

Fiscal frugality hits finance and accounting

A disproportionately low number of electives sparks concern

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Like USM as a whole, the School of Business is in a position where it needs to cut down on classes and faculty. However, the coming semester's course catalogue has raised concerns that those cuts are harming accounting and finance majors disproportionately.

Michael Havlin, a senior business and economics major and an administrative assistant for the business office, believes that USM is not making the correct cuts within the School of Business.

"The most common major within the School of Business is the accounting major," he said. "The sports management major is the smallest major, and yet they are getting almost as many classes as the accounting major."

With only one accounting and two finance electives being offered next semester for accounting and finance majors, Havlin is concerned about the quality of his education. "I'll still be able to gradu-

ate, but my education will be hurt a lot," he said. He believes that in order to have a well-rounded education, there needs to be more elective options to choose from.

According to Havlin, there is one accounting elective being offered for 189 accounting majors. At the same time, there will be

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-Michael Havlin
Senior business and economics major

five sports management electives for about 70 sports management majors.

"It's just not enough. There's no way the demand for accounting electives will be satisfied," Havlin

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Michael Havlin, a senior business and economics major, noticed the lack of accounting electives while working as an administrative assistant for the business office and arranged a meeting to discuss the lack with Dean Joe McDonell of the school of business.

CAHS considers reorganization to offset costs

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The College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences has been facing reorganization issues centered around the new Direction Package for USM, and CAHS professors are uncertain of the future direction of the college's academic and financial success, but most agree that reorganization is necessary.

The CAHS faculty has had two meetings over the past few weeks: for the most part to address the Direction Package and what needs to be done within each department of the college. Lynn Kuzma, dean of the CAHS, said that the reorganization would be beneficial to the college. Kuzma said one new direction for the college could be professors interacting across disciplines to create a stronger academic bond for the faculty within the university. Added on to the confusion surrounding reorganization is the budget. Kuzma said that the provost recently informed her that there will be \$5 million or

more in cuts at USM.

Richard Campbell, chief financial officer within USM's administration, said in a statement to The Free Press that the \$5 million cuts are a reasonable number to make up for the budget shortfall due to low enrollment. Campbell mentioned that this number will be refined once financial reports are finalized by the administration at the end of October. The administration, Campbell stated, is planning reductions around USM.

When Kuzma was asked what she might do about a lack of funding, she said that one direction could be that the college would not replace faculty after they retire. Kuzma also pointed to course enrollment management as another area for tightening the budget. If a course doesn't have high enrollment numbers, usually twelve students or more, she said, it would be canceled for the semester in order to save money. She also mentioned that another way to save money would be to reduce the amount of adjunct pro-

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Dean Lynn Kuzma of the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences discusses the faculty meeting in which she led a discussion on the probable reorganization of the college.

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Students take action after Direction Package

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After the release of a new Direction Package on Sept. 24, students around campus have started to question the role USM serves as a public institution.

For junior women and gender studies students Jules Purnell and Meaghan LaSala, their questions about the Direction Package eventually became action, in the face of ongoing cuts, specifically the threat to their major of study.

“Last semester we were basically asked, ‘Why is your program valuable, and why should we not cut you?’ We had to do a sort of song and dance about what’s valuable about women and gender studies and what makes this a valuable field of study,” Purnell said.

Purnell sees cuts to programs as destructive to USM and as backpedaling on the part of the administration, rather than moving forward.

“[Education] isn’t just ‘Let’s see how much money we can make,’” said Purnell. “There’s a different kind of fulfillment to be gained from education, and it’s something that we’ve been missing out on in a lot of ways.”

With this, Purnell and LaSala were given the idea of “When Students Act Administration Listens: A Panel Discussion on Student Activism” by professor Wendy Chapkis. According to LaSala, the idea had been floating around, but she and Jules, alongside Chapkis, were the ones who decided to run with it.

Prior to the event, LaSala explained that the panel served the purpose of trying to engage students

to bring more voices to the table and to to offer up different visions to the administration of what the purpose of USM is as a whole.

The worry they have for the lack of clarity of USM’s place in education stemmed from the language of the Direction Package, which they believe is moving further down the path of a corporate model of educational institutions.

“[Administrators] are prioritizing programs based on value systems that are about capital need rather than social need,” LaSala said.

Purnell fears for the future of programs like physics and humanities in general.

“There are a lot of other schools like SMCC that have really great programs for people for jobs in industry,” said Purnell. “So why not be a liberal arts college that’s geared more toward ‘Let’s be global citizens. Let’s think a little bit more about how our impact on the world actually impacts everybody,’ instead of just, ‘Let’s make money, right here, right now.’”

The next planned event, led by Student Body President Kelsea Dunham and Student Body Vice President Marpheen Chann, is Student Vision 2013, a two-day working session open to students only. The goal of the event is to generate student feedback to be used in what Dunham said was a more student-centered Direction Package that will be submitted to the administration.

“I organized Student Vision after I saw the administration’s direction and noticed that, in my opinion, there was a lack of student input and involvement in it,” Dunham said.



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Meaghan LaSala (left), a junior women and gender studies major, Susan Lewey Hamilton, coordinator of Multicultural Student Affairs (center) and Dr. Wendy Chapkis (right), professor of sociology and women and gender studies, sat on the “when students act, administrations listen” panel on Oct. 23 to promote student activism during times of change within the university system.

“If we could design the perfect university, and tell them what it looks like from a variety of different students: undergrads, grads, residents, commuters, traditional, nontraditional. If we could figure out the ways that we all touch the university and things that could be improved, what would that look like?”

Like Purnell and LaSala, Dunham’s concern is also rooted in the language of the Direction Package.

“It was very vague, and in my opinion, top down,” said Dunham.

“It started from the trustee level and how the university is suppose to serve the state and trustees, but it said really nothing about how it’s supposed to serve students, ultimately, and I think we should be the first that are being served.”

“The Direction Package is a part of an international assault on the right to an accessible and affordable education,” said LaSala. “And especially being a public institution, USM is the only path to accessible education that a lot of people have, and to be carving out essential pro-

grams and departments from our public institution in southern Maine is completely unacceptable.”

Student Vision workshops will be held in the Faculty Dining Room and the Presidential Dining Room in Brooks Student Center on Friday, Nov. 1 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and 113 Bailey Hall, also in Gorham, on Saturday, Nov. 2 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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Cutler proposes reform for higher education



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Independent gubernatorial candidate Eliot Cutler in his Portland office describes the evolution of his views on Maine's public education system.

Sidney Dritz
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Of the voices airing ideas on the subject of education reform this election season, only 2014 gubernatorial candidate Eliot Cutler is proposing a complete merging of the state of Maine's community college and public university systems.

In an op-ed for the Sun Journal on Oct. 20, Cutler called for educational reform across the board. This call included a demand for a comprehensive plan for education in the state from preschool through graduate studies. His plan included the idea of merging Maine's community

colleges and public universities. It also called for the elimination of tuition costs for higher education by replacing tuition with the payment of a fixed percentage of graduates' incomes in exchange for their living and working in the state of Maine for 20 years after graduation.

Cutler's plan, which he said is detailed more comprehensively in his self-published book, *A State of Opportunity*, sprung from a speech he made in 2008 as a part of the 'Policy Soundings' lecture series. He'd been asked to speak about his work in China, and ended up discussing whether or not Maine's educational system is competitive with China's

in the global market. According to Cutler, it is not—and since then, he said to the Free Press, the problem of Maine's educational system has been on his mind.

"None of this is new, it's just that we haven't done anything about it," Cutler said.

According to USM political science professor Ron Schmidt, the problem with Cutler's proposal is not this desire for international academic competitiveness. "That's a fair goal," said Schmidt, when discussing the link between Cutler's goal and the proposal in his op-ed. "I have no idea how he gets from one to the other."

One of the points Schmidt objected to was Cutler's notion of "Pay It Forward, Pay it Back," which would waive student payment for tuition while they are in school on the condition that they stay in the state and pay a percentage of their income back to the school for 20 years after graduation. Schmidt described this as creating, "what is essentially an indentured servitude class."

The section of Cutler's op-ed to which Schmidt refers states that "[the plan] would allow Maine high school graduates to attend our public colleges and universities tuition-free on the condition that they live and work in Maine and pay the fund back with a minimal percentage of their own incomes over 20 years or so." Cutler responded to Schmidt's comments later in a statement to the Free Press. Despite the op-ed's language, Cutler's plan would not necessarily keep students involved in the program from leaving the state.

"There's no way that we could force graduates to stay in Maine, even if we wanted to," Cutler said. "My intention has been that the legislature would consider a couple of alternatives: (a) a condition that students live and work in Maine for some number of years (say, three to six) following graduation, and then, they could leave if they wanted to, but the percentage-of-income repayment requirement would continue until it is satisfied; or, (b) they could leave right after graduation, but they would have to convert the debt from a 'Pay It Forward, Pay It Back' program to a conventional student loan."

When asked whether there was precedent for his proposals, Cutler cited the state of Oregon's proposed

"Pay It Forward" plan that may or may not be implemented in 2015. "Pay It Forward" is indeed similar to Cutler's proposal, except that it does not require students to remain in the state.

The other significant change Cutler would make to Maine's higher education system would be the merging of the public university and community college systems. This change is one that he feels would be particularly financially and practically sound.

"We have two separate systems with two separate superstructures," Cutler said. "One of the consequences of that is that we don't have a clearly defined path." By combining the two systems, he would hope to prevent administrative redundancies and create a single, clear path through all of the levels the Maine public education system has to offer.

Schmidt pointed out that the mission statements of the two systems are different, with the community college system placing a heavier emphasis on job placement while the university system is intended to be a place for research and exploration, as well as the building of job skills.

Cutler said that his plans for education reform are key to his campaign for governor. Schmidt was more skeptical. "If for some reason this strikes a chord with people, it could help him, but I doubt it," Schmidt said, adding, "it's entirely possible that it will slip under the radar altogether."

President Kalikow, Provost Stevenson and University of Maine Chancellor James Page declined to comment on Cutler's proposal for higher education.

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Missing keys trigger a rise in security measures

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Editor-in-Chief

One stolen set of keys has cost the university an estimated six-figure dollar amount, triggered a review of university policy and left many faculty and staff wondering how they will be able to get into their buildings at irregular hours.

After a tool bag that contained a set of university keys was stolen from a facilities van on Monday night prompting security concerns, the university began replacing all of the external doors in Portland and Gorham, said Bob Caswell, executive director of public affairs at USM. There are around 5,500 internal and external doors on campus in 40 to 50 buildings across the two campuses, Caswell said.

"It's thousands and thousands of doors that need to be looked at and prioritized," Caswell said. He

said that external locks will be replaced for Monday. Several hundred doors had already been fitted with new locks as of Friday.

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-Bob Caswell
Executive Director of Public Affairs

The process, he estimated, will cost the university more than six figures, and the lock changes this week are only a temporary fix, he said. There will be more to come, he said.

"The next major stage of the process will be to design a new [university-wide] keying system so that there is a finite number of

master keys that work on both interior and exterior doors," he said. In other words, the process is far from over. By mid-week faculty and staff will start to be issued new keys, but until then, public safety will have to let faculty and staff into university buildings after hours, if it is absolutely necessary that someone enter a building, Caswell said.

Beyond that, Caswell said that part of the process will likely prompt a review of policy, though he stated that he is currently not familiar with what facilities' policies are currently in place to regulate procedures for the storage of university keys. Caswell was not aware of whether or not the vehicle from which the keys were stolen was left unlocked.

"There were no signs of forcible entry," he said. "That doesn't mean that somebody couldn't have worked the lock."

Caswell said that he didn't think



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Alan Pottle is the locksmith who has been replacing the locks on all of the doors on the Portland campus after the set of keys were lost.

that the daily operations of the university had been interrupted; however, he acknowledged the inconvenience of the situation.

"It's a huge pain. There's no two ways about it," he said. "I guess

we just ask for people's patience so that we can get a uniform key system in place."

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fessors within the college. However, Kuzma said the specifics of reorganizing the college are still up in the air.

Cheryl Laz, associate professor of sociology feels that the Direction Package, as it has been presented so far, is not supportive of the college.

Laz said that she feels that communication between faculty and the administration has not yet been productive. The university, Laz said, is taking on a business model outlook for students and that the liberal arts that are at the heart of USM will suffer.

"Departments are like political

party structures," said Kuzma. "We want the faculty to get out and associate with each other in order to build cross-disciplinary relationships."

The CAHS sent out a survey to its faculty members. Part of this survey addressed some faculty gossip and rumors about the new Direction Package. Kuzma said that one of these rumors was that the administration was going to cut out the the language department, uprooting or firing faculty, to turn USM into a replica of a community college. These rumors, Kuzma stated, are not true.

"Lynn spent a lot of time dispelling rumors during the meetings," said Adam Tuchinsky, as-

sociate dean of CAHS. "We're trying to be as transparent as possible moving forward, should the faculty choose to reorganize the college."

The survey results showed that there were several comments left by professors who were not in favor of reorganization. It was noted that at the next meeting, should the unsatisfied faculty show up, their comments and questions will be addressed. The survey also addressed the need for faculty to decide what parts of the Direction Package they agree and disagree on in order to give feedback to the administration about possible adjustments to the measure.

Laz did not take the survey

because she said that she wants to have face-to-face discussions about the issues within the CAHS, rather than attempts to reorganize over survey results.

Kuzma and Tuchinsky stressed that they do not want to reorganize the college in a top-down style. They want to be as inclusive as possible with the faculty. Kuzma admitted that if the faculty does not want to reorganize at all, then they will leave CAHS unchanged, but a majority of the college's professors, around 65 percent according to the faculty survey, do want to see changes.

Laz said the meetings for the CAHS were about whether the college should respond to the new

Direction Package. According to Laz, many questions were not answered during the meetings, and there is still confusion among faculty regarding what the college will do in the future. Laz would not comment on what specific questions were asked during the meetings.

"We are thinking about a content base versus skills base," said Kuzma. "Content is important, but we need to focus on the skills students need to learn. Skills that help students become lifelong learners."

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A Gorham and Portland events boards update

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Contributor

The Portland Events Board has been hosting and co-hosting multiple events during this fall semester, such as ziplining at the Husky Games and co-hosting the rooftop movie night on the parking garage. In addition they co-hosted a roller skating event last week with the Gorham Events Board.

Next week the PEB will be giving out tickets for haunted hayrides. In addition, the following week they will be co-hosting commuter week, which will involve activities including the USM Family Halloween Party, the Royal Majesty Drag Competition and Show, and the WMPG record sale.

The Gorham Events Board has hosted events such as the Husky Games, the “GLOW” dance, Bingo, pie eating contests, and pumpkin decoration workshops. GEB president, Delaney Kenny, stated that they already have next semester’s events all planned out, as well as events for the 2014 fall semester.

In two weeks the GEB will be hosting a laser tag event and arts and crafts. The GEB, according to Kenny, is a very “close-knit group.” “We have each others number so we could all just call each other for help,” said Kenny. The GEB will also be attending an event by the National Association for Campus Activities where they will be given ideas on how to bring in students and will be able to meet vendors and agents. They are also able to see live performances and decide who they would like to have come to USM. All expenses that would be made on the performers will be offered at a discounted rate.

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said.

Jeyhun Ismayilov, an accounting major, is also concerned. “I am pretty sure, among 189 accounting majors, there will be people who would like to have more options than just one elective class for spring.” Ismayilov is gathering student feedback about the lack of accounting

electives and he plans on presenting his results to the School of Business Dean Joe McDonnell.

Havlin met with Dean McDonnell on Oct. 21 to discuss the spring schedule. “I tried to get to the bottom of why there are so few accounting classes being offered next semester. He answered a lot of my questions with questions.”

According to Havlin, McDonnell told him that, “If there’s demand for the courses, he will offer the courses.”

School of Business Associate Dean Bert Smoluk said that if there was a demand for more accounting and finance classes, “We would seriously look at bringing adjuncts in. But we don’t see it. Some [classes] are offered only in the fall, some are offered only in the spring. Students recognize that and plan ahead.”

“We base our decisions on supply and demand,” said Smoluk. According to Smoluk, students demand more marketing classes than accounting and finance classes.

“I think it’s a non-issue,” said Kerr. According to Kerr, two finance and two accounting courses will be offered in the spring term.

Kerr said that he hasn’t received any complaints from the accounting or finance majors about the

electives. “We try to accommodate students as much as possible. In the absence of many more complaints, there’s not much we can do.”

Jeff Shields, an associate professor of accounting, disagreed. “[We’re] down for the first time to one elective this spring,” he said. Shields attributed this to the retirement of Charlotte Pryor, an associate professor of accounting.

According to Shields, it became more difficult to offer two electives in the fall and spring with the decrease in the number of faculty.

Smoluk said that the School of Business is looking to replace Pryor, however, “Given the financial situation for the university, we don’t know how that will go.”

Havlin is also concerned about the decision to hire a marketing adjunct instead of an accounting adjunct professor. “The funds are there to hire an accounting professor. There are four full time marketing professors already.”

According to Smoluk, “We have adjuncts right now in accounting.”

Havlin has started a Facebook campaign to get business students to email McDonnell and demand more accounting and finance electives. He believes that a lack of elective options is, “going to hurt the long-term prospects of the school.”“They can afford to offer more classes and still be profitable,” he said.

Havlin explained, “I want to have [elective] choices to better my education.”

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-Bert Smoluk
School of Business Associate Dean



Police Beat

Selections from the USM Department of Public Safety police log Oct. 18 to Oct. 23

Friday, Oct. 18

Political rally?
1:05 a.m. - Report of loud gathering. Occupants warned for noise and referred to community standards. - Upperclass Hall, 25 Husky Dr.

Elections are coming
1:45 a.m. - Warning to occupants for noise. - Upperclass Hall, 25 Husky Dr.

“And for my next trick, identity theft!”
8:13 a.m. - Report of theft via bad checks. - Payson Smith Hall, 96 Falmouth St.

Anti-automobile conspiracy
4:46 p.m. - Report of damage to a motor vehicle. - Gorham Campus, 37 College Ave.

Two for the price of one?
4:53 p.m. - Report of damage to a motor vehicle. - Gorham Campus, 37 College Ave.

Architectural mayhem
9:25 p.m. - Report of damage to a wall. - Dickey Wood Hall, 17 University Way

Sunday, Oct. 20

Both i’s on the road
10:49 a.m. - Traffic summons issued to Jennifer K. Howitt, 24 of Lyman, ME for registration violation and warning for inspection and insurance violations. - Portland, Falmouth St. at Dean St.

Hands at ten and two, please
11:49 a.m. - Warning to operator for distracted driving. - G16 Parking Lot, 55 Campus Ave.

Just another day at the office
10:58 p.m. - Gorham Fire Department assisted in getting individuals out of a disabled elevator. - Dickey Wood Hall, 17 University Way

Tuesday, Oct. 22

Haven’t we said enough about the keys?
5:49 a.m. - Report of a University owned vehicle being entered and items being taken. Under investigation - Payson Smith Hall, 96 Falmouth St.

Double-whammy
1:37 p.m. - Warning to operator for no right on red and for driving while suspended. - Marginal Way at Preble St.


And the week wouldn’t be complete without...
7:31 p.m. - Warning to operator for stop sign violation - Costello Complex, 43 Campus Ave.

Wednesday, Oct. 23

Gimme that back
4:31 p.m. - Report taken for theft of an item. - Payson Smith Hall, 96 Falmouth St.

Seriously, stop stealing my things
8:52 p.m. - Report taken for theft of an item. - Sullivan Gym, 21 Falmouth St.

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Arts & Culture

Returning from Russia: a new perspective

Senior USM student shares advice from a semester abroad

Francis Flisiuk
Free Press Staff

Senior Russian studies major Emily Boutin has seen her program go defunct after a series of cuts last year, but that hasn't stopped her from finishing her degree in a big way.

Boutin is the only Russian Studies major left at USM after university officials began to phase out the program to cut expenses starting in 2008 with LAC eliminating the program entirely. She recently returned from a summer semester studying abroad in Russia and has returned with experiences she's looking to share with the community.

After returning home from her time living in St. Petersburg and Moscow, Boutin spoke to students about Russian culture last Friday in Glickman Library, presenting what she described as an incredibly rewarding experience.

"It was the best summer I've had in years," Boutin said. "Travelling has changed the way I look at so many things."

Exposure to another culture

offers a valuable learning opportunity for students and forces them to see everyday life from a different perspective, she said.

But for this Russian Studies major the biggest incentive to travel, she said, was the opportunity to strengthen her Russian language skills. Boutin believes there is no better way to learn and practice language than to be immersed in a culture and talk to real native speakers. Becoming fluent in Russian is no easy task, she said, but for Boutin learning the language was both educational and enjoyable. Whether it was practicing phrases to the locals at one of the sprawling outdoor markets or sharing stories from each culture with her host family, Boutin always had the opportunity to practice speaking.

"I love trying to communicate with others in their own language," she said.

Boutin aimed to provide information to students thinking about taking their academics overseas. She advised that students research extensively and start preparations early.

She also stressed that students choose to travel to a place for which they are passionate. However, she also emphasized the importance of verifying that the courses available in the location will be applicable to the student's



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Senior Russian Studies major Emily Boutin presents on her experiences studying abroad in Russia at Glickman Library last Friday.

major or at least that they can fulfill electives.

Between getting a passport, meeting a GPA requirement, filling the necessary paperwork and saving enough money, studying abroad may seem like a daunting procedure, Boutin said. However she assured students that it's entirely possible and much easier when taking advantage of USM resources.

"Whenever I felt overwhelmed with the process I just spoke with my adviser, and I was put right back on track," said Boutin.

Boutin also presented her photographs of Russia from her personal blog, a photo essay of her experience. "I blogged almost every day in Russia and I loved it," said Boutin. "It was impossible not to take photos there."

From the gardens of Peter the Great, to the golden peacock at The State Hermitage, Boutin's photos are a window into Russian culture through the camera lens of an American student. The photographs she snapped showcase Russian art, architecture, food and the people of the country.

However one unexpected photographic feature seemed to pop up on Boutin's blog beyond the colorful cathedrals and matryoshka dolls—the Russian bride. According to Boutin, Russia is obsessed with brides, and she frequently saw Russian girls in billowing white dresses strolling in the park or posing by fountains.

"I swear I must have seen at least 60 Russian brides during my trip," she said.

Day to day life in St. Petersburg, she said, was far from boring. The day started usually with breakfast and tea with Yelena, her host mother. They watched international news and practiced key Russian phrases.

"I was nervous at first at the prospect of staying with a strange foreign family, but I was matched with such nice and helpful people it made my trip amazing," Boutin said, and after reflecting, she recommends the option of staying with a host family to any student

interested in studying abroad.

Boutin commuted five days out of the week to her university for class. After class, she visited landmarks. Boutin went to a different place every day exploring squares, parks, museums, gardens, palaces and theaters.

Boutin went with the Center for International Education, a perk of the program was the four-day trip to Moscow, during which she saw the Russian ballet perform in "arguably one of the best ballet venues in the world," the Bolshoi Theatre.

But living abroad isn't always easy, she said, because culture shock and homesickness were sometimes unavoidable.

"I won't forget the day I first went to one of the outdoor markets and thought I'd have a panic attack," said Boutin. The anxiety can creep in, she said, when you're suddenly exposed to a crowd of people speaking in a different language, operating in a completely different structure.

"People will be friendly to you, but you're generally on your own," she said.

Boutin assured, however, that after a while you just get used to being immersed in a different culture, and it quickly becomes more exciting than stressful.

Travelling and studying in Russia has certainly changed her life for the better, Boutin said, and she is certain it can do the same for other students, and Boutin is already thinking about returning to Russia after her graduation in December.

"I'm debating between either grad school abroad or taking a year off to teach English, either way I'm going back," said Boutin.

You can hear all of Boutin's travel stories and advice again on Nov. 8 when she will present again in Gorham. The location, however, has yet to be determined.

Boutin's photographs as well as some of her written work can be viewed at emilyboutin.wordpress.com.

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A&C Listings

Monday, October 28

Justin Townes Earl / Margse Smith
State Theatre
609 Congress St.
Doors: 7:00 p.m. / Show: 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 29

Jen Starsnic & Eric Law
Blue
650 Congress St.
Doors: 7:30 p.m. / Show: 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 30

Yamantaka / Sonic Titan
SPACE Gallery
538 Congress St.
Doors: 8:00 p.m. / Show: 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 31

The Burners Halloween Masquerade Ball
One Longfellow Square
181 State St.
Doors: 8:00 p.m. / Show: 8:00 p.m.

SPACE Halloween Party
SPACE Gallery
538 Congress St.
Doors: 8:00 p.m. / Show: 8:30 p.m.

Tron of the Dead 2: The Other Bones
Port City Music Hall
504 Congress St.
Doors: 8:00 p.m. / Show: 9:00 p.m.

Purple Brainz: Tribute to Prince & Madonna
Empire
575 Congress St.
Doors: 9:00 p.m. / Show: 9:30 p.m.

Friday, November 1

John Gorka
One Longfellow Square
181 State St.
Doors: 7:00 p.m. / Show: 7:00 p.m.

Zappa Plays Zappa
State Theatre
609 Congress St.
Doors: 7:00 p.m. / Show: 8:00 p.m.

Bronze Radio Return / Spencer
Port City Music Hall
504 Congress St.
Doors: 8:00 p.m. / Show: 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 2

Yonder Mountain String Band
State Theatre
609 Congress St.
Doors: 7:00 p.m. / Show: 8:00 p.m.

Chris Klaxton Jazz
Blue
650 Congress St.
Doors: 10:00 p.m. / Show: 10:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 3

Bullet For My Valentine / Black Veil Brides
State Theatre
609 Congress St.
Doors: 6:00 p.m. / Show: 6:30 p.m.

National Reviews

Of Montreal stresses lyrical creativity



Polyvinyl

Dan Kelly
Free Press Staff

Of Montreal's latest release, *Lousy with Sylvianbriar*, is an expressive masterpiece.

Kevin Barnes, the band's lead singer, lyricist, instrumentalist and general leader, proves his creative instinct with his instrumentation. "Obsidian Currents," for example, incorporates synthesizer, acoustic and electric guitar, drums, bass and vocals. Most bands struggle to make all of these instruments blend together and not sound cluttered. Barnes makes it sound easy and natural. This track, like many others on the album, is filled

with space, with each instrument adding a minimal, but essential, part to the song. Barnes' composing style makes tracks sound as if all individual parts have come together to create a single instrument.

Barnes' lyrics paint a vivid picture when paired with the instrumentation. "Imbecile Rages," one of the angrier songs from the album, is a perfect example of this. Barnes sings, "the pollution from your imbecile rages are licking at your heels / Plotting red streaks across the desert of my eyes / I have no hope for you anymore."

Barnes goes beyond simply saying how he feels; he makes it an art. His use of imagery evokes an unforgettable image. In "Triumph of Disintegration," Barnes sings, "Thrashed through the forest like a tormented brute, I had to make myself a monster just to feel something / Ugly enough to be true." These lyrics make you think. Barnes engages

his listeners in an interactive process where information has to be intentionally and thoughtfully processed to be understood.

Lousy with Sylvianbriar is an example of art music. Unlike the painfully repetitive tracks that dominate the top 40 lists, this album gets better the more you listen to it. Although the tracks aren't terribly complicated in a technical sense, Barnes and his bandmates are extremely expressive. This shows an impressive level of musicianship that is uncommon for all genres. Deep lyrics paired with detailed instrumentation work to create a sound that is both original and thought provoking. Although *Lousy with Sylvianbriar* will probably not enjoy frequent airplay on major radio stations, give this album a serious listen to appreciate its sincere creativity.

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Wittner's innovation breaks the mold



Invisible Music

Dan Kelly
Free Press Staff

Did I Say That Out Loud, released by USM jazz guitar instructor and faculty member Gary Wittner, takes jazz performed on a stripped-down scale to the next level.

You'd probably associate the nonintrusive sound of a jazz guitar-vocal duo with he dim corner of a hotel lounge or in the back of a formal executive party. This type of music is most often regarded as "background music" that is rarely listened to attentively, but *Did I Say That Out Loud*, while adhering to the simplistic instrumentation of the guitar-vocal duo with an occasional acoustic bassline, breaks this rigid stereotypical mold.

cal mold.

Wittner, on both guitar and vocals, gives listeners unusual and interesting music. His guitar parts employ stop-and-go angular rhythms that are analogous to a lost car driving on a dark and windy Maine road, creating an unpredictability and anticipation to know what comes next.

Wittner's guitar harmonies are dissonant in a way that's reminiscent of Thelonious Monk, but followed by short periods of consonance. This style of playing draws the listener in because of how peculiar it is—the chords and melodic lines may not necessarily sound "right" to the listener expecting the chords of popular music, but they do sound very good. As with his rhythms, Wittner's harmonies leave listeners on the edge of their seats, waiting for the next strange progression.

"I'll Quit Tomorrow" captures the underlying theme of the album, with its frantic vocals that take unexpected rhythmic twists and turns. Wittner's guitar

playing follows in the same vein, but incorporating extreme dissonance. Notes are put together in an unorthodox fashion and chords often clash with melodic lines.

"Elijah's Room," a slower tune, takes a relatively simple chord progression and melody and makes it interesting. Guitar playing, although more consonant than on other tracks, still uses strange combinations of notes. The vocals work to make this track more interesting by toying with the melody, starting and stopping abruptly.

Wittner's creative ambition to break through the mold that is too often associated with vocal jazz accompanied by a lone guitar should be appreciated. This album dares to do something different. While not everybody because of its unfamiliarity compared to "Holiday Inn" jazz, it is something new—an admirable quality in a musician that cannot be respected enough.

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In Heavy Rotation

What caught the eyes and ears of our staff this week.



Rockstar Games

Lil Wayne /
I Am Not A Human Being

The beats on this album are ridiculous. "Right Above It," is prime, the smooth samples from "With You" are ones you'll find yourself whistling on the street and "Bill Gates" has a lot of space, so it's a fun track. It's a throwback, but the album is so tight and put together to not play again.

-Sam Hill
Arts & Culture Editor



Soft Revolution

Stars / *The Five Ghosts*

Just in time for Halloween, Stars have died so they can haunt you with catchy, catchy tunes. Eerie and electric, this album ranges over such disparate topics of drug addiction, infidelity, the end of the world and sad, child-ghosts.

-Sidney Dritz
News Editor



Sub Pop

The Postal Service/
Give Up

This has fantastic album has been the soundtrack to countless late night writing and design sessions for me. It's the perfect mellow background music for amping up your creativity. The album may be over a decade old but it still sounds relevant and fresh.

-Ellie Spahn
Design Assistant

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Perspectives

Our opinion: *LePage* insults Mainers by reviving Romney gaff

LePage is bringing back a failed strategy with his latest inflammatory comment.

“About 47 percent of Mainers don’t work.” That’s what the governor said to a Maine women’s group at a conference last week.

In case you were wondering, LePage is wrong. A minute’s research will show anyone that LePage didn’t get his information from a reliable source. According to the Maine Department of Labor, over 65 percent of working age Mainers are employed or actively looking for employment.

The governor clearly borrowed his line from Mitt Romney who after staving in 2012 that 47 percent of the United States were dependent on the government, watched as media outlets shredded his bleeding campaign to pieces.

The real question LePage’s statement begs is why on earth any politician would adopt the most catastrophically self destructive strategy in years, that is, insulting constituents and implying that half of them are worthless.

Sure, the statement wasn’t a good idea to start with, but LePage saw the consequences, and

also, Romney didn’t try this line years ago; he said it last year. Did LePage watch the presidential candidate’s career-wrecking tactic and decide that if he used it in Maine, it would work out just fine?

Democratic systems have a novel aspect: their citizens are able to remove leaders they don’t like. Common sense would seem to tell the most condescending politician to complement his constituents and profess an unshakable confidence in his state.

Regardless of his reasoning, LePage is trying out the new, bolder strategies of the Republican party and navigating (poorly) between the dangerous pitfalls inherent to those strategies.

The governor pushed himself into a corner with his silly and easily countered statement. As baffling as the governor’s mind is, there’s something to be thankful for: the key to educated voting is information, and next election, Mainers will know exactly how LePage feels about them.

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Bike law trumps basic rights

Bryan Bonin
Contributor

The positive aspects of Maine’s new bicycle law, which promote safer cycling, are overshadowed by serious flaws in its construction.

The new safety laws are at the expense of motorists’ rights. This new bicycle law requires motorists to prove their innocence in any collision with a cyclist that results in physical injury, regardless of the incident’s cause. This requirement goes against the long upheld judicial norm of being considered innocent until proven guilty, a fundamental right upheld in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

In recent years, Portland has become a Mecca for cycling, with numerous city groups conducting organized rides as well as an increase in individual riders. Many streets around the city have designated bike lanes, many of which the USM community uses to commute to campus.

The law passed in June without the governor’s signature, under the name of “An Act to Update and Clarify the Laws Governing the Operation of Bicycles on Public Roadways.” The bill’s aim is to provide safer conditions for cycling within the Maine revised statutes, Title 29-A by clarifying the previous laws. The most notable tipping of the scales of equality came at the

end of the bill in Section 5. Previous law set the “three-foot rule” that required a motorist leave a distance of at least three feet between their vehicle and a bicyclist while passing them. The new law clarifies those conditions; it includes that if a collision between a motor vehicle and a bicycle occurs, resulting in bodily injury to the bicyclist, the motorist is automatically presumed guilty of violating the three-foot rule. This inclusion in the law is a grave injustice to Maine motorists.

In attempting to increase motorist accountability concerning cyclist safety, this portion of the law creates unjust circumstances in which motorists must prove their innocence. While the city is making it easier to be a cyclist, the reality is, that Maine is a rural place and vehicles must be driven to get from A to B. Motorists need protection under the law, too. The motorist is now charged with having to prove their innocence in a situation, rather than the judicial norm of being recognized innocent until proven guilty. We need rules that provide bicycle safety without degrading the basic rights of motorists.

The requirement that a bicyclist must operate as far to the right portion of the road as possible except when it’s unsafe to do so, is one of the only changes in the updated law that places the responsibility on the

cyclist, rather than the motorist. All other safety changes in the law place too much responsibility on the motorist. Proposed alternative methods for increasing bicycle safety on public roadways include requiring registration plates, inspection stickers and mandatory courses for young cyclists. Registration plates would help to identify cyclists and instill them with a greater sense of accountability for their actions. State inspections would ensure not only the safe operation of bicycles, they would promote safe operating conditions for everyone on the roadway. A mandatory cycling safety course could provide the education necessary for young cyclists to use public roadways prudently.

This gives cyclists an unfair additional right to legal protection. There are adequate alternative methods for ensuring safe cycling besides the methods of the new law—methods that do not jeopardize the rights of the motorists. A balance must be struck in the spirit of sharing the road, but this time, we need to look out for the interest of motorists.

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The Pickle Jar

Sneaky tactics hurt the U.S.



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Dylan Lajoie
Staff Writer

The United States has recently come under fire from states around the world for shady intelligence gathering policies.

While U.S. chief intelligence officials argue that these surveillance programs are necessary to maintain national security and the White House continues to dismiss the charges as nothing out of the ordinary, it is becoming increasingly clear that the United States has seriously disturbed some of its closest

friends and allies.

Documents leaked by whistleblower Edward Snowden last year accuse the United States of collecting data from perhaps more than 70 million telephone calls made in France.

It was disturbing enough when Snowden revealed in June that the National Security Agency was collecting data from phone calls in the United States from Verizon customers, but how can security officials justify tapping tens of millions of phone calls in France, a historic

ally?

It’ll be pretty tough to do. It’ll be even tougher to justify monitoring the phone calls of the world’s most powerful leaders; They’ll have to try, because the United States had taken to collecting information from phone calls of Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff and German chancellor Angela Merkel.

The monitoring of Rousseff points to previously troubled relations with South and Central

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American countries, but monitoring Merkel is a different story. Merkel has criticized the the action of the United States.

U.S. surveillance measures worked to damage trust between the U.S. and one of the leading countries in the European Union. While James Clapper, the U.S. National Intelligence Director, has denied the allegations on Tumblr, the U.S. government hasn't been hesitant about stretching the truth on their intelligence gathering practices in the past.

These so-called "national security measures" have done nothing but harm the image of the United States abroad. The United States can't afford to take many more hits to its diplomatic credibility, especially with citizens stateside already raising their eyebrows at the government's own domestic surveillance policies.

President Obama has previously said that his administration has struck a proper balance between security and privacy. The more details that emerge about current security and intelligence programs, the easier it is to see that isn't the case. Allegations like these will only hurt our ability to defend our interests abroad if national security were to really be jeopardized. If institutions like the NSA don't begin to reverse course to a creeping surveillance state, the United States will lose support from both key international partners and the domestic population.

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Election Selection

Vote yes on two: it's a yes for U.

Marpheen Chann
Contributor

We have the chance to make a meaningful difference here at USM on Nov. 5.

This opportunity involves everyone going to the polls and voting for Question 2, a bond issue that will grant the UMaine system \$15.5 million toward science, technology, engineering and math lab and classroom upgrades. Of this \$15.5 million, USM will receive \$4 million.

If passed, Question 2 will provide jobs for Maine's economy by hiring the workers needed to make the necessary improvements. We will provide jobs for construction workers, installation specialists, carpenters and a variety of workers from other professions. In tough economic times and a tight job market, the investment Mainers make by voting yes will result in an immediate return via lower unemployment.

If passed, Question 2 will be a much needed investment in our aging in-class infrastructure. We cannot efficiently and effectively educate students in classrooms with outdated equipment. It is a waste of university dollars, it is a waste of taxpayer dollars and it is a waste of our tuition dollars. If we want to efficiently and effectively educate future STEM workers and professionals, we should

educate them with technology of the future, not of the past.

If passed, Question 2 will provide a highly trained and specialized work force ready to give back to the economy. A workforce which is trained in science, technology, engineering and math will make Maine attractive to businesses in a wide range of industries. Upgrading STEM labs and classrooms will facilitate the education of our future workforce and will provide incentives for business and industry to move to Maine.

Voting YES ON 2 on November 5th will make a difference for USM, the UMaine system and for Maine through jobs, infrastructure upgrades and ensuring that Maine has a competent and highly skilled workforce. The most direct impact this investment will have is on our learning experience. As students, we will benefit directly through these upgrades by improving the environment in which we learn and the tools with which we learn. So remember, remember, on the 5th of November, a Yes on 2 is a yes for you.

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On the news

Theft reveals student safety as key USM priority

Kelsea Dunham
and **Joy Pufhal**
Contributors

Within hours of learning about the theft of master keys on Tuesday, the Department of Facilities Management implemented a rapid response to address potential security issues on campus.

First, facilities identified and replaced the highest priority lock-changes to protect residential students' safety and belongings. Then, they worked on areas of the university containing confidential and sensitive student information, and finally, valuable university resources. USM's Critical Incident Response Team was then convened, which includes us both, and we were briefed by Chief Financial Officer Dick Campbell, Executive Director of Facilities Management Bob Bertram, Chief of Police Kevin Conger and Executive Director of Public Affairs Bob Caswell. In addition to reviewing and mobilizing additional security efforts in the residence halls and on both campuses, the group developed a key access plan, and additional communications.

This process has and will continue to take an extraordinary amount of staff time, as well as financial resources, which are likely to be over \$100,000. Even so, USM has not relented on the crucial need to rekey,

because the highest priority is the safety of students and employees.

As the lock-changes continue, students who require access to buildings outside of normal university business hours, such as our student leaders, members of the Free Press and other students wishing to use the photo lab—among many others—may be inconvenienced by the need to contact Public Safety for access while a process is rolled out to distribute the new keys.

We ask for your understanding, cooperation and patience with the Departments of Public Safety and Facilities Management. University locksmiths, Betty Hilton and Alan Pottle, have worked nearly around the clock since Tuesday to ensure that safety is preserved and to ensure that university operations are impacted as little as possible.

The key access plan started within hours of the notification, continued through the night and is ongoing. Although these lock-changes may be a temporary nuisance and inconvenience, we are proud to be part of a university community that takes safety seriously.

We are all in this together.

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USM Leadership Recognition Dog Pound

Chelsea Tibbetts



Major: Media Studies and a minor in Marketing
USM Extracurricular Involvement: Secretary of Gorham Events Board
Member of USM Dance Team
Member of Russell Scholars Program

Quote from nominator:

"Chelsea helped all of the executive board members in becoming more organized and precise with our note keeping and budgeting. She has also committed herself to helping me revise the GEB Constitution. Chelsea has also helped in the planning of T-Shirt Decorating, where nearly 200 students attended and had fun decorating personalized t-shirts."

Azia Gilbert

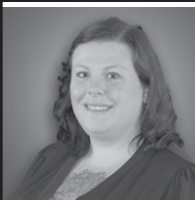


Major: English Major with a minor in Women's Studies
USM Extracurricular Involvement: Work-study student at Wellness center
"Keeping U Well" student group
Student Support Network training

Quote from nominator:

"Azia has shown great initiative as a work study student in the new Portland Well. She has developed a system to help other students develop meaningful program ideas, and she begun working on several of her own initiatives, including a Monday night Pilates meet up."

Kelsea Dunham



Major: Marketing and Women and Gender Studies (Dual Degree) with a minor in English
USM Extracurricular Involvement: USM Student Body President

Quote from nominator:

"Took the time to initiate a successful brunch for student leaders and the administration."

Samantha Davol

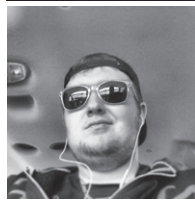


Major: Athletic Training major with a minor in Business
USM Extracurricular Involvement: Financial chair of GEB

Quote from nominator:

"Sam was a key member of the GLO planning committee which was a collaboration between the Gorham Events Board and the brothers of Phi Mu Delta. It was a successful event on September 6th in which over 300 students attended and had \$140.00 worth of revenue made."

Dan Jandreau



Major: Leadership and Communications double major with an Information Technologies minor
USM Extracurricular Involvement: Vice President of Membership for the Phi Mu Delta Fraternity, a Student Senator, a member of the Leadership Development Board, a member of the USM DJ Combine, and a Vemma Brand Partner

Quote from nominator:

"I nominated Dan because he showed up at a crucial Faculty Senate meeting, which is singularly an overwhelming experience, and was able to give student feedback about the potential physics major cut. A student perspective was sorely needed in the room, and he was eloquent. He made excellent points which were later cited in the Free Press."

Casey Lancaster



Major: Masters of Public Health (MPH)
USM Extracurricular Involvement: Graduate Assistant: Campus Involvement and Activities, Muskie Student Organization, Executive Committee - Muskie Student Organization (MPH Representative)

Quote from nominator:

"Casey has taken the lead on a number of campus events including the Roof Top movie in Portland in his first week working in the office. His go-get-em attitude is infectious and exactly what USM needed."

Heath Garson



Major: Biology major with a minor in ecology
USM Extracurricular Involvement: Secretary of Portland Events Board, Member of the Biology club

Quote from nominator:

"Heath set up our successful Rock Climbing event. One of the first events for Portland Events Board for the school year."

Christina Blair



Major: English with a minor in History
USM Extracurricular Involvement: Phi Mu Alumnae, Executive Team Leader at the Campus Involvement and Activities office on the Gorham campus

Quote from nominator:

"Christina interviewed and connected more than 39 students with work study positions on campus. On top of that she developed a curriculum for the work study team focused on helping work study students meet expectations of their positions with regard to university knowledge and custom service."

Monique Giroux



Major: Linguistics with a Spanish Minor
USM Extracurricular Involvement: President of Alpha Xi Delta, President of All Greek Council, USM Tennis Team, Fall Fest Planning Committee

Quote from nominator:

"Monique put in countless effort both in September and over the summer to run All Greek Council (AGC) sponsored events. Aside from these events, her energy and passion have gone a long way to improve AGC, all those involved in Greek Life, and the community Greek Life is a part of."

Jessica Pao



Major: Bachelors in Social Work (B.S.W)
USM Extracurricular Involvement: B.S.W intern with USM Cares suicide prevention team. Portland wellness center "the Well Mom" host of the family fun nights

Quote from nominator:

"Jessica initiated a Family Night program through the Portland Well to reach out to USM students who are parenting, and to create a stronger sense of community and support for USM families."

Sarah Roberge



Major: Psychology and minor Sociology
USM Extracurricular Involvement: Gorham Events Board, Pack Leader

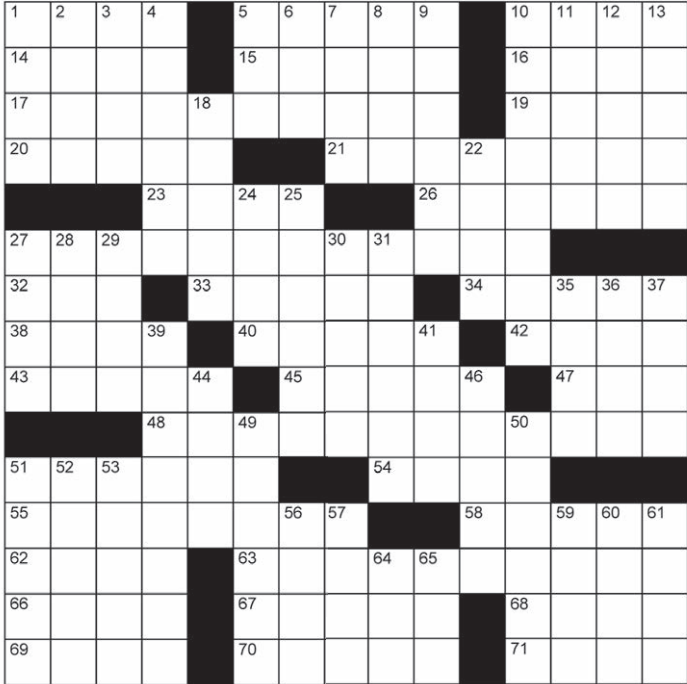
Quote from nominator:

"Sarah has specifically planned our very successful event Pingo! (Prize bingo) on Sept 19th and has helped mentor new members of the Gorham Events Board in the ways of an experienced event coordinator."

Crossword

Across

1. Zapata's 'zilch'
5. Litter
10. Bind
14. Q.E.D. member
15. Ms. Midler
16. West Coast gas brand
17. Pool-cleaning process
19. Detach gradually
20. Request from a doctor with a tongue depressor
21. Shore scene
23. Corp. officials
26. Soothed
27. Its primary is primary
32. Santana's "___ Como Va"
33. Potions professor at Hogwarts
34. Northern tribesmen
38. Not imaginary
40. "___the news today..." (Beatles lyric)
42. Make a sweater
43. Ten years before Shakespeare's birth
45. ___ nous
47. Foil or pan preceder
48. Take liberties
51. Silence of the Sopranos
54. Noel Coward and others
55. Modern-day halts to kids' fights
58. Chicago's ___ Field
62. One ___ (form of baseball)
63. Southern fellow
66. Scribbled, old-style
67. Adamite
68. Lt.-to-be's program
69. ___ contendre
70. Amount of hair
71. Immerse in liquid



Down

1. Ship-shaped clocks
2. Song for one
3. James or Tyne
4. Put on
5. Mgr.'s college degree
6. Soak hemp
7. Elevator innovator
8. A Plains tribe
9. Native name for Mount McKinley
10. Legal assistant
11. Of a section
12. Artist's suffix with land or sea
13. Sharpened, as a knife
18. Ostrich's cousins
22. Kind of bet or thing
24. Prefix with bus or potent
25. Pardoned
27. "Cheers" role
28. Looked longingly at
29. Sound state
30. Exhausted, as funds
31. Overgrown wastelands
35. The "I" of I.M.F.: Abbr.
36. Land of leprechauns
37. Holy women: Abbr.
39. Text of an opera
41. Three, in Dusseldorf
44. Presidential no
46. Swabuckling Flynn
49. Nothingness
50. Theater's greeters
51. 'Making the Band' band
52. Kind of wave or phone
53. Online correspondence
56. Guided excursion
57. "___ Enchanted Evening"
59. "Peek-___, I see you!"
60. Composer Nino
61. Jan van ___, Flemish painter
64. Marx's "___Kapital"
65. Light switch settings

Sudoku

A sudoku puzzle consists of a 9 × 9–square grid subdivided into nine 3 × 3 boxes. Some of the squares contain numbers. The object is to fill in the remaining squares so that every row, every column, and every 3 × 3 box contains each of the numbers from 1 to 9 exactly once.

The solution to last issue's crossword



Cryptogram

Every letter in a cryptogram stands for another letter. Use the hint to crack the code.

IYWGKRVD UC UWRE
WRDW-NRLGK YRGU
ZIXGE ZG NGGO ORXG I
LKIV-VGT TCZIV.

And here is your hint:

R = I



Weekly Horoscope

- ★★★★★ great
★★★★ good
★★★ average
★★ alright
★ difficult

Aries
March 21-April 19

★★★

Both work and home demand attention today. You find yourself giving support and assistance to other people's ideas.

Taurus
April 20-May 20

★★

Tie up any loose ends which exist in your finances. Make sure essential bills are paid, and seek payment for any money owed you.

Gemini
May 21-June 20

★★★★

Dissatisfaction occurs if want you want is too far removed from what is. Ground your dreams with small, practical steps.

Cancer
June 21-July 22

★★★★★

Your family acts in your best interests. They put you first. Show your appreciation.

Leo
July 23-August 22

★

Two "friends" set up a triangle situation, trying to make you feel jealous or left out. Don't play that game!

Virgo
August 23-September 22

★★★★

You'll work best on your own today. Don't let irritation slip into power struggles or arguments. Slip away and do what's necessary.

Libra
September 23-October 22

★★★★★

Someone close to you understands more than you think. Look around and you will find a sympathetic ear.

Scorpio
October 23-November 21

★★

An impulse to "take it to the limit" could get you into hot water. Don't go all the way.

Sagittarius
November 22-December 21

★★★★

Your urge is for action and excitement in relationships. Don't overdo independence. Share zest and humor instead.

Capricorn
December 22-January 19

★★★★

Seek innovative and original approaches to what you are doing. Find ways to alter your usual routine. You thrive on change today.

Aquarius
January 20-February 18

★

Disagreements over money matters are likely. Stay cool and rely on careful records. Don't take angry words personally.

Pisces
February 19-March 20

★★

You're feeling a bit sensitive today. A little extra privacy could work wonders. Protect your time alone.

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Sports

Tuesday

Women's Volleyball
USM
@ UMass Dartmouth
12 p.m.

Men's Soccer
@ USM
1 p.m.

Friday

Women's Ice Hockey
Plymouth St.
@ USM
4 p.m.

Upcoming

October 30

Women's Soccer
USM
@ St. Joseph's
3 p.m.

November 2

Women's Cross Country
LEC Championships/NEA
Championships
@ Gorham, Maine
11 a.m.

Men's Cross Country
LEC Championships/NEA
Championships
@ Gorham, Maine
12 p.m.

Women's Volleyball
USM
@ UMass Dartmouth
12 p.m.

Women's Soccer
USM
@ Keene St.
1 p.m.

Men's Soccer
@ USM
1 p.m.

Field Hockey
USM
@ Fitchburg St.
2 p.m.

Women's Volleyball
UMass Dartmouth
@ USM
2 p.m.

November 5

Women's Ice Hockey
USM
@ UNE
7 p.m.

November 8

Women's Ice Hockey
Plymouth St.
@ USM
4 p.m.

Men's Ice Hockey
USM
@ Castleton
7 p.m.

November 9

Women's Cross Country
ECAC Division III
Championship
@ Colt State Park;
Briston, R.I.
11 a.m.

Women's Cross Country
ECAC Division III
Championship
@ Colt State Park;
Briston, R.I.
12 p.m.

Scoreboard

October 16

Men's Soccer
USM 0
Bates 9

October 19

Women's Cross Country
Maine State Champion-
ships
113 points; 4th of 10

Men's Cross Country
Maine State Champion-
ships
119 points; 4th of 10

Golf
GNAC Championships
Day One
1st of 9

Men's Soccer
USM 0
Western Conn. St. 1

Women's Soccer
Western Conn. St. 2
USM 1

Women's Tennis
Worcester st. 4
USM 5

Women's Volleyball
USM 3
Mount Ida 0

Field Hockey
Framingham St. 0
USM 2

Women's Volleyball
USM 0
Eastern Nazarene 3

October 20

Golf
GNCA Championship
Final
3rd of 9

October 22

Women's Soccer
USM 0
Colby 4

Women's Tennis
USM 2
Worcester St. 5

Field Hockey
Worcester St. 2
USM 6

Women's Volleyball
USM 3
Anna Maria College 0

October 24

Women's Volleyball
St. Joseph's 3
USM 2



Adam Kennedy
Sports Editor

Men's Soccer
Huskies lose to Western Conn. St. 1-0

The men's soccer team lost to Western Conn. State on Oct 19 by a score of 1-0. This is the tenth time this year the team has been shut out, and the second time in a row. The loss brings the team to a dismal 0-15-1 on the year. They play Salem State Tuesday.

Women's Tennis
USM loses 5-2 against Worcester St.

The Huskies lost to Worches-ter State at the Little East Tour-nament 5 sets to 2 this past Tuesday. The loss concludes a fairly solid year for the team, who came into the tournament as the fifth seed. The team finished their season with an 8-7 record.

Field Hockey
Huskies defeat Worcester St. 6-2

USM dominated Worcester State for most of last Tuesday's

Quick Hits:

The Huskies' week in review



Justicia Barreiros / Free Press Staff

Renee Trottier, sophomore, gives the crowd a thumbs-up. he women's volleyball team won the first three games against Rhode Island College last Saturday making a tiebreaker unnecessary.

game to earn a decisive 6-2 win. The Huskies scored the only two goals of the first half, and four of the six goals in the second half to coast to the win. The next game is Tuesday at New England College.

Women's Volleyball
St. Joseph's upsets USM 3-2

After taking the first two sets, the Huskies went on to drop the next three to fall to Saint Joseph's 3-2. The loss brings the team to a respectable 19-8 record on the year. They play Keene

State this coming Tuesday.

Women's Soccer
USM downed 4-0 against Colby

The women's soccer team lost last Tuesday against Colby Col-lege 4-0. Colby scored two goals in the first half and two goals in the second to secure the win. The loss drops the team to 4-11-1 on the year and is their fourth loss in a row. They play Rhode Island College Wednesday.

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Mid-night showing

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NOVEMBER 1ST

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Costumes, Characters, Characters in Costumes welcomed, tossing and squirting stuff not so much.

USM COMMUNITY PAGE



Community Spotlight: Panel to discuss LGBTQA and Christianity

Courtney Aldrich
Free Press Staff

Leaders of faith communities will be coming to campus to open up communication between their organizations and members of the Center for Sexualities and Gender Diversity in an informal weekly dialogue on Christianity.

“I attend these meetings because I believe if I give my voice power...I can show the larger Christian community that just because I’m queer, it doesn’t mean I don’t have God in my heart,” said USM sophomore biochemistry major Mikkael Pierce. “I can show my fellow queer community that just because someone is Christian, it doesn’t mean they hate us.”

In the past few years, there have been a number of events on campus that have left members of the LGBTQA community feeling unsupported and ultimately unwanted in Christianity.

As recent as last month, members of the religious group, Cross Country Evangelism, made themselves at home on the Gorham campus, preaching that homosexuality is wrong.

Last year, pastor Guy Hammond, who specializes in counseling “same-sex attracted” Christians, addressed a group of students in Gorham. That visit, organized by the student group Alpha Omega, prompted protests and served to increase tensions between Christian and LGBTQA student groups on campus.

Assistant Director of Student Life and Diversity and Coordinator for the

Center for Sexualities and Gender Diversity Sarah Holmes pushed for emphasis on the positive work done since those events to increase communication between the LGBTQA students and religious groups. Holmes and Navigators Christian Ministry Director Rus Willette organized the open discussions.

“The students feel comfortable and safe, and it provides an opportunity to start those conversations,” said Holmes.

“The environment is caring and considerate and just inspiring to open up about your personal journey.”

-Mikkael Pierce
Sophomore biochemistry major

The main goal for both the faith communities and the LGBTQA involved is to encourage student success, said Holmes.

It doesn’t matter if the conversation is about sexuality or faith; both are important facets of a college student’s experience that help them explore new ideas and discover their personal identity, Holmes said.

Of the 15 chaplains on campus, Willette serves as an ambassador of Christianity and leader of the Navigators campus ministry that meets weekly on Tuesday nights at 7:30 p.m. on the Gorham campus.

“The hope is that we will be able to love people the way Jesus did,” said Willette.

Holmes stressed that everyone is invited to attend the Christianity and LGBTQA discussions.

“Although many students are a part of the dominant religion of Christianity, Christian students still feel marginalized,” said Holmes.

This event not only bridges two student organizations that have in the past been fairly separate, but it is also a safe environment for anyone to attend to reconnect with their faith, said Holmes.

“I think that attending these meetings is easy,” said Pierce. “The environment is caring and considerate and just inspiring to open up about your personal journey.”

The group meets every Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. in the Center for Sexualities and Gender Diversity in Portland’s Woodbury Campus Center.

“The goal is to embrace the elephant in the room and start getting into those hard conversations,” said Willette.

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Featured Photo:



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Junior Spencer Tuttle (left) and freshman Ryan Saul (right), both environmental science planning and policy majors, stuff clothes with hay to make their scarecrow, whom they named Ferdinand. The event was hosted by the Department of Environmental Science’s student group at Hodgedon Field in Gorham on Saturday.

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Campus Events

- Monday, October 28**

Muslim Student Association Meeting
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Woodbury Campus Center, Multi Cultural Center, Portland

Asexuality: An Informal Discussion on a Misunderstood Identity
5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Center for Sexualities and Gender Diversity, Woodbury Campus Center, Portland
- Tuesday, October 29**

Maine History: A Gateway to 21st Century Communities
9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
102 Wishcamper Center, Portland

Husky Tunes on WMPG
3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
WMPG Studio, 92 Bedford Street, Portland
- Wednesday, October 30**

We’re Better Than That: Recovery and Regret in New England’s African American Memorials
4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
209 Luther Bonney Hall, Portland

Real Talk
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
410 Luther Bonney, Portland

Come Learn About Bikes!
5:30 p.m - 7:30 p.m.
Portland Gear Hub, Basement of the YMCA, 70 Forest Ave, Portland
- Thursday, October 31**

Politics Then and Now: Former U.S. Congressman Barney Frank
4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Hannaford Lecture Hall, Abromson Center, Portland

Robie Andrews Haunted House
7:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.
Robie Andrews Hall, Gorham

Dickey Wood Pent House Party
9:00 p.m. - 11:50 p.m.
Dickey Wood Hall, Gorham
- Friday, November 1**

DigiFab ‘13
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Abromson Center, Portland

USM Family Halloween Party!
3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Amphitheatre, Woodbury Campus Center, Portland

CARRIE the Musical
8:00 p.m.
Corthell Concert Hall, Gorham

Midnight Showing of The Rocky Horror Picture Show
11:30 p.m. - 2:00 a.m.
Talbot Lecture Hall, Luther Bonney Hall, Portland

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