



NEW CHEMISTRY LAB IN SCIENCE BUILDING

The current lab inside of Luther Bonny has equipment dating back to the 1950's. It was time to make a change.

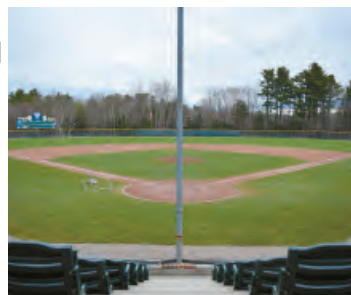
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STUDENTS OF USM: CHI BUI AND VIETNAM

For Bui, the education systems in America seem more challenging in comparison to her studies in Vietnam.

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Take a look at the game highlights from last Thursday to find out what went down on the playing field.

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Alumni band performs with two retiring professors



Photo courtesy of Meg Davis, USM Graduate

Members of the Alumni Band perform Beethoven's Ninth Symphony with bassoons, while a vocal quartet sang to their melodic tunes in the back. This piece, conducted by Dr. Peter Martin, served as a final farewell to his USM career and highlighted the influence he'd had on many returning band members.

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Fourth annual day of electronic recycling

Community members drop off electroincs at USM

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Free Press Staff

Springtime in Maine means many things: warmer weather, summer clothing, coats left on hangers and mud season are but the first to come to mind. Spring is also a time of year for new beginnings, and a time to clean out the past year's clutter. Recently, some people were able to add recycling stock-piled electronic waste to that list.

Last Saturday was the 4th Annual Community Electronic Waste Recycling Day at USM. The event

was held at the Woodbury Campus Center parking lot from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Since its inception in 2012, the event has become more prominent over the past four years, in large part because it has spread beyond the student body.

"Over 500 cars came last year," said Emily Eschner, Asset and Surplus Coordinator for USM. While working with facilities on sustainability issues, she also runs USM's surplus store. People who know about this recycling event sometimes save up their e-waste all year so that they have something to contribute.



Bradford Spurr / Multimedia Editor

Workers gather in the Woodbury parking lot to gather electronic devices to be recycled. Last year, over 500 cars showed up to the event.

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Emily Eschner, Asset and Surplus Coordinator for USM.

tribute.

Eschner continued: "I think recycling makes a ton of sense, both environmentally and economically. She then went on to point out that the Planet only has a finite amount of resources. Recycling will make that waste useful again, keep it out of a landfill, and probably be cheaper than extracting new raw materials."

Eschner added that at this point, community members who drop off their electronics have come to outnumber students. Each year, hundreds of cars drop off thousands of pounds of electronic waste. Last year, the event received over 54,000 pounds of recycled materials, with 3,500 of those pounds in appliances alone.

The 2014 event saw an even larger turnout and numbers, however, as over 700 cars arrived for the E-waste

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The minds of USM showcase work at Thinking Matters

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For college students, there is a lot of work that goes on inside the classroom. Regardless of their workloads, some students still choose to do research outside of the classroom, with the hopes of educating others on topics that mean a lot to them. Last week, that work was put on display during the annual event Thinking Matters.

The event started with breakfast as posters were starting to be put up, followed by some opening statements. The first comment was from the director of research, Kris Sahonchik who stated that

Thinking Matters is one of the most important days of the calendar year.

"I hope that other people too are going to see these [student presentations], along with all the other work that's here, and learn as much as they can possibly learn," Sahonchik said.

Ethan Strimling, the mayor of Portland, was also in attendance last Friday, saying a few words before the presentations began. He joked that through his experience of participating in politics, sometimes thinking doesn't matter enough.

"The only word I would add

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Shealy Williams / Contributor

Posters display the research of students in Abromson last Friday.

Angus King joins climate change panel

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The Muskie School of Public Service of the University of Southern Maine initiated its 2016-2017 Public Service Speakers Series by way of hosting a panel on April 22, 2016, designated as Earth Day, that was concerned with the Paris Agreement on climate change that was signed by 175 nations on the same day. The Paris Agreement on Climate Change was supported by the 196 Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention of the Climate Change during COP21 that was held on December 12, 2015.

The Paris accord on climate change, that has been ratified by the 175 nations who signed it at the United Nations headquarters in New York, aims to prevent a

global temperature increase of 1.5 degrees Celsius, even though the countries pledged their efforts at halting the rise of global temperature to two degrees Celsius. However, critics such as Bill McKibben, founder of 350.org, environmental activist, and author of *Eaarth*, who spoke to USM community members earlier this semester, have claimed that the COP21 agreement will not enable the international community to achieve the goals discussed in the Paris Agreement on Climate Change.

The panel took place in Hanford Hall on the University of Maine campus at 3:30 P.M. Free and open to the public, this panel discussion was hosted by Maine Public Broadcasting Network's

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USM Chemistry Lab to Open Next Semester

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Next year, incoming freshman majoring in any science degree can expect to have a new, updated lab, located in the Science Building. This room will serve 100 level chemistry courses, with an estimated 500 students per year, and will take place in a room that's no longer filled with outdated equipment.

According to Caryn Prudenté, professor and chair of the chemistry department, explained that the current chemistry lab, which resides in Payson Smith, was built

She further explained that the lab was constructed with the idea to collaborate work amongst students in mind. Most work in entry level chemistry, she states, is project based. This will allow local high school students to also take advantage of the new labs, which are set to be used for classes taking place this summer.

"It's nice to have this new lab in the Science Building, instead of across campus. I have sophomores and Juniors who have never been to the science building!" she exclaimed. "Getting them in here, interacting with upper level students and seeing this building

Students look at [the old labs] and it doesn't bare any resemblance with what they might see in the workforce or in graduate school. It will be a much more modern and a more enhanced experience.

Caryn Prudente, Chair of Chemistry Department

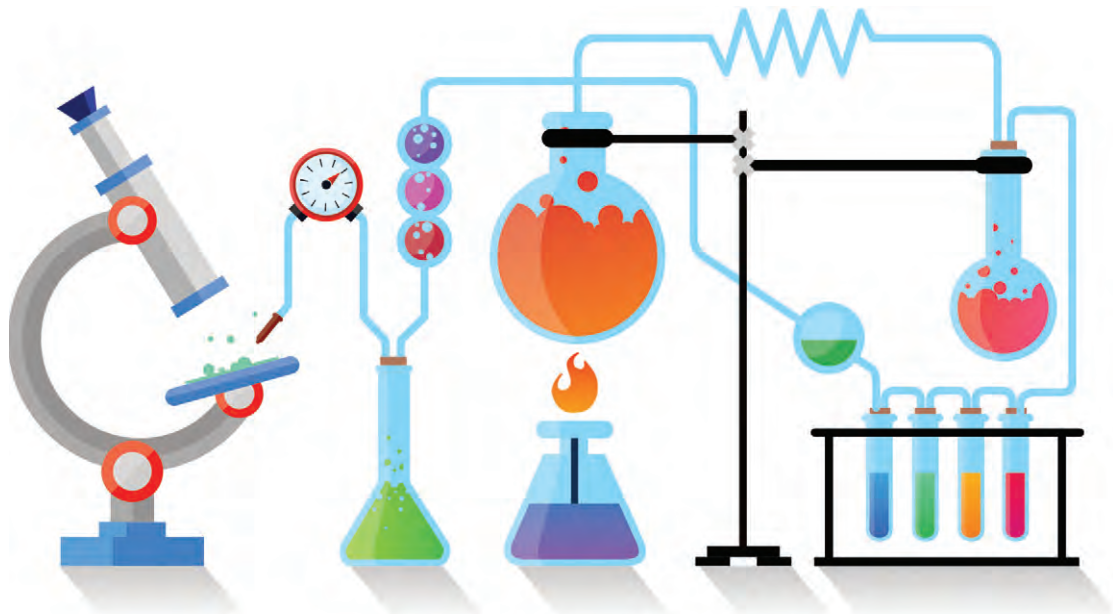
sometime in the 1950's - Charcoal square tables sit cluttered in the small room, old equipment scattered and out-of-date. Prudenté made it clear that the current lab in Payson Smith is not appropriate and applicable to real-world research.

"This lab was built on the idea of providing more space for modern, sophisticated equipment. The lab in Payson Smith looks nothing like a modern chemistry labs should," she said. "Students look at this and it doesn't bare any resemblance with what they might see in the workforce or in graduate school. It will be much more modern and a more enhanced experience."

helps develop a sense of community. It gives students a sense of where they belong."

In the chemistry department, there are three teaching labs: The organic lab, biochemistry lab and an analytical chemistry lab. According to Prudenté, each lab has a specific function that needs its own dedicated space, which explains why a new chemistry 101 lab, located in the same building as the other classes, was a decision that made sense in order to accommodate the rising interest in chemistry studies.

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Located on the third floor of the Science Building, the new chemistry lab will be available to incoming freshman this summer. This lab is an upgrade to the lab that was built in the 1950's.

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to your title is critical thinking matters and questioning thinking matters. I hope that as you do this work, you're continually trying to question what it is that you already see and try to confirm whether that may be true," Mayor Strimling said.

This year, there were over 100 poster displays and student presentations, all of which showcased many different kinds of work students - whether it's graduate studies work, or just a presentation on just something that is of high interest to them.

One student presentation titled, "Characterization of a Magnetic Tension Pendulum," was given by Alexander Knight, who started the design process six years ago. The presentation focused on work that was trying to, "measure the strength, direction, and variations of the earth's magnetic field in Portland, ME."

Professor of environmental science Joe Staples regarded the research done by Knight as, "some really extraordinary work." Most of the work is grounded in physics and high level mathematics, so Staples made it clear that he understood most of it, but not all of it.

Knight references some troubles that he ran into while conducting his research. He stated that the apparatus he was working with was highly sensitive and would track the greatest change in magnetic fields, which wasn't always helpful.



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Meaghan Come, senior geoscience major at USM, presents her research on Malaga Island at the event Thinking Matters last Friday in the Abromson center.

"So when this thing is at a very high grade of sensitivity, we have a six-foot tall car detector," Knight said. "Any cars that drive by, it would stop what it's doing and track [the cars] as long as it was in its field of view and then

go back to what it was doing."

Knight also explained that it is very difficult to track magnetic field data in a big city like Portland because there is just too much noise - such as noise from a car or a plane overhead - that messes with the data, which explains why a majority of magnetic field tests take place in the part of the country where there will be very little interference.

Timothy Sprague, a communi-

cations major, gave a presentation titled, "The Deep Structure of Bullsh*t," which was based on research done by Harry Frankfurt, who stated that the essence of bullsh*t isn't that it is fake, but rather that it is a phony concept. This project was a collaboration between Sprague and Lenny Sheddletsky, a professor of communications at USM.

According to the abstract submitted, the research explores people's perceptions of the nature of bullsh*t, their perceptions of its frequency in their lives and their perceived responses to bullsh*t. Sprague discussed a pilot study that was done where 83 percent of respondents said that at least 30 percent of their interactions on a day-to-day basis were BS.

"Bullsh*t is kind of a rhetorical device. You are trying to persuade somebody, but by using this BS," Sprague said. "In Greek rhetoric, there's three layers: Logos, pathos and ethos... So I'm thinking that there should be a fourth layer and that's bullsh*t."

After the preliminary study, there was another survey that went around, that gathered responses from mostly college aged kids, that showed that most people agreed that the most BS is encountered in the mass media. Surveyees were also asked what BS means to them and a lot

of responses featured the words "misleading" or "embellishing," according to Sprague.

Along with the three oral sessions, there were also three sessions devoted to poster presentations, with more than 100 students displaying posters of the research that have been conducting over the past semester and for some even longer than that.

Poster topics included: Fighting the Ebola virus, journalism ethics in a digital age, the impact of incarceration on relationships, Malaga Island geochemistry and even a poster that detailed why red hair comes in so many shades.

Before the Thinking Matters event took place, Rebecca Nisetich, director of the honors program and chair of Thinking Matters, wrote an oped piece for the Portland Press Herald where she states why an event like this matters.

"Research shows that to foster long-term student success, we need to give students opportunities to use their learning in real-world contexts," Nisetich stated in her Press Herald piece. "At USM, our students learn with their communities in ways that shape their careers and broaden their horizons."

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Susan Sharon. The members of the panel included U.S. Senator Angus King, Dr. Andrew Deutz, Director of International Government Relations for the Nature Conservancy, and Executive Director of Efficiency Maine, Michael Stoddard.

Introducing the panel, Director of the Muskie School of Public Service and Professor of Geography, Dr. Firooza Pavri stated that “it is my privilege to welcome all of you to the Muskie School of Public Service Speaker series for 2016-2017... the theme of our speaker series for the coming year is climate, society, and Maine’s future... from public health... to the development of sustainable urban design. Senator Edmond Muskie’s indelible environmental law legacy is, quite simply put, stunning. Both in terms of its scoop and its positive impact

cluding, historic, durable, and ambitious... like anything else this agreement has some flaws, so let’s break down the good and the bad and the potential trouble spots.

First of all, let me ask you what do you think were the most significant achievements, Dr. Deutz?” Sharon stated.

In response, Dr. Deutz said “there were 187 countries plus the European Union in Paris, each of whom put on the table their own national commitments to reduce climate change. So we are now in a world where pretty much every country in the world are committed to solving this problem... everyone has agreed that they will come back every five years, review the science, review the actions that countries are taking and agree to comeback with new and more ambitious commitments every five years.”

Thereafter, U.S. Senator Angus

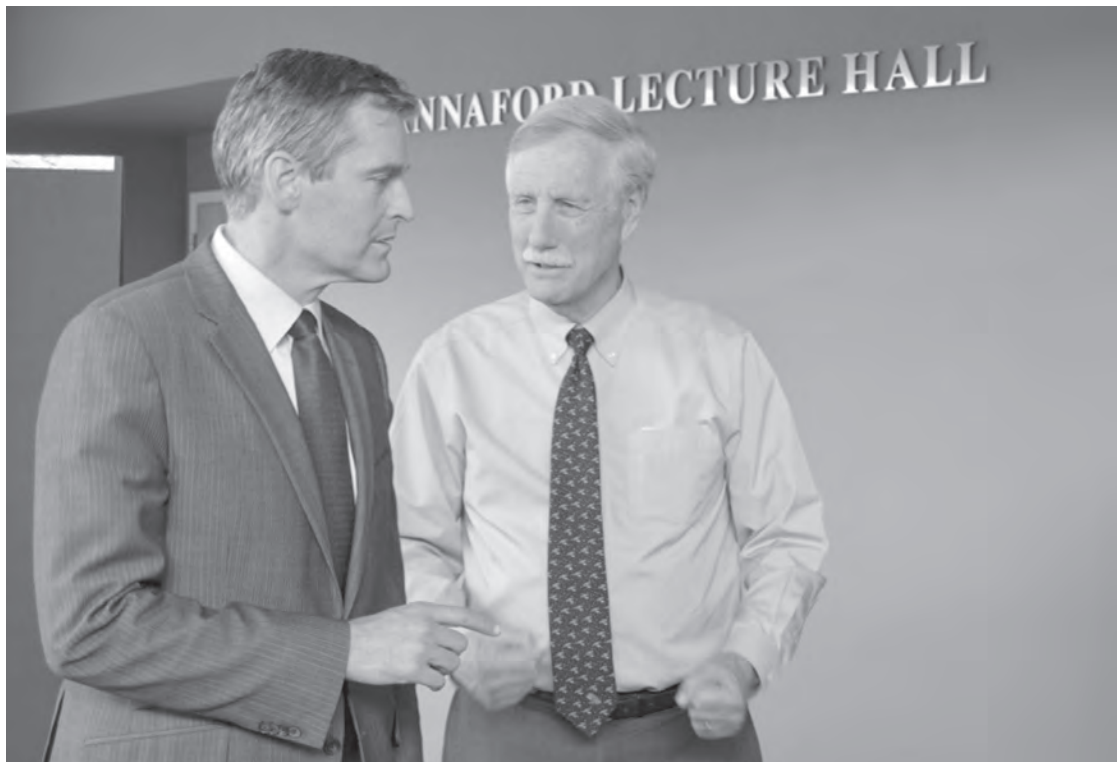


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USM President Glenn Cummings and U.S. Senator from Maine Angus King at a climate change panel in Hannaford Lecture Hall last Friday where panelists discussed the recent climate change agreement in Paris from late last year.

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Angus King, U.S. Senator

over the past four plus decades, on the importance we play on our nations and our worlds resources.” MPBN’s Susan Sharon introduced the members of the panel to those in attendance.

“The Paris Agreement has been called a lot of things, in-

King also shared his thoughts on the COP21 climate agreement, expressing that “the agreement isn’t perfect, it probably doesn’t go far enough in terms of what we have to do... to have an international agreement of this scope is really pretty amazing.”

Further into the dialogue that transpired, Meaghan LaSala, who travelled to Paris to attend the climate talks with a delegation called It Takes Roots to Weather the Storm, of Divest UMaine and the Southern Maine Workers Center, raised the following question to Senator King:

“Just this week you cosponsored a bill on biomass. Maine’s biomass, in addition to burning wood, also burn construction and demolition debris from surrounding states, most of which ban the burning and dumping of this debris, so do you support the burning of out of state waste as a re-

newable energy?” King answered by saying that “Susan Collins and I sponsored an amendment of the energy bill to make sure that the federal government defines biomass in a consistent way across all the agencies... I think that biomass is carbon neutral.”

After the panel finished its conversation, LaSala shared her thoughts and reflections upon the talk, pointing out that “I find it extremely disturbing that Angus King sponsored a bill, just this week, about biomass and that he doesn’t know that biomass incineration includes the incineration of waste... it is a real problem

that companies could be getting renewable energy credit by burning waste and debris. There was also a bailout of these biomass companies, by the taxpayers, that happened recently... without any stipulation that would ensure that those companies could not take the money and leave Maine tomorrow.”

For the entire panel conversation, one may follow up with MPBN’s programming to listen to the recorded audio or video of the event.

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SGA: What you need to know about it

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Over the last year there have been many initiatives that the SGA have completed right off the bat at the beginning of the past academic year and some that are still in the works.

Those initiatives include bringing back the first Friday of the month bus to allow students to go into Portland and explore the city, since many businesses stay open late on that day. This also allows students who are of age to take the bus into Portland to go to the bars, but students have to be responsible for taking the bus back when it ends at midnight.

Another initiative the Senate has launched is the reformation of the parking committee. This project, which is championed by the student affairs chair Ashley Caterina, has taken the entire year to go through all the proper steps. It involves having the get all the right people from across the university to be able to sit down together and begin planning how the committee will run and what it will plan to do over the next year to maximize the parking situation on both campuses.

The committee will also work to decide if it is viable to rearrange the parking on the Gorham campus to allow resident students to park closer to where they live and move the commuter parking farther away.

The SGA has also spearheaded an initiative to bring back dorms to Portland. That initiative is not yet complete, but the administration has been working on it since it was brought to their attention and it is a possibility that starting next fall there will be dorms on campus if all goes as planned.

One other initiative that they have been working on that should be completed by the last week of April is a resolution to the State Legislature for an increase in state funding. USM has already collaborated with other University of Maine schools



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During the SGA meeting last week, Commuter Senator Christopher Marcoux remarks on the current budget, while Salina Mallory (right) laughs.

and are hoping to get the other state schools involved, including students and faculty, in hopes to bring about a change in allocation as Maine pays out a small percentage to their public universities.

The student body president and a committee of students have also been creating an honor code, similar to the ones that the sister schools to USM have, and are trying to add it to the Student Code of Conduct. They are trying to add one at USM with the intent of holding people accountable for their actions, in hopes to see less prejudice and hate across the university and created a tight knit community. They hope this initiative will be completed before the end of the year, and if not then in early Fall.

There are referendums being voted on currently, which includes implementing the Honor Code and about free printing in some fashion for students either at finals time or throughout the year. The Senate is looking to see where USM stands on Students and Recovery (SAR) giving the next Senate the ability to assist the group founders next year.

There are also other projects currently in the works for the SGA at

the University level that will help give the students of the school a larger voice if it goes through.

For those who are unaware of what the Student Government Association (SGA) is and what their purpose is, here is brief overview:

Every student at USM pays a Student Activity Fee that goes to the Student Senate as they are the stewards of this fee.

The student body president sits in on USM committees and has a working knowledge of what the administration is doing and reports that back to the Senate and on its five entities

The Senate allocates to each of the Entities based on their budget requests each year and the remainder is used by the Senate to fund events and trips for students.

The Student Government Association has been working on several different initiatives in recent weeks. Currently they are waiting for the results from the election that included questions to help guide next year's Senate.

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Small businesses look for skilled lawyers

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The student organization Maine Law's Business Law Association held its final panel of the academic year last week, titled "What Do Small Businesses Expect from Their Attorneys?" The panelists helped to reinforce the need for the entrepreneur and legal professional relationship, while law student attendees learned about yet another avenue in which to use their legal degrees.

John Kaminski, an attorney at Drummond Woodsum, whose practice focuses on transactional business and tax law, moderated the presentation. Panelists included both attorneys and small business owners, as well as those who are a combination of the two. Panelists engaged attendees by discussing the

look for attorneys who are well-rounded and who can see the gaps in the business' overall plans.

Tamlyn M. Frederick, a partner at Frederick, Quinlan & Tupper LLC, said that she often takes on the role of educator when new entrepreneurs first come to her. Frederick said her role as an educator in assessing risks for new clients is integral in helping them make the right decisions for their businesses. Additionally, knowing how to adapt to different situations, and prior work experience, can go a long way with clients.

Helen Sterling Coburn, a transactional associate at Bernstein Shur, concurred with Frederick's remarks, adding that in the legal field customer service is highly important. Sterling Coburn added that addressing client concerns upfront and provid-

“Entrepreneurs should think about their business interests and their personal interests. Everyone in the deal should have their own lawyer.”

Owen McCarthy, President of MedRhythms

needs of the entrepreneur and the point at which legal counsel is often sought.

Sage Friedman, co-founder of Theobroma LLC and a second-year law student at the University of Maine School of Law, suggested that some new entrepreneurs may not always know what small business owners look for in a lawyer.

“Entrepreneurs should think about their business interests and their personal interests,” he explained. As a business consultant, Friedman often counsels small business owners to ensure that “everyone in the deal has their own lawyer.”

Owen McCarthy, president of MedRhythms, added that it was important for new small business owners to reach out to other business founders for attorney recommendations. McCarthy also advised that when interviewing potential attorneys, small business owners should look for client-focused attorneys.

According to McCarthy, client-focused attorneys are sincerely interested in growing with one's business and are attentive of where a business is headed. Kaminski also remarked that “competence, chemistry, and fit” are important in selecting an attorney.

The role of the attorney is often not one that operates in isolation, so small business owners should also

ing clients with information on free community resources like SCORE can help to build and gain client trust. SCORE is a nonprofit association dedicated to helping small businesses get off the ground, grow and achieve their goals through education and mentorship.

Jess Knox, president of Olympico Strategies, concluded by saying that attorneys should think beyond themselves and look for opportunities to help the larger business community by offering free advice via blogs. For Knox, regulatory support is another hurdle that many small businesses need to overcome.

He also suggests that attorneys “look for things that are key barriers for growth” and step up to assist their clients. He further advised that attorneys not wait for the perfect question from clients, and if they see a red flag, they should raise the question themselves.

Overall, small business owners need a good relationship with an attorney that can advocate for their businesses. Knox concluded her statements by saying that companies should engage lawyers around the contract phase, which ensures they have a successful start.

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Representatives on the panel discussed with law students different avenues they could take to use their law degree.

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recycling day. During that year's event, over 60,000 pounds of waste was recycled, which included more than 6,000 pounds in appliances.

Among the items accepted during this event are televisions, computers and laptops, hard drives, monitors, keyboards, mice, speakers and other peripherals, printers, copiers, scanners, fax machines, stereo

equipment, cords, chargers, wires, cell phones telephones, cameras, refrigerators, air conditioners, microwaves and a variety of other household electronic waste.

There are some items that cannot be collected, though, because often times USM recycles those items year-round. Batteries, light bulbs and smoke detectors are not accepted. Batteries for example can be

recycled at each of the university's three libraries. There are wooden kiosks where they can be deposited year round.

Volunteers were on hand in the parking lot, aiding in the unloading of electronic waste from what will most likely be hundreds of cars. The event will also served as a fundraiser for Preble Street Resource Center, for which these events have raised considerable funds in past years.

USM is also undertaking measures to reduce its carbon footprint, increase recycling and increasing awareness of how to be more sustainable in everyday life. Sustainability at USM's is behind most environmental program and initiative at the University. Their website details the extent to which USM goes in being more sustainable. It also has detailed information on how to recycle just about everything.

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Volunteers at the Fourth Annual Community Electronic Waste Recycling Day load community members old electronics, including refrigerators, printers, air conditioners and other things that they no longer needed in their homes and made sure they are recycled properly.

THE EXPLOSION OF E-WASTE

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UMaine athletes raise awareness for sexual assault

Last Wednesday, nearly 800 UMaine students participated in the Healthy High 5K, a race that raises awareness for sexual assault. Among those 800 were 30 Male Athletes Against Violence members, who took turns walking in red patent leather high heels during the race for their second annual “Man Enough to Walk a Mile in Her Shoes” event.

“We’re symbolically walking in these high heels to show our support for stopping abuse on women and rape on women just to show that we’re here to care and that it’s a man’s issue,” Chase Hoyt, the group’s student coordinator, said.

The group’s founder, Sandy Caron, stated that the point of the group is to bring attention to not just sexual violence towards women, but other forms of violence as well.

Rockland tenants claim they should have the right to bear arms

Last summer, 68-year-old Harvey Lembo shot an intruder in his Rockland apartment. After the shooting the intruder, Lembo was informed that he wasn’t allowed to have a firearm in his apartment. Now tenants in the same apartment complex are saying that they too should have the right to own firearms to protect themselves.

Jessica Daugherty, a tenant in the same complex, said that she thought about getting a small handgun due to the fact that someone broke into her apartment once and, although the intruder did not steal anything, rummaged through some of her things.

Daugherty claimed that after the shooting, security improvements improved, as cameras have been installed and doors have received new locks.

“People need to be able to protect themselves,” Carl Tracy, another tenant in the complex, said. He also stated that people have tried to enter his apartment through his windows.

Maine man lists Vietnam War-era tank on Craigslist

Bob Solomon, a Cornish resident, has recently listed his Vietnam-era M114 armored tank on Craigslist for \$10,000. It has been demilitarized, so there are no guns on it, but Solomon claims that it does run great. He got the tank a year ago in a trade, and hoped to fix it up and to give it the look of a classic tank.

The tank is a light tank that was designed to be parachuted into combat zones. The tank ended up having difficulty traveling through the jungle, and was rather vulnerable to land mines, so it was pulled from Vietnam after just a couple years.

Since he bought the tank, Solomon has recently fallen into some tough times due to a back injury, and said that he needs the money he can from selling the tank. He also stated that he has seen the same models sell on eBay for \$25,000.

National

Trump and Clinton win New York primaries

Last Tuesday was a big day for two presidential campaigns. Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump won big in New York, putting them one step closer to the securing the their parties’ respective nominations.

“We don’t have much of a race anymore, based on what I’m seeing on television,” Trump said. “Senator Cruz is just about mathematically eliminated.”

With her win, Clinton has now made it tough for Bernie Sanders to pull off any kind of upset. Yet, setting aside any animosity toward the senator, she stressed the importance of party unity in her victory speech: “To all the people who supported Senator Sanders, I believe there is much more that unites us than divides us.”

In order for Clinton to maintain her lead, she will have to do well in Maryland and Pennsylvania, two states she is currently polling ahead in.

The face on the \$20 bill is changing

For the first time in over a century, a woman will appear on U.S. currency. The U.S. Department of the Treasury announced last week that Harriet Tubman—an African American abolitionist who escaped slavery and went on to help other slaves to freedom via the Underground Railroad—will replace Andrew Jackson as the new face of the \$20 bill.

Former President Jackson won’t be gone from the bill entirely, however, as Tubman will be featured on the front while Jackson’s image will be featured on the back.

“Her incredible story of courage and commitment to equality embodies the ideals of democracy that our nation celebrates,” U.S. Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew said.

The treasury also had plans to remove Alexander Hamilton from the front of the \$10 bill. Those plans have been dropped. Instead, leaders from the women’s rights movement will be featured on the back of the bill.

The Supreme Court rules in favor of terrorism victims

Last Wednesday, in a 6-2 ruling, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in favor of victims of terrorism, allowing victims to collect nearly \$2 billion from the central bank of Iran.

“(The law) provides a new standard clarifying that, if Iran owns certain assets, the victims of Iran-sponsored terrorist attacks will be permitted to execute against those assets,” Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg said.

This ruling comes at a time when U.S. relations with Iran are precarious, particularly due to potential legislation that would allow families of 9/11 victims to sue Saudi Arabia.

“Today’s ruling is a major vic-

tory not just for the plaintiffs in their quest to hold the Iranian government responsible for acts of terrorism, but for Congress in its ability to change the rules of pending lawsuits even as they’re unfolding,” Steve Vladeck, professor of law at American University Washington College of Law, said.

Prince dead at 57

Prince, the songwriter, singer, producer, one-man studio band and consummate showman, died on Thursday at his home, Paisley Park, in Chanhassen, Minn. He was 57.

A week prior to his death, reports suggest that Prince’s plane had made an emergency landing because of a health scare.

Paramedics tried to perform CPR but were unable to revive him, authorities said. He was pronounced dead at 10:07 a.m., less than 30 minutes after sheriff’s deputies responded to a medical call at the scene. An autopsy was conducted Friday at the Midwest Medical Examiner’s Office in Ramsey, Minnesota, but it could be days or weeks before results are complete.

Officials said there were no obvious signs of trauma on Prince’s body when he was found. There is no reason to believe Prince’s death was a suicide.

International

Death toll rises from explosion at Mexican petrochemical plant

The death toll has risen to 24 after a big explosion at a petrochemical plant in Veracruz, Mexico forced neighborhoods to evacuate. Management at the facility stated that 136 people were injured due to the blast, and 88 had to be hospitalized. The cause of the blast is still unknown.

This explosion is just one of several that have been reported in the past couple years, all of which are linked to Mexican state oil companies.

In 2013, at least 37 people were killed during an explosion at the Pemex’s headquarters in Mexico City. A year earlier, dozens were killed in a fire that started in a Pemex gas facility in Tamaulipas.

Drug tunnel from Mexico found in San Diego

Authorities in San Diego say that they have found a tunnel that travels all the way to Mexico and are being used for drug smuggling. This is one of the longest cross-border tunnels to be found.

The 800-meter tunnel is being used to transport large amounts of cocaine and marijuana, American officials are saying. It’s the thirteenth secret tunnel found along the Mexican border of California since 2006.

In the most recent incident involving the tunnel, over 2,000 pounds of cocaine and more than 6,000 kilograms of marijuana suspected of going through the tunnel were seized, making it the largest seizure ever associated with a tunnel, said Southern California District Attorney Laura Duffy.

All as derived from CNN, and the New York Times.



03/30/2016

“You’re Disturbing the Books”

Unwanted person, Glickman Library. Library staff would like patron removed. Subject escorted out and issued Criminal trespass notice. Report taken.

Just Call Your Phone and See Who Answers

Theft report, Sullivan Gym. Robert of a stolen cell phone from the gym locker room. Report taken.

Books Pose Dangerous Threat

Medical assistance: Glickman Library. Report of a person needing medical assistance. Subject transported to Maine Medical Center.

04/1/2016

Motorcycles Can Be Loud But Your Car Can’t

Motor Vehicle Stop, University Way. Defect card issued for loud exhaust.

Literally the Worst Feeling Ever

Theft report. Report of a stolen wallet while off campus. Report taken.

04/08/2016

Just Look for the Person Wearing Them...

Theft report, Anderson Hall. Student reports clothes stolen from washing room. Under investigation.

Research Gone Wrong?

Suspicious activity, Science building. Report of the smell of smoke in the building.

“Take that, Vending Machine!”

Vandalism, Anderon Hall. Report of graffiti on a vending machine. Report taken.

Who has time to make complaints like this

Drug complaint, GS1 Parking lot. Unfounded.

04/10/2016

Bumper Cars On Campus

Motor vehicle crash. P2 parking lot. Report taken.

Wrong Place at the Wrong Time

Paper service, 21 Falmouth St. Summons served to a subject.

04/12/2016

Someone Can’t Own up to Their Mistakes

Hit and run accident, G2B parking lot. Officer investigating.

04/13/2016

Reefer Madness in the Parking Garage

Drug complaint, parking garage. Report of unknown person smoking marijuana in the garage. Unfounded.

“Watch, I can Lift this Treadmill”

Medical Emergency, Sullivan Gym. Medcu transport to Maine medical Center after fall. Report taken.

04/14/2016

Nothing seems safe on campus

Theft, Science Building. Report of the theft of a credit card and cash from backpack. Report taken.

Police Beats are edited for grammar and style.

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Arts & Culture



Photo courtesy of Will Wohler, USM graduate 2006



Photo courtesy of Meg David, USM Alumni 2003

Dr. Peter Martin (left) and Dr. Robert Russell (right), two retiring teachers at the USM School of Music, conducted a final performance with the alumni band last week. This occasion aimed to celebrate the past 36 dedicated years that these two individuals had dedicated to teaching others, their influence spanning far beyond the classroom.

Jimmy Dority
 Free Press Staff

There are good teachers, who present cogent solutions and answer questions succinctly, with wisdom and wit. There are also not so good teachers, who can describe the house of knowledge but don't open the doors to it. Then there are transcendent teachers: those whose work in the classroom stretches beyond the scope of academic discipline, whose

lessons resonate with significant truth.

Last weekend, the careers of two such teachers were celebrated at a concert in Merrill Auditorium. Dr. Peter Martin and Dr. Robert Russell both recently retired from their posts at the USM School of Music after 36 years of teaching. In commemoration of their inspiring work, hundreds of alumni from decades past and present returned to play under the batons of these great conductors.

Known endearingly by his students as "Dr. Bob," Dr. Russell's work, both as music historian and vocal conductor, has always been charged with gravitas. Having worked with church choirs nearly all of his life, his direction and control were unwavering, even while maintaining a light, buoyant energy in his ensembles.

"He taught me something about humanity. His poise, demeanor, grace, patience, passion, love of music, and love of life always

struck home and was an inspiration," wrote 2007 alumni Philip Hobby, who had a variety of other praising words that were found in the program notes.

Many other students had the sense, under his direction, that something was being shared that was deeper than historical and musical study. Sarah Mawn, another alumni from the class of 2008, stated that Dr. Russell's taught her the importance of listening, preparing and most no-

tably, loving the music and one another.

As any student of Dr. Peter Martin will attest, the words of wisdom in his classrooms and ensembles were so abundant that one barely had time to write them all down. USM graduate Kate Beever, explained that her notebooks from his class were often covered with the professor's quotes.

"These quotes were both in-

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ON AIR

WMPG offers students a class to get inside the world of radio

Meaghan Gonsior
 Free Press Staff

The western mindset has largely been impacted by Descartes' philosophical declaration "I think, therefore I am." In the world of education, there could be a parallel assertion made, something to the tune of: "I do, therefore I learn."

"The best and deepest learning that occurs is when we engage in something, rather than merely read about or think about it," says Learning By Doing author and presenter Richard Dufour. "It's when we roll up our sleeves and begin doing the work that we will come to the deepest understanding of the nature of that work."

The practice of learning by

doing is an integral part of USM's approach to education, especially in the Communication and Media Studies Department. Chair of the department, Matthew Killmeier, PhD, strives to expose students to a concrete, true to life education.

"We try to hook students up as much as possible... to help students to actually get a taste of the real world," Killmeier said of his department.

Jessica Lockhart, a USM Media Studies instructor, was first introduced to the field of audio production when a friend invited her to jump in on a project.

"I just got involved by happenstance, and I was really intrigued. Radio is really unique, the idea is it's just music and your voice, it's just a really cool medium," she explained.

Lockhart earned a degree in Communication at USM, graduating with the class of 1998. She and two friends started hosting a weekly radio talk show while she was in school. In that informal laboratory, Lockhart began developing many of the skills necessary for reporting, writing for radio, and sound engineering. Today, Lockhart is an award winning independent journalist with the Maine Association of Broadcasters and the National Federation of Community Broadcasters. Since 2004, she has been arming the next generation of radio journalists with the technical skills and experience necessary to succeed in the industry.

Part of the reason why Lockhart enjoys producing radio programs is because of the inherent learning experience involved in the process

of doing it.

"When I've done the talk shows, I got a chance to really learn a lot about the community here, because I got a chance to interview people. I love that part about talk radio," she elaborated. Lockhart has been working at USM's community radio station, WMPG, since 1994. WMPG began in 1970, with a student broadcasting a small signal from her Gorham dorm room. It became a licensed station in 1973, and the facility has since moved to the Portland campus.

Today, WMPG boasts a global reach and a 200+ volunteer staff. According to Lockhart, WMPG considers itself a part of USM, with a dual-pronged mission of helping the USM community as well as the greater community of Portland. USM students have the

opportunity to apply for Federally funded work study positions at the station, where they may receive training in all aspects of radio production, from sound engineering to disc jockeying. Lockhart teaches a variety of audio production courses, like CMS 222 Digital Radio & Audio Production, which actually takes place in WMPG's facility.

"This radio station is so unique, a cool little learning lab. I'm really interested in making sure the university students understand the old school way of doing radio, it's totally set up as a learning exchange," Lockhart explained. Aaron Nielson is one student who has immersed himself in the WMPG learning lab.

"It has definitely re-fired a cre-

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Local Music: The Dapper Gents

A folk ‘cover band’ with a classical sound



Photo courtesy of the Dapper Gents

Members of the Dapper Gents, a local folk band in Portland, stand together for a band photo. Although the band has created original music, they have found their niche by performing covers.

Amanda Melanson
Free Press Staff

Formed in 2012, The Dapper Gents have been a mainstay of Portland’s nightlife with weekly visits to Bull Feeny’s Irish Pub and Restaraunt and Ri Ra’s Irish Pub, among other popular locations. The band consists of a rotating lineup of immeasurable talent, featuring Jacob McCurdy on vocals and rhythm guitar; J. Clayton Shanks on Vocals and lead guitar; Chas Lester on drums and backing vocals; S. Mason Gurley on electric and stand-up bass; Mike Maurice on keys; and Danny Rand on cello. The band got their start doing smaller performances, one specific event being a same-sex marriage rally, where the men dressed in button-up shirts and vests, earning themselves the name of The Dapper Gents.

“We play a lot of new covers and older classics,” McCurdy explained, describing their sound as “very blues and alternative folk” that can easily draw comparisons to Mumford and Sons and Stevie Ray Vaughn. The Dapper Gent’s lineup alternates between members on occasion, dependant upon who is available. On Friday eve-

nings at Bull Feeny’s, it is typically a duo collaboration between McCurdy and Rand on cello. Saturday nights typically feature all of the band members.

The band seems to have found a niche with covers, evidenced by Bull Feeny’s being packed wall to wall Friday evening, April 22, with just McCurdy on vocals and Rand on cello. The cello adds a unique style to the typical sound one might expect from a cover band or open mic night. It gives the band a more velvety sound quality, a sound that is unique and interesting when paired with music made popular in mainstream media.

“We do anywhere between 3 to 7 shows in the summer,” added McCurdy, explaining that the band has become much more in demand in a typical off season for them lately. “We perform at weddings and other private parties too.” He also explained that outside of their weekly venues in the Old Port, the band would be performing at Portland Rugby: 2016 ‘Pig and Beer on the Pier’ on May 7. Whether or not the busy schedule is a concern, McCurdy didn’t seem phased by it.

For McCurdy, Portland is a supportive scene, adding that “... it would be hard to go somewhere

else and not have that.” Portland is a hub for the arts and music scene, often times bringing in newer artists, comedians and musicians to its streets to explore their creative side. Bull Feeny’s and Ri Ra’s Pub are both just examples of venues a musician could find themselves in when looking for an open mic and a captive audience.

While the band’s lineup may change, alternating some nights with as few as two and as many as three or more members on stage, their sound reflects well on the classic and whimsical feeling evoked by Portland’s vast creative scene. The Dapper Gents have a sound all their own while still showing love to popular music that has become a crowd pleaser. That isn’t to say that they only do cover music, however. McCurdy also explained that there is a CD in the works, with a release date undetermined. Other members of the band, such as Shanks, also have their own solo projects that they work on from time to time, lending individual creativity to their own pursuits.

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Bahá’í student organization raises awareness

Dora Thompson
Arts & Culture Editor

Last Wednesday, the Bahá’í student organization gathered in the Woodbury Campus Center for tea and snacks. Shervin Sabeti, a member of the organization made little pastries, and tea was served out of pristine China. The Bahá’í faith is a relatively new religion, founded in 1844 by the prophet Bahá’u’lláh in Iran. Junior Navid Rohani, a member of the organization, said that Bahá’í is “a spiritual movement to serve humanity and love mankind. We stand for the equality of men and women, the balance of science and religion, and the elimination of prejudice.”

Bahá’í also believes that all religions have the same basic spiri-

tual laws. The social laws have to change over time to mesh with society but that, according to Rohani, “the whole world is united.”

The members talked to passing lunch-goers, informing them about their cause. The environment is warm and inviting, but the cause is serious. The phrase “#Education is not a crime” is spread on shirts and flyers. In Iran, people of the Bahá’í faith are constantly discriminated against, imprisoned and harassed. Bahá’ís have trouble getting into college or getting employed. Sabati’s parents got their high school diplomas, and then were unable to go to college because of their religion. His father even lost a few jobs when his workplaces discovered what he worshipped. Rohani’s mother was also harassed because of her

faith.

This leads many Bahá’ís to seek education elsewhere, in the Bahá’í Institute for Higher Education (BIHE), which is an underground university. They take classes online, taught by volunteer professors, some from the area, or meet in secret in people’s homes. These meetings are shut down frequently, and students can actually be taken to prison for trying to learn. BIHE’s credits are accepted at most universities, including Harvard. The Bahá’í student organization frequently has free showings of Maziar Bahir’s “To Light a Candle,” which details the persecution of students of the BIHE. The screenings are often followed by a talk by people

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So, Who is afraid of Virginia Woolf?

Department of theatre embarks on ambitious and intimate journey

Matthew Craig
Free Press Staff

The USM Department of Theatre’s latest play, Edward Albee’s “Who’s Afraid of Virginia Woolf?”, debuted last Friday at 7:30 PM. The play, which is intended for mature audiences only (for a variety of reasons, including alcohol consumption and sexual themes), carefully treads the line between realism and absurdism. While comedic, the play also deeply explores themes such as love and genetic engineering, providing the audience with a delicate balance between humor and drama. The stage, designed by a dynamic crew behind the scenes, is very intimate and immerses every member of the audience. The seating is split into three sections, with each providing a unique view of the stage.

Albee’s “Who’s Afraid of Virginia Woolf?” is a complex story of old and new relationships. Premiering on October 13, 1962, the piece won the Tony Award for Best Play in 1963 and has been performed in countless theatres over the years. It was also adapted to film in 1966.

Putting together “Who’s Afraid of Virginia Woolf?” has been quite an undertaking for the cast and crew, as Albee’s piece is highly nuanced and sophisticated in the way it is written. The most subtle change in dialogue can result in a much different reception by the audience. Further, director William Steele has “[assembled] a diverse cast including non-traditional students that is the perfect mix,” says lead actor Meghan O’Brien, who plays Martha. Martin Bodenheimer, who plays Nick, very much enjoyed working with Steele on this, citing the many “discover-

ies... which [made] the process new and exciting every day.” Despite the ambitious nature of this production and the challenges it presents, the cast and directors have found the experience to be a pleasure. This is partly due to the positive relationship that has been developed between cast and crew. Marisa Bickford, the assistant director of the play, very much enjoyed the collaborative environment between the two teams.

The cast of Albee’s play is particularly excited to present the audience with his ideas about the line between truth and illusion, and how people reconcile the two in their daily lives. There is much in the performance that must be decided by the viewer, and as such it is very thought-provoking. One is left wondering whether or in what capacity the two couples love and care for each other, and most people will leave with a new or altered perspective. The intimate nature of the stage only magnifies the mind-bending nature of this piece, which director William Steele describes as “a trip.”

Overall, USM’s performance of “Who’s Afraid of Virginia Woolf?” is an excellent production by a diverse and talented cast and crew. The audience seating is incredible in the way that it places the audience so close to the acting, to the extent that members may find themselves feeling as though they are a part of the story. The cast has impressively dedicated themselves to understanding their characters, and it is manifest in the performance.

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Photo courtesy of USM theatre department

Top: Meghan O’Brien as Martha, and Luke Benning as George, in the USM Department of theatre production of “Who’s Afraid of Virginia Woolf?” opening on April 22, Main Stage at Russell Hall, USM Gorham campus. Bottom: O’Brien, Benning and Brittany Burke and Martin Bodenheimer.

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ative spirit in terms of the un-
hinged possibilities of late night
radio!" Explained Nielson, a non-
traditional fourth year student,
currently filling in as the Music
Director for WMPG. Nielson has
also hosted a late night radio show
called Nightwires. "I think with
radio and other aspects of media
production, it's good to be thrown
into the deep end and you learn a
bit from experience...There's al-
ways that sense that...if anything
goes wrong all eyes, or ears rather,
are on you. Nightwires has helped
to unlock a lot of possibilities and
given me a chance to make the
mistakes necessary to obtain in-
dustry skills."

According to Killmeier, who
also serves on the WMPG Board of
Directors, USM's Communication
and Media Studies department has
created various symbiotic business
and non-profit connections in the
Portland community, like with the
Community Television Network.
These opportunities for students
include internships, and experi-
ence rich collaborations.

Aaron Damon, a media studies
senior at USM, has been direct-
ing Turnstyle Thursdays, a weekly
Community Television Network
show, for over a year. He invests
this time on a volunteer basis, be-
cause he believes real-world experi-
ence is more valuable to future
employers than a four-year degree
alone.

Many USM students, like Da-
mon and Nielson, take advantage
of these hands on opportunities
every year, gaining the sharper
edge in an increasingly competi-
tive workforce.

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USM Media Professor Jessica Lockhart stands in WMPG's radio station. In the Fall, WMPG will host a class on radio engineering. "I'm really inter-
ested in making sure the university students understand the old school
way of doing radio," she said. "It's totally set up as a learning exchange."

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who are involved in the under-
ground universities, like Roh-
nai's cousin, who graduated from
BIHE and got a job in Portland
right away, or volunteer profes-
sors who run online classes.

In addition to screenings, the
Bahá'í student organization
meets every Tuesday in Rohani's
basement at 6:30 p.m. The group
has snacks, and discusses topics
that the group feels passionate
about. Some recent ones were if
our society pushes creativity and
how to find spiritual solutions to
environmental problems. They
don't force it though, and con-
versation blooms organically. On
Saturdays the group also interacts
with preteens in Portland, teach-
ing them fundamental Bahá'í les-
sons.

The group isn't trying to con-
vert or push their beliefs on any-
one though, and anyone can join
the group. Bahá'ís are known for

their sense of community. They
are extremely welcoming, and
communities exist in almost ev-
ery country in the world.

You can get involved by at-
tending Tuesday's meetings (for
more information contact navid.
rohani@maine.edu) or attending
their screening of "To Light a
Candle" on April 29 in room 303
in Payson Smith at 7:00 p.m. Join
an incredibly warm and open-
minded group of people over
snacks, and critically think about
hard issues and learn about hu-
man rights.

"It's nice friendly environ-
ment where you can meet people
and talk about issue that matter
to everyone," Sogend Misaghian,
who has grown up Bahá'í all her
life, said. "It's nice to be part of
the community."

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Group members Shadhayegh Sabeti (left) and Navid Rohnai (right) sit
with friends in Woodbury campus during their Tea with Baha'is event.



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A&C Listings

Monday, April 25

Healings and Readings
Leapin’ Lizards
449 Forest Ave.
Starts: 11:00 a.m. / Ends: 3:00 p.m.

Comedy Night
Blue
650A Congress St.
Starts: 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 26

Under the Influence
Portland House of Music
25 Temple St.
Starts: 9:00 p.m.

SCORE Lunch Bytes
Portland Public Library
5 Monument Sq.
Starts: 12:00 p.m. / Ends: 1 :00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 27

Flaws for a Cause
Maine Potters Market
376 Fore St.
Starts: 10:00 a.m. / Ends: 6:00 p.m.

Paperworks Exhibit
PhoPa Gallery
132 Washington Ave.
Starts: 12:00 p.m. / Ends: 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 28

Lingerie Fashion Show
Mechanics Hall
519 Congress St.
Starts: 7:00 p.m.

Friday, April 29

Spotlight talk: Gertrude Kasabier
Portland Museum of Art
7 Congress St.
Starts: 2:00 p.m. / Ends: 3:00 p.m.

Dead Sessions
Port City Music Hall
504 Congress St.
Starts: 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 30

Mouth Washington, Fur and More
Space Gallery
538 Congress St.
Starts: 8:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 1

Mesh presents: The Virgins Cabaret
One Longfellow Square
181 State St.
Starts: 6:00 p.m.



Photo courtesy of Meg Davis, USM graduate 2003

Members of the Alumni Band perform Beethoven’s Ninth Symphony with bassoons, while a vocal quartet sang to their melodic tunes in the back. This piece, conducted by Dr. Peter Martin, served as a final farewell to his USM career and highlighted the influence he’d had on many returning band members.

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spiring and hilarious from him, that to this day they continue to push me to be a better musician and a better person,” she stated. She stated that most notebooks from his classes were bound to be covered in aphorisms like “music sounds like feelings feel” and “it’s not enough to know your part; you must know what you’re a part of.” His bright intensity demands the rapt attention of every student, performer and audience member.

The first half of the concert featured four thrilling pieces performed by the Alumni Band, conducted by Peter Martin. The orchestrations were sculpted with the grace and care that characterizes Dr. Martin’s work. In particular the Dmitri Shostakovich’s “Galop” conjured fantastic colors. The first half of the concert concluded with a mesmerizing piece by Frank Ticheli, “Angels in the Architecture.” A whirlwind of a work, “Angels” featured Merrill Auditorium’s famous Kotszchmar organ, as well as the glorious soprano voice of USM alumni and current faculty member Elisabeth Marshall echoing mysteriously from the rafters, as she intoned cryptically beautiful poetry. She began and ended the piece by singing, “I am an angel of Light / I have soared from above.”

One of the most deeply moving moments of the concert occurred immediately before the intermission. As the notes lingered and the words faded, voices rang out, “I have come / To protect my chosen band / And lead them to the promised land.” Dr. Martin slowly looked up at his ensemble.

For what seemed an eternity, the entire auditorium was suspended in silence. Dr. Martin looked toward the left side of the stage, then to the right side. The audience waited, reverently still.

There are only a handful of works that can follow such a moving experience, one of them is Beethoven’s Ninth Symphony. Joining the huge Alumni Chorus was the equally impressive Alumni Orchestra, among whom several USM faculty and staff

fied joy and brotherhood, all under a masterful hand.

The entire evening was truly momentous and spectacular. Current student Melody Hasbrouck, who joined the Alumni Concert Band on the flute, expressed her own joy at having had the privilege to study with Drs. Martin and Russell.

“In the many hours I have spent in their ensembles and classes I have found them to be individuals who aim for excellence, in-

“Where did the time go? Well, look at the ensemble... I don’t wonder where those years went: They went right here on this stage.”

Dr. Peter Martin, Recent retiree at USM School of Music

were featured. Rounding out Beethoven’s grand ensemble was an all-star vocal quartet comprised of alumni and current faculty member Elisabeth Marshall, faculty member Margaret Yauger, USM graduate Martin Lescault and faculty member Malcolm Smith.

Dr. Russell conducted a breathtaking performance of the last, choral movement of this monumental work. The chorus shined with the unique sound that only a master can bring to light. His mindful attention to the powers of the human voice made for an overwhelming effect in the movement’s ecstatic finale, when more than a hundred voices glori-

spire others to do the same, genuinely care about those around them, and somehow also have an awful lot of fun in the process,” she said. “Thank you, thank you, thank you to these two wonderful men... May we carry on your legacy wherever we go.”

In his words of welcome, Dr. Martin reminisced on his extensive teaching career, noting that one might ask “Where did the time go? Well, look at this ensemble,” he implored. “I don’t wonder where those years went: they went right here on this stage.”

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Perspectives

Letter to the Editor

It's get yourself tested month!

Emma Donnelly
Contributor

April is "Get Yourself Tested" month! The Huskies for Reproductive Health, USM's Planned Parenthood Generation Action Group, are hosting some events to encourage students at USM to get tested and get educated.

The events started on April 12 with a tabling event in Brooks Dining Hall. Three members of the club, including President Emma Donnelly and VP Molly Concannon, were there to give out information and Planned Parenthood swag. Some of the swag included condoms, bumper stickers, and STI fact sheets.

Many students stopped by the table and picked up some info and goodies, and most students were surprised to find out that 1 in 4 college students has an STI, a girl is four times more likely to contract an STI than she is to become pregnant, and college students get nearly half of all new STI cases each year. We hope this encouraged them to have safer sex and make an appointment at either University Health and Counseling Services or Planned Parenthood to get a test.

Since the Huskies for Repro-

ductive Health hosted our "Sexpert Panel" on March 8, many students have gone into health services or Planned Parenthood in Portland to get tested and get educated about their sexual health. In fact, a few students disclosed to us at our April 12 tabling event that they have recently been tested and/or treated! We are so excited to be involved in this movement to make sure USM students stay healthy!

Upcoming events include Sex Trivia in Lower Brooks from 8-10pm on April 26 and an intro to abortion stigma reduction canvassing on April 28! All are welcome and we encourage anyone who would like to get involved with the Huskies for Reproductive Health to reach out to the president, Emma, at emma.donnelly@maine.edu for more information.

What you should know about STIs: Tests are generally quick and painless. Most of the time, all you have to do is pee in a cup. 1 in 2 sexually active people get an STI in their lifetime – and most don't know it. Untreated STIs can lead to serious health problems and infertility.

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Advising Advice

Major and career exploration

Stacy Stewart, PhD
Coordinator of Career Services

Having trouble deciding on a major? Thinking of switching your major for the umpteenth time? Not sure how to link your course work to the career world? Together with your faculty advisor, Advising Services and the office of Community Engagement and Career Development, you can engage in an intentional and meaningful exploration of major and career. With a team based approach to major and career exploration, you will be able to answer those inevitable questions at family gatherings: "What are you majoring in, and what do you plan to do with that major?"

You will be able to respond that you have a whole team assisting

you with exploring majors and connecting them to careers; that you have a strong understanding of your role in life, in work and as a citizen.

To begin, have conversations with your Faculty Advisor and your Advisor from Advising Services. These conversations will focus on your interests, the hobbies and activities you enjoy, classes you found interesting, groups and organizations you have been a part of or would like to join, previous work experiences and your strengths. You will be introduced to the *Major2Career* sheets, where every major at USM has a sheet devoted to learning more about the major and the potential careers

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Emily Schner
Sustainability and ME

Technology has never been as integral a part of human life as it is today. From smartphones and laptops to smart cars and stereos, the many electronic tools in which we surround ourselves provide years of useful service. The Consumer Electronics Association estimates that the average United States citizen uses twenty-four electronic devices in some way. But with the accumulation of so many electronics, what is one to do when these items reach their inevitable end? Many people throw their cracked phone or broken hair dryer directly into the wastebasket.

According to a study conducted by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the U.S. discarded a total of 3,412,000 tons of electronic waste, or e-waste, in 2012. Only one million tons of that total waste was recycled, the rest of it ended up in either landfills or incinerators. When harmful chemicals used in the components of E-Waste are left in the environment, natural climatic factors such as rainfall cause the leaching of heavy metals such as mercury, lead, and cadmium into the soil beneath. These chemicals are toxic and destroy the quality of the soil, causing harm and preventing plants and animals from accessing nutrients. When the waste is incinerated these chemicals are released into the air, potentially settling into exposed ecosystems. As abundance of e-waste increases, the risk of improper treatment does as

well.

The inefficient regulation of e-waste can be attributed to the lack of a federal mandate requiring sustainable e-waste practices, even though 25 states have devised legislation requiring mandatory recycling. The electronics industry helps fuel these trends by constantly developing updated versions of their products. Many consumers end up trading their now "out of date," devices in for newer models, introducing perfectly functioning units into the waste stream. Many of the resources that go into these devices such as metals, plastics, and glass require additional resources to manufacture. This expends massive amounts of water, fuel, and energy through processes such as mining of materials, production, and distribution.

The good news is that these trends can be combatted by responsible recycling methods. If properly recycled, many of these components can be recovered and can find new life in another electronic device, saving these precious resources. So you ask yourself, "What do I do with all of the technological junk I can't use anymore?" One could take, for example, an old television set that's taking up too much space in the cellar, to the local dump. Because of the complex nature of e-waste treatment processes municipal waste facilities often charge residents a fee in order to dispose of their items properly, which can become expensive.

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USM Announcements

2016-2017 Maine Policy Scholar announced

Elizabeth Wilson, a history and political science double major from Lewiston, Maine, was selected as the 2016-2017 Maine Policy Scholar from USM. Funded by the Maine Community Foundation, each of the University of Maine System's seven campuses select a Maine Policy Scholar. The scholar's work with a faculty advisor and community mentor throughout the academic year. The scholar tackles a real-

life policy issue currently facing Maine. After conducting extensive research, the scholar produces a final report in the form of a memo to the Governor or appropriate policy maker that outlines the problem, the data available, and recommended policy solutions. Elizabeth's proposed topic is to investigate the challenges to asylum seekers in Maine, especially those from central Africa.



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Word of the Week

Vehemence

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The display of strong feelings; passion.

Ex: "The students speak with vehemence about their English projects."

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The Millennial's Conscience

What am I if Bernie Sanders is a Socialist?

Bryer Sousa
Free Press Staff

As a student of applied mathematics at USM, and formerly a student of chemistry and physics at the University of Maine, who has co-authored peer-reviewed academic journal articles, I approach problem-solving and critical thinking by way of data-driven theory and reproducibility. That is to say, I utilize the scientific method, algorithmic thinking, and methods employed by analytic philosophers to arrive at empirically supported conclusions, rather than turning to fundamentalism and ideology to understand the world. Of course, as Slavoj Žižek – the Slovenian philosopher of psychoanalysis and Hegelian Marxism – points out, we are all inherently objects of what Jacques Marie Émile Lacan called the “big Other,” that is, we are all subjected to an order which structures each of our perceived realities, thus illustrating that we are creatures of ideology. However, by coupling Cartesian logic – as presented by French philosopher René Descartes – epistemological reasoning and natural philosophy (what we now call science), we are able to overcome the uncertainties of the world, which follow from being intellectually trapped as an ideologue, and make rational progress in solidarity with each other.

With consideration to my thoughts on perception and unity already put forth herein, one may quickly surmise that I do not feel comfortable boxing myself into ideological frameworks. However, after immersing myself into the depths of social and political philosophy, I attempted to diligently pour over the ontological underpinning of a vast array of economic schools of thought, as well as threads of politics, as a means of trying to identify a just and egalitarian structure that we can build from, or learn from, as

we collectively struggle to advance human rights. Consequently, the values of a form of socialism (libertarian socialism) seemed to not only epitomize the classical understanding of the human condition, but also extended the notions of freedom and justice, that follow from The Enlightenment period, to the industrialized and modern age. Yet, I do not stand alone with respect to this assessment. If anything, I must regard myself as a student of those who explored the frontiers of this form of political and social order, such as Rudolf Rocker, Emma Goldman, Mikhail Bakunin, and Noam Chomsky, who has been, for me, the most influential public scholar.

After I achieved this level of awareness and appreciation for what seems to be a logically consistent form of libertarian socialism, which is also referred to as anarcho-syndicalism in particular contexts, I prepared a conference presentation titled “An Exploration of Anarcho-syndicalism as an Environmentally Sustainable Solution to the Current Anthropogenic Ecological Crisis.” Within the domain of an academic conference presentation, I was pleased to reintroduce the labor centered school of politics to those in attendance at the 2015 Maine Sustainability and Water Conference. However, all of this transpired prior to Bernie Sanders joining the race for the White House by way of running as a member of the Democratic Party. Even though I joined the party of neoliberal ideology to caucus for Bernie Sanders in Maine and resigned from the party the next day, I became deeply concerned for two reasons.

My first concern was that Mr. Sanders abandoned his self proclaimed principles by seeking the Democratic nomination for president, rather than running as a third party candidate. Moreover, my first concern is shared with students

studying at USM as well. For example, Pete Franzen of USM Socialists stated that “We support strong social movements and alternative politics outside of the corporate-controlled Democratic and Republican parties. As a branch of the International Socialist Organization, we voted to endorse Jill Stein and the Green Party along with other efforts at independent political organizations... We do not endorse Bernie Sanders because of his decision to run in the Democratic Party, a party which actively works against many of the causes that he himself advocates for. We like a lot of Bernie Sanders’ positions, and we are optimistic that his popularity is evidence that Americans are increasingly open to leftist ideas and to the idea of socialism. However, we don’t believe the Democratic party can be changed from within.”

Secondly, my worry extends to the now common use of the word socialism by the progressive branch of American liberals. Prior to Sanders, the word also suffered misrepresentations and abuses such that it lost most of its semantic value. The little linguistic value it held before Bernie emerged was sustained by Z Magazine, Jacobin, writers such as Chris Hedges, and economists such as Richard Wolff of UMass Amherst. Nevertheless, the central defining tenant must not be forgotten: that is, socialism, as a social philosophy and an economic system, is defined, primarily, as collective and democratic ownership of the means of production.

Having written various columns for The Free Press under the banner of “The Millennials Conscience,” I felt compelled to attempt to provide readers with a social, economic and political context for future readings of my opinion pieces.

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Life Lessons

How to break-up in our fair city

Johnna Ossie
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There’s something particularly difficult about dating in Portland. The community is small and insular. Everybody in town knows your business. You constantly have to explain to the barista at the coffee shop or the bartender that your person is no longer your person. There is a certain guard that you have to build up to co-exist in the same place as all of your exes. Sometimes it feels like there is no escape from running into your ex and everyone that knows them. You need to practice how to end things; there are steps that need to be taken.

The first thing you do is take all the things that remind you of them from your room and return them (or shove them in the crawl-space in the back of your closet). The idea here is out of sight out of mind, which in this town is nearly impossible.

The next thing you do is make sure you have no access to their social media. You can’t be trusted with that. Your broken heart loves to hurt, it loves to know what they are saying and who they are taking pictures with; how happy they are without you. The temptation to dig the emotional knife a little deeper can’t be acted on if you can’t access the information at all.

The next problem to solve is that your friends are your ex’s friends. The bar you go to is the bar your ex goes to, and the coffee shop you go to is the coffee shop your ex goes to. You start to feel like the only safe place is your bedroom, and even though your bed and the creaking door and even your cat reminds you of them, at least they aren’t physically there, and you can be fairly sure they won’t appear unannounced.

The problem here is that you can’t hide in your bedroom. It’s depressing, but mostly it’s boring and impossible. You have to go to work and class, and you are absolutely, 100% going to run into the person you left the house praying you would not see. They will look the same and different. Was their hair always that long? Did their eyes always look so green? You may feel shocked by the things that have changed in your absence. This whole time they have been living- waking up and drinking coffee and going to work and existing. You can’t believe they are just here, in the world, be-

ing. In your mind they remained frozen in that last spot you saw them, and their eyes looked the way they looked the last time you saw them. Now those same eyes look different; you can’t possibly know the things they have seen since you last looked at them, and something about that feels impossibly sad.

You may now find yourself crying in the dairy section of Trader Joe’s or the bathroom in Luther Bonney. When you are done sniffing into your coffee you will wipe the tears from your cheeks and walk home. Maybe it’s dusk, and the world seems small and close and gray, and you can’t understand how anyone could stay in this town.

Then you might start to laugh- because this town is absurd, and being in love is absurd, and being 24 is absurd. You laugh because somewhere in the faraway, recesses of your mind, you know that you are a good person. You are better than the way your heartache makes you feel. You know that you are a solid, whole person. You know these things only vaguely, but the very idea that they could be true puts a smile on your face that was not there before. You are standing, you are walking home, you are somehow, somehow, functioning through your heartbreak.

This breakthrough will give you the strength to come out of your bedroom again. You will walk with your head high, with the knowledge that you are sweet and tough and your outfit looks great today. Though the likelihood is slim that your ex will see this fire in your eyes from the other side of the window or their bicycle as they whiz by- it doesn’t matter. What matters is that you are no longer crying by the Whole Foods bike rack. You are filled with a quiet rage for the pain they put you through. That small flame of anger is going to help you leave your room again and again, because even though this town is terrible: it’s your town.

Unfortunately, the odds that you will be crying in public again are relatively high. But keep that fire in your eye, come out of your room, do these things over and over. Know that you are strong enough to get through somehow, and to keep trying, although you cannot say you fully know the reasons why.

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The next step will be meeting with a staff member in the office of Community Engagement & Career Development. With our help, you can further explore your interests, learn about internships, service learning and volunteering opportunities, explore work opportunities through the *USMCareerConnections* site and take assessments that can also help guide your choices. You can also arrange to have your resume and cover letter reviewed, and learn about LinkedIn and other career resources such as *O*NET*.

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you in connecting to a wide variety of experiential learning opportunities through strong community relationships throughout Southern Maine and on campus. Take the first step today! Meet with your Faculty Advisor, your Advisor from Advising Services, and stop by Community Engagement and Career Development. We look forward to seeing you!

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The solution to last issue's crossword


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Weekly Horoscope

 **Aries** ★★★★★
March 21-April 19

Today you're making room for what you want and the demands of others in relationships. Aim for practicality and compromise.

 **Taurus** ★★★★★
April 20-May 20


Living your values is important today. Make a contribution, no matter how small, toward changing the world for the better.

 **Gemini** ★
May 21-June 20


Life feels serious, earnest, "heavy." You are taking on too much. Release some responsibilities; share the load.

 **Cancer** ★★★★★
June 21-July 22

The lure of the new and different competes with the attraction of the known and familiar. Keep room for both in your family life.

 **Leo** ★★
July 23-August 22

Your mind is very active and restless, but you expect a lot from yourself. Remember that no one has all the answers.

 **Virgo** ★★★★★
August 23-September 22

Money is used to make you or others more comfortable. Buy something you've been wanting.

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 **Libra** ★★
September 23-October 22

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

 **Scorpio** ★★★★★
October 23-November 21


Your energy is higher than usual. Take time to dance, bowl, run, swim or engage in something active or exciting.

 **Sagittarius** ★★
November 22-December 21


You might push yourself too hard OR stop yourself from doing things you CAN accomplish because you fear meeting your tough standards. Stay reasonable.

 **Capricorn** ★★★★★
December 22-January 19

Communications about professional matters hit home. You're on target with your analyses.

 **Aquarius** ★★★★★
January 20-February 18

Quarrels about finances erupt easily. Don't let anyone push your buttons and you can steer clear of troubles.

 **Pisces** ★★★★★
February 19-March 20

Zest, joy, vitality and confidence are featured in your relationships today. If you're seeking a partner, those you attract crave excitement.

Crossword

Across

1. Home of "The Wiz"
5. Press
9. In ____ (irate)
14. Danube feeder
15. Weather grp.
16. Cabaret relatives
17. Trattoria offering
19. Bonn's river
20. Irk
21. "Hollywood Squares" figure
23. Theological sch.
25. "____ gentle into..."
30. "Free Bird" band
33. Sheep's plaint
35. Locale
36. Wore a long face
37. Kal Kan rival
39. Sean who played Sam Gamgee
42. Ceremonial practice
43. Communion and bar mitzvahs
45. Get an ____ effort
47. Miles away
48. 1982 McCartney/Wonder hit
52. Snappy comeback
53. "____ Little Teapot"
54. Rams and Raiders
57. Set foot in
61. Lusterless finish
65. Redundancy
67. Drug from poppies
68. Sicilian peak
69. Algerian port
70. Removes from the page
71. Short answer?
72. Baseball's Boggs

Down

1. "Mona ____"
2. Cable sports channel
3. Tandoor-baked bread
4. Large merchant ship
5. Suffix for hero or nectar
6. College org.
7. Vow
8. River nymphs, in Greek myth
9. NASCAR or NASA
10. Gridiron cheer
11. Movie list org.
12. Atty. ____
13. Opposite of WNW
18. "Laughing" scavenger
22. Asian soldier
24. Gore Vidal's Breckinridge
28. About lead-in
27. Represent
28. Garbo born Gustafsson
29. Not so common
30. ThinkPad, for one
31. Scale notes
32. Out of style
33. Not as cluttered
34. Latin for "elsewhere"
38. Prefix for wine
40. "____ Could Turn Back Time?" (1989 Cher hit)
41. ____ Sad, Serbia
44. Setups
46. Juliet's love
49. Polished off
50. Not so messy
51. Was almost depleted
55. Partner
56. Grabs some rays
58. When tripled, a WWII film
59. Mild oath
60. Former Cub Sandberg
61. Chic
62. Donkey Kong, for one
63. Up to, colloquially
64. Voting day (abbr.)
66. Dance genre

Sudoku

The object of a sudoku 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.

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Southworth Planetarium a hidden gem on campus

Raquel Miller
Free Press Staff

The Southworth Planetarium is one of USM's hidden treasures. Students who grew up in Maine might remember visiting the Planetarium as a small child on a school field trip, or perhaps, some students visited more recently with a class. Most students pass by the Science Building everyday on their way to class without asking themselves: What goes on there?

In 1970, Southworth Planetarium was founded as a gift from Clara Southworth in memory of her husband, Constant Southworth. Planetariums are dome shaped theaters where the audience looks up at projected videos and images of stars, planets, and constellations for the purpose of education and entertainment.

The reason that these awesome light

up shows cannot continue throughout the year is because planetarium does not own its own laser equipment, and while it provides the entertainment purpose of planetariums and is a notable revenue source, it does not necessarily fit into the educational portion of the Southworth Planetarium mission.

Director of Southworth Planetarium, Jerry Lasala, notes the primary visitors to the planetarium are elementary and high school students.

"They account for [almost] two-thirds of our overall attendance," he stated. "We are also used by some USM classes, especially astronomy, of course, but we have also done special presentations for various English, history, and classics courses and we are always eager to work with any other classes as well."

Lasala has been the Southworth Planetarium director for 16 years, after Roy Gallant retired from the position in 2000.

A lot has changed since its founding. Gallant and Lasala had to adjust to changes in technology and types of events in order to create involvement at Southworth Planetarium. As technology and full dome shows upgraded, incorporating the new generations of shows was nearly impossible given the staff, equipment and budget.

The USM community has the unique ability to have easy, affordable access to a great education tool with the Southworth Planetarium, yet most students do not even realize it exists on campus.

Maine is lucky enough to have four planetariums located throughout the state. One of them being USM's Southworth Planetarium in Portland and others located in Orono, Fairfield and Lewiston. Each planetarium varies in extravagance and what they have to offer, but each state in the U.S. has a planetarium and gives those who are eager to learn an opportunity to explore their passion for astronomy in a place that builds community.

Southworth Planetarium acts as a home base for local astronomers and enthusiasts. Astronomy clubs and even, Southern Maine Astronomers, hold meetings at the USM location. Lasala added, "We often will hold evening events where anyone can come and view the sky through telescopes, with the help of Planetarium staff and astronomy club members."

Whether it be full-dome shows, astronomy courses, music events, birthday parties, guest lectures, or astronomer meetings, Southworth Planetarium has evolved with the efforts of Lasala and planetarium manager, Edward Gleason. Their efforts are welcoming to what the community needs, and should be taken advantage of.



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A realistic depiction of planet Earth is on display at the Southworth Planetarium. This location is currently home to a variety of nine different laser light shows.

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Students of USM

Chi Bui: Traveling to an unknown location

Meaghan Gonsior
Free Press Staff

Half asleep, a young Chi Bui gazed down at the coast of Maine from her airplane window as it descended into the Portland International Jetport in 2012, thinking to herself, "Oh, so Maine is an island."

Up until two days before boarding the plane, Bui didn't know where Maine was on the map. The high school junior from Vietnam had entered an exchange program, seeking companionship, something she said she longed for as an only child whose mother was a busy, single professional. Bui had no involvement in deciding where she would spend her senior year of high school; she could have gone anywhere. The agency set her up with a family in Windham, Maine, but after arriving in Maine, she discovered that her situation wasn't so simple.

After two months as a senior at Windham High School, Bui was told by her placement agency that her host family's financial situation had changed and she would no longer be able to stay with them. Bui was told that she would be relocated to India on her own dime, with

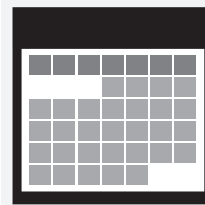


Meaghan Gonsior / Free Press Staff only two day's notice. Meanwhile, her host family, when questioned, showed Bui the documents stating they had only agreed to host her for two months. After a whirlwind of confusion, Bui was finally able to stay in Maine, transitioning to a host family who lived in South Paris. After graduating from Oxford Hills High School, Bui received a scholarship to USM.

Staying in Maine appealed to Bui, because she had become familiar with the area, and her former host families were the closest thing she had to relatives in the U.S. Bui faced a massive adjustment when moving to Maine, but she was no stranger to studying abroad. In middle school, Bui had spent two weeks studying in Singapore. The education system seemed more challenging to her compared to Vietnam's. While Vietnamese high schools have a much wider array of subjects, the courses in Singapore went more in depth with their classwork and discussions.

After she graduates from USM in the Spring of 2017, she hopes to get a job as a lab assistant, possibly working with water quality. If she is able to secure a job right away, she will have the opportunity to extend her visa for another three years. Despite the initial setbacks and challenges that Bui faced as she dove into a foreign culture, she has continued to remain positive about the whole experience. "It was worth it, I'm here!" She exclaimed with a laugh.

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Campus Events

Monday, April 25

Dinosaurs at Dusk
University of Southern Maine
Southworth Planetarium, Portland Campus
Starts: 1:00 p.m. / Ends: 2:00 p.m.

USM Craft Fair
University of Southern Maine
Costello Sports Complex, Gorham
Starts: 10:00 am / Ends: 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 26

Eight Planets Omni Dome Show
University of Southern Maine
Southworth Planetarium
Starts: 1:00 p.m. / Ends: 2:00 p.m.

USM Flow Jam
University of Southern Maine
Multipurpose Room, Sullivan
Recreation Complex
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Film Showing; The Mask You Live In
University of Southern Maine
114 Masterton Hall
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Wednesday, April 27

Singing Just for Fun
University of Southern Maine
Osher Map Library
Starts: 4:10 p.m. / Ends: 5:10 p.m.

Wellness Breakfast
University of Southern Maine
Woodbury Campus Center,
Portland Campus
Starts: 10:00 a.m. / Ends: 1:00 p.m.

Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?
University of Southern Maine
Southworth Planetarium
Starts: 2:00 p.m. / Ends: 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 28

Weather Watcher Training
University of Southern Maine
Lower Brooks Student Center
Starts: 7:00 a.m. / Ends: 9:00 a.m.

Islam Awareness Day
University of Southern Maine
Wishcamper Center, Portland
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Friday, April 29

The Golden Age of Pictorial Maps
University of Southern Maine
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Saturday, April 30

University Chorale
University of Southern Maine
Woodford's Congregational Church
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USM baseball team falls to Babson College 12-8

Erin Brown
Free Press Staff

A grand slam by the Babson Beavers was ultimately the difference between them and the Southern Maine Huskies Thursday afternoon. Although they rallied with five unanswered runs, the Huskies fell 12-8 after nine innings of play. Southern Maine's record drops to 18-9.

Babson picked up the lead early on in the matchup. In the top of the first inning Babson made it 2-0 when freshman Connor Gill (Sterling, MA/ Wachusett Regional) and sophomore Adam Ayala (Franklin Lakes, NJ/ Don Bosco Prep) round-

ed home plate for the Beavers.

The Beaver's lead would extend to 3-0 in the third inning of play. Senior George Crowley (Watertown, MA/ The Rivers School) doubled in the frame, allowing freshman Eric Jaun (Loveland, Ohio/ St. Xavier) to score for Babson.

The fourth inning was a busy one for both teams. In the top, with three beavers on base, Mark Webber (Norwell, MA/Dexter School) came up to bat for Babson. Webber hammered it to right center for a grand slam to make it 7-0 for the Beavers. Jack Halpin (Glastonbury, CT/Glastonbury), Gill and David Lennon (Windermere, FL/Windermere Prep) would all score for the

Beavers. Delaney would get relief from Laberge after giving up seven runs.

The bottom of the frame brought in three runs for Southern Maine. Tom Budrewicz (Boxford, MA/ Masconomet Regional) sent a line drive past first base driving in Paul McDonough (Wells, ME) for the Huskies first run of the day. Next up, freshman catcher Kip Richard picked up two RBI's when he sent both senior Jake Glauser (Goffstown, NH/ Goffstown) and Budrewicz home to make it 7-3.

An inning later, Babson would extend their lead to 8-3 with a run from George Crowley off his teammate Jake Weiss' (Irvine, CA/ Northwood) single. The sixth inning was another multi-run inning for the Beavers. Including runs from Adam Ayala, Jack Haplin and Mark Webber. Senior Joe Barry (Stoneham, MA/Austin Prep) also picked up a run in the sixth inning to make it 12-3 for Babson.

In the bottom half of the sixth inning, the Huskies picked up two runs to make it 12-5. Richard would have a hand in both runs scored in the sixth inning. He picked up an RBI off of Budrewicz's run to make it 12-4. Later on Richard scored as Jake O'Connor tripled him home. Paul McDonough picked up his first homer of the season during the bottom of the seventh inning, closing the margin to 12-6.

In the final attempt at a rally, Budrewicz doubled at the bottom

of the ninth inning and picked up two RBI's. He made it 12-8 as Sam Stauble (Harrison, ME/ Bridgton Academy) and Sam Dexter (Oakland, ME/ Messalonskee) ran home.

Sophomore Bobby Delaney (Merrick, NY/ Kellenberg Memorial) picked up his second start of the season for the Huskies. Delaney gave up seven runs on seven hits in four innings.

Freshman Tanner Laberge (Windham, ME/ Windham) relieved Delaney in the middle of the fourth inning. Laberge let up five runs and five hits in the two innings he played.

Freshman pitchers Henry Curran (South Portland, ME/ South Portland), Matt Correale (Peabody, MA/ Peabody), and Jack Donnelly (Walpole, MA/ Walpole) all came in for relief during the last three innings of the afternoon.

Babson's starting pitcher, junior Ken Rutunno (East Islip, NY/ East Islip) gave up five runs and seven hits in six innings pitched. Edward Lehr (Byram Township, NJ/ Blair Academy), Max Tannenbaum (Coral Springs, FL/ North Broward Prep) and Matt Cuneo (Ashland, MA/ Dexter School) would all take their turns on the mound as well.

The Huskies return home again Tuesday April 26 for conference matchup against UMass Boston at 3:30 p.m.

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Freshman Kyle O'Connor had a triple and a single for Huskies Thursday against Babson With the loss to the opponent team, the University of Southern Maine basbeall team falls to 18 and 9 on the season.

Sullivan prepared for life beyond playing field

Nick Beauchesne
Sports Editor

With only two weeks left of the semester, many students are preparing for their final exams at USM. Graduating seniors see the end of their undergraduate experience just beyond the stack of books and pile of projects that await them.

For those seniors that participated in collegiate athletics during their time at the university, an extra layer is added to the feeling of closing a chapter in their lives. Their careers as student athletes, most stretching back to their earliest days of childhood, comes to a close when they walk the aisle to get their diploma.

Kenzie Sullivan, a senior from Lewiston majoring in mechanical engineering, is ready to approach the next chapter in her life with the same focus and determination that made her stand out as a student athlete during her four years at USM.

As a three sport varsity athlete during her time at Lewiston high school, Sullivan came to Gorham intending to continue on the path of playing competitive sports year round. During her freshman year she was a member of the soccer, indoor track and lacrosse teams. As competitive as she was, and still is, it became clear during that first year that sacrifices needed to be made in order to achieve a balance between her love of sports and her commitment to academics during her time at USM.

"During my sophomore year I played soccer and lacrosse and then junior and senior year I played just soccer" Sullivan said.

The decision to dial back from playing three sports to focusing solely on soccer was one that enabled Sullivan to excel in the challenging major of mechanical engineering, in which she has accrued a cumulative 3.2 GPA. The results of her commitment to academic excellence are clear to see: she has recently accepted a position at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard as an engineer in radiological controls.

Despite the fact that she will be moving on to a career at one of the most prestigious places of employment in the region, Sullivan remains grateful for the opportunities and experiences being an athlete at USM has provided her during the past four years.

"I think anyone that has the chance to play college sports should do so," Sullivan said. "I am a better person and better student because of college soccer."

Sullivan is excited to enter professional life and take the next step at Portsmouth. She plans to move down to the area after graduation, and sees her experience at USM as an integral part of how she was able to secure employment there. Even though she won't be representing USM on the playing field anymore, she still sees herself as an athlete long after she leaves the university.

"I don't think I could ever stop



Photo courtesy of USM Office of Public Affairs

Kenzie Sullivan (left) played on the Huskies' soccer team for four years. Graduting this spring, she will be relocating to Portsmouth this summer.

being active," she said. "It's just the way I am. I play in a soccer league now with a few other alumni and have plans to join soccer and softball leagues down in Falmouth."

Some of the best things about being able to compete as a college athlete are the memories and relationships you form with your teammates. These connections last long after the last whistle blows on a college career, and Sullivan is aware and appreciative of them.

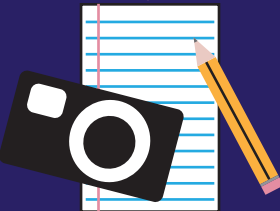
"One of the fondest memories I have is whitewater rafting with my soccer girls after what seemed like a month of preseason," she stated. "

We got to float down the river and just swim around and it was so fun."

It is that combination of hard work and the rewards that come with it that have directed her path up to this point. With the foundation that she has built for herself, as an athlete, a student and a person, Sullivan looks poised to succeed in the next phase of her life as well. The USM community wishes her the best of luck in her future endeavors and is grateful for the hard work she put in during her time here as a Husky.

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@ Plymouth State
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