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William Jefferson Clinton stands in front of USM students last week.

Clinton nets $80k for his ‘model’ gov
Baldacci fundraiser sells out at USM

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Former U.S. President Bill Clinton spoke to a sold-out crowd of over 500 at a fundraiser last Monday to show his support for Maine’s Democratic party. The event was held at Hannaford Hall in the Abromson Community Education Center on the Portland Campus.

Clinton began his speech by thanking the various people in Maine who helped him on his road to the White House, and to those who still support Democratic views. “I want to thank John Baldacci for serving as governor,” said Clinton. “And for giving us a role model of exactly what is not going on in Washington D.C. today.”

“The Democrats, by default, have become both the liberal and the conservative party of America,” Clinton said. “And I don’t mean any disrespect for those in the Republican Party now...but the Republicans that are in control are the most ideological, the most right-wing sliver of their party...[they] make most walking-around Republicans seem liberal.”

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In between appearances by former presidents and current congressmen, the Abromson Center hosted another Gubernatorial debate Tuesday, the first of its kind in the state.

The event, sponsored by the Portland Press Herald, WMTW News 8 and the Society of Professional Journalists, was broadcast over the Internet as well as on television.

The five candidates on the ballot this November showed up: Democrat John Baldacci, Green Pat LaMarche, Independent Barbara Merrill, Independent Phillip Morris NaPier and Republican Chandler Woodcock. NaPier is a former felon who made news a month ago by being asked to leave a previous gubernatorial debate that he wasn’t invited to. He again made a strong impression by wearing a blue plaid kilt and a matching beret, along with a sword he was asked to relinquish by debate officials.

The format was different from past debates held at the Abromson Center. Instead of the same question being directed at each candidate in turn, different questions from voters who had written in were directed at one or two of the candidates, not giving the others the opportunity to answer.

Woodcock fielded 12 questions, the most of any candidate in the hour-long televised portion of the debate, while NaPier was asked the fewest questions with seven.

Woodcock answered multiple questions on abortion. He reaffirmed his pro-life status several times. “I would like to see abortion limited to rape, incest, or when the life of the mother is in danger. If Roe vs. Wade were overturned I would sign legislation restricting abortion, but I wouldn’t bring it up on my own,” he said.

Baldacci spent much of the time pointing out the positive points of his tenure and saying Maine is on the right track. “Because of Dirigo Health, 17,000 Mainers are insured. It’s a start, but it needs more time to work,” he said. Baldacci was asked to respond to ten questions, tied with LaMarche for the second most.

LaMarche said she does not support TABOR and that an alternative solution would be to tax businesses on profits, not on holdings, so reinvestment would not be penalized. She criticized Baldacci’s Dirigo Health, saying it didn’t do enough by leaving too many uninsured. She said universal healthcare is the only way to go.

Merrill took what has become her traditional role and criticized Baldacci for serving as governor. “Essentially, they’re rooted in three things,” said Clinton of the ruling members of the Republican Party. “They want to concentrate wealth as much as possible, they want to have as much power and have it as unaccountable as possible, and they want to have this ideology with which they can divide America and demonize those with whom they disagree.”

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**TABOR takes hit**

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Tensions began to rise at the senate meeting last Friday when Student Chair Jay McKeon interrupted the second speaker on the floor. USM’s Student Senate met at Payson Smith to vote on, among other items, Proposition 35-12, a resolution that would decide if the Student Senate would support statements by the University of Maine System of board’s trustees regarding TABOR.

TABOR, the Taxpayers Bill of Rights, is one referendum on the ballot for the November 7 election. (See TABOR sidebar) USM’s board of trustees published a statement regarding TABOR on Sept. 11. In it, the board voiced concern “the board’s most serious concern is that [TABOR] could have far-reaching, negative consequences on the University of Maine System’s quality, affordability, and accessibility.”

The statement continued to say the board believes “believe(s) strongly that those potential consequences would dilute the many opportunities and benefits that the University of Maine System provides the people of Maine and thus would seriously jeopardize Maine’s economy and quality of life.”

Jason Fortin of the Maine Heritage Policies Center, the organization that drafted TABOR, described the kind of floor he thinks TABOR means. “It doesn’t require any cuts,” said Fortin. “It simply says, ‘You have what you spent last year plus population growth and inflation.’” Nowhere in there will you find any cuts. So anyone that is claiming that this is going to cut higher education funding is simply putting out a red herring.”

McKeon interrupted Fortin and reminded him of the original intent of the meeting. Fortin left the room quickly thereafter. Later, Reid said he felt Fortin was “railroaded” from the meeting.

Several USM students and faculty spoke. Anna Korsen, a third-year sociology major, said, “I think that as senators, it’s your job to think of the well-being of the student body. The board of trustees, when they came out against TABOR, were doing so because it will have negative effects on the university, and the university would lose money, which would mean they would have to cut programs or they would have to raise tuition.”

Associate Professor of Sociology and Women’s Studies at USM Wendy Chapkis said, “If you think that you’re now struggling to pay for college, and you think that we’re now struggling to keep this university running properly, then TABOR is only going to be a bigger problem.”

Tom Ziemer, Portland Taxpayers Association’s Coordinator for TABOR said to the senate, “Those that are opposed to it have got it upside-down. The situation that we’re in here in Maine right now is that we have one of the poorest job climates in the country, and you folks...are going to graduate into that job force.”

“There seems to be a notion out there that if I don’t vote for this resolution that it means that I’m not concerned or that I don’t care about students,” said Jason LaVoie, a student senator who’s also running as a republican for the state Senate. “I’m a student myself. I get financial aid. I get financial aid from my parents, and I see everyday the taxes that my parents have to pay on their property taxes. Every day they have to make a choice between helping me pay for my tuition and paying their property taxes. It’s a very emotional issue for me. That is why I continually support [TABOR] and I disagree with the board of trustees on this issue.”

He added that tuition has been going up every year for the last 30 years. “We need to do what we can to control spending,” he said. “Not cut spending, control spending, and the Taxpayer’s Bill of Rights does that.”

A motion was made to cast the Senate’s vote by roll call, seconded, and McKeon made a ruling for voting by roll call. The senate voted 5-2 in favor of the board, with six members abstaining.

Read offered comments concerning TABOR after the vote. “State government has no respect for public universities,” he said. “They won’t make more funding available whether TABOR is voted in or not.”

Andrew Bossie, student body President was not present at the meeting, but said in a telephone interview that he was pleased with the vote. “We’re the first student government in the state to vote on TABOR issues,” said Bossie. “Right now, we’re leading the state.”

“I think it would be detrimental to every social service in the state, and probably the worst thing that we would face if TABOR was passed,” said

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“Picacho Charlie is a group yelling at someone in the Portland garage. In no case did Hurley have his headwashed broken.”

**COMPILRED BY ANNE HOBBY**
Are you from Maine originally? No, I grew up in the suburbs of New York City.

What brought you to USM? It was an opportunity for me to move to an academic environment that would be much more hospitable to my intellectual agendas of combining women’s studies and economics.

Why is combining women’s studies and economics important? I’m very interested in how women’s studies scholarship allows us to think about economic relationships from different perspectives than they’ve been viewed before. I just published a book called Liberating Economics: Feminist Perspectives on Families, Work, and Globalization.

Was the women’s studies program already established at USM when you came here? Yes, this is the oldest women’s studies program in the state. It’s been at USM for 26 years!

Are your classes an easy ’A’? I hate to be discouraging, but I don’t think it’s possible to get an ’A’ without seriously engaging in the material we read. A student who does the reading and writes clearly and logically is the student who is going to get an ’A’.

What are your hobbies? I’m a tennis player currently sidelined by a serious case of tennis elbow, which I’m very unhappy about. I also do yoga and I like to walk my dog.

Honestly, is there a future for someone with a degree in women’s studies? Women’s studies is a liberal arts degree in a really wonderful sense of the term. You read historically, critically, and across disciplines. So, you develop critical thinking skills, writing skills, and communication skills that are useful in all employments. Diversity is a really important issue. Firms are interested in hiring people who understand diversity and how to communicate with diverse groups of people. All levels of government want to hire people like that as well. A lot of the work in the not-for-profit sector is work that has large populations of women, so there are lots of possibilities for employment there. The kind of independent thinking that you get in Women’s Studies is also very good preparation for working for yourself.

Have you ever looked yourself up on ratemyprofessors.com? Yes I did!

Do you take that website seriously? Well, I think it’s kind of silly. On the other hand, I was delighted that I got a chilly pepper!

Susan Feiner

Web-savy chilly pepper

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Photos: By Todd Hebert

State | WOODCOCK NO-SHOW AT NAACP

At a recent forum sponsored by the Portland chapter of NAACP, members voiced disapproval of the absence of Republican gubernatorial candidate Chandler Woodcock. Woodcock’s spokesman said there was a scheduling conflict. Woodcock had previously missed a forum with Maine Women’s Policy Center, and turned down a meeting with the Maine Education Association.

While Governor John Baldacci had former President Bill Clinton campaigning for him last Monday at USM’s Portland campus, Woodcock, the visiting Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney to stump for him at a recent meeting at DKMG Machine Products Inc. in Westbrook. Woodcock also appeared at a recent Rotary Club meeting in Kennebunk.

State | HUNGER STRIKE CONTINUES AT PRISON

Prisoners at a state facility in Warren, continue their hunger strike under the eyes of guards and medical professionals, as seven inmates begin to show signs of fatigue. The protest began Saturday, Oct. 14, whenrazor blades were confiscated as a safety precaution after an inmate’s suicide on Oct. 5. “I would say it is not uncommon,” Warden Jeffrey Merrill said. “Prisoners do that from time to time.” At Androscoggin County Jail, Gary Gauhthier, a suspect held on charges of double-homicide, filed a lawsuit with the county claiming his civil rights were violated when he was forced to shower as a female guard stood by. The shower has been suspended, a transparent curtain that allowed female guards to peek at him, said Gauhthier. He is currently housed in Cumberland County Jail in Portland, pending the investigation into his lawsuit.

National | "BABY JORDAN" RELEASED FROM HOSPITAL

"Baby Jordan," an infant boy found in a trash bag in an empty lot in Boston earlier this week, was released from Children’s Hospital last Thursday. Massachusetts Department of Social Services has placed "Jordiann" with a pre-adoptive family with plans for finalized adoption in six months. The Children’s Hospital reports the baby in is excellent health considering the state upon admission.

"Baby Jordan" was discovered by residents of Roslindale, a Boston suburb. The newborn had been abandoned in a plastic trash bag overnight with the umbilical cord and placenta still attached, and had suffered from hypothermia and exposure.

International | NORTH KOREA ANNOUNCES END OF NUCLEAR TESTS

North Korean leader Kim Jong II told a visiting Chinese foreign ministry 20 minutes before the charge was set off. Although there is no visible proof of the test, there is conclusive evidence stemming from a series of artificial seismic tremors that the bomb was detonated as announced. Both South Korea and Russia insist that this is irreputable proof.

Assuming then that it is true, and that the North Korean capital, Pyongyang does not have the bomb what will it mean for the North Koreans, the region, and the greater international community? These days this very question is on the mind of every diplomat, and it is a difficult one to answer.

For a long time North Korea has been an abomination on the international scene, with its peculiar brand of socialism and secretive leadership, not to mention a population condemned to hunger, scientific experimentation and isolation. Its leader, Kim Jong II, has developed a cult of personality around himself, relying heavily on anti-American rhetoric and a terrified population to keep a grip on the power.

However, until today, everyone was willing to look the other way, for the simple reason that North Korea seemingly threatened only itself. While included in the ‘Axis of Evil’ by Bush in the early days of our ideological War on Terror, not much was done outside of the occasional rhetorical assault. Even when the Six Nations talks (roundtable negotiations over the North Korean nuclear program) ‘involved’ us, we did little more than shrug our shoulders. Clearly for the Bush administration there were other foreign policy issues more pressing at the time. The war in Iraq falling apart and the Iranian nuclear program are but two examples. Yet, now we are suddenly confronted with a potentially irrational human in possession of a loyal military and a nuclear weapon.

To make things worse, the U.S. no longer has much political capital amongst the international community. Our policy of unilateral engagement (do it yourself if you can’t get outright support) has now proven very short sighted indeed. It might seem simple enough for the world’s most modern army to take on a dislocated, under-equipped Iraqi force (although even that is not going in our favor, it is not going to take on the Bomb. You can’t simply invade a country that has a nuclear weapon without the enormous risk of having your troops, and most of the region, go up in a mushroom-cloud shaped of hydrogen.

Despite the significant problem that this presents, particularly to countries like Japan, South Korea and China, all of whom are within striking range of Pyongyang, the situation is not hopeless. This might just be a ploy to get the attention of the West. Kim Jong certainly has a superiority complex, as demonstrated by his assertive, dictatorial behavior, and he won’t be satisfied until he feels that we are listening to him.

Bear in mind, owning the bomb and using it are two very different things. There are now eight countries in the world that possess nuclear weapons, and only one, the United States, who has ever used them. During the Cold War the MAD Doctrine (Mutually Assured Destruction) was a key factor preventing a full-scale nuclear confrontation, and the doctrine remains valid still today.

The aggressive use of a nuclear weapon by North Korea can only lead to large-scale war, with the entire world united against Kim Jong II. The end result would be the destruction of his nation and the end of his leadership, and as delusional as he is, even he, would one hopes, know this.

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Of saxophones and sunglasses

Meets Joe Student

What's your main goal here at USM?

What's the worst date you have ever been?

What would you be doing if you weren't in school?

What is the biggest difference between who you are now and who you were in high school?

What is the one food you couldn't live without?

If you could change any one thing about USM, what would it be?

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Especially the part about the urine. Imagine that you’ve driven to the Portland campus. And imagine – hypothetically – that you’ve just smoked some reality-enhancing substances in your 1994 Buick Century. And let’s just say, in theory, that you’re walking to the computer lab to write a humor column for the student newspaper. Stepping into the Abromson Center is just like stepping into the future. The air smelled different – processed, clean, odorless. I opened the door to Abromson and my time portal theory immediately seemed plausible. A gentle hum and soothing light surrounded me. The future seems to be ridden with some kind of energy crisis. “The average American,” it informed me, “disposes of twice as much material, most of which is recyclable, as Western Europeans.” Unfortunately, the display declined to answer the important question of just how many Western Europeans it was referring to. Five? Ten? Could future Americans dispose of twice as much material as fifteen Western Europeans? Surely this multi-million dollar complex couldn’t succumb to the 21st-century epidemic of grammatical errors. Grave energy dangers seemed to be afoot.

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Moses Atwood releases debut CD
The Portland blues artist talks with the Free Press

Are your songs autobiographical?
It varies. Some of the songs on the record are very distinctly about things in my life. But then there are other songs that are written as my exploration into someone else’s experiences. On the record I have a good number of songs about killing. It’s not exactly autobiographical, but maybe it is on some deep, subconscious, metaphorical level.

Do you perform many covers?
Oh yeah. My sets are deliberately a combination of originals and covers. I try to take really seriously the importance of passing on music’s roots. I want to amass a big repertoire of songs, mine and other peoples, because learning songs and writing songs is such a mutually beneficial process. You learn them and they, sort of, become yours and that feeds the process of writing. Bob Dylan and Johnny Cash had encyclopedic collections of songs. I’m trying to emulate them in a lot of ways.

Who are your biggest influences?
Woody Guthrie and a lot of pre-war blues players like Mississippi John Hurt, Blind Willie Johnson, and Skip James. But if I could name the single biggest influence for me it has to be Townes Van Zandt. I saw a documentary about him that was really inspiring. Shortly after that I dropped out of USM. What do I need a degree for? What I’m interested in right now is studying what makes a good song, and Townes made good fucking songs. A lot of the tunes that I’ve been writing this year are inspired by him.

How would you describe your musical style?
I just try to write good songs, nothing more than that. The problem is, I keep getting labeled as a singer-songwriter, and it gets frustrating. I feel like I am doing something different. I draw deeply upon the roots of American music, which I feel is so important. I don’t think many singer-songwriters do that.

Who are your favorite local musicians?
At the top of the list is Samuel James. He’s a local blues artist. He does a lot of originals, but he builds his repertoire with all the old blues guys. I feel like we are kindred spirits.

Have you toured at all yet?
At this point, just in New England, mostly Portland. But I’m hoping this record will be the catalyst that will get me to the point where I can start doing tours that will take me further down the East Coast and over to Chicago, and eventually the rest of the U.S. and Europe.

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Loren “LoLo” Williams is one of the most interesting juvenile predators to date. In the past, media reports have highlighted cases of child pornography, where the victims were often minors. However, Williams has taken this to a new level. He has been arrested for creating and distributing explicit videos of himself with children.

Williams works for a company that allows users to get paid for sharing images and videos. He uses this platform to create and sell explicit content featuring children. His videos have gained a following, and he has even received monetary rewards from his actions.

Williams’s behavior has raised concerns among child protection groups. They believe that his actions go against the law and put children at risk. The authorities have also expressed their concerns, stating that Williams’s actions are a violation of the law.

Williams has a history of dealing with the law. He has already been charged with similar offenses in the past. Despite this, he continues to engage in similar activities.

This case has raised questions about the responsibilities of companies that allow users to share explicit content. It is essential to ensure that such platforms are safe and do not encourage harmful behavior.

In conclusion, Williams’s actions are a stark reminder of the risks associated with sharing explicit content online. It is crucial to have robust laws in place to prevent such cases and protect children from harm.

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Local restaurants: the scoop on what's good

OHNO CAFE serves dope sandwiches six days a week in Portland's West End. Owner Chris Cook serves up breakfast, lunch and dinner sandwiches that are creative, fresh and inexpensive. The joint also features local artists' work, good tunes, a fine wine selection, and a chessboard.

THE DRY DOCK on Commercial Street has both a dining room and bar and each floor has an outside deck. Orders for food and drinks are served fast, and of exceptional quality, don't expect any watered-down drinks. Bonus: clean restrooms, affordable prices, and quiet, amicable atmosphere.

BANGKOK THAI offers up an array of ethnic cuisine leaving you with only one problem: decisions are difficult when every option is delightful. From Thai iced tea and dumplings for starters on to drunken noodles and various rice dishes, you won't be disappointed.

TOSAIKU is a Japanese restaurant and sushi bar on Danforth St. in Portland. Mention it in public and you will get one of two reactions. Either they've never heard of it or you'll watch a reincarnation of the first time they tried a Spicy Scallop roll. One lucky sauce covered roll gets placed in their mouth. Lips close, rich flavor hits their tongue, and you catch their eyes rolling back behind closing eyelids. Pure contentment washes over their face. When they open, it's only to seek out another roll. Such is the joy of Tosaiku.

LOCAL 188 is a Spanish joint with an artistic sensibility. Decent tapas options and interesting local art. Plus, fantastic desserts made by a guy named Trent.

PUNKY'S is a sandwich shop on Route 25 not far from the Portland campus. Their sandwiches come extra meaty and extra large, all for under $6. They have a variety of breads that will please everyone, even the weight-conscious. And a fresh pickled cucumber completes every meal.

MARCY'S is Portland's premier greasy spoon hangover recovery spot. And it's cheap! Try a grilled blueberry muffin ($1.90) and a giant plastic cup of water (free). Plus, Marcy's cranck classic rock and is filled with Harley Davidson memorabilia.

NORM'S EAST END When we walked into Norm's on the East End, I was in one of my grumpy moods. Which I love to describe as my everyday disposition. She thought I'd like the middle street eatery. And she was right—again. My grumpiness gave way to a rush of anticipation when I caught the mouth-watering aroma of ribs—Norm's hallmark dish. Baby back ribs, spare ribs, country ribs, all succulent and loaded with meat. If you love 'em, and can't get to Memphis, this is the place to go. Norm's East End Grill, 47 Middle St., Portland, 253-1700.

BINGA'S WINGA'S lively atmosphere is characterized by a large screen TV on every wall and vessels of beer on every counter. The music, wait staff and food are very casual. The original Binga's on Congress Street recently opened a second location on Portland Ave. With their extended, cheap menu and late-night delivery, Binga's is worth a look.

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Bruno's: Great food, slow service

ANN MARIE ZANE CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Bruno’s Restaurant on Allen Ave. in Portland serves up great food, but the wait isn’t always worth it. A casual Italian-American eatery, it shares a red wood building with a bingo parlor and boxing club. The dining room features an open kitchen and faked family photos. The place was bustling by dessert time. Granted, a couple of hours would pass before we would even order dessert.

The wait to be seated was surprisingly long considering the near-empty dining room but once we were seated, the waitress was quick to bring drinks and a basket of fresh-baked Italian bread. The extensive menu was complemented by several specials. I ordered penne vodka and a homemade poppy seed salad. My partner ordered a pasta fagioli soup and veal over asparagus. The flavorful soup and crisp salad arrived quickly but our meal took over 30 minutes. Did we also order bad service?

From their silky chocolate tart to the intense European-like liquid chocolate drink, The Bar of Chocolate Cafe is your last stop of the night if you’re an ultimate dessert lover. Their selection offers handmade chocolates and pastries from local bakers along with a menu of dessert wines and beverages. They provide a full bar with unique drinks like the chocolate martini. The small spot is a bar and a café, squeezed into a little nook of a brick building on Wharf Street. The name alone melts in your mouth. Standing in the front door, you’ll want to stay a while longer. The atmosphere invites you to slow down and relax. There is soft lighting, music, plush chairs and pillows cushioning a bench along the wall. Patrons can seat themselves and then go and gaze at the selection of desserts, while they try to decide between multiple delectable choices. Cup off a pastry with a sweet Portland wine or a cappuccino.

During the day, the Bar of Chocolate serves a light lunch, mainly of tasty soups and sandwiches and a side of delicious marinated cucumbers. The menu is short but not lacking in originality. I ate and fully enjoyed the grilled tomato, basil and mozzarella sandwich and a piece of apple pie for dessert. They also serve tapas, a Spanish appetizer made of anything from cheese and olives to pork stew, with a cold drink or a bottle of wine. The cost of lunch for two people is around $20 and well worth it. The service is excellent with a friendly staff quick to offer suggestions on favorite menu choices.

The decor is classy and down to earth, attracting people of all ages who want a good drink or just an after-dinner dessert out on the town. I recommend that students looking for a change of scene while hanging out or doing some homework should check it out. Your best friend, your parents and probably even your grandparents could all enjoy the scene. Or if you want a relaxing time alone, bring a book and curl up in a lounge chair with a cup of hot chai and a piece of pecan shortbread.

Atmosphere: ★★★★★
Food: ★★★★★
Overall: 3/3
Bruno’s on Allen Avenue is home to a mixed crowd.

From their silky chocolate tart to the intense European-like liquid chocolate drink, The Bar of Chocolate Cafe is your last stop of the night if you’re an ultimate dessert lover. Their selection offers handmade chocolates and pastries from local bakers along with a menu of dessert wines and beverages. They provide a full bar with unique drinks like the chocolate martini. The small spot is a bar and a café, squeezed into a little nook of a brick building on Wharf Street. The name alone melts in your mouth. Standing in the front door, you’ll want to stay a while longer. The atmosphere invites you to slow down and relax. There is soft lighting, music, plush chairs and pillows cushioning a bench along the wall. Patrons can seat themselves and then go and gaze at the selection of desserts, while they try to decide between multiple delectable choices. Cup off a pastry with a sweet Portland wine or a cappuccino.

During the day, the Bar of Chocolate serves a light lunch, mainly of tasty soups and sandwiches and a side of delicious marinated cucumbers. The menu is short but not lacking in originality. I ate and fully enjoyed the grilled tomato, basil and mozzarella sandwich and a piece of apple pie for dessert. They also serve tapas, a Spanish appetizer made of anything from cheese and olives to pork stew, with a cold drink or a bottle of wine. The cost of lunch for two people is around $20 and well worth it. The service is excellent with a friendly staff quick to offer suggestions on favorite menu choices.

The decor is classy and down to earth, attracting people of all ages who want a good drink or just an after-dinner dessert out on the town. I recommend that students looking for a change of scene while hanging out or doing some homework should check it out. Your best friend, your parents and probably even your grandparents could all enjoy the scene. Or if you want a relaxing time alone, bring a book and curl up in a lounge chair with a cup of hot chai and a piece of pecan shortbread.

Atmosphere: ★★★★★
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Montgomery, a senior sociology major. “I think that it’s important for the student senators to also oppose TABOR and to support the board of trustees coming out against TABOR.”
“I don’t think the format they’re using, the population vs. inflation index, is the right formula because inflation can be independent of population growth,” said Dave Frost, a senior psychology major. “I don’t think the mathematics are really going to work out. I think it’s going to be more of a nuisance than it is going to be something that caps government spending.”
Frost said he was definitely voting in November. “We have to. Those who don’t vote have no voice.”

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CARDS AND STARS

BY LEMMA LUCIFEROUS

Rather than just looking at the sky for some insight into your week, I perform a single card tarot reading to see what challenges and blessings are approaching you during your journey through life.

ARIES (THE HIGH PRIESTESS) ★★★★★: Good news: You have a lot of potential this week, Aries. Bad news: You haven’t thought about what important things to actualize yet. Good news: Any Scorpio near you will be able to help with that problem if you can get off your duff.

TAURUS (PAGE OF CUPS) ★★★: Let’s call it emotional puberty, Taurus. This week you’ll discover nuances in your emotional being that you never knew existed. While it may not all be fun, like always you recognize the value of emotional growth.

GEMINI (3 OF RODS) ★★★★★: If your friends are smart, they won’t play poker with you this week. You have a strong sense of foresight and a bit of the gift of prophecy this week. But you knew that already, didn’t you?

CANCER (9 OF CUPS) ★★★: Feeling content? Grinning like a Cheshire cat? That’s what’s in the cards for this week, Cancer. Just don’t think you can rest on your laurels though, or at least subtract two stars if you do.

LEO (3 OF PENTACLES r) ★★: Truancy doesn’t just stop in grade school. Not only can a person be guilty of cutting class, which isn’t to say it’s not fun, but they can also be guilty of trying to skip out on important life lessons. And that can have a more serious punishment, like missing out on a chance to grow. Keep that in mind this week, Leo.

VIRGO (4 OF SWORDS) ★★★: While you may not be at peace with the resolution, Virgo, this card does indicate the end of an ongoing conflict in your life. Now it’s just a matter of making sure that the proverbial hatchet is full buried – handle and all.

LIBRA (THE HANGED MAN) ★: While it may feel like you’re the universe’s hacky sack, Libra, don’t get too hung up about it. The truth is that it’s just your turn this week. But, there are some benefits: be prepared to gain a new perspective due to your reversal of fortune. It will come in handy next week.

SCORPIO (THE EMPRESS) ★★★★★: This week, Scorpio, has been brought you by the words “consummation” and “creation,” as well as the number three. What ideas and dreams do you wish to give birth to this week? You have three days to decide, three days to act and then a day to enjoy it before the next week begins.

SAGITTARIUS (2 OF SWORDS) ★★★: This is the card of legal justice not karmic justice, Sagittarius. If people try to take advantage of you this week, don’t take matters into your own hands. Find an administrative system that’s been set up to deal with those issues – these systems will be working in your favor this week.

CAPRICORN (ACE OF PENTACLES r) ★★★: Spiritual manifestations not making much sense this week, Capricorn? Try reading Epicurean philosophy, it’s all about enjoying the fine material and sensual pleasure in life. While some might sneer at it, it’s not really shallow. This week you just have an appreciation for the physical aspect of your being. Enjoy.

AQUARIUS (THE WHEEL OF FORTUNE) ★★★: While games aren’t really your thing, Aquarius, the Universe really does like them. Remember and round the wheel goes, where it stops – actually, it’s in your power to make it stop on an up spin. What chances would you like to take this week? Just remember, you can make up the rules of the game as you go along.

PISCES (KING OF CUPS) ★★★: Wow, Pisces! Something last week really hit home for you. You’ve reached deeper levels of maturity than most people around you. Expect for them to notice this and to ask for your advice because of the confidence you exude.

Sudoku

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Rep-D, Maine, and a long-time friend of Clinton and Baldacci. USM students representing the College Democrats, Model United Nations, Maine Law School students, and the Student Senate, among others, stood behind the various speakers waving signs reading “Baldacci is a governor whose economic and Maine’s future.”

No matter how you plan to vote nationally, think long and hard about your future, our future, and Maine’s future.

In one of Governor Baldacci’s campaign ads, he ends by stating that he’s not satisfied yet, and wants four more years. Well, Governor Baldacci, Center throughout and after the fundraiser, exhibiting their support for Baldacci’s opponent, Republican candidate Chandler Woodcock. Jon Read, chair of the College Republicans, said, “We’re showing that we’re here, and showing our support for Chandler. It’s been a successful demonstration so far, very successful. It’s awesome.”

“Governor Baldacci is so scared of losing the election so he has to bring in the big guns,” said Read.

“Something’s gone dramatically away,” Clinton said of the current state of politics in the United States. “You’re being given an opportunity to re-elect a governor whose economic and education and healthcare policies are in direct contradiction of that.”

“Everywhere I go in America,” said Clinton, “people just want to talk about it. The party has moved so far to the right... John Baldacci is the polar opposite of what we’ve seen in Washington. We (Democrats and Republicans) can’t escape each other, we got to figure out how to live together.”

CONSPIRACY, from page 5

37th amongst states while New Hampshire, our lesser taxed and regulated neighbor, for comparison, was $37,835 with a state ranking of 6th.

One of the most striking economic reports to come out in recent months was by the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, which tells us that only two states experienced economic decline in 2005. I’ll give you two guesses on this one: one had a major hurricane and we live in the other. Yes, the only other state to have economic decline in 2005 was Louisiana, rocked by the devastation of Hurricane Katrina. With the national economy on a rebound and other states succeeding, baring a horrendous natural disaster, we can’t let Gov. Baldacci get away with blaming Maine’s economic failures on President Bush and Congress.

Some of you may still argue that you don’t mind the high taxes and regulations of Maine as long as we take care of our citizens and have good programs. But I would counter with this: yes, we need to take care of those who are down on their luck. Should we not try and help them succeed in the first place though? Should we not encourage businesses to come to Maine so that we can have good paying jobs? Should we not be able to take home more of our own money?

Much has been made of the “brain drain” in the State of Maine. We are now the “oldest” state in the nation because our youth (you and I) are leaving this state for better paying jobs, lower costs of living, lower health care costs. As an accounting major I can make $10-15,000 more a year by simply leaving this state, as well as have more affordable health care and lower overall costs of living expenses.

Is the answer simple? No, it has taken us 30-plus years to get into this situation and it will take a while to get us out. One thing has been constant over that time period though. Except for the occasional blip, one party has remained in control. Is it only their fault? Of course not, but by the same token they have not come up with a plan to fix it. No matter how you plan to vote nationally, think long and hard about your future, our future, and Maine’s future.

Due to last minute cancellations, some of the reserved seating given to USM students passing by USM student volunteers were employed for the event. The Baldacci campaign raised around $80,000 at the event. Seat ticket prices ranged from $30-$50.

Ashley Antonucci is a Massachusetts native and a sophomore at USM. A member of the Democratic Party, she supports Baldacci. “He has some really great points of view,” Antonucci said. “(There are) lots of candi dates that don’t seem genuine.”

She was also there to see Clinton. “I love him. He’s amazing. I’m really excited to see him today.”

A handful of USM’s College Republicans held a demonstration just outside of the Abromson
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Perched on the edge of Casco Bay, Portland's Flatbread Company offers a mellow, casual atmosphere. "We offer a warm feeling," shift manager Jeanne Twomey said. "We want you to feel comfortable and be totally satisfied with your experience."

Flatbread's location offers a scenic view of Casco Bay and the Casco Bay Ferry, as well as outside seating on a wrap-around deck. Entering the restaurant, you get the feel of a hippie-style tavern, complete with recycled plastic ware and napkins and even salvaged and repaired furniture. As you enter the dining room, the aroma of pizza and summer camp fires emerge from the enormous oven.

The open cooking area alone is impressive. Here you can watch the construction of your pizza, from the tossing of pizza dough to the veggies being chopped. A corner of the dining room is anchored by the wood fire oven. A tall man, wearing dark jeans and a tan t-shirt, stuffs the oven full of chopped wood and places each newly designed pizza into its mouth. The man shuffles back and forth between the oven and a nearby table where he gulps down a large glass of ice water.

The tables, which are small enough for couples to speak in a whisper, come stacked with candles. The overhead lighting, which is minimal, comes wrapped in an organic diced tomatoes tin can. Plants crawl like vines along the green and gray tones of the walls. The restaurant's interior is exposed, giving way to large silver pipes and tall thick beams. Canvas material with children's drawings is strung high around the room, held tightly by clothespins.

A bar sits at the opposite end of the fire oven, with a complete list of beers on tap and an enormous wine selection. The menu, while seemingly small, is full of organic and all natural foods. Organic foods are pesticide free. Pesticides have been associated with acute health problems as well as cancer, depression, and miscarriages. According to the Flatbread website, the dough is made with 100 percent organically grown wheat, crushed into white flour, and completed with wheat germ and pure spring water. Their pizzas, called flatbreads for their flat look, come in many different combinations.

Have a craving for cheese? The cheese and herb flatbread is perfect for you. Parmesan, whole milk mozzarella with garlic oil and herbs coat a thin crust. Don't like the taste of garlic? Don't worry, this flatbread has only a hint of garlic, just enough to tease your taste buds, and just the right amount of crust so that you aren't wrestling with it.

Want something with a little meat on it? Try the homemade sausage or nitrate-free pepperoni. These two choices include the taste and exclude all the fat and chemicals you devour at Domino's. Of course, if you are feeling a little on the lighter side, don't hesitate to enjoy an organic salad. These come complete with organic mesclun and sweet leaf lettuces tossed with organic celery and carrots, toasted sesame seeds, arame seaweed and Flatbreads own homemade ginger-tamari vinaigrette dressing. This is sure to send your tongue twisting with pleasure.

“I've never had a better salad,” one customer said. Flatbread supports organic farming and leaves the harsh chemicals at the door, using only all natural ingredients. "We get all of our cooking supplies locally," Twomey said. "And almost all year we get our produce from local farmers as well."

Twomey described Flatbread as a restaurant where children, adults and employees can renew their spirit, and reconnect to nature. "Our big thing is working with the community."

Flatbread is located at 72 Commercial Street.

Restaurant guests can sit oceanside (top) or watch the kitchen staff toss and top (above).
at these debates and pointed out many of the failings of Governor Baldacci’s administration, as well as criticizing Woodcock. She made pointed comments about Woodcock’s criticism of Massachusetts’ healthcare legislation.

“You’d think you would be more supportive of Governor Romney’s program, since he was just up here stumping for you,” she said. Merrill responded to questions.

NaPier, sitting on the far end of stage, gave non-political answers. When asked about the state’s Pine Tree Zones, which provide businesses incentives to locate in certain parts of the state, NaPier responded, “I don’t know what that is, could you explain it to me?”

When asked what to do about obesity in Maine, NaPier’s response was, “Exercise. Teach children exercise.” NaPier was asked seven questions.

Because of the format, Merrill and LaMarche never talked about abortion. Baldacci, Woodcock and NaPier never talked about sports medicine.

The forum was the first time USM heard all the candidates who will be on the ballot, but because of the format some candidates were heard from more than others.◆
Husky highlights

UMF downs USM, 3-2

The UMaine Farmington Beavers overcame a furious rally by the Lady Huskies Volleyball team with a 3-2 victory. The win snapped a two-match losing streak and lifts the Beavers to 14-5 overall.

The Huskies dropped their third straight to fall 6-18 overall. Sophomore Shannon Stoll (Shrewsbury, MA) ended the game with 17 kills, ten digs, eight service aces and seven blocks.

Men’s soccer destroys Thomas

The USM men’s soccer team scored a season-high six goals in their 6-2 victory over the Thomas College Terriers. The win was the third straight for the Huskies.

Senior Cassidy Neal (Walpole, NH) scored an unassisted goal in the 12th minute to give the Huskies an early 1-0 lead.

Field Hockey events out at 8-8 overall

Sophomores Carlin Albert (Scarborough) and freshman Nicole Bombardi (Waterville) each scored an unassisted goal during the second half to propel the Huskies to a 2-0 win over the Framingham State College Rams. Following a penalty corner, Albert corralled a rebound off of a blocked shot from junior Alyson Lumino (Hampden).

Colby slides past Southern Maine

Colby senior Liz Morbeck (Seattle, WA) scored the only goal of the match in the first half to give the Colby College Mules a 1-0 victory over the Huskies. Huskies junior goalkeeper Megan Ibar (Milwaukee, WI) finished the match with six saves.

Marble starts off player of the year

Senior forward Ashley Marble (Topsfield) was named the 2006 Women’s DIH News Preseason Player of the Year. Marble earned WBCA All-American last season after leading the Huskies in scoring (17.2 ppg), rebounding (9.9 ppg) and field goal shooting percentage (54 percent). Southern Maine begins its 2006-2007 campaign November 17 at 7:30 p.m. when it hosts Husson College in the USM Tip-Off Tournament at Hill Gym in Gorham.

SOURCE: WWW.USM.MAINE.EDU/ATHLETICS

Huskie Kids Club is an organization that allows children through the 8th grade to take part in athletics department events, and provides an opportunity for children to be involved in an outside activity. The program also encourages children around the area to get to know the college athletes.

“The [USM] student athletes are providing a positive role model experience,” said Meredith Bickford, the assistant athletic director at USM. “It’s about getting kids around athletics, involved in school spirit, and for us, it’s about giving back to the community.”

This year nine kids from around the area have enrolled as club members, but the department is estimating there will be around 20 members by the end of the year. When children apply, they receive a special membership card, which allows them to get into every regular season athletic event. Children involved receive a monthly newsletter, as well as the athletic department’s quarterly newsletter, Husky Headlines.

“We are really focusing on recruitment this year and getting kids back into the club,” Bickford said.

As a member of the club, children are able to take part in monthly activities, have free admission to all regular season athletic events at USM and participate in clinics to learn more about their favorite games.

Husky Kids Club members will be invited to come early for pizza and take a swing at a piñata before the actual party begins.

In November the children will be involved in a mentoring program with student athletes at USM. Through the mentoring program children spend a few hours with a student athlete, whether it’s going to practice or the regional learning center.

“It will be a day in the life of a student athlete,” Bickford said. “They will spend a couple of hours trying to be positive role models for the kids.”

There will be many other activities throughout the year for kids club members to participate in. One activity include attending both Pirates and Sea Dogs games. At the Pirates games they will get the chance to be water boys and girls. At the Sea Dogs game they can be bat boys and girls. ◆

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Women’s volleyball test their skills against UMF Beavers

Allie White (5) looks on as Danielle Netland (18 digs (top). Young team celebrates after serving an ace (above). The Huskies lost the game 3-2 against UMF, bringing their season record to 6-18.