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## UMaine system moving towards more efficient energy

**Zachary Searles**  
News Editor

Last Thursday, the University of Maine System released an energy and sustainability report that stated across the system, Maine campuses have reduced their carbon emissions by 26 percent since 2006.

In 2006, the UMaine system as a whole was releasing 97,500 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent into the atmosphere. In 2010, a committee was formed with a representative from each campus, whose goal was to try and bring this number down.

By 2014, emissions were lowered 26 percent to 72,500 metric tons of carbon dioxide being released.

For the past two years USM has been talking about transitioning to another source of fuel other than oil. The conversion required a loan from the University of Maine System's office for \$3 million and that covered the cost of the removal and replacement of the heating system that has been used since the sixties.

"It does a lot of good things for us. It helps us, obviously, with our price point, it's much cheaper than oil," said President of the university, Glenn Cummings.

This conversion will save USM 11% on what they spend for heating costs, those savings can then

be put towards scholarships, new investments, or even hiring new faculty.

"We have a chance to set a good example for our students, we're reducing our carbon footprint and we're using more sustainable, long term forms of energy," said President Cummings.

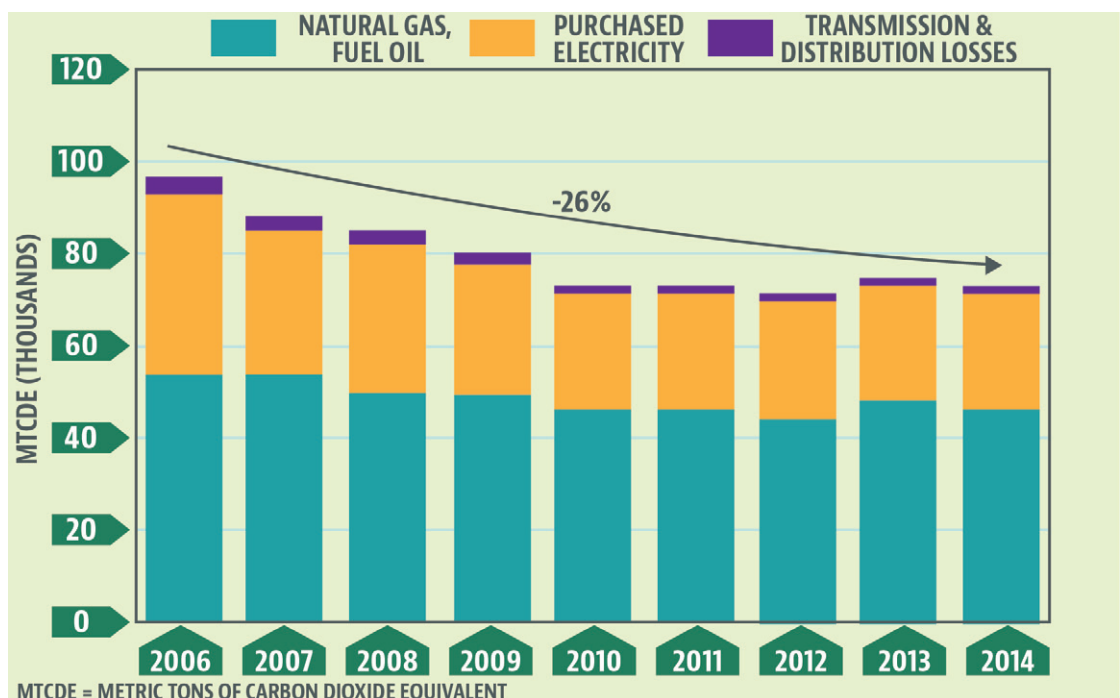
Cummings did mention that this is only the beginning and university is looking into more ways than just this to be more sustainable and efficient when it comes to heating and fuel use.

"We're looking at a master plan for the campus that would include much larger commitments to sustainability," said President Cummings.

The oil burner was highly inefficient, by just installing these new natural gas boilers it will increase efficiency by 15 percent, meaning that per any one unit of energy, we can now get 15 percent more energy out of that unit.

The energy and sustainability report also stated that the UMaine system is going to decrease its dependency on oil by around 49 percent, going from over a million gallons of oil each year, to around 536,000.

"Oil is not sustainable in the long run, we know it's a resource that has limits, it also has an enormous implication for our carbon produc-



Hannah Lyon / Design Director

Since 2006, the University of Maine system has cut it's carbon emissions by 26 percent.

tion which threatens our long term survivability," said President Cummings.

According to Cummings, this transition to more sustainable energy sources is a "triple win" for the university. "It saves money, it sets a good example and it allows us to attract more students."

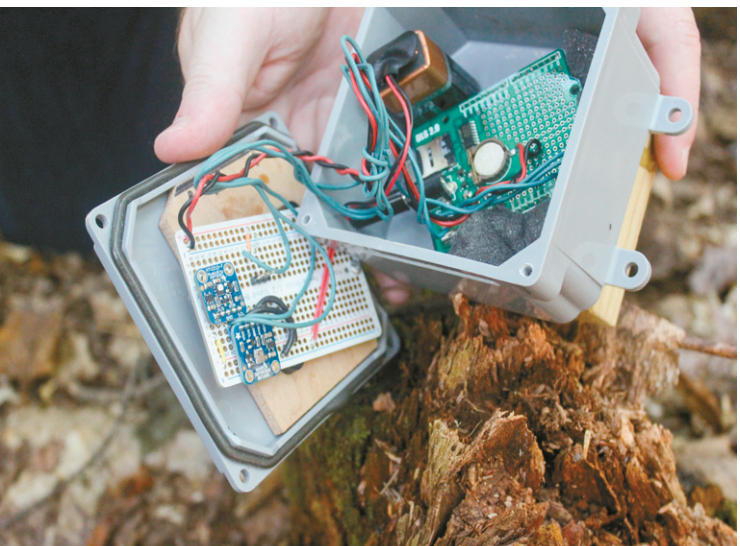
President Cummings mentioned a poll that stated 72 percent of students stated that a university's commitment to the environment does play a role when they decide which college to attend.

"To the extent that we're doing this kind of work means that the community, the nation, and the

state begins to look at us as somebody who really backs up our commitment to the environment and to saving money," said President Cummings.

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## Smart Forest Initiative to begin in Hemlock Forest



Nate Baril / Free Press Staff

A sensor used to measure the weather conditions in Hemlock Forest.

**Erica Jones**  
Free Press Staff

A publicly-accessible research forest is being developed on the Gorham campus of USM.

Hemlock Forest, which already provides the university and the Gorham community with an area for hands-on learning and beautiful views, will be established as a research forest based on the United States Department of Ag-

riculture's Smart Forest initiative in order to provide live access to environmental sensor data online for climate change research, according to USM's Office of Public Affairs.

USM's Smart Forest Initiative is led by Dr. Joseph Staples, a lecturer in the Department of Environmental Science and Policy. Also working on the Smart Forest project is USM graduate student Chelsea Malacara, who is studying Policy, Planning, and Management.

"I see the forest as this hidden gem that the school has, and the more we do with it and the more students and faculty from all departments get involved, the more of a unique place it will become," said Malacara.

As stated in the press release about the project written by Malacara, over the next three years USM's Smart Forest project will receive \$39,000 to deploy sensors throughout the forest. The sensors that are currently in place

measure the weather conditions of the forest, including wind speed, rainfall, and air temperature, as well as soil temperature.

The data obtained from the sensors will be published online alongside sensor data from other forests in the USDA's Smart Forest Initiative program.

"We also hope to add sensors and other technology that could monitor changes in canopy cover [or] gasses in the air," said Malacara of future plans for the sensors.

One project currently underway is monitoring forest regeneration. "We are taking tree core samples, measuring diameter at breast height (DBH), analyzing the forest canopy," explains Malacara, "and over the year, adding soil testing and analyzing debris and leaf litter." There have already been four monitored plots set up.

Hemlock Forest was always an important part of the environment in Gorham, and with the Smart Forest Initiative, it will continue to remain an educational resource

and community retreat.

Next year, project members hope to install trail signs in the forest and establish the trails on MaineTrailFinder.com. Currently, clean-up events are held intermittently and volunteers are encouraged to join the effort to rejuvenate the forest.

The hope for USM's Smart Forest is that not only will it provide important environmental data to monitor climate change, but it will provide educational opportunities for students in the Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math (S.T.E.A.M.) fields, according to USM's Office of Public Affairs.

"The forest has the ability to enhance student research, add to the Gorham community, and national climate change research," said Malacara. "The USM forest can be a pixel in the grand picture."

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# Cyber security degree launched in UMaine System

Cody Marcroft  
Contributor

This fall, the University of Maine System is offering, for the first time, a Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity.

The establishment of the major was two years in the making, according to Raymond Albert, professor of Computer Science at the University of Maine Fort Kent and project leader of the degree initiative. Multiple UMS campuses combined resources to ensure it could provide an adequate Cybersecurity education.

A pivotal role in getting the degree approved by the UMS involved establishing credibility with the National Security Agency (NSA) and Department of Homeland Security (DHS) before becoming approved by the academic governance body at each participating UMS campus, and lastly the board of trustees.

Meeting NSA/DHS standards was, "more challenging to a certain degree," than any other step in the process, said Albert. It entailed identifying courses that aligned with the NSA/DHS requirements for learning outcomes, lab facilities and other resources, as well as collaborations with outside agencies and universities.

The UMS was certified by the NSA/DHS as a National Center of Academic Excellence in Information Assurance and Cybersecurity in the fall of 2014. The degree was subsequently approved by UMS officials for the fall 2015 semester.

The curriculum includes courses in IT, networking, computer programming, as well as philosophy and ethics.

"If you think about Cybersecu-



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From left, Samuel Barton, Edward Sihler and Isaiah Marvin work in the Cyber Security lab on the Portland Campus, providing an excellent opportunity for students interested in Computer Science.

urity, you see everyone's network traffic. What are the ethics around that?" posed Edward Sihler, assistant director of the Maine Cyber Security Cluster (MCSC).

Online courses will be utilized to bring students together from participating UMS campuses. For example, a class of seven students at UMA might meet in-class with a professor, while the professor simultaneously teaches the course online to a few students at USM and UMFK. That way, classes will be appropriately filled and students on campuses with lower enrollment won't be delayed in their degree progress while waiting for a particular course to become available locally.

Currently, the major is offered

at UMA, UMFK and USM. Eventually, Albert hopes to expand the major to other UMS campuses.

"There will be others we're expecting down the road. Perhaps the University of Maine [Orono] and Farmington," said Albert.

## Maine Cyber Security Cluster

Lab experience is necessary for any field of science. Cybersecurity, a subset of Computer Science, is no exception. The three-year-old MCSC, which has a lab on the USM campus, has been and will continue to be an important asset to the degree program.

"We are, if you will, a center of research; a point of external activ-

ity," said Sihler. "We act in support of the [Bachelor of Science] in Cyber Security."

Last fall, the MCSC used grants from the National Science Foundation and Maine Technology Institute to build a new research lab. The following spring, groups of students from USM, UMFK and York Community College completed simulated exercises together, where they tackled various Cybersecurity-related problems. Two more exercises will take place this semester.

"It provides an excellent opportunity to engage our students," said Albert. "They can work with things they normally wouldn't have access to in a public computer lab."

## Are you safe online?

Recent breaches of privacy have raised concern among the public about the threat of cyber attacks. In December 2013, 110 million customers of Target had their information compromised. In July, Ashley Madison, an online dating service geared toward married people seeking affairs, was hacked. In August, the hackers released users' information to the public.

How safe do people feel when browsing the Internet? Is there anything that individuals can do to avoid being hacked?

"If you order things online, like textbooks, I think it's important to make sure the site is secured," said Tristen Jordan, a general management student at USM. "They'll have those symbols, which show that your information is encrypted in different ways. If I buy things online I try to make sure to use those websites."

Other students are more trusting, and less mindful about the prospect of an attack.

"I know there's always a possibility of my information being taken, but I like to trust the people [running the website] are taking the precautions to protect my information," said Courtney Bowers, a sophomore biology student.

Some are not concerned at all.

"I understand identity theft, but what good are hackers going to do with my information? There's no secret that I'm safeguarding," said Daniel Morrisette, a junior nursing major.

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# USM High School hopes to increase college enrollment

*New high school could be up and running within the next two years*

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Editor-in-chief

The University of Southern Maine is in the early planning stages for an independent high

school. With enrollment decreasing to around 9,000 students total on all three campus locations, the addition of this high school would likely bring in the revenue needed to sustain student enrollment.

Although the placement of this

**"We will be known not as a second choice, but we will be known where academic excellence combines with real world experience."**

Glenn Cummings, President of the University

school in order to support the decrease in student enrollment over the past three years. If this was to happen, the University would become an attractive aspect to international students, as it would be one of only a selection of colleges in this country that also provide high school education.

USM's new President, Glenn Cummings, explained that the creation of a high school could become a reality in as little as two

high school is still uncertain, officials are looking into the possibility of utilizing the vacant Dickey and Wood Halls, two dorm buildings that once housed 368 students that is in dire need of renovations. Cummings explained that the cost of fixing these dorms could potentially cost \$2 million, so the situation on its location is still uncertain.

The goal of this high school

would aim to attract students interested in finishing up their education, particularly for students who come from overseas. Cummings explained that with over 100 international students on campus now, the goal of creating an educational outlet would also be to retain these students to attend at the university level.

Cummings wants to develop an easier transition for students into college, and hopes that a USM high school can provide that. Currently, Gorham High School students have the opportunity to participate and earn credits in some college level courses, but the goal is to expand this collaboration with surrounding school districts

such as Westbrook, Windham and Bonny Eagle.

"We will be known not as a second choice, but we will be known where academic excellence combines with real world experience," said Cummings.

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# Pepper spray discharged in lower Brooks

## 5 students required to seek further medial attention after incident

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The Brooks Student Center on the Gorham campus was unexpectedly evacuated last Saturday night, causing unrest among students and many still unanswered questions.

Carly Coombs, a sophomore communications major, was working in the building at the time. She recounts the moments before the evacuation happened,

Gorham fire and rescue.

“I don’t know if they’re taking any criminal action and I’m still not really sure what even happened,” said Coombs. “I just know that it was an incident involving pepper spray and some students had a very bad reaction to it.”

Students that have asthma that were in the building at the time of the incident were the most affected by it. The negative reaction is common among people with asthma, as the active chemical

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Joy Pufhal, Dean of Students

saying that she sat in Lower Brooks when students were suddenly told to evacuate the building around 10:30 p.m.

Little did she know that pepper spray had been discharged on the lower level of Brooks, and five students were required to seek further medical attention from

in pepper spray can contribute to coughing and shortness of breath.

Although many students are still trying to put the pieces together, Joy Pufhal, Dean of Students and executive director of student life, has been working hard to come up with solutions to



Abigail Johnson-Ruscansky / Multimedia Editor

Brooks Student Center, as shown in this photograph, was forced to evacuate last Saturday night.

the issue.

“Students and staff started to present a cough and itchy and burning eyes. The cause was later determined to be a small amount of pepper spray that was

discharged at a table near the Husky Hideaway,” stated Pufhal, “USM Police Safety does know the names of the students who were involved. At this time Public Safety is still gathering

information and a decision has not yet been made as to criminal charges.”

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# Portland women’s history gets its own app made by professor



Jared Lank / Online Content Curator

Use the smartphone app to see the historical sites for Portland’s women.

Brian Gordon  
Free Press Staff

Walking through town you’re liable to spot plaques on old buildings. Why’s that there? Who’s Lily Stephens? Now there’s an app for

that. It’s called the Portland Women’s History Trail and it was created here at USM.

History professor, Eileen Eagan, and her students took what once was a 20 year old booklet of historic sites involving women across Portland and made it into a foot-friendly

walkabout town that you can follow along with your smart phone. She thought it was time for our city to have it’s own history trail. USM received a grant from Maine Economic Improvement Fund.

“Half the people in the city have been women and their history is important,” said Eagan.

The professor would love to see more statues of working people, men and women on the many fishing

pied roles from Mayor of the city to the fishing industry on Commercial St.,” Neilson said. “I think the app shows that women haven’t always occupied the stereotypical roles that we often think of.”

Neilson’s favorite site on the walking trail is the Abyssinian Meeting House on Newbury St.

“I think it stood out to me because of its role in the underground railroad and also that it managed to not get burned down during the fire of 1866,” he said.

Another student who helped work on the app was senior history major, Tracey Berube. She was interested in the Eastern Cemetery because she has relatives buried there from colonial times. Berube said the app is important because it is “a readily accessible way to convey the history of women in Portland to visitors and to give these women a voice that they did not have before.”

The collaborative effort by staff and students left a mark on Professor Egan.

“I was really impressed by the work the students did and the faculty working together was really fun and productive,” Eagan said. “It also couldn’t have been done without the help of Stephen Hauser,” who was the executive director of computer services on campus. Hauser wrote the code to make the app actually work while Eagan and her students handled the history and artistic aspect of the app.

The app is free to download or if you don’t have a smart phone you can go to <http://pmwht.org> on your computer to check out the trail.

“I think the app shows that women haven’t occupied the stereotypical roles that we often think of.”

Hans Nielson, junior art major at USM

“Boston, St. Louis, Philadelphia all have history walking trails, it’s a good way to bring history alive,” Eagan said. “The idea is to get people out looking at sights and to feel what it felt like to be the people who were living there.”

There’s Portland history walking trails but none of them focus mainly on women.

piers or a worker in a cannery or at the old chewing gum factory, which is now Hub Furniture on Fore St.

Working class women’s history is not always talked about, Eagan says, but as some of the sights show, women endured terrible conditions and did jobs just as hard as men.

The Portland Star Match Company on West Commercial St. was home to many Irish-American women workers who contracted phosphorus poisoning, which was a disease that ate away part of their jaw. They worked in these terrible conditions from 1870 to 1908 earning wages that averaged \$5 a week.

Eagan is quick to point out the tour does include some notable men as well, such as Thomas Brackett Reed, whose visage looks out on the Western Promenade. Reed was an advocate for women’s suffrage and also an anti-imperialist, Eagan adds.

Hans Neilson, a junior art major, helped on the project by going out and photographing the sites, so viewers online would get a feel for it.

“Women in Portland have occu-



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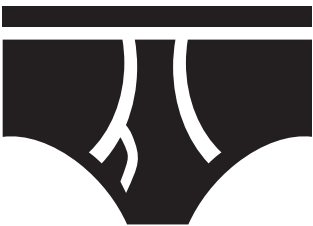
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# In Brief...



## UMaine System reduces carbon emissions

The University of Maine System has reduced carbon emissions across its seven campuses and other statewide facilities by 26 percent since 2006, according to a report released Thursday.

During the 2016 heating season, the system expects to cut its consumption of heating oil by more than 500,000 gallons, a 49 percent reduction from last winter.

That was accomplished largely through two major conversions — one that will bring compressed natural gas to the University of Maine at Machias and replace 13 of its aging boilers, and another that will heat the University of Maine at Farmington with woodchips.

“We are working hard to be responsible stewards of the tax and tuition dollars entrusted to the university system and of the environment,” said Norman Fournier, chairman of the finance and facilities committee. “Our targeted investments and campus-led conservation initiatives are reducing our carbon emissions and our overall energy consumption.”

At the University of Southern Maine, the system is spending \$3 million to replace the Portland campus’ 50-year-old heating plant equipment with natural gas-fired boilers.

## USM students to pres-

## ent at TESOL conference

According to the TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) program, two students and five recent graduates have been invited to share their work at the Northern New England TESOL annual conference.

This conference will be held on Nov. 7, 2015 at the University of New Hampshire campus in Durham.

Presenters include Patty Jokie, Amy Kissel, Rebecca Graham, Heidi Haufe and Beth Skotarczak, along with their professor.

## Seven new members of Husky Hall of Fame

The athletics department will add seven new members to the Husky Hall of Fame when it hosts the 30th annual Husky Hall of Fame banquet and induction ceremony on Sat. September 26 at the Brooks Student Center on the Gorham campus.

To be enshrined as part of the Class of 2015 are former soccer standout and All-WMAC selection, Carl Holmquist, Class of 1985; field hockey all-region selection, Erika Allen Gould, Class of 1998; a pitcher on the 1997 NCAA Division III National Championship baseball team Denny Webber, Class of 2000; a former track and field All-American, Michael Bunker, Class of 2006; the men’s ice hockey program’s all-time leader in points and goals scored, Mark Carragher, Class of 2007; the starting point guard for the 2005 and 2006 NCAA Division III women’s basketball Final Four teams, Katie Sibley, Class of 2007; and long-time women’s basketball coach and former Associate Director of Athletics, Gary Fifield.

The seven new inductees will bring the total number of former Southern Maine standouts in the Husky Hall of Fame to 197.

## Hillary Clinton visits King Middle School

Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton told an adoring crowd in Portland on Friday that the United States will return to what she called the failed Republican policies of trickle-down economics unless voters keep a Democrat in the White House in 2016.

“I want the American people to understand what the choice is,” said Clinton. “[Republicans] want to return to the failed policies of trickle-down economics. We can’t let the hard work that has been done by President [Barack] Obama to be ripped away.”

Clinton went to great lengths to associate herself with Obama. She started her speech by describing the nation’s struggling economy that greeted Obama when he took office in 2009, according to Bangor Daily News reporters Christopher Cousins and Michael Shepherd.

“I don’t think President Obama gets the credit he deserves for keeping us from falling even further,” said Clinton.

Clinton cycled through a bevy of familiar Democratic principles, such as increasing funding for schools, creating partnerships between students and businesses, raising taxes and eliminating tax loopholes that benefit the rich, along with some ambitious energy goals that mirror rhetoric from Obama’s 2008 campaign.

Clinton also focused on a couple of issues that many don’t think find their ways into political campaigns enough: increasing treatment for mentally ill and drug addicted people.

Clinton is the fourth presidential candidate who has visited Maine in recent weeks.

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# Police Beat



## Selections from the USM Department of Public Safety police log September 5 to September 11

### Saturday, Sept 5.

#### Ain’t it art

Vandalism complaint. Upton Hastings Hall. Report taken. Investigation pending.

### Sunday, Sept. 6

#### Sunday’s for football, fools

911 call. University Way Extension. People on baseball field. Officer moved them along.

#### Slip N Security

Security alarm. 37 University Way Extension. Alarm set off accidentally. Alarm reset.

### Monday, Sept. 7

#### No return policy

Drug complaint. Upton Hastings. Officer investigated. Report taken.

### Tuesday, Sept. 8

#### Diamond donuts

Vandalism complaint. Hodgdon Field. Investigation pending. Report taken.

#### University of Smashing Metal

Motor vehicle crash. Gorham campus, parking lot G19. Investigation pending.

#### A New England Banksy

Vandalism complaint. Upton Hastings Hall. Report taken.

### Wednesday, Sept. 9

#### Fan flames fade fast

Fire alarm. Robie Andrews Hall. Fire reported in room 209. Gorham Fire Department dispatched. Fire out. Investigation pending. Report taken.

### Thursday, Sept. 10

#### Super sketchy suspects

Suspicious incident. Woodbury Campus Center. Investigation pending. Report taken.

#### A+ crash.

Motor vehicle crash. G2A parking lot. Report taken.

### Friday, Sept. 11

#### Never learned that in driver’s education

Suspicious incident, G2A. Officer checking on a person in a vehicle. Subject found sleeping.

#### Did you smoke my stuff?

Drug complaint. Upper Class. Drug use suspected. Investigation pending. Report taken.

#### Was I not supposed to stop?

Motor vehicle stop, GS1. Report taken.

#### Pics or it didn’t happen

Fire alarm. Anderson Hall. Nothing showing. Alarm restored. Report taken.

#### Performance art

Disturbance call, Brooks Student Center. Person causing a scene. Student removed from Brooks Dining Hall. Report taken.

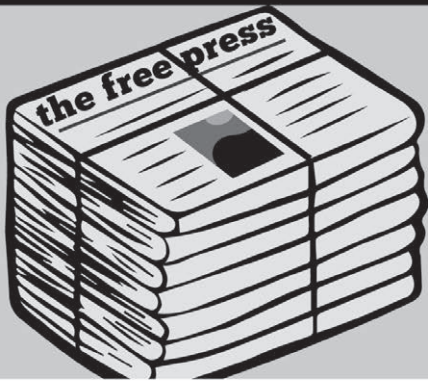
#### Sun’s out, guns out

Public indecency, Brooks Student Center. Investigated. Report taken.

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# Arts & Culture

## Victorian fashion and industry exhibit

*Just in time for Fashion Week, The Way We Where shows visitors a glimpse of the past*

Anora Morton  
Contributor

Walking through the Old Port today, you can't always tell what people are doing from the clothes they are wearing. Over 200 years ago, it was a very different story. Walking down the street, you could tell who was visiting a friend, who was simply out for a walk, and who was from the country, all based off their style of dress. The Way We Wear, an exhibit in the Victoria Mansion's carriage house, explores this phenomenon in great detail.

Curated by Lucinda Hannington, *The Way We Wear* showcases the complex world of Victorian dressing habits of the period's women. The exhibit is immersive, with carpet cut outs that can be stood upon to demonstrate the girth of different styles of dresses, and a reproduction dress you can pull apart magnetically to explore the many layers of fabric and petticoats, which is actually where the exhibit started.

"One of our volunteers who said she would like build a replica dress in a way that would allow people to see the different layers that went into nineteenth century fashion. From there, we bounced ideas around at our staff meetings, and the exhibit



grew to include a social context for fashion as well as the dress itself," said Hannington.

The exhibit also has a full case of authentic accessories and cut-out hairstyles for guests to try on for themselves.

Today every coach bag and designer gown has a counterfeit counterpart, and Hannington connects this same practice to the Victorian women. The conception of the department store drew customers away from private tailors.

"Customization of existing clothes with elaborate trims and accessories also led more women to be able to update their older clothes and stay more in line with current fash-

ions without having to spend as much as they would on a whole new dress," explained Hannington.

*The Way We Wear* is open to the public, free of admission until October 31st, and the full tour of the Victoria Mansion is only \$7 with a student ID. The Victoria Mansion is located at 109 Danforth St, Portland ME, and is open from 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. So if you can't make it to this year's fashion week, or want to explore the fashion of the past, be sure to check out *The Way We Wear*.

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*This interactive exhibit, called the walking dress, showed the many layers within a gown that was worn in the Victorian era.*

## What you didn't know about Friends of Forest City



Sam Hill / Free Press Staff

*The Federal Street Fowley is where the Friends of forest City held their Tuesday Tree Talks this month. Catch one this Thursday at 12:00 p.m.*

Dora Thompson  
Arts & Culture Editor

Tourists flock to Portland for its picturesque water views and foodie magazines rave about the rich and diverse food culture. But one of Portland's lesser known and perhaps more important staples is its trees. One of the most forested cities in the Nation, Portland has earned the nickname, "Forest City."

Working quietly behind the scenes to help it keep its title is the Friends of Forest City.

The Friends of Forest City is a small group, formed by city arborist Jeff Tarling about three years ago. It has been planting, maintaining, and identifying trees throughout the city ever since.

"We saw our role as a coordinating body for organizations in the city that are promoting tree growth, sustainability, and more," explained member Waite Maclin.

They also identify as a networking and consulting group. They work to create partnerships between neighborhood groups, businesses, individuals, schools, and government agencies.

"We're basically just a group of tree enthusiasts," said Keston Geistwalker, who has been apart

of the Friends for a year now.

The Friends of Forest City also host workshops about tree care. You can learn about anything from pruning, disease irradiation, to the oldest trees in Portland. This month the group held "TreeTalk Thursdays" at the Federal Street Folly, hosted by The Press Hotel.

Last week the group gathered to discuss edible trees, their benefits, and how to keeps them and their surrounding ecosystems healthy. Catch next week's TreeTalk on Thursday, September 24th, at 12:00 p.m. covering street trees, and why they are vital to Portland's downtown area.

The group meets once a month to discuss their projects. Some of the members are involved in The Portland Arts & Technology High School's plans for a school orchard. The school recently received a grant from TD Bank to help them with this project.

The Friends of Forest City are helping to survey the land and advise the school about planting their orchard. Others in the group, like Geist Wake, are involved in the Munjoy Hill Orchard. The Mt. Joy Orchard is Portland's public food forest, providing free, harvestable food.

It all started when Mayor Michael Brennan created a heritage apple orchard on Munjoy Hill. An apple tree was planted for every county in Maine, each apple tree having originated in that county. From there it expanded, and now holds 50-60 trees. Visitors can harvest apples, pears, peaches, and several edible and medicinal herbs and berries.

Members of Friends of Forest City and other volunteers help maintain the orchard on the second Tuesday of every month at 5:30 p.m.

If you'd like to attend an event of Friends of Forest City, visit them at their facebook page.

As far as the group's future goals, Geistwalker says the group would like to see, "more street trees through the city, and engage the public about trees and their benefits."

So the next time you're strolling through the Old Port, latte in hand, be sure to appreciate the street trees that line the sidewalks and beautify our corners.

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# A&C Listings

## Monday, September 21

Houndmouth  
Port City Music Hall  
504 Congress St.  
Starts: 7:00 p.m.

## Tuesday, September 22

Poetry Slam  
Bull Feeney’s  
375 Fore St.  
Starts: 7:00 p.m.

## Wednesday, September 23

Spotlight Talk: Benjamin Paul Akers  
The Portland Museum of Art  
7 Congress Sq.  
Starts: 12:00 p.m.

Debate: MFA vs. NYC vs. RCJR  
Space Gallery  
538 Congress St.  
Starts: 7:00 p.m.

School Volenteer Garden Info Session  
Cultivating Community  
62 Elm St.  
Starts: 5:30 p.m.

## Thursday, September 24

Join in the conversation: Heroin  
Portland Public Library  
5 Monument Square  
Starts: 5:30 p.m.

## Friday, September 25

Best of Maine International Film Fest: Astrea  
The Portland Museum of Art  
7 Congress Sq.  
Starts: 6:30 p.m.

Doomtree  
State Theater  
609 Congress St.  
7:00 p.m.

## Saturday, September 26

Whoop De Woo Live Show  
Space Gallery  
538 Congress St.  
Starts: 7:00 p.m.

Twilight in the Park  
Deering Oaks Park  
Portland  
Starts: 6:30 p.m. / Ends: 8:00 p.m.

Fiddler on the Roof  
Portland Players Theater  
420 Cottage Rd.  
Starts: 7:30 p.m.

## Sunday, September 27

Sean Paul  
State Theater  
609 Congress St.  
Starts: 7:00 p.m.

### Netflix Review

## Satirical comedy sketches in Portlandia



IFC Network

Krysteana Scribner  
Editor-in-chief

Hailing from the “other” Portland is the unique TV series *Portlandia* that pokes fun at the small city and the strange people that call it their home. Although this show has been around since 2011, season 5 is now available on Netflix.

In many ways, *Portlandia* reflects what the lifestyles of people living in Portland, ME may be like. From vegan living to women’s rights, this series revolves around actors such as Fred Armisen and Carrie Brownstein playing roles as different people in the city. In each segment of the show, comedy sketches portray the lifestyle of particular people living in the area - and each new segment has an intertwined plot.

One small segment among many are the characters of Toni and Candace, two owners of a non-profit feminist bookstore “Women & Women First.” With Armisen dressed as a woman and Brownstein looking like your typical librarian snob, this hilarious sketch gives you an insightful look to who these women are and how they handle daily situations.

In Season 5, episode 1, viewers learn the story of Toni and Candace during an interview by a local journalist who’s looking to write a blurb about their bookstore. They go on and on with their life stories, and the way they met reveals hilarious details about the characters life perspectives and goals.

In another sketch featured on the show tells the story of Lance and Nina. With the male lead played by Brownstein and his female counterpart played by Armisen, these unique gender role switch-ups show how a stereotypical couple living in Portland, OR maintain their relationship.

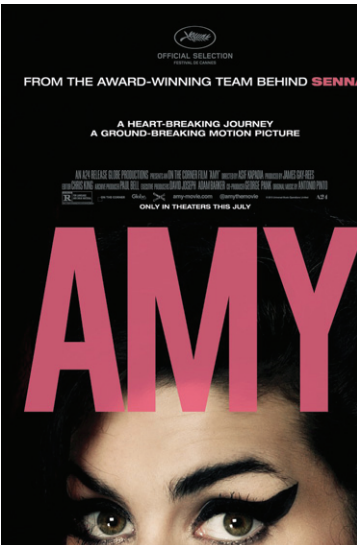
Another couple, Dave and Kath (also played by Armisen and Brownstein) are a highly dramatic couple that have a steady, determined mindset once they decide to do something together. In season two, episode eight, Dave and Kath decide to go hiking; however, they realize along the way they don’t have the proper gear and hilariously march into the forests anyway. Dave and Kath are a bit intense with their rational, but their characters make for an interesting twist in *Portlandia*.

With so many different aspects to this television series, it’s hard to know if you’ll be into it until you watch an episode or two. Don’t get confused by the recycling of actors within characters, because each time it happens, it’s never the same - and it always gets better. This show is definitely worth a watch for people who like ridiculous satirical comedy and enjoy improve as well. It’s one of my favorite shows to watch at the end of a long day, because who doesn’t love a good comedy TV series to cheer you up?

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### Film Review

## Amy: A British documentary



Universal Music Studios

Dora Thompson  
Arts & Culture Editor

You’ll never listen to “Rehab” the same way. Heart wrenching and raw, *Amy* is probably the most personal documentary about the five-time Grammy award winning singer, Amy Winehouse. Featuring footage and testimonies by her family, close friends, and even Tony Bennett, this film tries to tell the truth as much as possible.

*Amy* tells the story of a young, talented girl who didn’t want to be famous at all, yet was severely taken advantage of by the media and men in her life.

Viewers get to take a ride through Winehouse’s life, from grainy baby footage to her tragic downfall. Sound-tracked by her remarkably original voice, this film offers a sympathetic look into a often overlooked musical genius.

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# Perspectives

## Our Opinion

### Can faculty and staff at USM speak freely without fear of losing their job?

Editorial Board  
Free Press Staff

At the beginning of each week, our Free Press staff writers are required to interview a variety of individuals for their assigned article. Without these varied opinions, an article would be biased and unprofessionally written.

Lately, our staff has been running into a problem that has been the struggle of many journalists over the years. Public Representatives for Universities across the nation have been controlling the ways in which student journalists communicate with possible sources for articles.

Now, we must make it known that our problem isn't targeting Chris Quint, the university's director of PR for all matters relating to what's going on both throughout campus and on a higher administrative level. However, we're frustrated by the lack of people willing to talk to us without first relaying the message to Quint for information.

On several occasions over the past year or so, we've had reporters attempt to reach out to inter-

view staff members at USM for their opinion on certain topics, but many cowered at the idea of sharing and forwarded our email or phone call over to PR Headquarters. Whether we're trying to reach University Police, Professors or staff members in places such as facilities, no one will reach out to us without first looking for PR approval.

What kind of world do we live in that makes it so that one person controls the kind of information that is being output to our students? We understand that the university is sensitive to its public perception, especially given all of the negative media coverage over the past two years, but it's no excuse for PR to have this kind of control over the people of USM.

After attending a few journalism conferences over the past few years, several students have come back saying that the biggest complaint in their career path is having to deal with PR. Often times, the PR office tries to hide any evidence that things are going wrong on campus. We know that the job of PR is to put out a good image. Each situation is confronted as if it is positive and has a hopeful

outcome - but the news needs to be reported, and we can't do that if it's being censored and hidden.

Just the other day, we had several people contact us about last week's editorial over the construction of the new Luther Bonny labs. These people, who shall remain anonymous for the protection of their job, wanted us to write about how IT members are completely against the changes, some of them claiming to have been laid off even though President Cummings said this wouldn't occur this year.

We immediately attempted to contact an individual from systems to talk about the problem. This gentleman was willing to talk, but then decided, "I have just spoken with Chris Quint and it would be wrong for me to get out in front of that, so we should cancel and I suggest you get in touch with him." Another individual we contacted who could have given us the information we desired said, "I'll coordinate any responses with Chris Quint."

How are we supposed to do our job as reporters when everyone redirects us to PR? When we only have the option to talk to people

who will only shine a positive light on the university, we will never truly unveil the things that need to be fixed, and therefore this university will make no progress.

The real controversy is whether or not staff have the ability to speak freely without the risk of losing their job. Over the past year, we've had many people stop by our office in hopes of shedding a light on why they won't speak to us. Our only problem is that no one will be a reference because they fear losing their job.

Ultimately, this opinion piece isn't meant to bash PR, although our frustrations may make it seem so. We're just tired of the problems at this university being muffled and hidden away. We hope through our own personal research and determined journalism that we can uncover more about this story and make it one we can be proud of.



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## Portland Problems

### Tourists think they own the place

Brian Gordon  
Free Press Staff

Complaining about the tourists that infest our state is as old as time itself. But now that your Jersey cousins are starting to stay longer and longer, Maine has gotten worse. One can only hope for another harsh winter to dissuade their feeble minds to retreat back down South.

Portland as the "hippest little town to visit" is bad news for locals, unless you own a restaurant, hotel or have a spare room to rent on Airbnb. But what do all these tourists do for those of us without our fist in Masshole's pockets? Nothing as far as I'm concerned. "Trickle-down economics" has been proven as pure Reagan propaganda. So the tourists just drive us nuts, while driving up prices.

It wasn't long ago that we could breathe a sigh of relief after Labor Day, but now September is known as "Cruise Ship Season." Just when you think it's safe to travel down Commercial St. someone with CT plates in a giant black SUV cuts you off to go to Starbucks.

Sure Willard Beach is less crowded now, but stay long enough and you'll see a monstrous hunk of metal sink into the bay, leaving a trail of oil in its wake and driving me away from the sand to my choice dives that have-not-yet closed, or to my apartment to hide from the horrors of another shot-in-the arm of economic buoyancy that is our bucolic sea-side town. I think I'm going to puke.

On my block alone I know of at least 4 people who are renting half

of their historic apartments to Massachusetts tourists for \$150 bare minimum a night, while my friends struggle to find affordable homes and jobs that pay them a wage over \$10.

The tourists are pariahs. Now they're telecommuting for their jobs they can do anywhere as their pockets grow fatter. While a large chunk of Portlander's scrape by on our 20th century wages, those hated mongrels from away are only too happy to pay \$7 for a beer, \$4 for a coffee and \$1,000 for a one bedroom apartment.

We should provide asylum for every single African refugee and take in our fair share of the migrants in Europe, but deport anyone with Massachusetts plates.

I hear Cape Cod is quite nice, why don't they all just go there? I reckon it's the same ocean, now ain't it?

My main problem with them is how fast they move. Not just barreling down Brackett St. trying to kill me on my bike, I'm used to that. But also when they go to tourist attractions like Crescent Beach, I've actually been asked by them, "Is there anything worth seeing here?"

This constant "here I am, entertain me now" attitude, that's prevalent in the Bay State especially. We Mainers are seen as mere hayseeds, who bring them expensive food and drink and amuse them with our antiquated ways.

My comrades and I have had enough. Maybe we could work out a nonrenewable 7 day visa they could pick up at the York toll? That's all I could stomach.

## Student Struggles

### Why I don't believe free tuition is a logical decision

Zach Abbotoni  
Contributor

I had planned on making this an unbiased news article. My initial intent was to compare and contrast the United States education system and the European system, and express my frustrations with the debt that comes about through our education system, but then I had a change of course. As I was watching the Republican debate last night, something Ben Carson said spoke to me. I realized I needed to vocalize my opinion on this issue. Sure, the idea of a free education system sounds great. In a perfect world, I would love for this to be a common practice. But then reality hit. How could we possibly pay for this. Free college for students within the U.S. Sounds great in theory; but how could we ever afford all these additional expenses?

The Atlantic, an online news source, cited that in 2013 the United States spent a whopping 69 billion dollars on our college system through financial aid and funding work study. They also stated that if the United States fully funded our college systems, they would spend at a minimum another 62.6 billion, which would bring the yearly total to 131.6 billion dollars.

We as a country are already on an economic fringe. We have a stock market that has been extremely volatile as of lately, and is as stable as it is (which isn't overly stable) simply because interest rates are so low, and Janet Yellen, the chair of the Federal

Reserve, has not raised them yet. The United States debt totals over 18 trillion dollars, and this debt has grown a tremendous amount in the past 15 years. The debt per citizen is now at an astounding 190,667 per person, and is continually on the rise.

We as a nation are vastly outspending what we take in for money from taxation. The idea of a free education system would be phenomenal, but I personally do not think that it would be a feasible or realistic goal in the near future. The trend of spending more than we make as a nation is fiscally irresponsible, and I believe will eventually cause detriment to the value of our currency in relation to other nation's currencies.

I completely understand the frustration with student debt, and know firsthand how expensive schooling can be. I just do not think that our country digging itself further into debt is the answer.

I personally perceive school as an investment. Yes, short term, most run into a bit of debt. But hopefully that investment in your education will negate that debt in the long-term, and provide you with a more comfortable and fulfilling life post graduation.

I understand that my opinion very well may be in the minority on this issue, and I am alright with that. I just did not want to sell myself short and not vocalize my thoughts; and I hope that at the very least I helped others perceive this issue in a different light.



Semester at Sea

# “I still awaken each morning feeling a sense of bewilderment that this journey has begun”

Joie Grandbois-Gallup  
Contributor

Our ship set sail at 5:00p.m. on Sunday, three hours ahead of the anticipated departure due to an approaching storm. Though we are ahead of it we are still feeling the impact with swells of 16 to 20 feet and winds at 35 knots. Today, our orientation day was a lesson in what to expect during our semester onboard as well as how to gain our sea legs. Unlike many of those aboard, I have been lucky enough to not have experienced sea sickness. I am immensely grateful for this.

Being far from shore, in the midst of stormy seas has been a bit trying. We do not have access to the outer decks which has left me feeling a bit claustrophobic. Quiet spaces are difficult to come by. I am writing this on the floor of the balcony of the main hall where a presentation is going on below. Most of the other common rooms are filled with groups playing games and socializing.



Despite the weather and the rolling of the boat, I have begun to make the acquaintance of my fellow students. Most, after asking my name, proceed to ask me, “What class do you teach?” Their perception of my age brings with it the assumption that I must be a professor and not a student. It is a question I have never been asked at USM with its large non-traditional student population. Non-traditional students such as I are definitely an anomaly here.

Though it has been a bit of a rough start, I still awaken each morning feeling a sense of bewilderment that this journey has begun. It was only five days ago that I was packing and repacking my bags, checking things off my numerous lists and doing my best to not forget something. Three air plane flights, one Atlantic crossing, a bus ride and three days at sea later here I am, a world away, on the adventure of a life time. When I return I will have gained far more than just my sea-legs.

Art Gallery Opening



Sam Haiden  
Free Press Staff

The Ghosts 3 Exhibit at the Mayo Street Arts Center will be offering a look into the ghosts of self-representation this month, until October Seventeenth. This past Thursday, a show including musical accompaniment welcomed the gallery to Portland.

The gallery, arranged by a large collection of artists, was organized by Abby Shahn, a Maine-born artist with an extensive repertoire in gallery art. She has been enriching the USM education community for almost fifteen years, and has come to the quaint and comfortable art gallery on Mayo street here in Portland.

The message of the gallery is not a simple one. It examines the concept of self-representation via the portrait, and illustrates the possibility that every image taken of a person’s face is a ghost: a fragment of the soul. The gallery is composed of a series of images, in paint, fresco, needlepoint and print. The mission of the gallery is summarized as an investigation of how to represent the face “in a culture obsessed with selfies.” This is a grave task to take on, and although the gallery’s opening show was a bit confusing, it makes some important statements about the nature of the portrait. However, these statements might be a bit more aesthetic than per-

suasive.

For instance, the nature of the show was a bit convoluted- and it seemed intentional. The art was associated with the blaring sounds of wind instruments and singers, completely arrhythmic and not melodic, and very, very loud.

It appeared that this was designed to disassociate the audience with what they were viewing, as if to insist that an understanding of the self cannot be truly obtained by viewing, due to the noise in our heads. This was particularly poignant when one observed the mosaic collage which created an image of the late Michael Jackson, whose identity issues were well known throughout his life. Abby Shahn, as in the recent painting “Blue Man,” has depicted the face with a series of seemingly random brushstrokes, implying an incomplete relationship with the self.

Also, using similar techniques, she has created three pieces all titled, “Cacophony,” which is a good way of describing the sound of the gallery opening. There was only one other collection that actually included the direct portrait of a person, or people in this situation: a collection of needlepoint portraits of the members of the band Furthur, including the late Jerry Garcia, done by Juliet Karelsen.

Overall, the gallery didn’t

seem to really push forward the concept of the image of the self and its relationship to the specter. Rather, some of the paintings seemed to indicate a much deeper understanding of the sense of self in general, illustrating the possibility that we are all made up of specters of our past selves. For instance, a painting which incorporates graphic images and plastic dishware juxtaposes a woman sitting next to her silhouette, examining the presence of one’s self through time and space. Another collages a woman riding on the back end of a horse through space, with a looming male silhouette, implying perhaps that the ghosts of men are looming over the women of present? One thing is for sure, this gallery is up for interpretation.

Overall, students at USM would be wise to involve themselves in their communities to see these kinds of shows. Portland is a cultural center, and it contributes to the value of getting an education in the city. Especially as an art student, it would be wise to examine the ways that professional artists get themselves out there, and also get pieces sold. At any rate, though, this exhibit will bring a little more culture into the lives of USM students.

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Political Opinions



## Follow-up on local petitioners: With two petitioning groups, which one should you choose? The cannabis campaign continues

Sam Haiden  
Free Press Staff

Last week I wrote an article insisting that we all go out and sign our names on the petitions floating around for the legalization of cannabis. What I forgot to mention was that there are two bills, and although most petitioners have been carrying both petitions (so that at least one of them will make it) it would be wise for us to educate ourselves on the potential bills to choose from. After all, this bill will dictate the way that Cannabis will be grown, processed, and distributed in the state of Maine, and it will also affect the recreational user as well as the producers. Since this is quite possibly one of the most economically important voting opportunities we will ever have in our lifetimes, let us be informed.

Bill number one, the Campaign to Regulate Marijuana Like Alcohol, reads a little more rigidly than number two, the Legalize Maine campaign. It appears to work from an economical standpoint- that is to say its main focus is to maximize tax revenue generated from cannabis sales. Overall, this could be both good or bad:

let’s start with the cons. For one, it limits the amount of personal possession to one ounce, which is less than half of the competition. Some people may complain that they can’t carry around enough medicine to medicate 100 people at a time, but when you really think about it, an ounce seems reasonable. After all, if you want to compare apples to oranges for a minute, that would be like carrying around eight 750ml bottles of hard liquor. Who really needs to carry eight fifths of liquor around anyway? By that logic, an ounce of cannabis for personal use seems pretty reasonable. It’s not like you can’t buy more when you’re done. Another con for home-growers is that the Regulate campaign limits home cultivation to six plants total, flowering or otherwise, whereas legalize maine allows 18 total, six flowering, and unlimited seedlings.

Where the bills start to diverge in a major way is that the Regulate campaign is regulated by the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages & Lottery Operations, and the Legalize campaign is regulated by the Dept. of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. The regulations enacted by these departments

could vary dramatically, but that is for the future to tell. For now, let’s talk about the Pro’s for bill #1. First, it gives small growers the upper hand in the market. This is ironic because Legalize Maine claims to be supporting small growers and “keeping it local,” but the Legalize Maine campaign allocates only 40% of licenses to cultivators under 3000 sq. ft., whereas the Regulate campaign allocates 50% of all licenses to cultivators under 3000 sq. ft. Furthermore - and this is important, so pay attention - the Campaign to Regulate Marijuana like Alcohol requires that the majority of “controlling persons” must be Maine Residents, whereas the Legalize Maine campaign does not.

Here’s where it gets a little complicated. The Regulate campaign, overall, charges much higher fees for starting a variety of retail and distribution business. The applicant fee is \$3000, whereas the applicant fee for the Legalize campaign is only \$250. A retail store on the Regulate campaign is \$12,000, whereas it is \$2,500 for the Legalize campaign. Product manufacturers are charged seven fold in the Regulate campaign compared to the

Legalize campaign. However, the costs for cultivation are about the same- \$1,000/sq.ft.

Another complicated stipulation is that the Legalize campaign charges a flat 10% sales tax, and the Regulate campaign charges 10% in addition to standard sales tax. Depending on how you look at it, this could be good or bad. After all, taxes really only benefit us if the people spending them spend correctly, right? Well let’s take a look at how the bill dictates tax revenue allocations. Legalize Maine appropriates all revenue to the General Fund, divesting some of the funds to the Maine Criminal Justice Academy to train law officers on the new laws. The Regulate campaign, however, dictates that the first thirty million - yes, six zeros - goes to fund school construction, maintenance, and operation costs, including teacher compensation. The rest beyond that goes to the General fund.

Overall, I’m really rooting for the Campaign to Regulate Marijuana Like Alcohol; but it doesn’t matter which you sign, as long as you sign.

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Poetry Corner

## Dueling Eyes

Dustin Kelly  
Contributor

A weathered Lucchese forced a scream from the dying cherry, Embers flee the heel as ash recedes among the desert.

He exhales a blanket of smoke with sweat pounding the ground. His fingers eagerly twitch with a heart panicking under his Lucky Strikes.

Lifting his hat from shade he made out the opposing snake skins, Sudden urge and fear swam through the air only to break the silence.

Thunder broke the sky whilst Smith and Wesson hung on a fingertip. Blurred vision plunges but the blood streams endlessly, Gasping for air he watched red puddles form. The last thing he witnessed were those snake skins colored red.

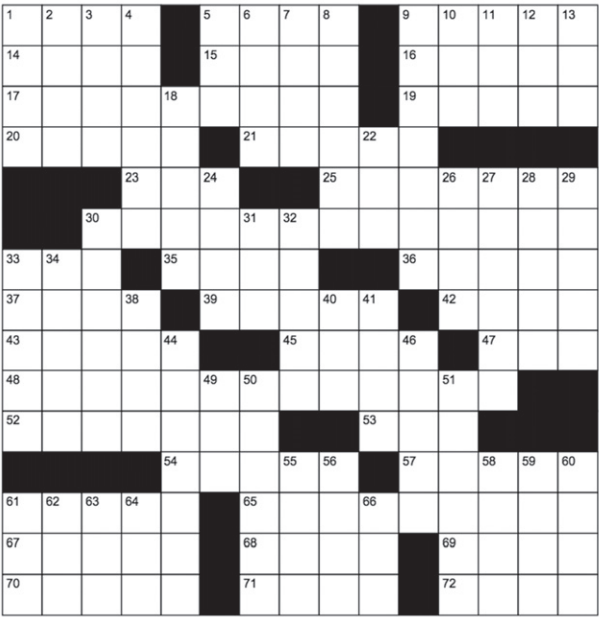
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Crossword

Across

- Revived, with "to"  
5. Church offshoot  
9. South-of-the-border buddy  
14. "The Clan of the Cave Bear" author  
15. Charles Lamb  
16. Drinks for everyone  
17. Adocator  
19. Kashmir river  
20. Actress Bernhardt  
21. Gulf off the Red Sea  
23. Droop in the middle  
25. Religious statue  
30. Song on the Beatles' 'Rubber Soul' album  
33. Letters in a used car ad, maybe  
35. Ogling one  
36. Cow in Borden ads  
37. The "H" in Hanukkah  
39. Bright fish  
42. Regal title  
43. Popular BBC import, for short  
45. Use a napkin  
47. Always, to a bard  
48. Lane-edge bump  
52. Independent of experience  
53. "I've got it!"  
54. Fiery felony  
57. If-possible connector  
61. Vitamin K source  
65. Trite  
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69. Authentic  
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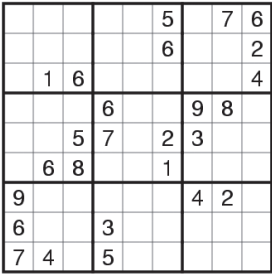
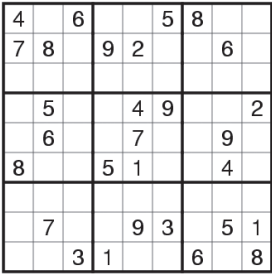


Down

1. Gowns' partners  
2. Special radiance  
3. "So love \_\_\_\_ leave me..." (ABBA lyric)  
4. Westernmost county in Texas  
5. VIP in DC  
6. Zeno's town  
7. Un, deux, trois, quatre, \_\_\_\_  
8. Japanese floor mat  
9. Lover of Theseus  
10. Part of a wk.  
11. Birth control device, for short  
12. African antelope  
13. Cases of excessive intake (abbr.)  
18. Chicago hub  
22. Sheep sound  
24. 17th-century actress Nell  
26. Halloween hooters  
27. More inquisitive  
28. Bête \_\_\_\_  
29. "Doe, \_\_\_\_, a female ..."  
30. Close by  
31. Very wide shoe  
32. Canine warning  
33. 1939 role for Leigh  
34. Alternative to progressive jazz  
38. "\_\_\_\_ but known..."  
40. German rejection  
41. Pet protection grp.  
44. Widely  
46. Fictional Frome  
49. Make a mistake  
50. Carrie of "Star Wars"  
51. Horse operas  
55. Honolulu's island  
56. Sgts, e.g.  
58. Affirmative votes  
59. List  
60. "Bad" cholesterol figs.  
61. Fraternity letter  
62. Boater or bowler  
63. Rum or vodka (abbr.)  
64. Cheerleader's chant  
66. Elec. usage measure

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.

LY FDW IBGLIB ZD  
KDC P CPQM, AUDJBK  
YLKAZ PQI FDW OLEUZ  
OPMB P GRBPQ  
EBZPJPF.

And here is your hint:

G = C

The solution to last issue's crossword



Weekly Horoscope

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



Aries  
March 21-April 19

★★

You give too much to those you care for. Your need to be needed can be a great asset to those you love, but don't martyr yourself.



Libra  
September 23-October 22

★★★★

Go that extra mile for your beloved and it will pay dividends. Build bridges and mend fences. Make any needed apologies.



Taurus  
April 20-May 20

★★★★

Power issues emerge. Don't battle things out with other people. Use your self-confidence and discipline to do what needs to be done.



Scorpio  
October 23-November 21

★★★★★

Some of your strong feelings or beliefs may be tested today. Insisting on your viewpoint closes doors; openness leads to useful insights.



Gemini  
May 21-June 20

★★

Change on the way. Clarify what is useful and worth keeping. Let go of old methods, attitudes, and habits which just hold you back.



Sagittarius  
November 22-December 21

★★★★

Even if surrounded by extravagance, you can be the voice of reason. Think before spending.



Cancer  
June 21-July 22

★★★★★

A good day for interacting with others. Choose something so-cialable which you would like to do with the one you love--and do it!



Capricorn  
December 22-January 19

★★★★★

Travel plans proceed smoothly. Share expenses with a friend and you'll both have a good time.



Leo  
July 23-August 22

★★★★

Take a little time and interest to find out about your children's friends. Support contacts which are healthy.



Aquarius  
January 20-February 18

★★★★

How you relate to colleagues has more impact than other duties. If looking for a partner, you may meet someone on the job.



Virgo  
August 23-September 22

★★

Your mind is incisive today and your tongue may be as well. You cut to the very heart of any matter under discussion.



Pisces  
February 19-March 20

★★★★★

Despite an apparent obstacle, you can win through. Perseverance and patience will succeed!



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# USM COMMUNITY PAGE



## Community Spotlight:

Students connect at annual international and multicultural welcome reception

Thomas Fitzgerald  
News Intern

Cultural representation was rather present on Wednesday evening at the Wishcamper Center on the Portland campus, as the international and multicultural welcome reception was held with many students and staff members present.

The conference room was filled with both new and experienced students who were gathering for light conversation over a multitude of diverse sources that such as falafels, hummus, salsa and many different deserts.

However, this event had much more to offer than socialization between community members of USM. Many different sections of the reception had representatives of minority groups that are working with the University to ease the transition that there may be for some students, and answer all questions that they may have going forward.

The most notable of the representatives in assistance for students is Suzie Eschelbacher, who is representing the Trio Student Support Service here at USM.

This support service offers individual advising for students who are looking to develop a college success plan, set academic goals, and address any challenges or uncertainties that they may still have about their college experience.

Admission into the program allows students to participate in community learning with educational and social workshops that will help develop strategies for studying, time management, career preparation, and open up opportunities for students to give back to their community with volunteer service options.

“Many times financial aid can be one of the largest concerns for a student because they are not sure when there are deadlines for their FAFSA, and may need help filling out the application.



Katelyn Wiggins / Free Press Staff

Students gathered in the Wishcamper Center for light conversation and food that was provided from a multitude of diverse sources.

Every year during that time we hold a group for all eligible students, and we will work together with them to make sure the process is as easy as we can make it. If there is anything that a student may still be unsure about, and has questions, I encourage them to see if they are eligible for qualification into our program.” Stated Eschelbacher

If this program is something of interest, you may qualify if neither of your parents graduated from a four year college, meet the government income guidelines, or you have a documented physical, medical, psychological, or learning disability.

Another student organized group that promotes diversity at USM is One Nation, and it is organized by Native American students that attend USM. Although this group is centrically based with a Native American theme, the group is merely “designed to help students reconnect and learn about their cultures, as well as stay connection and share stories when you are far from home, and welcome to students

from all nations” as stated on their display.

“It is great to be able to come here and learn a little bit about every culture,” said ESOL student Emmanuel Kabeyaa “With each person that I speak to, I feel like I am always finding out something that is better and better about their cultural representation.”

The event was well attended by representatives of both the university and the state of Maine. Joy Pufhal, Dean of Students, was also there to answer all student questions, and the world affairs council of Maine was in attendance posing for photographs with interested students and cultural representatives.

Students who were unable to attend Wednesday’s event are still encouraged to research the options that are available to them that will help assist their success in the college process.

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Photo courtesy of Eric Tirrell/ of St. Joe's

St. Joe's Victoria Huntley looks to contend Junior Karina Zellou in Thursday night's volleyball matchup between the Southern Maine Huskies and the St. Joe's Monks.



## Campus Events

### Monday, September 21

Women in Cartography  
Osher Map Library  
USM Portland Campus  
Starts: 7:00 a.m. / Ends: 9:00 a.m.

### Tuesday, September 22

Women in Cartography  
Osher Map Library  
USM Portland Campus  
Starts: 10:00 a.m. / Ends: 4:00 p.m.

General Astronomy for High Schoolers  
Southworth Planetarium  
USM Portland Campus  
Starts: 10:00 a.m. / Ends: 12:00 p.m.

Field Hockey Saint Joseph's (Me.) vs. Southern Me.  
Starts: 4:00 p.m. / Ends: 7:00 p.m.

### Wednesday, September 23

Patient Safety Academy 2015  
Abromson Center  
USM Portland Campus  
Starts: 9:00 a.m. / Ends: 4:00 p.m.

Women's Volleyball Rivier vs. Southern Me.  
Starts: 7:00 p.m. / Ends: 10:00 p.m.

### Thursday, September 24

General Astronomy for Middle Schoolers  
Southworth Planetarium  
USM Portland Campus  
Starts: 10:30 a.m. / Ends: 12:00 p.m.

Carto Crafters  
Osher Map Library and Smith Center for Cartographic Education  
USM Portland Campus  
Starts: 4:30 p.m. / Ends: 6:30 p.m.

### Friday, September 25

STEM Faculty Interest Group Meeting  
1 Payson Smith  
USM Portland Campus  
Starts: 9:00 a.m. / Ends: 10:00 a.m.

Book Group: Teaching Unprepared Students by Kathleen F. Gabriel  
Glickman Library  
USM Portland Campus  
Starts: 2:30 a.m. / Ends: 4:00 p.m.

Natural Selection  
Southworth Planetarium  
USM Portland Campus  
Starts: 7:00 p.m. / Ends: 8:00 p.m.

### Saturday, September 26

13th Annual Old-Fashioned Outdoor Band Concert  
In front of Corthell Hall  
USM Gorham Campus  
Starts: 1:00 p.m.

For more events:  
[www.usm.maine.edu/events](http://www.usm.maine.edu/events)

## USM Sports

### Fighting hard, but coming up just short

The Huskies were behind in each set all night, but with their will to fight back, they were able to produce a couple of exhilarating come-from-behind wins, and give the Monks a solid run for their money.

For the full article on this sports event by Brooks Law visit our website at [usmfreepress.org](http://usmfreepress.org)



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