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In an interview with The Free Press, Chris Quint, executive director of public affairs, explained that USM has reached out to other universities sanctioned by the AAUP and there has been no significant impact on enrollment or recruitment.

“It’s inconsequential,” said Quint. “It doesn’t impact us. It’s in existence for them to promote an agenda.”

“The best people in the field will not apply for jobs here,” said Susan Feiner, professor of economics and professor of women and gender studies.

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The talk was the first in a series of five such public discussions scheduled for Portland through June, and comes against a backdrop of a dispute between city officials and Gov. Paul LePage over the distribution of aid money to undocumented immigrants.

LePage has declared that no General Assistance should be given to undocumented immigrants, and has withheld state reimbursements to Portland and other municipalities that have continued to disburse the money to noncitizens seeking assistance.

That dispute is playing out in the court system and wasn’t referenced directly by Tierney or MIliona in their keynote remarks.

But MIliona highlighted immigrant integration programs that have been successful around the country, and said Maine cities should invest in programs that attract immigrants, as well as provide them with business and entrepreneurship training.

MIliona said Portland’s “immigrant population and immigrant workforce... has increased by almost 30 percent in past decade.” That figure was paired with a statistic — shown as part of a slideshow projected onto a movie screen before the event — that immigrants are 30 percent more likely to start their own businesses than native-born U.S. citizens.

“If immigrants succeed, we all benefit,” said opening speaker Tim Honey, president of the World Affairs Council of Maine. “If immigrants don’t, we all pay the price.”

Portland Mayor Michael Brennan told the story of his grandmother, an Irish immigrant with a sixth-grade education who came to the city in the early 1900s, and pointed out that nearly everyone in the city can trace his or her roots back to immigrants.

“We are what we are today as Portland because we’ve accepted diversity and we’ve actively had people come here from all over the world,” he said. “We’ll be the city of tomorrow depending on how well we welcome and create opportunities for people from all over the world.”

Tierney said that Maine’s aging population represents an economic crisis, and the state’s only chance to avoid economic ruin will be to welcome immigrants to replenish its population.

The state’s median age of 43.9 years old is the oldest in the country. In 2013, the U.S. Census Bureau found that Maine’s deaths outnumbered its births for the first time in recent history, feeding concerns that as the state’s large population of baby boomers retires, there won’t be enough young people to replace them in the workforce.

Tierney said that even if Maine
USM professors help The Phoenix rise from the ashes

Local alt-weeklies enlist them for their expertise in politics, philosophy

Brian Gordon / Staff Writer

USM professors Ronald Schmidt and Jason Read have been filling holes left in the wake of the mass exodus of Portland Phoenix writers to the new alternative weekly in town, Dig Portland. The two professors have had more or less regular columns in the Phoenix, which comes out every Wednesday in Portland and the surrounding area.

Schmidt, a political science professor by trade who specializes in American politics and political theory, writes about local politics in his column titled “The Red Pencil.” WhenDig started, Dan McLeod, Phoenix editor, got Schmidt on board to replace the old political writer, Al Diazom. They met for coffee to hash it out. McLeod is a former USM student and Free Press alumni. He also recruited Read because he was a fan of his personal blog.

Read is a philosophy professor who writes his monthly column “A Closer Read” which has been about movies and how they can be interpreted from a philosophical viewpoint. Read said he’s not going to write strictly about movies but ties in philosophy with culture, politics and maybe television, all with a Maine connection.

“I try to name drop a philosopher in every column,” Read said, in the hope that his column will pick up on it and explore it further.

Both authors found the newspaper style liberating in contrast to their academic writing which is more lot lengthier. And you need to get out. It’s a challenge, but it’s fun challenge,” said Schmidt.

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“The biggest things we’re pushing are our cost, our location and our quality programs; these are our strengths,” Quint.

Apart from just an increase in targeted marketing, Quint cited the latest aligning to a metropolitain model, and the consolidation of student services as other initiatives that will help attract and keep students.

“We’re going to be focusing on the programs that are already doing well,” said Quint. “But there are a number of programs on the precipice of greatness. We want all of our programs aligned with the metropolitain model.”

According to the enrollment comparison report, the art education, music performance, theatre, English literature, computer science, political science, engineering, chemistry and environmental science departments were the only ones that showed an increase in students.

Paul Dexter, the learning coordinator at the learning commons in the Glickman library, said that declining enrollment and retention is a complex issue and there were many forces that contributed to it.

“This isn’t a campus centric issue, and there’s no one way to resolve it,” said Dexter. “That’s why it’s so important to think of new ideas.”

Dexter said that increasing accessibility to the learning commons, a tutoring space for students, will increase a student’s confidence with their academic path and in turn help with retention.

Dexter wants to change the culture of tutoring, to mean less about remediation and more about engaging in concepts learned in the classroom.

“Tutoring at the library is directly related to a student’s success; it isn’t just for people who are struggling,” said Dexter.

“We’re trying to make learning and the appropriate levels of support as efficient and accessible as possible.”

As of now, a student can go online and see the tutoring schedule for the entire semester, and choose from a multitude of subject areas, with a team of over 50 tutors, at no additional cost to them. According to Dexter, the learning commons saw 2,500 different tutoring appointments last year.

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We are meeting them with a courtesy and there will be no one else meeting them with an administration," said Quint. "If they accept, they'll have an opportunity to ask whatever questions they meet.

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"If, for example, my doctor were to cause me to be permanently disabled and the AMA took a stand on this, it wouldn't be legal in court but it would certainly have standing," said Gish. "If it was made public in the state, it ought to have a powerful impact on people's views of the university."

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"I suspect that that would read the preamble of the AAUP. It's a marker," said Lapping. "It's a kick in the teeth."

"I think they'll find exactly the same information that's been given out since September."

"The same information [President David [Flanagan] has given to the faculty senate meeting every Friday by email," said Gish. "That information is we have a $16 million structural gap. They'll find that the numbers are real. Whether they believe it or not, they'll find that we've followed the processes in place."

"It's an absolute pipe-dream," said Gish. "I think that visit has a predetermined outcome, and that the AAUP did not plan their visit with us."

"We're closed on Monday and we've got other things to do," said Gish. "If Quint's intention was truly to have an informed investigation, reach out to us on days when we're not closed or busy."

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"I'm already paying my bills, so I'm not going to do that," said senior painting major Daniel Plante. "I'm talking about being able to make ends meet without feeling pressure."

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"To say that the AAUP is not being sanctioned?" he asked. "Gish explained that one of the most important things that people could do was read the preamble of the constitution, which includes information about USM's relationship with the AAUP."

"I think it's a right for everybody who's willing to work for it," he continued.

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USM presidential search schedules

Campus visits with finalists

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Each committee member was asked to review and rate all of the applications, based on the “Expectations” and “Characteristics” sections of the Leadership Statement. The Committee met in mid-December to review each member’s ratings of the candidates and to select those for reference checks. Committee members were pleased with the quality and diversity of the candidates, who together provided us with a geographically dispersed pool and a broad range of academic and career experiences.

Teams of committee members contacted references in late December and early January. On January 9 the Committee met to select candidates for confidential interviews to be held later in January. By late January, the committee hopes to be able to announce the names of finalists and the dates they will visit USM. All candidate information remains confidential until finalists are named.

Campus visits are tentatively planned for the first two weeks of February. Each candidate will be available for many open sessions with segments of the campus community. These visits are an opportunity for each candidate and the USM community to get to know each other better. Candidate itineraries will be widely publicized so that everyone who wishes may participate.

Flu season has arrived

Officials at the Maine Centers for Disease Control are reporting widespread influenza activity in Maine with confirmed cases in every county. While it is true that this year’s flu vaccine has been found to be less effective in providing protection against the most commonly circulating strains of the virus, it does offer partial protection and might reduce the likelihood of severe disease and complications. Therefore, we highly recommend that you get a flu vaccine if you have not done so already.

Vaccine is still available at most health care provider offices, pharmacies and Health & Counseling Services on the Gorham campus. To make an appointment with us, call 780-5411. Be sure to bring your insurance card with you. Uninsured cost = $10.00.

To protect yourself and others from the flu:

• Wash your hands frequently with soap and water, but especially after coughing and sneezing. Alcohol-based hand gels can also be used.
• Avoid touching your nose, mouth, and eyes. Germs can spread this way.
• Consult your health care provider about getting a pneumococcal vaccine for anyone who is younger than 5, between ages 65 and 64 with high risk conditions, or age 65 and older.
• Avoid contact with sick people. If you are at very high risk for complications, you may want to avoid large crowds.

Time to reapply for federal student aid

If you have not already applied for federal student aid for the 2015-2016 school year, you can do so now using FAFSA on the Web. Go to www.fafsa.gov, select “Login” to log in and you will be given the option to complete a FAFSA Renewal that has much of your application data from last year.

You will need your Federal Student Aid PIN to access your 2015-2016 FAFSA on the Web application. If you have forgotten your PIN, you can request a duplicate once you login.

Portland police seek two bank robbers

Local police are investigating a pair of Key Bank robberies that occurred Friday afternoon.

The same two suspects allegedly robbed locations on Forest Avenue and Auburn Street within minutes, according to Portland Assistant Chief Vernon Malloch.

The first robbery occurred at 11:05 a.m. and the second at 11:20 a.m., and cash was demanded in both instances.

After the second robbery, a dye pack handed over activated on a path behind the bank and was discarded by the suspects, and they may have dye stains on their hands. They were last seen entering a getaway car, which is small, dark and has a partial registration plate of 8843.

No weapons were displayed and no injuries were reported. The men were wearing knit caps, sunglasses and masks that made them appear elderly.

Anyone with information should call Portland police.
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**Arts & Culture Recommends:**

**Concerning Violence film screening**

Dora Thompson  
*Staff Writer*

Next Monday, you can take a journey into the depths of Africa as it struggles for liberation from the third world with the premier of a new documentary called *Concerning Violence*.

USM staff and students gain free entry to the screening at Space Gallery with a valid university ID as the audience gets an inside look on the fight for freedom during the sixties in Africa, taking the audience through stunning scenes of guerrilla soldiers, nighttime raids, and everyday African life during a time of violence and decolonization, and the decolonization efforts against it. The film screening is a part of the USM Philosophy Symposium’s annual film screening and the group will be hosting two more films this semester.

“The Philosophy Symposium has held a film series with Space Gallery for over seven years now, showing films about philosophers, philosophical problems, and topics,” explains Jason Read, a professor of philosophy. The group consists of students who want to practice and engage in the theory of philosophy.

“It’s a good place for people to get together to talk about ideas and issues,” says Sergey Miller, a senior English and philosophy major, as well as a Free Press staff member.

*Concerning Violence* is directed by Swedish director Göran Hugo Olsson, who also directed an archival film called an archival film Black Power Mixtape, that combined footage from the black power movement. *Concerning Violence* uses footage that Swedish filmmakers, who went to Africa during The Cold War, wanted to document anti-imperialist liberation movements in Africa. Olsson pieces together their footage, trying to find the most relevant and up to date scenes. The film offers commentaries from African revolutionaries like Amilcar Cabral and Thomas Sankara.

The film is loosely based around Frantz Fanon’s *The Wretched of the Earth*. Written in 1961, Fanon’s book talks about the effects of colonization on people, politically and psychologically. He talks about the language of oppression and critiques nationalism and imperialism. Olsson incorporates the first and last chapters of Fanon’s book in the film, reading aloud by singer, rapper, and actress Lauryn Hill.

“I am definitely going to see this,” said sophomore English major Ben Davis.

Split into nine parts, each tackle a different issue about the violence in Africa, which is still relevant to audiences today. So make your Monday night important while supporting a USM group and tackle world issues at the Space Gallery on January 26. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. and the film starts just a half hour later.

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USM is more than just bad news with a fragile reputation

In light of the recent visit to USM by the AAUP organization that has come to investigate rumors of administrative violations of academic tenure and freedom, we, the Free Press, have been thinking a lot about "bad press" and its effects on us.

Unfortunately the months of negative news surrounding USM, its budget gap and financial difficulties, and program cuts are probably driving potential applicants away, stunting the school's growth as a whole. Students research the schools that interest them in and it won't help that a simple google search of "USM" leads to headlines of "progm slashing" and student protests. Our front page stories are usually reserved for the problems that affect us the most as students, but we wish the best for our University. We want people to be inspired to help our college community, not just run away and abandon it because of a nasty headline.

But now the budget has been, allegedly balanced, and we can attempt to move on from the troubles of the past year and look toward the future. If the investigators from the AAUP find anything concerning after their visit to USM, we'll be sure to write about it, but not with a smile on our face. As students, we're just hoping that the past years' events haven't permanently scarred the university's reputation that the faculty and administration is desperately trying to improve.

As journalists we're here to report the campus news as objectively as possible, but as students we do reflect on the role we're playing in the potential demise of our school. We don't want community outsiders to pick up our paper and infer that USM is a sinking ship that's beyond rescue.

What this system would need, at least in Maine, is a seamless relationship between Maine's public universities and community colleges. Year after year we hear horror stories from transfer students who were told all their credits were worthless everywhere, only to discover that wasn't the case.

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Certainly when you turn on and off a flashlight the speed at which light is formed moves equally as fast as the speed at which darkness disappears. So the speed of darkness is the same as the speed of light? Not exactly.

For example lets take a look at a shadow. Across a distance a shadow can become much larger than the object creating it, but still mimic its source moving in the same way for the same amount of time. So when a shadow is bigger then the object casting it, it moves a greater distance than the object moves, but in the same amount of time. Make a shadow large enough and it can travel across a surface faster than light.

USM is more than just bad news

OPINION

Our Opinion

Obama's community college plan is good for Maine students

We know the new proposal to fund two-years of community college for student workers isn't going to slip through Congress unaltered and that it will have its ups and downs. In reality, it has very little chance of getting by with a Republican majority, but we hope that the idea lives on and can become a smooth program throughout the country.

Being a student in Maine can be different than in other states. Students come from low-income households and, if they graduate from high school and sign away years of their income to an academic and associate degrees available at a substantially reduced cost, but the degree doesn't carry the same weight as a bachelor's or even a master's.

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For example lets take a look at a shadow. Across a distance a shadow can become much larger than the object creating it, but still mimic its source moving in the same way for the same amount of time. So when a shadow is bigger then the object casting it, it moves a greater distance than the object moves, but in the same amount of time. Make a shadow large enough and it can travel across a surface faster than light.

Hold on. The laws of physics state that nothing can travel faster than light. So what's going on? The truth is that information cannot travel faster than light. You cannot cause something to happen somewhere else faster than light could travel from you to that somewhere else. Since darkness is just the absence of light, then the absence of information, it can travel faster than the speed of light. This is called superluminal motion is mostly observed in near black holes and other interstellar locations.

If you hold your finger up and cast a shadow on one side of the moon (side A) and then move your finger to the other side of the moon (side B) your shadow would cross the entire moon in a fraction of the time it would take light. Lets says it takes you one second to move your finger from side A to side B. Since the diameter of the moon is 3,474,800 meters, you shadow would travel approximately 1.3 times faster than the speed of light! So the next time you find yourself running around Back Cove, sitback, turn on a flashlight and let your shadow to the work!
Back in Portland and dreaming of Europe

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Each morning this past semester I woke up to the sound of construction out my window. Outside, a reconstruction project on an old tennis court was underway. The project would include tearing down fences and replacing them with new ones, changing the terrain, paving, and eventual painting. Each day, rain or shine, diggers rolled in, and a few men in hard hats moved dirt. Moved earth. Moved through time and changed their landscape, as all of us do.

I have come home. Home to Maine, home to my parents’ snow covered house, home to our little city of Portland. It’s remarkable, in the past five years I have settled in four different places, spanning states and continents. But coming back to Maine, driving in at midnight on the Conchord bus, is always an act of returning home. The cold, the water, the accent, the place surrounds me like a familiar blanket.

Already, the home that is Winchester seems wildly distant, just a possibility of reality, and certainly not an actual truth. Did it really happen? Was I really there, and do all those beautiful souls who I said goodbye to continue on their own trajectories, changing, growing, laughing? Was Winchester Cathedral real, or the lectures on Queer Theory, or the midnight conversations in the Cybercafé? The longer I live, the more our faculties of memory flabber italia cafe? The longer I live, the longer I live, the more of it becomes greater, my reality remains: the mystery that is emotional human existence, but as Ha Jin puts it, this profession is an act of failure.’ Even as the Earth grows smaller, and the opportunity to see and experience more of it becomes greater, mystery remains: the mystery that is how we see it, individually. I will never know what it is like for someone else to see the Vatican, just as none of you reading this will ever know what it’s like for me to see it. The closest I can get is to transcribe the braille tattoo of those other countries and worlds from the walls of my memory and the lines of my hands into these words.

Now, I spend three short days on the Blue Hill Peninsula before moving back to Portland and joining the rat race towards graduation. While I was away from home, the tides continued to rise and fall, relationships began and ended, walls were painted new colors, a civil war almost broke out in our country, friends moved, my brother hit puberty and grew about six inches, and the branch on the apple tree in front of our house that held the rope swing for more than a decade cracked in a snowstorm and fell. The world changed. No matter how much we try through digital technology, we simply cannot be in two places at once. It is another unavoidable fact that the sun and moon don’t rise and set over us alone, but that we as humans move and shift and speak and change.

This year, it is Winchester that will change without me. Before I next return, the construction of the new tennis courts will be completed, friends will succeed and fail and perhaps leave, and I will also have changed. Love will blossom and fade and blossom again, old jokes will be replaced by new ones. I am now old that I wasn’t before I went to Winchester: you fill in the blank. I have always believed that I am a product of the thousands of people who have, and continue every day to, influence and affect me. Now, that circle of influences has expanded to include the beautiful friends and family I met in the UK. I carry little strands of them, like snippets of melody, back with me. And now I am ready to share them with you. So let’s grab a coffee, hide from the January chill, and swap melodies.
The solution to last issue’s crossword

The secret code is:

**H H H H H**

Cryptogram

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And here is your hint: L = W

Puzzles

**Crossword**

Across
1. Fishtail, for one
2. Alaskan cruise port
5. Mugger stopper
6. 1878 was the birth year of.
9. Duk
10. 1687 days on Mars
17. Calm
19. Brook smile
20. Greenish-yellow pearls
21. One fight above
22. Tree-end plant
23. Some agent’s concern
25. Patrons
29. All Things Considered
30. First name of a river
31. Front of a sheet of paper
32. Bird
33. Italian slang term
34. Your, biblically
35. Joey of cartoons
36. Birth mother’s helper
37. Measure of early radio
40. First word in Mass, motto
45. Gradually begin
46. Guiding philosophy
48.Compact ...
53. Induction of no fewer, briefly
54. Decked up
56. Crisp of (takeover)
57. Use the backpack key
58. Stringy stuff with smack or sniff
59. Switches to low beams
60. Sol监es
61. Soul soldiers

Down
1. Corp sec
2. Gambling city
3. Area, ___ Ferm (Latin proverb)
4. Un or tiger, e.g.
5. USMC noncom
6. Deckers go
7. “The Blue Crab” attire
8. “... your chin up!”
9. Extends
10. Classic Paul Dresser song
11. Hawk’s haven
12. Monument of stones
13. German painter Max ...
18. Waterfront Long Island town
22. Make compact, as pipe tobacco
24. It has no competition
25. Wedding hints
26. Not too fitting
28. Suit provider
29. Jeff Bridges film of ’72
30. Valley grad company
31. Right-handed words that make one smile
33. ___ murah (scent of betting)
34. Commencing on
35. High bid, e.g.
36. Puts together
43. “Come ___ the water’s fatal”
44. Audubon car
45. 1350V Ford Rip
46. One in a truck race
48. More sudden
48. Enchanted, as territory
49. Country in the West Indies
50. Area of India
51. Pull to pieces
52. Seaport of Algiers
53. Military medal recipient
54. Welcome words after an accident
55. Navy noncom, for short
56. Ut, clock setting
57. O.D.E.2 (political rival)

**Weekly Horoscope**

**Aries**
March 21-April 19
Two by two is the theme for today. Share your time with some-one close. Pleas-ures are doubled by the company you keep.

**Taurus**
April 20-May 20
Feelings are deep and sensi-tivities high in love relationships. Tread gently and carefully and a soul-satisfying union is possible.

**Gemini**
May 21-June 20
Someone close to you is too hidebound in following the rules, or a bit erratic in breaking them. Seek a happy medium.

**Cancer**
June 21-July 22
Future dreams tie into your recre-action–community action, science fiction movies or books, inventing something, or fantasizing.

**Leo**
July 23-August 22
A beautiful setting sets a roman-tic mood. Candlelight, flowers, music and other lovely accesso ries make mutual seduction likely.

**Virgo**
August 23-September 22
Creative imagination and role playing come easily today. You enjoy charades, movies, theater or other entertainment.

**Libra**
September 23-October 22
Family influences your thinking, conversation and perceptions today. Immediate concerns and the people right around you draw your attention.

**Scorpio**
October 23-November 21
Go that extra mile for your be-loved and it will pay dividends. Build bridges and mend fences. Make any needed apologies.

**Sagittarius**
November 22-December 21
Communication and interaction, especially with friends, is high-lighted. Being open, tolerant, and rational comes naturally today.

**Capricorn**
December 22-January 19
New alliances can bring money-making ideas into your life. Explore your possibilities.

**Aquarius**
January 20-February 18
Graceful movement is a good use of your energies today. Make time to go dancing, skating, do aero-bics, or similar fluid motions.

**Pisces**
February 19-March 20
Reasonable “selfishness” is today’s cue. Please yourself. Seek out activities which you enjoy on your own.

**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.

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Norman Ng, a professional magician, performs a card trick for a large audience Wednesday. Portland Events Board hosted the performer for a free show in the Woodbury Campus Center.

Last Tuesdays men’s basketball game between the USM Huskies and the Rhode Island College Anchormen played out pretty evenly matched before turning into a rout, as the Anchormen pulled away with a 72-57 victory.

Sophomore Zach Leal walked away from the game with 11 points and three assists. The win is the fifth straight for the Anchormen, a team that improved to 11-3 overall and 3-1 in the Little East division. For the Huskies, the defeat marks the seventh straight loss for them and this dropped to a record of 3-11 as they remain winless in the conference at 0-4.

The frustration over the loss and season has been the case for the Huskies all season long, the game started off fairly neck and neck, as both teams traded leads throughout the first half, with the Huskies holding the lead three different times. But their efforts were not enough as the Anchormen widened their lead to 32-26 by halftime. Southern Maine rallied in the second half to take a slim 46-45 lead after a three pointer from junior Alex Fraser with 11:24 left to play in the game. The Anchormen however took control of the rest of the game by going on a 15-0 run from which the Huskies never recovered from.

Despite the loss and no chance of qualifying for the playoffs, Coach Henrikson still continues to emphasize and push for strong effort from his players. “No matter the record or situation our team has to deal with, I still push my players to give it their all,” Henrikson explained. “As a team, you will go through difficult games and seasons but it’s not just about experiencing those difficult situations. It’s about learning from the experience of disappointment and becoming stronger men. That’s what I want the players to take away from this season.”

Senior Bass Recital
Andrew Patterson
Talbot Lecture Hall, Luther Bonney, Portland
7:30 p.m.

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Art Gallery, Gorham
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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