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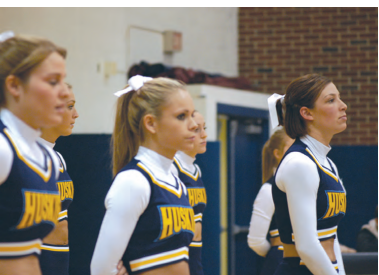
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## Do it on campus!

CHRISTY MCKINNON

STAFF WRITER

HIV: It's everywhere. As young people bombarded by every kind of media, we're aware of the risks and we know we should get tested. But do we? With so many ways to get tested there's really no excuse why we shouldn't. Heck, you can order an HIV test online for 30 bucks that you don't even have to send out to a lab. Health Services on the Portland Campus understands the value of that convenience, which is why they are again offering HIV testing.

Though they maintained the service through the Frannie Peabody Center for about three years, said Jane Coolidge, director of Health Services, they were left without the service when the organization pulled out.

"Their funding is so tight right now, that they really needed to focus on the highest risk groups in the population," said Coolidge. The organizations parted amicably according to Coolidge but the University was left without a provider. Which is why they contacted Portland Public Health (PPH), which works within the community offering the service out of their home on India Street and at various locations like Deering High School, schools in Cumberland and York counties, jails and the Preble Street Resource Center.

"They were very excited about



providing the service for us," said Coolidge whose staff revived the program last December after a lapse of a few months. Though the staff at Health Services provides other types of STD testing, it's unable to provide HIV testing because

photo illustration by Christy McKinnon they haven't received the training required by law to administer HIV tests, which is why they've chosen to contract the job to PPH. Coolidge said Health Services intends to eventually providing the service themselves.

## Portland Public Health brings HIV testing back to campus

"We want the service on campus and this is our interim solution," she said.

Health Services provides the space in their facilities on the Portland campus and PPH, specifically USM student Kimberly Meehan-Brown an HIV/STD community educator at PPH, brings in equipment, administers the test and collects the money, all of which goes to PPH. The cost of the test is \$25. Meehan-Brown said special arrangements can be made to ensure affordability to all students.

The fee can't be added to your student bill. Since PPH provides the service and receives payment directly, said Noel Bonam, program director of PPH, this makes it very difficult to add the fee to the student bill. "It's a mark of convenience but it's hard to make that happen," he said.

All testing is anonymous, unless otherwise requested, which means that though you'll initially give your name to Health Services to validate that you're a student, it won't be used after that. "We just need to make sure it's a student, we can't take people off the streets," said Coolidge.

You'll then be given a special code in lieu of a name and your results won't be documented on paper. They'll be given verbally. You can request a confidential test if you require documented results.

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## We're watching you

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The University of Southern Maine has installed 11 surveillance cameras on the Portland campus, with talks of more to come. A \$36,000 Homeland Security grant funded the new equipment. A couple thousand dollars went to a computer system to monitor the cameras, \$1,500-\$2,000 was spent to improve USM Police dispatch equipment and the remainder was spent on CCTV (Closed Circuit Television).

"It's about security and what we can do to make things safer for the students," said Rudy Somma, communications supervisor of the USM Police Department. "By using cameras we might be able to get a better check on things."

Of the 11 cameras installed by the University on the Portland campus, students can find one on

the roof of Masterton Hall. This is a PTZ (Pan-Tilt-Zoom) camera and can zoom in on any objects that catch the camera's eye from Bedford Street to the parking garage to the Woodbury Campus Center.

The other 10 cameras monitor the Science Building.

"All 10 cameras are on exterior doors." Said Somma. These cameras cover the Science building's loading dock, elevators and every door that leads to a room with hazardous chemicals.

Gorham has one camera, which is expected to be active within a month.

These surveillance cameras capture 30 days worth of footage before all of the recordings are reset for the next 30 days. All the recordings go straight to the police headquarters in Gorham, but are only checked when a crime has been reported.

The PTZ camera on Masterton watched a man stealing a small

## USM's burgeoning surveillance system

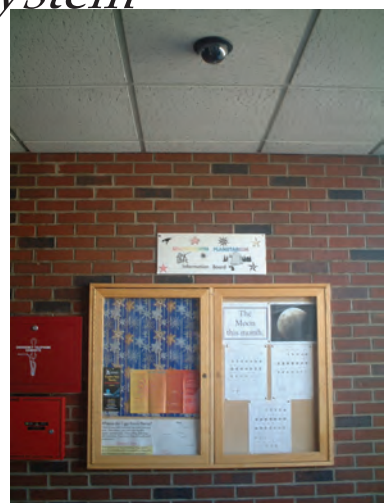
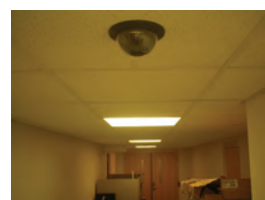
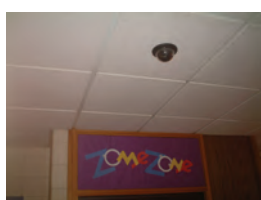
trailer out of the parking lot in Portland in front of the Woodbury Campus Center. When the crime was reported, police went to view the tape of the parking lot and from figured out who stole the trailer and arrested the culprit.

Police were also able to pin-point the traffic problems on Bedford Street and are anxiously awaiting the opening of the catwalk over the street to alleviate all traffic problems.

"They're looking for cameras for the garage," said Somma added. Surveillance cameras had appeared in the garage during its construction, along with cameras capturing the construction of the John Mitchell Center in Gorham.

According to Somma, Bowdoin and Colby colleges also expect the arrival of CCTV.

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photos by Sarah Hines  
A few of the cameras in the  
Science Building.



# DEMOSTHENES' CORNER

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USM has a variety of illustrious speakers coming here every week. Here is a sample of some of them. This list is not all-inclusive and the number of listings is contingent on space.

## FEATURED SPEAKERS

**Laura Liswood** will deliver the keynote speech for the Fourth Annual Women in Public Life Forum. The forum takes place on Thursday, March 10 from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Holiday Inn By the Bay in Portland, Maine.

Liswood holds an M.B.A. from Harvard Business School, a B.A. from California State University, San Diego and a J.D. from the University of California-Davis.

As director of the Women's Leadership Project from 1992-1996, Liswood identified global leadership contributions by female heads of state. She interviewed 15 current and former female presidents and prime ministers, which is chronicled in her book, "Women World Leaders." She is also the author of a book on service quality, "Serving Them Right."

In 1996, Liswood co-founded the Council of Women World Leaders with President Vigdís Finnbogadóttir of Iceland located at the Aspen Institute in Washington, D.C. Liswood is the secretary general of the Council.

In 1997, Liswood co-founded the White House Project dedicated to electing a female president in the United States.

Registration for the forum is \$45 or \$25 for students. Those interested can register online at: <http://www.muskie.usm.maine.edu/wpl> or by calling USM Conferences at 780-5960 or TTY: 780-5646.

## CHANGES IN PREVIOUS LISTINGS

The open meeting regarding the new childcare facilities on the Gorham campus will now be held at 7 p.m. in room 104F Bailey Hall in Gorham on Wednesday, February 9.

## OTHER UPCOMING SPEAKERS

### February 10

Dr. Charlotte Rosenthal, associate professor of modern and classical languages and literature, will give a talk titled "Writer and Reader: The case of Anastasiia Verbitskaia." On the eve of the Communist revolution in 1917, Verbitskaia was possibly the most widely read writer. Her views partly reflected a long-standing tradition of the Russian writer as a high-minded teach and spokesperson for all Russians.

### February 18

Congressman Tom Allen will speak during an international breakfast briefing hosted by the World Affairs Council (WAC) of Maine. He will talk on the topic "America's Neglected Mission: Staying Competitive in the 21st Century." The briefing goes from 7:15 to 9 a.m. and will be held at the Portland Country Club in Falmouth.

The cost is \$15 for students, \$20 for WAC members and \$25 for guests. Please call 780-5779 to RSVP or for more information.

### Thursday, March 3

The Maine Patent Program is sponsoring a copyright seminar featuring two guest speakers: Gloria Pinza Esq., from Pierce Atwood and Kevin Haley Esq., from Brann and Isaacson.

For more information, visit [www.tlc.usm.maine.edu/patent/events.html](http://www.tlc.usm.maine.edu/patent/events.html)

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*Painstakingly compiled by Molly Lovell and the men and women of the USM Police Department*

### Jan. 25

Graffiti was found in the elevator of Dickey-Wood Hall.

USM police arrested Brian Kelly, 20, of Upton-Hastings Hall on a district court warrant for failure to appear in court. Kelly was transported to Cumberland County Jail.

A Resident Assistant reported that unknown persons took contents from an unlocked vending machine.

### Jan. 26

Someone opened a locker in the field house without damaging the lock and stole cash from the locker.

A Resident Assistant in Upton-Hastings Hall reported three people who went past the front desk who refused to sign in.

### Jan. 28

A person complained someone he knows exchanged words with him, stepped out of his vehicle and then punched him outside Brooks Student Center.

### Jan. 29

USM Police charged Corey Worthington, 19, of Anderson Hall with criminal threatening and possession of liquor by a minor after police responded to a disturbance.

Justin Ferrigno was charged with providing a place for minors to consume alcohol. Both have a court date of March 7.

Scott Cornish, 19, of Philippi Hall was charged with possession of liquor by a minor.

Somebody stole a wallet from the sports complex.

Marijuana was smelled on a floor in Upton-Hastings Hall. After investigating it appeared the smell was cigarettes.

### Jan. 30

Mindy Mondoux, 18, of Berwick was charged with possession of liquor by a minor. She was stopped on University Way by Philippi Hall.

### Jan. 31

An unknown person threw an object and broke a window on the second floor of Upton-Hastings Hall around 10 p.m.

### Feb. 1

Somebody stole a wallet from the dining center in Gorham.

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# In Brief

## TWO SENATORS RESIGN

The second and third Senate meeting of the new semester both saw the resignation of a senior Student Senator. First Senator Amanda Smith resigned and then Senator Jeremy Collette. Ezekiel Kimball, Student Senate chair, remains the only senator from last year's executive board. The resignations leave open one commuter chair and one "at large" chair.

"I've served on the Senate for two years and on every committee and given countless hours to the Senate," said Smith, who graduates in three months. "I need to put my energies into the [Board of Student Organizations] while I still have time." As well as continuing to serve as BSO chair, Smith will continue her work with the Leadership Development Board and the Student Involvement Center.

Collette will also continue to function as the chair of the Student Communications Board, and hopes to be named to the new Unified USM Student Government Steering Committee.

"I've been on the Senate for about two years," he said. "I didn't feel I was contributing [to the senate] as much as I liked to." Collette said he also plans to focus more on his schoolwork.

## NEW DEAN SOON TO BE ANNOUNCED

The search for a new dean for the College of Arts and Sciences concluded and USM Provost Joseph Wood will recommend a candidate to the University Board of Trustees (BOT). Wood declined to identify the candidate but said that he expected BOT members would approve his selection on March 14. Wood said he felt a release of the candidate's name prior to the Board's approval could hamstring the process.

Four candidates were in the running for the position: Earl Anderson, English professor and interim dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences at Cleveland State University, Carol Bresnahan, history professor at the University of Toledo in Ohio, Devinder Malhotra, associate dean in the Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Akron in Ohio, and Michael Vincent, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the University of Paris.

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# Don't try this at home

## *Filesharing not to be taken lightly at USM*

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First came the computer file, then filesharing and now: Copyright infringement lawsuits. Across the nation a whole generation of computer users attempting to pass information back and forth speaks the language of Napster, Kazaa or BitTorrent. While the act of filesharing breaks no laws, sharing copyrighted material like music or movies does. Copyright holders, those who own the music, are asking universities to stop students from sharing copyrighted material on campus.

Students residing in University dormitories miscalculate the consequences of filesharing, said Mert Nickerson, director of University Computing Technologies and Chad Casey, the network support coordinator. Nickerson and Casey both work to stop illegal filesharing at USM.

Representatives from organizations such as the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) sign onto programs and use a filesharer's list of available files as evidence. "They know the conversations that go on between these programs and they try and initiate it. They'll keep a record

of exactly which songs you have on your machine and they'll say—'here's the evidence,'" said Nickerson.

With such a vast number of individuals using filesharing programs, it would seem the actual number of those apprehended for the crime would be low, and at best, a random and futile effort.

"It's not quite as random as you might think," said Nickerson. "Universities in general have a high bandwidth [big pipes to the internet with lots of speed] so we're likely candidates for the RIAA people to scan."

There is a sociological aspect to consider as well: The average age of individuals who doing the sharing. Most college students fall between the ages of 17-25 and have used computer technology since the internet became a mainstream resource. "The freshman of this year, they don't think about it because they've been doing it since they were 13 years old," said Casey.

RIAA representatives identify filesharers by the computer's IP address. This address pinpoints the location of that computer.

In the case of college students, RIAA reps can use the address to identify the student's campus. The Digital Millenium Copywrite Act

exempts colleges and universities from lawsuits from recording industries if, after a copyright owner contacts the institution, the institution takes disciplinary action.

In USM's case, disciplinary action takes an educational approach. Students sharing files are removed from ResNet for a temporary period as seen fit by Steve Nelson in the Office of Community Standards. The students are not, however, denied access to the computers located in campus computer labs because their username remains accessible during the suspension period.

"When we shut them off [the network] it serves two purposes," said Casey. "It protects the University and it protects the student by educating them because

it follows a pretty hefty fine if they continue doing this. I think the student should be aware that there is the opportunity for harsh consequences. Just because we shut them off does not mean that the lawyers cannot come after them, even after the first suspension."

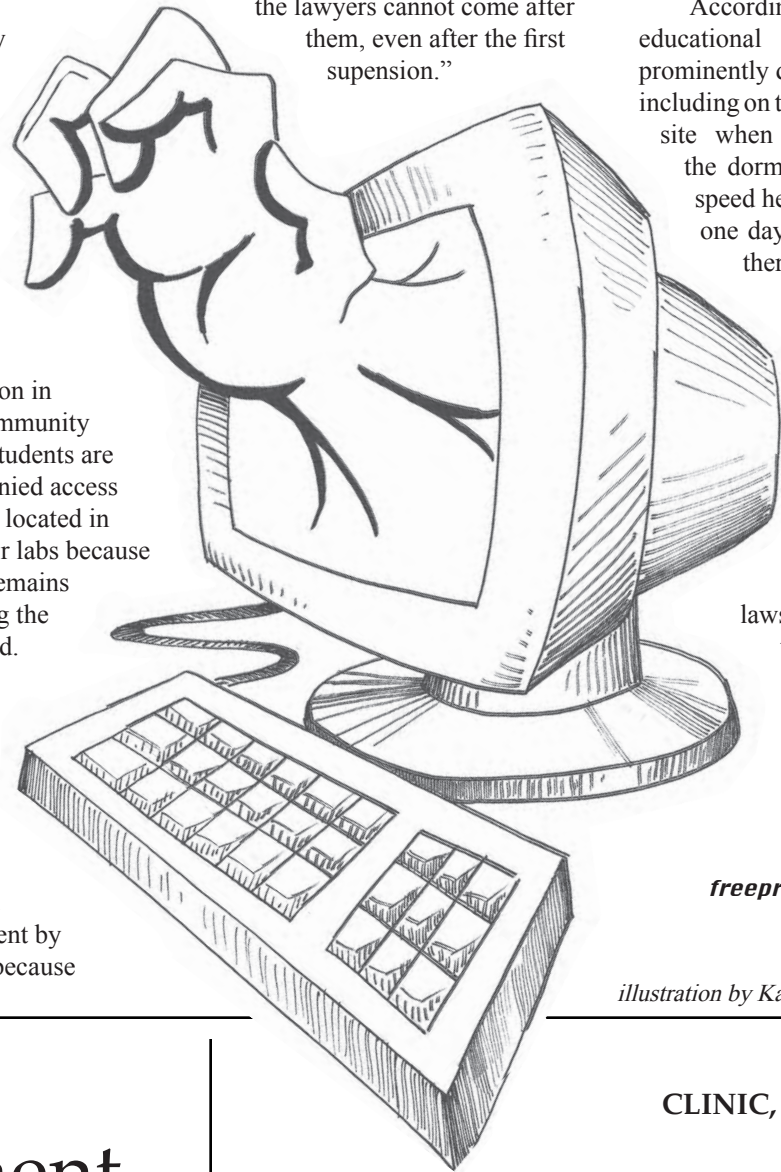


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If it seems that this is not commonplace on the USM campuses, Casey suggests otherwise: "We shut off quite a few people during the week—the word is not getting out."

According to Nickerson, educational information is prominently displayed for students, including on the ResNet registration site when students move into the dormitory halls. "You can speed here for a long time and one day, there's a cop sitting there with a radar," he said. But that does not excuse you from that ticket. The bottom line is we aren't out there trying to be the police. Our interest is mainly to protect the University from lawsuits. But we also feel that as an educational institution, it is our responsibility to educate."

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# Work study fraud prompts change in Athletics Department

## *Little change elsewhere*

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Since the work study fraud in the Athletics Department first became public in late November of 2004, little has changed in the University's monitoring process but the Athletics Department incorporated several new changes, including new manuals, more strict training processes and policies that emphasize that students caught violating work-study policy will be fired.

Athletics Director Al Bean, declined to comment on his department's changes, deferring questions to Bob Caswell, executive director of Media and Public Affairs.

Caswell declined to comment on disciplinary action taken against particular staff members, but did say a staff member could face anything from verbal reprimand to suspension. No students were charged with crimes, but violators were required to pay full restitution, complete community service projects and for 17 student athletes, serve suspensions that ranged from 10 percent to 30 percent of their games.

"We feel that the sanctions required students to take responsibility for their actions and gave them a chance to learn from their mistakes," Caswell said.

Thirty-five student employees

were found in violation of work-study policy and defrauded the University for slightly less than \$8,000.

The investigation was conducted through a process of interviewing students and checking for scheduling conflicts. Caswell said there is no way to be sure if all students have been caught, but the Athletics Department "checked each student time card against the student's class schedule and other commitments."

"I would say there is a renewed emphasis on how important it is to make sure that students receive an hour of pay for an hour of work," said Caswell via email.

"If you have a flat tire, you don't buy a new car," said Keith Dubois, director of Financial Aid. He said last year's work-study fraud represented an "isolated incident at the institution."

According to Dubois, the University does not have a mandatory training process for supervisors and students. However, when a supervisor hires a new student, both must fill out paperwork stating they understand the policies posted online.

Dubois said training sessions are held several times a year, but aren't mandatory. Work-study policy is readily available for students and supervisors on the Financial Aid office's webpage. "You can provide information, but

you can't always force people to read it," Dubois said.

A memo sent out last semester by USM President Richard Pattenauade outlined a list of "supervising deficiencies" which included students being paid for hours not worked, students claiming they were never informed of job duties, students working with little or no supervision and no defined work schedule, students being hired in work areas without enough work and students being encouraged to work over 40 hours a week and then being coached on how to improperly submit excessive hours.

Pattenauade's memo encouraged all student-employee supervisors to be more accurate in monitoring students. He also said that such weaknesses in the University's Federal Work Study program "could result in serious ramifications for students, staff, the department and the University as a whole."

While there have been individual cases of work study fraud in the past, as far as Caswell knows this "certainly was the first incident involving this number of students."

Caswell said USM submitted a report to the National Collegiate Athletic Association, but have not received a response as to the NCAA's intentions.

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people who are leaving the country, who might be semi-professional athletes or for whatever reason want written results," said Meehan-Brown. Health Services never sees the results even if confidential testing is requested. "We don't share our documents with USM. We're just using that as an off-site testing place," said Bonam. Even the lab testing the blood doesn't receive names—only code numbers.

The primary type of testing PPH does is the blood draw, which is still the most popular test on the market. Other tests on the market include Orasure, which is a swab used to grab fluid called oral mucosal transudate from the mouth, a finger pricking test called Oraquick, a urine test and the home testing kits.

PPH uses the blood draw primarily and the Orasure swab method if there are problems with the blood draw. Though tests like the Orasure are less invasive, Bonam said PPH prefers the blood draw because it tests for both strands of the HIV virus, while the Orasure only tests for one. He said that though HIV II is found primarily in Africa there have been a few cases of it reported here in the states in the past few months.

"As a public health agency we would like to encourage people to get a test that is conclusive...I personally would take a blood test than an oral swab," said Bonam.

Money is also a factor. Sending an Orasure to the lab costs \$25, while the blood draw costs \$12.

Other factors come into play when deciding what type of test to use for a client. "You have some people who have very difficult, very small veins, sometimes you have people who really have a real fear of needles, truly a fear," said Meehan-Brown. In those cases the staff resorts to the Orasure.

So unless you pass out at the sight of needles or your veins just won't give it up, a blood draw is what you'll get.

Unfortunately the spread of HIV is on the rise and the goals of PPH are awareness, prevention and education, which is why Meehan-Brown is focusing on outreach here on campus. She hopes to find students interested in working alongside her for outreach projects in the dormitories and other places on campus.

As of 2001, in the state of Maine, 42.4 percent of people aged 18-64 report having ever received an HIV test, which is comparable to the 45.6 percent reported nationwide. In 2003, only 18.5 percent of Mainers aged 18-64 received a test, compared to a nationwide 27.7 percent. Though Maine is one of the 39 states that require STD/HIV/AIDS education in its curriculum, the incidences of HIV are rising.

To schedule an HIV test, call Health Services at 780-4211. They're currently being offered bi-weekly. There are no walk-ins at this time.

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# Race, ethnicity and power

## Multicultural Forum meets every Wednesday

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University Counseling Services and the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs will host a “Multicultural Forum” every Wednesday morning at Portland’s Woodbury Campus Center.

The forum, held from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. is titled: “Race, Ethnicity and Power.” Meetings will consist of films and informal group discussions.

Multicultural Student Affairs Director Rebecca Sockbeson hopes the forum will “provide a safe space for multi-ethnic students to talk about race, ethnicity and power in the predominately ‘white’ space of USM.”

Being a northern New England school, USM is naturally prone to representing a white majority.

“Students get stuck,” says J.E. Boone of University Counseling Services, “Academia can be a lonely place.” Boone says that many Caucasian students and faculty often do not realize how “natural” academia is to their experience. Boone notes the tradition of pursuing higher education is something that

non-Caucasian groups may need help navigating.

Boone is a clinical counselor specializing in multicultural issues. He says an academic culture can feel especially foreign for ethnic students. This transition is what his office is all about, noting without assistance “[students] can spend the rest of their lives wondering what to do with themselves.”

Boone feels the most challenging task is “getting the word out to the student body that there is help in the transition from university life to the working world and students need to know that counseling sessions are available to all students who have paid a health fee.” Twelve sessions are included per year (Sep.-May).

J. E. Boone has office hours on both campuses (110 Upton Hall and 106 Payson Smith) and can be reached at 780-5687.

Find information on Wednesday’s Multi-Cultural Forum at the Multicultural Student Affairs web page: <http://www.usm.maine.edu/eo/culture/mf.htm>

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# Water main bursts

## Sullivan Sports Complex gets wet

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For those students, faculty and staff who saw the water outside the Science Building please know: USM is not installing a new water park. A break in a water main created a small river on Falmouth

“It could have been a more relaxing day if it hadn’t happened,”

David Barbour, director of Facilities Management

Street and flooded the basement of the Sullivan Sports Complex on Monday.

“It’s the old line that used to serve the Science Building,” said David Barbour, director of Facilities Management. The University disconnected the main from within

the building so it could serve as a back up if anything were to go wrong with the new water line. According to Barbour, the pipe froze and subsequently burst. This caused water to bubble up from under the Science Building.

The pipe was buried about six or seven feet under the drive beside the building. This area did not have snow cover insulating the ground, which allowed the frost to reach that far down.

Facilities Management decided not to repair the line after shutting off the water. “We’ll probably have to do some work in the spring,” said Barbour. In spring the pipe will most likely be disconnected from the building.

According to Barbour, little to no property damage was done and the



major photo by Christy McKinnon  
Heavy equipment was called in to clean up a broken water main on Falmouth Street.

cost of the incident was labor. He did not estimate the cost for labor.

Although the calamity was unexpected and a mess to clean up, Barbour seemed to take it in stride.

“It could have been a more relaxing day if it hadn’t happened,” he said.

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## Letter from the Editor

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Executive Editor



Last week, a \$1 million study sponsored by a group called John S. and James L. Knight Foundation made a lot of headlines when it found that, among other things, “more than one in three high school students said the First Amendment ‘goes too far’ in the rights it guarantees.” It seems that young Americans aren’t particularly interested in the freedom of the press, of religion, or their own right to question the government.

There doesn’t appear to be any data on high schoolers’ feelings on the issue in previous years. Without that data, this isn’t very useful information. In fact, I get the sense that this is one of those studies that people conduct and publicize just to get people talking about an issue everyone knew about in the first place. Still, assuming this is nothing new – that is, this has always been the sentiment among high schoolers toward the most important article in the Bill of Rights - there are troubling issues here worth discussing. If high schoolers don’t think the First Amendment is important, it stands to reason college students probably feel the same way. What is *wrong* with you people?

First off: Contrary to the language in the Constitution itself, there is really no such thing as an inalienable right. In fact, if a new government feels like it has to protect certain freedoms, you can bet that it’s exactly those freedoms that people have had to make do without at some point in history. Freedom, justice, democracy and yes, the freedom of expression are all just priorities that the founders felt particularly strongly about

when they set up the government.

Now that the whole thing has become a living, breathing system, it’s important to protect our rights in terms of the legal machinery we’ve been given. And the First Amendment protects some very precious freedoms on an institutional, as well as a personal level. People are so jaded about the institution of the American media that I feel like I should go over this.

### The Bill of Rights: Amendment Numero Uno:

*Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.*

The institutional component (the freedom of the press) is meant to guarantee that you have access to media that’s not controlled (at least directly) by the same people that run the government. Of course, that doesn’t mean that any media outlet, or any of the people working in the news business, is free of bias. It does mean that you are guaranteed more than just one, state run media like they have in China and North Korea, and like they had in the former Soviet Union.

When Chernobyl went critical in 1986, no one in Pripyat, the brand new suburban town hosting the reactor, even knew what was going on. The government held out hope that everything was going to be okay long after it was clear people were going to die. To this

## High Schoolers don’t care about the First Amendment. Do you?

day, no one knows how many people perished immediately after the accident, and that doesn’t count the many cancer cases and birth defects that have followed.

The idea with an independent media is that you can make your own decisions if something serious goes down. It’s an important counter to that nasty tendency governments have of treating citizens like ants.

countries, you can be jailed or shot for one complaint about how the government is doing things. In America, you can make a lucrative film or book career doing just that.

When I started writing for the paper two and a half years ago, I wanted to be a tech writer. I am a computer geek, and I was not particularly interested in politics. Now that I have to write about

and political bias. That is an ideal, of course, and between human error and differences of opinion, it doesn’t always work out that way (it never works out that way).

That’s why we print all letters we receive, as long as the writer identifies him or herself. If we didn’t do this, we’d be hypocrites. We are supposed to be all about the free expression of fact and opinion. As far as voices on campus, the school newspaper can’t help but be the 500-pound gorilla. The letter to the editor page is an acknowledgement of the power we wield as an established media outlet. So we bend over backwards to make sure voices dissenting against our own get a fair shake. Even if you’re not a journalist, the ideas behind the First Amendment should be central to the way you read this paper and live your life.

It’s disheartening to learn how few high school kids are clued in to this stuff. I just hope they learn to value it at some point, or we’re in serious trouble.

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“I do not agree with what you have to say, but I’ll defend to the death your right to say it.”

Voltaire

Personally, this is very important.

The personal component of the First is that it protects your right to disagree with what the government is doing (*the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances*). In some

general-interest stories, which are often political, I’ve been forced to think about this stuff.

That’s why, when I’m editing, I ruthlessly excise all instances of opinion in the news stories people write for the paper. By the time this stuff gets to you, it’s supposed to be scrubbed clean of personal

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# From the mountains

## Fear on the rocks

ERIK EISELE  
COLUMNIST

*fear (fir) : n. A feeling of agitation and anxiety caused by the presence or imminence of danger; v. To be afraid of.*  
Sometimes dictionary definitions are useless.

I could hear the wind before I felt it. It was like a locomotive approaching at 70 mph. I leaned hard against the rock, trying to protect myself from the blasts. It slammed into the cliff. The ropes whipped back and forth. Ice chunks flew past horizontally, never losing altitude.

The Whitney-Gilman Ridge is a rock climb on Cannon Cliff, one of the largest cliffs in the Northeast. It is a narrow spine of rock that juts off the cliff, providing one of the few big easy climbs in the Northeast.

Easy is a relative term, however. While its technical difficulty is low, it ascends over six hundred vertical feet. It is directly adjacent to the Black Dike, a famous ice climb that acts as the cliff's funnel, with stones the size of basketballs routinely cascading down. Anyone



who climbs the Whitney-G gets to listen to the disheartening sound of rocks exploding. Cannon faces east, which means that it obscures weather systems coming from the west. And climbing rock in winter adds several grades of difficulty.

December rock climbing involves gloves and big boots, down jackets and big backpacks. I groped at tiny holds, calculating how much slack was in the rope and how far I would fall before the rope came tight. Every ledge looked like it would break my ankles; every flake looked like it would slice the rope.

I made tentative movements upward when the wind abated. I was on a shelf the size of a dinner plate, which to me was prime real estate. I pulled on gear left by previous parties and inched my way towards the large ledge above.

I crawled onto a ledge the size of a loveseat and heard the train coming. I threw myself onto the ground, grabbing for whatever was close by. My pack acted like a sail. The wind screamed at me and tried to toss me over the edge. After the initial blast, I was able to stagger to a corner and build an anchor. One quarter of the way up the route and I was completely drained.

I pulled the ropes tight and put my partner Ryan on belay. There was no way he was going to hear me, a hundred and fifty feet below with the wind blasting. I just pulled the ropes tight and hoped he got the message that it was his turn to climb. The rope went limp and I took in the slack as he moved upward.

I pulled off my pack, clipped it to the anchor and pulled out my down jacket and some food. Again, I heard the train approaching. The wind picked up the pack and threw it towards the Black Dike. The leash jerked taut and the pack hovered in the air, a windsock for any of the passing motorists far below.

Ryan reached me with a huge smile on his face. "Holy shit," was the only thing I heard before another blast hit us. We re-racked gear as fast as possible and he started out on the next pitch. I watched him move slowly left, then right, taking the line of least resistance. My

hands began to lose feeling and I prayed he would move faster.

He got to the top of his pitch and built an anchor. He leaned out from the rock to where I could see him and waved me up. I quickly broke down the anchor and put on my pack. Now, with the rope over my head, I saw why he had been smiling at the last belay. The climbing was great. The holds were large enough for mountain boots and gloved hands. The loose rock was mostly frozen in place and the old gear had been well placed, so if handholds weren't obvious I could just pull through using the gear.



photo courtesy of Erik Eisele

gone. I liked being in the wind better.

I clipped into pitons—large nails pounded into the cracks—that were obviously older than I am. And then I pulled on them. Instead of climbing the rock, I climbed from piton to piton. Some people would call this cheating; I call it surviving.

I built the next anchor amid swirling snow. I put Ryan on belay and pulled on my down jacket again. Ice chunks flew past. Ryan reached my stance several minutes later. "Which pieces of gear did you pull on?" I asked.

"All of them," he responded.

He sprinted up the final pitch as more and more snow began to fall. The rope came tight. I moved up, wiping snow off of the handholds as I went. I hit the final steep section: about 15 feet with no obvious holds. But there were lots of pitons. I decided to keep the trend going; I pulled and stepped on every piece I could.

I met Ryan at the top and I was greeted by a big smile, a handshake and a hug. We laughed as we re-racked gear and packed up. We talked about how great a climb it was and how we ought to do it every month of the year.

"Little scary for a minute there though," Ryan said.

"Are you kidding? I was god damn scared to death down there," I said.

"Yeah, but that's what makes it so much fun," he said, with a perverse smile on his face.

The snow turned to rain and we trudged back down to the car.

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## MEET JOE STUDENT

*Why did you come to USM as opposed to other schools in the US?*

I came to study to pass the TOEFL. It's a test for second languages, so I can get into graduate schools overseas. Also, to experience life in the United States.

*Is this your first time in the US?*

Yes.

*How long have you been here?*

Half a year.

*What do you think of it?*

I've been to California and L.A. I didn't like it very much because I prefer people who are friendly, who I can talk to. I like the environment here. It's beautiful. In Japan I didn't see a lot of nature where I was. I like all the skiing and hiking.

*What do you do outside of school?*

On the weekends I try to do some outdoor activities. This fall I did some rafting, rock climbing and hiking.

*Now that it's cold?*

I like skiing.

*How did you become interested in environmental ecology?*

My dream is to work for the United Nations on environmental problems.

*Do you know where you want to go for graduate school?*

Berkeley, for ecology and GIS (geographic information systems.)

*Do you think you'll go back to Japan to live eventually?*

Yes.

*Is it hard to get in and out of the country as a foreigner because of PATRIOT?*

I think it might depend on where you come from. I don't think Japanese people have a hard time, because Japan is considered a good country.



photos and interview by Iris Burke



## QUESTION OF THE WEEK



Adam Demmons  
Junior

"I think it's a dangerous thing that they're doing because the electors are in hiding."

Do you feel the election in Iraq will help the country to be democratic?



Kat Waterhouse  
Senior

"Not really."

"I'm not sure, it depends on what goes on over there."



Cyndi Wiemeyer  
Sophomore

"I have a friend in Iraq and he's a Marine. In the long run it will help, but until there are more police in Iraq he'll still be there."



Janne Sims  
Senior

"Yes it will help but in and of itself the election will not make it a democratic society."



Patrick Young  
Junior

photos and interviews by Sheila Wynn Nixon



# Punky’s is changing locations

## Portland sandwich shop closed, to re-open in a month

JOHN BRONSON  
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Holy cow, where did Punkys go? Punkys is undeniably one of the top eateries among USM students. Usually it’s worth the trip to their Forest Avenue location, despite the relative convenience of the Aramark cafeteria in the Woodbury Student Center. But as of last Tuesday, Punkys has served its last customer there, where it opened 10 years ago and will not re-open.

The reason: The management wants to own their own building and could not persuade the owner to sell. So they decided to purchase Corsetti’s, a mom-and-pop diner on the corner of St. John and Bedford streets, last month. On February 28, that restaurant will officially become the new Punkys location. In the month-long interim, students on the Portland campus will have to find other ways to stuff themselves.

Like Jan Mee in Gorham, Punkys is the establishment of choice when the munchies attack here in Portland. In addition to standard sandwich shop fare, Punkys specials like their tumescent, foil-wrapped burritos (the staff issues instructions to unfamiliar customers; you must peel the foil as you eat or the burrito will blow up in your face) and that unlikely cult classic, the thanksgiving sub (ingredients: turkey, gravy, stuffing and cranberry sauce) have fortified many a USM student’s study break. The drafty dining room, with its troupe of mismatched chairs and



Punky’s old location on Forest Ave.

photo by Laura Hill

tables, is as familiar a sight to many of us as the Aramark kiosk inside Luther-Bonney and arguably much more welcome.

Traffic from USM students in the store “has increased a lot recently,” said Joe Estes, founder and co-owner of the restaurant. “I think people don’t, ah, appreciate the cafeteria on campus?” His voice goes up at the end of this, his boyish eyes twinkle and he bursts into raucous laughter. He’s not worried that the new location, which is a longer walk in the other direction, will hurt sales. “Some people have said they can’t make the walk,” he admits, but he’s

confident he can retain most of his current customers.

“It’s like the saying: if you build it, they will come.” Plus, he asked me, “it’s on the way out to the other campus, isn’t it?”

Estes said he and his partner, Garrett Allen, have been looking for a new location for about two years. They learned that the owners of Corsetti’s were looking to sell from a mutual friend last month and quickly made the purchase.

Corsetti’s, open since 1982, has its own loyal following. Both restaurants are converted gas stations. And like Punkys, Corsetti’s owners cook and serve most of

the food themselves, refusing to surrender too much control to wage-earning employees. That’s why Giuseppe “Peppe” Germani, 54, the curmudgeonly Italian native and his wife, Maria, 50, tried to retire last year, but just couldn’t stay away. The new owner failed to carry the store’s loyal customer base and the restaurant almost tanked. Peppe and Maria swooped in and reclaimed the place.

If Punkys hadn’t moved to buy the restaurant, “we’d treat it as if we’ll be here a hundred years” Germani said (A Portland Press Herald reporter quoted him saying

exactly the same thing last year). The Germanis are handing the business over to Punkys with no demands. They are leaving it up to the new owners to figure out what the existing customers want. The sign outside Punkys, a grinning sun, will be installed at the new location, Estes said.

“I got 200 percent confidence in these guys,” Germani said in his rapid-fire, Italian accent. “They say they gonna be my shadow, watch me for two-three weeks. Try to incorporate their style and mine.”

That means Germani is trusting Estes and Allen in exactly the area the last owner failed, which speaks volumes for his confidence in Punkys.

“They’re detail people, smart business people, they make good food,” he said. “That’s all the ingredients to success.”

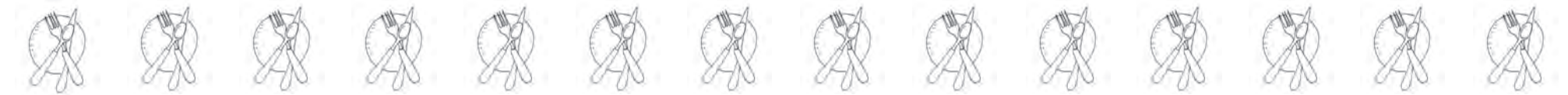
The new ownership will inherit the house recipes to specials like the chicken cacciatore, pizza, lasagna and fish chowder. Corsetti’s also serves a substantial breakfast crowd, which is new territory for Estes and Allen.

“We open at four [a.m.], they open at seven,” Germani said. “We do most of our business at breakfast and lunch.”

For his part, Germani is looking forward to playing more golf and sharpening his poker skills.

“I’ll be playing a lot more poker. I’m gonna go on tour,” he confided. When I laughed, he bristled: “I’m serious. I’m good!”

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# You gonna love it like a pig loves corn! Aiee!

## Cajun cook off and Fat Tuesday

JOSEPH R. THOMPSON  
NEWS EDITOR

In a couple days prepare to smell something surprising on campus, something rare in Maine: C’est bon Cajun cooking! And where does one find good gumbo on campus? Only at WMPG’s 10th Annual Fat Tuesday Celebration and Cajun Cooking Challenge, cosponsored by Aramark and the Portland Events Board.

“[This year’s celebration is] bigger and better,” said Tom Flynn, development director for WMPG. “Last year we had six restaurants participating. This year we have nine,” including Joe’s Boathouse from South Portland, last year’s Cajun cooking champion.

WMPG will broadcast live starting at 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. from

the Woodbury Campus Center. All day, the WMPG airwaves will bring Mardi Gras/Carnival music to their listeners. From 7 to 9:30 p.m. JimmyJo & The Jumbol’ayuhs, a Cajun band from Phippsburg, Maine, will play host a concert in the cafeteria area of the Campus Center, free for USM students with a valid ID, or a suggested \$5 donation.

Students should know there is a free lunch involved in all of this. From 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Cajun fans can sample the fare and vote for their favorite dish.

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To the Editor:

I am a USM Women's Basketball "has been." I played from 1999 to 2003. Many people assume that the life of a student athlete is a breeze (getting a free education, being able to miss classes, getting special treatment, etc.), but let me tell you from experience, it is not an easy task. First of all, USM is a Division III (DIII) school, which means no athletic scholarships and no special treatment. As opposed to Division I athletes, a DIII athlete's main focus is not athletics. They play purely for the love of the game. Being a student is their number one priority.

And let's face it, in the real world, being a student is not defined as "a person attending a place of learning and doing nothing but studying and getting A's." Students today are more worried about which greek lettered house to party at, or who is going to buy them alcohol. Alcohol and drugs have always been a part of campus life, ie: "Animal House".

So these students were doing just what most students do, but because they were athletes, all of a sudden, they are put down and

publicly embarrassed. But shouldn't we be concerned about all students using drugs? There is obviously a problem here if 18 year olds can buy an 8-ball in the student center.

So why are the lives of student athletes worth more than those that are just students...oh wait...the article had nothing to do with their well-being. Actually, it had no other point than embarrassing the Athletic Department. So my real question is not "how many games they were suspended for," but are they getting help? And what is being done to prevent and educate all students about this growing problem? But hey, bad news sells, right?

Kara Crockett  
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Winter in Vacationland

JACKIE DACHON  
COLUMNIST

It's wintertime, a.k.a. stay-indoors time, right? I used to think so. I'd hustle from English class to calculus, calculus to history and then quickly home. I'd finish all my homework and housework and wonder what to do with myself (indoors of course). Movies? Museum? A book? Maybe visit a friend or go to the gym? Evading

chilly temperatures and blustery arctic air was my winter lifestyle; I sidestepped the great outdoors at all costs and paid for it. My behaviors inevitably led to a pesky case of cabin fever, a precipitous drop in energy and rampant antisocial tendencies. Some call it "the winter blues," inferring the cure comes with the change of seasons. I've found, however, that a little green can cure the blues, even in the middle of January. I ventured into the wilderness (properly clothed, of course) to

discover the beauty that is Maine. I mean, our license plates boast "Vacationland" for a reason. Millions of people visit our great state in the summertime. They tromp through our woodlands, laze on our beaches and swim in our lakes. Tourists take advantage of our relatively unpopulated, pristine terrain, so now that they've all left, why shouldn't we? This year I reclaimed my right to explore my state and learned how to cross country ski. There's just nothing like the smell of balsam fir in the morning and the calm of a frozen forest. You may be thinking, "yeah, but it's cold out there, that's no fun." Cross country skiing is excellent cardiovascular exercise. You will generate warmth and assuage your discomfort very quickly. Not only that, but you get to soak up some sun, breath some fresh, crisp air and have some fun. (Can you remember the last time you had fun doing the same old trot on the treadmill?!) Snowshoeing, downhill skiing and skating are also great kindling for your metabolic fires. They are great way to boost your energy, clear your head, get in shape and revive your relationship with nature. They are also "green" activities. When you take part in these sports, you help yourself and in no way hurt the planet. In fact, you get to admire the diversity and beauty this planet has to offer. I had thought about skiing before, but I never actually did it. I would justify circumventing the slopes by saying "well, I'd ski, but it's too expensive. Lift ticket, equipment, transportation..." What I never recognized were the other activities that can be done for free. You don't have to go to some fancy "snowshoeing/cross-country skiing resort," just go to your local hiking trail. (There are places to go, however, to rent equipment and take lessons if you wish. \$20 will get you equipment and a day pass at most and \$35 will get you a "learn to ski" package.) After you've tried it out and discovered how much you love it, you can purchase your own equipment for \$150 and up, used for less. That's a one-time expense. No lift ticket is required for a local trail, a large field or the beach. Consider how much money you spend on "indoor activities:" movies, shopping, parties, gym memberships, etc. You could easily blow \$150 on a boredom induced shopping spree or three Saturday nights out at the bar; but none of these will invigorate you like a trek through wooded trails. Don't hibernate this winter, go out and enjoy all that Maine has to offer. Discover all the humbling, ice-glazed scenery you've been missing.

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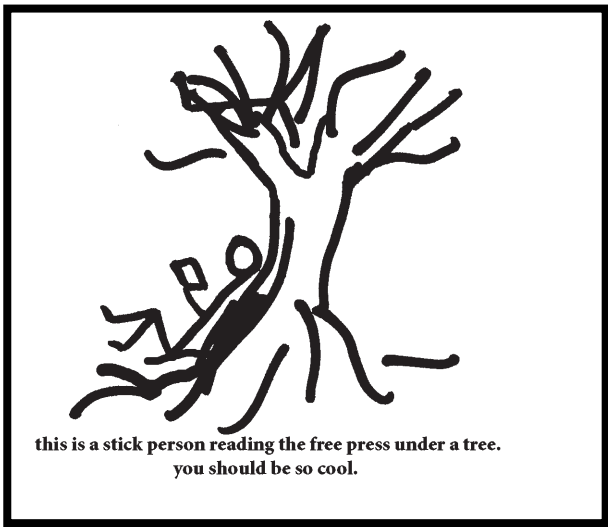
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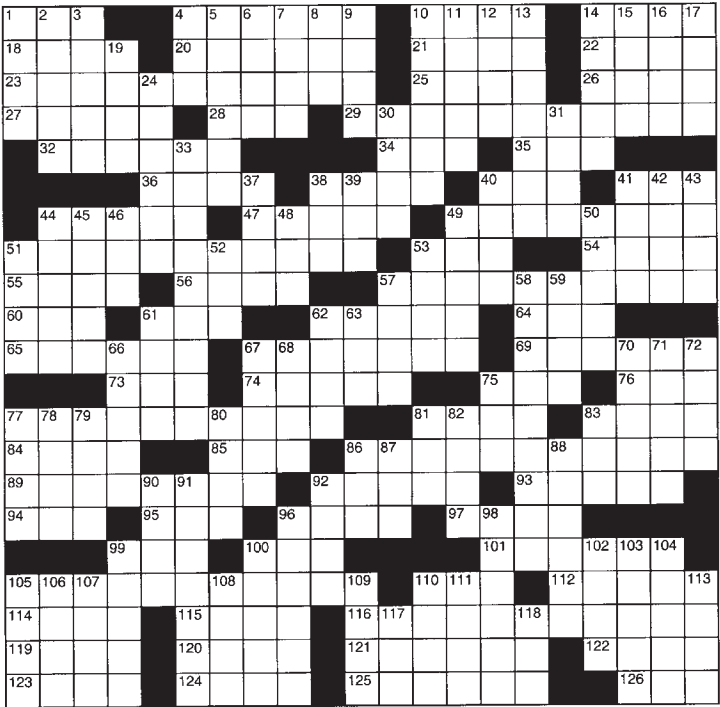


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Realistic Valentines from "Mall-Mark"



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35 Aye opponent  
36 Concept  
38 Warehouse item  
40 Salon request  
41 Roth or Reid  
44 Photographer Arbus
- 47 Psychologist Bettelheim  
49 "Pilgrim's Progress," e.g.  
51 Music center  
53 Southern st.  
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Rational Numbers by Linda Thistle

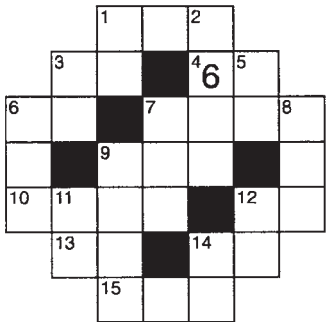
Using the clues, simple arithmetic, and a little logic, place a single digit (0 to 9) in each empty box in the diagram. To help you get started, one digit has been entered in the diagram.

ACROSS

- 1. The first digit is the sum of the other digits
- 3. The last digit is four times the first digit
- 4. Same digit repeated
- 6. Three more than 1-Down
- 7. Five times 8-Down
- 9. 4-Across times 13-Across
- 10. Four times 6-Down
- 12. 5-Down minus 14-Down
- 13. 11-Down minus 14-Across
- 14. The first digit is four times the last digit
- 15. The first digit is the sum of the other digits

DOWN

- 1. 12-Across plus 14-Across
- 2. Five times 1-Across

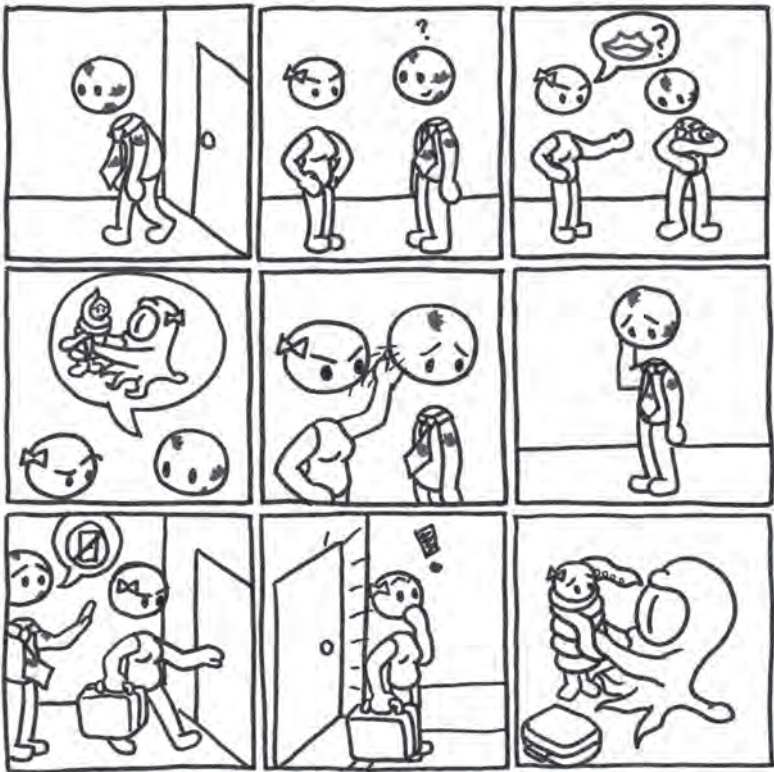


- 3. One-third of 5-Down
- 5. Three less than 4-Across
- 6. The first digit is the sum of the other digits
- 7. Digits of 15-Across rearranged
- 8. The last digit is the sum of the other digits
- 9. Eight times 15-Across
- 11. Three times 12-Across
- 12. One-sixth of 4-Across
- 14. Consecutive even digits in ascending order

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Seung Lee

heart-comic #22



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- 64 Moo - gai pan
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- 67 Prep school
- 69 Balzac's "Le Pere -"
- 73 Moore or Tarbell
- 74 Filleted
- 75 SDI device
- 76 SAT's big brother
- 77 Poe tale
- 81 Mammy Yokum's prop
- 83 In addition
- 84 Barbara of "Perry Mason"
- 85 "Alley -"
- 86 Complete failure
- 89 Chicken Little, for one
- 92 Peter of "Young Frankenstein"
- 93 Raptor feature
- 94 Triumphed
- 95 Waugh's "The Loved -"
- 96 Wish
- 97 Cows and sows
- 99 Canonized Mlle.
- 100 Baseball's Parker
- 101 Moses or Monet
- 105 Deciduous tree
- 110 Cat's dog
- 112 PC key
- 114 Merrill melody
- 115 Rocker Rundgren
- 116 Dorothy's destination
- 119 Capone feature
- 120 "Splendor in the Grass" writer
- 121 Poe character
- 122 The Laura Bush of Olympus
- 123 Protected
- 124 Like fine wine

- 125 Byzantine art form
- 126 Japanese honorific
- DOWN
- 1 Drill accessories
- 2 Singer Tessie
- 3 Upright
- 4 Metric start
- 5 5th President
- 6 - -de-camp
- 7 Baby beetle
- 8 Toon cry
- 9 Bird food
- 10 Vassal's allegiance
- 11 Smell to savor
- 12 Late-night name
- 13 Cozy cloth
- 14 Overly enthusiastic
- 15 Cleveland's lake
- 16 Akbar's city
- 17 Oliver of "Gladiator"
- 19 Actress Farrow
- 24 "Salve -"
- 30 - facto
- 31 Granola fruit
- 33 Like some twins
- 37 Skilled
- 38 Shuffleboard stick
- 39 "- Day Now" ('62 hit)
- 40 Eastern European
- 41 Author Morrison
- 42 Spring bloom
- 43 Legend
- 44 Frank book
- 45 Pizarro's victims
- 46 Mimic
- 48 "Treasure Island" monogram
- 49 Soothe
- 50 Like
- 51 Rickrack, e.g.
- 52 Live and breathe
- 53 Thin layer
- 57 "Ethan Frome" prop

- 58 Kitchen implement
- 59 Space
- 61 Hound's handle
- 62 Mr. Diller
- 63 Citrus cooler
- 66 Paper -
- 67 Head monk
- 68 Tour de force
- 70 Northern hemisphere?
- 71 Bean or Welles
- 72 "- Wolf" ('85 film)
- 75 PD alert
- 77 January event
- 78 Heavenly headgear
- 79 Dash
- 80 Health measure?
- 81 Buddy
- 82 Fateful 15th
- 83 Architect's add-on
- 86 Prune
- 87 Cyclone center
- 88 Stood up
- 90 Speck
- 91 Torpor
- 92 Comice kin
- 96 Paid attention
- 98 Michener opus
- 99 Extra
- 100 Heel type
- 102 Foot part
- 103 Farm features
- 104 Neon -
- 105 Perennial panelist
- Peggy
- 106 Namu or Willy
- 107 Chanteuse Edith
- 108 Belfry sound
- 109 Tiller
- 110 Cello parts
- 111 Section
- 113 "Saving Private -" ('98 film)
- 117 "O Sole -"
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Answers to Jan. 31 puzzles



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your natural Arian leadership qualities make you the person others will follow in tackling that important project. But don't get so involved in the work that you neglect your personal life.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Aspects favor sorting through your possessions, both at work and at home, to start giving away what you don't use, don't need or don't like. Relax later with someone special.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) The issues are not quite as clear as they should be. That's why you need to avoid getting involved in disputes between colleagues at work or between relatives or personal friends.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You'll get lots of support from others if you own up to your mistake quickly and include a full and honest explanation. Learn from this experience so that you don't repeat it.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) There might be some early confusion over a major move, whether it's at work or at home. But once you get a full breakdown of what it entails, it should be easier to deal with. Good luck.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Creating order out of chaos, even in the most untidy spaces, should be no problem for organized Virgos. So go ahead and do it, and then accept praise from impressed colleagues.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Whether it's for business purposes or just for leisure, a trip might be just what you need right now. You would benefit both from a change of scenery and from meeting new people.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) While things generally go well this week, a romantic situation seems to have stalled. But you can restart it if you want to. Then again, maybe this is a chance to reassess the situation.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A meeting that was promised quite a while back could finally happen. So be sure you're prepared with everything you'll need to make your case sound convincing and doable.

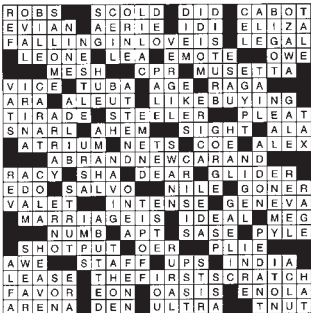
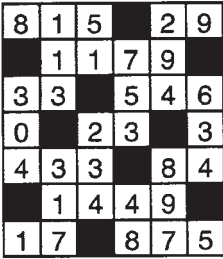
CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A workplace blunder could create a problem down the line unless you deal with it right now to see how and why it happened. Don't be surprised at what you might learn.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) This is a good time to re-sort your priorities and see if adjustments are called for. Be honest with yourself as you decide what to keep, what to discard and what to change.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Letting yourself be bathed in the outpouring of love and support from those who care for you will help you get through a difficult period sooner rather than later. Good luck.

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# Huskies down rival St. Joe's

COLEY STETLER  
STAFF WRITER

The men's basketball team retained possession of the Costello Cup this past Wednesday after beating rival St. Joseph's College 83-69. Each year, the winner of the game takes possession of the coveted Costello Cup until the teams face each other again the next season. This year it was the Huskies' unrelenting defense that secured possession of the cup for USM.

Going into the game, senior Ryan Garland (Hermon, ME) said the team knew it was going to be a tough win.

"They beat us last time and we had the lead most of the game," he said.

True to a rivalry, the game was intense with the two teams battling for the lead throughout the first half. With the Huskies down as time was running out, senior tri-captain Jason Levecque (Westbrook, ME), took a jumper in attempt to tie the game. Unable to connect, Levecque's rebound was grabbed by St. Joe's, who made a run for a lay-up. In a tremendous defensive effort, Levesque blocked the shot off the glass, creating a fast break for USM, who tied the game at the half with a lay-up by junior forward Caleb Sayward (Raymond, ME).

With the game tied at the beginning of the second half, it was USM who stepped up play. With intelligent use of their bench, the Huskies were able to wear down the Monks by continually scoring in transition. The Huskies were also

**"Playing well comes from defense. Our defense is what created our offense."**

Head Coach Karl Henrikson



photo by Joy Bennett

USM junior Bill Hardwick attempts a jumper over a St. Joe's defender Wednesday night in Gorham. The Huskies won the game by a score of 83-69.

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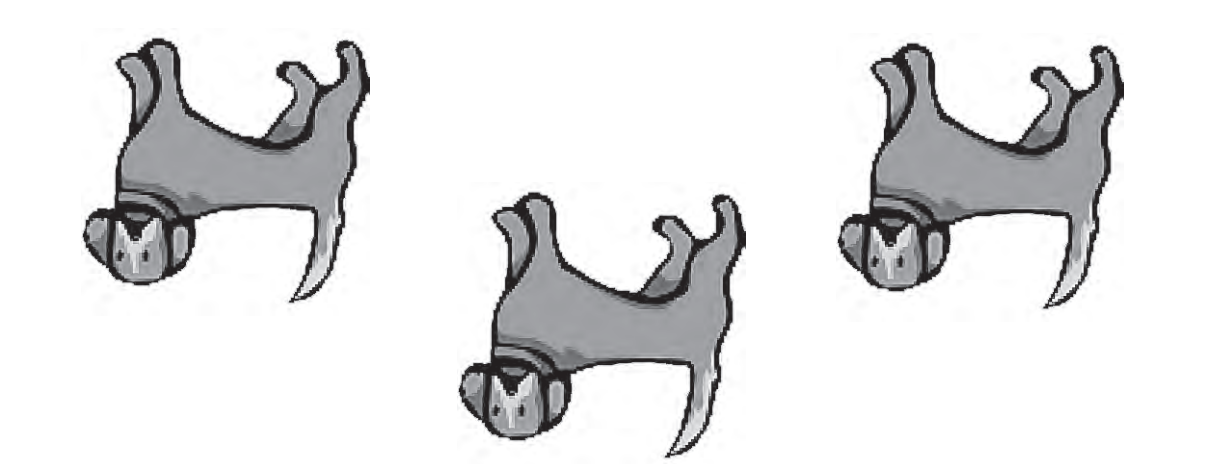
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Marble a force for USM

Sports Briefs

A quick look at the past week in USM Athletics

JOE BILANCIERI  
SPORTS EDITOR

Women’s Ice Hockey:

The Lady Huskies bowed to nationally ranked Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute 6-1 last Saturday, January 29. Junior Kari Rabaten (Brookhaven, NY) scored three goals for the Engineers, who improved to 16-3-0 on the season. Sophomore Caitlin Tassone (Woburn, MA) scored for the Huskies on a breakaway with just over three and-a-half minutes to play n the game. The goal was the first scored on Engineers’ senior goalie Julie Vallarelli all season. USM dropped to 3-13-2 overall on the season; it was their third straight loss to a nationally ranked opponent. USM sophomore netminder Justene Larnerd (Cherry Hill, NJ) had 21 saves on the night before being lifted, while classmate Jen Arno (Westford, MA) was credited with 12 saves.

Women’s Indoor Track & Field:

USM won its first ever Maine State Women’s Indoor Track & Field championship Friday night at the USM Field House in Gorham. Senior Kim Brewer (Bristol, VT) won for individual events to lead the Huskies to victory. USM defeated opponents Bowdoin College (second place, 155 points), Colby College, and Bates College who amassed 144 and 99 points, respectively. Sophomore Melissa Bellemore (Manchester, NH) was the only other USM individual champion, winning the pole vault with a height of 10-8. The Huskies also took first in the 4 x 200-meter relay with a time of 1:49.91. Senior Kristen Ingalls (Raymond, ME), Junior Lindsay Kuhn (South Burlington, VT), freshman Mindy Mondoux (Berwick, ME) and Pam Yomoah (Auburn, ME) combined to defeat their competitors in that event.

Men’s Ice Hockey:

The Huskies and Saint Anselm’s College battled it out into overtime Saturday night, with USM gaining the clinching goal just under two minutes into the frame at USM. Senior Jon Lounsbury scored the game-winner for the Huskies, poking in the rebound off a mis-handled puck by St. Anselm senior netminder Jim Merol (North Providence, RI). USM got off to a quick start, scoring the first two goals of the game. Freshman Mike Stevens (Dover, NH) and sophomore Brian Collins (Reading, MA) got the Huskies off to a 2-0 lead in the first period. St. Anselm’s came back in the second and third, getting two goals from senior Bostjan Kolaric (Ljubljana, Slovenia). The second came with just 1:15 remaining in the third period, to send it into the extra session. Rookie goalie Ryan Sullivan (Newton, MA) had 34 saves on the night for the Huskies, who improved to 11-8-2 on the season.



photo and interview by Mike Barden

**Name:** Ashley-Lynn Marble  
**Age:** 20  
**Hometown:** Topsfield, Maine  
**Parents:** Butch & Marcelle Marble  
**Year:** Junior  
**Major:** Sports Medicine  
**Position:** Forward  
**Uniform #:** 23

Career highlights:

Southern Maine Tourney MVP (2004); Little East Conference player of the week three times; Marymount Red Top Classic All Tournament Team (2004) 25 points, 14 rebounds vs. Plymouth state.

Pre Game Rituals:

“I always talk to my mom and dad sometime prior to the game. I like to listen to music and stay to myself to help me focus. If it is a home game I will go into the gym a few hours prior to the game and shoot with Chris. Other than that I usually have a nap (I love naps), eat a carbohydrate meal and relax, I hate being rushed.”

Favorite thing about USM athletics:

“I love our dedicated fans! The fans that attend each and every game really make playing enjoyable. I also love the strength and depth of our team, no team can focus on one individual player because every single person contributes. I also like the fact that each game we play we become better.”

“I would like to thank The Free Press for choosing me as the Husky Hero. It is such a compliment and an honor and I am glad to represent the University proudly.”

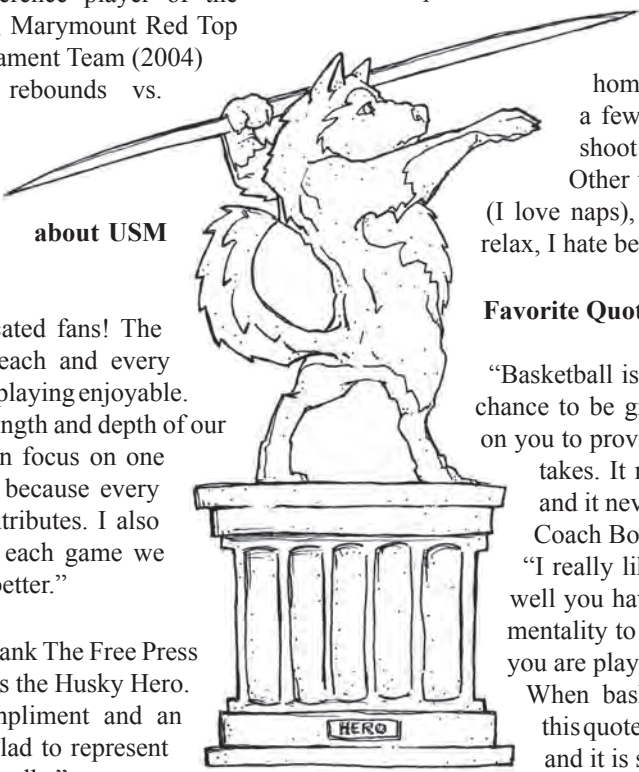


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Sports Schedule

Upcoming athletic events for the week of:  
2/7-2/13

| Day  | Date | Team                                                       | Opponent/Event/ Location | Time      |
|------|------|------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------|
| Tue. | 2/8  | Women’s Basketball @ UMASS Boston                          |                          | 5:30 p.m. |
| Tue. | 2/8  | Men’s Basketball @ UMASS Boston                            |                          | 7:30 p.m. |
| Fri. | 2/11 | Men’s Ice Hockey @ Colby College                           |                          | 7 p.m.    |
| Sat. | 2/12 | <b>Women’s Basketball vs. Rhode Island College</b>         |                          | 1 p.m.    |
| Sat. | 2/12 | <b>Men’s Indoor Track vs. LEC/Alliance Championships</b>   |                          | 1 p.m.    |
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| Sat. | 2/12 | <b>Men’s Basketball vs. Rhode Island College</b>           |                          | 3 p.m.    |
| Sat. | 2/12 | Men’s Hockey @ Bowdoin College                             |                          | 4 p.m.    |
| Sat. | 2/12 | Women’s Hockey @ Castleton State                           |                          | 7:30 p.m. |
| Sun. | 2/13 | Women’s Basketball @ Eastern Connecticut                   |                          | 1 p.m.    |
| Sun. | 2/13 | Men’s Bastekball @ Eastern Connecticut                     |                          | 3 p.m.    |
| Sun. | 2/13 | Women’s Hockey @ Saint Anselm                              |                          | 3 p.m.    |

\*Home games signified in bold



# Lady huskies keep rolling

*Lady Huskies secure fifteenth straight victory with 79-45 win at home*

JEFF BILODEAU  
STAFF WRITER

USM jumped out to an early lead and didn't look back crushing St. Joseph's College 79-45 at home on Wednesday. The game was never close, as the Huskies coasted into their fifteenth straight victory.

USM was up 21-5 with twelve minutes remaining in the first half when the Monks clamped down on defense, holding the Huskies scoreless for the next five minutes. St. Joe's cut the score to 21-14, when Junior Ashley Marble (Topsfield, ME) hit a jumper from the corner as the shot clock expired; souring any hope the Monks had of making a comeback.

USM was up 37-18 at the half led by Junior Katie Frost (Calais, ME) and Junior Megan Myles (Auburn, ME), who had eleven points each.

In the second half the Huskies were able to rest their starters and showcase their entire lineup. All of the Huskies got a chance to hit the court, giving USM a true team victory. Coach Gary Fifield spoke on the team's cohesiveness after the game.

"We've been playing pretty well lately. We have a lot of good players that can step in and play great ball," he said.

With all of the scandals and suspensions that have plagued the Huskies this year, they finally seem to be gelling as a team.



says these past games can't tell the whole story.

"We've been playing fairly lopsided games. It's tough to really tell where we stand. We need to have a better understanding of what we are looking for when calling plays on offense."

The Huskies get a chance to defend their home court perfection Tuesday against Plymouth State and close out their regular season Saturday at UMass-Dartmouth.

USM is currently ranked third in Division III national polls, ahead of fourth-ranked Bates, who USM lost to earlier in the season. In-state rival Bowdoin, which gave USM its other defeat, is ranked number one in the nation. The Little East Conference tournament tips off on Tuesday February 22, 2005.

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Freshman Lisa Welch displays strong defense on Wednesday night against St. Joe's. USM cruised to their 15th straight victory, defeating the Monks by a score of 79-45.

"We've tried to put all those things past us. We've been playing excellent team ball. Our timing is finally there," Marble (8 points, 5 rebounds) said.

USM improves to a perfect 10-0 at home this year, but not everything went smooth on Wednesday according to Coach Fifield.

"Our offense needs to be

cleaned up. We had nineteen turnovers tonight; we must take care of the ball better offensively."

The Monks lone shining star was Senior Val Dumais (Lewiston, ME) who had fourteen points. USM's leading scorers were Frost and Myles, both with fourteen.

After the shaky 2-2 start to their season, the Huskies have been cruising as of late, but Coach Fifield



photos by Joy Bennett

USM Women's basketball wins the Costello Cup against St. Joe's. The Costello Cup is an annual tradition between the schools. Each year, the victor retains the trophy.

