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One-on-One with President Beardsley

by Stephen Novak

After being named the President of Husson College a little more then 3 years ago, President Beardsley had a difficult task ahead of him. He inherited a school which was on bad times. In a recent interview, he talked about what has been accomplished so far and what remains to be done.

For the past few years, President Beardsley has worked on lowering Husson's debt from about $8,500,000 to $2,500,000 while still providing top-of-the-line education. The college has increased enrollment over the past few years by 10%, introduced a nursing program, brought in new faculty, doubled the size of the Board of Trustees, and has been working on a preventive maintenance program of which the campus was in dire need.

Bringing a corporation out of the red takes a lot of time. For President Beardsley time is valuable, yet he is willing to share it with the student body because if it weren't for the students the school would have no function in the community.

President Beardsley has noticed the changes in the atmosphere here on campus. He said, "Three years ago there were Job Corp students in the student government, classrooms, and the gym. Now they are only in the dorms for a few more years." There has been a major increase in morale here on campus and he has noticed that the students are more active on campus and in the student government.

On the academic side of things President Beardsly has noted that the programs are improving and the placement rate is still excellent. As for more programs being introduced to the schools curriculum, Beardsley said that the school must keep a clear mission in mind but he would like to expand the education program, prelaw, communications and add a Master's program in either Accounting or Education.

Husson College has a strong future and is a private alternative to public education with more Maine students than any other private school in Maine. With modest increases in the past few years, Beardsley stated that the tuition cost will soon have to level out in the education field.

Last year Husson had a record year in enrollment and this year it is running about normal or maybe even less than normal but that shouldn't be misleading:" ... the drop-off in enrollment is due to fewer students in high school." So if you end up with a single room, don't worry: everybody is experiencing the drop-off, even Yale, Harvard and Northeastern, according to President Beardsley.

As for talking to the President about problems he says that his door is open but don't expect any decisions, he leaves them up to the departments involved. Where else can you know your school President? The advantage of a small and thriving school.



Mr. William Beardsley, President of Husson College.

Photo by Linda Eaton

Earth Day

by Dr. Paul Curtis
Chairman, Earth Day Committee

Twenty years ago, in the spring of 1970, America was in turmoil. The Vietnam war was at its peak, and the protest movement was everywhere, especially on college campuses, culminating in the shocking killing of students at Kent State University by the Ohio National Guard. I remember this very well, as at The American University in Washington, D.C. I was teargassed in the biology building while a SWAT team attacked protesters on campus.

Part of the profound changes in American society occurring during that period involved an increasing awareness of the crucial importance of protecting the environment from the depredations of modern industrial society. The environmental movement attained national and international attention that same spring of 1970 with the celebration of the first **Earth Day, on April 22.** In cities all across the country, and again, especially on college campuses, Earth Day was celebrated with a wide variety of events, which included tree planting, poetry reading, foot races, songs, cleanup campaigns. The newly invented Ecology Flag was raised on many flag poles. Personally, I found this to be a healing antidote to all the violence.

Since that day, Earth Day has been celebrated only sporadically, and the environmental movement has seen hard times, especially during the years of the Reagan era. But more recently we are becoming more and more aware of the urgency of actively doing something about trying to avert such imminent environmental disasters as the greenhouse effect, depletion of the ozone layer, destruction of tropical rainforests, acid rain, pollution of the air, fresh water, and even the ocean, poisoning of the soil and of our food, depletion of nonrenewable resources, loss of precious topsoil, and infinitum. Many people are becoming aware on a deeply personal, rather than strictly theoretical level that time is running short, that the human race is an integral part of all ecosystems, and that humans actually do have the capability of ruining the earth for all living things, not just themselves.

It is up to all of us to learn whatever we can about ecological interactions and about how we can activley participate in efforts to live more harmoniously and less destructively, even though it will probably require major changes in attitudes and lifestyles.

Next Sunday, April 22, is the twentieth anniversay of the first Earth Day, and again it is being celebrated all over the country, and even in other countries. This year we are sadder, but wiser, and see even more clearly the urgency of action. On our campus Julie Green has already taken the initiative with the paper recycling campaign, which I hope everyone will take seriously and participate in actively. Julie tells me that it is a big success so far, and we congratulate all of you for this. On Sunday afternoon we are planning a celebration on campus which will involve an Ecology flag raising ceremony, tree planting, and campus trash pick-up. Watch for a schedule of events to be posted. We hope you will all participate to show your solidarity with Mother Earth.

Correction

Inadvertently **Vivianna Altomari's** by-lines were not published in The Spectator's April 9th issue. Her stories were *Dedication* and *Japan: Maine's Business Partner of the Future?* The Spectator sincerely apologizes for this error.

To the Editor:

"Ambushed"

A friend of mine, who lives in Vermont, sent me flowers for my birthday. When the florist came to deliver the flowers, somebody else claimed to be me and kept the flowers for herself. I can't believe how dishonest some people can be. She must have been really desperate if she had to pretend to be someone else just to get flowers from someone. If she wanted flowers that badly, I would have picked her some dandelions myself. In the meantime, keep your grubby paws off of other people's property and hope that someone sends YOU flowers!

Sincerely,
The "Real" Sue Cocci

Chiefweek

by Kathy Chilvers

Chiefweek, previously called Chief-for-a-Day, has been an activity sponsored by the Student Government since 1952. This activity came about so that the entire student body could have an opportunity to become better acquainted and enjoy similar interests. The procedures, themes, and activities have all varied from year to year. What usually happens is the winner of the activities that have been performed throughout the week gets to be Chief-for-a-Day. The Chief can dismiss students from classes, and usually tries to improve the way the college is governed to better assess the students' needs.

Student Government Election Results

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The Greek Side

The sisters of Kappa Lambda would like to congratulate our new sisters for 1990.

Tina Baker	***Tammy Maillette***
Gail Bubier	***Nicole Paradis***
Missy Case	***Ann Pomerleau***
Kathy Dunham	***Lisa Stinson***
Michele Gomes	***Dana Walker***
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The sisters recently attended their annual national convention at North Adams State College in Massachusetts and had a great time.

Kappa held a car wash on Sunday, March 25 at the 7-11 on State Street. We are having a **bakesale** on **Monday April 16,** from 5:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M. in the Carlisle foyer.

Kappa also donated several of our old trophies to Special Olympics and raised over $100 for the Pinetree Camp through bottle drives and penny drives.

Kappa Lambda would like to wish everyone the best of luck with the rest of the semester. Have a great summer!

Cathy Zipfel



Biggy Bookstore Bargains

Graduation from college is life's way of telling you "the party's over," but in fact the party has just begun in the bookstore. Stop by and check out our graduation sale items that include special graduation T-shirts to compliment your cap and gown! Key chains are also on sale.....YOU buy the car!

In addition, cards, buttons, and mugs are on sale. Stop in and spend a little money on yourself before it all goes to rent, utilities, and car insurance.

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In lieu of a Rolex, how about a Coral Reef wristwatch? Who needs solid gold when you can have neon colors? These watches are durable, waterproof, and one need not worry about someone cutting an arm off to steal it.

Also we have some damaged clothing at incredible savings. This is definitely a plus on job interviews.

Stop in and check out this graduation sale. We'll send you on your way in style.

The Gong Show

The 1990 edition of the Senior Class Gong Show will be taking place on Thursday, April 19, in Kominsky Auditorium at 2:30 p.m.

If you would like to be in the show please contact the Student Affairs Office. Over the years we have had musicians, lip syncs, belly-dancing and many other outrageous displays of talent. Prizes will be awaded.

Yearbooks

Orders for Yearbooks will be taken in the Student Affairs Office from now until commencement. The cost is $15.00. Place your order today!

Creative Corner

Spring Fish Wish

by Kathy Wall

Spring draws near, I sit here wishing
I could be outside fly-fishing.
Step into my hip length waders,
Don my vest and fine sun-shaders;
Place into my right front pocket
Luscious bar of Hersey's chocolate;
Stick some flies into my hat band,
Rod in right and net in left hand;
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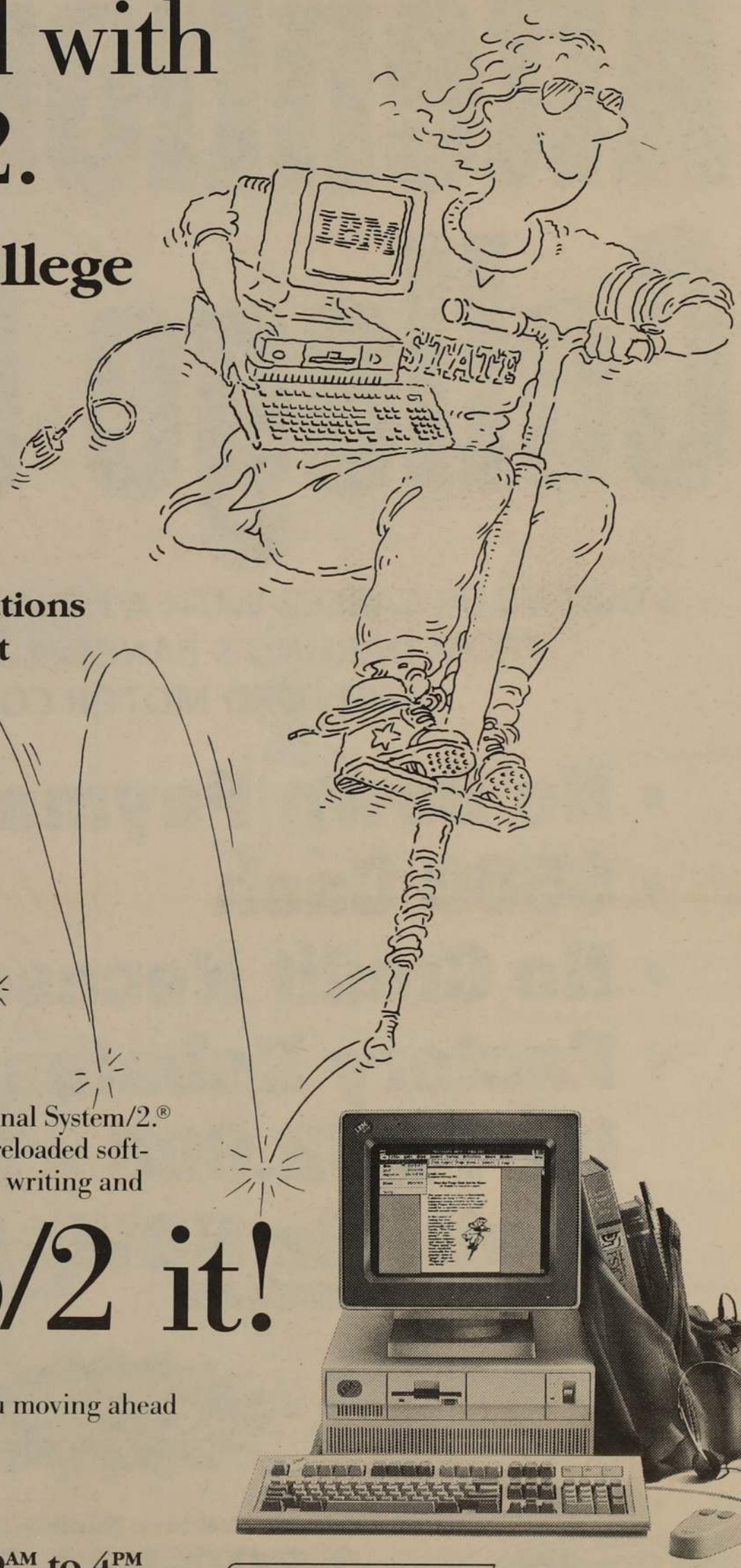
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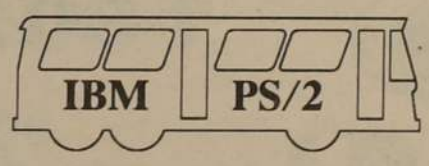
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