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Speaking on Campus If you listened to National Public Radio in the past thirty years or so then you have heard the voice of Nina Totenberg reporting decisions of the Supreme Court. On this past Thursday, November 15th, Totenberg spoke to a full house in a conference room located in the Dyke Center for Family Business. Above, New England School of Communications students capture Totenberg's exclusive interview with *Spectator* reporter Rob Poindexter.

Husson Houses Well- Known Speaker

Nina Totenberg Speaks to a Full Crowd

By Rob Poindexter

For the past 32 years, millions of Americans have tuned in to National Public Radio to hear Nina Totenberg report on Supreme Court decisions that shape our world. On this past Thursday afternoon, November 15th, a crowd of invited guests packed the Dyke Center for Family Business, on the campus of Husson College, to put a face to the legendary voice as Totenberg delivered a poignant lecture on some past decisions, as well as the direction the highest court of the land may be heading.

Just before taking the stage Totenberg granted *The Spectator* an exclusive interview where she spoke candidly on some of the issues facing the court, and how the upcoming presidential election could drastically change the makeup of the court.

Right now there are 7 Republican appointees on the court, Totenberg believes 2 of whom are considerably more liberal or moderate depending on your point of view. "If the Democrats were to win the Presidency I would imagine the tone of the court would change somewhat to be moderately more friendly to civil rights claimants, to people with disabilities who have claims, and the challenge to Roe vs. Wade would be gone for all practical purposes."

The Roe vs. Wade debate is one that may never end, but with the court apparently heading in a more conservative

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A Beacon of Hope

Husson College Supports Blood Drive

By Stacey Libby

On Wednesday, November 7th Husson College donated space to the Maine Blood Center for a blood drive. The drive lasted from 11:30A.M to 5:30P.M, and was located in the lower area of the Campus Center. All Husson College and New England School of Communications students were encouraged to donate, and many students did, some for the first time.

Amber Cram, a freshmen at Husson College, and first time donor explained, "I just want to help people," and help people we did. Husson College had 57 participants, but not every student blood was able to participate. Over all, the Maine Blood Center collected 40 units of blood. Melissa Borden, a recruiter for the Maine Blood Center, referred to the students commenting, "You are a fantastic group to work with! We will be back!"

Giving blood is a complicated procedure. First, the willing donor is asked a series of questions based on travel experiences, health and medications, and then a small amount of the donor's blood is tested for iron levels. If the blood has positive test results, the donor is then directed to a nurse who will: mark the vein, clean the arm for 30 seconds, attach a needle and tube into the vein, and then take a pint of blood.

Once blood is given, the needle and tube are removed and

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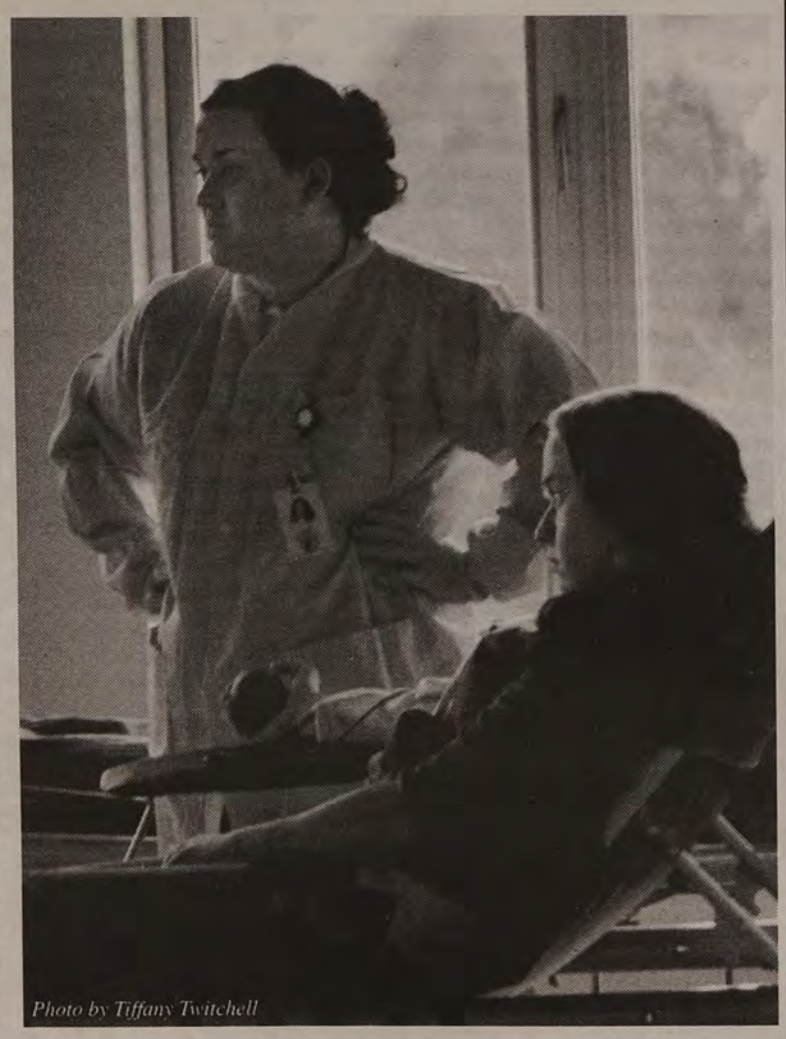


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Helping the Cause Husson College and New England School of Communications students help the Red Cross with their blood supply by donating blood on Wednesday, November 7th. The blood drive was held in the lower level of the Campus Center and Red Cross members were impressed with the students participation and cooperation.

Police Seize Cocaine on Campus

Student Charged with Unlawful Drug Trafficking

By Derek Wood

Adam "AJ" Johnson, 19, a Husson college student, was arrested and charged with unlawful trafficking in scheduled drugs on Sunday, November 4, 2007, according to court records.

If convicted, the maximum penalty is $20,000 and ten years in prison, according to the Maine Criminal Code.

Bangor police officer Mike Brennan and Husson College security officer Denver Gregory went to Johnson's room in Bell Hall, after Brennan was informed that Johnson had left a white powder substance, scales, and $190 of cash behind in another room, according to court records.

According to police, inside Johnson's assigned room were his roommate, and Johnson's girlfriend, who had traveled up from Connecticut.

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Security officer Gregory began searching the room when he noticed alcohol on top of a closet and knew that both Johnson and his roommate were not of legal drink age, records state. While searching the room, Gregory allegedly found baggies containing a white powder.

Court records indicate Officer Brennan then contacted Sgt. Webber at the Bangor Police Department for assistance. The white powder was tested and weighed and it came back positive as cocaine, weighing about four ounces. Johnson then was taken to the Bangor Police Department.

Court documents show, Johnson admitted to an officer that the drugs were his and neither his girlfriend nor roommate had any knowledge of them. Johnson wouldn't comment about the white powder found in the other room or where he got the drugs.

The police report indicated that Johnson had no previous arrest history, and that Johnson told an officer he was selling the drugs to pay for college because he had no financial assistance.

Johnson is from New Britain Connecticut, a sophomore and has played on the Husson football team for two years.

Husson Director for the Department of Safety and Security, Robert Kilpeck, would not confirm a name, however, he did confirm that a student was arrested for having a suspected amount of controlled substance and that the amount was consistent to justify a charge of distribution. Kilpeck said the policy on campus is to keep drugs out of dorm rooms. He said the department responds to information from the community and then conducts its investigation from there.

"We have a no tolerance policy. We will not allow conduct that violates Husson College community code to derail the academic focus of the school. These are exciting academic times to be a student at Husson," said the Dean of Students, Sharon Wilson Barker.

The Penobscot County District Attorney said Johnson was released to the courts on November 5, 2007. Johnson's bail was set at $10,000 unsecured, which means if he fails to appear in court, he will owe the state the $10,000, according to the District Attorney's Office. Johnson is scheduled to appear at the Superior Court in Bangor, on January 11, 2008, at 8:30 a.m.



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Giving It A New Look New England School of Communication freshman, Shawn Duross won the contest for designing the new Spectator masthead. Submissions for the contest were asked to include both the Husson College and New England School of Communications (NESCom) logos. The final winner for the contest was chosen by students in NESCom's graphic design class.



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direction in recent times, with the retirement of Sandra Day O'Connor, and the appointments of Chief Justice John Roberts, and Justice Samuel Alito, some of the pro choice supporters are fearful that the landmark abortion decision could be overturned. "I think that is unlikely right now," says Totenberg, "because there still seems to be 5 votes at least for the broad concept of a women's right to choose."

However Totenberg also says that that could change if one of the "so called liberal" justices retires and is replaced by a Republican appointee. While she doesn't think that if that scenario plays out the actual decision will be overturned, she does think it could shake the issue of abortion at it's foundations.

"That doesn't mean there won't be lots and lots of changes to cut back on the right, to make it more difficult to obtain an abortion, in fact perhaps to put abortion clinics out of business, because it would become so difficult and expensive to maintain them, but actually reversing Roe vs. Wade, I don't see that in the immediate future," commented Totenberg.

One significant change to the climate of the Supreme Court was the retirement of Justice Sandra Day O'Connor two years ago. O'Connor was the first women to sit on the Supreme Court, appointed by Ronald Reagan in 1981. Some of O'Connor's more recent decisions include voting with the 5-4 majority that effectively gave George W. Bush the presidency in the controversial 2000 election. She also was the deciding vote in Hamdi vs. Rumsfeld that shot down the Bush administration's assertion that enemy combatants not be given the right to challenge the factual basis of the detention before a neutral decision maker. "She was the key vote in a lot of 5-4 cases from everything from abortion to the death penalty, affirmative action, and those cases have all gone the other way without her because she's been replaced by somebody [Samuel Alito] who has a very different judicial philosophy than she does." Totenberg spoke about what she termed an "explosion of conservative decisions," saying that this appears to be the direction we're headed.

Regardless of who wins the Presidential election in 2008, Totenberg is hopeful that the Supreme Court will not let outside influences - whether they be political or otherwise - interfere with their decisions. "Our tradition is that we elect people of good character who are very smart and who we trust to resolve disputes and not be accountable to the instant passions of the day," said Totenberg.

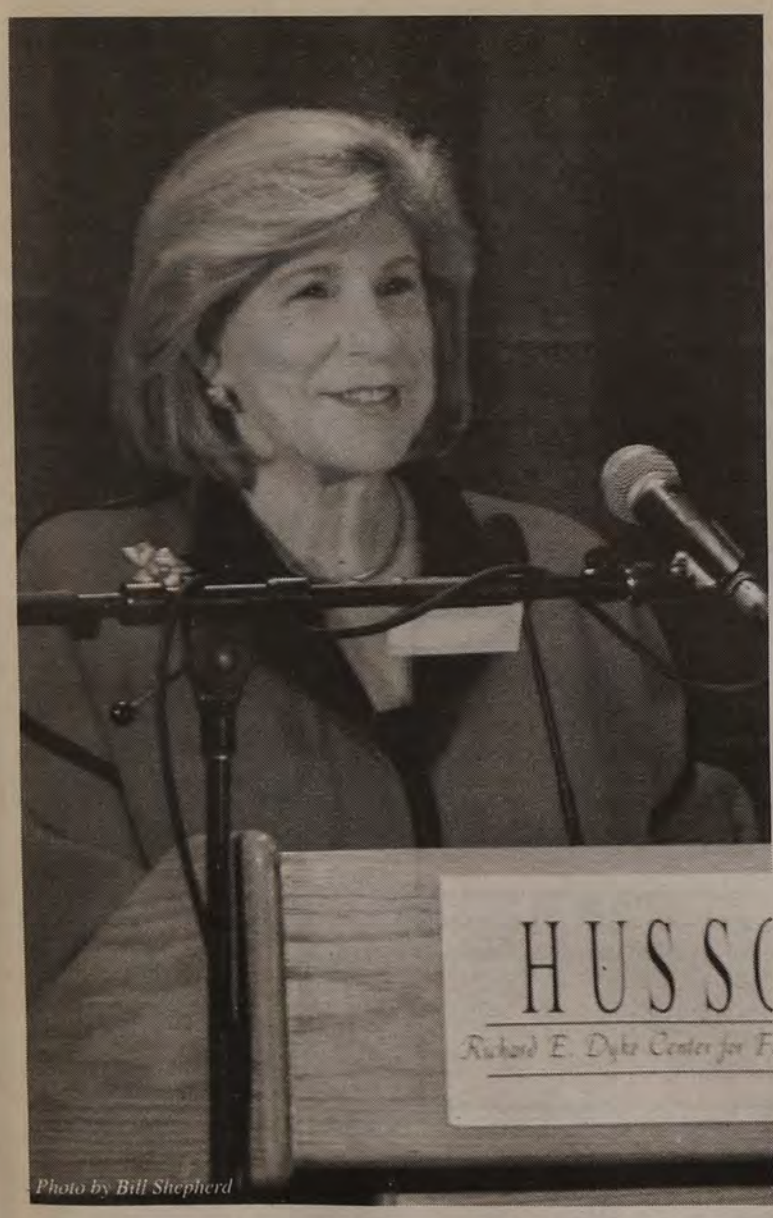


Photo by Bill Shepherd

Addressing the Crowd Speaking here on the Husson College campus, Nina Totenberg welcomes and thanks the almost two hundred gathered audience this past Thursday, November 15th.



Photo by Barry Kitchen

Working Hard for the Husson College community Safety & Security Assistant Nina Hummel validates a temporary parking permit for student Nicole McLeish. Guests on campus are required to get a guest parking pass in order to park in the designated parking areas.

Taking a Closer Look at Our Security Office
The Safety and Security Assistants

By Robert Kilpeck

We only get one chance to make a first impression, and here at the Office of Campus Safety and Security, first impressions are important, and quite often your first contact with us may very well be with one of our Safety and Security Assistants.

These young men and women in the Husson green polo shirts are work study students who, with the assistance of Jodie Harnish, are recruited from the School of Criminal Justice (CJ) and come to us after referrals from Marie Hansen. Several of them are members of the CJ Club and are otherwise involved in school and social activities.

For obvious reasons, honesty, integrity and a sense of urgency, coupled with a strong sensitivity towards confidentiality are all very important character traits for the Safety and Security Assistants who may be the first to interact with a person in crisis.

Their duties and responsibilities include data entry, customer service, office administrative duties, along with phone reception and dispatch communications. For the CJ major, these duties and responsibilities provide excellent first line experience, while sharpening and challenging their communication, judgment, and interpersonal skills.

Expanding the work study program is part of the long term strategic plan for the safety and security department. Future plans include the melding of our safety / security assistants into a community policing program which will include team community watch patrols in the resident hall areas and campus wide security escorts after the hours of darkness.

Our student workers play a vital roll here at Husson College, and especially here at Safety and Security where they are often charged with serving as the emergency communication link between our duty officers in the field and other emergency service responders i.e. ambulance, police, and fire. They are here to answer phones, provide assistance, and free up the duty officers so that they can be out assisting the community while serving as a deterrent presence on campus.

As the Director of Campus Safety and Security, I know that I speak for all of the officers and the community in saying thank you to Safety and Security Assistants (SSA) Chris Fox, Shaine Gross, Nina Hummel, Todd Lewis, Ryan Phillips, and Student Volunteer Kim Henderson. All of these young professionals are here to serve you.

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the arm is cleaned and bandaged. The donor must then sit, and relax for ten to fifteen minutes while eating and drinking. This helps to prevent lightheadedness, and nausea. Although, theses symptoms occur, they are not common if the procedure is done right.

"My arm feels wired," said Keri Pappalaido, a freshmen at Husson, "but it was so worth it to save a life."

Giving blood does save lives, but not everyone can donate. You shouldn't donate if you are HIV positive, or have AIDS, use needles, take drugs, steroids or any other illegal substances. You can't donate either, if you have had Syphilis or Gonorrhea in the past 12 months, or if you have been in jail for more then 72 hours in the past twelve months. If you choose to donate under the condition that you meet all the criteria, and you don't, the Maine Blood Center will contact and notify you that your blood is not useable, and why.

Think donating blood doesn't make a difference? Think again. Joe Menard, a student at Husson College knows first hand, how important it is to give blood. "My mother, after quitting smoking, found out that she had a very low hemoglobin count," recaps Menard. Hemoglobin carries oxygen through your blood stream, "So without a blood transfusion, she would have died," explained Menard.

Many Americans, and people throughout the world die, due to the lack blood. Its more valuable then you may think. If you are able to donate, and are wondering about giving blood, keep one simple thing in mind, you are saving a life. To find out where you can donate, go to http://www.redcross.org or call the Maine Blood center at (207) 262-8732.



Photos by Andrew Foster

Talking It Out Husson College housed a debate for this year's referendum question No. 1. Represenatives for both yes and no sides participated and the event was moderated by New England School of Communications instructor of journalism Mark Kelley. Panelists had a set timed format to follow and at the end of this students were able to ask the panelists a series of prepared questions. Question 1 did not pass in this November's election.

Election Recap

How the Public Weighed In on the Issues

By Erica Thibodeau

The first Tuesday of November has past for this year. Some voters in Bangor joked that the wet cold weather brought them out to vote. Others claimed it was their civic duty and have voted since they turned eighteen. One woman had a friend running for a city council seat and was there to show her support. No matter what the reasons were that brought people to their voting place, there were some important issues on the 2007 ballot.

Questions 2-4, all being bond questions, passed here in Maine. Question 2 asked if we wanted to favor a bond issue to enhance economic development and job creation that would provide $5,000,000 in loans and grant funds for research, development and commercialization. Question 3 asked if we favor a $43,500,000 bond issue for interior and exterior building renovations, improvements and additions to campuses of the Maine Community College System, the Maine Maritime Academy and the University of Maine Systems. So what now?

"It's a fairly long process. Now plans are finalized. We find potential architects and contractors. Then over the next 12 months final review will be in progress," said John Diamond, Executive Director of External Affairs, for the University of Maine System. Diamond also commented that the turnout was lower than he liked and if he could have done anything differently, he would have had the campaign addressed on television and put more of an emphasis on the issue.

The last bond that was passed was question 4 which asked if we favor a $35,500,000 bond issue to invest in land conversation, water access, wildlife habitat and an investment in state parks, historical sites and Maine riverfronts.

There were two questions on the ballot that did not pass, questions 1 and 5. Question 1 was the most controversial issue on the ballot for this year's election. It asked us if we wanted want to allow a Maine tribe to run a harness racing track with slot machines and high-stakes beano games in Washington County. Will there be another effort at this by the tribe? We will have to see. At the voting locations this year there were petitioners getting people to sign to get another proposed racino project on the 2008 ballot.

Question 5 asked if we favored extending term limits from 4 to 6 terms. The term limit law was passed in 1993. Ever since then some legislators have felt they need more time to get their job completed. Mainers didn't agree.

Three Maine municipalities tried early voting this year. Bangor, Portland and Readfield all participated in the pilot project in which voters had a week, prior to the election, to place their votes. Patti Dubois, Bangor City Registrar, says the process was successful and went very well. Dubois said the early voting made it easier for people to vote throughout the week instead of limiting busy people to one day.

This year's election proved how important it is to vote. These questions affect you and your state. Every vote counts and many of the 2007 ballot issues were supported or defeated by a small margin. Question 1's outcome was 52% no and 48% yes. Question 2 and 3 were both 51% yes and 49% no.

Question One: Citizen Initiative
Do you want to allow a Maine tribe to run a harness racing track with slot machines and high-stakes beano games in Washington County ?

Question Two: Bond Issue
Do you favor a bond issue to stimulate economic development and job creation that would provide $5,000,000 in loans and grant funds and would provide $50,000,000 in research, development and commercialization funds for targeted technology sectors, awarded after a competitive process administered by the Maine Technology Institute, and will leverage at least $50,000,000 in other funds?

Question Three: Bond Issue
Do you favor a $43,500,000 bond issue for interior and exterior building renovations, improvements and additions at all campuses of the Maine Community College System, the Maine Maritime Academy and the University of Maine System; to replenish the School Revolving Renovation Fund for school repairs and renovations; and to support capital improvements for cultural and educational assets such as museums, historical facilities and libraries?

Question Four: Bond Issue
Do you favor a $35,500,000 bond issue to invest in land conservation, water access, wildlife habitat, outdoor recreation opportunities, including hunting and fishing, farmland and working waterfront and to invest in state parks, historic sites and riverfront, community and farm infrastructure to be matched by at least $21,875,000 in private and public contributions?

Question Five: Referendum
Do you favor extending term limits for Legislators from 4 to 6 terms?

Incident or Not?

National Board Takes a Closer Look at Campus Sorority

By Agnes Neill

Kappa Lambda is usually known for their community service. This year alone, Kappa Lambda has donated money to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundations Race for the Cure, helped the freshman class move onto campus, and is planning to assist with painting and decorating the Ronald McDonald House. Although there are many positive activities this sorority has been involved with, conflicting stories concerning the weekend of October 26th of this year may have tarnished their image.

President of Kappa Lambda, Samantha Spizuoco, stated that there was nothing negative to report for the weekend in question, but. a student who wishes to remain unidentified, claims differently. The unidentified source gave their version of what they believed to have occurred the weekend in question to *The Spectator*: The student stated that during this weekend there was name calling and yelling, by Alumni members of the sorority, which left most of the pledges crying by the end of the approximately two hour long verbal attacks. Following this weekend, *The Spectator* was told by sources that some students even stopped the pledging process entirely.

The unidentified student gave *The Spectator* an example of the verbal abuse, which includes the pledges being lined up in a classroom and being asked to say the Greek alphabet in unison. When the pledges messed up what they had been asked to complete, the pledges were then asked to state the English alphabet in unison, in which Alumni stated, "Maybe we should have you guys do the English alphabet since you can't do the Greek one." When this too couldn't be completed in unison, it was stated from the source, that the Alumni, which was a group of around 20 members, began ridiculing the pledges by calling them "stupid" or "dumb," and saying, "Look they can't even do that." The source told *The Spectator* that the President of Kappa Lambda was not present during this possible altercation, but the Pledge Mistress was, who the source claims was adding to the negativity by laughing while the pledges were being harassed. Lastly, the source told *The Spectator* that other questions followed this example and if the pledges didn't know the answers, they would again be yelled at, sometimes within an inch of the pledges faces. Though this situation may not seem to be too severe for the pledging process, there may be other, more serious allegations being looked into.

According to the President of Kappa Lambda, the sorority had gained permission from Husson College to allow the Alumni to come on campus to assist with the pledging process. The President also told *The Spectator* that the National Board of the sorority was asked to come help this weekend as well.

When *The Spectator* asked the President of Kappa Lambda if she had anything that she wanted to say based on the reported allegations, she stated, "Our National Board will take care of it. This Chapter does not haze. The reason why there is an internal investigation in the first place is because I asked the investigation to take place. A couple girls dropped out and to make sure that there was no hazing whatsoever, I asked our National Board to take a look."

National Affiliated Sorority Inc. member, Alysia Rourke, who also serves as the Chief Executive Officer and Chair of the Internal Judiciary Committee, told *The Spectator* "due to the allegations we have received in regard to violations of our program, an internal investigation has been launched."

Rourke said that she can't comment on the allegations at hand and that she has been working closely with the Dean of Students, Sharon Wilson-Barker. Barker confirmed that there is an "ongoing investigation as to allegations of hazing during the pledging process."



UCP of Maine hosts Pumpkins in the Park to raise money for children and adults living with disabilities.

Event Held: Saturday, October 27, 2007 in the Bangor Auditorium

This was the 5th annual community Halloween party which included the Pumpkin Patches with carved "Jack-o-Lanterns" by area businesses and groups, bounce houses, clowns, and trick-or-treating.

NESCom's Theme was NESCom the Smashing Pumpkins.

Students Raise Money for Local Bangor Charity

By Maurice Thayer

The brothers of Mu Sigma Chi would like to thank the faculty and students for their donations and support in the 24-hour relay on October 19th and 20th in support of the Shaw House. Though it was wet and cold, the event was a lot of fun with karaoke, free drinks, cookies and popcorn. In all, Mu Sigma Chi raised over $400, as well as multiple gift certificates to local businesses, and almost six large bags full of clothes for the Shaw House.

The Shaw House is a homeless shelter for teens located at the corner of 1st and Union streets in Bangor. Sigma Chi were able to tour the house, meet some of the staff as well as some of the kids that live there, which made it all the more gratifying. Their goal is to make next year's event even bigger and better!

Husson Outdoors Club: The Scariest Club on Campus

By Dan Schweitzer

Breaths start coming in rapid succession. Your heart is beating faster and faster, almost leaping out of your chest. You cannot see more than a couple of feet into the blackness in front of you. It's even harder see what's going on around you, given the fact that you're in the middle of the woods behind Carlisle Hall. Someone is watching you--at least it feels that way. All of a sudden, a dark figure jumps out at you from behind a tree stump! This is but the first of many such encounters with people in the woods on Halloween night.

On Halloween night the Husson College Outdoors Club put on its annual "Haunted Trail Walk," which provided free terror and fun to students brave enough to walk the Nature Trail. Outdoors Club members led small groups of about eight to ten students through the woods along the trail, where other club members were waiting for an opportunity to frighten the unsuspecting students. "We had a really nice turnout for this year's walk," said Kristine Poulin, President of the Outdoors Club. "About 200 students came out on Halloween to participate in the trail walk." One of the various paranormal highlights on the trail walk included a deranged butcher, complete with a meat cleaver and a bloody works hop. On another point along the trail was one poor soul imprisoned in a tiny, iron cage. A wild gorilla was also loose on the trail, and a chainsaw murderer waited for trail walkers at the end of the walk.

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The trail walk took place on a portion of the Nature Trail, which was established in the woods behind Carlisle in the mid 1990s. In its entirety, the trail goes from the entrance at Carlisle to an exit by the Newman Athletic Facility. The Haunted Trail Walk has been an annual event for the Outdoors Club for about four years. The trail walk is a truly fun and unique way for the club to fulfill its community service requirements.

The Husson College Outdoors Club is a very active organization on campus. The club meets every Tuesday at 12:15 in room 212 Commons. The Outdoors Club regularly schedules exciting weekend trips. Whitewater rafting on the Kennebec River, hiking to the top of Mount Katahdin, trips to Acadia National Park, and skiing and snowboarding at the Sugarloaf and Sunday River ski areas are just some of the many activities the Outdoors Club offers throughout the school year, in addition to the Haunted Trail Walk. In addition to that, the Outdoors Club receives complimentary passes to Hermon Mountain. The club also plays pick-up Ultimate Frisbee at 9:00 every Wednesday night with a light-up disk, and travels to UMO every Thursday for indoor rock climbing at the UMO climbing gym. The Outdoors Club always welcomes new members interested in participating in awesome activities!

Taking a Closer Look at a Familiar Face

NESCom's Head of the Marketing Department

By Danielle Rosenblum

Nancy Roberts is a realist, a hard worker, and a spirited individualist with so much to give back to her students. What motivates an educator like Nancy Roberts? "So many things… [the students'] drive and attitude that they can accomplish anything," said Nancy. Nancy has taken on the exciting task of building a full-scale advertising/marketing/public relations emphasis for the New England School of Communications (NESCom); a major project that has been lacking for a long time. She pulls her knowledge from a variety of work experience and from her education in Communications from Central Connecticut State University in New Britton, Conn. Nancy says helping students get "…the real world experience they need to be successful," is what she described as the defining motivation of her teaching philosophy.

"So many things… [the students'] drive and attitude that they can accomplish anything."

Nancy grew up in Wappingers Falls, New York. As a child she spent much of her time practicing to twirl a wooden rifle and flags for the drum and boogle core. She's second to the last of 5 children. Somewhat naïve in her youth, as a girl she believed in Santa Claus more than your average kid. This is because at the Macy's department store in New York City that her parents took her to see Santa as a child would check her name before she went in to see him. And like magic Santa would always know her name. "I believed in Santa much longer than I should have. It was all so magical, how could I let the dream go?" she said. Now the proud parent of two children of her own, her daughter Cassie is now 8, her son Brent 6 years old.

Nancy drives a mini van like your average soccer mom but chatted with me like an old girlfriend; an intriguing lady, half mom half sorority girl at heart. She sports a sassy blond haircut and has dived into her new job as the head of the Marketing Department at NESCom head first. Mustering up all the enthusiasm she can in her cramped office space. But no complaints, the glass is always half full for Nancy. And she enjoys the work and the students enough that the other details are easily overshadowed.

During her 20s Nancy traveled the world. She actually owns a piece of the Berlin Wall as she was lucky enough to be there while it was coming down. She also has traveled to Japan to visit her sister, and was in Europe for the 100th anniversary of Vincent Van Gogh's work and attended an exclusive showing. "It was all so amazing, and to be there at that time. I was so lucky," she said.

Married now for 10 years, she reflected on when her and her husband first met, back when they were both interning at Central Connecticut State University in the athletic department. Her eyes twinkle as she says her "… internship was great- I really got a lot out of the work and I met my husband!"

After her internship she took a job as a marketing specialist at a chronic disease hospital in New Britton, Conn. There she tested her marketing skills on projects like changing the name of the hospital and developing a whole new image for them.

Her interpersonal communications skills were really tested though when she discovered her boss at a later job was a bit of a chauvinist. It became difficult for her and other female coworkers to get things done so instead of pouting or complaining to other higher ups she formed a support group of sorts with other women in the office. The group would read books about best practices in dealing with male chauvinists, and then they would work together to get things done in the office; often planning ahead before meetings as to who would say what and how subjects should be approached. She said this definitely helped her learn how to deal with all types in the workplace. "He was so difficult… just frustrating. I had to get creative. But the more we learned about how to approach him, and the smarter we became about how he would react to things. The easier it was to get things done," she said. It is experience and skills like these that Nancy brings to the marketing communications department as NESCom. "Understanding interpersonal communications and how to work with other people who have different communication styles, learning what is meaningful to them- that is what gets things done," she said.

"...internship was great- I really got a lot out of the work and I met my husband!"



Photo by Andrew Foster

Question #1 Debate: Onlookers listen attentively to the arguements made by the participates of the Racino debate held on campus. Both Yes and No sides were present and panelists were asked to talk about there respective side in a debate format. The debate was moderated by NESCom instructer Mark Kelley.

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No Victory For Baseball

Barry Bonds Faces Reality

By Rob Poindexter

The wait is over for one Barry Lamar Bonds. Bonds was indicted this past Thursday on 4 counts of perjury and 1 count of obstruction of justice, and if convicted he faces up to 30 years in federal prison.

Now take it easy all you Bonds haters out there, sit down, relax and think about this for a minute. This is not just an indictment of Barry Bonds; this is an indictment of baseball over the past twenty years. You can't have it both ways haters; if Bonds goes down for this there will be an asterisk, whether it's real or assumed, over the entire era, not just Bonds and the Giants.

Bonds did not start taking the performance enhancing drugs until 1998 according to the book "Game Of Shadows" which is the publication that blew the lid on Bonds. The authors say he was jealous over the attention being given to Mark Mcgwire and Sammy Sosa during their historic chase of Roger Maris' home run record. It is widely believed, and in some cases proven, that the percentage of players who were taking these performance enhancing dugs during this time was shockingly high. So chances are, regardless of what team you happen to root for, one of your heroes had a little artificial help.

This means all the records, MVP's, magical seasons, every wonderful memory from this era will have the same asterisk next to it. Yes Yankee fans, that means when Alex Rodriguez breaks Bonds' home run record in a few years, like it or not, it will be viewed with skepticism. Wipe that smile off your face Red Sox fans, you're not off the hook either. Let's not forget an interview David Ortiz gave in the Dominican Republic last year when he said there was a time during his career when he didn't know what sort of supplements he was taking.

Is this the beginning of damage control in case his name comes out? Word around the campfire of baseball insiders is that some "shocking" names will be revealed when the Mitchell report is finally released this year; are Ortiz or Rodriguez on that list? The sad part is the shadow of doubt that will always be a part of this era, regardless of what evidence comes to light.

I'm not suggesting that those names are in the Mitchell report, but even if they're not, how can we be sure they, or any other player in baseball right now, is clean? That's the problem, we can't be sure. So all you Bonds haters, this is not a day to rejoice. This is a sad day. A sad day for baseball, and a sad day for the fans of this generation of baseball, we are the real losers here. There was once a time when this was our game, the American game, but those days are gone now. It's been shot down one syringe at a time.



Photo by Thomas Corbett

Getting in Position The Husson College Men's Soccer team gets in postion to defend, while their opponents' goal keeper kicks a goal kick during one of their regular season games. The Eagles made it to the NCA Semi-final playoff game this season.

Husson Team Captures Conference Title

Women's Soccor Wins North Atlantic Conference Championship

By Derek Wood

Having a real spirit, a playful confidence, and always being ready to play is how Coach Keith Bosley described his team's success.

The Eagles won 14 times, loss six times, and had one tie for an overall record. They won nine times in their conference and only lost once. They were perfect at home winning all nine games and finishing a .500 record for away games.

This is the second straight year the Eagles have won the North Atlantic Conference Championship. The chances of doing that again are very good since they are only losing two seniors this year and, most of their starters were underclassmen.

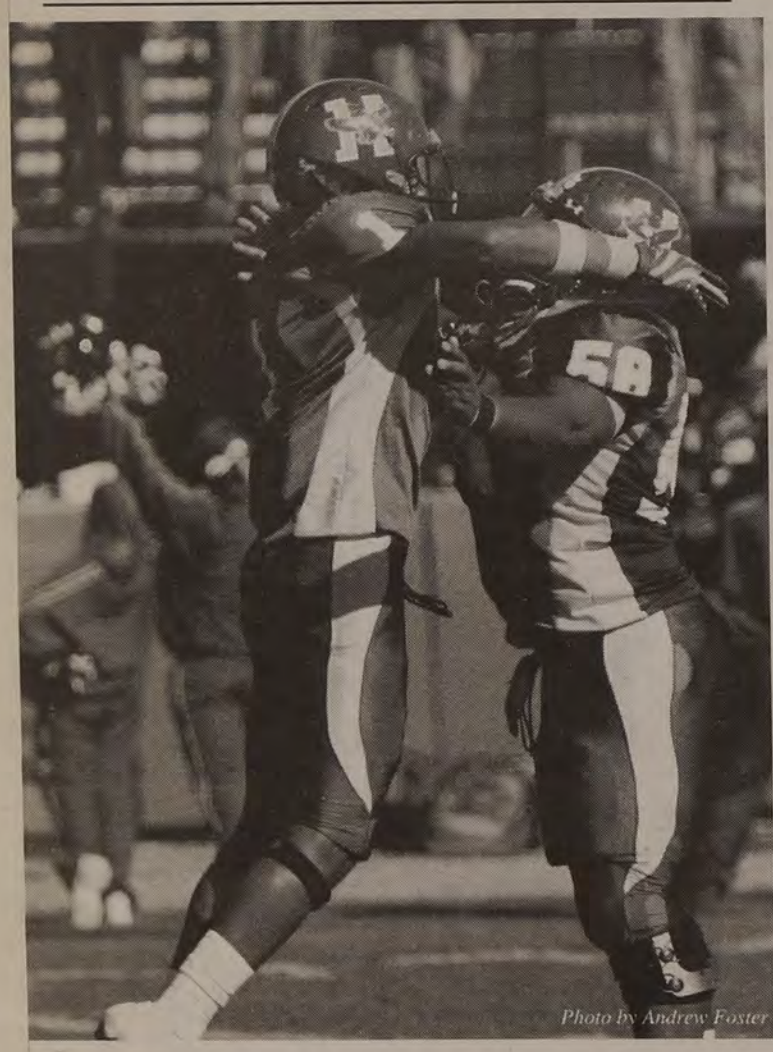


Photo by Andrew Foster

Celebrating a Victory Two Husson Eagles football players celebrate a win during a game ealier this season. The Eagles finished the regular season with a 6-3 record. The team had a very strong season with every player contributing towards their winning record.

Playing Despite the Conditions

Husson Eagles Football End Season on a Winning Note

By Aaron Larsen

Playing through pouring rain and heavy winds didn't dampen the spirits of the Eagles football team, as they defeated the Becker Hawks of Worcester, Massachusetts, to win their final game of the season. The Eagles finished the season on a high note, avoiding their second straight losing season, with a record of 6-3.

"They made every block they needed to make."

Freshman Justin Lindie set the example for the Eagles with 169 rushing yards, as the Eagles poured on the offense with 446 yards on the ground, in their 46-20 victory. Lindie ended up averaging 9.9 yards per carry in the game, and Husson averaged 7.2 yards as a team. They ran an astounding 62 running plays.

Husson's ground game was handled by underclassmen, with Lindie's big game and sophomore Julius Williams adding 153 yards and a touchdown of his own. It wasn't just the underclassmen having all the fun, though. Seniors enjoyed the game, too, as quarterback Jeremy Shorey passed for two touchdowns, and fullback Shawn McMurdy rushed for 61 yards and a touchdown of his own. Shorey gave most of the credit to the offensive line for the running game. "They made every block they needed to make," said Shorey.

The Hawks took advantage of the only Eagles turnover of the afternoon when Jamari Hawkins picked up a fumble in the fourth quarter and returned it 65 yards for a touchdown.

The Hawks started out well, leading Husson 7-6 after the first quarter. Quarterback Gabriel Prophet completed a 24-yard pass on a third-and-15 play, which set up a 1-yard touchdown run for Prophet.

The Eagles would come right back with a 10-yard touchdown pass on their very next drive, after a good kickoff return had them starting for their own 45-yard line. Ramael Barton would intercept a Prophet pass later in the second, leading to Shorey's second touchdown pass.

"The defense played great. They got to the quarterback and did some good things."

Before the game, the Hawks had averaged 317.8 passing yards a game, but the rain and Husson's defense kept them off balance for the majority of the event. Prophet went just 13-for 37 with 150 yards. "The defense played great," said Coach Gabby Price. "They got to the quarterback and did some good things."

Counselors' Corner:

Feeling Grumpy? How's Your Sleep Pattern?

By Rene Collins

It doesn't come as a surprise to any of us that a bad night's sleep creates havoc in many areas of our life. One of those areas is mood, and it isn't pretty! For the most part, we become grumpy without sleep. There are moments of being giddy and we might even seem "punch-drunk", but the most common expression is anger. It's as if we are unable to put emotional experiences into context and respond appropriately. Why is that?

By using active imaging of the brain, scientists at Harvard Medical School found that a lack of sleep for just one night created a strong overreaction in the emotional centers of the brain. They noted that it was like the brain had been rewired to the fright, flight, and fight center in the brain stem. That's our primitive brain folks!

What does this mean for you? Probably the best news is that this is something over which *you* have control. When educating those who are trained in making medical and psychiatric diagnoses, the trick is to look for horses, not zebras. Said another way, they are asked to look for the ordinary, not the extraordinary. Behaviors, which can appear bizarre and meet criteria for psychiatric diagnosis, just might be an acute or chronic lack of sleep (or the horse). If you have ever wondered, "Am I losing my mind?" it may be that your mind is lost from lack of sleep and not because of a psychiatric illness. That's mighty reassuring!

I do find it profoundly significant that we humans can place ourselves in a state of near psychiatric crisis just because we do not sleep. We can place ourselves at risk by allowing our brains to go to that place where primal anger and rage kick in for the purpose of protecting us. Wouldn't it make more sense to solve problems without being this vulnerable in the fight or flight mode?

We are entering the season of celebrating. Thanksgiving, end of the semester, and the December holidays are really only moments away. These times can seduce us into having inadequate sleep. Know the risks, know the alternatives, and know yourself. Sleep is essential. Sleep is beautiful! Sleep is free! Get your fair share!

Christmas Ball to be Held at Mansion

Brothers Hope to Make the Event the Largest of the Year

By Maurice Thayer

Tickets go on sale soon for the Annual Mu Sigma Chi Christmas Ball. The brothers would like to extend an invite to all faculty and students of Husson College and the New England School of Communications. This year's ball will be held 8-11pm on Saturday December 1st at the Isaac Farer Mansion. The Farer Mansion is located on the corners of 2nd and Union Streets in Bangor.

Tickets for this semi-formal event are $20 for a single and $35 for couples. Tickets for the event will include dancing, hors d'oeuvres, desserts, and non-alcohol drinks. There will be beer and wine available for purchase with proper ID. The brothers are very excited for this year's event, trying to return the ball to its former stature as the biggest event of the year. So keep an eye out for flyers and posters with information on when tickets will be available, or contact one of the brothers to get more information.

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