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Delegates return from Iceland with hopeful view for the future

Delegates from USM that took flight to Iceland back on October 14 have now returned with many takeaways of their experiences from the European country. Before taking flight on their mission, a goal was set out by President Glenn Cummings to build not only educational ties, but also economical.

The Arctic assembly conference—of which the mission was, as hundreds of officials from many different countries gathered in discussion on how to better the North Atlantic and the Arctic regions of the world by developing educational bonds. Well-known politicians, such as the President of France and the President of Iceland were present at this conference.

Of the delegates who represented Maine, one particular stand out is the former Governor, Angus King. Now our State Senator, King was a polarizing figure among the large crowd, as he delivered two liberating speeches to large crowds of educators.

Although his speeches were filled with humor and stories, the message he delivered was focused on building an educational vision that countries can work together and build. The way he captured the attention of his listeners and his plans for the future only improved the chances of Maine having a voice for cooperative education between countries.

“My understanding that the Chinese are very afraid of a crisis is made up of two symbols. The first one is danger, and the other one is opportunity. A crisis for me is a time of danger but also a time of great opportunity. The opportunity is for scientific collaboration, for political collaboration, and for the world finally realizing its potential to meet together, to solve a common challenge,” said King while elaborating on the importance of collaborating to improve.

“What we are talking about this weekend is change. Change is difficult, and it always has been, so we need to rise to deal with this change.”

While the delegates were not spending time at the conference, they kept themselves busy with educational inspiration, as meetings were regularly arranged between non-profit organizations, universities, government agencies and also businesses in Iceland in hopes of providing more opportunities for our students.

“There was a particularly productive conversation with Reykjavik University President Ari Jonsson, his senior staff, our faculty, Dean Jo Williams and myself where we began discussing possible partnerships for our business students, honors students, cyber-security, school of public health and the ocean cluster house,” said President Cummings in his release of the Monday Missive.

In a separate mission, Dean of College Humanities and Social Science, Adam Tuchinsky left with Governor Paul LePage and many other representatives for China and Japan as promotion for the International Early College high school that is being developed at USM. Although USM will need a final vote from the board of trustees for this program to be institutionalized, the positivity brought from the visit grew as encouragement.

With all the relationships built last month, it is the hope of USM officials that Icelandic representatives will be intrigued enough to meet again in 2016, because the Arctic Council International Forum will be held right here in Portland. 35 countries have been invited to send delegates to represent their educational systems.

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Domestic Violence and technology

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Domestic Violence and the law

As part of the effort to raise awareness for domestic violence during the month of October, USM professors and faculty members discuss how domestic violence cases have begun to occur more frequently in recent years. The University of Southern Maine (USM) is taking proactive steps to help domestic violence victims.

Victims can be fearful or not afraid, they can be intimidated, they can be hostile, they can be all sorts of things,” said Luppi.

Domestic Violence and Awareness

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Portland ordered to pay $56K to Planned Parenthood Protesters

Eliot Cutler business school now has financial backing

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News Intern

Eliot Cutler did not succeed in his race to become the next Governor of Maine, but he is working hard to develop a graduate business program in the University of Maine System that would merge students of Orono and students of USM to one independent campus in Portland.

With this new plan of action comes concerns from students and faculty regarding the affiliation of the program. Uncertainty about which University students will be affiliated and who will give them their diplomas surfaced as initial concerns over the idea, but Cutler assured that this is something that will improve the educational experience of all students in the program.

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Other questions that have risen from this proposal involve spending. There is a clear need for funding if these buildings are going to be put in place. The Harold Alfond Foundation is the strongest supporter of this initiative; $500,000 was provided earlier in the year to study the effects of this schooling possibility. Then, $1.25 million was used as funding for the early building development of the center.

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David Harry
The Forecaster

A failed attempt to limit where anti-abortion activists could gather on Congress Street has become costly for the city.

An Oct. 8 agreement in U.S. District Court requires the city to pay $56,500 in legal fees to the plaintiffs in the lawsuit filed in February 2014.

The agreement also requires the city to pay $1 per plaintiff “in recognition of Defendants’ violation of Plaintiff’s First Amendment rights through the implementation and enforcement of the ordinance passed unanimously by city councilors in November 2013.

The ordinance establishing a 39-foot buffer zone was challenged in court by the Maine chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, representing plaintiffs Michael Cutting, Wells Staley-Mays and Allison Prior.

The failed buffer zone ordinance was the second recent city ordinance that could limit access by protesters without violating their free speech and equal protection under the law, by requiring anti-abortion protesters to stay away from the doors leading to the Planned Parenthood of Northern New England offices at 443 Congress St.

Snedon and the Fitzgeralds were among people who began picketing the PPNE offices, typically on Friday mornings, in winter 2013. Included in the protests were graphic signs detailing abortion procedures and actions by the protesters drew complaints from PPNE patients, staff and businessperson Mike Fink, who owned a nearby diner he eventually closed.

The buffer zone established in the ordinance pushed the protesters across Congress Street, where plaintiffs said they could not effectively counsel people about alternatives to abortion.

In June 2014, federal Judge Nancy Torreson refused to strike down the city ordinance because a decision on a similar Massachusetts law was expected from the U.S. Supreme Court. After Supreme Court justices unanimously ruled in favor of the plaintiffs in McCullen v. Coakley, Portland city councilors voided the local ordinance in July 2014.

Councilors vowed to craft an ordinance that could limit access by protesters without violating their rights, but nothing has been forwarded to the full council for consideration.

The failed buffer zone ordinance is the second recent city ordinance that did not withstand a legal challenge.

In September, U.S. First Circuit Court of Appeals Judge David J. Barron handed a decision by the U.S. District Court in Maine that struck down the city ordinance preventing loitering in city median strips.

The ordinance passed in July 2013 aimed to end panhandling at Strips.

Bangor Daily News file photo of Planned Parenthood’s controversial buffer zone sign in Portland, ME.

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When Eliot Cutler ran for governor in 2014, he included a plan for developing a new business school on the Orono campus of the University of Maine.

“Eliot Cutler business school now has financial backing,” the Maine Free Press reported on Nov. 2.

In the same news release, the paper reported that USM president Glenn Cummings and Portland Mayor Michael Brennan had also named two of their children as defendants.

Cutler’s run was not successful, as he lost the race to Paul LePage.

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Referendum round-up: What you need to know

Cody MacRostie
Free Press Staff

There are two referendum questions Portland voters can respond to on November 3: one citizens march into voting halls for the off-year election.

**Question 1**

According to government documents, an ordinance was passed last June to raise Portland’s minimum wage to $10.10 per hour by 2019.

Last March, MPBN reported the Portland Green Independent Committee began collecting signatures for a referendum. Portland Mayor’s city’s minimum wage at $15 per hour for all businesses by 2019.

The committee collected and submitted more than 1,500 signatures within 80 days. In July, the Portland Press Herald reported the Portland City Council decided to place a referendum on November’s ballot for the $15 per hour minimum wage. In the same report, the Portland City Council also delayed the $10.10 per hour minimum wage ordinance it passed in June from going into effect until January 2017. In May, 2019, the minimum wage will be adjusted every year to keep pace with inflation.

**Referendum Supporters and their Arguments**

The Portland Green Independent Committee initiated the movement, and a committee known as Portlanders for a Living Wage is campaigning for the referendum to pass.

One of the main arguments for supporting the referendum is to keep pace with the rising cost of living. There’s also the belief that a wage increase will stimulate the economy. One candidate Tom MacMillan stated on his campaign website that by increasing wages, people will spend more and businesses will hire more.

“Passing Question 1 will put millions of dollars into the pockets of local businesses and the livelihoods of workers who want to support local business during all seasons,” he writes.

**Referendum Opponents and their Arguments**

Too Far, Too Fast is the group campaigning against Question 1. Its name speaks for itself: the group is opposed to the referendum because it believes that, by raising wages, businesses will struggle to maintain their competitive edge.

Richard W. Peterson, president and CEO of Maine Medical Center, wrote a piece in the Portland Press Herald last week acknowledging the importance of raising the minimum wage, which Maine

Medical voluntarily did in 2013 when it jumped to $10.10 per hour throughout the organization.

"But opponents of this ballot initiative have it exactly right when they say it amounts to ‘too far, too fast,’" he wrote.

Peterson fears how Maine Medical will absorb the “tens of millions of dollars in extra costs that the passage of Question 1 on the Portland City Council ballot would bring,” he wrote in the Herald.

Many local business owners share similar concerns, worrying if they will even be able to stay open should the referendum pass.

**Voices of USM**

Evan Hevey, a senior accounting major, said he is in favor of the referendum.

“It’s especially good because it’s a little pricier to live here than other cities like Westbrook, Scarborough or Biddeford,” said Hevey.

Bernie Dumphreys, a junior studying social work, is a proponent of the referendum as well. She doesn’t believe current wages are livable without having two jobs or needing assistance from the government.

“I believe people should be paid more for their labor so they’re able to adequately support their families,” said Dumphreys.

Weston Mais, a senior media studies student, admitted he wasn’t aware of the conditions of Question 1, but he favors raising the minimum wage. In fact, his position on the issue is very close to that of Tom MacMillan, if it were to pass.

“I do not support an immediate raise to $15 per hour,” he said. “I believe the wage needs to be steadily increased to $15 per hour in small increments over the next 10 years.

He believes that an immediate increase would make it difficult for small businesses to survive. The referendum would allow businesses that employ less than 500 people four years before requiring them to raise wages. He also supports a minimum of $15 per hour.

“And, given the higher cost of living in the Portland area, we must also provide people with equal financial opportunities so they can live in this amazing city,” added Mais.

**Question 2**

In 2013, the CPB2 group — a team of developers consisting of Jim Brady, Casey Prentice and Keir Niesten — purchased the 10 acre property formerly known as the Portland Company Complex located at 58 Fore Street with plans to develop the mixed-use space, according to the group’s website.

The Soul of Portland, a group opposing the CPB2 Mixed-Use Corridors Project, raised concern about the project blocking views of the harbor.

In a December 2014 article published by the Portland Press Herald, CPB2 released plans in hopes of placating concerns among the public about building height. The plans, according to the story, revealed that most buildings would only rise 25 feet above Fore Street, and none higher than 35 feet. Also noted was the intention to create a mixed-use facility that could include retail, hotel, public stores, parks and housing.

Tom MacMillan is the only Portland municipal candidate who supports Question 2. In June, the Portland City Council Council granted the zoning changes CPB2 requested. The amendment allows for a Mixed and Eastern Waterfront Port Zones to include 58 Fore Street, as well as allowing for taller buildings to be erected on the property at specified locations. The amendment also noted “Defined View Corridors,” in which there would be “no building allowed above the corresponding Fore Street elevation.”

According to a news release on the group’s website, Soul of Portland responded to the rezoning by submitting the signature of more than 2,500 Portland residents to put the referendum question on the ballot in November.

**Referendum Supporters and their Arguments**

Soul of Portland is the charge for the referendum to pass, but others have joined in. Keep Portland Livable, according to its website, was formed to intervene in the Midtown development in Bayside. In a September 9 news release, the group said it has yet to take a side on the issue, but acknowledged the “flawed planning process” in the project.

Soul of Portland also refutes the idea that Question 2 will discourage all development in Portland. Instead, the group argues the referendum establishes a procedure that provides City Council with a task force and the Working Waterfront Coalition, the Portland Housing Authority, the Maine Port Authority, Homeless Voices for Justice, and GrowSmart Maine are among the businesses and organizations urging citizens to vote “no” on Question 2.

Portland’s Future argues the referendum will prevent “more than $200 million in economic development for Portland,” as stated on the PNC’s official website.

The group calls it a “poorly written question” that will prevent affordable housing from entering the city. It also argues the ordinance’s language is too vague, creating restrictions on development that could apply, “almost everywhere.”

Chris MilNeil, chairperson of the board of the Portland Housing Authority, wrote in the Portland Press Herald she believes Question 2 supporters are motivated by self-interest. He claims the founders of Keep Portland Livable and leaders of Soul of Portland all own homes in Portland’s “most desirable neighborhoods.” He said he believes that, by keeping development out, a housing shortage will persist, thus real estate prices remain high for wealthy homeowners. He argues the selfishness of a few should not run an opposition that would benefit the majority of Portlanders.

Nancy Smith, Executive Director of GrowSmart Maine, argued in an op-ed that Portland Press Herald that passing the referendum could ruin the prospect of future investment and label Portland as a city unfriendly to new ideas. These results, she said, will hurt the city economically and socially. She added that GrowSmart Maine’s board reached a unanimous decision to oppose the referendum for the first time in the organization’s history. It’s a noteworthy act, she said, considering that GrowSmart Maine’s objective is to “counteract irresponsible growth patterns and sprawl in Maine.”

“If passed, Question 2 would create an unnecessary layer of bureaucracy, imposing such subjective criteria that it would make developing and doing business in Portland too high-risk for many who want to engage in this city,” she wrote.

**Voices of USM**

Caroline Bost, a junior nursing student, believes Portland has enough development already.

“Portland is being built up so much already,” she said. “There are so many restaurants. If you look down every street, there’s an inn, a hotel, or something like that.”

Mas, who also offered his thoughts on Question 1, is a proponent of protecting the views Portlanders enjoy.

“I believe that development should be restricted to preserve our scenic views. Portland is an amazing spot with some of the best architectural scenery in the world,” he said.

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Enrollment forum hopes to increase student retention

The vice president of enrollment management and USM alumna, Nancy Davis Griffin, led a forum on the university’s enrollment and admissions goals last week. The enrollment management office was formed in June 2015 in response to the need for a “student-centered plan” at USM, according to a written press release by Griffin.

The goals for this plan, as reiterated by Griffin at the forum, are to increase recruitment of new students and retention of current students, increase overall student satisfaction, reduce financial barriers for all students and raise under- and graduate applications by ten percent. While these ambitions seem lofty, Griffin remains confident.

“They’re working with community members, faculty, staff and anyone else we know to help us achieve these goals. We’re doing a full review on our financial aid packaging and strategies, and we’re looking at discounts,” said Griffin. “We’ve talked about wanting to work better and stronger with students, identifying the student that’s before us, improving our service to that student. All of that is going to help and will impact retention.”

Forum participants expressed their enthusiasm for these new initiatives at the open discussion, many contributing with new issues to consider. A notable concern brought up by an attendee of the forum was that some high school students in Maine may feel disoriented from considering USM due to discouragement from guidance counselors.

Griffin met this statement with news that the office of admissions was planning a “guidance counselor breakfast” with the hopes of illuminating school counselors on the value of an education at USM and potentially increasing applications.

Another issue addressed was the high cost of tuition for out-of-state students who do not qualify as residents of Maine, despite living and working in Maine and paying taxes to the state.

One unique challenge facing the enrollment task force is how to combat the recent negative publicity surrounding the university. Enrollment rates dropped 11 percent in 2014 to 2015, which Griffin attributes partly to this unfavorable image.

While Griffin acknowledges this obstacle, she remains hopeful, stating with confidence, “I am very optimistic that we will increase student enrollment this year.”

Interested in learning more about the enrollment forum? Visit: usm.maine.edu/enrollment.
Dora Thompson
Arts & Culture Editor

Do you know the history behind your morning coffee? Do you know the family behind your local pub? With the Old Port Culinary Walking Tour, you will. The tour is a critically acclaimed spin around local food hot spots, offering samples of their delectable fare as well as knowledge about the people behind it. You visit several destinations on the tour, going anywhere from Old Port Wine & Cigar to Holy Donut.

The goal of the tour is to expose the stories and histories behind the dishes. Director and founder Pamela Laskey wants to keep it that way. “I have so much respect for the resourcefulness of Mainers,” Pam said. “Whether it’s an old family recipe handed down from generation to generation, or a new way of presenting and serving one of our state’s staple crops, I’m just constantly amazed at the creativity and ingenuity of Maine artisans, cooks, and chefs.”

The Old Port Culinary Walking Tours are part of a larger franchise of Maine Foodie Tours. On their more than successful season, they continue to open the eyes of locals and tourists alike to the towns of not only Portland, but Kennebunkport, Bai Harbor and Rockland. Other variations include the Old Port Lunchtime Lobster Crawl and the Happy Hour tour, which is dedicated solely to spirits. Tours can have up to 14 people, and welcome all ages (save the ones that only cater to a 21 plus crowd). They are slow and steady and operate in rain or shine, all days of the week from June to October. All of them are lead by entertain the educted locals, who bring their own individual flavors to their groups.

Some of the stops on the Old Port Culinary Walking Tour might be places you have been, but have never known this much. Vervacious is a spice shop off of Commercial Street. It is owned by married couple who sold their home so they could sail around the round on a boat dubbed “Verve.” It was then they really acquired a taste for the exotic, and opened their shop of oils, chili powders and seasonings galore. Specializing in the sweet and savory, the employees say that many customers like the aroma of the store to heaven.

Another stop on the tour is The Harbor Fish Market. It is as quintessential working waterfront as you can get. It’s rustic and bustling interior is filled with the sounds of order-shouting and furious fish-chopping. Any tour guide you have will explain that it’s been owned by the same family since 1971. The Harbor Fish Market is also ethically conscious.

“You use as much local as possible,” said Manager Ron Smith. “We only carry things that are sustainable. Anything that’s on the end-amazoned list, we don’t carry.”

Lobster men and women can deliver directly to the market. Smith said that business is booming, and people are really starting to realize the health benefits of seafood.

“You’re supporting your local boats and your local economy,” Smith said.

Andy’s Old Port Pub is an incredible find on the tour. Definitely a spot for the locals, the pub is frequented by lobster men and women and islanders stopping by on the mainland. The owner himself, Rick Frantz, lives on one of the surrounding islands. The walls are covered in either pictures of fishermen at work or signed band posters, another staple of the pub. Andy’s has a large underground music scene, and hosts folk and Americana six times a month. They say that it is knowledge among musicians that Andy’s is the place to go.

The pub also only sells sustainable fish and fare. Frantz met the namesake of his pub when he was a camp counselor and Andy was one of his campers. Andy and Frantz remained friends ever since.

Vena’s Fizz House is one of the more original destinations on the walking tour. Apparently the idea was born out of a dream, and almost immediately executed. Vena’s makes fizzy drinks that will replace your soda craving with a healthy, natural bubbly. They use over 365 different bitters, phosphates, and shrubs (all essentially beverage flavorings) to mix and shake to create a variety of flavors.

The experience is whimsical and delicious. Skilled mixologists look like pharmacists behind the bar, with hundreds of small colorful bottles to choose from, ready to make you a “Tootsie Soda Pop” or any kind of flavor lemonade you could want. After 4 p.m., the bar offers the most original cocktails in the area by adding alcohol to their flavor smorgasboard.

“We are debunking the mystery of cocktails. We expand the average drinkers vocabulary, and we have a great staff. They’re always willing to talk to people,” said mixologist Nichole Bailey. She said that working in Portland is like being part of a large community, with all the workers at different businesses encouraging each other.

K. Horton Specialty Foods, another favorite stop on the Old Port Culinary walking tours, is no stranger to community. In fact, it is their entire business model. K. Horton sells specialty cheeses, meats, salads, wraps and more. The business is part of The Portland Public House. The market’s second floor incubates small restaurants as they start off, allowing them work space as they try out their trade. Now-chain restaurant Karnasoustra got its start because of this model. In their basement is a community kitchen, which people can rent out. This helps small businesses make their product in a state approved, commercially licensed kitchen, the expensive of which can be huge.

“We just really believe in this,” said Kris Horton, the owner of K. Horton Specialty Foods. Her inspiring vision coincides with Maine Foodie Tours. "It’s very hard to come into a strange town and figure out what is local. Many people when they travel go to burger king and chains because they feel safe there," she explained. "Pam Laskey is very good at pointing out places."

With these places featured, it is not hard to believe that the tours got the 2015 award for Leadership and Hospitality. They also received TripAdvisor’s Bravo! award for “Excellent” reviews in 2013 and 2014. Kathy Gentry, a Georgian resident who experienced the Old Port Culinary Walking Tour last weekend said that one of the reasons she went on the tour was that it was one of the first things one saw when googling Portland. That, and it was so well reviewed.

She explained that whenever she and her husband go to a new city, they like to take a tour to get the feel of the land.

“I had no idea that Portland’s food was this developed,” Gentry exclaimed.

Spots fill up fast, so be sure to reserve your spot on a Portland Foodie Tour. Whether you’ve grown up here all your life, or you’re just breathing through, you’ll learn a lot about Portland City’s people. And there is no better way to connect to the heart of a town than through its stomach.

Dora Thompson / Arts & Culture Editor

LEFT: The Harbor Fish Market displays the day’s catch. MIDDLE: K. Horton Specialty Foods has a huge variety of cheeses. RIGHT: Vena’s Fizz House sells flavored bitters to take home.
Portland Press Herald releases 60 years of photos

Amanda Melanson
Free Press Staff

Portland is home to a vast culture of people - some have lived here their whole lives and have family that has been there from their own humble beginnings. Those beginnings are being documented as still-life photographs, rendered from negatives provided by the Portland Press Herald to the Portland Library, located on Congress and Elm Street. Starting in 2009 and still ongoing, Portland Library’s own Abraham Schechter has been working to uncover each photograph and painstakingly relocate them from acidic-based sleeves of paper that have eroded away many photographs over the time they were in the Press Herald’s sub-basement. They were transferred to new sleeves and placed in chronological order - some of which have been rendered and scanned to the Library’s Digital Commons to be viewed online.

“It’s a strange journey. I don’t know anyone else who could do it,” Schechter said, when asked how grueling the entire process was. There were other staff members on hand for him to help go through photos and sort through those that were salvageable and those that were beyond restoration. He spoke of his photography background, riding his bike as a commuter in Portland and stopping to take pictures along the way. This knowledge about negatives and how to analyze them helped him in his work uncovering each piece of film housed in the sub-basement they called home. It was not until 2012 that he moved them to the library, tucked away in nicer sleeves and in a better conditioned room for their preservation.

Schechter described the basement as smelling of vinegar - remnants from the old sleeves that preserved the films but had deteriorated over time. When asked how it felt to be exploring a part of history (the pictures dating from the 1930s to the 2000s), Schechter described the processing he’s been doing as “one of the most important important restoration projects in Maine.”

In the first half of the twentieth century Portland was a much more densely populated place - resembling Boston in its own way. Schechter described Portland as “full of life” and that it “took itself seriously”. He went on to say the Portland of the past is “a Portland that doesn’t exist anymore,” and that now, when he walks the streets of Portland, he sees in his mind’s eye how it used to be, from the photos he’s spent so long caring for.

Though the exhibit was specifically held on Oct. 26 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., there are still showings that are available between now and June 15 of next year for any history buff looking to explore Portland through the decades.

The photos shown above are from The Portland Press Herald archives; these images date back to 1930.

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Longfellow book

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Henry Wadsworth Longfellow was born in Portland in 1807. Longfellow himself is known of course for his poetry and incredible beard, but what most people do not realize is how large the role Maine played in his artistic inspiration.

The Longfellow house is situated in the heart of the Old Port District with a large booming federal looking building encroaching on this slice of Victorian heaven. The house was built in 1785 by Peleg Longfellow (Henry’s grandfather) who fought in the Revolutionary War and served as a congressman for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Fast forward 116 years and the house is bequeathed to the Maine Historical Society (MHS) by his sister Anne, with the stipulation that it be turned into a museum and that the MHS build a museum and that the MHS build their library on the ground surrounding the property. This ancient house sits beautifully in the middle of this bustling metropolitan city.


During Babin’s opening address he said to the crowd “I know more about Longfellow than Longfellow knew about himself,” which garnered a pleasant reaction from the full room. A fun Portland fact for you is that at the time of Longfellow’s birth the population of the city was only 6,000 people, today the city alone is home to 66 thousand residents and the Greater Portland area holds more than a third of Maine’s population at a half a million people.

After Babin gave up the podium Allan Levinsky gave us a brief overview of the changes that Longfellow saw to the city he loved. Once the history lesson concluded the large teddy bear frame of Herb Adams came to the front of the crowd (in all honesty he is a shoe-in for an Edgar All Poe look alike) and closed his remarks with this: “Henry and his large family have never really left,” which certainly set the tone for the rest of the afternoon.

“I talk about him (Longfellow) going out to Portland Head Light, he got great inspiration out there. I put “Sea Diver” in (the book) and “Lighthouse” which were poems that were basically inspired by the lighthouse.” Babin said in his post signing interview.

John Babin’s book shines light on a area of Longfellow’s life that is too readily ignored by most historical depictions of the man. But it is clearly evident that Portland was anything but a footnote in the great man’s life.

In his poem “My Lost Youth” Longfellow writes, “Often I think of the beautiful towns That is seat-ed by the sea,” along with “And Deering’s Woods are fresh and fair/ And with joy that is almost pain/ My heart goes back to wander there. / And among the dreams of the days that were./ I find my lost youth again.”

“Deering’s Woods” is today Deering Oaks Park which is situated on Forest Avenue can be visited today and serves as one of many real life example of Maine life that Longfellow appropriated for his art. “It was the whole city, he just truly loved this city, he really did.” Babin said on the subject of Longfellow’s inspiration.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow accomplished many things in his storied life and has a body of work that people dream to reach, but it was a third story window in his family home that he kept coming back to year after year and I think that says something really special about this city we call home. A lot of us wish for bigger and better things and it is not until we lose them that we realize what we had all along. We can all learn something from a man like Longfellow - the least of which being beard maintenance.

November 2, 2015

Arts & Culture Recommends:
Cannabis Convention at Sullivan Gym

Meaghan Gonsior / Contrib

Arts & Culture Editor

Rising up in the midst of political and social controversy, the New England Cannabis Network (NECANN) will be hosting the Portland Cannabis Convention on November seventeenth and eighteenth from noon to 6p.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday. The two day event- consisting of guest speakers, live demonstrations and over 60 vendors- will be located in the Sullivan Recreation Complex on USM’s Portland campus.

Discussing marijuana typically brings a certain stereotype to mind, even in the context of its proven medical uses. Maine was one of the earliest states to legalize medical marijuana usage in 1999, yet some companies are still uncomfortable being associated with it due to certain stigmas attached to the drug. According to spokesman Marc Shepard, breaking the “stoner stereotype” is a part of NECANN’s mission and medical marijuana awareness.

“It’s important to separate [medical marijuana use] from jokes about Cheech & Chong and the munchies,” said Shepard.

NECANN has had to overcome many obstacles to put on these conventions- having a bank account closed, media companies pulling their advertisements and national corporations refusing to work with them.

“One thing plus side,” says Shepard, “we continue to be extremely grateful for the local businesses [the Phoenix, The Bollard, Dispatch, The Portland Radio Group & Atlantic Coast Radio, and USM] who gladly work with us.” When asked about the culture surrounding medical marijuana, Shepard explained, “we’ve found the medical marijuana community in New England to be incredibly compassionate, kind, determined and dedicated. Groups like the Medical Marijuana Caregivers of Maine & Maine Children for Cannabis Therapy come from literally all walks of life and tirelessly volunteer their time and energy advocating for the rights of patients.”

“NECANN was conceived to establish a resource hub for the rapidly expanding medical marijuana industry in New England. Medical marijuana is used for a variety of medical conditions including chronic pain [management], ALS symptoms, and seizures in children, among dozens of other uses,” explains Shepard.

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Film: Taken By Storm
Space Gallery
538 Congress St.
Starts: 7:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, November 4**
N.C. Wyeth’s “Dark Harbor Fishermen”
Portland Museum of Art
7 Congress Sq.
Starts: 12:00 p.m.

**Thursday, November 5**
Music: Govinda
Port City Music Hall
504 Congress St.
Starts: 8:00 p.m.

**Friday, November 6**
Troublemakers: The Story of Land Art
Portland Museum of Art
7 Congress Sq.
Starts: 2:00 p.m.

**Saturday, November 7**
Cannabis Convention
USM Sullivan Rec Center
96 Falmouth St.
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Self Explanation

The choices we make always impact our future

Nicholas Beauchesne
Sports Editor

One of the things that gives me the greatest sense of satisfaction is being on the road. On Sundays, I will head to SMCC to coach the final game of the season for a fall AAU (Amateur Athletic Union) basketball team. This team, comprised of ten boys from Lewiston High School, is a reminder of where I was a few years back in my life. Working at LHS and coaching basketball there made up a large portion of the person I was during the time I have spent away from USM.

Those kids, and that game, taught me things that I never dreamed I would learn about myself. That is not just about any other experience I have had, and I am a better person now because of the opportunities they have given me as a coach and an educator.

You see, there is something about being with kids, particularly those at the high school level, that makes me feel that I am providing a momentous impact on the future. When you are connected with kids, the past five or six years, five days a week, I was one of the first people that some of them would come to talk about issues ranging from advice on a Science Fair project to individual issues going on at home. I grew into the adult I am today during these times. It was my job to help the kids navigate the labyrinthine journey through the halls of LHS and into young adulthood.

Now I am back at USM to finish the journey I started here back in 2006. Back then, I was just an over-sized kid myself, unable to take control of my life and my future. I wandered the paths and the halls of Portland and Gorham comunidad aimlessly seeking a sense of direction and purpose. I found nothing but self-doubt back then. I had no real sense of who I was or what I would grow to become. I stood stagnant: I skipped class and blew off assignments because I did not care about anything. I couldn’t see the consequences of my actions.

As a result, I was dismissed from USM. At that point in time, it was the most devastating blow I had suffered in my life. Having to return home to explain my very why I was not in college was having to come to terms with my shortcomings and my past. I had numerous conversations with people that cared about and believed in me and somehow found myself back in the halls of the high school I had graduated from.

I am not one to put much stock in fate - the choices we make always directly impact the future we find ourselves in the future. But there was something almost predetermined about me going back to LHS at the age of 23. There were still lessons to be learned for me in those classrooms I had spent so much time in.

I saw a whole new generation of kids connected to me by the shared experience of being a student there. Through that connection I was able to help in the development of hundreds of kids, and, in turn, learn valuable lessons myself.

Now I am back at USM—reading Shakespeare and writing for the Free Press. Yes, these things could and should have been taken care of years ago.

But I don’t think I was ready. I still had more to learn about myself and about life before I was ready to take control of my own.

Now I am here, ready to work for my future in the present and I owe it all to the lessons I learned during my second stint at Lewiston High School. I intend to make this second run at USM as impactful as possible.
**Sustainability & ME**

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- **Advising Advice**

**What are your strengths and skills in life?**

**USM Dual Advising Contributor**

**Tell me your strengths?**

This is the question job inter- viewers ask as you sit before them hoping you don’t come across sounding too arrogant or ac- cidently underselling yourself because you are unsure. Yet, it’s the funda- mental question. Why do we freeze when someone asks us to explain our strengths? It’s challenging to describe not just what our skills are but how our strengths are unique. Describing soft skills can be difficult. How do you elaborate on “I am good with people” or “I am reliable?” Yet, potential employers want to know more. They want to be able to imagine you in the job. If you had any language to describe not just what your strengths are but how your strengths are unique.

- **What is Atwood teaching us?**

Atwood's issues are manifold: romantic conflict, patriarchal sexism, sexual instability, religious transcendence. These are the complex realities that she makes us confront with her characters and how she crafts the story around them. Yet, it is important to acknowledge that her protagonists are not overweight anymore! Nobody can take away the pain she has dwelled on her weight comes fester- ing up in almost inconceivable ways. What Joan does is struggle constantly with the weight she has lost past, tied in a ve- rish fear of someone discovering that past. What Joan also accomplishes is becoming a successful romantic nov- elist, a successful literary poet, an individual who is not about radical acts and da- das, a wife, and a religious guru of sort. But always, despite success, despite even moments of moderate contentment, weighty fears fester in her; she dwells too con- stantly on how “I had been the fat mongoloid idiot.” We as readers want to say “Stop thinking about it! It doesn’t define you! You’re not overweight anymore!” Nobody can take away the pain she has dwelled on her weight comes fester- ing up in almost inconceivable ways. What Joan does is struggle constantly with the weight she has lost past, tied in a veris- h very fear of someone discovering that past. What Joan also accomplishes is becoming a successful romantic nov- elist, a successful literary poet, an individual who is not about radical acts and da- das, a wife, and a religious guru of sort. But always, despite success, despite even moments of moderate contentment, weighty fears fester in her; she dwells too con- stantly on how “I had been the fat mongoloid idiot.” We as readers want to say “Stop thinking about it! It doesn’t define you! You’re not overweight anymore!” Nobody can take away the pain she has dwelled on her weight comes fester- ing up in almost inconceivable ways. What Joan does is struggle constantly with the weight she has lost past, tied in a ve- rish fear of someone discovering that past. What Joan also accomplishes is becoming a successful romantic nov- elist, a successful literary poet, an individual who is not about radical acts and da- das, a wife, and a religious guru of sort. But always, despite success, despite even moments of moderate contentment, weighty fears fester in her; she dwells too con- stantly on how “I had been the fat mongoloid idiot.” We as readers want to say “Stop thinking about it! It doesn’t define you! You’re not overweight anymore!” Nobody can take away the pain she has dwelled on her weight comes fester- ing up in almost inconceivable ways. What Joan does is struggle constantly with the weight she has lost past, tied in a ve- rish fear of someone discovering that past.

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**Puzzles**

**Crossword**

1. Heroic narrative
2. 1953 Pulitzer playwright
3. Shopping containers, e.g.
4. Gain on
5. David Copperfield's wife
6. Devoted
7. Predicts
8. Disenfranchised brand
9. Puts(able copy)
10. Filter
11. Dove note
12. Just starting to develop
13. Said "is shiny and beyond"
14. "Game of Thrones" aiter
15. Bk. of the Bible
16. ... living (support oneself)
17. ... jumpping on ...
18. Gave a hard pull
19. Model Taylor
20. Has come up
21. ... I Did It Again" (Spyros song)
22. NBA player: Jeremy
23. Shifty
24. Error
25. Happy cheer
26. onto vectors
27. "A Duke's House" playwright
28. Henrik
29. Cheers
30. Program that rings true
31. 1916 battle site
32. "... if I just me?"
33. Unluckily
34. What "bore" may mean
35. Accident-investigating org.
36. Old Tunisian rulers

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**Sudoku**

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

**Cryptogram**

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

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WV IG-BNOVIGE.

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Speaker’s diplomatic approach to ISIS

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Phyllis Bennis, a Fellow at the Institute for Policy Studies in Washington, is an expert on the current conflict in the Middle East and a strong advocate for the use of diplomacy over war in U.S. foreign policy. Her talk at the Woodbury Center last week, “Understanding ISIS and the New Global War on Terror,” was sponsored by Peace Action Maine, assisted by Coordinator of Multicultural Affairs Reza Jalali and the World Affairs Council.

Bennis directed the New Internationalism Project at IPS and works as a writer, activist and analyst on Middle East and UN issues. She has served as an informal adviser to several top UN officials on Middle East and UN democratization issues. In 2001 she helped found and remains active with the U.S. Campaign to End the Israeli Occupation. She works with many anti-war organizations, and writes and speaks widely across the U.S., around the world as part of the global peace movement.

The title of Bennis’ talk, like the title of her most recent book, “Understanding ISIS and the New Global War on Terror,” implies that it is important for people not just to react to ISIS, the Taliban and similarly aggressive groups, but to “understand” them.

Stan Scott president of Peace Action Maine and Adjunct Faculty here at USM attended the event. Scott has taught a senior seminar on the theme of “Sustainability” at Lewiston Auburn College and a first-year seminar in the USM Peace Program.

“We sense a great need and desire at USM and in the Portland community for people to know more clearly the causes of the conflicts going on now in Iraq, Syria, and Afghanistan where American bombs are being dropped almost daily,” Scott said.

Peace Action Maine sponsored this event with Bennis because they want to reach students and others in the community at USM in particular, with the message that war is not the best answer, that there are other approaches to the malignant ideology and actions posed by ISIS, the Taliban, and similar forces in the world.

“We are a university community and we believe it should be our business as students and others with intellectual interests and tools at our disposal to understand aggressive forces like these in the world as much as possible in order to respond with the utmost intelligence to the threats they pose,” he said.

USM is a local affiliate of Peace Action, a national grassroots citizen movement promoting education about the causes of world conflict. They work to persuade governments and others through nonviolent means to stop the spread of nuclear weapons, and to abolish the use of war as a method of solving conflicts.

This event was well attended by USM students including one Imad Ali, a Somali native studying accounting at USM who led off the questioning of the speaker during the Q&A session with a presentation of the general public. Ali believes that many people are fed a narrow view of what ISIS is through the media.

“I think that any major issue that affects and effects a country is important standing the war on terrorism,” Reza Jalali, Coordinator of Multicultural Student Affairs believes it was really important to bring the presenter to USM and hosting these type of events promotes awareness in our community.

“As a Metropolitan University, and the largest public university in Southern Maine, we take our mission of informing the community about current affairs seriously. Historically, the USM Office of Multicultural Student Affairs has acted as a bridge between USM and the larger Portland community,” he explained. “As educators, we understand we live in an interconnected global village and what goes on in other parts of the world impact us greatly.

Joshua Stevenson, a junior majoring in Biology, came to the event to learn more about this complex topic. Stevenson believes that the lecture was too short and watered-down. He felt that the speaker did not have enough information and used the lecture as a platform to soapbox her views.

“The next event should have a speaker who is more knowledgeable on the subject and who brings the subject across in a way that doesn’t sound like they are pushing an agenda,” said Stevenson “The speaker should spend a fair amount of time describing the views of all sides and the history of the struggles between these sides. The lecture should be longer and give detailed accounts of everything from beginning to end without vilifying one side or the other and try to remain neutral.”

Latifa Sweri-Fakhouri, a Libyan-American USM graduate disagrees she thought the event was great and believes that there should be more of such events.

“The event was stimulating and enjoyable, and a big success in convincing the speaker to come is not the right answer to conflict in the Middle East. The talk opened people’s thinking to alternatives to war, including the idea of putting more intensive practice of diplomacy.”

This Teach-In was sponsored by USM Office of Multicultural Student Affairs, with help from USM International Students Association, Peace Action Maine, and World Affairs Council of Maine.

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Bennis talks to students, faculty and community members about ISIS.

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University policy aims to combat hazing

Hazing takes many forms; from sporting teams to Greek life to other student organizations, the dangers of these forms of initiation have had serious and often tragic consequences across the country. It is the aim of the University of Southern Maine to combat and eliminate hazing, seeking to ensure a safe environment for students to engage in clubs, teams and activities without the pressure and the fear that comes with hazing.

Al Bean, Athletic Director for USM, understands the importance of having a zero-tolerance policy for all students, athletes or otherwise, when it comes to engaging in acts of hazing:

“We do all that we can,” said Bean. “As proactive as we are in terms of education and enforcement of university policy, we cannot stop everything that happens.”

It is true that students, when off-c campus or otherwise outside the university’s reach, act on their own accord. Students make decisions on their own that (despite the best efforts and hopes of the faculty that seeks to ensure the safety of the student body) can have troubling consequences.

That is why USM seeks to both educate the athletes and the school community as a whole about the dangers of hazing - concurrent with the strict enforcement of university policy. Last week USM hosted David Kerschner, a Research Associate for the University of Maine’s Stop Hazing program. Kerschner gave an informative and impactful presentation that educated the audience on how to prevent and combat hazing.

Dozens of student athletes attended the presentation, which was a part of USM’s “Full Potential Program,” a multifaceted curriculum that seeks to help shape student athletes into well rounded, complete citizens both during and after their time spent in college.

“It is our goal to eliminate hazing in all its forms,” said Bean. “Having a presentation like the one by David [Kerschner] goes a long way toward that goal.”

Educating the college population, in sports as well as in other facets of student life at USM, is an integral part of winning the fight against the dangerous and unacceptable hazing behavior that can infect universities across the country. Having the wherewithal to identify acts of hazing, as well as to prevent such acts from taking place, is a key step toward securing the safety of a school’s students. The Full Potential Program is an important aspect of this educational process.

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Crafts at Costello

On November 14, USM’s Costello field house will be hosting a craft fair, where proceeds will benefit Field Hockey and soccer on both the male and female teams. Artists from around Maine and New England will be selling their hand crafted goods.

We are looking for sports writers and photographers.

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12:00 p.m.

Women’s Ice Hockey
Norwich
@ USM
1:00 p.m.

Men’s Ice Hockey
St. Michael’s
@ USM
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