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## Husson University Inaugurates 6<sup>th</sup> President

INSIDE



# Dear Alumni and Friends,



As I write it is with deep appreciation to the Husson community for the wonderful inaugural celebration that we have just completed. I am humbled and honored to serve you as Husson's sixth president.

Looking ahead we know that education is the most powerful economic development tool in shaping our future. The Lumina Foundation

recently reported that more than 37 million Americans, about 22 percent of the working adult population, have attended college but not completed a degree – 200,000 in Maine. To this end Husson has worked hard at creating opportunities for students – of all ages as they develop their skills.

As we serve this diverse population of students we recognize that we seek to strengthen our experiential learning opportunities and enhance our students' global understanding. I have challenged the faculty to think broadly about experiential learning to ensure that every Husson graduate has an experiential learning experience by 2015. To this end the trustees have created an Experiential Learning Endowment that will enrich our students and enable them to broaden their perspectives. (Donations to grow this endowment are always welcome!)



I am so pleased to join Husson University at such an exciting time of growth and opportunity. Although I am one of the many new faces in the Husson community, it already feels like home. I have been fortunate to meet many Husson alumni and friends in the past few months and all have welcomed me with warmth and kindness. Your enthusiasm for Husson

is infectious and it's truly a pleasure to be a part of it.

More than ever, there is an opportunity for alumni and friends to be involved in all aspects of the University. Whether you volunteer to help students move into the dorms, greet fellow alumni and friends at Homecoming events, or serve on one of our volunteer committees, you are making a lasting difference in the lives of our students.

Husson is growing strategically by leaps and bounds, and your support is needed now more than ever. Our mission as an

institution is to transform student lives by providing a quality education leading to a professional career. Your support, whether it is \$10, \$1,000, or even more will bring increased value and quality to the Husson experience for our students and to the degrees that you and your friends received.

However, we cannot achieve all of the experiences on our campus. We recognize that a holistic education is one that acknowledges that not all of the lessons our students learn are in 50 minute classroom blocks. To reach our 100 percent goal we seek and appreciate the support of the broader community, hosting internships and practicum, serving as mentors and educators in ways that support our traditional classroom instruction.

Our second major opportunity is to empower our students through a greater understanding of globalization. Globalization is not just a geographical issue – but a state of the mind. Our world is rapidly changing and the Husson of tomorrow that we envision will be adaptive and responsive to those challenges. Adaptive learners never lose their edge in a changing world.

As we move forward with these two significant initiatives we seek your support and counsel as together we make a difference in our students' lives. Thank you for your energies on behalf of our students.

With Appreciation,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert A. Clark".

Robert A. Clark  
*President*

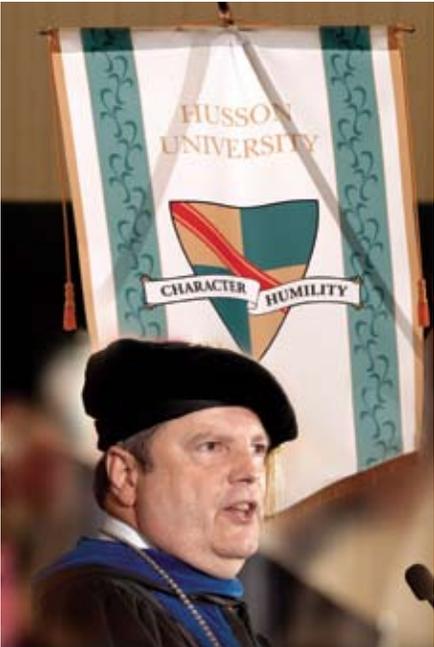
I look forward to being a partner with you in securing Husson's future. Please stop by the Cyr Alumni Center any time – I'd love to meet you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Martz".

Thomas A. Martz  
*Vice President for Advancement*

## Husson University: Looking to the Future with President Clark



By Kathryn Hawkins

Over the past 102 years, Husson University has transformed itself from a small college to a university. In the following pages, the new university president, Dr. Robert A. Clark, shares his remarkable vision for the school's future.

Husson University is no stranger to change: When the school was founded 102 years ago as Shaw School of Business, there were only enough students to fill a single floor of a building in downtown Bangor. The school's enrollment began to

grow in the years after World War II, with returning soldiers using the G.I. Bill's education benefits to learn the skills that would help them become successful in business. After a change of name to Husson College, the school transformed an old dairy farm to a campus in the 1960s, and changed the pastoral setting into a quickly growing educational institution where students could learn an essential mix of liberal arts and professional skills.

Two years ago, Husson changed names yet again, transitioning from a college to a university to showcase the school's growth. Now, with five schools and a new leader, Dr. Robert A. Clark, Husson University is on the brink of a bold new era in education.

### The new president

Dr. Clark replaced former president William Beardsley in January 2010, but while he may be a new face at the school, he has longstanding roots in Maine. Dr. Clark grew up in Albion, and attended the University of Maine in Orono for both undergraduate and graduate school, eventually earning his Ph.D. from Purdue University. His sister graduated from Husson in 1987. Since leaving Maine, Dr. Clark's professional path has scaled to great heights: He's served as a Fulbright Scholar at the Norwegian School of

Management, and received a grant from the Lilly Endowment to found the Institute for Global Enterprise in Indiana. Along with running the Institute, Dr. Clark also served as University of Evansville's Schroeder Family Dean of Business and Vice President for Strategic Initiatives before taking on his new role at Husson University.

"This is my first move back to Maine since 1985," says Dr. Clark. "All of my family still lives here, so it really felt like coming home."

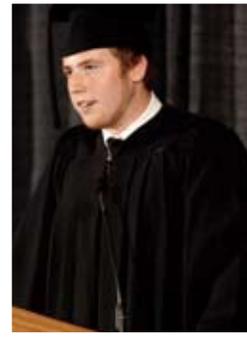
### Husson today

Dr. Clark believes that Husson's new status as a university is a landmark for the school. "I think it provides a broadening recognition of the role that Husson plays in higher education in the State of Maine, and recognizes that the institution has grown in terms of its offerings," he says.

In addition to its longstanding business program, Husson University now has a wide variety of programs in health, education, legal studies, pharmacy, and science and humanities. And the school has moved beyond its Bangor base: Husson offers extended learning opportunities to students in Calais, Presque Isle, South Portland, and New Brunswick. The

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Boat School, in Eastport, is an affiliated program that provides students with education in boatbuilding at a working boatyard. The New England School of Communications, located on the Husson University Bangor campus, is a separate wholly owned subsidiary institution, but all Husson students are permitted to enroll in NESCom classes for school credit. For a school that started out small, Husson has seen a great deal of expansion—and it's not done yet.

While Husson offers many academic programs, they all share a common link of providing students with professional skills that will help students immediately find employment—a strategy that is benefiting both the school and its alumni in the current recession. Although the U.S. economy is facing its largest slump in decades, Husson University is thriving.

While other schools are struggling to adapt to the changing economic climate

by trying to add new programs that will help students gain the real-world professional skills that employers are seeking, Husson is already ahead of the game.

“Because Husson is predominantly targeted at professional programs and training, the economic climate reinforced our traditional operations,” says Dr. Clark. “We didn’t have to change our modus operandi. In fact, our enrollment is higher than ever.”

Even better, Husson is attracting students from all walks of life, from recent high school graduates to mid-career professionals. “As the economy transitioned, we attracted a lot of older students, who were coming back to finish degrees and enhance their skill

sets. The diversity we see in student backgrounds is one of the strengths of the institution.”

### Husson tomorrow

As Husson University moves forward, Dr. Clark envisions a learning environment that reaches far beyond the classroom and into every facet of students’ lives.

“We won’t see the boundaries as distinctly as ‘being in a classroom’ versus ‘being in the community,’” says Dr. Clark. “We will have curriculum that challenges students, and the students will have the chance to engage in that knowledge through experiential learning, as well as academic learning.”

Husson already focuses on helping its students gain learning experiences



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outside of the classroom. In the School of Health and Education, for instance, students have the opportunity to take part in clinical practice, where they work directly with patients in the community and in hospitals. But it's Dr. Clark's goal to establish experiential learning programs across all divisions of the school by 2015, whether through internships, clinical work, or community service programs.

Creating an atmosphere where students are aware of their relation to the world at large is also important to Dr. Clark. Husson may be rooted in Maine, but the school aims to provide a path towards global understanding. "Even if our students have never left the State of Maine, it's our goal to engage them in a global mindset," says Dr. Clark. "We do that through our curriculum, which reflects a wide range of cultural perspectives; through bringing diverse speakers to campus; and through creating opportunities for students to study abroad."

Giving students an entrepreneurial mindset is a focus for the new president as well. "One of my past experiences was an opportunity to focus on entrepreneurship in learning," says Dr. Clark. "We helped students start their own businesses while working together in small teams. A large number of jobs are created through small business enterprise, so it's important for students to understand what it's like to be a business owner. Even if they never launch their own business after finishing the academic program, businesses

want to hire employees that think entrepreneurially."

Dr. Clark's teaching philosophies seek to promote a broader worldview in Husson University students. "We want students to understand the context in which their knowledge will be applied," he says. "I think that what you'll see in the institution of the future is that it's more engaged in a learning model that challenges our students through all the facets of their life."

### Hopes for alumni

Dr. Clark is a firm believer that a student's education shouldn't end once she receives her diploma. His educational philosophies all seek to help students become "adaptive learners," who can transfer the knowledge they've accumulated at Husson to a variety of new and different situations, no matter where they may find themselves in life.

"When students train themselves to be adaptive learners, they're not bound to become obsolete as new technologies develop," he says. "Their time at Husson University may be the years that they formally dedicate to learning, but we hope that we've provided our students with a platform on which they

can continue to excel throughout their careers and their lives."

"When we look at the institution overall, what stands out most is the importance of holistic learning," says Dr. Clark. "Students are only in the classroom for 16 to 20 hours each week, and there are significant opportunities for learning that occur outside of that. We're working to bring student life, athletics, and community involvement into our sphere, helping students to develop their skill sets in both the classroom and the community."

Along with his goals for Husson's students and alumni, Dr. Clark is hoping to establish the university as a vibrant resource for the surrounding community in Bangor. "We want to enhance the quality of life in our region through academic lectures, musical concerts, and other opportunities for enrichment which anyone is welcome to attend," says Dr. Clark. "It's important to make sure that the university is a strong community resource rather than an isolated academic outpost. Close-knit communities are an important value in Maine, and we see Husson University as an integral part of our city and our state."



# Remembering Del

*Written by Paul Husson*

“Everyone has a warm memory of Del,” remarked Rev. Bob Carlson, former Husson chaplain, at President Merrill’s funeral service.

It’s true and for one reason: Delmont Merrill lived a very full life.

Del grew up in Ellsworth and attended schools there. After graduating from Ellsworth High School, he enlisted in

the United States Marine Corps where he served in the Pacific Theater with the 5th Marine Division. The infamous landing on the island of Iwo Jima – and the month long battle that came after – is one of the pivotal moments in World War II. Of the 25,000 troops who fought on the island, 18,000 were wounded and 6,981 Marines died. Of the 18 men that served in his squad, only Del and two others survived. This heroism and devotion to country was later chronicled by the filmmakers Stephen Spielberg and Stephen Ambrose in a movie made for the World War II Museum in New Orleans. Though most people never heard Del Merrill talk about his service during the War, he did appear in this moving film to tell the story of this honorable chapter in our history.

When he returned home after his service, he enrolled at Husson College. In 1948, he received a three-year diploma in Business Education and took his first teaching job at Sumner High School in Sullivan, Maine. Five years later, President Chesley Husson asked Del to consider taking a position at Husson College. “He was hesitant to make the move,” said Clara Swan, “and Chief sent me to close the deal. I told Del that it

was a wonderful opportunity and that, who knows, he might even become president one day!”

Also during this time, he married and was a devoted husband to his wife of 58 years, Elizabeth – known as “Betty” – and a loving father to Colleen, Linda and Bob.

Thus began his remarkable career at Husson. In 1953, he received the first Bachelor of Science degree awarded at the school. He went on to earn an M.Ed. and a CAS from the University of Maine. Del rose to become a tenured professor and head of the athletic department. He is also remembered as a great coach and a great leader. He was appointed Vice President for Administrative Affairs in 1973 and became president of Husson in 1978.

Del’s career as a coach is legendary. He led Husson teams to a 392-168 record. He then became athletic director and basketball commissioner for the State of Maine and was inducted into several sports halls of fame. Del also served as president of the Wild Blueberry Association of North America, was a well-known community leader, and served his church.



There were some lean years financially during Mr. Merrill's tenure, and some of Maine's post secondary schools, such as Nasson and Ricker, failed. But Del was not going to allow that to happen to Husson. His loyalty, competitiveness and willingness to listen served him well. He looked for every opportunity to help the school succeed. He instituted the nursing program in collaboration with Eastern Maine General Hospital; he started our first master's degree program in business administration; he oversaw the purchase of the New England School of Broadcasting (now NESCom) and the International Center for Language Studies and established the annual holiday party that is beloved by the greater Bangor community.

I would like to share a few of my own memories with you of this wonderful man. In the summer of 1953, when I was 12 years old, Del and I worked together as janitors at commerce hall on the old campus at 157 Park Street. We painted, cleaned, repaired furniture and got to know each other. My pay was 25 cents per hour and I think Del earned a dollar per hour. We shared stories and lots of laughter. He had a way of listening that made you feel special.

In those days, Chief and my mother hosted annual faculty parties at our Green Lake camp. Del always put away prodigious amounts of lobster and clams, and beat all campers at horse shoes. He was a fierce competitor. Bruce MacGregor, long-time Husson faculty member and coach at Husson, recalls intense racquetball and basketball games. "We beat ourselves unmercifully," said MacGregor. "Del always played to win!"

Del had a wonderful sense of humor. Bob O'Donnell, '72, Del's son Bob Merrill, and I shared many fishing and camping trips. The camaraderie and the laughter and the fun were far more important than the fish.

As Clara predicted, Del did become a great president (as Chief knew he would). He was special. Thank you Del for all you did for Husson and all you did for me.

## In Memory of President Emeritus Delmont Merrill '47 '54

The Fall 2010 issue of the Husson University Ledger magazine is dedicated to the memory of President Emeritus Delmont Merrill. Paul Husson, Husson Fellow and long-time colleague and friend of Del Merrill, wrote this tribute to honor Del's outstanding service and dedication to the University.



Those who desire may make contributions in Del's memory to the...

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## Alumni & Friends,

What a special time to be a part of Husson University. As you can see throughout this issue of the Ledger, there is much to celebrate and even more to look forward to.

As a young professional and fresh graduate of what was then known as Husson College on the “hill”, I had the privilege to work side-by-side with Mr. Chesley Husson as his administrative assistant. I know he would be so proud of what the Institution has become today – a beautiful campus that is filled to the brim with excitement, opportunity, and growth. His dream has truly become a reality.

That’s why I have enthusiastically volunteered to serve as your chair of annual giving in the coming year – to give back to the Institution that holds a very special place in my heart. Together with the help of the newly formed Annual Giving Leadership Committee, the Advancement Staff, and many other volunteers, we will work to make the Husson experience even better and brighter for the University’s students.

We’ll be in touch with you to share how your support, at any amount, translates into what Husson students need the most



*Sue Cyr graduated from Husson in 1965. She and her husband, Husson Trustee Joe Cyr '62, pictured here attending a recent Husson gathering, own Cyr Bus Lines of Old Town. Sue and Joe are the generous lead donors of the new Cyr Alumni Center located in the Beardsley Meeting House.*

to succeed – financial aid, quality classrooms, state-of-the-art technology, and so much more. I hope you will join us in making a lasting impact.

Sincerely,

**Sue Cyr '65**  
*Chair of Annual Giving*



## Chesley H. Husson Society Members

Husson sincerely thanks those who have joined the Chesley H. Husson Society by including the University in their estate plans. Members of the Society are helping to ensure the continuity of the Institution for many generations to come.

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## Habitat for Humanity Student Trip

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Jimmy Ouellette '11, a senior nursing student from Milford, Maine, started a club last year to organize students to participate in a Habitat for Humanity trip slated for March of 2010. Organizing the trip would be no easy feat, however. It would require at least 10-15 volunteers,



lots of coordination, and donations to help fund the trip.

Over several months, the club worked diligently to raise funds for the trip. They held bottle drives, bake sales and organized a fundraising night through Texas Roadhouse. They called on Husson alumni, local businesses, family, and friends to support their trip, and they gave generously. Darlings donated all the mileage for their rental vans, which amounted to roughly \$1,000 in savings.

"The experience was incredible," says Jimmy. "Even though it rained most of our trip, and we even had to clear standing water from the foundation and deal with a lot of delays, we were able to get half the roof built. We gained an understanding of what Habitat for Humanity does and how it helps people, and that's something we won't forget."

After long days of work on the house, Habitat for Humanity sponsored activities for the group. They had a pizza and ice cream night, went to the movies, and even visited an indoor waterpark. "We went on the trip as fellow Husson



students, but we came back as friends. It was fun to get to know each other and we really bonded."

Plans are in the works for the 2011 Habitat for Humanity trip. The group has its sights set on New York, where they will be just an hour outside the City, providing access to a culture many of the students would not otherwise have an opportunity to experience.

Jimmy and the Habitat for Humanity Club sincerely thank all of the donors that made the trip possible. "Without donations, we simply wouldn't have been able to go. It truly made my Husson experience that much better. I honestly wish I didn't have to graduate so I could keep doing this!"

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Brent A. Cross '94, '01 in honor of Alison Cross & Emily Cross  
Jonathan M. Cross '98  
Royce M. Cross  
Woodrow W. Cross  
Cross Insurance in honor of Woodrow & Janette Cross, Royce & Louise Cross, Brent '94 '01 and Lori Cross, and Jonathan '98 & Sherri Cross  
Richard D. Crowe III '72  
James M. Crowley '73 in memory of William Curran  
Wayne E. Cunningham '70 in memory of Fred Medicke '70  
Jacqueline I. Curran '70 in memory of William Curran  
Patricia Curran in memory of William Curran  
John Willis Dalzell '04 in honor of E. Donald Blodgett, EdD and Mr. & Mrs. Willis N. McGuire  
Edward '64 & Mary Ellen Darling  
Mabel J. Desmond  
Leslie Devaud in honor of Grace D. & Grace S.  
Ronald R. Dirobio '66  
Merrill Delaire Dollar '49  
Jack & Betty Donovan '66/'67 '95  
Jack W. Donovan '64  
Robert Dore '64  
Dawn M. Doucette-Kaplan '01  
Professor Warren Burns & Geraldine Douglas-Burns  
Deborah J. Dunham in honor of Tanya Stinson Clement '04 '09  
Robert '66 & Anita Duprey  
Bobby & Stefanie Duron  
Kay & Clif Eames  
Dr. Ann Ellis  
Jacqueline A. Emerson '64 in memory of Jerome A., Hazel B., Zelda A., & James A. Emerson  
Epsilon Delta Alumnae Sorority  
Mary P. FitzPatrick in honor of the GFP Family  
Judy & Steve Flanagan '67  
Nicole Fletcher  
Follett Higher Education Group  
Michel '68 & Catherine Francoeur in memory of Karl McGaw '63 & Jane M. Goodwin '61  
Robert & Michelle (Creswell '89) Frank, III  
Arthur D. Fuller '66, '96  
Scott A. Gardner KΔΦ / W.T. Gardner & Sons, Inc. in honor of Thomas W. Gardner KΔΦ & William T. Gardner  
Richard Gay  
General Electric Foundation  
Ramesh Genge '65  
Glaxo Smith Kline  
Virginia S. Glidden '42 in memory of Grace M. (Sugden) Glidden  
Global Impact  
James & Kimberly Goff in honor of Peg & Albie Smith  
Harriet P. Clevette Goodwin '41  
Robert Goodwin '62 in memory of Jane M. Goodwin '61  
Paul F. Goss '59  
John R. Graham III & Family  
Julie M. Green in memory of Jessie Green  
Donald Guimond '80 in memory of Dr. Bryant Bean  
P. Andrew & Patricia Hamilton '87/'01  
Lisa D. Hand '93 in honor of Margaret Parker  
T. Kevin '64 & Marilyn Hanlon  
Marie Hansen in memory of Harold E. Hansen '61  
Tracy Harding & Aimee Smith  
Philip E. Harriman CLU '77 in honor of Jocelyn B. Harriman '05  
Ralph G. & Joyce A. Harvey '61/'76  
Wendy Haslam  
Bob & Diane Hayes  
Eleanor G. Heinz '58  
Felix & Eileen Hernandez in honor of the Hernandez Family  
Leon & Audrey Higgins  
Richard Hill  
Mary Huskins RN '52 in memory of George Huskins  
Paul E. & Judy J. Husson in memory of Chesley H. Husson, Sr., Founder & Dorothy Bell Husson '27  
Husson University School of Business in honor of Jane M. Goodwin '61  
J Group Advertising in honor of Randy '87 & Angela Wadleigh  
James Jaffray in memory of Margaret L. Jaffray  
Mark A. Jenness in honor of Linda Jenness Greatorex '61  
Kenneth Johnson in memory of Kenneth & Marilyn Johnson  
Thomas & Patricia Johnston  
Ronnie E. Jones '64  
Stephen F. Judy  
Stephen & Carol Kanar in honor of Mr. & Mrs. James C. Cooper  
Gail M. Kelly '80  
Ryan, Kari '96 & Finley Mae Kelly  
Key Foundation  
John T. Kidder III '66  
Amanda L. Kitchen '05 in honor of Gary & Linda Kitchen  
Ronald J. Kittredge '69 in memory of William Curran

Deborah Kobritz '75 '81 in memory of Gracie Allen Kobritz  
 Cynthia '80 & Bernard Kubetz  
 Linda & Rob Kuhn  
 Karen M. Kydd '78 '84  
 Kenneth D. Lane & Alice Jean Lane in memory of Mabel Turner Hopper & Elsie Diett Canfield  
 Rodney Larson  
 Ralph & Anita Leonard  
 Joyce A. Leveille '53  
 Angelia M. Levesque in honor of Richard B. Bronson, Jr. '81  
 Frank E. Libby '71  
 James W. Lilly in honor of Barbara Gerrish Lilly '54  
 Gail Longo in honor of Bud & Bette Grant  
 Lee Ann Lowe '92 in memory of Richard L. Lowe  
 Evelyn Lutz '83 & Gerry Palmer Sr.  
 Marilyn M. MacLeod  
 Robert W. Maguire '67  
 Maine Printing Company  
 Dewey & Linda Martin  
 Jan & Bob Marville  
 Fran Mauriello '66  
 Hilda Hutchins McCollum in memory of Curtis M. Hutchins & Ruth R. Hutchins  
 Dean & Sharon McDougal '64/'62  
 Arthur E. McKenzie '48  
 Robert D. Menucci '70 in honor of Francine Kollias  
 Delmont N. Merrill '48 in memory of William Curran  
 Bernard & Gloria Miller  
 Sanford & Joanne Miller  
 Dennis '84, Linda & Hollyberry Mitchell

Frank & Judy Morgan '58/'57  
 Miriam I. Morrell  
 Paul J. & Cheryl Morrow  
 Donald & M. JoAnn Munson '51 '95 in memory of Mary Quirk Brown  
 Nickerson & O'Day Inc.  
 Robert '75 '81 & Melissa Norris  
 Rich & Susie Nutter  
 Bob '67 & Fran O'Keefe  
 Jethro D. Pease '70  
 Richard G. Peer '94  
 Adrienne Pelletier in honor of Dorothy McLean Pelletier '50 | K19  
 Ruth H. Penney  
 Andrew & Lynda Perkins (Perkins Engineering)  
 Fred C. Phillips III '71  
 Anne E. Pooler  
 Connie Potvin, RN in honor of Eliot Potvin & Amelia Potvin  
 Marc '72 & Barbara Quinlan  
 Jack '07 & Bunny Quirk in honor of the Quirk Family  
 Drs. Charles F. & Esther N. Rauch  
 Laurence E. Richard '56  
 Lynda & John Rohman '03/'77  
 Christine A. Roman '72  
 Robert J. Ronan '79  
 Daniel & Gloria Rozario '91/'95  
 Elizabeth C. Russell '82, '91 in memory of Letitia Smith Clay '56  
 Leonard '66 & Bill '67 Saba in memory of Pauline Saba  
 James Sargent in honor of Herb Sargent  
 Dr. & Mrs. Irving Schneider '68  
 John W. Scott '63 in memory of William Curran  
 Robin Scribner '72 in memory of

Dorothea Bella Douglas, Actress  
 Dennis & Jane Shubert  
 Marek A. Sitarski in memory of Janina Sitarski  
 Susan E. Skinner '76  
 Thomas & Barbara Smiley in memory of Mr. & Mrs. D. Oaksman Smiley III  
 Albert & Peg Smith  
 Janie & Larry Smith  
 Norris & Nancy Smith in memory of William Curran  
 Richmond & Sylvia Smith, Peter & Mary Louise Heinemann, Margaret Welch & Sharon Corvey in memory of Dr. Robert M. Smith  
 Warren E. Smith '65  
 Gary & Barbara Smith  
 Clarence R. '84 & Jane P. Snyder in memory of George F. Peabody  
 Jonathan & Connie Sprague  
 Ruth E. Stearns '70  
 Ernest & Teresa Steele '63/'63 in memory of James & Mildred Willett and Fred & Alice Steele and in honor of Cathy Steele, James Willey & Josh, Susan Steele, Steve LeBlanc & Nicole  
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 Clara L. Swan '33 '95 in memory of Mildred Bradford '42  
 Betsy J. Kline-Switzer '58 in honor of the Switzer-Husson Family  
 Matthew '91 & Mary Thompson  
 Thomas E. Thornton '07 in honor of Maynard & Dorothy Yerxa and Tom & Gloria Thornton  
 James & Ellen Tobin  
 Donna Townsend '86 in honor of Terrie Townsend '86 and Tyler Townsend '87

Al & Pat Trask '62/'62'81  
 Bourke & Esther Trask  
 Richard '65 & Alice Trott  
 UBS Foundation  
 Marian J. Vafiades in memory of Lew Vafiades  
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 Leith & Donna Wadleigh  
 Kissy Walker '03  
 Frank Weatherhead '66  
 Calvin & Betsy Webb '81/'83  
 William Weber in memory of Doctor Katherine Lee Weber  
 J. Douglas Wellington in honor of James E. Wellington  
 Ralph '63 and Joni Averill White  
 George '83 & Alexandra Wildey  
 Lloyd E. Willey  
 Cecil D. Wilson, Sr. '56  
 Dana Wilson '74  
 John A. Wood Jr.  
 Ray & Marcia Wood '91 Cheryl Russell AIC CPIW '80 '92, & Donnie Gross in honor of Gail J. Gross '56  
 Craig D. Worcester '85  
 Rita & Shawn C. Yardley MS '85  
 Ellen G. Young '63, '04

For information on how you can name a seat in the Gracie Theatre, please contact Amanda Kitchen at 207-992-4925 or [kitchena@husson.edu](mailto:kitchena@husson.edu)

# My friends named my seat...

Having my name put on a seat in the Gracie Theatre was a special wedding gift for Angela and me.

—Randy Wadleigh '87  
 Governor's Restaurant, COO  
 Husson Trustee



# AROUND THE CIRCLE

To meet the needs of a growing Institution, Husson has hired many new faculty and staff members committed to fulfilling its mission of providing quality education that leads to professional careers. For extended

bios on each of our new faculty and staff members, please visit our website directory at [www.husson.edu](http://www.husson.edu). To read about new staff in the Athletic Department, please see the Athletics article included in this issue.



**Thomas A. Martz** has joined Husson University as vice president for advancement. Previously serving as president and CEO of the Indiana University Alumni Association, Tom is an entrepreneurial executive with more than 30 years of experience in university institutional advancement areas.



**Teresa Steele** has been named a Husson fellow. Dr. Steele began her career at

Husson in 1985 as an associate professor in the fledgling Nursing program and went on to become dean of the Husson University School of Health from 2001-2010.



**Mike Mullane** has begun his new role as dean of graduate studies.

Before joining Husson, Dr. Mullane served as a professor of Law and director of the University of Arkansas School of Law.

**Kristen Card** has joined Husson as the University's first director of graduate admissions. Kristen was previously employed at Hebrew College in Massachusetts as their director of enrollment management.

**Jamie Ballinger** has been named the associate director of graduate admissions. Her specialty is in creating meaningful academic and

social experiences for mid-career professionals re-entering higher education, and she works one-on-one with graduate students to create an academic plan that fits their professional and personal goals.

**James Westoff** has been hired as Husson's first director of career services. Please see the extended article regarding his services to alumni and students, *see article on page 18*.

Professor Emeritus, **Dr. Phil Grant** had a paper titled "How the Declining Marginal Utility of Rewards Accentuates MR-MC Divergence at Profit Optimization", accepted by the National Business and Economics Society for presentation and publication. He has had a second paper, titled "The Impact of Job Design and Ability on Employee Motivation", accepted for publication in the Journal of Leadership, Accountability, and Ethics. Both articles represent Dr. Grant's continuing efforts to advance theory at the microeconomics-organizational behavior interface.

## COLLEGE OF HEALTH & EDUCATION



**Dr. Barbara Higgins** has begun her new role as the dean of the College of Health and

Education. Dr. Higgins was involved in the development of both the BSN and the FNP programs and served as the chair of Nursing from 2005 until assuming the dean's role. In addition to her administrative role, she

maintains a limited women's health clinical practice as owner/provider at Summit Women's Center in Bangor.

**Dr. Laurie Mouradian** is the new director of Occupational Therapy. Dr. Mouradian is completing her responsibilities as a clinical researcher for Pediatrics at College of Medicine, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center.

**Chrystal Adams** is the new director of the Family Nurse Practitioner program. Ms. Adams has most recently been the staff director of research at Northeast Cardiology Associates in Bangor.

**Cindy Connelley** will be returning to her position as assistant professor of Physical Education and Health.

## SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

**Dr. Ronald Nykiel** has been named the dean of the School of Business. For more information about his appointment, please see his article on page 19.



**Marie Hansen** has moved from associate dean of Legal Studies to her new role

as associate dean of the School of Business. She began working at Husson in 2003 where she has delivered a variety of classes in over 22 topics ranging from introductory courses through graduate level.

**Dr. Thomas W. Hutchison** has come on board as a professor of Business. Dr. Hutchinson has a Ph.D. from Florida State University in Marketing Mass Communication and has most

## Gail Tudor, Ph.D., Husson's New Director of Institutional Research



In today's economy, students are looking for the highest return on their education dollar and

the information that can help them choose the right school. Enter the value and evidence-based bragging rights provided by Gail Tudor, Husson's new director of institutional research.

"Now it's all about assessment and demonstrating Husson's effectiveness in teaching students and preparing them for the real world," explained Dr. Tudor. "The demand for accreditation reports, written reviews, and tangible results is becoming more intense."

The new director of institutional research position at Husson enables Dr. Tudor to concentrate on collecting, analyzing and reporting data - responsibilities previously spread out among various staff and faculty job descriptions. Dr. Tudor's expertise and personality are well-suited for the work ahead; before coming to Husson in 2005, Gail spent six years at the University of North Carolina's (UNC) Department of Biostatistics. Prior to UNC, Dr. Tudor worked as teacher and consultant at the Duke Clinical Research Institute.

"Husson is a great fit for my professional experience and my personality," offered Dr. Tudor. "I'm thrilled that I can work with both data and students, creating real-world experiential learning opportunities through research."

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recently served as coordinator of marketing at Middle Tennessee State University.

**Tom Collins** has accepted the position as assistant professor of Sports Management. He is completing his doctoral program at North Carolina State University and most recently served at Western Carolina University as a sports management instructor.

## SCHOOL OF SCIENCE & HUMANITIES



**Dr. Stephanie Gross** has accepted the position of associate dean of Science & Humanities.

With a Ph.D. in English from the University of Oklahoma, where Stephanie taught for fifteen years before coming to Maine, Stephanie teaches writing and literature courses, specializing in women's literature, American literature, and theory.

**Dr. Christopher R. Howard** earned his Ph.D. in Experimental Psychology from Auburn University and will serve as Husson's assistant professor of Psychology.

**Paul Kinlaw** is a Ph.D. candidate at Dartmouth College and has accepted a position as our assistant professor of Mathematics.

**Dr. Julia T. Upton** will serve as an assistant professor of Mathematics at Husson. She

has most recently been a lecturer at Western Carolina University.

**Clint Spaulding** has accepted a one year position in English.

## SCHOOL OF PHARMACY

In the Basic Pharmaceutical Sciences Department, **Dr. Aaron Domina** is now a full-time faculty member in the School of Pharmacy.

Within the Pharmacy Practice Department, **Dr. Ronald Reed** has been hired as the new chair of the Pharmacy Practice. He has 30 years of experience in the profession as a clinical faculty member at the University of Toledo, a faculty member at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, and most recently as an associate scientific director of Neuroscience at Abbott Laboratories.

**Dr. Daniel Robinson** has joined Husson University. He was previously a professor emeritus from the University of Florida College of Pharmacy.

**Dr. Dmitri Cohen** joined Husson in August. He has just finished his practice residency at the Brookdale University Hospital and Medical Center in Brooklyn, NY.

**Dr. Bethany Lessard** has joined our Pharmacy Practice faculty. She has just completed her post-graduate residency at Harvard Vanguard Medical Associates and she earned her Pharm.D. degree at Northeastern University.

## Gretchen Schaefer, M.Ed., Instructional Technologist



The faculty applauded President Clark's announcement this spring that Husson would dedicate a full-time position to integrating technology into teaching. In June, Gretchen Schaefer's role as Instructional Technologist shifted from part of her job description to her only job description, filled with opportunity.

"When I first started at Husson, there were challenges in the infrastructure such as no wireless access and LCDs that were often cumbersome to use. That has since changed, which allows faculty to use our classroom technology with greater ease," explained Gretchen. "In four short years, we've moved to having wireless access across the campus, and installed push-button controls in every classroom for the technology resources we've added."

Gretchen's full-time position enables her to stay up-to-date with the newest technology and help the faculty make best use of technology in the classrooms. "There is a wide range of comfort and familiarity with technology among our faculty members," said Gretchen. "My job is to meet the needs of my diverse learners - the faculty."

The instructional technologist's expertise was most recently put to work with a faculty member who wanted to expand her online course. "I set her up with a collaborative workspace online by creating a wiki for the class," Gretchen explained. The new wiki website allows both students and their professor to create, edit and converse online, outside of the traditional classroom setting.

Gretchen looks forward to expanding professional development opportunities for Husson faculty and returning to the classroom to teach "Technology in Education" to undergraduates this fall. To learn more about Gretchen and the role of Husson's Instructional Technologist, visit <http://www.facebook.com/HussonTech>

## School of Pharmacy One Step Closer to Full Accreditation with Candidate Status

The Husson University School of Pharmacy has passed the midpoint on its way to full accreditation by the Accreditation Council on Pharmacy Education (ACPE). After a site visit in the spring, the School of Pharmacy was awarded candidate status at the June 2010 ACPE Board of Directors meeting.

"Candidate status should provide a sense of security for our current students,

confirming that they will graduate from a program of quality," explained Rod Larson, Ph.D., R.Ph., founding dean and professor. Larson hopes that, for faculty, staff and alumni, the recent accreditation news "helps bring the Husson University reputation to a new level in the state and beyond."

Already the new School of Pharmacy has exceeded expectations. The first year

the school was open to applications, Larson reports "we started with 155 applicants. This last cycle, we received 645 applications."

Husson's School of Pharmacy was created to address the increasing demand for pharmacists in Maine, especially in our most rural areas. Prior to the creation of Husson's program, "students had to

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# Connecting Students and Alumni through Career Services



There was little to no fanfare on June 2 as the new Career Services Office opened its doors to students and alumni of Husson University.

However, the excitement around this new department – and the potential value for both students and alumni – is genuine. James Westhoff, the new director of career services, has created numerous online resources as well as an extensive library of tip sheets and printed materials in less than six months at Husson University. Add James' fourteen years of career counseling to those resources, and you have the remarkable start-up of a new opportunity.

“Career counseling is a critical piece in educating students – for the students who know exactly what they want to do when they graduate, and the students who have no idea what the next step might be for them,” explained James. “Career Services can provide the nuts and bolts of getting connected and conducting a systematic job search, or

start from the beginning with guidance and career choices.”

For alumni, Career Services will offer the same nuts and bolts and connections. In the summer months alone, James helped a dozen or more alumni. Most recently, he conducted an on-campus mock interview with an alumna, followed by a phone conversation with an alumnus from outside the region. James' counseling time now focuses on the students attending classes this semester, with drop-in hours and personalized attention to each visitor.

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“Despite the economic downturn, jobs are going unfilled for six months or more,” explained James. “Employers are looking for analytical skills, work ethic, people skills, and basic computer skills – and they aren't finding them as easily in today's workforce.” James sees

part of his role as educating students and alumni about the top ten skills employers are looking for, and helping to link people to open doors.

“Finding a job – and your passion – is about connections and networking,” and James emphasizes experiential learning as a critical element in creating those connections. He envisions an online mentor database that links students to alumni willing to be an information source and guide through the maze of career options.

“Alumni can post internships and job opportunities with just one click,” explained James, inviting alumni and students to register with Husson's online job and employer database, Eagle Career Link. James' work on the online database of job postings has just begun, and he sees immense potential for this resource.

“I envision having thousands of job postings and employers available to a clientele of three thousand or more Husson students,” explained James. “When we add alumni to that mix, the possible connections are unlimited.”

James is also responsible for staying connected to current trends and marketplace demands. His recent conversation with one of southern Maine's larger employers, UNUM, illustrated the next big trend: the aging of the American workforce.

“The UNUM Information Technology Division employs nine hundred people, and twenty to thirty percent of those employees will retire by 2015,” James explained. “The federal government will lose up to forty percent of their employees to retirement in the coming years. Even though people are staying longer in jobs because of the economy, there are many opportunities for the right skills.”

Want to stay connected? To learn more about Career Services offerings, and to register for the Eagle Career Link network, please visit [www.husson.edu/careerservices](http://www.husson.edu/careerservices).



## Husson Welcomes New Dean of the School of Business: Ronald A. Nykiel, Ph.D., CHA, CHE

Ron Nykiel claims to have found paradise. The new dean of the School of Business discovered a simple recipe for happiness: “I’ve found paradise in doing what I’m doing for work, living where we are living, and married to one of the happiest people I have ever met.”

The journey has taken more than three decades, with a detour or two along the way. Dr. Nykiel first visited Maine during his tenure at the University System of New Hampshire, where he served as the vice chancellor for financial affairs and treasurer of the board. Since that first visit to Kennebunkport, “Maine has been the constant in my life, more than anywhere I have traveled.”

Dr. Nykiel’s career in business and academics has taken him to fifty states and countless international destinations. His professional accomplishments include managerial and executive experience with IBM, Xerox and Marriott Corporation, among other household names. Dr. Nykiel’s academic credentials are no less impressive, including, most recently, the Conrad N. Hilton Distinguishing Chair at the University of Houston.

His expertise in revitalizing brands is already apparent in Dr. Nykiel’s approach to the dean’s role. “I like to



build things, and it’s time for a new vision, building on the traditions and assets of the School of Business,” explained Dr. Nykiel. “What I have learned from alumni is that Husson has a great reputation; we produce graduates prepared for the real world with a balance of academic and experiential learning.”

Dr. Nykiel’s approach is both local and global, encompassing emerging opportunities in Maine as well as on an international level. “We’re putting together a vision that looks at sixty years in business and education, and addresses rapid changes in market demands.”

For example, in the near future, all

School of Business undergraduates will be required to pass two semesters of a foreign language. “If that student’s intentions are to stay in Maine, perhaps he or she studies French. If that student has aspirations to work for a multinational organization, I’m proud to say we will offer Mandarin in addition to Spanish.”

On a more local level, “we’re looking at the curriculum in an exciting way. We are building on excellent faculty and degree programs to include those areas of study that drive the Maine economy.” Dr. Nykiel’s immediate plans call for a School of Tourism and Hospitality, where Husson “has the opportunity to emerge as a leader in that field in our state.”

The new vision for local impact also includes offering concentrations in real estate, entrepreneurship, franchising and insurance. Long-term, Dr. Nykiel would like the School of Business to put its reputation and expertise to work within a doctoral program.

The excitement is genuine, and the passion for his new job is sincere. Dr. Nykiel’s high-energy, creative approach to the Dean’s position translates into years of work ahead.

“I’m not going anywhere; I’m the happiest person I know.”

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go out of state for pharmacy education,” explained Larson. “Once those students spent four or six years outside of Maine, it was difficult to attract qualified pharmacy graduates back to rural Maine.”

The new School of Pharmacy graduates will help relieve the pressure on pharmacists now practicing in Maine and “provide a higher level of pharmaceutical care to patients,” Larson said. “Pharmacy is moving toward more patient counseling and drug therapy monitoring, working with physicians and other healthcare professionals to manage the patient’s needs in order to maximize the benefits of their therapy.”

Provost Lynne Coy-Ogan adds, “we are very proud of the outstanding pharmacy program that has been developed and pleased with the caliber of faculty and students we have been able to attract to this program.”

The remaining steps toward full accreditation include graduating a first class of students in spring of 2013 and another site visit and evaluation that same semester. For the latest accreditation news, visit <http://www.husson.edu/pharmacy>.

# ATHLETICS

## New members of the Athletic Department include...



**BOB REASSO**  
*Director of Athletics*



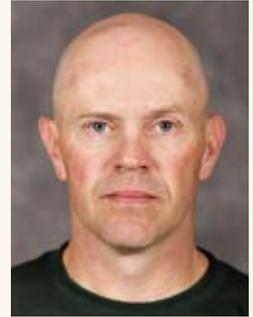
**JEFF GETTLER**  
*Deputy Director of Athletics/Head Men's Soccer Coach*



**TIM MURPHY**  
*Head Men's Lacrosse Coach*



**SEAN MURPHY**  
*Assistant Athletic Director/Associate Head Football Coach*



**JIM KARCANES**  
*Head Women's Cross Country Coach*



### EAGLES WALK TO PREVENT SUICIDE

In honor of their fallen teammate, Kyle Dwyer, the Husson University men's lacrosse team participated in the "Walk to Prevent Suicide: Out of the Darkness" on September 26. As a team, the Eagles walked with thousands of people nationwide to raise money for suicide prevention and increase awareness about depression and suicide.

In a nation where a person dies by suicide every 16 minutes, the Eagles know firsthand what it is like to lose one of their own. As a team, they raised more than \$350 for the American Foundation for Suicide.

### HUSSON ATHLETICS SIGNS AGREEMENT WITH NEW BALANCE

A.D. Bob Reasso has announced the signing of a multiyear agreement with Boston-based New Balance to

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outfit all fourteen of Husson's varsity sports for clothing and footwear. The Athletic Department will also partner with Wight's Sporting Goods for the retail portion of the agreement.

"Our athletic department is pleased with this deal with New Balance and Wight's Sporting Goods," said Reasso. "We are looking forward to this being a long and prosperous relationship for everyone involved."

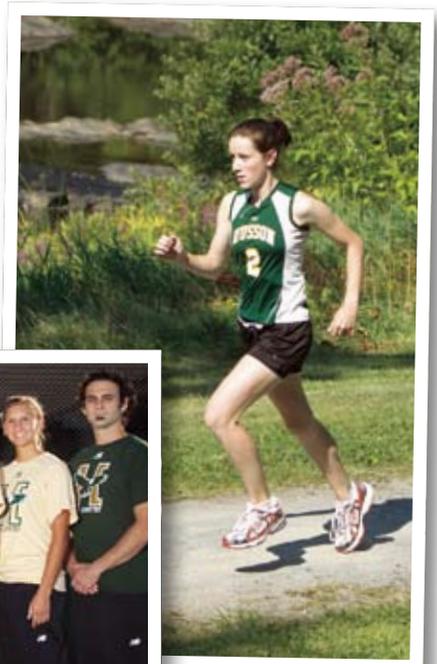
### WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY OFF TO HISTORIC START

Early in their inaugural year, the women's cross country program is enjoying much success. The team earned a first place finish at the UMaine

Presque Isle Invitational. Angela Stauble placed first in the Eagles' first three meets of the season (Presque Isle Invitational, University of New England Invitational, UMaine Farmington Invitational). Just a year ago, Stauble organized Husson's running club and was pivotal in sparking interest in a varsity cross country program at Husson.

### HUSSON HOLDS FIRST GOLF OUTING

Husson University Athletics hosted their first athletic golf outing on Monday, August 30, at the Penobscot Valley Country Club in support of the



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University's athletic department. More than one hundred golfers participated and the outing was a tremendous.

"I want to thank Tricia Quirk- Hampden Home Builders for being our title sponsor," stated A.D. Bob Reasso "and all our corporate partners for their gracious support. Special thanks also to the staff at PVCC for allowing us to use their beautiful country club. This was a great way to kick off the athletic year and we look forward to the outing becoming an annual event."

## MEET BOB REASSO HUSSON'S NEW ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Husson University president Robert Clark announced the appointment of Bob Reasso as the new director of athletics, effective July 1. In making the appointment President Clark noted

that, "Bob has a tremendous amount of energy and enthusiasm for Division III athletics. His extensive experience and professionalism are the hallmarks of a strong mentor to students. I know he will continue to work hard to support our student athletes in the seasons ahead." Former AD Cindy Connelley has returned to the School of Education to teach full time.

Prior to coming to Husson he served as the Head Men's Soccer Coach at Rutgers University, achieving 13 NCAA Tournament appearances, three Final Four Tournaments and six conference titles. Early in his career, Reasso was also the executive director of the Touchdown Club, assistant director of the Scarlet R Club, and assistant director of marketing and promotions. Also,

he coached the New Jersey Special Olympics Soccer Team in two world games.

"I want to thank President Clark for this wonderful opportunity", said Reasso. "I have found this to be a wonderful, enlightened, and vibrant community both academically as well as athletically. We have outstanding student-athletes, a dynamic coaching staff, and my job will be to give them the tools to continue to build on the foundation of their successes.

He holds a Masters of Education from Springfield College and an undergraduate degree from Pfeiffer University in North Carolina. Reasso and his wife Michelle live in Bangor with their daughter Danielle and son Bobby.

## HOMECOMING '10 Sports Hall of Fame Inductees...



*Shawn Bolden '89 Basketball*



*Jeremy Nelson MSPT '00, '01  
Baseball*



*Jason Hill '97 Soccer*



*Christopher Funk '99 Basketball*



*Retired Jersey Basketball  
Shelby Pickering Bradford '10 with  
Coach Kissy Walker '03*



*Retired Jersey Soccer  
Shelby Pickering Bradford '10 with  
Coach Keith Bosley*

## *Managing to Change the Way We Light Our World*

### **Meet Brenda Castonguay '75 Vice President of Administration at Cree, Inc.**

It's no surprise that a high-energy, focused woman ends up working with the market leader in LED power and lighting. Brenda Castonguay '75 always knew she wanted to be a businesswoman and "make my mark." Most would agree that Brenda has accomplished just that, building a noteworthy career in the demanding, international energy industry.

Brenda is Cree, Inc.'s Vice President of Administration, a title that brings numerous responsibilities within the global company. Her oversight of human resources, facilities, employee health and safety, and a three-million-dollar travel management budget "keeps the learning process going" for an administrator whose company has more employees in China than the United States.

"I'm always learning about new cultures and how those cultures change the way we hire and

motivate employees," said Brenda. "Part of my job is to increase the local effectiveness of our programs by differentiating between cultures." Brenda is certainly capable of meeting that challenge, with a career that includes being recognized as one of the Triangle's Top 25 Key Women and one of the 50 Key Women in Energy.

Brenda's career in management began immediately out of college,

with a jump from Bangor, Maine to Stanford, Connecticut. Brenda gives credit to Husson's reputation for gaining a head start on her professional goals. "Husson was the only school in Maine they recruited from, and I had the minimum qualifications. It was Husson's reputation in the marketplace that landed that first job."

That same reputation played a major role in Brenda's decision to attend Husson; "I would make the same decision today. The smaller college setting was perfect for me and helped to develop me as a better student and a better human being."

Among Brenda's favorite memories of Husson, Dr. Phil Grant comes to mind. "He was not just about getting the grade; Dr. Grant taught me and inspired me to rethink business decision-making," said Brenda. "I'm not sure I thanked him enough for how he prepared me for the real business world."

Another favorite Husson memory illustrates Brenda's knack for taking advantage of all that Husson had to offer - something she encourages current and prospective students to consider. "It was a privilege for me to be selected to represent Husson and the State of Maine in the first 'College Girl of the Year' program in



Washington, DC. It was the first time that I travelled to the capital, and meeting other state candidates from colleges and universities around the country was a fascinating experience!"

Brenda's Husson experience is also credited for a major milestone in her personal life: meeting her husband of 34 years, Bill Castonguay '76. "He is by far the best thing that ever happened to me, so I owe Husson a great debt for that!"

What's next for this high-energy alumna? "I'm fortunate to be part of the team that is on the front-end wave of technology that will change the world," stated Brenda. "Our grandchildren won't know what an incandescent bulb is! It's so much fun to work for an entrepreneurial company like Cree."

# alumni news



Ross Furman '72, Bob Clark, Marcia Corradini '94, '96, Roger Daigle '72 Alumni, friends and family gathered to honor recent graduates of the Husson South Portland campus with a reception in South Portland.



## 50th Reunion Class of 1960

Sheila and George Hamilton, Judith McQuarrie-Southard, Richard Southard, Peter Briggs, Marjorie Gerow Carter, and Harry Carter. Special guest – beloved faculty/coach/mentor, Clara Swan '33



Emily Smith hosted a tour of one small parcel of the Smith Family farm in operation since 1859, Greg Smith led a guided tour through the very high tech processing plant. Greg's daughter, Kylan, is a student in the Doctorate in Physical Therapy program at Husson.

Jim Carter '71, William Egeler (NMCC), Jennifer Flynn, Heather Libby, Bob Clark



Jennifer Flynn, Northern Maine Continuing Education Coordinator, hosted a tour of the campus of Northern Maine Community College where Husson provides classes for students in bachelor and master's programs.

# It's all about you!



Alumni, friends and family from all over New England gathered in Boston for a fun-filled weekend. Cruise on the historic Boston harbor aboard the Odyssey was complete with elegant dining and sunny decks to reminisce with Husson alumni and friends.

Boston offered a wide variety of entertainment. One popular event was the performance of Cirque du Soleil in the evening. AMAZING!

Another small group took the refreshing and always enjoyable duck tour. Of course there was Quincy Market, the Freedom Trail, and the list goes on.



seated left to right: Tim Vernon '00, Mike Young, Steve Gallant '89, '98, Stacy Shaw. Standing left to right: Amanda Kitchen '05, Jennifer Flynn, Pam Johnson '95, Bob Clark, Larry Shaw '92, Roger Roy '72, Lynn Lombard.

Larry Shaw, President & CEO of Maine Mutual Group Insurance provided President Clark with an opportunity to meet with the MMG management team. After a tour of the very impressive facility, President Clark met with a group of at least 25 MMG employees who are also Husson alumni.



Portland Casco Bay Sunset Cruise on the Islander was enjoyed by 90 alumni, friends and families.



## Alumni Hall of Fame Inductees

Randy Grava '65, Cathleen C. Santos '90, Carolyn M. Dorsey-Durepo '91, '95, '01, Teresa W. Steele Honorary Alumna, Raymond J. Cota, Jr. '68.

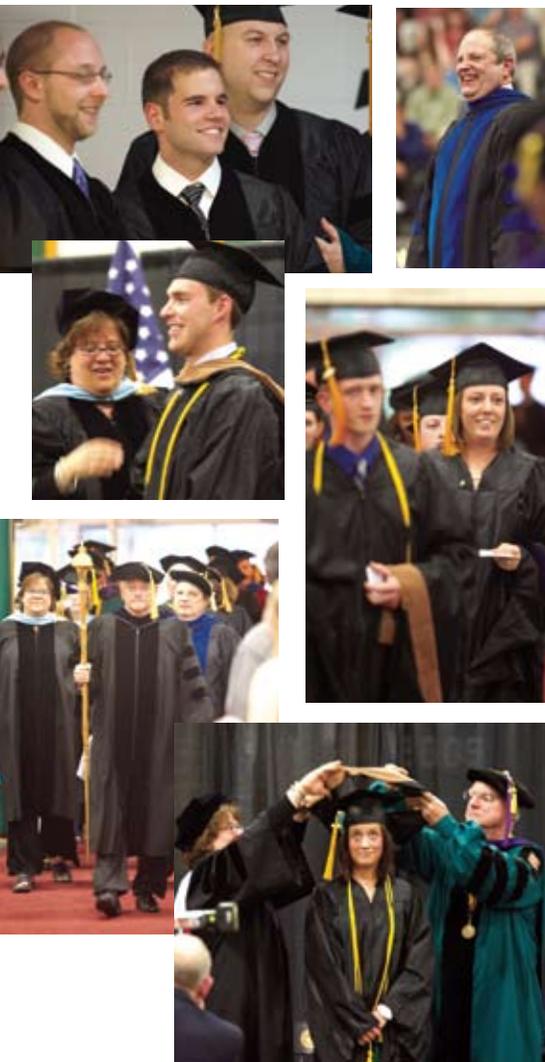
# May 2010 Commencement

Husson held its 111th Commencement Ceremonies on May 15th, 2010 in Bangor. More than 330 undergraduate degrees, 125 master's degrees, 52 doctor of physical therapy degrees and 2 honorary doctorates were awarded. Graduates represented 150 Maine towns, 15 states and 8 countries.





A new tradition was started the evening prior to Commencement with Husson's first Hooding Ceremony. Students receiving masters and doctoral degrees were formally hooded in front of a crowd of their family, friends, and fellow graduates.



## Honorary Degrees



**Deborah Carey Johnson** received her Master of Science in Business from Husson University in 1987. As the Chief Executive of Eastern Maine Medical Center she leads a 411-bed regional referral hospital with a \$580 million operating budget, 3,600 employees, and 380 active medical staff members serving 70% of Maine's land mass and 40% of its residents. She is responsible for establishing the mission, vision and strategic direction for the Medical Center consistent with the mission, vision and strategic plan of the system. Deborah Carey Johnson was awarded an honorary Doctorate of Public Service.

**Dr. Philip Grant** has been a member of the Husson University Faculty since 1968. During his tenure at Husson, he has been a prolific scholar. He has written and published 10 management books and over 165 academic/professional articles. In the last two years he has authored an innovative, pioneering work, *The Mathematics of Human Motivation*. Dr. Philip Grant was awarded an honorary Doctorate of Business Administration.



The Commencement Ceremony for Husson's South Portland campus was held on May 22nd. 70 undergraduates and 12 graduate degrees were awarded at Woodfords Congregational Church in Portland.



# class notes

## 1920s

**Merle Everett Jackson '28** celebrated his 99th birthday on May 7th at his home in Vero Beach, Florida.

## 1950s

**Elaine Coffin Cormier '51** and her husband Jerry celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary on February 14th. Elaine and Jerry live in Saco.



**Eleanor '58 and Dieter Heinz** hosted a luncheon to welcome Tom Martz, vice president of

advancement to the Husson family. Susie Nutter and Tom enjoyed the brief glimpse of Washington County and the visit in Lubec, where Eleanor and Dieter enjoy their summer home and the beautiful view of the ocean.

## 1960s



**Robert Chandler '60** and his wife, Lilian, met with Susie & Rich Nutter for lunch at Bob

Evans in Lakeland, Florida last Spring. They are hoping to sell their home in Lakeland so they can move closer to their son, his wife and especially their beautiful granddaughter. Bob wears his Husson hat faithfully and continues to be a great ambassador for Husson. He also looks forward to watching the Husson baseball team during their spring training in Florida each year.



**Robert Anderson '64** KΔΦ celebrated his 70th birthday at a surprise party hosted by his wife Kathryn Mitchell Anderson '64 in the alumni lounge and atrium at Husson University in September.



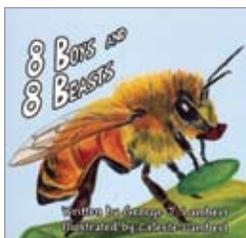
Pictured with Sue and Joe is Shawn Yardley '85 who spoke on behalf of Husson University alumni board at the dinner in May.

**Suzanne Veilleux Cyr '65** and **Joseph Cyr '62** were honored as "outstanding community citizens" at a dinner sponsored by the Friends of the River Coalition at their annual dinner in May. Joe serves on the Husson University board of trustees and Sue is the current Husson chair of annual giving.



**Randy Grava '65** was recently joined by about 70 of his clients and friends at Capital

Advisors Wealth Management in Yakima, Washington to celebrate his 70th birthday. Randy has been in the financial business for almost 45 years and was privileged to be joined by some of his clients that have been with him for most of those years.



**George J. Lambert '66** KΔΦ continues to pursue his post-retirement career-writing. His first book, a documentary entitled *Brothers*

*and Heroes: A Chronicle of Military Service of Six Americans*, recounted the experiences of his older brothers and was published in 2008 by Publish America LLP of Baltimore, Md. His latest books in 2010 represent quite a departure from that initial publication: both are children's books. "I am particularly pleased with *8 Boys and 8 Beasts*, a whimsical tale of 8 unique boys with their 8 unique pets, since it represents collaboration with my daughter Celeste, an artist, who did the artwork." In *Maine Woods and Waters* features wonderful photographs from amateur and professional sources alike of species native to Maine. Young children can enjoy the photos and simple text and as they get older they can read more about the featured animals and fish in the glossary at the back of the book.

George has numerous other works in process including more documentaries and books for children as well as novels.

**Fred Guilmette '68** KΔΦ sent the following note: "I miss auditing, but the time flies when you are self employed. I am also financial officer on the leadership team at our church, and volunteer at the Schenectady City Mission in Schenectady, NY, teaching "Financial Management". I also have passed the Enrolled Agent exam with IRS, became a Certified Fraud Examiner, and a Certified Information Systems Auditor. I thank my education at Husson for a great jump start in the accounting profession."

## 1970s



**Wayne Cunningham '70** and **Donald Dodds '71**

sent the following note after their visit

to the Husson campus: "We (Don, Cheryl and I) had such a wonderful time. Deandra, Kari and Amanda were so wonderful and gracious. We had the best time. I am so impressed at what has transpired at Husson. The food at the Dickerman Dinning Commons was the best, just as I had remembered it. I often hated to go home because I liked the food. lol. I loved telling them what it was like when we were there. I think that the highlight of my day there was to walk down the hallway on the floor where I lived in Hart Hall. My day couldn't have been any better. Again, thanks. It was also nice to meet Janet in the bookstore where I had purchased some Husson hats for my friends. This trip has meant so much to me. I will not forget it."

**Paul LePage '71** is the Republican candidate for Governor for the State of Maine. He earned the nomination in a tough and hotly contested primary election.

**Ronald P. Roy '74** President, chief executive officer of the Energy Federal Credit Union, has been recognized by Cambridge Who's Who for demonstrating dedication, leadership and excellence in information technology and policy establishment. As the president and chief executive officer of the Energy Federal Credit Union, Ron is responsible for presenting potential plans to the board of directors and implementing existing ones.

He became involved in his profession after serving in the Peace Corps, and he attributes his success to his passion for his profession. He is a member of the Credit Union Executives Society.

**Edward C. Oliver '76** ΚΔΦ is the new Mortgage Loan Officer for Northeast Bank, serving the Central Maine Market. "Ed has over 30 years experience in financial services and has always been an active member of his community which makes him a valuable addition to our company's team," says Marcel Blais, senior vice president & COO of Northeast Bank. "We're thrilled to have him on board to expand our mortgage division and serve our customers in the area." Ed is active in the Kennebec Valley Board of Realtors, the Mid Maine Chamber of Commerce, and the Waterville Rotary Club. He also has been a member of the Sidney Volunteer Fire Department since 1994 and was elected Fire Fighter of the Year by the Sidney Fire Department in 2000. He resides in Sidney with his wife and four daughters.

**John Rohman '77** has been reappointed by Governor John Baldacci to the Efficiency Maine Trust.

## 1980s



**Beth Bouchard Gibbs** ΚΑ '80, MSB has been promoted to senior vice president at Thomas College. Beth joined Thomas in 1989 as the business manager/personnel manager, and was promoted to treasurer/director in 1993 and then to vice president for financial affairs/treasurer in 1996. She has served as the treasurer for the Central Maine Growth Council since 2007, has been a member of College and University Professional Association for Human Resources and the National Association of College and University Business Officers since 1989, a member of the society of Human Resource Management since 1998 and has served on the Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce, Board of Directors since 1997. Beth lives in Winslow with her daughter, Sara, who is an elementary education major at Thomas.

**Stephen Eastman '82** has joined MetLife Bank as a Reverse Mortgage Consultant for Maine and New Hampshire. "Reverse mortgages can enable many Americans to live comfortably in their homes during their retirement years. However, it takes an individual with a great deal

of specialized knowledge to help people make the best, most informed decisions. Steve has these qualities, and makes an excellent addition to the MetLife Bank team." Prior to joining MetLife Bank, Steve worked for 8 years as a Reverse Mortgage Specialist for Financial Freedom, helping hundreds of seniors learn about reverse mortgages. He has owned and managed several businesses in Maine.

**Abbas A. Muhsin Al-Radhi '83** MSB has been appointed to the National Steering Committee on Corporate Governance for the Kingdom of Bahrain. Abbas is Chairman of the Bahrain Accountants Association and also serves as Chairman of the Arab Federation for Accountants and Auditors. He is a Partner of BDO for Bahrain, Qatar and Oman. BDO is a worldwide network of public accounting firms with 1,138 offices in 110 countries. BDO is the fifth largest such network in the world.

**Ellen White Curtiss '83** has been named regional commercial manager for Union Trust, a division of Camden National Bank in Ellsworth. Ellen will be moving to Ellsworth from Farmington where she served six years as vice president and commercial banking officer at Camden National's Farmington branch. She has been active in community and professional organizations.



*Pictured in the photo: Scott, President Bob Clark, and Ed Hennessey. Scott and Ed were on campus for a FDIC conference in the Dyke Center for Family Business hosted by Senator Susan Collins.*

**Scott Conant '83** and **Ed Hennessey '70, '99**. Scott Conant has recently been appointed President and CEO of Damariscotta Bank & Trust Company. He was also appointed president of the bank's holding company, Damariscotta Bankshares, Inc. Scott joined the bank in 1993 and most recently served as the senior vice president and treasurer. He has spent over 34 years in banking and has had a wide range of responsibilities. Scott has also been involved with many organizations over his career including the Boy Scouts of America, Junior Achievement, the YMCA and the United Way. He is a past member of a variety of service clubs. Scott and his wife Debbie

live in Damariscotta. They have three grown children. Ed Hennessey '70 is President and CEO of Machias Savings Bank. Ed has three sons, Michael '97, Mark '99, and Scott. Ed previously served on the Husson Board of Trustees.

**Catherine A. Hamilton '84** has been named chief financial officer of Coastal Med Tech, Inc. She was engaged by Coastal Med Tech, Inc. beginning in 2007 to assist with internal accounting services. Catherine has served on several boards and committees, including the Cystic Fibrosis Family Advisory Committee and the Joint Advisory Committee for Newborn Screening and Children with Special Health Needs. She and her husband reside in Glenburn with their two children and have two grandchildren.

**Louise Jonaitis '86** placed the winning bid of 1.05 million to purchase Moosehead Furniture. Moosehead, a Maine company, is famous for its quality line of household furniture. Louise founded the Grand State O'Maine Land Company in Newry which has two wood products operations and a tourmaline mine in Newry.

**Robert Clark '86** and **Nancy York Putnam '92** will be honored as outstanding alumni of Northern Maine Community College during the inaugural Homecoming celebration this Fall. Northern Maine Community College in Presque Isle was established in 1961 and first welcomed students in 1963, but it has never held a major celebration for its alumni - until now. Robert and Nancy will be the first of 50 individuals to be honored by the college in the coming year to mark the institution's 50th anniversary. Bob is executive director of the Northern Maine Development Commission in Caribou. He graduated from Northern Maine Community College in 1975 with an associate degree in computer programming and went on to graduate from Husson University with a bachelor's degree in accounting. After spending 10 years holding various municipal positions for the town of Fort Fairfield, he worked as director of the Economic and Community Development Office for the city of Caribou. He also served as executive director of the Caribou Development Corp. from 1988 to 1990. Bob also serves as vice chairman of the Maine Community College System board of trustees. During his tenure at NMCC, he has helped bring businesses and grant money to the region, improve the regional economy and curb the out-migration of youth from Aroostook County. He has been involved with civic and community

groups, including as a chairman of a major gifts campaign for the NMCC Foundation.

**Deborah Carey Johnson MSB '87** is president & chief executive officer of Eastern Maine Medical Center and also serves as senior vice president of Eastern Maine Healthcare Systems, the parent organization. Debbie has recently been awarded the Deborah Morton Award. This award is presented each year by the trustees of the University of New England to outstanding women who have achieved high distinction in their careers and public service or whose leadership in civic, cultural or social causes has been exceptional. The Deborah Morton award, first presented in 1961 was the first annual award in Maine to honor women's achievements. It was named in memory of Deborah Morton of Round Pond, Maine, who was valedictorian of the 1879 class of the Westbrook Seminary – the forerunner of Westbrook College which merged with the University of New England in 1996. Morton was a teacher, dean, linguist, historian and prominent Portland civic leader whose service to Westbrook College spanned more than 60 years. Since 1961, more than 150 distinguished women have been honored with the award.



**Dr. Sandra Curwin**, first chair of the Husson physical therapy program, and her daughter, Kathleen, stopped in for a visit to campus.

She was very impressed with the great accomplishments at Husson in academics and with the vast opportunities provided to students through the addition of the student center, new classroom space, and the Gracie Theatre. She had a chance to visit with a few alumni, staff, and faculty and share memories of the past and hear about the opportunities we look forward to in the future. Thank you, Dr. Curwin, for establishing a program that continues to be highly respected today.

## 1990s

**Bruce Grainger '90** is now the senior vice president of the Americas, with TOA Technologies. He will oversee all sales, account and relationship management activities for TOA Technologies across all targeted industries in the US, Canada and Latin America. "Bruce's depth of knowledge and experience in sales and relationship management is a tremendous

addition to the TOA team, especially as we continue our record growth and ongoing international expansion," said Yuval Brisker, President and CEO of TOA Technologies. Bruce's expertise adds substantial firepower and leadership to our strong sales team and we're excited to have him here to help us expand and support our existing customer base in the Americas."

**Katrin "Kathi" Teel, BSN '91, '09 MSB** is a candidate for the Maine House of Representatives from District 17. Katrin teaches at Beal College, and has served as director of the Wellness Council of Maine. She has made seven medical mission trips to South America.

**Nancy York Putnam FNP '92** graduated from NMCC in 1984 from the licensed practical nurse program. She continued her education as she raised her family and taught childbirth courses, eventually earning a bachelor's degree from Husson College. She followed with a master's degree from the University of Maine. She is now a family nurse practitioner at Houlton Family Practice at Houlton Regional Hospital.



**Eric W. Rhoades '93 MSB '99 KΔΦ** has been named vice president of claims and loss prevention by Co-operative Insurance Companies' board of directors of Middlebury, Vermont. Eric, his wife

Laurie and sons Joshua (9 months) and Justin (6) live in Milton, Vermont.

**Jeffery Wheelden '94** has been named CEO of the Old Town-Orono YMCA. He has been serving as the interim director of the Y since August of 2009. While growing up in Old Town, Jeff spent many happy days at the Y participating in a variety of youth sports and related activities. He has continued his close relationship with the organization as an employee for the last twelve years. Jeff and his wife Angela, along with son Liam and daughter Rachel currently reside in Veazie.

**Kimberly Dube Bustamante '94** has recently been hired by HealthInfoNet as manager of administration and finance. Kim was most recently with the Maine Center for Public Health in Augusta where she served as director of finance and administration. She resides in Poland with her husband and their two children.

**David Kuriger '95** is now controller at BA Service Solutions, a division of Siemens Power T & D in Raleigh-Durham, North Carolina.



**Christopher Paradis '97** has recently joined Central Maine Community College's Corporate and Community Services Department as a corporate training

coordinator. In his role he will work with area businesses across Androscoggin, Oxford, Franklin and Lincoln counties to recommend training solutions, and explore new non-credit programming opportunities as well as manage the department's marketing functions. In addition, Chris was recently elected to be chair of the board of directors for the Maine International Trade Center where he has served as a board member since being appointed by Governor John Baldacci in 2006.

**Kris Doody '97** CEO of Cary Medical Center has been chosen to serve as chairwoman of the Maine Community College System board of trustees. She has served for two years as vice chairwoman of the board of trustees, is active in the community and the state, sitting on several boards and committees. Kris also serves on the Husson University board of trustees.

**Stephen Frost '97 MSB** serves as President of the Katahdin Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America. He and his family reside in Hampden.

**Elena Franco Martin '99** has been promoted to vice president of electronic banking at Bar Harbor Bank & Trust. She has been with the bank since 1997. She will be responsible for the bank's online banking systems, online bill pay, telephone banking, remote deposit capture service, merchant credit card processing and debit cards. Elena lives in Ellsworth.



**Fran (Tracy) Dunn '99** and Ryan Dunn were married on May 29, 2010 in Calais, Maine, and now reside in Portland. Fran is a real estate appraiser for DAS in Scarborough and

Ryan is a radar tech for the FAA at the Portland Jet Port.

**George Case '99 FNP** has joined the medical staff at Penobscot Community

Health Care's Helen Hunt Health Center in Old Town. George is seeing patients in Helen Hunt Health Center's new walk-in clinic. He will provide high-quality family medical care, including patient physicals, acute visits, and health care maintenance for new patients as well as former patients of the practice.

## 2000s

**Changsu Lee '00 MSB** was the subject of a feature article by Rob Stigle in the July 6, 2010 Bangor Daily News. Changsu is a member of the faculty at Eastern Maine Community College and has developed the Integrative English Training Program at EMCC which assists international students in maintaining English skills sufficient for success in college level courses. He draws heavily on his own experience and success.

**Chad Dorr '01** and Stephanie Thompson are engaged. Chad is employed by Dorr Lobster Co., Inc. of Milbridge. Stephanie is employed by Family First at Down East Community Hospital at Machias. A July wedding is planned.

**Jing Zhang '01 BS/MSB** is the Director of the Chinese Learning and Cultural Center and the Bangor Chinese School in Bangor. She and the City of Bangor have recently announced the creation of a cultural, education and trade exchange with the City of Harbin in the northeastern most tip of China.

**Mohammed Dahlan '02 MSB** writes that he is marketing support manager for Almuhaiddib Technical Supplies, a leading Saudi company supplying construction materials and fittings. Mohammed is married with two daughters and lives in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. "I have met a few Husson Alumni in Riyadh and keep in touch with some of my friends in the U.S."

**Odias (Odie) Bachelder II '02** has received a promotion to trust department manager with Northeast Bank in Falmouth. Odie has been instrumental in organizing the Husson alumni networking events in the Portland area over the last year. More great opportunities for networking will be offered in 2010-2011.

**Satoshi Matayoshi MSB '02** writes that he is working for NSK Ltd. in Tokyo in sales and marketing. NSK designs and manufactures automotive bearings for Toyota, GM, Ford and others. He expects to be transferred to Mexico in the near future.

**Anthony "Tony" LaPrino '03** is with Jostens. Jostens manufactures class rings,

medallions, graduation gowns, yearbooks and other items for the secondary school and college market. Tony and his wife Stephanie Hardy-LaPrino MSPT '04 and daughter Sophia reside in Glenburn.

**Stephanie Laite Lanham MSN '03** received the Agnes E. Flaherty Leadership Award on April 28 at the annual meeting of the American Nurses Association of Maine. Stephanie, a psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner working at Husson Family Practices, received the award in recognition of her outstanding work in supporting American troops living with post-traumatic stress disorder, or PTSD. She created a nonprofit organization called the Solomon PTSD Recovery Project and has published a resource book, "Veterans and Families' Guide to Recovering from PTSD," for the past seven years. She has a new book that has just been published, "Recovering From Traumatic Stress: A Guide for Missionaries" written with Joyce Pelletier.

**Joarly Gonzalez Arnold '04 MSB** is a mortgage broker for Red Brick Lending in Bangor. Joarly and her husband Michael and son Zachary 3, live in Brewer.

**Kathleen Tauer '04** sent the following note: "At the age of 55 I completed my life-long goal of earning my bachelor's degree in business at Husson. While working on my degree I became disabled but was still determined to complete the program, and I did! I also managed to earn high honors while taking classes and working at Cary Medical Center 3-4 nights a week. I learned a great deal on my journey for my degree about working hard every day, but I don't regret a single one of them. One of my major support people during this time of my life was **Carolyn Dorsey-Durepo '91, '95, '01** from the Caribou site. Since my time at Husson, I have retired and 4 years ago we moved to Surprise, Arizona in search of warmer weather. Surprise is a cool name for a place, but we definitely found our warm weather; last week the temperature was 102 degrees. We live ten miles from Phoenix, and only a few hours from Las Vegas, California, and New Mexico so we don't have to go very far to get away. We sometimes miss the beauty of Maine as grass and maple trees are rare here. When we miss the snow, we can go to Flagstaff or the beautiful mountains. I try to stay busy volunteering one day a week at a stained glass business. Thankfully our son still lives in Caribou with his family so we still have a strong tie with the area. I'd like to end by saluting Husson for their continued success and for nurturing so many students both young and old!"

**Anita Langley Leadbetter '05** in 2008 switched from financial auditing at Berry, Dunn, McNeil & Parker's Bangor office to senior consultant in the Management and Information Technology Consulting group out of the Portland office, and most recently has become an independent management/information technology consultant, specializing in conducting SAS 70 exams throughout the country and working on various IT/management consulting projects. She was awarded the Certified Information Systems Auditor certification (CISA) from ISACA in March 2010. Anita married Charles K. Leadbetter, III in South Portland on September 18, 2010.

**Soyeon Ahn MSPT '05** is a senior physical therapist at Mt. Sinai Hospital in New York City. "I am so glad that Husson is growing and making a success in education. I am very proud of my school."



**Autumn 'Tuttle' Hofmann '06** and **Mike Hofmann '06** met at Husson their freshman year, and were married on July 24, 2010. Mike and Autumn reside in North Liberty, Iowa.



**Jonas Bard MSPT '06** and **Felicia Watananuchit Bard MSPT '06** and daughter, Emma (1) have a new member of their family, Leah Joy, born on June 24,

2010 who weighed in at 9 lbs. 2 oz. and was 20 inches long.

**Matt Michaud '06** and his wife Kellie welcomed to the world, Reed Elliott Michaud. He was born on May 13, 2010 weighing 7 lbs 2 oz, 21". Also, Matt has received a promotion to clinic manager at County Physical Therapy's Fort Kent location. Matt, Kellie, Quinn and Reed live in Fort Kent.

**Jason Harvey '07** won the inaugural Bangor Golf Classic in August. He posted an even par 71 at Bangor Municipal Golf Course and a two day total of 141. Jason works in the Admissions office at Husson and coaches baseball.

**Kristina Kee '07** and Alex Rand are engaged. Kristina is employed with the Department of Health and Human Services in Portland. Alex is a business process engineer with Hannaford Brothers in Scarborough. An August wedding is planned.

**Megan Anne Bedard '07** and Zachariah Reginald Tondreau '06 were married May 22, 2010, at Moody Chapel in Hinckley. A reception was held at the Grandeur Sun in Waterville. Megan is employed by Magic Years (Head Start Center) in Augusta. Zach is employed by the Maine Department of Transportation in Augusta. Megan and Zach enjoyed a honeymoon in Freeport, Bahamas, and live in Sidney.

**Megan E. Russell BSN '07** and Justin Dean are engaged. Megan is an RN at Eastern Maine Medical Center. Justin is a systems monitor at Bangor Savings Bank. A June wedding is planned.



**Sarah (Goodell) Asimakopoulos, OT '07** married Aaron Asimakopoulos in September 2008 and wasted no time to start a family. Their son Ari was born June 21, 2009. Sarah started her

own Early Intervention business in South Carolina during 2008-2009. They moved to Virginia in July of 2009 where Sarah works for SECEP in 3 school districts, and Aaron works for the Navy as the program manager of the Merchant Marine Reserve Group.

**Darren Roundy DPT '08, '10** has been appointed physical therapist by Franklin Memorial Hospital in Farmington. Darren

lives in Jay and will be based at the Stanley Health Center on the Franklin Memorial Hospital campus.



**Josh Bartlett '08 and Amanda Missler Bartlett '10 MSB** were

married on July 25th at Southern Maine Community College in South Portland. The ceremony was held overlooking Spring Point Headlight on a beautiful day surrounded by family and friends. Josh and Amanda have been together eight years and were high school sweethearts at Mt. Ararat High School. Currently Josh is working at Scotts Miracle Gro in product distribution and is also coach of the men's soccer team at St. Josephs College. Amanda is currently working as an accountant at Albin, Randall & Bennett. Josh & Amanda live in Bowdoinham.

**Martine Daigle DPT '08** has joined the Physical Rehabilitation Department at Stephens Memorial Hospital. Her special interests include orthopedics, geriatrics and athletes. She is currently living in Durham, Maine.

**Megan Day '08 and Thomas Shaw '06** NESCom, will be married on October 2. The ceremony, officiated by Reverend Bob Carlson, will be held in Saco, followed by a 1940's and 1950's Classic Hollywood

Reception. After their honeymoon in Mexico, the couple will be moving to Orlando, Florida so Thomas can begin his graduate degree, Megan will begin her graduate degree in spring of 2011 in Forensic Psychology.

**Nicole Nevells OT '08 and Taylor Bagley '07** are engaged. Nicole is an occupational therapist for Genesis Rehab in Orono. Taylor is a police officer for the Bangor police department. An October wedding is planned.

**Brianna Callahan '09** and Matthew Bailey are engaged.

**Katey Alexander, OT '09** and Adam Torrey were married September 2010. Katey is employed at East Side Rehabilitation Center. Adam is with Texas Roadhouse.

**Emily Baron MSB '10** has joined the firm, Macdonald Page & Co. LLC, as a staff accountant in its Augusta office.

**Krystal Doughty '10** has been named varsity field hockey coach at Bangor High School. Krystal played at the University of New England and Husson University. She replaces Sue Tyler in her new position.

**Frank Fletcher**, former Husson development director, is chair of the business division at Midway College in Midway, Kentucky.

## Alumni, we'd love to hear from you!

Please send name and address changes, advanced degree/honors received, changes in employment or family, and other important information so that we may share it with the rest of the Husson community in Class Notes.

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# in memoriam

**Floyd G. Barnett**, Husson Faculty 1966-1969, died April 30, 2008 at Fancy Farm, Kentucky.

**Gertrude "Trudy" Tourtillotte Deyone**, former Husson employee, died March 24, 2010. Trudy was a longtime secretary for the Husson School of Nursing. She is survived by her husband, Ronald Deyone '49, MEX.

**Harold L. Mailman**, Former Husson Administrator, died February 14, 2010 at Hermon. Harold was a teacher, coach, and served as President of Northern Maine Community College. He then came to Husson where he served as Director of the Continuing Education Division. He was active in professional and community organizations and enjoyed hunting and fishing.

**O.D. Hopkins**, Former Husson Trustee, died April 3, 2010 at his home in East Blue Hill. O.D. was a successful and creative businessman, farmer, logger, and contractor as well as a builder of amusement rides, roads, bridges, and boats. He served us well.

**Virginia S. Pinkham, RN**, Former Husson Trustee, died April 10, 2010 at Bremerton, Washington. Virginia, a native of New Jersey, studied nursing at New York Hospital School of Nursing, Cornell University, and Columbia University. She practiced nursing in various capacities in Northern Aroostook County and worked with her husband Tom in growing his successful business, Pinkham Lumber. She and Tom generously shared their success and worked tirelessly giving back to their community, schools, scholars, churches, hospitals, health centers, and businesses.

## 1920s

**Kern Foss '28, '32**, died March 16, 2010 at Bangor. He was a salesman for Sunshine Biscuit Company for 36 years and was

later employed as a storekeeper at Bangor Mental Health Institute.

**Louise Emma Dysart Runnells, RN '29, EMGH**, died March 18, 2010 at Bangor. Louise was 102 years old and was the oldest living graduate of the Bangor General School of Nursing. She practiced nursing for many years at Eastern Maine Medical Center until her retirement. She was an avid gardener and enjoyed her daily rides.

## 1930s

**Amy Fernald Calkins, RN '33, EMGH**, died May 1, 2010 at Brewer. Amy and her husband of 64 years, Alvah, resided in Veazie where they were active in the community and their church.

**Margaret Commeau Grant, RN '33, EMGH**, died March 7, 2010 at Presque Isle. After raising her family, Margaret returned to nursing in the offices of Dr. Helfrich and Dr. Higgins and on private duty at A.R. Gould Hospital. She and her husband Ted enjoyed travel and their summer home at Squapan Lake.

**Harold W. Harding '36, MEX**, of Green Lake and Brewer, died July 5, 2010 at Bangor. Harold worked for Hardwood Products Company of Guilford for several years, then as a railway postal clerk for the U.S. Postal Service, retiring in 1972 from the position of finance supervisor at the Bangor Post Office. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II. He is survived by his special nephew Frank Dawes '57, MEX, and his wife Karlyn.

**Harland E. Randall '37**, of Enfield and Hobe Sound, Florida, died August 26, 2010 at Cold Stream Pond. He was a World War II Navy veteran. Harland owned and operated clothing stores in Milo, East Millinocket, and Mattawamkeag. He is survived by his wife, Pauline Osgood Randall '37, ETE.

## 1940s

**Mary Elizabeth Vaughn Kelley '40, ETE**, of Hermon, died February 16, 2010 at Brewer. Mary is survived by her daughters Judy and Candy and their families.

**Eileen Connors Rowe '41**, died April 12, 2010 at Ft. Walton Beach, Florida. She grew up in St. Francis where her father was the Chief Game Warden for the Allagash Region. Eileen's husband, Harlan, served 30 years in the U.S. Army and she traveled extensively. She was an executive secretary for the LePage Glue Company and a chef in a number of sporting camps and resorts in Maine.

**Mabel Pooler Dalton '41, ETE**, of Brewer, died April 16, 2010 at Bangor. She worked in the accounting department at Eastern Fine Paper of Brewer for 50 years. She was predeceased by her husband, Harry Dalton '40, MEX, in January of 1999.

**Ralph Bearce '41, '46, MEX**, died May 16, 2010 at Caribou. His education at Husson was interrupted by service in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. He was a cryptographic technician in Iceland, Northern Ireland, England, and Belgium. Ralph was office manager for S.W. Collins, Collins Construction and Pioneer Realty for 35 years. He was active in his church, the VFW, and volunteered at SCORE and Cary Medical Center.

**Evangeline Mayo Stanitis '42**, of Hadley, Massachusetts, died May 1, 2010 at Amherst, Massachusetts. She was a longtime employee of Blair, Cutting, & Smith Insurance of Amherst.

**Dorothy Randall Gaddis, RN '43**, died February 13, 2010 at East Machias. She had a distinguished career in nursing as a public health nurse, head nurse, operating nurse, and therapy nurse in Washington County and at Down East Community Hospital. Dorothy and her husband Ralph lived

in East Machias. She was very active in professional, church, and community affairs.

**Patricia Trainor Mascetta, RN '43, EMGH**, died July 17, 2010 at Millinocket. She served as a U.S. Army Nurse, 34th Evac Hospital in Europe during World War II. Pat worked for more than 30 years at Millinocket Regional Hospital. She was active in her church and community.

**Barbara Louise White Wright Harthorn '46**, died, May 17, 2010 at Skowhegan. She worked for the federal government in Washington, DC, Wyndot Worster Woolen Mill in Waterville, Harold Alford, Norrwock Shoe and Depositor's Trust in Skowhegan. Barbara also owned and operated a restaurant for a time.

**Mattie Gardener Simpson '46**, died April 29, 2010 at her home in Hampden. She worked for several years at Hampden Evans Shoe and Spot Bilt. Mattie was an active member of her community and her church.

**Arletta Opal Ray Tucker '48**, died August 10, 2010 at Cherryfield. She and her brother Ivan operated a family business; the L. Ray Packing Company and Millbridge and Machiasport Packing Company. Later she and her husband Everett operated Ocean Breeze Cabins and Cottages in Millbridge.

**Charlotte Reynolds Ross '48, ETE**, of Hermon and South Addison, died August 22, 2010 at Bangor. Charlotte worked for Dr. Eugene Brown for 15 years. She and her husband Albion operated A.N. Ross Garage and Auto Parts for a number of years.

**Kathleen McGown Harris '48, ETE**, died July 10, 2010 at Hermon. She taught business and coached girl's basketball at Brooks High School and later was a substitute teacher for many years. Kathleen was active in her community, enjoyed sports, and donated 13,500 hours of volunteer service to Eastern Maine Medical Center.

**Florence “Sis” Ring Miller, RN ’49, EMGH**, died April 18, 2010 at Orrington. She practiced nursing at Eastern Maine Medical Center and Taylor Osteopathic Hospital in Bangor. Florence provided care for her husband Dr. Waldo Miller, MD who was a stroke patient. She founded a stroke support group called Every Day is Saturday. She was active in the community and had many interests.

## 1950s

**Frances Marle Spalto Oddi ’50**, died April 23, 2010 at the Maine Veteran’s Home in Scarborough. She was a resident of Portland. During World War II, she worked as a welder at the South Portland Shipyard and much later she was awarded a “Rosie the Riveter” Award by Senator Susan Collins. She then joined the WAC’s and was an air traffic controller for Bradley Field in Connecticut. Frances and her husband Louis had a career in retail management throughout New England.

**Joyce “Jo” Brown Boyington ’53**, of Milford, died March 13, 2010 at Brewer. She retired after 32 years of dedicated service at the Dr. Lewis S. Libby School in Milford. Joyce treasured her family and enjoyed travelling.

**Norma Randall Gilman, RN ’53, EMGH**, of Hampden, died August 13, 2010 at Bangor. She served as a first lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force and worked several years as a nurse for Dr. Frederick Emery. Norma also worked for many years as assistant director of nursing at Bangor Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

**Patricia Flye Myers ’53**, of Veazie, died August 23, 2010 at Brewer. She worked for J.J. Nissen Baking Corporation for 34 years.

**Muriel “Mim” Barker Knowlton, RN ’54, EMGH**, died September 9, 2010 at Harmony. She worked as an operating room nurse for many years in Reddington-

Fairview General Hospital in Skowhegan. She enjoyed the outdoors, hunting, fishing, and wilderness travel.

**Janet James Stewart ’55**, died May 3, 2010 at Brewer. Janet was in the investment business in the Bangor area for many years. She was an active member of Essex Street Baptist Church.

**Basil Bowden, Sr ’57**, died April 27, 2010 at his home in Penobscot. He served his country as a member of the U.S. Army from 1952 to 1954 in Korea. Basil taught at George Stevens Academy in Blue Hill and later at Penobscot Job Corps. He was an involved community member and a good family man. He is survived by his wife, Mabel, and sons, Basil Bowden, Jr ’83 and David Bowden.

**Kenneth Drake ’57**, died April 19, 2010 at Chicopee, Massachusetts. After studying accounting at Husson, he went on to earn a Bachelor’s degree at American International College. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army. Ken retired from Monarch Life Insurance in Springfield, Massachusetts.

**Raymond E. Barclay ’58**, died May 4, 2010 at Greenbush. He was a Korean War veteran, serving in the U.S. Air Force. Raymond was employed as an accountant in various industries and woods operations and as a security guard.

**James Harold Clark, Jr ’59**, died March 17, 2010 at Veazie. Jim managed SS Kresqe and was later employed for years at the University of Maine. He spent summers working at the Abbe Museum in Bar Harbor.

**Malcolm “Red” “Mac” Kitchen ’59, MEX**, died May 30, 2010 at Inverness, Florida. He served in the 10th Armored Alpine Division in Europe as a winter survival specialist. Mac was a store manager for Sears at several locations in Maine and New York, finishing his retail career in Florida.

**Dr. Paul F. Goss ’59, ’61**, died June 13, 2010 at his home in Bangor. Paul was a lifelong educator and earned graduate degrees from Springfield College, the University of Maine and the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. He taught and served as a counselor at Winslow, Carrabec, and Foxcroft Academy. Paul went on to teaching and administrative positions at Eastern Maine Community College and Husson University. He loved his work and his students. Paul had a phenomenal memory for people and was a wonderful friend to those fortunate enough to know him. He served many years on the Husson Alumni Board. Paul enjoyed sports and played varsity basketball and baseball as an undergraduate at Husson and avidly followed high school, college, and professional sports throughout his life. He served his country in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. Above all else, Paul was the proud father of Jeffrey and Mary-Sue (Massey) and husband of 43 years to his loving wife Betsy.

Those who wish to remember Paul may do so by contributing to the Husson University Alumni and Development Office, 1 College Circle, Bangor, Maine 04401. (also, funds are being accepted to name a seat in the Gracie theatre at Husson in memory of Paul.)

**Sandra Woods Marriner, RN ’59, EMGH**, died May 26, 2010 at Blue Hill. Sandra worked as a certified rehabilitation nurse at New England Rehabilitation Hospital in Portland and as assistant director of nursing at Bangor State Hospital. She enjoyed embroidery and photography.

## 1960’s

**Richard James King ’62**, died June 10, 2010 at his home in Lamaine. He was a builder and dealer of Katahdin Log Homes as well as owner of Richard J. King, Inc. General Contractor for more than 38 years. He enjoyed

boating and was involved in community activities.

**Barry A. Lieberman ’63**, died February 3, 2010 at his home in Revere, Massachusetts.

**Patricia Ann Reid Reece ’64**, died July 24, 2010 at her home in Waterville. She worked at Mid-State Machine in Winslow until her retirement with twenty years of service.

**Paul Dinsmore ’64**, of Presque Isle, died March 30, 2010 at Mars Hill. He taught business courses at Franklin Academy in Malone, New York from 1964 to 1990. Paul was an excellent musician and was a trombonist for the Bangor Symphony Orchestra and the Bangor City Band for 19 years. While a student at Husson, he directed the band. He earned a Master’s of Education at the University of Maine.

**Vincent R. Marriner ’64**, died July 13, 2010 at his home in Searsport. Vincent worked in real estate and sales in the Freeport and Portland areas and later at Sanibel and Captiva in Florida.

**William Carl Dailey ’65**, died February 14, 2010 at his home in Virginia Beach, Virginia with his family by his side. He was chief accountant for the State of Maine Department of Labor. Carl was also retired from the U.S. Air Force.

**Kenneth B. Spooner ’66**, died July 24, 2010 in a tragic motorcycle accident. He was a resident of Lakeland, Florida. He served his country as a soldier in the U.S. Army. Ken was president of the Maine Credit Union League Insurance Trust and later became marketing director of Evergreen Credit Union in Westbrook. He was active in business development and was president of Windham Rotary and Windham Chamber of Commerce.

**Joseph John Paliotta ’67, KAΦ**, of Sekonk, Massachusetts, died June 8, 2010 at Attleboro. Prior to his retirement he was a kitchen

designer for Douglas Lumber. He enjoyed gardening, reading, antiques, and model railroading.

**Sharon Terstegen Dampier, RN '68, EMMC**, of Canaan, died May 2, 2010 at Buffalo, New York. She worked as a nurse at Thompson Hospital and the V.A. Medical center in Canandaigua, New York. Sharon returned to Maine in 1998 to care for her parents until they passed away. She then was a nurse at the V.A. Hospital in Togus.

**Patrick A. Lavoie '69**, of Bangor and Elmwood Park, New Jersey, died August 24, 2010 at Bangor. He retired from the U.S. Post Office with 25 years of service.

## 1970s

**Frederick J. Medicke '70**, of Warren, died July 2, 2010 at Rockport. He worked in the hospitality industry, then for Hannaford in Massachusetts and Maine, and retired from a 14 year career with Frito-Lay. Fred was a sports fan and a participant, and enjoyed the company of his family and friends.

**Randolph "R.D." Murphy '70**, died July 28, 2010 at Cheektowaga, New York. He served 22 years in the U.S. Army in public affairs with tours in Japan, Texas, Germany, West Point, Korea, Italy, and New York. R.D. was a journalist with Stars and Stripes and earned many awards and commendations. He loved

sports, officiating, reading, photography, fishing, gardening, and woodworking.

**Roderic J. "Rod" Morrison '72**, of Millinocket, died May 29, 2010 at Bangor. He was co-captain of the Stearns High School state championship basketball team of 1968. Rod worked for Great Northern Paper Company as a research technician for 32 years. He loved all sports and spending time at his camp at South Twin Lake.

**Derk Thibodeau '74, MEX**, died February 11, 2010 at his home in Franklin. He was an expert craftsman and for more than twenty years he was a builder and finish carpenter throughout Hancock County.

**James A. Merkle '74**, died February 20, 2010 at Weston, Florida. He was a skilled machinist before being disabled with lung problems. James was a member of the Maine Army National Guard for 16 years and 7 years as a member of the Army Reserves, retiring with the rank of major.

**Edwin E. Nickerson '76**, of Presque Isle, died March 1, 2010 at Boston. He served his country in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War. Edwin had a long career in banking, finance, and promoting business in Aroostook County. He was very involved in professional organizations and community activities.

## 1980s

**Dawn Stone Moraisey '80**, died April 9, 2010 at Alexander. She had a 25 year career as a bookkeeper and payroll clerk with the Calais School Department.

**Mark A Brewer '80, '91, TKE**, died March 13, 2010 at Boothbay Harbor. He worked as an accounting manager for Great Northern Paper Company in Millinocket. In 2000, he became CFO at Hardwood Products Company, LLC and Puritan Medical Products Company, LLC of Guilford, Maine. Mark was a devoted family man. He was athletic, enjoyed fishing, and was very active in his community.

**Thomas E. Chandonnet '80, MEX**, died June 21, 2010 at Austin, Texas. Tom was employed by the State of Texas Department of Criminal Justice for 25 years. He was a well respected and active member of his community and church.

**Patricia Rier '81**, died July 5, 2010 at her home in Machias. She worked for a number of years with her former husband at the Vernon M. Lloyd Insurance Agency. Later she started and ran her own insurance agency, Patricia Rier Insurance Agency. She enjoyed travel, dancing, animals, and spending time with her family at Gardner Lake.

**R. Trevett Hooper '82, MSB**, died April 8, 2010 at Orrington. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps and the U.S. Army. Trevett earned his Bachelor's degree from the University of New Hampshire. He taught in Portsmouth, New Hampshire and in Orrington. He later became a real estate agent and a real estate appraiser.

**Gary J. Bellefleur '86**, died April 26, 2010 at his residence in Stetson. At the time of his death, he was vice president and CEO of Newport Industrial Fabrication. Gary was a passionate auto racer and a member of the Pro All-Star Series. Larry Mahoney of the Bangor Daily News wrote a feature article about Gary at the time of his passing.

## 1990s

**Terry L. Jerome '93**, died July 23, 2010 at Bucksport after a long courageous battle with emphysema. Her wish is that her friends and family will find strength in a loving relationship with God.

## 2010s

**Rachelle Parker-Tapia '11**, of Jonesport, died along with her husband, Carlos, and daughter, Mackenzie, in a horrible car crash in Dedham on September 15, 2010. Rachelle was a senior in the nursing program at Husson.

Photos by New England School of Communications student Caitlyn DeVoe taken in the Gracie Theatre.



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