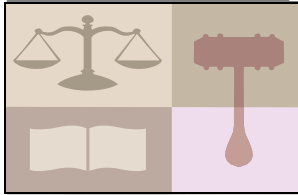


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HUSSON UNIVERSITY—LEGAL STUDIES

LEANING FORWARD

FAMOUS AUTHOR TO LECTURE AT HUSSON UNIVERSITY

By: Tiffany Harvey

On April 20th well renowned and *New York Times* bestselling author, Tess Gerritsen, will be speaking at Husson University. This author had the opportunity to sit down and interview Tess Gerritsen over the phone. The interview went as follows:

Tiffany Harvey (TH): What was college like for you?

Tess Gerritsen (TG): I went to Stanford University where I was a double major in Anthropology and Pre-Med. I was under a lot of pressure because I wanted to go to medical school. I wish I could go back because I was always under pressure. So I wish I could have experienced college without it.

TH: Do you have any valuable advice you would like to impart on Husson University students?

TG: Just be open to everything. Take classes in subjects you like. Just explore and expand your horizons.

TH: How did you end up in Maine? How have you found it so far?

TG: Well, my husband and I came here on vacation and it was just beautiful. We came at the right time.

TH: Unlike what we're having now, right?

TG: Exactly. I just loved it. To me it felt like home. Maine is a great place for the arts and to be creative. It also allows me to focus.

TH: Could you tell me a little about your new book? It's called *Ice Cold*, am I correct?

TG: Yes you are. It's another Jane Rizzoli/Maura Isles book. It's about Maura Isles, who goes to Wyoming for a vacation. While in the town where she is staying the people are vanishing. As well, a snowstorm hits and strands her in this town. Every time she tries to escape something bad happens to prevent her from leaving. The snow really isolates Maura and it lends an opportunity for Maura to think about things. Is she going to get together with the priest? How is she going to get out of this town?

TH: Wow! That sounds like a great setting for a book. I'm really looking forward to reading it. Another question I wanted to ask was, is *Ice Cold* your eighth book?

TG: Yes it is. (CONTINUED ON PAGE 2)



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Stephen King has described Tess Gerritsen as "What Anne Rice is to vampires, Gerritsen is to the tale of medical suspense."



Date: 04/20/10
Time: 11:00 A.M.
Gracie Theater

Highlights

- Presentation by the author; and
- Book Signing immediately following

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUMMER AND FALL 2010 SPECIAL INTEREST COURSES

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Evidence• Crime and Literature• Ethics in CJ• Criminal Justice Internship (Undergrad & Grad)• Paralegal Internship• Psychology in the Legal Environment (Grad) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Criminal Psychology• Terrorism• Domestic Violence Law• Victimology• Fire Investigation• Mechanics of Arrest (Critical Skills I)• Serial Homicide• Internships—CJ (Undergrad & Grad) and PL |
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- 4/1/10—Linkage Project—Spotlighting the Link between Animal Cruelty and Human Violence—3:30 p.m. Libra Lecture Hall
- 4/23/10—Pete Turecek, Kroll Investigative Services—1:00 p.m., 218 Peabody Hall
- 4/27/10—ALERT test—2:00-4:00 p.m., 131 Peabody Hall
- 5/7/10—End of Graduation Celebration and Honor Society Inductions
- 5/14/10—Officer Commissioning Ceremony for ROTC graduates
- 5/14/10—Graduate Hooding Ceremony
- 5/15/10—Graduation
- 5/17/10—6/3/10—Pre-Service Law Enforcement Training Program (a.k.a. The 100 Hour Course)

INTERVIEW WITH TESS GERRITSEN CONTINUED

TH: Where do you find inspiration for each consecutive book that you've written? With a lot of series I've read, by book eight or nine the storyline has lost staying power or the story line is so convoluted I can't identify with the main character. What do you think causes this?

TG: Honestly when I'm writing I think, "Who are these people? What's going on?" I think a lot of authors lose sight of that. Also they get into the danger of running out of story lines.

TH: Exactly. That's how I have felt. I heard that TNT is picking up a series based upon your books. Also, I read and saw the pictures of you visiting the TV set on your blog. Are you happy with the way things are going?

TG: Yes, TNT is actually picking up a first season- ten episodes. It is supposed to air in July. I felt the writers are terrific and are doing an excellent job. The stars are just great. I'm happy.

TH: I saw that Angie Harmon, who I've seen on Law and Order and Sasha Alexander, who I've seen on NCIS, is going to play Jane Rizzoli and Maura Isles. Do you think they are a good fit?

TG: Absolutely. Angie is just a great person, has a great personality. She has that tough girl attitude that makes her great to play Jane Rizzoli.

TH: Are you happy with them casting Sasha Alexander as Maura Isles?

TG: Oh yes, she's great. Sasha is very elegant and cool, which is exactly how I pictured Maura.

TH: I know I will be watching the series when it comes out.

TG: Thank you.

TH: As a writer, do you have any tips for current and/ or future writers?

TG: Basically just stick with a story and see it to the end. Sometimes writers get halfway through and don't know how to finish a story so it becomes never ending. Writers can get lazy like that. So just stick with a story and the characters through to the end.

TH: When you mean story do you mean by one story line? Often books I've read with start off with one then integrate so many that I get confused. Is that what you mean?

TG: No, I mean just stick with what you start with.

TH: Well that's great advice- simple and easy. So I heard a rumor that you played the violin with Stephen King in a band- The Rock Bottom Remainers. Is that correct?

TG: Yes, I played one performance for a charity event in Bangor.

TH: How did that come about?

TG: They just called me up and basically asked if I wanted to play to benefit this particular charity and I said yes.

TH: Did you enjoy that experience?

TG: It was interesting for me. I am not much of a rock 'n roll person so playing my fiddle with that type of music was interesting. I enjoyed it though.

TH: Well thank you for your time. We are excited to have you come to Husson to speak and are looking forward to it.

TG: I am too.

TH: Thank you. Have a good day.

NEW COURSE—COMPUTER FORENSICS

In the Spring 2010 semester a new Criminal Justice course was created. This course, Forensic Computers, was designed recognizing that many traditional crimes now involve the use of computers and wrongdoing previously never imagined has surfaced because of the capabilities of information systems. The course will focus on the investigative use of computer technologies and electronic records. Students were exposed to "digital evidence" and the valuable information it can provide to investigations. The course was designed with a two tier approach; at the start of the semester the course examined criminals who use the computers and the Internet to commit various crimes ranging from trying to lure children into chat rooms or face-to-face meetings to every sort of financial fraud and applicable laws will be discussed. Then students were shown how to extract readily decipherable information from someone's computer by looking at their files or their browser history of web sites visited. Even if the information is password protected or has been deleted it might still be recoverable. The course is intended to address a growing need in law enforcement at all levels.

The enrollment was limited to 24 students who must be at least in their junior year.

PARALEGAL CLUB VISITS NEW COURTHOUSE



(From Left to Right—Shiela Sandberg, Penny Reckards, Donna Beck, Danielle McNally, Jessica Gilbert, Lizbeth Fontaine, Stephanie Bushmich, Nick Sylvia, Advisor - Marie Hansen)

The Paralegal Club had the opportunity to visit the new Penobscot Judicial Center in February 2010. The new courthouse opened at the end of November 2009. The Bangor District Court, Penobscot County Superior Court and two Supreme Court Justices all call this new location home. The District and Superior Courts Clerks' Offices were consolidated and now Penny Reckards (2nd from Left) is the Head Clerk for the consolidated court. On the tour guided by Ms. Reckards and Officer Dosen, the Paralegal Club saw the new clerks' offices, which house 23 different clerks, the new courtrooms which have brand new technology, the Law Library and several meeting rooms. The Clerks' Office has been a popular spot for internships in the past few years and currently two interns are placed at the Penobscot Judicial Center.

The Paralegal Club is planning to attend and guide at the upcoming Open House at Husson as well as, attend a special Bangor Symphony Orchestra concert featuring music by the Beatles, host a speaker during the second half of the semester, fund raise for the Legal Services for Elderly/Volunteer Lawyers Project and plan the end of the year graduation and honor society induction gathering.

After Spring Break, the Paralegal Club members will be receiving their new fleece jackets with the club logo paid for by money earned by the Club!

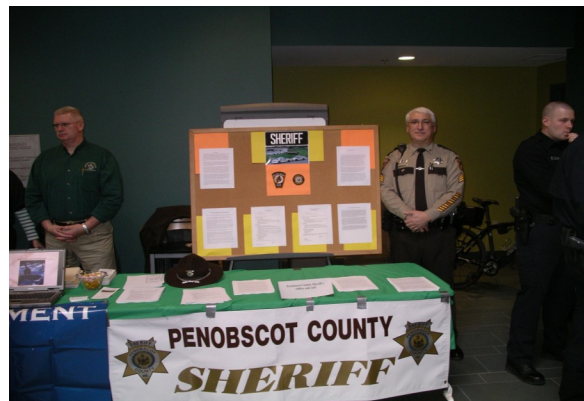
CRIMINAL JUSTICE CLUB

There is a lot of excitement in the Club about the upcoming visit of Tess Gerritsen on April 20th and a considerable amount of effort is involved in making this a memorable event. We hope you can all join us for her lecture and book signing.

You may have seen grey plastic boxes throughout campus, they have been put out by the Club in order to collect recyclables for our charity bottle drive and your support is greatly appreciated!

Please mark April 16th and 23rd on your calendar as the CJ club will hold its now famous Second Annual Car Wash. The event was so popular last year we have decided to bring out the suds on not one but two Fridays. You cannot beat the price, \$2.00 for students, \$5.00 for staff and faculty, to get your car clean and ready for spring. As was done last year, plans are that all the money raised will go toward text book awards for students majoring in Criminal Justice or Criminal Justice/Psychology.

FIRST ANNUAL CJ CAREER DAY



On February 22, 2010, the Division of Legal Studies hosted the First Annual Career Day for CJ Careers in the Darling Atrium. Twenty two different agencies, departments and organizations sent representatives to participate in this event. Among those representatives were current students and graduates of the Master of Science in Criminal Justice Administration program and Husson adjunct instructors. Over 110 students participated in visiting tables from these different groups. The students had the opportunity to speak with each representative group for approximately 5 minutes, then a whistle was blown and the students rotated to a different table. This offered students an opportunity to speak to a variety of potential employers, many of whom they might not otherwise approached because of not knowing potential opportunities and having preconceived notions about them. Students from Husson as well as from Central Maine Community College and Beal College attended this event. The positive response from students and the participating organizations was so great that plans are already in the works for next year's event.

THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE PARTICIPANTS...

Bangor Police Department; Farmington Police Department; FBI; Gaming Control Board; Hampden Police Department; Husson's M.S. in Criminal Justice Administration degree program; Kennebec County Sheriff's Office and Jail; Madison Police Department; Maine State Crime Lab; Maine State Fire Marshal's Office; Maine State Judicial Marshal's Office; Maine State Police; Maine Warden Service; Mountain View Youth Development Center; Orono Police Department; Penobscot County Sheriff's Office and Jail; Penobscot Regional Communications Center; Rockland Police Department; ROTC; U.S. Attorney's Office; U.S. Marshal's Service; and Veazie Police Department