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Fall enrollment is the number of students enrolled in the fall term. This number can vary from year to year, depending on a variety of factors. For example, the number of students enrolled in the fall term may be affected by the number of students who transfer from other institutions or who are newly enrolled.

The number of students enrolled in the fall term is an important indicator of the college’s capacity to meet its educational mission. It is also an important factor in determining the college’s financial resources, as tuition and fees are a major source of revenue for many colleges. Additionally, the number of students enrolled in the fall term is an important factor in determining the college’s ability to attract and retain faculty and staff. The number of students enrolled in the fall term is also an important factor in determining the college’s ability to provide the services and resources that students need to succeed.

Tensions over cuts linger into new semester

Faculty and administration clash on university’s direction going forward

Kirsten Sylvain
Editor-in-Chief

After the university cut over $5 million last year, the administration and many faculty members still do not see eye to eye on the direction the university is headed.

Last spring, Chief Financial Officer Dick Campbell projected that the university would be forced to make over $12 million in cuts over the next four years. During 2013-2014 school year, $3.1 million in cuts and reallocations came from wages, salaries and benefits, and the remaining $1.1 million came from savings on utilities, travel, supplies and other non-personnel areas. President Kalikow identified 22 positions that were to be eliminated from faculty and staff in April. Another round of position eliminations in May and June followed, leaving the USM in the black at the end of the fiscal year on June 30. In total, nine university staff were eliminated, and in August, the president also announced the elimination of three bookstore staff.

Among the cuts were decreases, and complete eliminations, of faculty research, travel and sabbatical funding, a point of contention between faculty and the administration. Since the cuts began last semester, faculty seem, as much as staff, to feel uncertain and threatened. In a faculty senate meeting last March, the tension between faculty and the administration over the cuts ended. In a faculty senate meeting last March, the tension between faculty and the administration over the cuts became clearer. At the meeting, faculty questioned the administration’s justification for the cuts and seemed dissatisfied for the most part with the explanations they received.

Despite Kalikow’s assurance that the situation is not as bleak as many believe it to be, many USM community members, from faculty and staff to students, are still ambivalent about the future of the university. “It’s gotten to the point now where USM feels like it’s a sort of runway train with parts flying out here and there with very little rhyme or reason,” said Professor Jeannine Uzzi, chair of the classics department.

Uzzi feels that the recent changes at USM have compromised her ability focus on her students’ needs. Her concerns are reflective of many faculty who are worried about the direction of the university.

“I need to think about what’s best for me professionally, and that is such a big change from where I’ve spent the last 15 years,” she said.

“I’ve spent the last 15 years as a faculty member thinking about what’s best for my students, what’s best for the discipline [and] what’s best for USM.”

In an interview with the Free Press, President Kalikow was asked how she felt about faculty and staff fear at the prospect of losing employment. To this, President Kalikow responded, “and they should be [afraid].”

“Everybody in the world here should be frightened about jobs,” she said.

University explores new frontiers in recruitment

Sidney Dritz
News Assistant

USM’s admissions office projects that enrollment for the fall 2013 semester will drop four to six percent from last fall, a decrease of between 375 and 563 students.

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The eighth floor of the Wood Tower of Dickey-Wood Hall is currently vacant, not unlike the top five floors of the Dickey Tower of Dickey-Wood.

From FALL on page 1 numbers, saying, “We have to make USM more distinctive and attractive to students.”

Campbell expanded on that, describing USM’s work with the Aspirations program, which al-

ows Maine high school students to take USM classes before they graduate. USM uses other outreach programs, including one last year, in which the USM Student Success Center partnered with guidance counselors at Thornton Academy, Casco Bay and Kennebunk high schools. The program was meant to identify students who might be in-

terested in USM or who might not be planning on attending college. Those students then met and talked with a member of the USM Student Success Office and their own guid-

ance counselor about their future plans.

“That way, when they came to visit USM, they already had a con-

act,” Campbell said.

Campbell stressed the signif-

icance of already having a contact on campus, saying that one of the most cru-

cial parts of working to smooth the high school to college transition, is the attempt to make the unfamiliar, accessible.

“The president is very clear that student success, community en-

gagement and fiscal responsibility are our three goals,” Campbell said.

She went on to say that, in part because of the efforts she described, “I think our enrollment will be sus-
tained.” The Student Success office plans to expand this high school outreach program to 25 schools in Maine and the New England area in the coming year.

Another important part of draw-

ing in new students, Campbell said, is the programs offered. Specifi-

cally, she said, the Environmental Science program, the Tourism and Hospitality program and the mu-

sic program are a significant draw for potential students. When asked about the controversial cuts to the music program in the Spring 2013 semester “[Music education] was halved due to university budget cuts,” April 08, 2013, Campbell said, “I don’t know that I have seen the impact in terms of our ability to recruit students.”

Campbell’s vision for USM’s ap-

peal to future students lies in the ex-

pectation of an application of learn-

ing outside the classroom. Largely, this application ought to be in the form of internships, but, Campbell said, “I would love for us to get to a point where all students who wish to do so get to study abroad.”

When asked how the drop in enrollment will impact USM in the coming year, Campbell replied that, in the coming year, focus must be on retention of students who en-

roll in the fall through the spring semester and on spring enrollment.

Despite declining enrollment, according to Caswell, “One bright spot is the fact that the number of students living on the Gorham campus has remained steady with last year, about 1,150, compared to 900 in the fall of 2011.”

More specifically, Campbell said that dorm occupancy for the 2013 to 2014 year, as of Aug. 24, shows 1,160 of the 1,256 spaces filled, an increase from fall 2011’s occupan-

cy of 1,102, but a drop from 2012’s 1,178, a fluctuation in keeping with the corresponding fluctuation of enrollment rates.

This leaves 96 available resi-

dence spaces vacant, approximate-

ly eight percent of the dorm space. However, this calculation does not include floors 3 through 8 of the Dickey tower of Dickey-Wood hall, which are currently closed.

Campbell spoke of a move to encourage graduate students to live on campus, with the notion that their presence will contribute to undergraduate life. According to Joy Pufhal, Chief of Staff of the Division of Student Affairs, this idea has taken shape in the form of a graduate intern community on the fourth floor of Hastings Hall, which currently houses four graduate stu-

dents.

In a statement to the Free Press, Pufhal expanded upon the demo-

graphics in the dorms this year.

“We have an increase in upper-

class students returning to hous-

ing,” Pufhal said. “As a result we have seen a 12 percent increase in occupancy in Upperclass Hall this fall and a 98 percent increase in occupancy of ‘large singles [single rooms]’ across the Gorham cam-

pus.’”

The early bird gets the worm. Or, in this case, a few new break-

fast options and some space to rest.

This year, in an attempt to con-

solidate and better meet student needs for food, convenience and space, the Brooks Convenience Store, once located in upper Brooks, has been combined with the Husky Hideaway, in lower Brooks, to offer varied food op-

tions as well as convenience store items in a single location, while at the same time clearing space for other student groups.

“There was some overlap, some similar products that were able to be moved down [to the Hide-

away],” said Jason Saucier, direc-

tor of Gorham Student Life. Sauc-

ier, along with the Aramark dining program, saw the consolidation as an opportunity to create a social hub students.

“Part of the idea was to try and identify space for student leader-

ship on the Gorham campus,” said Saucier. “We don’t have as much in our student center as the Wood-

bury Campus Center has.” Still, it was important to meet, or even exceed, the same levels of service.

Delaney Kenny, Chair of the Gorham Event’s Board, confirmed that upper Brooks will be a stu-

dent organization space managed by the Gorham Student Life.

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solidate to two operations, the

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-Dan Welter

Coordinator of Student Activities for Gorham Student Life
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continued, “not just at USM. This is higher education today. We’re in the middle of disruptive change. It’s never going to be the way it was. It’s happening everywhere.” Kalikow attributes this change to state and nationwide economic hardships, new technology’s role in higher education and demographic decline in the college-age population.

However, Professor Uzzi said that she is not afraid of these changes in higher education, especially the rising role of technology in the classroom. In fact, she claims that she’s excited to incorporate new methods of teaching into her classes. Uzzi’s greatest concern is what she perceives as the administration’s changing mission for the university, or more specifically, that there is less push from the administration for professors to produce research — a trait that Uzzi sees as putting USM in a different league.

“I think our administration thinks we should be more like SMCC, where as in my opinion, we don’t have to compete with SMCC,” she said. To Uzzi, the fundamental difference between USM and a community college or trade school is the emphasis on research.

“The expectation at USM is that faculty do research and that we engage students in our research. With administration cutting research, sabbatical and travel funding for faculty, Uzzi argues, not only students but faculty and the entire USM community will get the raw end of the deal. Rather than just getting the perspective of someone who has a master’s degree and is well-read on a subject, the university community to weigh in, and she hopes that the students will join in the conversation as well.

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Uzzi also explained that she believes many of these new changes are harmful especially to the humanities. “Our president doesn’t really seem to believe that humanities degrees are marketable,” she said. She said that she’s concerned that the administration is supporting research that is geared toward corporate or political interests.

To that, President Theo Kalikow responded, “That’s a lot of horse sh-t. That’s baloney. The faculty might think that because they’re used to feeling bad.” She continued, “because everyone in the world has been telling everyone in the humanities that there are no jobs, but actually English majors rule the world.”

After this complicated back and forth, the only question left seems to be, “So what do the students think?”

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One student, sophomore Sebastian Taylor, praised the new Husky Hideaway. “In my time at USM, we have seen it [lower Brooks Student Center] evolve from a tile oasis with old tables that didn’t match, to what it is today with beautiful huskies on the wall and a constant buzz around,” said Welter. “I think that things will certainly continue to get better and better!”

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The Husky Hideaway convenience store located in the lower Brooks recently merged with the C Store that was located in upper Brooks, leaving a space upstairs for students and student groups to enjoy.

at 7 a.m., so that allows students to just go through and grab a cup of coffee, or a breakfast sandwich, and hit the road,” said Saucier. “If they’re heading for the bus stop they can do that, and not have to actually go down to a sit-down breakfast.” Earlier hours, he hopes, will expand usage.

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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.

Cryptogram

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

C O N T R I T A  L T G A K K T I
Z N V Y R W T M C Q Q T O
G H I O R H Y R Y T G N O T A.
And here is your hint: M = C

Weekly Horoscope

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

Leo
July 23-August 22
A day to be with people. Friendships, partnerships, face-to-face interactions are more comforting today.

Scorpio
October 23-November 21
You may be feeling a bit frustrated today if you are thinking only of what you don’t yet have. Face reality, while working to improve it.

Aquarius
January 20-February 19
Financial discipline is essential. If you make out a budget and stick to it, you’ll be pleased with the results.

Aries
March 21-April 19
You may be feeling a bit frustrated today if you are thinking only of what you don’t yet have. Face reality, while working to improve it.

Taurus
April 20-May 20
You feel more vulnerable today. Spend time with people who are supportive and avoid those who are harsh or critical.

Gemini
May 21-June 20
A new viewpoint or idea could bring pleasure to the family if you do not react with automatic denial. Be open to what may occur.

Cancer
June 21-July 22
Disatisfaction occurs if want you want is too far removed from what is. Ground your dreams with small, practical steps.

Leo
July 23-August 22
A new viewpoint or idea could bring pleasure to the family if you do not react with automatic denial. Be open to what may occur.

Libra
September 23-October 22
Working from your home increases your efficiency. Minimize interruptions and maximize accomplishments.

Sagittarius
November 22-December 21
Shared recreational pursuits go well. Partners and friends contribute to the fun.

Capricorn
December 22-January 19
Follow the straight and narrow. Bending rules doesn’t work today; you’ll probably get caught.

Aquarius
January 20-February 18
Financial discipline is essential. If you make out a budget and stick to it, you’ll be pleased with the results.

Pisces
February 19-March 20
A day to be with people. Friendships, partnerships, face-to-face interactions are more comforting today.
Gas leak makes for delays

The area of Bedford Street connecting to the USM parking garage on the Portland campus sprung a leak on Tuesday, Sept. 3, just in time for the first day of school. “The first day of school is usually crazy, anyway,” said Lissa Luckey, a senior English major who left for USM 45 minutes early in anticipation of delays because of the gas leak. “It’s always a bit of a disaster, historically.”

Students had the chance to prepare for traffic delays for most of the day, due to an email alert from USM’s Executive Director of Public Affairs, Bob Caswell and the leak itself was, Caswell stressed, no danger to students. However, the repairs did prove disruptive to classes. Junior business administration major Delaney Kenny reported that there was banging on the wall of one of her classes. “It was really irritat- ing,” Kenny said.

USM’s Muskie School of Public Service announced on Sept. 3 that it will be partnering with the Maine Youth Transition Collaborative in a new initiative designed to bring together representatives from Maine’s educational system and the child welfare system and juvenile justice system in order to facilitate educational and employment opportunities for Maine’s youth. The Maine Youth Transition Collaborative is an organization designed to help in the transition of youth in the Maine foster system into adulthood. Around the end of August, the MYTC was one of 21 organizations nationwide to receive funding from the Aspen Institute’s Opportunity Youth Incentive Fund, which will be used to fund the initiative.

SMART announces tutoring program

The Southern Maine Area Resource Team for Schools at the University of Southern Maine announced on Sept. 4th that it will be unveiling a tutoring program for children in kindergarten through fifth grade in Gorham. The tutoring will be provided by graduate students from the USM School of Education and Human Development. Heidi Parker, a student of the Certified of Advanced Study program in literacy at USM will be one of the tutors. “I thought it would be an excellent opportunity to provide community kids with a great resource for reading sup- port,” Parker said in a statement to the Free Press. Melissa Moore-Josephs, another future tutor and participant in the School Psychology Doctorate program and USM went further than that, asserting, “Implementing these individualized interventions with struggling students will provide them with a needed boost in foundational skills, which will enable them to become successful members of their schools and communities.”

The program is funded by a three year grant from the Read- ing Matters to Maine Fund of the Maine Community Foundation, and will provide reading tutoring to children. It will be free for stu- dents who are eligible to receive free lunch, and low-cost for oth- ers. FMI contact Dr. Alexis Ki- buris, director of the SMART Learning Lab at (207) 780-3054.

Student program promotes cow health product

Campus Ventures, a USM in- novation and commercialization acceleration program, has been working with a cow health monitor- ing startup to develop and com- mercialize a product which targets a $10 billion market. The technol- ogy being promoted is a device the size of a pill, which the cows ingest, and which then measures their vital signs.

Dinosaurs hit Southworth Planetarium

Friday, Sept. 6 was the opening of Dinosaurs at Dusk, a program at the Southworth Planetarium which features a father and daugh- ter’s journey through various pre- historic eras, and a look at the creatures which inhabited them, just up until the asteroid that was the dinosaurs’ downfall hit. The program will run through Septem- ber. FMI, call (207) 780-4249.

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Police Beat

Selections from the USM Department of Public Safety police log Aug. 31 to Sept. 3

Saturday, Aug. 31

Living on the edge
8:00 p.m. - Verbal warnings for stop sign violation and tail light out.- Bedford St.

Dark and darker
8:14 p.m. - Verbal Warning for operation with no lights issued to operator.- Brighton Ave. by 7-11

Can’t you read?
8:42 p.m. - Verbal warning for failure to stop at stop sign issued to operator.- Bedford St.

I feel like we’ve been here before...
8:58 p.m. - Warning for stop sign violation to operator.- Glickman Library, 314 Forrest Ave.

And the winner is...
9:08 p.m. - Kyle A. Baker, 25 of Kennebunk, arrested for operating under the influence. Warning for operating the wrong way on a one way. - Brighton Ave. at Chamberlain Ave.

Sunday, Sept. 1

Where’s the fire?
5:13 p.m. - Fire Alarm activation. Gorham Fire Department responded. System malfunction. - Dickey Wood Hall.

Halt!
5:49 p.m. - Warning issued for stop sign violation. - Campus Ave.

Don’t be a dope
9:25 p.m. - Marijuana odor. Handled by officer. - Anderson Hall

“One if by land, two if by sea.”
9:42 p.m. - Attempt to locate a student. Person located and message was passed on by officer. - Anderson Hall

I.D. Please?
10:26 p.m. - Response for an intoxicated individual. - Upton Hastings Hall

Monday, Sept. 2

Again?
12:4 p.m. - Fire Alarm activation. Gorham Fire Department responded. System malfunction. - Dickey Wood Hall.

Don’t be a dope, take two
4:54 p.m. - Marijuana odor. Report taken. - Upperclass Hall

“Stop! In the name of love!”
8:50 p.m. - Verbal warning for stop sign violation. - 51 College Ave.

V minions
11:05 p.m. - Odor of marijuana report. Unable to locate source. - Dickey Wood Hall

Tuesday, Sept. 3

Perfect timing
7:29 a.m. - Northern Utilities reporting a gas leak at Bedford St. near entry to garage. - 88 Bedford St.

Two car pileup
4:09 p.m. - Two car motor vehicle accident. - G6 parking lot, 13 University Way

No getaway car?
5:22 p.m. - Walk-in theft of an item. - 246 Deering Ave.

Strength in numbers
7:49 p.m. - Assistance provided to Gorham Police Department. - Gorham, Main St.

Hide and seek
10:53 p.m. - Marijuana odor. Unable to locate. - Upperclass Hall

Police logs are edited for grammar and style. They can be found at usm.maine.edu/police/campus-crime-log.

Muskie School partners with MYTC

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This past Thursday students were offered a Taste of Portland, and they ended up coming back for seconds. The Taste of Portland was the first of its kind at USM. The event featured tables and food trucks from various businesses around Portland to showcase some of the city’s popular eats and students loved it. “I obviously went to the Taste of Portland for the free food, but I think it turned out great,” said senior political science major and Student Body Vice President Marpheen Chann-Berry. “A lot of students at USM don’t get the Portland culinary experience and hopefully this event will encourage them to check it out.”

Students got to sample delicious food and drink from Gusto’s Italian Food, Portside Picnic, Hella Good Tacos, Aramark, Coffee by Design, Capt’n Eli’s Soda, Leonardo’s Pizza, Margarita’s, Wannawaf, Binga’s, Papa John’s and Black Bear Energy Drinks. Students, both new and returning, filled the lawn in front of Glickman Library to experience why Portland is a great city for foodies.

“One of the things we think about when we plan USM events is that students love free food, and Portland is known for this food truck phenomenon. Student love these food trucks so this year we thought ‘why not try something different?’ and it’s been widely more popular than we could’ve imagined,” said Chris O’Connor, the director of Portland Student Life.

Students also got the chance to vote for their favorites. Everyone who attended filled out a ballot where they voted for the best Taste of Portland. Students who voted were put into a drawing for a $50 gift certificate to the bookstore. There will also be a plaque made for the winning business.

“Wannawaf was my favorite,” said senior political science major and student body vice president Marpheen Chann-Berry. “Fries, wraps and pizza are things you find a lot in Portland, but waffles and breakfast with a twist? That’s something different and it stuck out.”

While most of the lines accumulated at the pizza vendors, all of the tables were very well received, with students often visiting more than one vendor. “I visited about four vendors so far and for now Gusto’s wins my vote,” said undeclared freshman Connor Hamilton. “I had my eye on their pizza cones because that is college food right there. You could easily take that pizza cone and enjoy while walking to school, or rushing to class in some cases, and still get a meal in.”

The event was open to the public and anyone was welcome. Community members and alumni were also in attendance. “We heard about this event from a student, and I was pretty excited about it,” said Portland resident Brooke Hayne. “I haven’t even heard of some of the businesses so I thought I’d come by and see what their food was like.”

The vendors also enjoyed the event and thought it was a great opportunity to interact with the community while promoting their products. The event was packed with student and alumni, jamming out to music, catching up with friends and sampling some great food. “I didn’t think we’d give away this much pizza as fast as we did, lots of people have been coming by,” said Curtis Scott from Leonardo’s Pizza. “We’re getting the votes I think, people seem to be giving us the wink and nod as they come over.”

Students may be familiar with the coffee flavor Husky Blend from Coffee By Design. Tessa Storey, an employee at Coffee By Design had a table promoting a new blend called “Beans of Peace.” A dollar from every bag bought is donated to St. Elizabeth’s Essential Pantry, a local organization dedicated to feeding the needy in Portland.

“Students basically run on caffeine, and it’s great to give students one of their favorite drinks while letting them know about our special roast coffee,” said Storey. “If you buy here you’re buying local so all the money is going right back into the community.”

O’Connor believes that visitors of this event got a chance to see why Portland is an excellent destination for food lovers. It was an experience so popular that he’s planning it to be a USM tradition and it will surely be coming back next year.
New cinema studies minor aims to excite students and grow

Over the summer the communication and media studies department expanded, creating a brand new cinema studies minor.

The department hopes that increasing its course offerings in cinema will contribute to Portland’s growing film community and help students understand the cultural significance of this media in their lives.

“Cinema is an exciting and crucial element of our world,” said Assistant Professor of Film Studies Ariel Rogers. “I would argue that in order to understand what it means to be engaging with your smartphone or watching videos on your computer, it’s useful to look at the way movies developed and how that reflects society.”

The minor requires a diverse range of cinema classes, with broad-based and specialized courses on the analysis, history, theory and the influential people of many different kinds of cinema.

Because it is entirely new program, getting the word out and recruiting students to participate in the minor has been one of the first steps. The department has offered plenty of film classes in the past and those classes have been able to hook a few students.

“I’ve taken like, a billion film classes here – I swear,” said senior communication and media studies major Matt Becker.

Becker has taken enough film courses already that, when the minor was announced, he discovered he only needed to take two more courses to fulfill the minor requirements.

“I’m a senior now, so if I hadn’t already had the requirements, I probably wouldn’t have jumped in. But if I were a freshman, this would be my jam,” said Becker.

Cinema in general draws from all aspects of culture, and the department is looking forward to making connections with other student interests and academic departments at USM.

“A major goal this year is to begin collaborating with other departments,” said Rogers, “allowing students to include outside courses in the minor and having these classes be used in other ways. We want them to get as much as they can out of it.”

“I like to make movies,” said Becker, “so obviously I want to learn as much as I can about why I appreciate certain aspects of film. For example, Tarantino steals from everybody, and I want to learn who he steals from. You have to know where you came from or you’re going to make derivative crap.”

The department is using the minor to gauge the interest of students and considering creating a full-fledged major in cinema studies if the interest grows.

Senior communications and media studies major Matt Becker has taken multiple film courses during his career at USM. Now he only has to take two more courses to fulfill the requirements for a cinema studies minor. He is set to graduate in May of 2014.

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The National’s latest release, Trouble Will Find Me, is a masterpiece that explores the depth of human emotions and relationships. The band’s lead singer, Matt Berninger, delivers a powerful performance, with his signature voice and storytelling abilities. The album opens with a track that immediately sets the tone for the rest of the record. "I am a Ronnie," a song that explores themes of isolation and struggle, sets the stage for the emotional journey that follows.

In "Marriage" and "Dirty Chew," Berninger reflects on the complexities of personal relationships and the challenges that come with them. "I can’t do it anymore," he sings, "I’m going through an awkward phase / I am secretly in love with everyone that I grew up with." This line, and others like it, are powerful reminders of the raw and painful reality of navigating love and intimacy in a world that often feels cold and distant.

"Seven Year Itch," a track that explores the feeling of being stuck in a routine and longing for something more, is a highlight of the album. Berninger’s lyrics paint a vivid picture of the desire for change and growth, even in the face of fear and uncertainty.

"All for You," a song that celebrates the power of love to transform lives, is a standout track. Berninger’s voice is at its most vulnerable here, as he sings about the importance of finding a partner who will support and encourage each other through life’s challenges.

Trouble Will Find Me is a must-listen for anyone who values a deep and honest exploration of the human condition. With its emotional depth and musical complexity, it’s a record that will resonate with listeners for years to come.
A&C Listings

Monday, September 9
Mayer Hawthorne / Superhumanoids
Port City Music Hall
504 Congress St.
Doors: 7:00 p.m. / Show: 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 10
STRFKR / Small Black / Feelings
Port City Music Hall
504 Congress St.
Doors: 7:00 p.m. / Show: 8:00 p.m.
Dean & Jake Show
Blue
650 Congress St.
Doors: 8:00 p.m. / Show: 8:00 p.m.
Sister Sparrow and The Dirty Birds / Sly-Chi
The Big Easy
55 Market St.
Doors: 9:00 p.m. / Show: 9:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 11
Gad Elmaleh
Port City Music Hall
504 Congress St.
Doors: 7:00 p.m. / Show: 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 12
JJ Grey and Mofo / The Revivalists
Port City Music Hall
504 Congress St.
Doors: 7:00 p.m. / Show: 8:00 p.m.
OG and The Offbeats
Dogfish Bar and Grille
128 Free St.
Doors: 7:30 p.m. / Show: 8:00 p.m.
Arbores / Tall Heights / Peter Bradley Adams
One Longfellow Square
181 State St.
Doors: 7:30 p.m. / Show: 8:00 p.m.
Werewolf
Blue
650 Congress St.
Doors: 10:00 p.m. / Show: 10:00 p.m.

Friday, September 13
Black Joe Lewis / Murcielago
Port City Music Hall
504 Congress St.
Doors: 7:00 p.m. / Show: 8:00 p.m.
Michael Franti & Spearhead / Kopecky Family Band
State Theatre
609 Congress St.
Doors: 7:00 p.m. / Show: 8:00 p.m.
Darlingside
One Longfellow Square
181 State St.
Doors: 8:00 p.m. / Show: 8:00 p.m.
Soul Clap and Dance Off with Jonathan Toubin
SPACE Gallery
538 Congress St.
Doors: 10:00 p.m. / Show: 10:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 14
The Pubcrawlers / The Motor Creeps / The Pourmen
Asylum
121 Center St.
Doors: 7:00 p.m. / Show: 7:30 p.m.
Our opinion: Student Life a bright spot at USM

Even though in recent months USM has lost manpower and some serious cash, welcome events showed that the fun will go on.

Everyone at USM could take a lesson from Student Life. They may have had to work a little harder to make Welcome Week a success, but they set an example in hard times that the student experience should be at the center of the university’s mission.

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**Quick Hits:**

The Huskies’ week in review

**Women’s Cross Country**

USM finishes second at Invitational

The USM cross country team finished second place among 11 teams at the Fordham University Cross Country Invitational on Saturday morning. The Huskies totaled 46 points to earn their second place spot.

Junior Hannah Damron finished in third-place with the time of nineteen minutes and 42.66 seconds while senior Caitlin Miller came in fourth with a time of twenty minutes and 3.77 seconds. Junior Emily Panciera and Senior Morgan Beede finished 11th and 12th respectively to help the Huskies.

The women’s team will next travel to Biddeford this Saturday to compete in the University of New England Invitational.

**Field Hockey**

Huskies lose to UNE

The women’s field hockey team fell short against the University of New England, losing 1-4 in a non-conference match on Saturday afternoon.

Junior Peyton Dostie made the only goal for USM, scoring in the 13th minute of the game. Freshman goalkeeper Amanda Kasbohm made four saves while senior Kayla Kennedy had two.

The women’s team will next host University of Maine Farmington this Wednesday.

**Men’s Soccer**

Huskies shutout by Maine Maritime

The men’s team came out scoreless against Maine Maritime Academy, losing 0-4 on Friday afternoon. The Huskies remain winless with a 0-3 record this season.

Rookie goalkeeper Matthew Willis had one save before leaving the game with an injury, while freshman Adam Verreault had three saves as goalkeeper.

The Huskies will next face St. Joseph’s this Wednesday at 4 p.m.

**Women’s Soccer**

USM rolls past Thomas College

The women’s soccer team came home with a victory against Thomas college, scoring 3-2 overall this season.

Senior Jordan Grant scored two goals and had an assist for the team while Junior Emily Staples scored late in the second half. The Huskies had a 26-8 advantage in shots during the game. Senior goalie Katie Cobb had four saves to earn her second win of the season.

The women’s team will next face Bates this Tuesday at 4 p.m. for a non-conference match.

**Women’s Tennis**

USM aces Thomas 9-0

The Huskies won all nine matches against Thomas college in a non-conference match on Thursday afternoon. The win improves their record to 3-0 overall this season.

Senior Emily Boutin won an easy 6-0, 6-0 at third singles while sophomore Molly Gallagher had a 6-4, 6-0 win at fourth singles.

USM will next face Rhode Island College this Saturday at 1 p.m. for a non-conference match.

**Women’s Volleyball**

Huskies earn a close 3-2 win

The volleyball team was able to outlast Daniel Webster College, winning 3-2 in a non-conference match on Wednesday evening. USM won with the scores of 20-25, 25-21, 25-19, 19-25 and 15-6. The win improves the team’s overall record to 2-1 this season.

Freshman Amanda Keppl had nine kills, three aces, two blocks and a block assist while freshman Kristina Rubico had eight kills, fifteen digs and five aces. Sophomore Kelsey Abramson had eight kills, two blocks and an assist while freshman Megan Nilson added ten assists, eleven digs and two kills.

The women’s team will next face Husson this Tuesday at 7 p.m.

**Upcoming**

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**USM’s Jennifer Poulin, #7 freshman midfielder, vies for the ball against a University of New England defender.**

Anna Chiu
Sports Editor
The Student Government Association is kicking off the new school year with a new president, a smaller budget and ambitious plans. President Kelsea Dunham, a senior with marketing and women and gender studies major, is working with a budget that is, “smaller than it has been in the past because enrollment [at USM] is down.” The SGA receives their funding through the student activity fee each student pays as a part of their enrollment. Because of a drop in enrollment this year, Dunham and the SGA and other USM student groups may be dealing with constrained funding.

“I think there’s a recognition that we are going to have to do things differently this year [because of the budget],” Dunham said.

However, she believes that we can compensate for budgetary limitations by increasing communication between student groups. She explained that student groups often hold very similar conferences, and these conferences could be combined to save funds if student groups shared their plans with each other.

With open communication they could continue to foster the growth of student organizations. “We would love to see student groups created and thrive, and help students pursue their interests through the creation of clubs and organizations,” said Stephanie Brown, the chair of the student senate.

“The SGA will really be focusing on making our presence known here at USM. We are looking to be an even stronger voice for the students and really advocating for their needs, thoughts, and ideas,” said Brown.

One of Dunham’s immediate goals is to add to the “Dog Pound,” a wall of plaques located in the Woodbury Campus Center that recognizes students for their outstanding leadership. She strongly believes that recognizing students for their involvement and leadership is the best way to keep them involved on and off campus. Dunham knows first hand what a positive impact such commendation can have on a student. She became involved on campus herself after being recognized for her contributions, she explained.

Dunham and the SGA also hope to work on increasing student involvement this year by “working more closely with faculty and staff to make sure that students have the best experience possible,” Dunham said. If faculty help to spread the word about upcoming events to their students, Dunham said, more students would be likely to participate. Another part of Dunham’s efforts to engage students in the USM community is by maintaining a strong social media presence.

Dunham herself has her own “10th USM Student Body President” Facebook page where she engages students in university-related conversations. In one post, she entreated students to take part in a board that will discuss USM dining issues. In another post, she rallied student support for Welcome Week events.

Dunham also has some personal goals that she hopes to fulfill this year. “I am working on seeing if we can put a gender neutral bathroom in this building,” she said of the Woodbury Campus Center in Portland. As part of the LGBTQ community herself, she feels that it is important to give transgender students a safe and comfortable place to use the facilities, especially in a building that houses the center for sexualities and gender diversity.

The SGA encourages students to come to their office in Portland’s Woodbury Campus Center if they have any issues to address or questions about getting more involved in campus life. “I would love to see us be the people on campus that can answer questions and be a reference if students have concerns so that we can make sure that the concern is heard and action is taken to help them,” Brown said.

Want your student group featured? Have a USM event for our calendar? Send an email to events@usmfreepress.org.

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For more events: www.usm.maine.edu/events