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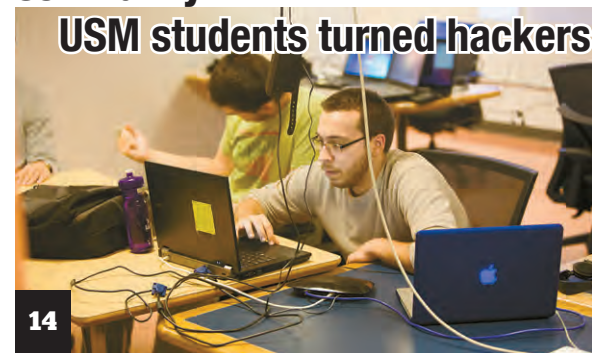


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Faculty admits no plan to teach out programs

Admins promise degree completion, despite eliminations

Emma James
News Editor

The three USM programs up for elimination, to be voted on Monday, Sept. 22 at the Board of Trustees meeting in Fort Kent, do not yet have a plan for students to finish their degrees, if it passes.

According to Kent Ryden, director and professor of American and New England studies, administration has not given much direction about what the future will hold, specifically for students.

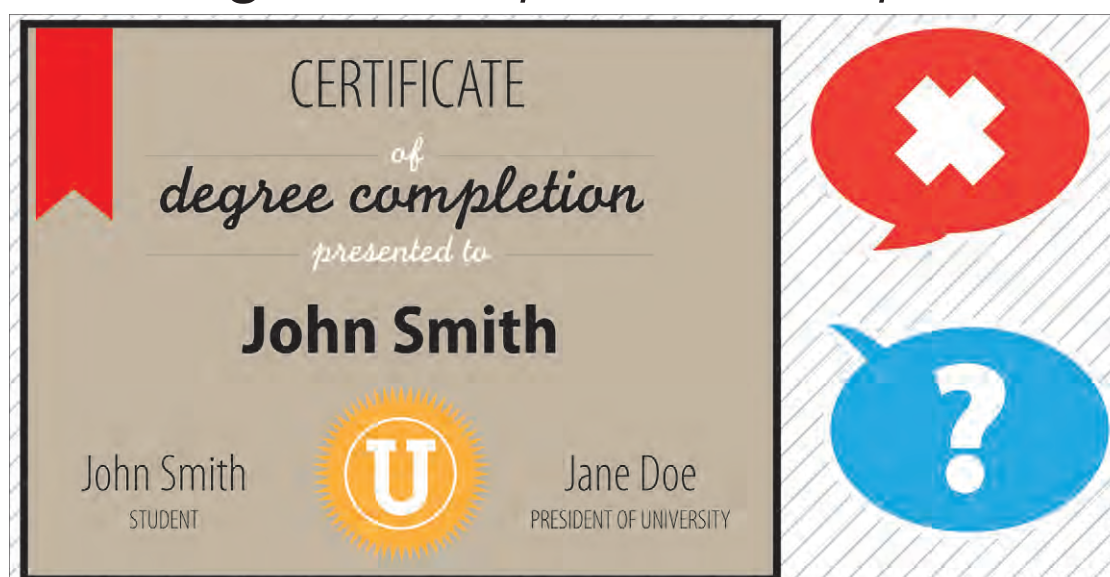
"Everything is pretty much up in the air and despite asking for guidance and more information, if only so I can tell our students what their futures may look like, I haven't been getting much," Ryden said.

The same was true for Professor and Chair of Geosciences, Stephen Pollock, who has only had a conversation with James Graves, dean of the college of science, technology and health. According to Pollock, the conversation was brief and established that in the spring semester courses will be offered as they have been in the past, following a multi-course plan that's been in place for years.

Still, upper level administration has remained silent.

"They [administrators] haven't even talked to us about what will happen after, basically, October," said Pollock. "We've had no direct communication with anyone in administration."

Ryden explained that, as he understands it, currently enrolled students



Sokvonnay Chhouk / Design Director

will be allowed a four-year window in which to finish their degree programs. He suspects that if the program is eliminated, the two full-time faculty, he and Professor Ardis Cameron, will be retrenched at the end of the fall semester.

"I don't really know who would be teaching courses that students would need to finish their degree programs," said Ryden. "Let alone, who would advise on theses and independent studies."

Ryden explained that representatives from the dean's office and provost's office have said that they will, in collaboration, develop a teach-out plan.

"Nobody has given me any sense of what such a plan would look like,

what courses students would have available to them, who would teach the courses or anything like that," Ryden said.

"You can put the courses on the books, but you don't have anybody to teach them," Pollock said.

Ryden doesn't think the administration has given much thought to what the future will hold for students.

"You'd think developing a teach-out plan would be part of developing a program elimination proposal, but that didn't happen," said Ryden. "It's been more a matter of, 'Well, let's eliminate the program then figure out what to do.'"

Christopher Quint, executive director in the office of public affairs,

explained that they are now working on a plan for students.

"We have an obligation, and commitment to our students to assure that they can graduate in their chosen major," said Quint. "The provost and deans have initiated a process for developing a plan, now, to ensure that those students enrolled in one of the three programs being proposed for elimination to the Board of Trustees on Sept. 22 will be able to continue their programs and receive their degrees in a timely manner."

Ryden does admit that it is possible to offer some courses, as faculty in the past have taught for the program.

"This would require the interest and permission of their home de-

partments and getting the administrators to sign off on the whole plan. So it can be done," said Ryden. "The faculty resources and curricular resources are here, it's just that nobody has yet sat down with me to actually formulate the plan, any kind of a plan. The attitude's been more of wait until after the voters [Board of Trustees] take it."

Both Pollock and Ryden agree that the eliminations are not necessary and urge the Board of Trustees to vote against the eliminations.

"It's very disappointing to me that in this elimination proposal process, so little thought has been given to the students and their welfare and their peace of mind, their ability to be assured that they'll be able to finish a good program in a timely way," said Ryden. "The discussion has been all about eliminating the degree program, but it's disappointing and baffling to me that administration has evidently given so little thought to how the degree program will be taught out in the absence of its full-time faculty."

According to Pollock, it didn't have to come to this, and it still doesn't have to be this way.

"There are alternate approaches to saving money without terminating these programs," said Pollock. "This is going to be a major loss for the university, and I think it's going to take USM years to recover."

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Student Senate fights dwindling attendance



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Filling seats at Student Senate meetings is still an issue for the organization. At last week's meeting, four senators were absent, two defaulted and were kicked off the senate for attendance issues and the senate initially was unable to make quorum until one senator arrived late.

On Friday, the senate voted to suspend an article in their constitution requiring senate applicants to gather 100 supporting signatures from the student body before being appointed in order to appoint two new senators.

Tom Bahun, a senior commuter student and treasurer of the board

of student organizations, and David Sanok, a junior communication and media studies major, were both appointed to the senate after a public interview process.

"I motioned to suspend it [the rule] for this meeting only, however, if we continue to get genuinely interested students and the signature process is getting in the way, we could do so again," said Joshua Tharpe, the senate parliamentarian.

Both of the newly appointed senators had been at senate meetings before, Bahun as a BSO member and Sanok purely out of interest in the organization. Bahun was able to acquire 51 signatures from the student body, while Sanok had not collected any.

Tharpe explained that the rule was originally created to combat new senators being appointed "left and right" while the senate wasn't sure they were dedicated to the position.

"Last year we had some senators leave within weeks of their appointment," said Tharpe.

"We need senators who are qualified, of course, but we do need to fill seats to be a working senate," said Joshua Dodge, the senate chair, in an interview the following day. "In my four years on the senate, it's never been this bad."

Both of the new senators cited university financial troubles and administrative handling of the budget

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Newly appointed senate members David Sanok (left) and Tom Bahun (right) tell the student senate why and how they want to be involved.

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USM police department has four M16 rifles

The weapons were loaned in 2007 as a military surplus program

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The USM police department currently has four M16 assault rifles locked up in their armory that they received from the U.S. Department of Defense back in 2007.

The guns were loaned to USM as part of a military surplus initiative, known as the 1033 program, that had weapons and equipment delivered to at least 117 colleges across the nation. Equipment that was loaned to colleges included ordinary things like medical supplies and men's trousers, but some schools like the University of Central Florida received grenade launchers and one armored truck. USM's Police Chief Kevin Conger said that he was given the option to request more equipment through the program, but he opted out.

"We're not planning on being any more militarily armed than we are already," said Conger. "I think we're as prepared as we need to be."

According to Conger, the program helped USM's limited police budget as they only had to pay for the shipping of the weapons. However as the guns are on loan, they have to

be surrendered to the government at any request and are "regularly checked on."

"It saves us money," said Conger. "It basically gives us the tools to be used in a situation where we have to protect our community, where a handgun may not always be effective."

Conger said that he was referring to "worst case scenario" situations such as an active shooter on campus. Police at USM have never deployed the weapons since they've received them.

"We hopefully will never have to use them," Conger said. Portland is the largest city in the state and Conger believes it's just better to be prepared in case the "unthinkable" happens.

"I think you will realize that no place is exempt from these [school shootings] tragedies and see the need for everyone to be prepared," said Conger.

According to Conger, the guns have been retrofitted for civilian use by a semi-automatic modification.

While assault rifles on campus are meant to provide USM's police with another tool in case they need it, some students feel a bit uneasy about their presence.

Courtney Pomerleau, a senior



Bruce Raymond / Multimedia Editor

The USM police department is not the only college in Maine to receive military equipment from the government. The University of Farnington has on loan seven assault rifles and the school in Augusta has three.

"I think you will realize that no place is exempt from these [school shootings] tragedies and see the need for everyone to be prepared."

Kevin Conger, USM police chief

theater major, describes the loaning of military weapons as "scare tactics" and would prefer if campus police used the program to acquire things like armor, furniture and medical supplies.

"The program itself is alright," said Pomerleau. "I don't feel comfortable with these weapons being on campus, and I foresee feeling even more uncomfortable if I see them in person."

Andrew N, a former USM stu-

dent who wished to have his last name remain anonymous, said that he's concerned whether USM's police force is properly trained with the weapons, and wonders if there are actual tangible justifications for having military-grade assault weapons.

"It just seems extreme and unwarranted," said Andrew N. "The image of an assault rifle on campus sets a precedent that's hostile regardless of who's holding it. I

just think it's the wrong message to be sending and cultivating at a place of education."

Conger couldn't reveal which campus the rifles were stored in, for security reasons, but stressed that in the event of an emergency, they would be made available when necessary.

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Shark fishing trip consumed senate meeting

Sam Hill
Editor in Chief

The Student Senate spent more time discussing a proposal to fund a shark fishing expedition than any other item on their agenda or topic brought up, including USM’s budget deficit, program eliminations and senate attendance and recruitment issues.

The proposal, which was brought to the senate by Chris Wagner, a student leader in the veteran student organization, asked the senate to approve \$2,400 in funding to bring disabled student veterans fishing for sharks.

The proposal was eventually passed, but only after nearly half an hour of debate on the topic. There was confusion over who would be benefitting from the event and why Wagner had not brought the proposal to the Board of Student Organizations in his VSO capacity, instead of coming to the senate as an individual. Some senators were concerned that the funding would only benefit students already involved in a group that has access to funding, but Wagner explained that he didn’t know who would attend yet.

“I’m coming here as a member of the veteran community, not as a student involved in the VSO or BSO,” said Wagner. “There are over 500 veterans at USM, so any of them could join the trip.”

There was a lot of miscommunication during discussion of the proposal, and Wagner did not seem to understand that the senate was asking him to explain why the proposal was not sponsored by the VSO. This led to multiple arguments over semantics as Wagner admitted he was becoming frustrated with the discussion.

Joshua Dodge, the senate chair, told Wagner to refrain from using

the term “third annual” to describe the trip because it implied the senate had to fund it and that it was already in process.

Discussion became heated and Kyle Frazier, the student body president, explained that he felt it was unfair that the senate was asking Wagner for details over and over again.

“He doesn’t know who’s going to go yet. There are 500 veterans and other students who could go on this trip, so to accuse him of not putting it through as a VSO group or through another BSO group, I don’t think it’s fair,” said Frazier. “He truly does not know if those students [who would attend the trip] are in those student groups.”

Frazier went on to remind the senate what their charge was during meetings.

“You are not here to send people to the BSO. You are here to be the Student Senate,” said Frazier. “When people put in a proposal you either approve it or deny it.”

Dodge said that he did not appreciate Frazier’s tone or that he was “talking down” to the senate.

According to Judson Cease, the senate vice chair, the senators were merely being as thorough as the senate’s finance committee would’ve been if they had seen the proposal. The financial committee did not screen Wagner’s proposal because members of that committee have been unable to participate in senate business due to other obligations.

The proposal went to a vote and was approved by most senators.

Because of the amount of time spent on the proposal, the senate pushed other concerns to their next meeting, including deciding what their procedures for new senator’s appointments should be and discussing the need for senators to display a professional attitude in the community, which has



Sam Hill / Editor-in-Chief

Chris Wagner raises his hand in debate with Joshua Dodge over the proposal to fund a \$2,400 shark fishing trip for disabled student veterans. The proposal ate up most of the time during the student senate meeting.

been on the agenda for two meetings now.

Earlier in the meeting, Alex Greenlee, the undergraduate representative to the board of trustees, informed the senate of multiple issues that will be facing the BoT during their meeting on Monday, which includes the elimination of three USM programs and the possible sale of the Stone House, which houses USM’s MFA in creative writing program.

Last year, the student senate cast a vote of no confidence in former USM President Theodora Kalikow and her council amidst faculty retrenchments when the programs were originally slated

for elimination and sent a resolution explaining their decision to the BoT. Greenlee offered the senate a

chance to weigh in on the issue again, as the eliminations will likely be finalized on Monday.

“If you’re at all interested and would like to send up your comments on the decisions that they have made in picking these three programs for elimination, I would be more than happy to read anything you have to say into the minutes so your case can be made,” said Greenlee.

Greenlee suggested that the senate talk about a resolution during their meeting last week, but they did not. The only question raised about the eliminations came from Senator Elizabeth Martin, who asked Greenlee to clarify which programs he was talking about.

“ You are not here to send people to the BSO. You are here to be the Student Senate. When people put in a proposal, you either approve it or deny it. ”

Kyle Frazier, Student body president

The Cost of Convenience: food prices compared

Brian Gordon
Contributor

Students could save money on food by taking a quick walk to the Back Bay Hannaford, but still some prefer the convenience of on campus dining, like the Luther Bonney cafe and the Woodbury Campus Center cafeteria.

Those that were grabbing lunch in the cafeteria had either meal plans or were just content to shell out a bit more cash. Tai Infinte, a junior biology major, said that he didn’t feel like walking to Hannaford. He thought that his \$5.79 large chicken panini sandwich was a “pretty good deal.”

Rion Lister, a senior women and gender studies major, used to work at Hannaford and doesn’t think there are major price differences. Lister also noted that there wasn’t much time in between classes, so he felt grabbing a sandwich or salad at the cafe was more convenient.

Nick Kenney, a junior finance major, was stocking up with a chicken caesar salad, a bowl of noodles and some side items on Tuesday night just before his meal plan was set to expire. He thought that the food was a little expensive but since he has a meal plan, he was

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Abigail Johnson-Ruscansky / Design Assistant

putting it to good use.

“[Dinner is] like \$15 without the meal plan; I could eat a whole chinese buffet for that,” Kenney said.

Kenney also searched for a few healthy options, noting that the cafeterias have salad but it’s difficult to fill up on. The redundant food options sometimes left him groaning.

“Ugh, not another burger,” said Kenney.

Kenny shared his costly bounty with his friend Jessica Avery, a ju-

nior criminology major, who no longer had a meal plan. Avery said that she shops at Hannaford all the time but was perfectly content sharing one of Kenney’s meals.

In the end, they both agreed that it was cheaper to just pack a peanut butter sandwich and plan their meals ahead.

While salads and sandwiches are generally close in price at both campus dining services and Hannaford, fruit, yogurt and granola

bars are not. At the Woodbury cafeteria, \$1 buys you one banana. At Hannaford, that same dollar will buy you four bananas. For \$1.32 you could have three yogurt cups from a variety of different flavors at Hannaford. However at USM, \$1.29 gets you one cup. Granola bars are one for a buck at USM, while at Hannaford a box of 12 sets you back \$2.79.

Not all students choose between Hannaford or the USM cafes. Noah

Codega, a sophomore English major, said that he just eats a big breakfast and then hurries home to eat. “It’s cheaper at home,” said Codega.

Emma Steinbach, a sophomore sociology major, agreed with this sentiment.

“I think it’s [the cafeteria] expensive,” said Steinbach. “I used to have a meal plan but now I’m a commuter so I just go home to eat.”

The food at USM comes from Aramark, a national company that provides food services to hospitals, baseball parks and college campuses nationwide. Chris Kinney, the USM dining general manager, acts as a liaison with Aramark’s Communications Department and had shed some light on why the prices are so high. “The pricing of whole fruits, beverages, chips, candy bars and those types of items are reflective of pricing at convenience stores in the local area.” They also noted that they weren’t in the business of competing with grocery stores.

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USM needs a new BoT representative

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Alex Greenlee discusses strategies to find strong applicants, one of whom will ideally take his place next year as the new BoT representative.

Sam Hill
Editor-in-Chief

The deadline to apply to be USM's new undergraduate representative to the board of trustees is being pushed back a week because there has only been one applicant.

The deadline was supposed to be this Monday, but according to Kyle Frazier, the student body president, the student government hasn't received any application requests as of Wednesday and decided to extend it.

"Not only were there no applicants, but there were no students even remotely interested until today," said Frazier in an interview last Wednesday. Frazier received one email regarding the position, but it was someone asking for more information about the job, not an applicant.

According to Joshua Dodge, the chair of the student senate, the executive board received an application

ship to address system-level issues. There is an annual stipend of \$3,000 that comes with the position and any travel expenses are covered as well.

The position requires a two-year commitment, something that both Greenlee and Frazier have said might be a deterrent for those interested.

"I think it's difficult to get someone who can commit for two years, so we need to talk to as many people as possible to increase the chances of finding someone willing to put in the work," said Greenlee.

"A lot of the students who might be interested in the position are juniors and seniors right now, when they really need a freshman or sophomore with the time to commit," said Frazier. "That's a big job for a younger student to commit to though."

Frazier said that, with the help of the Student Senate, he would be working this week to make the de-

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Alex Greenlee, Current undergraduate Board of Trustees representative

on Friday, so there will be someone to interview, but that they'd like to have more candidates to choose from.

"We need to find a number of strong applicants to choose from for the position, and we need to pick someone who will be willing to do a lot of hard work," said Alex Greenlee, the current undergraduate BoT representative, at last week's Student Senate meeting.

The representative would be tasked with representing the interests of the undergraduate student body at Board of Trustees meetings and working with USM leader-

tails of the position more known to students. A mass email was sent out last week to students, but yielded no results, so they're aiming to table and post fliers around campus to lure in applicants.

"We're going to liven-up the search and get more people publicly talking about it," said Frazier. "Hopefully we can find someone by next week."

Frazier and Dodge both said they did not know what the procedure was if the senate cannot find a candidate for the position.

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deficit as reasons they wanted to become involved with the senate.

The senate discussed the candidates and the signature process while they were out of the room and considered asking Sanok to at least attempt to gather signature before appointing him, but it was decided to appoint him based solely on his interest in the position.

The senate discussed altering the rule as well. Some senators suggested lowering the number of signatures applicants would have to gather or getting rid of the signature problem altogether.

Judson Cease, the vice chair of the senate, suggested using the signature gathering process as a gauge to measure an applicant's interest and commitment to senate procedures, but not require it.

"We can make the signatures just a factor in our decision to appoint instead of a requirement," said Cease.

"If people are making a legitimate effort to go out and get signatures, express genuine interest, but come in and say 'hey, I only got 62 [signatures], I'm more than comfortable making that proposal at future meetings as well," said Tharpe.

The senate decided that changing the application process would require more discussion than they were able to take part in at the meeting, which was nearing two-hours long, and added it under the 'concerns' section of their next meeting.

Dodge said the senate agreed that the issue needed another week for discussion before they make any alterations to the procedure.

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In Brief...

Former Free Press editor to lead AP's GOP presidential coverage in 2016

Last week the Associated Press chose former Free Press Editor Steven Peoples, its Northeast political reporter, to cover the field of Republican presidential candidates in 2016.

According to Peoples' his career in journalism began when he started covering the student government beat at the Free Press as a freshman in 1999. He has been covering presidential primaries in New Hampshire out of Boston since 2011 and spent most of 2012 covering Mitt Romney's political campaign.

"For months during the last presidential campaign, Peoples was a fixture in the living rooms and coffee shops where the New Hampshire primary is won and lost," political editor David Scott announced in a memo to staff on Tuesday. "In recent months, even as he continued covering GOP contenders, Steve took it upon himself to keep the AP's political reporting team organized and on

point, leading story discussion meetings and organizing coverage of key moments of the off-campaign year. His assistance has been invaluable to me as I get up to speed in Washington."

"Pretty cool how things turned out," wrote Peoples in an email to the Free Press, knowing that the 'In Brief's' section always needs stories. He said he'll always be grateful to the Free Press.

White House launches "It's On Us" campaign

Senior White House Officials and Generation Progress will held an on the record press conference call last week for college and university media to discuss the official launch of a new public awareness campaign to help prevent sexual assault on college campuses.

The campaign, launched on Friday at the White House by President Obama and Vice President Biden, is called "It's On Us" and builds on recommendations released earlier this year by the White House Task Force to Protect Students from Sexual Assault and brings the government and outside private partners together to raise awareness with college students and campus communities.

At last week's student senate meeting, Alex Greenlee, the undergraduate representative to the board of trustees mentioned the campaign to senators and encouraged them to take the campaign's pledge to not be a bystander on the campaign website.

Police Beat



Selections from the USM Department of Public Safety police log September 1 to September 17

Thursday, September 11

Something smells

12:08 p.m. - Odor of marijuana, unable to locate source - Upton-Hastings Hall, 52 University Way

Drinking games

11:53 p.m. - Liquor law violation. Subject transported to hospital following medical emergency - College Ave.

Friday, September 12

Did you hear that?

1:26 a.m. - Checked in on a noise. Subjects were all set. - G-20

Missing in Action

11:32 a.m. - Student was reported as not being in class. Subject is no longer attending school and is all set.- Payson Smith Hall, 96 Falmouth St.

Saturday, September 13

Break it up

9:16 a.m. - Disruptive and unwanted person present. Subject removed from building and trespassed. - Payson Smith Hall, 96 Falmouth St.

Sunday, September 14

Destructive behavior

8:31 a.m. -Report of damage to university property. - Portland, 501 Forest Ave.

Monday, September 15

Check-up

7:00 a.m. - Well being check, subject all set. - Philippi Hall, 19 Campus Ave Apt. 105

Hospital bound

11:47 a.m. - Subject transported to hospital following a medical emergency. - Angerson Hall, 40 Campus Ave.

Caught in the act

11:10 p.m. - Summons for a usable amount of marijuana issued to Jasmine S. Senatus, 18 of Gorham. - Upton Hastings Hall, 52 University Way

Tuesday, September 16

Five finger discount

6:17 p.m. - Officer responded in response of a disruptive person to calm the situation. - Upton Hastings Hall, 52 University Way

Wednesday, September 17

Leave me alone

7:16 p.m. - Report taken for theft of items - Sullivan Gym, 21 Falmouth St.

Thursday, September 18

It's getting hot in here

3:51 p.m. - Fire alarm activation. Gorham Fire Department responded and reset the system - Central Heat Plant, 37 University Way Ext.

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Arts & Culture



Sam Hill / Editor-in-Chief

Arcadia National Bar, located on Preble Street in Portland, combines video games with social drinking, which makes for a fun experience that brings together gamers and drinkers alike.

Francis Flisiuk
Managing Editor

It's time to take those drunken games of Mario Kart out of your dorm room and into a night on the town.

The recently opened Arcadia National Bar is drawing in consistent crowds of adults from several age groups, all of whom share a common love for drinking beer and playing classic video, arcade and pinball games.

Since the founding of the first popular "video game bar" in Brooklyn in 2004, barcades have gained popularity and popped up all over the country, with the newest entry in the social craze located right on Preble Street in Portland.

By combining a fully stocked bar including specialty drinks like "Falcon Punch" and over 25 old school video game consoles and pinball machines, the owners Dave Aceto and Ben Culver have created what many locals are calling a "very unique experience."

"Our place is getting popular because the old games evoke some nostalgia, but it's also somewhat hipster to go retro," said Culver. "I love watching the reactions of different people when they discover what kind of games we have."

"We're just excited to bring the culture of nerd to everybody," said Aceto. "We run the gambit of beer nerds, board game nerds, pinball nerds — it's really got everything."

Arcadia features a PS4, a Sega

Genesis, a PS2, a N64 and several arcade and pinball machines from the early 80's and 90's like the Simpsons, Pokemon Stadium, Street Fighter and Donkey Kong, most of which only cost a quarter to play.

"When people see the Sega Genesis with Sonic loaded on it in the corner of the bar, they just hunker down and play for hours," said Culver.

One side of the bar had a couple of people excitedly playing Sonic the Hedgehog Adventures on the Genesis, while next to them a larger group was spectating a particularly intense competitive match of DC Universe. When the Green Lantern eventually succumbed to Super-

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Ben Culver, Co-owner of Arcadia National Bar

man's finishing move, the gathering of people actively watching the match cheered raucously while waiting for their drinks.

"There's been a lot of yelling and shouting," said Culver. "Games like DC Universe and Street Fighter are more geared towards competition."

According to Culver, they've just acquired Super Smash Brothers but they won't bust it out until they're

ready to plan leaderboards and tournaments.

"That game is a whole realm, it's a world," said Culver. "There's a whole guild in Maine dedicated to that game."

On a Monday night the place was packed with people all of whom said that they grew up playing with games Arcadia offered. According to Matt Grassi, a 24 year old Portland local, Arcadia is unlike any bar in Portland and it was inevitable for a place like it to spring up in town. For Grassi, the unique atmosphere lends itself to two things: a good variety of games and a bar free from awkward social expectations.

"A lot of gamers are really loners," said Grassi. "This place is special because it's the perfect social environment for people like us."

Seamus McGrath was playing a strategy game called Faster Than Light on his iPad with his brother Spencer leaned against the table watching him. McGrath said he was taking a break and unwinding from all the other games by playing, well, another game.

"I don't have to fidget for quarters and I don't have to worry where I put my drink," said McGrath. "This is the only bar in Portland where you can just whip out your phone or tablet, play a game and not feel weird about it."

According to his brother Spencer McGrath, Arcadia is a haven for the socially awkward and stated that if he were to play Minecraft on his phone at Nova Res, he'd be re-

garded as a weirdo. But here in a bar where his appearance was described as "scheduled," he's right at home.

"This is a bar of distractions," said McGrath. "If there's ever an awkward pause after you've caught up with the life of an old friend, you can just say 'oh hey looks like they

"It's the only place in town you can actively do something while you drink," said Joe Harmon, who was intensely concentrating on an arcade game called "Ice Cold Beer." The game required raising and balancing a marble on top of the bar as you try to navigate through ten specific

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Matt Grassi, Local of Portland

have Galaga' and there's your out. I actually have something to do rather than awkwardly walk away from you."

Kayla Cogle, a Portland resident said that Arcadia provides a comfortable environment akin to one's own living room.

"If you're sitting alone people will come up and sit on the couch like they know you," said Cogle. "This place is a blast even if you're socially awkward and aren't good at small talk."

Cogle sat along a Mario-land decorated wall and remarked how familiar all the games felt.

"I grew up with the N64 and being obsessed with Pokemon," said Cogle. "I know all the games here."

holes. Once ten levels have been beaten, the victor earns a free beer from the bar.

"I haven't seen anyone do it yet, and I'm determined to be the first," said Harman.

Apart from all the games, there are future plans to hold beer tastings and cosplay events at Arcadia. Game and beer lovers like Harman and Cogle said that they'll definitely be back another time and are happy to meet new people here.

"I usually like anything combined with beer," said Harman. "But I've met some really nice people in here."

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Arts & Culture Recommends: The Planetarium



Anastasia Muca
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USM's planetarium, located in the basement of the Science building at the Portland campus, will be holding events to explore the sky, historically, presently and in its future. Right now planetarium goes, astronomers and star gazers are prepping for a total lunar eclipse.

Edward Gleason, planetarium manager, can assure that both the solar and lunar cycles occur continuously for thousands and thousands of years.

"The idea is to get outside, look up and enjoy the wondrous sky of Southern Maine," said Gleason. The dome displays power points, videos and the stars of the night sky promoting knowledge and curiosity for our galaxy. The events

are friendly to all ages and the information is accessible to any demographic. Gleason presents the information in a non-intimidating manner and everyone can learn something as he explains that the North Star is not the brightest in our galaxy.

The schedule for the months of September and October are all located on USM's website. Some upcoming events include Eight Planets and Counting, on Sept. 22 and the recurring Dinosaurs at Dusk! special on Sept. 22 and 26. Taking advantage of USM's planetarium is an absolute must. So bring a friend along for the show, and experience the amazing view within the planetarium.

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Album Review

U2's New Album sounds familiar to its 2000s fans



Electric Lady Studios

Sydney Donovan
Contributor

For anyone wielding an iPhone, you might notice something different about your iTunes library on your phone. Thanks to collaboration with Apple, the rock band U2 has released their new album, *Songs of Innocence*, exclusively to iTunes.

On every Apple phone, the album is automatically downloaded into your music library and seen on your purchased page. It's free, of course, but not all users may have wanted it in the first place.

I will admit that most of the songs seem to overproduce the sound quality of the drums, but it brings forth a nice mixture of electronics and live acoustic instruments. *Songs of Innocence* sounds like a mixture of their early 2000's albums, *All That You Can't Leave Behind* and *How to Dismantle an Atomic Bomb*.

Their new song "Every Breaking Wave" brings more of an alternative sound to it. It speaks about trust and how we often rely on things that are unpredictable. This message can be seen when Bono sings about how "Every sailor knows that the seas a friend-

made-enemy / Every shipwrecked soul knows what it is / To live without and to receive." Although the lyrics show deep meaning about unpredictability, there were no huge dynamic changes between chorus and verse. The introduction reminds listeners of their previous hit "With or Without You" because of the relaxed drumbeat and guitar tone.

Another new song on *Songs of Innocence*, "Volcano," incorporates a heavy bass intro. The message in this particular song speaks about the unpredictability of human beings. "Your eyes were like landing lights / They used to be the clearest blue / Now you don't see so well / The futures gonna land on you." U2's guitar player The Edge can switch between heavily distorted and clean sounding guitar tones.

Another song worth mentioning, titled "Sleep Like a Baby Tonight," is very electronically influenced with heavy synthesizers. It uses provoking lyrics and describes how sleeping acts as a saving grace from a state of repetition of a mundane lifestyle. "You're gonna sleep like a baby tonight / In your dreams, everything is alright / Tomorrow dawns like suicide." It produces a more laid back rhythm.

This album wasn't memorable, but acted more as a throwback to their old sounds. *Songs of Innocence* is worth a listen for any U2 fan who enjoyed early 2000s U2, and you definitely can't beat the price of the album.

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In Heavy Rotation

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



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Mad Men / AMC

I'm a little behind in my television because I decided to watch *Breaking Bad* three times through instead of moving on. There's something about *Mad Men* I just can't let go. The whiskey, the cigarettes, the women, the advertising. All perfect stress relievers in one show.

-Sam Hill
Editor-in-Chief



106.3 Rock

Free Beer and Hot Wings

Each morning I listen to this radio show on my way to school. It's one of the funniest things I've listened to in a long time, and it has a way of making early morning drives less miserable. Definitely listen to them if you haven't!

-Krysteana Scribner
Arts & Culture Editor



Decca Records

Lindsey Sterling Shatter Me

Alright so Youtube violinist Lindsey Sterling's second album is certainly not a new release, but it is to me. In fact I just discovered all of Sterling's electric dance numbers and beautiful video game covers for the first time and I can't get enough. Her haunting string notes and energetic beats has led to an instant follow on Spotify and maybe even a bit of a crush.

-Francis Flisiuk
Managing Editor

The Complexity of Coffee



Bruce Raymond / Multimedia Editor

Coffee By Design, a local coffee shop located on Diamond Street in Portland, offers free tours for any individuals interested in learning more about the science behind their brew.

Krysteana Scribner
Arts and Culture Editor

Students and faculty alike have always liked how caffeine makes them feel. Whether they have to attend that 8:00 a.m. lecture or work a late shift at their part-time job, they find that coffee keeps them going when they need to be alert and at their best performance.

"I love coffee," said Jenny Fogg, a sophomore health sciences major. "I've been trying to cut back though because I used to drink whole pots of coffee in a day, and it wasn't giving me the energy I needed anymore."

According to a National Coffee Association Survey done in 2013, over 83% of adult Americans consume caffeine, and some start at a young age.

"I started drinking coffee when I was 13," said Courtney Mann, a junior history major. "I have cut down. I used to drink so much coffee. Now I'm drinking two large coffees a day and sometimes it feels like I'm barely functioning."

John Broida, a professor of psychology, explained to the Free Press how coffee affects the brain.

"Coffee blocks adenosine - adenosine causes tiredness and the result is alertness," said Broida. "If we block something that

causes tiredness we make people more awake, and it ultimately increases metabolic activity."

While some students are in it for the caffeine boost, hoping it will get them through their homework for class the next morning, others care more about the flavor of their brew.

"I love Coffee By Design," said Fogg, explaining that she prefers the flavors of the company's custom USM flavor, Husky Blend.

At CBD on Diamond Street, the general manager Kevin Gastardi offers tours of his shop where the brewing process can be seen through a large glass window.

"We don't add any artificial flavors to our coffee because we don't want the smells to gravitate into the roasteries," said Gastardi, who proudly points to the roasteries attached to the building. "You can watch them make your coffee. There is no better experience than that."

CBD goes through a serious selection process to pick which roasts they sell to their customers.

"When we look for coffees, we only pick the top 1% arabica beans in the world. They are definitely the sweeter of the coffees and grow between five and eight thousand feet."

Gastardi explained a bit more about where coffee comes from saying that the Tropics of Cancer

and Capricorn are the areas coffee grows best.

"There are two types of coffee that the world consumes; Arabica Coffee, which is mild and aromatic; and Robusta, which is bitter tasting but has almost 50% more

also Cappuccino, Lattes, Iced, Decaf, Americano, Crema, you name it. There are so many types, and we serve them all."

Once you start drinking coffee, it can be hard to stop. So do you need to? A study done by The

age," said Matthew Francois, a junior history education major. "It was at that point that I decided to watch my spendings, because it just got too expensive."

This raises an important question to all individuals who love coffee but feel the need to cut down. What if you want to stop drinking coffee or reduce your intake? According to a study done by the New England Journal of Medicine, a minority of moderate regular caffeine consumers experience some amount of clinical depression, anxiety, low vigor or fatigue when discontinuing their caffeine use.

"I started drinking coffee when I was 21, so I developed a taste for it later on in life compared to students these days. For me, it's more about the taste than for the caffeine consumption," said Chris Harriman, an administrative specialist, who also said that she couldn't live without coffee.

Next time you buy coffee, take into consideration your wallet, your brain and the process that goes into brewing a perfect cup.

I used to get coffee almost everyday, so I decided to estimate how much money I spent on coffee. Turns out I'm losing about \$1090.00 a year on average.

Matthew Francois, Junior History education Major

caffeine than Arabica."

James Frydrych, an employee at CBD, sips his coffee in between shifts. "I drink quite a bit of coffee, sometimes too much. My favorite right now is our El Salvador. It's a nice medium bodied cup that has a sweet lemon taste to it."

Frydrych explains that there are so many ways to prepare coffee. "Espresso isn't a particular type of bean, roast or blend. It's the way the coffee is prepared. There's

School of Psychology at Cardiff University states that when caffeine is consumed in moderation by the majority of the population, there is unlikely to be many negative effects.

College students are more often concerned about the effects on their wallets, not their bodies.

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Listings

Monday, September 22

Author Melissa Coleman Book Discussion
Bayside Bowl
58 Alder St.
Starts: 6:00 p.m.

Spirits Alive Summer Tour
Eastern Cemetery
224 Congress St.
Starts: 1:30 p.m. / Ends: 2:30 p.m.

143rd Annual Cumberland County Fair
197 Blanchard Road, Cumberland, ME
Monday through Sunday: Starts: 9:00 a.m. / Ends: 9:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 23

Lecture: Portland Water District in Pictures 1908-2008
Maine Historical Society
489 Congress St.
Starts: 12:00 p.m. / Ends: 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 24

“Brighton Beach Memoirs,” By Neil Simon
Portland Stage Company
25 Forest Ave.
Starts: 7:30 p.m.

Portland Comedy Showcase
Bull Feeney’s
375 Fore St.
Starts: 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 25

Historical Walking Tour of Portland
Maine Historical Society
489 Congress St.
Starts: 1:30 p.m. / Ends: 3:00 p.m.

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

Friday, September 26

Wicked Walking Tours
In front of Flatbread & Ri Ra
72 Commercial St.
Starts: 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 27

Twilight in the Park: Remembering out Lost Loved Ones
Deering Oaks Park, Portland, ME
Starts: 6:30 p.m. / Ends: 7:30 p.m.

The Black Lips
Port City Music Hall
504 Congress St.
Starts: 9:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 28

Fryeburg Fair Opening Day
1154 Main St., Fryeburg, ME
All Day Event

Top 5: Overlooked Artwork On Campus



Bruce Raymond / Multimedia Editor

Nestled in the lobby of Corthell Hall on the Gorham Campus, the sculpture “Environment Z” features anchors and rudders hanging from copper chains

Dora Thompson
Contributor

1.) **Gorham Attic drawing installation:** In the uppermost floor of the oldest structure on campus, the Academy Building, there is an enchanting secret. Off limits to the general public because of safety issues, this art installment is worth braving the creaky floorboards and ducking under a beam or two. In 2004, visiting artist in residence Jamie Snyder created a mysterious geometric piece in this attic. It involves of bits of paper, each about 1 inch by 3 inches. Ridged in black pen, they form triangle patterns and cover the entire peaked ceiling, except its mighty beams. In the daylight, the work is lit by a cupola, the small dome-like structure on top of the Academy Building.

According to Michael Shaughnessy, a professor of sculpture, as the sun goes down the attic is lit by ultraviolet lights creating a dramatic and soft transition. The result is a strange and glowing wallpaper, hidden in the corner of an ancient attic, unknown to many students who work beneath it.

Snyder was able to produce this art because of Artist-In-Residence program. This has been in operation since 1986, and consists of the university inviting an artist to create a piece for the campus and community, and host a class and discussions for students. The Artist-In-Residence usually stays

for about seven weeks.

Their Artist -In-Residence program offering students an opportunity work with contemporary artists and those artists to work in ways and on projects they may not ever have the opportunity for.

2.) **USM Earthwork:** You might not even realize this is art until you’re standing directly on top of it. The late James S. Pierce’s work outside the Brooks Student Center in Gorham is made out of the ground itself. It is called “USM Earthwork” and is a grassy raised mound, looping and swirling across the green. It is not in as great of condition as when it was built in 1993 with the help of USM students. It is one of the only earthworks that is outside of Pierce’s home and is still a favorite hangout spot for students on a sunny day.

3.) **The Encyclopedia:** In the third floor of the Glickman Library in Portland, there is literary inspiration on the walls. In 1994, Artist-In-Residence Scott McCarney used his love for Encyclopedias to create an art piece for USM. He took the 1960 edition of a 30 volume set of Encyclopedias and selected images and articles of interest for his piece. He used these bits of paper to created a giant carved tiled hand (McCarney’s own hand, in fact). The white parts represent text and the black parts represent images. The idea was to make the hand look rather pixelated and digital,

yet have it come from masses amounts of actual printed word. The Encyclopedia’s also inspired McCarney to take a cave painting approach with his hand print. The result is in the perfect setting of the third floor of The Glickman Library.

4.) **Environment Z:** Nestled in the lobby of Corthell Hall in Gorham is Jin Soo Kim’s haunting hodge podge of nautical items. With the help of USM art students, this Chicago born Artist-In-Residence designed this piece to represent our connection with the sea, and how we rely on it for our livelihood and pleasure. The sculpture, titled “Environment Z,” features anchors and rudders hanging from copper chains to create a striking effect that might go unnoticed by students on their way to music lessons.

5.) **The Common Ground Gazebo:** In 2000, Alan Holt created The Common Ground Gazebo, an inspiring piece in the Back Bay Community Garden on the Portland Campus. This large gazebo sports 120 hand decorated tiles by the elders and children of the community. It also features the words “Community, Spirit, Place” etched on it’s multi-sided skylight in six different languages, representing the ethnicities of the children part of the project.

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Perspectives

Our opinion: *USM's student body deserves a more committed student senate*

The attendance and involvement issue that has plagued the Student Senate has, hopefully, reached its highest points.

At last week's senate meeting, four senators were absent, the senate was unable to make quorum to begin their meeting and important discussions were pushed to next week for the sake of saving time. Two senators also defaulted and were removed from the senate because they had been absent too often.

Trust us, we know students lead busy lives and sometimes we have to pick and choose what we have time to do. We just don't think senate meetings are one of those responsibilities to sweep under the rug. Senators cited visiting their family and working to pay the bills as excuses for their absences last week and, while those can be legitimate excuses most days, we feel now isn't the right time to take a break.

The atmosphere at USM is tense and is only going to get worse. The student body needs the senate to serve as a bridge between themselves, USM's administration and system-level officials. As servants of the students, now is not the time

to take a break or slack-off when it comes to paying attention to what's happening all around us. Programs, jobs and the quality of education is constantly on the line and the student body needs vocal students to represent them. There are plenty of active students in system-level discussions, but not many that the administration has to attention to.

Last year, the Student Senate did what they could to make the voices of USM's student body known. They cast a vote of no confidence in former president Theodora Kalikow and her council. They passed a resolution supporting the Metropolitan University plan, but condemning how the administration was approaching the budget issues, the retrenchment of faculty and program eliminations.

Last Friday, Alex Greenlee, the same undergraduate representative that assisted the senate in their decision last year, offered the senate a chance to relay their message and concerns to the board of trustees at this Monday's meeting, but no serious discussion on the matter took place. No senator asked any questions, gave their opinion on the programs likely to be elimi-

nated or asked for anyone else's. One senator asked Greenlee to explain which programs were going to be eliminated, which is information that has been in the headlines of the Free Press, Bangor Daily News and Portland Press Herald since March.

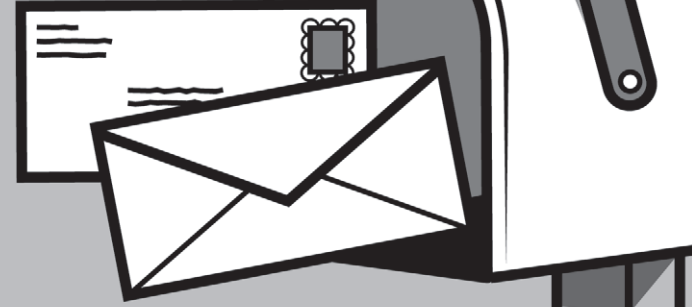
Being a member of the senate is a big responsibility, a serious time commitment and a sometimes complicated position to be in. Knowing how to work the constitution, commanding senate meetings, handling a budget and holding office hours are all sizable tasks, but we don't think they should distract from the basics: be present and connect with the students.

The number one goal of the senate right now should be learning about the financial troubles USM, surveying students about the issues and relaying that information to the administration so student's have a voice in the future of this university. Oh, and filling senate seats, too. Talking about and planning on doing something isn't the same as taking a stand and solving problems.

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Students for #USMFuture

Who really rules the school?

Philip Shelley
Contributor

Here's a quick civics lesson for USM students, especially new or transfer students who may not know how their school is governed: USM is one of the 7 campuses that form the public university system for the state of Maine. Each school has its own president and provost, but the system as a whole is run by a chancellor who serves as the CEO for the entire system. The chancellor is appointed by the UMaine System's board of trustees, and the Trustees, in turn, are appointed for 5 year terms by the governor of Maine, and those appointments must be approved by the Maine Legislature.

In our divided political landscape, trustee appointments have profound political implications. They are no longer a matter of pro forma rubber-stamping by a complacent legislature, content to let the system more or less run itself, the UMaine System no longer hums along in any kind of status quo, if it ever did. Instead our university system is in the process of being radically transformed by an activist chancellor and a board of trustees stacked with appointees who are more and more transparently partisan, serving a larger political agenda.

Most people reading this know that USM is in crisis. The administration claims that there is a current budget shortfall of \$16 million (having risen mysteriously from a publicly stated \$12.5 million just a month ago) and that three popular programs are scheduled to be elimi-

nated on Monday, Sept. 22. Wholesale reorganization and massive faculty and staff layoffs are planned for October. If we let this happen, what remains in the smoking crater that used to be USM will be barely recognizable.

When I say "we" I mean us, the people reading this essay, and mostly I mean the students of USM. The students are the people who really rule the school. As USM's paying customers and the future of Maine, students wield an incredible amount of power. Nothing scares the board of trustees more than the sight of organized students flaunting their critical faculties in public. And nothing is more effective in bringing about positive change.

As it stands, there are no qualifications at all for a seat on the board other than political connections. But how cool would it be if there was a law that required the board to have, say, a certain gender balance, or a minimum of minority seats, or proportional regional representation? What if individual members had to demonstrate some kind of competency and experience in dealing with higher education or academic issues?

If there were such a set of legislated standards for board membership, we would probably be able to avoid politically extreme candidates such as recent LePage nominee Susan Dench, a conservative activist and former Bangor Daily News blogger, who donated a couple of thousand dollars to LePage's re-election campaign, and whose husband is LePage's campaign treasurer.

To get an idea of the underlying austerity political agenda at work, here is a quote from Dench's blog, where she writes about the organizational advantages enjoyed by private schools, which are not saddled with burdens such as teachers' unions:

"Without union interference, non-public schools can turn the ship on a dime. Hiring, and on occasion firing, also becomes a much more efficient undertaking."

Not coincidentally, that exact same ability to turn the "ship" on a dime was also stressed in David Flanagan's official remarks on the day he was introduced as USM's new president when he said that we could create a "leaner USM" that is more "service-oriented."

But maybe students don't want a leaner, more service-oriented university, with professional degrees churned out like so much fast food. Maybe what we want is ongoing access to a first-class educational institution that is comparable in practice and reputation and academic continuity to the best private colleges.

The legislative confirmation hearing for new board of trustee nominees will be held at the State House in Augusta on Sept 26. Students can show who rules the school by writing and calling the board of trustees and our State Representatives, and by attending and testifying at the board of trustees confirmation hearing. This is an opportunity for the students to become part of the process and spur a new era of investing in USM instead of cutting and dismantling.

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A view from across the pond, the city of Winchester

Learning the cultural differences between the US and UK

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The city of Winchester, which has the feel of the city of Portland condensed into about a quarter of the size, is home to, among many domestic businesses, a McDonald's, a Subway and a Starbucks. What makes Winchester's Starbucks different than the one's we're used to, is that it sits in a building that is approximately 400 years old. The first floor is entirely recognizable: glass walls emblazoned with the mermaid insignia, a few tables outside, a dark fake-wood counter inside and all the sugary flavors you could wish for. But just above the tables of appreciative British customers is a maintained frontispiece for the original building, a sort of Dutch architectural design, with wooden timbers, white plaster and a pointed peak roof. Below, young Winchester students vigorously type on iPhones, listen to the latest hit songs from the American charts, and perhaps discuss American Idol or America's Next Top Model.

It is this sort of cultural amalgam that I am thrown into. I am, and feel, entirely international and foreign as an American student here. I can barely get through a sentence without tripping over the odd little differences in syntax. When I mention the colour of my pants, I hear snickers, for "pants" are underwear and "trousers" are pants here. I haven't been drinking (legally, that is) since I was eighteen, like most students. And I still cannot entirely decipher a cockney accent.

And yet, the influence of Americanism follows me constantly. The result of a combination of cultural

imperialism, a huge amount of popular cultural production and a shared language (for the most part), America and all its trends are a driving force in English pop culture. This offers me a neat viewpoint of my own identity, as an American, but as one who has had the privilege of the unique lifestyle one encounters in Maine. Let's explore a few things that become blazingly obvious when observing the U.S. through a foreign lens.

First off, there is no such thing as an "American" culture. This is something we hear over and over again, but usually fail to fully recognize. The United States are just that, individual states, united by a common government and a common language. Beyond that, a Texan can be as different from a Mainer as a Scot. In fact, Maine is almost perfectly equidistant from the U.K. as it is from the opposite side of the country.

There are things to be proud of the United States for! With political upheaval, primitive social practices and an often cynical and sometimes hostile notion of American culture, it was a relief to hear Brits speak positively about what they love about the states, our music, our movies and surprisingly some aspects of our government. We still remain an inspiration for the rest of the world.

Yes, the rest of the world thinks we are fat. We can laugh about it, we can be proud of our wealth and indulgences, but in the end, how can we wear the mantle of a progressive nation when we cannot keep ourselves healthy—a critical element of a nation's happiness?

My list could go on, but I'll limit myself here. Suffice to say that as an American, I am a new exotic



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A street view of a downtown area in Winchester, England where Conte is studying abroad.

character to those around me. I represent failures, successes, a place of inspiration and a place of danger. I am plagued by our legacy of school shootings, and applauded by a government which, though we feel is in every way inept, remains the test subject for the rest of the world.

During an orientation meeting this week, our International Student Advisor Alasdair Spark commented on (here I paraphrase) how we don't really get the opportunity to know ourselves, until we look at ourselves away from our environment. By

looking at American culture through the British lens, I continue to see tremendous difficulty: political frigidness that benefits no one, social, racial, and class divides. Poverty is a system of popularizing drivel rather than real art. But I also see a more hopeful version of the United States, a United States that hopefully we can realize as the rest of the world hopes we can. A place where artists are given the opportunity to create, people of all backgrounds are given the opportunity to speak and upward mobility is a reality, rather

than a mere possibility. I hope that I not only find a new appreciation for those parts of the U.S that should be celebrated, but also do the same in my own life, looking at myself. Let me be critical, let me be appraising and let me never be satisfied, but always pursuant, of a better self. The next few months in Winchester will hopefully help me do just that.

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

Corrections:

Last issue, in an article titled "This is an experiment": Faculty expresses concerns for budget timeline," two quotes were incorrectly attributed to Nancy Richeson, a former professor of recreation and leisure studies at USM. They should have been attributed to Nancy Gish, a professor of English.

In an article titled "Multicultural students discuss diversity and discrimination," we incorrectly attributed Hassan and Ali's quotes to one another. The quotes were in reverse.



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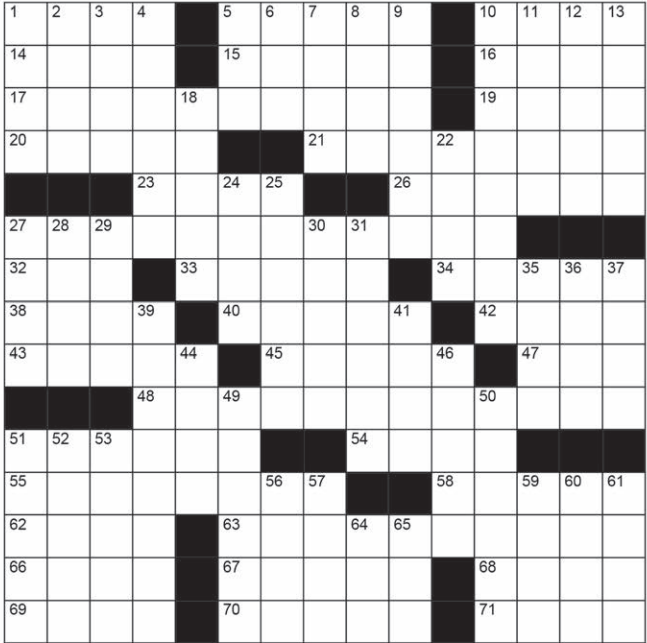
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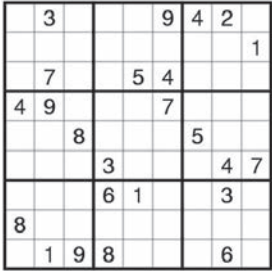
- Across
1. Computer keys: Abbr.
5. Face-valued, as stocks
10. Make compact, as pipe tobacco
14. Painter Jose Maria
15. Stomach soother
16. Opposite of unter, in German
17. Pages read by a piano player
19. Comedic actress Martha
20. Saltpeter: Brit.
21. Beats convincingly
23. Org. overseeing fairness in hiring
26. Explains, with "up"
27. Fonda/Hepburn classic film
32. Sign between Cancer and Virgo
33. Tennis champ Monica
34. One of the Three Musketeers
38. Physical
40. Opera stars
42. Alley Oop's lady
43. Attorney - ____
45. ____ Wafers (cookie brand)
47. Do some tailoring
48. He's on the 5,000 dollar bill
51. Popular swimwear
54. Contentedly confident
55. Exteriors
58. Sweetener
62. Wood strip
63. Contrition
66. Italian vineyard region
67. First month on a calendar
68. Chipmunk meal
69. Offspring, genealogically: Abbr.
- Down
1. N.A.A.C.P., e.g.
2. City on Utah Lake
3. Weight allowance
4. Home audio system
5. Gulf war's Patriot, for one: Abbr.
6. Har-____ (tennis surface)
7. Contribute to a newsgroup
8. Eastern V.I.P.
9. Highly ornamented style
10. Sought aid from
11. Manila hemp
12. Notorious Lansky
13. Get the wrinkles out of



70. Hair colorers
71. Play ____ (do some tennis)
18. Sesame plants
22. It's longer than the radius
24. Took too much of a drug, briefly
25. "A New Day Has Come" singer Dion
27. Olive for Ovid
28. Counterperson's call
29. Hockey score
30. Alexander Hamilton's birthplace
31. Old Testament book after Job
35. Big "Bonanza" brother
36. Butterine
37. Cut, in Cheshire
39. Grand
41. Don't merely close
44. Desert stream
46. Parched
49. King Arthur's killer
50. Desert critter
51. Teary 1960 Everly Brothers hit
52. Vital sign
53. Californie et Pennsylvanie, e.g.
56. "____ meeny miney mo"
57. Graf ____, German battleship
59. Wildebeests
60. Entr'--
61. Musical marking
64. Bollix
65. Powerball selections: Abbr.

Sudoku

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



Cryptogram

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

EBSDK E FEPWSHEG
BWPPDK VKDZ FWL
GELS PKDESF, W
LHXXMLD FD ZMHGV
GWD LSWGG.

And here is your hint:

D = E

The solution to last issue's crossword



Weekly Horoscope

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

Aries ★★★★★
March 21-April 19

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

Taurus ★★★★★
April 20-May 20

A day for fantasies and fairy tales with family. Indulge your imagination and enjoy the world of magic and make-believe.

Gemini ★★
May 21-June 20

A child or person near you is more needy than usual today, and you'll want to help. Do what's necessary, but not too much!

Cancer ★★★★★
June 21-July 22

Warmth, caring and love are essential today. Cherishing someone and being cherished are more important than passion.

Leo ★★★
July 23-August 22

You can be unusually dramatic today--almost "casting a spell" on your audience. Be noticed!

Virgo ★★★★★
August 23-September 22

New alliances can bring money-making ideas into your life. Explore your possibilities.

Libra ★★
September 23-October 22

Arguments come easily or people play word games. Exercise your quick wits with a mental challenge or constructive communication.

Scorpio ★★★★★
October 23-November 21

Leisure involves beauty. This could range from a personal make-over, to watching the sunset, creating something beautiful, etc.

Sagittarius ★★★★★
November 22-December 21

Now's the time to exercise your power. Fight for justice. Sign petitions or write letters for causes you care about. Demonstrate.

Capricorn ★★★★★
December 22-January 19

You and your partner are torn between experimenting tonight and sticking to the familiar. A little bit of both can be enjoyable.

Aquarius ★★
January 20-February 18

You'll feel somewhat restless and could be too diversified in your activities today. Keep clear priorities.

Pisces ★★
February 19-March 20

Your need for structure and organization could go overboard. Plan leisure activities, but remember to relax too!

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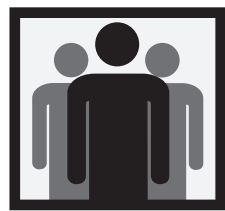
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USM COMMUNITY PAGE



Community Spotlight:

Cyber-Security lab trains USM student hackers

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Managing Editor

In a world where cyber-attacks and heists pose a very real threat, USM is arming its IT students with the knowledge of not only how to repel them but how to release viruses themselves.

Thanks to a \$1.3 million grant from the National Science Foundation and Maine Technology Institute, a new Cyber-Security Lab has recently opened up on the Portland campus and is serving as a place where students can learn all the tools and tricks of the hacker trade.

According to Stephen Houser, the director of IT, a research based private network was funded to become a sandbox for student hackers to infect with virus ridden software, spy on other users, create traffic to fake sites and hack into programs. Part of Houser's job is to make sure their experimentations don't leak out onto USM's actual working system network.

"They'll be launching live viruses on this isolated network," said Houser. "The best way we can learn about the vulnerabilities is to do a bit of reverse engineering and see how they're built."

Edward Sihler, the technical director of the cyber-security lab, said that in order to truly understand what a virus is made of, you have to build one from scratch.

"If you haven't actually tried to write an encryption algorithm, you just won't understand the risk," said Sihler.

Sihler delicately showed a quadcore Linux computer chip that had a gigabyte of ram in it. He said that it could be physically placed on any device you're trying to tap into, and it will dial home through a network and give a hacker full control of the device with a full version of the Linux software.

"This sucker is powerful," said Sihler. "Would you even notice this device if it was dangling to the side of your printer or computer?"

According to Eric Dubois, a senior informations and communications technology major, the cyber risks extend far past external devices compromising your laptop. Dubois is currently working on an "experience a cyber event" demonstration, where he will inform attendees on the dangers of using a public wifi.

Alex Weeman, a sophomore in the same major, who plans to be a network analyst with the skills he's learning in the lab said that if he were sitting in a Starbucks he could steal people's banking and credit card information, even if both the computer and the wifi are password protected.

"Don't do your banking over wifi," said Weeman. "Hackers can get in through port scanning and packet sniffing."

Michael Gusev, a junior computer programmer, said that once this information is stolen, it's uploaded to marketplaces on the dark web, which he himself could access.

"It's actually quite easy," said Gusev. "It's pretty frightening because there are hundreds of these sites, stealing and profiting from your data."

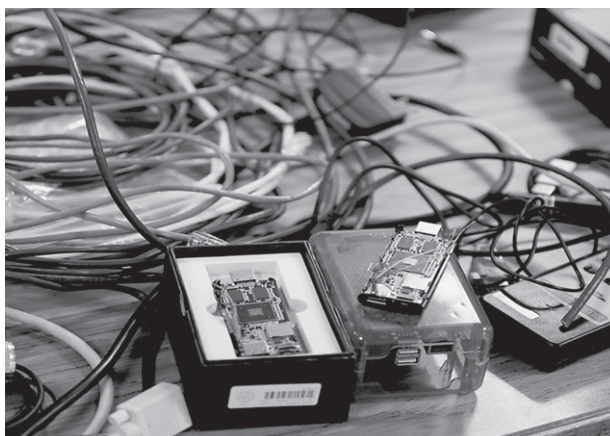
According to Houser, we live in a time where now, more than ever, people are worried about their privacy and security online. According to Houser, Shaw's, Home Depot and OTTO's Pizza just recently suffered data breaches. Last year, a hacker attack left the retail store Target responsible for the loss of 42 million customer credit cards, some of which belonged to Mainer and were being sold on black market web stores. Houser said that people who know skills like online theft prevention and digital forensics are becoming highly desirable in today's booming tech industry.

"I'm mostly worried about a new type of virus that can infect your computer and encrypt all your files so you can't open any," said Houser.

USM's Division of Information and Technology is expanding its cyber security curriculum to also include classes in the philosophy and communications departments. Houser said that it's important to learn about these issues from a variety of angles.

"We need to make sure students are aware of what's right and what's wrong by interjecting some ethics," said Houser.

Maureen Ebben, a professor in the communication and media studies department, will serve as the faculty re-



Bruce Raymond / Multimedia Editor

(TOP) Kyle Perreault, Michael Gusev, Alex Weeman and Eric Dubois sit in the cyber-security lab and talk about their future plans in IT. (ABOVE) The Linux computer chip amongst various power cables. (RIGHT) Edward Sihler shows off the quadcore computer chip saying it would be easy to overlook if a hacker discreetly placed it on someone's device.

search associate for the cyber security cluster and offers a course called human communication in the digital age. Students in this course will examine cyber security from a communication and public relations standpoint, learning the best way to disseminate sensitive and upsetting information to the public in the least damaging way possible.

"These cases of cyber-attacks usually result in a breach of privacy, so the delicate and appropriate level of communication during such a situation is vital," said Ebben.

Houser said that he remains optimistic that students will learn valuable and extremely relevant skills in this new cluster, noting that the word hacker used to be a compliment. According to him, it's now a derogatory term for an internet thief, but it used to refer to people that tinkered and tried to upgrade their own hardware.

"Good hackers aren't trying to invade someone else's computer," said Houser. "They are trying to experiment with a system trying to find out what technology can really do for them."

However, Houser said that people will always try to break into computers regardless of what they teach people. According to Houser, the internet, much like anywhere else in life, is not 100% safe from threats. And even if you don't choose to put something online, it's probably online anyway and technically at risk.

"Even if you don't bank online, your bank banks online," said Houser. "Your money isn't cash tucked in a safe



somewhere, it's in bits and bytes."

Houser referred to a quote by Helen Keller, that he described as "incredibly relevant," to help illustrate the point that true security, unfortunately, is nothing more than an illusion.

"Security is mostly a superstition. It does not exist in nature, nor do the children of men as a whole experience it. Avoiding danger is no safer than outright exposure. Life is either a daring adventure, or nothing at all," wrote Keller.

All of the students in the lab are committed to intensifying Keller's "illusion of security," by looking for jobs in related fields once they graduate. Kyle Perreault, a senior IT major, considers himself a white hat hacker, which means he'll be applying his knowledge towards good purposes.

"Hackers and crackers have been misinterpreted," said Perrault. "Not all are doing bad things."

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Student Profile: Student Body President Kyle Frazier

“ I’m trying to make students love the university more. If they could love this place half as much as I do, it’d be a much better experience.”

Kyle Frazier, student body president



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Free Press Staff

USM student body president Kyle Frazier is the kind of person who is able to talk to anybody comfortably. He can switch from talking about football in one sentence and school politics in the next. And he’s comfortable and charming in all topics. The Lisbon, Maine native was elected last spring in a landslide over opponents Jordan Miles and Erin Carlson. His election has been a culmination of a journey that started back in 2011.

Frazier admits that he used to be rarely involved in campus life outside of the classroom. That changed when he joined one of the most prominent fraternities on campus, Phi Mu Delta.

“I didn’t do anything on campus my freshman year,” Frazier said. “I did nothing until I joined Phi Mu Delta, and that is basically what led to everything.”

After joining, Frazier quickly got involved in student government. He cites close friend and former Phi Mu chapter president and student senator Christian Evans as the primary reason he joined student senate. “Christian offered me the opportunity and I seized it,” Frazier said.

Frazier also cited that former student body president Chris Camire served as a major inspiration. “Seeing him speak to all the students compelled me to want that, but I didn’t think it’d actually happen,” he said. “I knew that I really wanted to become student body president as soon as a friend of mine, Isaac Misiuk, ran and was defeated by last year’s student body president Kelsea Dunham.” Frazier also gave

his predecessor Dunham credit as a major source of motivation. “I saw everything that Kelsea did and her passion for the students and I felt that I could do the same.”

Frazier, a “lifelong” Republican, chose Democrat Rebecca Tanous as his running mate, but doesn’t believe that partisan politics belong in student government.

Frazier said that he believes that they will balance each other well, because they have a close friendship and a strong ability to work together to meet a common goal.

“She [Tanous] knows people I don’t know and we balance each other as far as personalities go,” said Frazier.

Frazier reflected on his campaign experience and said, “I’ve never been more stressed out in my entire life! But it was fun.” According to him it was unlike anything he’s ever worked Frazier said that one of the best aspects of his time as president was his opportunity to become more of a social extrovert. Since becoming elected, he’s had the time to introduce and meet a lot of students.

“I had a reason to approach students I’d never seen before,” said Frazier.

Frazier admits he was nervous at the sole presidential debate, but only “until the first question was asked.”

“Looking back, I said ‘um’ way too many times, but it wasn’t difficult for me because I care so passionately about this university,” said Frazier.

He described the moment he found out that he won as a rather comic affair.

“Will Gattis, who was Vice Chair of the student senate at the time, pulled me aside and said ‘I have some bad news,’ and he

put his head down and said ‘you’re going to be the next student body president.’ And I could’ve cried honestly, I was so happy and so relieved, knowing that enough students cared enough to elect me.”

Frazier described the current budget situation as a “pretty sticky situation.”

“A lot of people have been almost like sympathizing for me, but I’m more honored that the students chose me to be the guy to try to help them through this,” said Frazier. “I know it’s not gonna be easy, and I know that everything that I try to do might not be well received by all the students.”

According to Frazier cuts are coming and he certainly will not overlook student opinions on that sensitive issue. “

It’s my job to bridge the gap between the students and the administration, and I’m ready to do that,” said Frazier.

Frazier has met with the new interim University President David Flanagan and thinks that he’s a really cool guy. He sympathizes with the president by saying “I feel for him,” due to the challenges he faces.

“He’s here to do what he has to do, and I’m gonna try to support him as much as I can but also make sure that he knows the students’ voice.”

Frazier stressed that he wants the students to not be afraid to come to him and resolve any issues they have.

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Campus Events

Monday, September 22

USM Mindfulness Meditation Group
Multipurpose Room, Sullivan Gym, Portland
4:00 p.m.

Film Showing: Private Violence
Hannaford Hall, Portland
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 23

USM Libraries Open House
7th floor, Glickman Library, Portland
3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Southern Maine Open Mic Night
Woodbury Campus Center, Portland
7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 24

Honors Hour is Back!!!
253 Luther Bonney, Portland
12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Cards Against Humanity Night
Brooks Student Center, Gorham
8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 25

Community Garden Raised Bed Building Party
USM Community Garden, in front of Sullivan Gym, Portland
4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Actors’ Lab Staged Reading:
The Well of Horniness
Russell Hall, Gorham
7:30 p.m.

Pingo!
Brooks Student Center, Gorham
9:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Friday, September 26

Board of Student Organizations Meeting
10 Bailey Hall, Gorham & Luther Bonney, Talbot Lecture, Portland
9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) training
Payson Smith, Room 306, Portland
3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

USM Chopped
Brooks Student Center, Gorham
8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 27

Celebrate World Tourism Day - Tour
Stutzman Farm Cafe and Dover-Foxcroft
Van pick up in front of Woodbury Campus Center, Portland
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Old-Fashioned Outdoor Band Concert
On the Green at Corthell Hall, Gorham
1:00 PM

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