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Addressing Husson's High Enrollment

By Zann

I've heard a lot of concerns and rumors floating around about the consequences of Husson's ever-rising enrollment rates. As the school continues to grow, so does the amount of students moving into our resident halls. To set some minds at ease and to learn more about the situation, I interviewed John "J.K." Kolasinski, Director of Residential Life.

So far the number of student applications has risen 37% over last year at this time. At this time we can expect at least 15% more residential freshmen than last year. There has been some concern among students about where all the new students will live, as well as how the increased population will affect the resident halls. The school has many options as far as how they will accommodate the students, but all of these plans are tentative. As of yet, none have been confirmed. One option could be doubling the rooms in Bell Hall that are currently being used as single-occupant rooms. This outcome would provide approximately 45 more spaces for new students. Other possibilities are converting some offices or lounges into student rooms. For example, the lounge on the fourth level of Carlisle Hall could be converted to two more spots.

I asked Mr. Kolasinski about one rumor that has had students up in arms: the idea that some students will have to triple up, as in having three people per room. He answers, "There is *no* consideration of tripling students—this is not an option."

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Counselor's Corner

By Leslie Gould

Cabin Fever

I don't know about you, but I am over this winter. I have been for the last few weeks. My house feels smaller. The inside air is far from fresh. And, I have worn out several pairs of fleece socks. I am desperate to shed my parka and my boots and trade them in for a t-shirt and flip-flops. I know that it's just a matter of time before spring is here, but I'm definitely feeling locked in and like I don't have many options when choosing an activity. I guess you could say I have a case of cabin fever.

It makes sense that I would feel this way. When the weather outside is not inviting, you are pretty much forced to stay indoors. Our freedom becomes diminished and we begin to feel stuck and possibly depressed. It is a fact that the lack of light during the winter months can cause a change in an individual's mood. Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) is not uncommon in Maine at this time of the year. It is important to get as much light (and I'm talking ultraviolet rays not overhead fluorescent light) as possible during the day. Spending just ten minutes outside can help boost a blue mood. On more mild days try to get outside for a walk. The fresh air can be invigorating.

There is still the problem of "what can I do?" You need to get creative. Visit a bookstore or a record shop. Go down to the gym and take a walk on the treadmill or go for a swim in the pool. Take advantage of the free movies on campus. Check out some of the sporting events. These are just a few ideas. Whatever you come up with is better than just being inactive. If you remain sedentary, your cabin fever is bound to intensify.

The Counseling Office is available to you Monday through Friday. If you are struggling with cabin fever or Seasonal Affective Disorder, please give us a call at x7745, x7981 and x7184. We're here to help you.

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When will students know whether they have roommates and who their roommates will be? For all practical purposes, if you're assigned to Hart or Carlisle, you will have a roommate. For upperclassmen returning next year, sign up with your chosen roommate on April 3 and 4 for a room next year. Freshmen will also be assigned roommates at that time.

More students may mean changes for the RAs. "It is possible," says Mr. Kolasinski, "that RAs will have roommates in the future." Roommates for RAs is a practice many schools implement. However, he says that for us this possibility is "low on the list," and not something likely to happen in the upcoming semester. If RAs do get assigned roommates, they can expect to find out mid-summer. I asked him if increased residents will mean more work for our current RAs and if more will be hired. He replies, "We may only hire another RA if another floor is added." However, he does not foresee there being a significant raise in the amount of demand placed on RAs in the upcoming semester.

Will more students mean expansion or improvement of residential facilities? Upon approaching full capacity (which we have not reached) expansion will be considered, and improvements will be made as necessary to accommodate the rising population. Mr. Kolasinski says that we are "well below full capacity at this time, and a new building will only be considered upon reaching full capacity."

Finally, I asked J.K. if he had any advice for concerned students, to further set our minds at ease. J.K. assures us that overcrowding will not occur. There will be adjustments for the school and residents as the amount of students increase, but it is nothing to worry about. The only major change to note is that the likelihood of getting single-occupant rooms will be very tight. J.K. encourages anyone with questions or concerns to come to him at his office in 102 Carlisle. As a final statement, J.K. says, "If more people are living on campus, we must be doing something right."

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26 points and 7 rebounds. Rivera and Cyr chipped in with 8 a piece. Oregon Tech. had four players in double figures.

The women's team had to travel to Lyndonville, Vermont for a first round playoff game against a team that had beaten them twice. Lyndon State never really had control of the game and the Braves lead most of the second half to advance to Augusta with a 59-54 win. Megan Hughes led the Braves with 15 points. They then had to play top seeded Farmington who would hand Husson their final loss of the season. Although things ended on a low note, the Braves still have a very promising future. They lose no one to graduation but could be plagued by academic demands of several players. They will likely return three talented freshmen. Holly Gracie was named the Conference Rookie of the Year and the MWBCA all rookie team as she led the team in scoring and the state in steals. Sarah Davis got hot from the outside down the stretch by hitting 30 of her 42 3-point baskets in the final 8 games. Davis is one of the best ball handlers in the conference. The other freshman is Shauna Mullenix, a solid defender and capable scorer, from Epping, New Hampshire. As far as incoming players the Braves have landed the two 6'1" towers. Annie Macintosh from East Gate Christian is complete domination on the inside, having averaged a double double for her career. The other Stephanie McIntyre from Camden Hills has the same capabilities. So, the outlook for the future is promising.

The Husson baseball team has had an up and down start in Florida. With a 3-4 record they have gotten some big hits from Jason Folsom and Craig Harvey look for more on them when they return to Bangor.

Go Braves!

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ace of the Royals staff. Now with Atlanta, the 33-year-old pitcher is anticipating big things. Forget it. Last year was the best year he will ever see in his career. Before last year, he posted ERAs of 8.10, 4.05, and 6.51. At 33, he's done with the success of last year.

4) Bret Boone- 2 years ago, Boone had one of the greatest seasons of any second baseman in history. Last year he came back to earth and had a year more like his past years. Expect no better than last year's numbers, but at 34, most likely a tad bit less productive.

5) Anaheim Angels- I felt they had to be here not for fantasy purpose, but just because I needed to get it out of my system. It was a fluke they won the Series last year, and I'll be damned if they do it again.

Now the sleepers:

1) Carl Everett- Yes, it's the same Carl Everett. Once healthy last year, he hit really well. He hit .360 over the final two months. With the hitting potent lineup of Texas, plenty of RBI will be available.

2) Jose Hernandez- An all-star last year, he almost set the strikeout record for a batter. If you look beyond that, you see he hit .288 with 24 homers for the Brewers. Now he's off to the hitters dream park of Colorado. He could put up huge numbers.

3) Ken Griffey- Don't give up on him yet. After a year of being unproductive, Griffey is healthy and back to from. Barring any injuries he is a definite high draft pick. He's back and ready to disprove anything about being washed up.

4) Juan Gonzalez- He only hit 8 homers in roughly 300 at bats last year. He was injured, but now he is healthy. This former 2-time MVP is ready to get back to form. He will definitely rebound to put up "Juan-gone" numbers.

5) Frank Thomas- After the diminished contract clause, people decided to sat far away from the Big Hurt. Even with the "diminished" skills, he still hit 28 homers and had 92 RBI last year. Ex-

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The Water Closet

By Harry Dactyl

Strange angels made this planet glow...

" The world is too much with us; late and soon
Getting and spending, we lay waste our powers
Little we see in Nature is ours..."
-Wordsworth

I lie awake at night on occasion
Often a consecutive nights occasion,
With my mind a whirling, a kaleidoscopic
Merry-go-round teeming
With the days of obligation.

"Lay these obligations tonight to coffins under sail!
And turn the mind to the formless, infinite ghosts
Of Polyhymnia and Erato,
they being, They Being
The only Truth to light ever seen."

Residential Woes

By Zann

Many residential students face troubles with everyday life. Sometimes a student decides that he or she would be better off just moving off campus. Upon reaching that point, the student is then faced with the difficult task of moving out, which is not as easy as simply packing up and jumping in the car. I interviewed Heather, a freshman student who has decided that campus life at Husson is not working out.

To move off campus, a residential student must fill out an application explaining why he or she wishes to leave. There are legal issues involved with the school, including a lease, which is why students may not simply walk in and out as they please. Most colleges have similar standards about students living on campus their entire freshman year. Following all the rules for requesting to move off campus, Heather took the time to put together a lengthy letter describing the conditions of her room and residential life in general, as well as why she found accommodations unsatisfactory. However, this was not enough, and she must expend extra time and resources to appeal her application's denial. In the meantime (the process could take weeks) she must stay where she is, uncomfortable and with her life up in the air. Not knowing what the outcome of her appeal will be, she cannot even search for an apartment because there is no guarantee of if and when she will move into it.

I asked Heather if she thought the process of applying to leave campus was fair. She says it isn't fair, she should ultimately be able to choose where she lives, because she "is over 18 and would still be paying tuition to Husson." She says there are "too many rules" involved in

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Events Schedule

Mon 17	Chocolate Dipping Factory & Golf Chipper, 11-3pm CC
Tues 18	"Entrepreneurship for an International Perspective" w/speaker Dr. Jo Kwong, 2:30pm KOM Spin Art Frisbees 10-2pm CC
Wed 19	Movie Night "Maid in Manhattan" 8pm KOM
Thu 20	Movie Night "Maid in Manhattan" 10pm KOM
Fri 21	Comedian Jim Colliton 9pm KOM
Sat 22	Open House Sand Art 10-2pm CC
Mon 24	Registration begins for next semester—see your advisors!
Tues 25	Banker's Life "How to Make Your Money Work for You" 7pm CC
Wed 26	Hermon Mountain 5-9pm tubing & skiing—transportation provided 4:30pm behind DDC
Thu 27	TjonE's Think Fast Game Show in CC @ 9pm
Fri 28	Free Tie Dye Making Day 10-2pm CC The Band "Ekliza" Concert 10pm CC

Use your IDs and pick up 1 free coupon in the SA office during the week for FREE bowling

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Sign up for Murder Mystery Dinner in DDC to take place on Mon, March 31

Reminder:

Chapel Services (non-denominational) are now held every Wednesday at 12 noon, Conducted by Reverend Bob

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where students may live while attending Husson.

Heather's reasons for wanting to move off campus are plentiful. It's difficult to study and keep up with class work because of all the commotion, noise, and constant interruptions that take place in the resident halls. She realizes this was to be expected with life on campus, but didn't realize how intrusive it would be. She feels that moving off campus would be "very beneficial" to her studies. Feeling secure has become an issue—she says, "I don't always feel safe knowing that my RA—and all the other RAs—can get into your room if they want to."

There are also health reasons involved in Heather's choice to leave. She explains to me that since moving here, she has experienced bad allergies. She attributes this to mold in the ceiling, broken tiles, and the seemingly unending supply of dust in her room. Draftiness has also been an issue; she and her roommate have sealed the window with duct tape. The food is also not up to par—she says she only eats one or two different things because few of the food items are satisfactory in taste and in digestibility. She says she "feels sick a lot of the time."

We discussed possible solutions to her problems that might encourage Heather, and other students, to stay. I asked her if she had gone through the process of reporting problems to appropriate authorities before deciding to leave. She says she made attempts at it but was not successful in her case.

It's apparent that life off campus would better suit many of the students. Now that the year is nearing an end, many freshmen have found this out through experience. After experiencing so many difficulties in trying to find a comfortable way to leave, Heather says if she is still not "allowed" to move off campus, she will try to find another solution, such as transferring to another school that will provide an environment for which she is better suited. This is troubling because she likes the academic program here and her experiences here otherwise.

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ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS!

Community Service Opportunity

There is an opportunity for students to earn community service credit at the Spring Open House scheduled for March 22—the first weekend after spring break. This event gives prospective students and their parents a chance to visit the campus and experience first-hand what Husson College is all about. The Admissions Office needs several students to help with tours and be available to answer questions from parents and prospective students. If you are interested in this opportunity, please sign up in the Admissions Office, Room 253, Peabody Hall.