.
   c. Do not waste time, but get right at your particular task.
2. Place of Study
   a. Arrange study place so that conditions of light, heat and furniture are conducive to a maximum efficiency.
   b. When you are not studying, leave the study place.
   c Associate work and work only with this selected study place.
3. Adopt a Study Attitude
   a Know what you want to learn.
   b. Make a real effort to learn the material.
   c. Use your acquired knowledge as early and often as possible.
   d. Think about what you read: challenge the facts given.
   e. Increase your reading efficiency by reading a lot and learn to increase the speed of your reading.
   f. Obtain your information in clear, definite terms.
   g. Organize your knowledge.

MR. FROST

THE INQUIRING REPORTER

QUESTION: WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE NEW SKIRT LENGTH?

Y. Cormier: "Depends on the person, on a fat person it makes them look slimmer. On a tall girl it accentuates her height. I personally like long skirts because it makes me look taller."

C. Butera: "I don't approve of long skirts because they remind me to much of the years gone by. This modern age is progressing rapidly but women's styles seem to be going back to the styles of the 18th century."

F. Gardiner: "If they have the equipment to go with them it looks okay. Some have it and others haven't. Sam said, 'Girls legs are nice to look at but if the skirts had been made shorter instead of longer in time there wouldn't be a man walking with a level head on his shoulders'."

A. Buck: "Personally I detest them, they are too awkward. I say let's keep skirt lengths as they are now, or go all the way and look as Grandma did in her gay days."

D. Reed: "I think this length is just a passing fancy—like a circus tent, down today and up tomorrow."

SPORTS IN REVIEW

The call for candidates for Husson College basketball teams has been issued and answered. Practice sessions are now being held regularly and the fight for positions on the teams is on. Two boy's squads and one girls team will be wearing the green and gold of Husson College this season. The first games are slated for early December. Come out to see your teams in action.

ORCHESTRA

Come join us in a good old jam session is the invitation you hear voiced around school these days. Yes, it's the orchestra! They really give out with the blue notes and good notes. Ever seen them practice—you should drop around they enjoy beating it out. Sit in on a session we think you'll stay.

Let's all attend the assembly November 26 and see the orchestra at work.

If Roland St. Peter, Arthur Dubay, Bunky Garland, Chesley Husson, Jr., Marjorie Brown, Guy Mullen and Ray Richards can't keep you entertained who can?

They'll play for you.

Into a crowded saloon in a western town a tough looking hombre strolled. Drawing out his six shooters he yelled, "all you dirty skunks get out of this joint." Without hesitation all departed except one frail little fellow who looked up at the big brute and in a faint voice said, "Lot of them wasn't there."

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credited with 15 days leave to be applied at the end of the last consecutive term of attendance. They will remain on the subsistence rolls for the entire period of enrollment certified to the VA by the institution, providing, there are no more than 15 days between terms. Subsistence will be paid from date of enrollment to 15 days past the close of the last term they attend. All intervals of extended training between semesters and at the close of the school year will be considered as leave and will be charged against entitlement.

EARNING REPORTS—G-I Bill

students studying full time need file only an estimate of earnings on registration. The amount of subsistence allowance will be computed from these estimates. The periodic reports of actual earnings filed by veteran-students in the past no longer will be required unless there is evidence that earnings exceed the estimates.

STREAMLINED PROCEDURES

—The new regulations have streamlined registration and subsistence payment procedures by eliminating numerous forms and reports required previously. Institutions no longer are required to submit to VA affirmative reports of conduct, progress and grades. Future reports will chart only unsatisfactory progress or discontinuances of training. The new procedure on earning reports eliminates the filing of at least two forms each academic year by each student-veteran.

Veterans may secure full information of the new laws and regulations at their nearest VA office.