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Protesters take over BoT meeting

In opposition to program cuts and faculty retrenchments, students disrupt trustees' meeting

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More than 100 students marched into the board of trustees meeting last week to protest recent faculty and program eliminations.

Students flooded into the Sullivan Gym shouting "invest in USM" and "stop the cuts" while the trustees were taking their lunch break.

"I would be concerned if you weren't here because that would show your lack of passion for your school and your lack of passion for your courses and your professors," BoT chair Samuel Collins said to the mob after the trustees had looked on for 10 minutes.

The protesters booed him and refused to stop, drowning out both Collins and President David Flanagan when they tried to speak.

Protesters slowly inched forward in the gymnasium, and the trustees motioned for a recess of the meeting, while students forced their way into seats at the table. With most of the trustees standing off to the side, protesters began to speak to members of the crowd and the media at the scene.

The protesters made three demands: a reversal of cuts made by the BoT, including faculty retrenchments and the elimination of five academic programs over the past year, a moratorium on all cuts until transparency and shared governance are restored and for the university to convince the state and community to invest in USM.

"These decisions are going to be incredibly ineffective," said Neal Young, a political science student.

"No one on the board has the numbers," said sophomore English major Ben Davis, referring to two trustees who had previously said they didn't have access to sufficient data to vote on the elimination of applied medical sciences and French. "[The trustees] should wait until they know everything about a program before they get rid of it."

Some students at the protest who were directly involved in the affected programs claimed they had never had a chance to tell their stories or speak about their programs publicly.

"I didn't have time to drive the six hours to Fort Kent to speak



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about my program when you eliminated it," said Kimberly Clark, a student in the American and New England studies program.

"We've played by your rules and you haven't listened to us," said Chris Witham, a double major in mathematics and classics.

After nearly an hour of chanting and shouting at cameras, students returned to the gallery and let the board continue their meeting.

"Let them have their seats back so they can do the right thing," said Meaghan LaSala, a senior women and gender studies major and a key organizer of the protest.

The trustees returned to their seats and picked up the meeting where they had left off, sticking to the agenda. A handful of protesters stayed to listen in on the remainder of the meeting, but most left the gym immediately.

Officials didn't speak about the protest for the remainder of the meeting, but statements from Collins and Flanagan were issued later via email.

"I understand the frustrations that led to the demonstration that disrupted today's meeting of the Board of Trustees," wrote Collins. "Our economic and demographic realities are forcing us to make some very difficult choices as we align the University of Southern



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(Top) President David Flanagan looks out to the group of protesters at last week's board of trustees meeting. (Bottom) Students protest in the form of a walk-out, just before occupying the board of trustees meeting.

Maine with the times and position the university as an affordable institution of higher education into the future."

Collins noted that he and Flanagan, along with UMaine Chancellor James Page, had met with student leaders, including some involved with the protest, the day before to discuss student concerns at USM.

Flanagan, as he has in the past, praised students for being engaged with the decisions being made at USM, but said that is unlikely anything will be reversed.

"An engaged student body is part of what makes any university great. The recent changes have been difficult for the students, the faculty, the staff and for the administration as well," wrote Flanagan. "USM's leadership is charged with protecting the long term viability of the University and to serving the best interests of its students. We continue to stand by the decisions the trustees have made."

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Admins to ignore AAUP sanction

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The American Association for University Professors (AAUP), an organization dedicated to advancing academic freedom and shared governance, defined fundamental professional values and standards for higher education and ensuring higher education's contribution to the common good, sent President David Flanagan a letter in opposition to recent cuts.

This is the second time this year the AAUP has intervened with administrative decisions, the first time was last spring when President Theodora Kalikow proposed the elimination of four academic programs, which would result in the elimination of tenured and long term non-tenured faculty.

According to the letter, USM has not acted in accordance to the statement of principles on academic freedom and tenure, developed by the AAUP jointly with the Association of American Colleges and Universities and endorsed by more than 220 scholarly and higher-education organizations.

Chris Quint, executive director of public affairs, explained that all actions the university has taken in the elimination process have been based on contractual obligations, despite accusations the letter presents.

"From the purposes of who we follow, or what we follow when it comes to these layoffs or the program eliminations, we adhere to the contract, we adhere to the University of Maine system and the University of Southern Maine governing documents," said Quint. "While we appreciate their letter, at this point we have no plans to be responding to them. They do not have any standing in this matter."

According to Anita Levy, senior program officer of the AAUP, the organization has not yet determined next steps, as they are giving administration a chance to respond. If this does happen, an investigation may lead to a placement on AAUP's sanctions lists, which would seriously damage USM's reputation even further.

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Admin plan to rebrand USM will cost \$900,000

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The recent administrative push to make USM more attractive to potential applicants, and henceforth more profitable through a “metropolitan” rebranding, is going to come with a \$900,000 price tag.

According to Richard Barringer, the head of a steering group created to implement the initial plans for the metropolitan university vision, the rebranding is necessary for the future of the university.

The steering group of over 30 members have been working since June to define what exactly a metropolitan university is and how they can bring that model to USM.

“Amidst all the chaos, the work [of the steering group] has proven to be a very positive experience,” said Barringer. “I have no doubt that the repurposing of our university is critical for a successful future.”

According to Barringer and members of the administration, becoming a metropolitan university involves crafting academic programs around the needs of the community and local industries. Ideally, under the model, the university would serve as a one stop shop for employers to fill internships and entry level positions with students that learned the relevant skills.

Barringer said that he was up-front with the cost and if we want to see the benefits of the vision, we’ll have to pay the price. The \$900,000 budget is an estimation based on surveys and observations on how other schools have made and paid for a metropolitan transformation.

According to Chris Quint, executive director of public affairs, research has shown that a metropolitan rebranding has cost other schools anywhere from \$100 per student to \$600 per student. Quint said the steering group’s plan will



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likely cost USM student’s \$150 each, the low end of what other schools have paid. Quint noted that Cornell is spending over \$40 million this year on a metropolitan restructuring.

Quint also said that part of the budget includes the salary of a new director, who will lead the metropolitan efforts once the final report of the plan is released on Dec. 4.

“Once we publish the report, this group will be dissolved,” said Barringer. “We need to hire or re-assign someone to continue the job we started.”

The other costs associated with the rebranding are not official at this time, but Quint said they will revolve around start up costs with marketing, changing the letterhead,

web design and hiring new staff.

Still many students criticize focus on the metropolitan model, saying that the plan is expensive and that USM already fits the proposed model.

According to Tom Bahun, a student senator and senior double major in history and political science, connecting the university with the community is a great idea, but the administration is simply using the metropolitan model as a facade.

“They want to promote something good, to cover up what is bad,” said Bahun referring to the recent staff layoffs and program eliminations.

According to Ben Davis, a sophomore English major, USM is already a metropolitan university

and believes that Portland gives its students more opportunities than any other school in the state. Davis believes that you can’t have a metropolitan university that cuts programs and staff positions and that the term is just being used to justify those actions.

“It’s really awful that the administration is appropriating a term which could be useful in giving definition to our value in the Portland community and turning into a way to justify the senseless gutting of our university,” said Davis.

“It’s really unfortunate that whenever there is something positive and forward thinking proposed, there are those that simply criticize without taking the time to understand,” said Quint. “I hope we

move beyond that eventually.”

Quint said that although the new metropolitan vision is being worked on at the same time that the USM community is trying to combat a projected \$16 million budget deficit, the two efforts are completely separate. Barringer and his steering group team were never present during any budget meetings, so that his plan would be uninfluenced by the looming deficit.

“Can you imagine the response we’d get if we tried to pitch the metropolitan vision under the context of the budget situation?” asked Quint.

Any correlation between the methods use to bridge the gap and turn USM into a metropolitan university, are unintentional. According to Quint, if they moved towards a metropolitan model because of the budget deficit, the plan wouldn’t work.

“When we transition to a metropolitan university, it’s going to give definition to USM,” said Quint. “It will give us a distinct brand in the region that we’ll be able to market, and in turn become much more attractive to a host of students.”

Addressing the concerns and criticisms of potentially spending \$900,000 on a new focus during financially troubling times, Quint said that USM’s future can’t just be dependent on cuts but investment as well.

“If there are folks out there that actually want to invest in USM, and move it forward, the metropolitan university is certainly an area they could do that in,” said Quint. “If people want to see a bright prosperous future for this university, this is the direction we’re moving and everybody is going to need to invest.”

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Sexual harrassment training now mandatory

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Last Monday the board of trustees voted to make a federally mandated sexual harassment training mandatory for all students and faculty to complete.

According to Sarah Holmes, assistant director of student life and diversity, there has been an increase in public attention to the issue of sexual assault on campus over the last 18 months.

The White House has made it a federal mandate that any higher education institution receiving federal funds needs to provide sexual harassment training.

“Between 50-60 colleges across the country are currently being investigated by the department of education because they are not fully complying with Title IX,” Holmes said.

Title IX is the federal law that ensures equal access to education. Holmes said people usually think of it as the federal policy that dictates that both men and women can participate in the same sports activities. However the law also facilitates equal access to education and to ensure [sexual violence,] or harassment does not interfere with a persons ability to learn.

In the Gorham residence halls

there were 15 reported instances of forcible sexual assault in 2012. Last year there were only four. There was also one case of stalking and two cases of domestic violence.

Joy Pufhal, dean of students, said that the lower numbers last year can be attributed to the fact that students had someone to talk to in the form of a full time coordinator. According to Pufhal, victims of sexual harassment were able to build relationships with her and there was more disclosure.

“We can always do more. But this online training gives us the foundation to start,” said Holmes. “If you take the training, you will pay more attention to domestic violence, or other forms of harassment.”

The other schools in the UMaine system echoed the numbers found at USM, according to the Clery Act, which says that colleges and universities must release an annual report of their crime data. In Orono last year, there were 24 forcible sex assaults on campus and in the near vicinity. Farmington had only one violent dating offense and one instance of stalking. One instance of stalking was also reported on the Bangor campus. There were two reports at Fort Kent of a hate crime by category of protected class, which may or may not have been due to a person’s sexual orientation. Both Presque Isle and Augusta reported no

cases of sexual assault.

No crime reports could be found for LAC or Machias campuses.

Holmes is also part of the campus safety project, a grant funded initiative by the Violence Against Women Act to help stem sexual assault, abuse and stalking. VAWA is the law that people are most familiar with, that makes it mandatory for the police to arrest someone if they get a domestic abuse call.

Pufhal is also leading the Campus Safety Project and she said while numbers are low at USM they can be deceiving. People may not want to talk about abuse and simply just don’t report it. According to Pufhal, with thousands of commuter students a lot of abuse may happen off campus that don’t get reported to the school.

“There are no numbers for sexual harassment on campus, only crimes that may stem from harassment,” said Pufhal. “Sexual assault is the most extreme version of sexual harassment.”

Pufhal said that she hopes that this mandatory training helps curb sexual harassment and abuse.

“When institutions pay attention to the issue, people come forward for help,” Pufhal said.

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WHAT CONSTITUTES SEXUAL HARASSMENT



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Student senate donates \$500 to survivors of Noyes Street fire

Some senators concerned about what the money will be used for

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By a vote of nine to four, the student senate passed the motion to donate \$500 to support Nathan Long and Kyle Bozeman, survivors of the Noyes Street fire that claimed the lives of six individuals.

The student senate's donation would be in addition to the \$2,000 already raised by the dean of students office. The donations would be meant for expenses such as food, clothing and other possessions lost.

"We're talking about \$250 each, for two individuals who lost their homes," said student senator John Jackson. "Put yourself in their shoes."

Some senators feared that the money would not be spent properly. Jackson responded to these concerns stating that proper oversight would be possible through the dean of students office, which is running the campus wide donation collection for the two victims. The donation will have restrictions so that it can't be used for recreational use.

Another concern was the fear that the donation would set a precedent that will require the senate to pay more money in the future. Some senators, such as Ashley Caterina, don't want the senate to be responsible for every disaster that happens.

"What if a whole dorm burns down, do we give everyone \$250 dollars?" Caterina asked.

Ultimately the majority of the senators felt that the need to support two students in their time of need was more important than fears of possible future ramifications.

"I understand the complexity of the situation," said Jackson. "I understand that we could potentially be setting a precedent but at the same time we also need to show the senate is out in front and focused on people."

"We were elected by this community to make these decisions and I can't think of a better cause than propping up two of our own," added Senator Matt Wilkinson.

Parliamentarian Joshua Tharpe motioned to vote by secret ballot, but the motion was unanimously rejected at the rest of the senate. Several senators stated a need for transparency, especially in issues such as these.

The community has shown continued support for the two men who lost their home several weeks ago. Donations are still being collected in boxes located across campus for the survivors, victims and their families.

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Muskie's plans for reorganization

Professors say the school's transformation will be difficult amidst faculty retrenchments, but that it will prevail

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The Muskie School of Public Service recently celebrated its 100th anniversary at USM but is going to be faced with setbacks as some of its faculty have been retrenched this semester.

"There won't be a program anymore to teach these students, due to retrenchment and retirement," said Carolyn Ball, a member of the Academic Affairs Committee and the Muskie School, stating that only one professor was left to teach public policy and management at the Muskie School.

Andy Coburn, the associate dean of the Muskie School of Public Service, who is also a research professor for public health, explained that, on a fundamental level, these cuts have hurt.

"One faculty member has been retrenched, and a tenured-track faculty that's contract has not been renewed. Many have chosen to retire as a result of the incentive program that the university is offering," said Coburn. "Losing all these professors that have been here just creates a tremendous sense of loss."

He added that, for students, the circumstances leave some open-ended questions. Students and faculty alike aren't sure what is going to be offered for degree completion; students want to know how to finish their degrees out.

"What we're trying to do in the moment at the Muskie School, is align our academic programs more closely with what we think the needs in the community and the state are with the broad area of public service and education," said Coburn. "We're trying to do that with the budget realities and resources that we know we will have going forward."

Coburn noted the limited faculty resources in light of budget cuts as reason for reaching out to research staff and the community to identify academically qualified people who can help with courses the Muskie school might need, or for mentoring to students.

The Muskie School offers graduate programs in public health, public policy and management and community planning and development. There is an undergraduate degree in geography and anthropology.

Ball believes that the public policy and management degree is essentially eliminated, despite the many graduates that are out there helping their community.

"The Muskie school is a relatively large organization that also has a vibrant portfolio where we're working in Maine and Portland with projects from social sciences to environment to public health," said Coburn. "We're remaining vibrant. It's really important that students understand that the Muskie School plays an important role and will continue

to do so." Ball noted that New England has a history of non-partisanship in local government, and that New England has more per-capita town managers than any other in the region.

"This was the only place in Maine to get a degree in public policy and management," said Ball. "There is not an accredited program in New Hampshire, so this leaves Northern New England without a public service program."

Coburn explained that the provost is convening faculty from the Muskie School, economics and other departments, on what the degree or degrees should look like, given the demand from students.

Both Ball and Coburn emphasized that this is not the end for the Muskie School and does not have to be the downfall of the school.

Ball said that students can reach out to their local and elected government officials for help and let them know what's happening, and Coburn said that while it will be an adjustment, the programs should not and will not be cut. They both emphasized how important public service is to the community and how their graduates have helped and will continue to help in the community.

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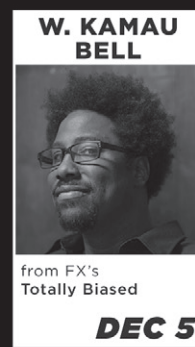
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USM may also be placed on a "no-hire" list, which would make it difficult to hire faculty in the future.

"They're free to take whatever action they have. They don't have any legal standing when it comes to this matter. We adhere to the contract and we adhere to governance documents," said Quint. "We're a public institution. Anything that we do as a university is public information. We have nothing to hide."

Though a reputable organization, Quint explained that they have no say in how the university is run.

"There's a lot of things said and a lot of things thrown out there. Some of them have validity others have none," said Quint. "The deficit is real; we're not taking these actions because of some corporate takeover, or some ideological

agenda that we have. We're taking these actions to right size the university."

USM is just one university that is part of what seems to be a national trend, according to Levy. Levy explained that there are a number of institutions where administrations make unilateral determinations to reorganize program in a certain way, regardless if that reorganization has educational value.

"Administrators are making these kinds of cuts and eliminating programs without adequately consulting the faculty and determining whether or not those kinds of cuts would be beneficial as a whole for student learns," Levy said.

Quint indicated that USM will continue to operate in a direction toward financial sustainability, rather than change how things

are being done to align with the AAUP's standards.

"We're going to continue to operate in the best interest of our students here, and do what's necessary to make this an affordable and accessible university for our current and future students," Quint said.

In the meantime, Levy urges students to remain involved and active on campus.

"I think students have to continue to be activists and to advocate for themselves and the faculty, and take an active role in trying to bring the administration into the daylight. They seem to want to operate behind closed doors," said Levy. "That's not the way to run a university."

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GEB, PEB merger shot down by senate

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Free Press Staff

At a student senate meeting Nov. 14th, there was a motion to combine the Portland Events Board and the Gorham Events Board to become the Campus Activities Board. In the end, the motion was not passed. However, it was not without debate.

Lyndsay Lombardi representative for the PEB, did not wish to see the two groups combine.

"I will do everything I possibly can. I'll step in a chair position, work on recruitment, anything I possibly can to help PEB be successful," said Lombardi.

Chelsea Tibbetts, who was the representative for the GEB, however, believed that the two programs should combine into one.

"As it stands, we feel that it is in our best, and USM's best interest to have a bunch of already well seasoned events coordinators to

spread our work onto the Portland campus," said Tibbetts.

"I feel like really, we're just changing the name, to be honest, we will still be focused on Gorham," said Lombardi.

With one group feeling as though they should remain as two entities in worry of the Portland campus and commuter students as a whole being underrepresented, and the other feeling as though it would be in the best interest of USM as a whole to combine, the senate also had some controversy.

Student body president, Kyle Frazier, who was not present during the meeting, sent an e-mail to senate chair, Joshua Dodge, regarding his opinion on the matter. Dodge read the email aloud.

Frazier, like Tibbetts, was in favor of the two entities becoming one. Believing that it would be for the betterment of the university as a whole if the two were joined together.

"Do not think this is GEB absorbing PEB, but rather the two coming together for the best of the school and our students. We are one university and I think this change will reflect that," said Frazier in the statement read by Dodge.

Dodge did not agree with the student body president.

"I do not feel as though these should be combined simply because one of the two that would be combined does not consent to it," said Dodge.

Dodge believed that it would not do the University any good if they combined the two into one entity against the will of one of those two entities.

When it came to the vote, there was only one present senate member in favor of the combination of the PEB and GEB, so the motion to combine them did not pass.

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Police Beat

Selections from the USM Department of Public Safety police log October 29 to November 3

Thursday, November 13

Police sanctioned kegger

11:50 p.m. - Report of a small gathering. Officer checked room and everything was all set. Upperclass Hall, 25 Husky Dr.

Ghosts like to party too

1:33 a.m. - Report of loud group. Officer unable to locate. Anderson Hall, 40 Campus Ave.

Friday, November 14

This phone's off the hook

5:28 a.m. - Report of damage to an emergency phone. Officer checked and determined it to be undamaged and just loosely mounted. Corthell Hall, 13 University Way

Paying for parking is bogus

7:49 a.m. - Vandalism. Parking meter knocked over. Facilities reset it. Robie Andrews Hall, 39 University Way

My GPS told me to drive in circles

6:56 p.m. - Motor vehicle stop. All set, operator unfamiliar with campus. Philippi Hall, 19 Campus Ave.

Seeing things is overrated

8:52 p.m. - Motor vehicle stop. Warning to operator for operating without headlights. Campus Ave.

Saturday, November 15

Rent-a-cops thwart terrorist!

11:16 a.m. - Assisted Gorham Police Department with a call. 246 Main St.

Let the pooboxes roll on

4:06 p.m. - Motor vehicle stop. Warning to operator for expired registration. Brighton Ave. at Woddmont St.

Sunday, November 16

Poobox dies in parking lot

8:35 p.m. - Towed disabled vehicle for obstructing roadway. Parking lot P2, 35 Bedford St.

Monday, November 17

Free speech is peace, you boob

12:04 p.m. - Checking on loud groups of individuals. Peace restored. Payson Smith Hall, 96 Falmouth St.

Cops grow up so fast

2:02 p.m. - Assisted Gorham Police with a call. Robie Andrews Hall, 39 University Way

Ohh-wee the sticky-icky!

3:36 p.m. - Report taken for odor of Marijuana. Woodward Hall, 20 University Way

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Arts & Culture

Drag show performers stomp out the stereotypes



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From top to bottom: Performers Daniel Shackley (Shaunna Rai), Connor Tubbs (Cherry Lemonade), and Patrick Stavens (Patty Cake) all perform original dances to popular songs. These performers come from all across Maine to compete in a variety of drag shows.

Krysteana Scribner
Arts & Culture Editor

Drag kings and queens from all around Maine participated in the USM Royal Majesty Drag Show Competition this past weekend. Many of the performers made an amazing transformation and awed audiences with their abilities to change with just a little make-up.

Patrick Stavens, a student at the Maine College of Art participated this year in the drag competition. A huge fan of drag culture, Stavens explained that these shows always make for a fun and interesting experience. The transformation from dressing like a man to a woman can be an intimidating experience for new performers, but Stavens explained that this change allows him to feel good about himself as well as become a strong, empowered individual.

"This is only my second year performing, but I always love getting up on that stage. I'm pretty comfortable in front of a big audience, and performing in front of all these people makes me feel

stuck up woman. The misconception is that we all want to be women and yet I have no desire to be a woman. I just happen to be really good at dressing up," said Tubbs.

For Rebecca Tanous, student body vice president and senior chemistry major at USM, dressing like a man not only makes her feel unique but also gives her a chance to be someone else for a while.

"I grew up in a family where my mother made all of my Halloween costumes. This drag show allows us to be someone who we are not, and to perform as a different character is such an exhilarating experience," said Tanous.

Tanous also believes that it is important to stamp out the stereotype that not all drag members are lesbian or gay and that not all performers want to be the opposite gender all the time.

"I think it is important to connotate that being lesbian or gay is where this drag show stems from. This is a safe place where people can feel safe and comfortable. USM is so welcoming and diverse and being a part of the LGBT community was a big reason I got involved in the show,"

“ Performing creates an illusion. When people in the audience have seen me as a man and then see me on stage as a woman they are completely in shock. ”

Connor Tubbs, Professional drag show competitor and the host of the Royal Majesty Drag Show

like a diva," said Stavens.

Other performers, like professional drag show competitor and the show's host Connor Tubbs, also known as Cherry Lemonade, have been performing for a long time. Tubbs, who has been performing professionally for over five years now, said that the reaction he gets from people before and after he puts on her drag always varies, but the most prominent reaction is always shock.

"Performing creates an illusion. When people in the audience have seen me as a man and then see me on stage as a woman they are completely in shock," said Tubbs. "I think it's just such a fascinating and silly reaction. I just use some eyeshadow and makeup and the transformation surprises people."

Although Tubbs feels comfortable in his skin as a drag queen, other people often have misconceptions about his personality and may be quick to judge before they get to know him dressed as a woman. Tubbs explained that this stereotype needs to be put to a stop, because not all drag king and queens are the same.

"I think it's important to have people understand that because I am a drag queen I don't act like a

said Tanous.

Although each performer receives a variety of different reactions when they put on drag, their performance in the show at USM stemmed a lot of positive energy from the crowd and makes for an unforgettable experience.

Tubbs also explained that drag culture has a long and beautiful history that people often don't recognize. She believes that the misconception that people in drag are abnormal or silly for dressing up needs to be put to an end, because this phenomenon has been going on for a long time and should be no surprise to anyone at this point.

"People who dress in drag are no different than people who dress in gender appropriate clothes. In the end, we're all wearing clothes and live on the same earth," said Tubbs.



A&C Listings

Monday, November 24

Film: The Overnighters
SPACE Gallery
538 Congress St.
Starts: 7:30 p.m.

Noyes Street Fire Benefit
1 Longfellow Sq.
181 State St.
Starts: 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 25

Brian Callaghan
Andy's Old Port Pub
94 Commercial St.
Starts: 6:00 p.m. / Ends: 9:00 p.m.

Aaron T. Stevan Art Exhibit
Portland Museum of Art
7 Congress Sq.
All Day Event

Wednesday, November 26

Black Veil Brides and Falling In Reverse
State Theatre
609 Congress St.
Starts: 6:00 p.m.

The Worcester Sharks at Portland Pirates
Cross Insurance Arena
1 Civic Center Sq.
Starts: 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 27

Live Acoustic Music
Andy's Old Port Pub
94 Commercial St.
Starts: 7:00 p.m.

Friday, November 28

The Wizards of Winter Band
State Theatre
609 Congress St.
Starts: 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 29

12th Annual Beatles Night
State Theatre
609 Congress St.
Starts: 8:00 p.m.

A Christmas Carol
Portland Stage
25A Forest Ave.
All Day Event

Sunday, November 30

Christmas at the Victoria Mansion
Victoria Mansion
109 Danforth St.
Starts: 11:00 a.m.

Holiday Bazaar
Maine Historical Society Museum Store
489 Congress St.
All Day Event

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Husky Harvest Festival: Around the world in a matter of hours



Justicia Barreiros / Free Press Staff

Top left: Chaunda Malia a resident of Portland, is originally from Hawaii and teaches students traditional hula. Top right: Nik Frazee, Junior anthropology and tourism major, visits the Panda Express and Confucius Institute table.

Dora Thompson
Free Press Staff

The second annual Husky Harvest brought the Woodbury Campus Center to life this Thursday with food and dance from around the world. Where else but a multicultural celebration could students and community members enjoy Hawaiian hula dancing or savor a pan fried bao to the sound of African drums?

Elizabeth Bull, a junior communications major and member of the Asian American Association Symposium had a booth at the festival and explained that students need to understand the importance of this event in order to appreciate the world around them.

"Especially now in the world that we live in its important to be culturally aware. That's what we try to spread. People should just enjoy other cultures," said Bull.

This short culinary trip around the globe was brought to the community by the tourism and hospitality program. The planning for the Husky Harvest was the main focus of an event planning and management class, taught by anthropology lecturer Tracy Michaud Stuzman.

"The class tried to focus on what is meaningful to us and can be fun but also helps us learn and gives us some skills that are important," said Stuzman.

Amadeus Florendo, a student in the event planning and management class and a senior tourism and hospitality major was in charge of getting outside vendors to participate

in the festival.

This event was also worked on by a food and culture class, who work with USM's English as a second language students to learn recipes from their home countries. In exchange, the English as a second language class interviewed the food and culture class about their experience learning to read and write in English. The two classes worked on the multicultural recipes together from Turkey, India and Africa, which were served to them at the Husky Harvest last week.

"What's created is fun food that they share with everybody. Food is such a great way to engage in different cultures," said Stuzman.

Besides the homemade dishes made from these exchanged recipes, the Husky Harvest featured food from community vendors and student groups. Slab, Panda Express and The Boothbay House of Pizza offered samples of their cuisine. The Confucius Institute here at USM offered examples of traditional Chinese food. The Confucius Institute connects USM to its sister University in Beijing, and offers Chinese language courses and traditional Chinese festivals to help introduce the culture to USM students and community members.

"I think it's important to have multicultural events at USM especially for the multicultural students," said Zhao Yue, co-director of the Confucius Institute.

Complimenting the delicious dishes were traditional dances being

performed throughout the day. Konstantina Rigas, a senior in the tourism and hospitality program, performed Greek dancing, and helped cook Greek food with her family, who own The Boothbay Harbor.

She said that she takes any opportunity she can to represent the Greek culture. The last song was open to anyone that wanted to try their hand at the art form. One dance was called Tsirigotakis, an Island love song.

"In Maine we don't have that much diversity, so when an opportunity arises where different cultures can come together and be represented it's good to take that chance," Rigas laughed.

James Welsh, a history teacher at the Gorham High School is teaching a Chinese culture class and brought some of his students to the Husky Harvest.

"Food, dancing and music are the easiest way to expose my students. These are all cultural barrier breakers," said Welsh. "Hopefully my students won't feel as hesitant to take a language or join a club or anything like that when they move on."

Sure to only get more diverse, the Husky Harvest celebrates the vast array of cultures that exist at USM in a way that is accessible, entertaining and ridiculously tasty.

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I hope you're feeling strong, bold, and maybe stout. Have you figured out where I'm headed? Let's discuss stouts.

Before we delve into the murky blackness that is stout, let's dip our toes in a definition... STOUT, adj. 1. courageous; brave; undaunted. 2. a) strong in body; sturdy. b) strong in construction; firm; substantial. 3. powerful; forceful. 4. fat; thickset; fleshy; corpulent. n. 1. A stout person. 2. A garment for a stout person. 3. strong, dark-brown beer, ale, or porter.

Stout, as a style of beer, is a wonderful and surprising mixture of several adjectives in our defini-

tion above. As alluded to, stouts are born out of porter. The creation of porter dates back to mid-17th century England, in step with the dawn of the Industrial Revolution.

The porter style was likely the first combination of dark beer with hops produced for the mass market. Prior to this development, the beer of choice in cities like London was a sweet brown ale. It was with the migration of farmers and country gentry, who tended to prefer hoppy pale ales, to the large cities that a synthesis of sorts took place to form porters. As the advance in technologies born of the Industrial Revolution brought the efficiencies needed for large scale production to be economically viable, porters became the beer for the masses.

As with many styles, porters were brewed at various strengths. One version of a stronger porter was called a stout porter. As the stronger brew gained favor the word porter faded away and the beer was simply called a stout. Many of you may know the world's most famous stout, Guinness, is actually quite low in alcoholic strength but certainly of strong flavor. Similarly, Shipyard brews a classic Irish Dry Stout called Blue

Fin Stout. While the dark roasted malts used in stouts give this beer its bold and powerful flavor and body, you will find Blue Fin to be a bit richer in mouth feel, with extra roasted coffee, espresso and chocolate character shining through.

Naturally, stouts can also be differentiated by their alcoholic strength; the strongest being Imperial Stouts. The first Imperial Stout was the famed Russian Imperial Stout formulated of higher alcohol to preserve it on its journey from British brewers to the aristocratic market in czarist Russia. This beer, famously favored by Catherine the Great, led to the Imperial moniker. Today the term Imperial is used to denote a beer of high alcoholic content. Shipyard is pleased to be introducing an Imperial Stout as the latest release in the Signature Series, a line of special Shipyard brews of higher alcohol and increased complexity.

If you've ever shied away from these dark brews, be brave, be courageous and give them a try. Looking for something even more powerful? Keep an eye out for Shipyard's Bourbon Barrel Aged Imperial Stout to be released in January.

Perspectives

Our opinion: Protesters should have reasonable demands

While we admire tenacity and passion of the students who walked into the board of trustees meeting last week, we think that the protest might have done more harm than good.

We completely understand that the students and faculty at USM have a valid concern behind their shouts and boos. Students are losing the classes and programs they care about and faculty members who have given their professional life to this university are being laid off for reasons outside of their own control. Everyone is concerned, but trying to instigate shouting matches with the trustees and forcibly occupying their desks aren't appropriate or helpful actions.

If student protests involved drafting alternative budgets, or cost saving proposals and concessions, then maybe the movement would be taken more seriously in the eyes of the administration. Protests have proved that students care about the future of the university, but no reasonable demands have been made. The board cannot simply flip a switch, rehire every retrenched professor and hope that the state will magically start giving the system better funding.

If witty signs and ferocious chants could pay the bills, that'd be fine, but we can't just demand a reversal of the cuts, without offering any constructive, tangible alternatives. Despite USMFuture's loud efforts, we don't think they even came close to changing the administration's minds, partly because there's hardly enough time left to move forward with a solution.

What's also important to realize is that President Flanagan and his council didn't get us into this mess. USM's fiscal situation is a problem that arose from years of lackluster recruiting, mismanagement and lack of investment from the state and national government. Don't make Flanagan, who willingly came out of retirement to try and tackle this issue, the scapegoat of a problem that's been building up for over a decade. The administration has said repeatedly that advocating for higher state appropriation for higher education is at the top of their to-do list. Maybe state officials are a better target for letter-writing campaigns and sit-ins.

Million dollar deficits cannot be chanted away.



Letters & Comments:

To USM students: Be proud of yourself

I have an idea. It is an unpopular one, in this time of negative rhetoric, of sign holding and drum beating and disrupted board meetings. It is small and fragile, like a seedling poking up through the scorched earth, but it is a hopeful one.

In the seven years it took me to get back into school, back into USM, I swore up and down I would never come back here. It was too painful. I was too stubborn.

Then I took a job in dining services two years ago, and I became the 'grill girl.'

From behind my counter I got to meet you, talk to you and cook for you. You told me about your day, your exams, your broken hearts. I listened when you told me about your challenges on and off campus, about your hopes and desires and fears and aspirations. In between cooking cheese steaks and lifting baskets of chicken tenders I watched you, many of you, go from being unsure and unsettled to confident and enlightened in just a few short years. You were proud of yourselves, and I was proud of you. I was proud of this school, with its stunning demographics, of the hardworking single parents doing school full time and two part time jobs, of the unsure 18 year old newly graduated from high school but ever so intelligent — the rough and tumble humble sort of pride that only a school full of Mainers and "visitors from away" can encompass.

The fact is, we are all proud of ourselves in one way or the other. And when we come to school every day, we don't leave it at the door. We bring it into the classrooms, where we learn, we retain, we remember. Every single time you've aced an exam or gotten involved in a fruitful project or saw your potential reached, you felt that pride.

I have that pride in you, you incredible human. I have that pride here, at USM and in USM. If we can make it here, we can make it anywhere. We do more with less, we always have. There is a pride in that too. There is pride in the fact that even though things are rough and messy here now, you (yes YOU!) continue to come to school, go to class, and work for that degree. You're amazing! You're really doing it!

My idea is this: let's take a moment to be proud of ourselves, collectively. Not as an "institution" but as a body of students and professors and staff who come here every day, despite the challenges we all face individually and as a school. Those challenges will come and go, but who we are, and what we are proud of? That will always remain within ourselves, that will always resonate in these halls. Be proud, wonderful person. Be so proud.

Rachel Cormier, non-traditional student and student representative on the Metropolitan University Steering Group

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An open letter to President Flanagan from a retrenched professor

The following is a letter from Rachel Bouvier, a retrenched professor of economics. It was sent to the president after they exchanged heated words at a faculty senate meeting:

Dear President Flanagan:

I apologize for being discourteous at the Faculty Senate meeting last Friday. I was angry and upset, as I'm sure you understand.

Let me try and lay out my way of thinking, as I believe some of it may have gotten lost in the heat of the moment.

I do believe that there is a fiscal crisis of sorts. Enrollment has gone down, there is increased competition from both the community college system and the non-profit colleges. Maine has undergone a decrease in college-age students, although, as I pointed out, not within Southern Maine and certainly not within the age demographic that we typically serve.

I also believe that USM has been the victim of continuous mismanagement. In the 9 years that I have been here, we have gone through at least four presidents, four provosts and four deans (I may have lost count). We have reorganized, and reorganized again. We have been asked to rebrand, to reimagine, to re-envision. We have sat on countless committees, working hard to try and stem the decline, while our ideas either get lost in the bureaucratic shuffle or get rejected out of hand.

This has led to a deep skepticism of administration, a sense of malaise and a sense of hopelessness among

the faculty. We watch as our colleagues leave or retire, without being replaced, while at the same time we see administration, both here at USM and at the system office, balloon. That I am the junior member of the Economics department, after being hired more than nine years ago- I would have celebrated a decade of service to USM next fall- speaks volumes.

I believe that your actions have violated certain aspects of our contract, most notably that retrenchment should occur when the entire department is eliminated, not by eliminating individual faculty members within those departments. Furthermore, I am frankly very skeptical that the number of faculty slated to be retrenched in each individual department tracks so closely with the number of faculty at or close to retirement age.

I also believe that the actions of this administration violate the spirit of the faculty governance document, which, as I pointed out, has been approved all the way up to the Board of Trustees. Shared governance takes time and needs mutual trust, both of which are in short supply. It is not easy. But the provisions of that document should be honored.

Although, as I've said, I do believe we are in a financial crisis, I also believe that the timelines we have been given are not as solid as they have been presented. I believe that we did not need to act so rashly, that had we been more deliberate and thoughtful in our actions, the end result might

actually be a university that we could have been proud of. I do believe that a one-time infusion of funds from the system office, coupled with carefully targeted investments from the community, could have gone a long way to saving USM. Now I'm not so sure of the outcome.

Finally, I will not allow anyone to disparage the faculty, or to imply that somehow we are responsible for the negative publicity or the decline in enrollment. Students are leaving because they can't take the classes they need, because their faculty members are being let go or leaving voluntarily (recall that during the initial retrenchments in March, some very popular and well-respected faculty members chose not to return). They are leaving because the future of USM is shrouded in shadow, because they being asked to take risks with their education that they should not have to take, because they are unsure of the value of further investment.

Faculty have done everything they can, under extraordinarily difficult circumstances, to save our institution. The negative publicity is not of our doing. We love our school, and we love our students. I'm sure that you feel you are doing your best to save the university) and I appreciate that. But a university is not like a business, where if you radically downsize, the shareholders respond with renewed confidence. Here, if you radically downsize, the "customers" (my beloved students) will stop coming.

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Conte & Crumpets

A chilling dip in the English Channel and a poetic reflection

Martin Conte
Free Press Staff

As I expected, and as has happened to me before, my third week in Winchester, England, dawned with the insatiable desire to see the sea. Luckily, England is an island (which played no small part in my decision to travel here), and the sea was a mere hour ride on the train. So, gathering a quality travel companion, a beach towel, and a few good books, we made our way to Bournemouth, and to the beach.

When one thinks of beaches in England, one may have a pretty similar image to that of the beaches in Maine: rocky crags, plenty of quality skipping stones, seaweed lines and creeping crabs. It was a delightful surprise, then, to find sand. Real, Florida quality sand, a sliver of beach that stretched up and down the coast beyond vision. We all but ran the last few steps, yanking off our shoes as we went, to dive into that sand. And it was a quick hop-skip more to sink my feet into the English Channel, fed of course, by the very same Atlantic Ocean.

There is something about growing up on ocean air that makes it the only type I can truly breathe easily in. Each breath is a wave of nostalgia: from my childhood when I lived on Deer Isle, and every direction was towards water; my teenage years, when I could stare out the windows of my British Literature class into the harbor; and our Old Port, bustling with industry and a shared delight with the proximity to the water. There is a hidden bond I share with my English companions who also grew up near the shore, a sort of hidden understanding of each other. It shapes personalities as much as it shapes harbors.

So, you can imagine how happy I was.

Of course, I did not have a bathing suit on me (when one thinks of England in October, one certainly does not think of swimming weather!), though the sun was just warm enough to have me half-considering running to one of the waterfront shops and buying one. Instead, we kicked around in the shallows, collected spiraling seashells, and ogled at all the dogs and children running ecstatically around us. Exactly the sort of beach scene I'm familiar with.

After, like the diligent student I am of course, we spent a few hours like old retirees, reading poetry in the provided beach chairs. One eye was always out to the water, though, to make sure it was still there, still real.

The more time I have spent traveling, the smaller the Earth has become for me. This is not, as it sounds, a downside. Rather, home can be held closer, even as new cultures and new geographies are explored. Lying on the beach in Bournemouth is not what lying on the beach in Maine is. Who I might find next to me, what shades of sea glass might glimmer in the sun, what voices can be heard, are profoundly different. But around the world, just like in little Deer Isle Village, men and women wake before the sun rises, and push their boats out of the harbor. Some have engines, others oars. Some look for fish, some for lobsters, some carry passengers. Some carry thousands of gallons of oil, other will be satisfied with a bucket of crabs by the end of the day. We are water-dwellers, all of us, a unique brand of human being. As unique and individual as farmers, city-folk, desert-walkers. I started this trip with the challenge laid before

me: to understand something about myself, a self that can only be seen when separated from its comfort zone, its locality. I've learned that I am filled with seasalt, that webs grow between my toes, and my lungs will always yearn for the crisp air of the ocean. In a tradition that stretches from Noe, to Longfellow, to Melville, and now to us. The ocean is my poetry. And I am proud to say I am its child.

Martin Conte is a senior English major studying abroad in the UK.

Martin Conte / Free Press Staff

Scenes from a beach in Bournemouth, a large coastal resort town on the south coast of England roughly an hour's drive from where Conte is staying in Winchester.



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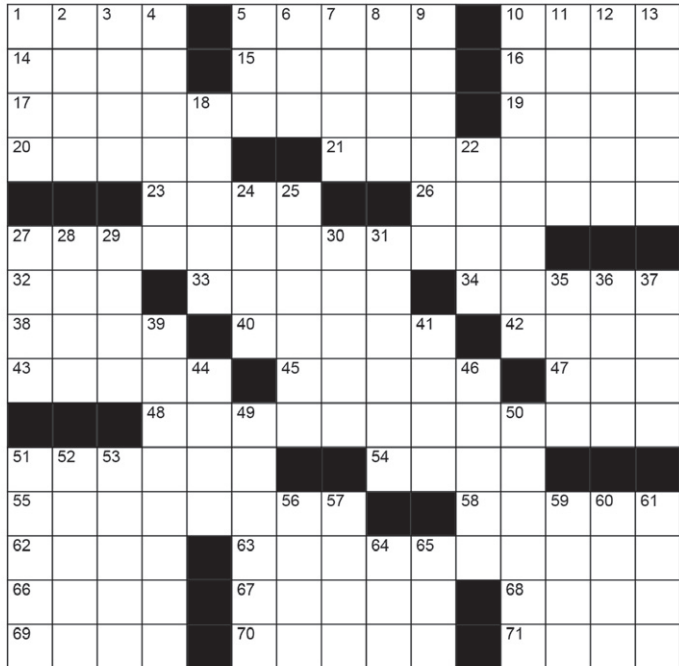
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- Cowboy's friend
 - Japanese maker of watches and calculators
 - Mythical shield
 - Comfortable state
 - Hoodlums
 - Let out
 - "Porgy and Bess" setting
 - Native of old Peru
 - ___ Ste. Marie, Mich.
 - Revealing kind of slip
 - Food
 - Sparkly rock
 - Public reaction test
 - Distributor of many CD-ROMs
 - French composer
 - Sell illegally, as tickets
 - Football penalty
 - Splits
 - Place to put a thimble
 - France's Joan ___
 - Peter and Claudius
 - Red meat source
 - Johnny Cash classic written by Shel Silverstein
 - Bleach
 - Cowboys or Indians
 - Bridle
 - Big gato
 - "The ___ lama, he's...": Nash
 - Texas' state flower
 - Run out of steam
 - Haves
 - Affirmation
 - Follow, as advice
 - Heads, in France
 - Maps rds.

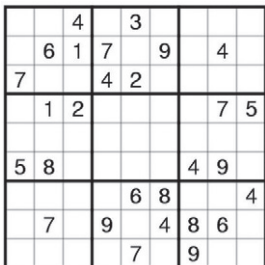
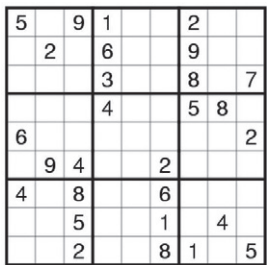


Down

- Bench press muscles, for short
- Small battery type
- Alphabetic quartet
- Rid of parasites, as a pooch
- Coins: Abbr.
- Sound of satisfaction
- Explore, as the Internet
- Marty Feldman's role in 'Young Frankenstein'
- SUNY city on Lake Ontario
- Exhibit A, Exhibit B, etc.
- Mythical wish granters
- South American natives
- Musical and Laurel
- Sloping type: Abbr.
- Popular pizza/grill chain, informally
- Chairlift relative
- Smooth as silk
- Mexican serving
- German playwright Hochhuth
- Russian gold medalist — Kulik
- Add pep to, with "up"
- Look over lickerishly
- Sweetsop
- Sockdolager
- Zebulon with a peak named for him
- Went on and on and on and ...
- "___ Enchanted Evening"
- Person with a handle
- Old defense pact
- In order to win money
- Key of Beethoven's Ninth
- Incensed
- Legendary skater Sonja
- Rhone feeder
- He, to Hadrian
- Night, in N'mes
- Pint-sized pest
- Network
- English letters
- Season, French style
- Egyptian deity

Sudoku

A sudoku puzzle consists of a 9 x 9-square grid subdivided into nine 3 x 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 x 3 box contains each of the numbers from 1 to 9 exactly once.



Cryptogram

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

**USG PBV ZSK IKJMX
VKU JVXGNOUBVX
KTGNB OBFX USBU
SG AJOU IKJMX VKU
TSBVUKP FU.**

And here is your hint:

S = H

The solution to last issue's crossword



Weekly Horoscope



Aries ★★★★★
March 21-April 19

Expectations of love are high. Don't succumb to unreasonable demands. Mutual commitment to the very best helps to create it!

Taurus ★★★★★
April 20-May 20

Reach for the heights. You can fly high in love today, just don't be so foolhardy you risk crashing to the ground.

Gemini ★★★★★
May 21-June 20

Fantasy land images prevail in play today. Give yourself permission to "space out" a bit and enjoy the show!

Cancer ★★★
June 21-July 22

Face facts about your love life today and take actions which will reap results. Practicality is your best tool.

Leo ★★★
July 23-August 22

Power plays or manipulations by loved ones are likely, so be extra empathic and cooperative tonight. Look for chances to be a team.

Virgo ★★★★★
August 23-September 22

A child seeks a way to demonstrate power over physical possessions and appetites. Food, toys, or money could be an issue. Stay cool.

Libra ★★★
September 23-October 22

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

Scorpio ★★★★★
October 23-November 21

Treat your lover to a favorite meal, flowers, chocolates or another indulgence and s/he will show appreciation in exciting ways.

Sagittarius ★★★★★
November 22-December 21

You're "up" today with more faith, optimism and confidence. You take direct action to advance truth, religion, education, or values.

Capricorn ★★★
December 22-January 19

Don't let inertia keep you in old, uncomfortable patterns. Seek out what you know you will enjoy and do more of it!

Aquarius ★★★★★
January 20-February 18

Mysteries emerge today. You figure things out and may enjoy puzzles, riddles, novels, crime stories, or thrillers.

Pisces ★★
February 19-March 20

If you focus on how your leisure pursuits fall short of your ideal, you'll end up frustrated. Indulge in the recreation you most enjoy.

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USM COMMUNITY PAGE



Community Spotlight:

Senator Angus King visits new cyber security lab

Anthony Emerson
Free Press Staff

Senator Angus King visited USM last Friday to tour the new cyber security lab in the science building, which according to the administration fits right into the school's new metropolitan vision for the future.

President David Flanagan described the event as a "very positive and upbeat occasion."

Senator King announced that the University of Maine system's new cyber security program has been lauded by the National Security Agency and the Department of Homeland Security as a National Center for Academic Excellence. This stamp of approval from the NSA was the first time such a distinction has been made across an entire system. According to Flanagan, the lab will thrive under the metropolitan model because it provides graduates with incredibly desirable skills and experience, in this increasingly digital age.

Members of staff representing Senator Susan Collins and Congresswoman Chellie Pingree were also in attendance.

During a brief press conference, Professor Glenn Wilson said that "cyber security is an area which expects tremendous job growth." Wilson went on to say that he expected at least 300,000 job openings in the near future, which he

said was a "very conservative estimate."

According to Wilson, criminal elements are now making more money in [breaking] cyber security than illegal drugs," going on to say that it was nearly "a \$450 billion" illicit industry.

In a speech to the collected faculty and students, Senator King said that "the next Pearl Harbor will be a cyber attack," going on to say that the US is "technologically vulnerable" and that the power grid, gas lines and the financial markets are all targets. If the metropolitan model for USM is about shaping academic programs to fit the needs of the community, the cyber-security discipline is a relevant focus. USM officials have deemed the cyber security program a place where students can be groomed for 21st century jobs in a growing industry.

King said that cyber security was a "very important area of study" and expressed hope that it would make USM a primary destination for people looking to learn how to repel digital threats throughout the country and the world. King said that there was a 99.9 percent chance that graduates would quickly receive a job post graduation. According to King, the new programs will become the flagship of USM and that hopefully it will attract "21st century jobs" to Maine.



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Eric Dubois (left) and Alex Weeman (right), students in cyber security, explain to Senator Angus King and President David Flanagan how one's personal and financial information can be stolen at internet cafes.

According to Glenn Wilson, the director of information and innovation, 300,000 cyber security jobs will open up across the country. Wilson said this program is ideal for career development.

King criticized his fellow members of congress for voting down a bill that would beef up grants for cyber security and said that there

was "no time to waste."

"What are you going to do when your bank account disappears," asked King.

King described the battle against hackers as a "constant struggle" with "no moment of victory" because "the bad guys are continuously trying to exploit vulnerabilities."

"This is a big deal, this puts us on the map," King said. "I'm just delighted to be here today. It's a great day for the university and the country."

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