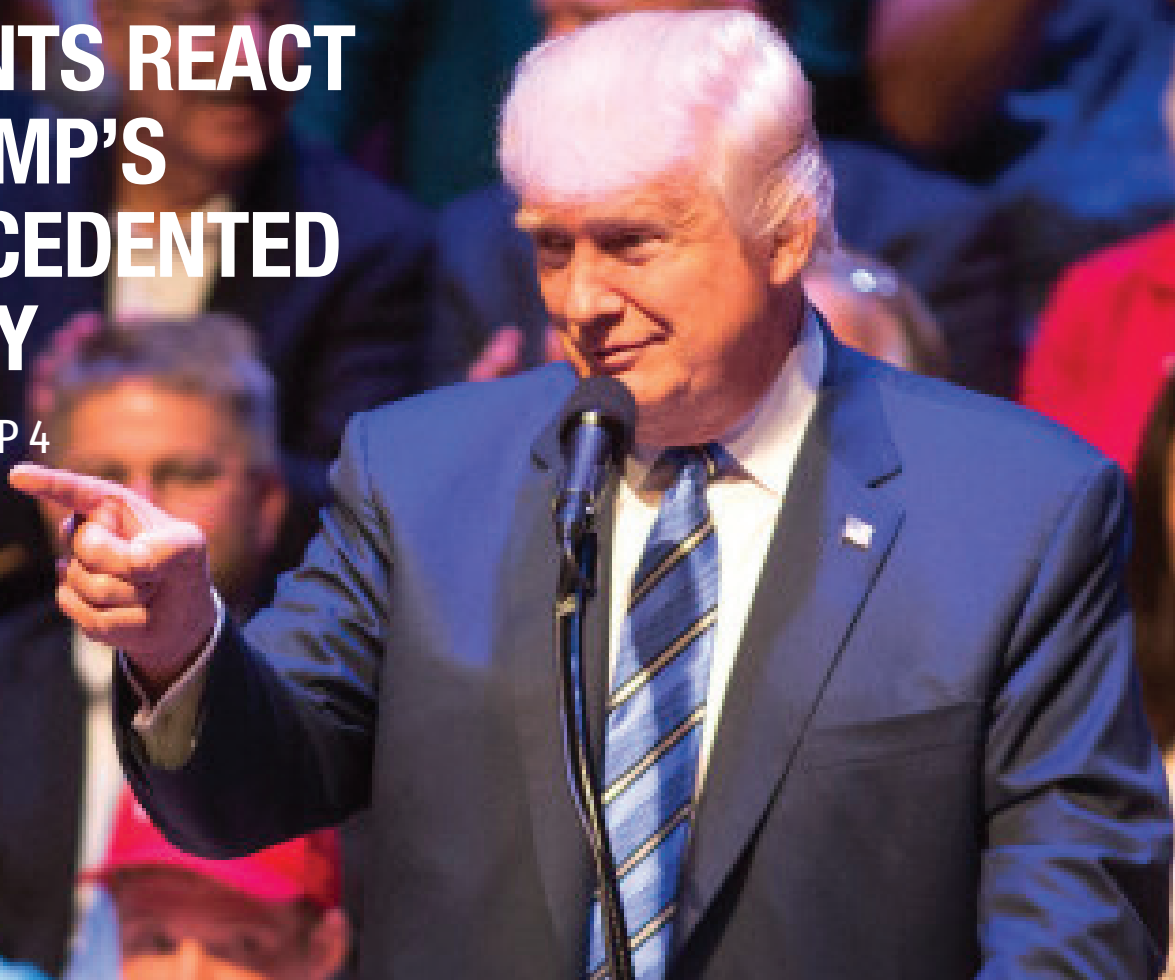




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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

The aftermath of the election

What does a Trump presidency mean for the future of America?

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The election is over. Throughout the world people, are confused as to how Trump managed to get the nomination for our next President of the United States. Across the nation, protests have broken out, where large crowds of citizens marched in an anti-trump rally. While many are not happy with President-elect Trump, it is important to try and look at this from a variety of perspectives in order to better understand what occurred last Tuesday when the nomination was declared.

While a Trump presidency is something short of despair for democrats and many republicans who believe his campaign defies the ideologies that Republicans have preached for centuries, others are happy to see their desired nominee take the stage. During his presidential-elect speech, Trump seemed to have a change of tone. His behavior, which seemed respectable on stage, has gained nation-wide attention. Many believe he is putting on an act of professionalism, reading from a guided script. After preaching so long about, “banning all Muslims; deporting all immigrants; building a wall” and providing a childlike stance during political debates with Clinton, it’s hard for many to see any positivity and conclusive answers in the new President.

According to the AP election insights, Trump was favored more strongly in rural areas of the United States by a whopping 95.7 percent. In contrast, Clinton won more counties where at least 50 percent of adults have a Bachelor’s Degree. Trump won more counties where the median income per year was less than \$50,000 each year, and won more swing-states in this election than any republican nominee has won since the 1920’s.

What do these statistics tell us about Trump being nominated?

We know by now that, while Clinton won the popular vote, the electoral college that accounts for the nomination itself was grasped by Trump. This “silent majority,” as some have deemed Trump voters, didn’t necessarily allow Trump to win the presidency. It was the lack of supporters for Clinton, whose campaign was deemed as “crooked” during Trump’s political speeches and a high-density of middle-class white Americans that led to Trump being elected.

Trump’s campaign appealed to a community of individuals, mostly white, living in rural areas and making a middle-class to lower-class income each year. These are people who lack an education higher than a Bachelor’s Degree - this isn’t to say they are unintelligent, but rather that they may not be aware that his stance on certain policies could be detrimental to future generations. These are people that, like Bernie Sanders has preached since the election of Trump, are sick and tired of the economic downfall and ready for an America that can build up its infrastructure and properly take care of veterans and children alike.

While there is no excuse for Trump’s past behaviors, all we can do is look to the future and hope that he will follow through on his words - and hope that some of them, he will not. Americans seem to have been “duped” to vote against their own best interests, as if the election and Trump supporters were part of a “scam” The ethics of his strategic stances on policies can be questioned, of course, and there are many speculations as to why he won - some believe white supremacy took reins of this election, that many of them hated women and marginalized groups, and it’s hard for anyone

to look past these facts. Including myself. I can only hope that he can be influenced by the general public on some of his stances.

We cannot look past his stance on climate change, which could put our earth in serious danger. We cannot look past his hateful words toward President Obama, denying evidence that he was born in America, and calling him “the worst President,” of the United States. We cannot look past his sexism toward women and discrimination against minorities. But we can do a few things. We can speak our minds, rally together, and hope for a change. We can wait and see what happens, and hope to god that he will be a different President than he was a Republican nominee. To all those who are fearful, your concerns are valid. Your fears are valid - but you don’t need me to tell you that. It’s obvious from the way Trump has addressed people who are not like him. People of color and women as well. Bullying and hate crimes have increased across the Nation, as well.

If you’ve supported Trump, this isn’t to say your unintelligent. This isn’t to say you’re racist or sexist. But, by supporting a candidate that holds these ideologies, and these stances on political issues that could negatively affect our economy and global safety, you have chosen to put faith in a President who I truly believe, will leave behind more problems than he will “fix things.” I hope that, through his election, we can come together, as human beings, to fight hatred with love, and to finally expose the desire that all human beings want for one another: peace.

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To much surprise, Trump elected next president of the United States

USM students discuss the election and give suggestions as to how he won over the American voter

Julie Pike
Free Press Staff

Donald Trump will be the 45th president of the United States.

Trump won the election with 279 electoral votes. Hillary Clinton received only 228 electoral votes. Clinton won the popular vote by a small fraction, but Trump was able to win key states in the election, including Pennsylvania, Ohio and Florida.

In Trump's victory speech Wednesday morning, he spoke of unifying the nation.

"To all Republicans and Democrats and Independents across this nation, I say it is time for us to come together as one united people," Trump stated.

Trump expressed his gratitude to Clinton, congratulating her for hard work in the campaign.

"Hillary has worked very long and very hard over a long period of time, and we owe her a major debt of gratitude for her service to our country," Trump said.

Students and faculty at USM were shocked by the news of Trump's victory. Jasmine Armstrong, a sophomore at USM, expressed how she felt Trump's presidency would affect the nation.

"Trump has run on a platform



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Donald Trump, who won the presidential-elect nomination last Tuesday, shocked the world with this achievement. Many were shocked and saddened by the news of his election, while others were excited for him.

violence."

Emily Leppanen, a senior communication and media studies major, summed up her reaction in one

a sophomore in the criminology program.

Some students expressed fear about Trump as president. One

"He's the one candidate with the brains to get the job done," stated a student who chose to remain anonymous. "We will unite as a nation and have strong relations."

Sarah, a sophomore majoring in social and behavioral sciences, was happy with the results of the election. She was more concerned about Clinton being elected president.

"A lot of people are uneducated

- Ronald Schmidt

Professor of political science

"As a potential scientist, I worry about much greater damage being done to an already frayed political fabric. As an individual, I'm concerned about violence."

that justifies ignorance and hate," Armstrong stated. "Trump's election marks a reversal of the United States' progress. My heart is broken because closed-minded Americans are intent on keeping this country's legacy one of hate."

Ronald Schmidt, a professor of political science, worries about how Trump will affect the political system in the U.S.

"As a political scientist I worry about much greater damage being done to an already frayed political fabric," Schmidt said. "As an individual I'm concerned about

word: "Devastated."

Multiple students at USM have shown a general dislike for Trump, voicing many concerns for the next four years. Hope Hoang, a sophomore majoring in business, was upset by the results of the election.

"I was truly shaken and disappointed. Trump winning the presidency was a stab in everything I believe in," Hoang stated.

Hoang was not alone in her views of Trump's victory.

"There aren't enough words to describe how disappointed I am in this country," stated Cameron,

concern among students is for the safety of minorities in the country.

"I fear for the safety and quality of life that has been fought so hard for of the minority communities in our country," stated USM student Molly Roberts.

"White Americans will not be affected as much as the minorities, people of color, religious groups, and LGBTQ+ community," said Jennie, a junior studying international business.

Other students who voted for Trump have little to no concerns about Trump as president.

chose to remain anonymous, but they felt concerned about Trump as president.

"He doesn't have the political background that I want in a candidate. I tend to find some background in politics a good thing in the politician that's running my nation."

Faculty at USM showed concerns for Trump as well.

Daniel Panici, a professor of communication and a father of two girls, expressed his concern for how the election has affected young people.

"My daughters were crying when they heard the results," Panici stated. "How can America elect a racist, homophobic, anti-Muslim, anti-global warming, anti-intellectual anti-government person?"

"I had no answer for my daughters. I was in shock as well," he said. "It's a hard question to answer as a parent."

Professor Robert Klotz, chair of the history and political science department at USM, offered his insight into how Trump could be elected president.

"The nation was dissatisfied with their government. They wanted an outsider," Klotz stated. "The number of people voting for outside candidates was very high. Part of the appeal for Trump that some people had was that he didn't have a political record."

For the time being it is too early to tell how exactly the next four years will look like with Trump as president.

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- Robert Klotz

Chair of the history and political science departments

about everything Hillary has done in her career," Sarah said. "If they knew, they would not have voted for her to begin with."

One student chose not to vote in the election, stating that they did not like either choice. This student

Trump released an action plan for his first 100 days in office in late October, outlining measures and policies he wishes to pursue.

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USM to provide off-campus housing in Bayside apartments

Johnna Ossie
News Editor

On Nov. 2, the Finance, Facilities and Technology Committee of the UMaine System Board of Trustees approved a USM proposal to offer off-campus housing for students in Portland beginning in the fall of 2017, but this proposal is still pending full approval from the Board on Nov. 14.

The rooms will be located in a two-floor section of the Bayside Village Apartments, located in East Bayside on Marginal Way in Portland, leased to the university and will provide 200 student beds. According to President Cummings, the university hopes to provide affordable housing for students that will diminish some of the burden of housing costs placed on students and their families.

This fall, many students reported overcrowding and overcapacity in the Gorham dorms. Dickey Wood Hall, which can accommodate 360 students, closed in 2014 due to lack of student enrollment and so that the university could save money. The university hopes that the new housing opportunity will relieve some of that burden. The university also hopes to foster community among those living in Portland and commuting to school and give an opportunity for those students to live among peers but remain in Portland.

The Portland Press Herald reports that President Cummings is aware of the housing shortage. He told the committee, "We having a huge housing shortage here. This

is a huge step forward, we hope."

Until August of 2008, USM still offered some student housing in Portland, called Portland Hall, which was located at 645 Congress St. In an effort to save money, the residence hall was closed and the building was sold to a developer and is now home to rental apartments.

The two floors of the Bayside Apartments housing USM students would be staffed by resident assistants and have 24/7 campus security, according to Nancy Griffin, vice president of enrollment management and student affairs, in a USM news brief. Those living in the Bayside Village apartments as USM students would receive services comparable to those offered to students living in residence halls on USM's Gorham campus.

The Bayside Village Apartment complex is located roughly one mile from USM's Portland campus as well as from the downtown area. It is situated across the street from Trader Joe's and Planet Fitness and a short distance from several other grocery stores. The university plans to provide free transportation between Bayside Village and the Portland campus.

Some have concerns about the current state of the Bayside Village apartments, but it is unclear how or if USM plans to address possible problems pertaining to the apartment complex itself.

In a Facebook comment made on USM's announcement of the new Portland housing, Addi Rush wrote, "So does that mean you will also be tending to the chronic



Photo courtesy of Bayside Village Apartments

In early November, the Finance, Facilities and Technology Committee of the UMaine System approved the proposal to offer off-campus housing in Portland at Bayside apartments.

cockroach (and possible bed bug) infestation?"

In both Yelp and Yahoo reviews, many tenants of Bayside Village have complained of bedbug and cockroach infestations in their apartments.

Nancy Griffin and President Cummings were unable to be reached for comment before publication.

USM hopes to eventually build new residence halls on the Portland campus as

a larger solution to USM's current overcrowding, and as a way to allow students to remain living in Portland while still being housed in dormitories and living among other students. The proposal for Portland residence halls will be approved or unapproved by the UMaine Board of Trustees in the coming months.

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A full explanation of Trump's plans can be found on the NPR website.

However, some faculty at USM are wary of Trump's commitment as president.

"He doesn't have a political agenda or policy proposals," Schmidt stated. "His commitment to most proposals have been fairly inconsistent."

"Trump is a lot harder to predict what will happen in the future than Clinton," Klotz stated. "People want change, maybe Trump can do that."

Amid the chaos, some students and faculty have managed to stay hopeful.

"I think this creates a possibility of greater political engagement among citizens," Schmidt stated.

"I hope this will unite students since many are in shock that it happened," Taylor said. "Hopefully, it will allow us to have a dialogue and appreciate everyone for their differences. We need to spread love, not more hatred."

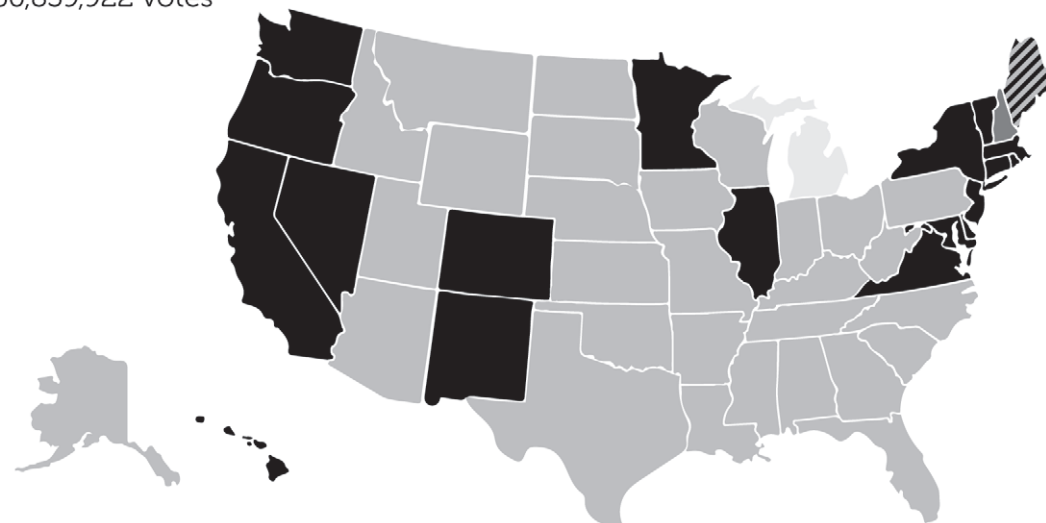
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Clinton 228

60,839,922 votes

Trump 290

60,265,858 votes



■ Clinton won
■ Clinton leads
■ Trump won
■ Trump leads

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Silenced voices: members of the military during political upheaval

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Free Press Staff

Fair and free elections in the United States draw out the voices of the people. Opinions and positions are discussed between citizens, as is guaranteed by the First Amendment's declaration of the right to free speech. Often forgotten among Americans is the population that is silenced by the government: active duty members of the military.

At all levels of government service, there are regulations on how much public political activity an employee is allowed to participate in. According to the Department of Defense's 2016 Guidance on Political Activity memo, government employees at NSA, the DIA and NGA are among civilian government employees who are not allowed to work with partisan campaigns. Even less restricted civilians cannot solicit donations for a campaign they support.

Though the control over civilian government staff members is minor, the regulatory management over members of the military is potentially problematic. Active duty members of all branches of military forces in the United States are prohibited from saying or doing anything that could be perceived as speaking on behalf of their service branch.



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- References: (a) DoD Directive 1344.10, "Political Activities by Members of the Armed Forces on Active Duty," August 2, 2004 (hereby canceled)
(b) Sections 973, 888, 101, and Chapter 47 of title 10, United States Code
(c) DoD Instruction 1334.1, "Wearing of the Uniform," October 26, 2005
(d) Section 441a of title 2, United States Code
(e) through (i), see Enclosure 1

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The DoD Directive 1344.10 states that active duty members of the military are allowed to enjoy freedoms of political expression, yet participating in political rallies are illegal.

DoD Directive 1344.10 clearly states that active duty members of the military are allowed to enjoy some freedoms of political expression, such as voting, joining a partisan political group and attending meetings in civilian clothing, and signing a petition. The document also states sixteen actions

that would violate military law. Among these include participating in political rallies, debates and conventions, speaking at a partisan political assembly, exhibiting a political sign in front of one's house on a military base and speaking in favor of or in opposition to a political candidate on the ra-

dio or on television.

For an active member of the armed services, violating any of these mandates could have life-changing consequences. The most severe penalties could include a letter of reprimand, demotion of rank or even dishonorable discharge.

The regulations stem from the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ). The UCMJ is a code that defines and sets the parameters for judicial action under military law. Mostly members of the United States military are held to the provisions in the UCMJ. Because the military has its own set of judicial laws, the military is responsible for bringing its own members to justice. In cases where members of the armed forces are found to be in violation of rules set by the military, other service members determine their guilt and punishments within the military system.

With fresh wounds from the 2016 election still trying to heal, many were asking, were members of the military suppressed by fear of consequences imposed by military law to speak out for their political view and candidates? If people are not satisfied with the answer, here is what can be done. Write to local legislators and ask for change.

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While evacuation drills are never fun, they are an essential part of campus safety. On Oct. 12, the Environmental Health and Safety Office (EHS), in conjunction with the Department of Finance and Management, ResLife, USM Public Safety and the Gorham Fire Department, carried out evacuation drills for all of the dorms on the Gorham campus. While all of these drills were viewed as successful, there were some areas that were seen as needing improvements.

The EHS office is responsible for all aspects of safety on the USM campus. Their main goal is to promote a safe environment

in which learning and work can be carried out effectively.

John Reed, the director of EHS, appreciates the effort put into the drills by their

ham Fire Department observed and saw nothing of great concern," he said. From his perspective, besides a few minor hitches, the drills went smoothly and as planned.

"Drills help make us better and keep up safer, and we certainly think that's the case as a result..."

- John Reed
Director of EHS

planners and by all students and faculty involved.

"The post drill outline identified areas where improvements may be needed. Gor-

The post-drill outline that he referred to was sent out to all students and staff from the EHS office after the drills took place. The outline broke down the issues encoun-

tered in each dorm building and suggestions on what students and faculty can improve on next time.

For Robie Andrews, Woodward and Anderson, the only issues encountered were the inconsistent sequencing of the lights and the alarms. Residents from these three halls carried themselves correctly and all met in their respective meeting points. The same can't be said for Upton-Hastings, Philippi and Upper Class.

In Upton-Hastings, there were reports of horseplay in the hallways and of residents returning to their rooms to collect valuables. The report outlined how this behavior could cost individuals valuable seconds

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Protests break out across nation after Trump wins nomination

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News Editor

Following the news that Donald Trump had won the presidency, which came early Wednesday morning, protests have broken out in Portland and across the nation. In cities such as New York, Seattle, Chicago, San Francisco, Miami and Los Angeles, thousands of people have taken to the streets to protest the results of Tuesday's election. In Los Angeles, protesters burned an effigy of the president-elect; in New York City thousands gathered in front of Trump Tower in dissent. In London, hundreds gathered in protest outside the U.S. Embassy.

In Portland, protests and rallies began on Nov. 9, the day after the election. The first to take place was a declared a "Vigil for Unity," for those in Portland to come together and support it's diverse population.

Hundreds of Portlanders gathered together on Wednesday night in Monument Square. People young and old, as well as families with small children gathered to share love and community, and to stand against the inflammatory rhetoric from the Trump campaign against marginalized communities.

The mood was somber but supportive as people gathered in to share messages of love and support for Portland's marginalized communities, including Portland's large refugee community. In light of LePage's recent letter to President Obama saying Maine will no longer take part in the federal Refugee Settlement Program, tensions and fear were especially high among the crowd.

Local faith leaders from Muslim, Jew-

Last Tuesday, protests broke out in cities such as Los Angeles, California; New Haven Connecticut; Orlando, Florida; Boston, Massachusetts; Asheville, North Carolina; Columbus, Ohio; Portland, Oregon and Portland, Maine, to protest Trump's hate-ridden policies

ish, Christian and the Unitarian Universalist communities spoke to the large crowd, who held candles and each other in the dark city square. Many attendees were in tears and expressed both fear and grief.

A young man stood atop an electric box holding a side that read, "Keep hate out of Maine."

Reverend Christina Sillari, from the Unitarian Universalist First Parish Church in Portland, reminded the crowd, "We gather holding a common value, that the glory of this country rests first and foremost in it's diversity."

After the speakers finished, the crowd remained quiet as the Beatles song "All You Need is Love," played over the speakers and echoed through Monument Square.

Many dispersed but a smaller crowd marched to the steps of city hall, where chanting and drumming continued. Rally attendees remained peaceful and supportive.

"We must return to love," Reverend Sillari told the crowd, "Again, and again, and again."

On Friday night, an estimated 200 people again gathered in Monument Square to protest. Speakers stood atop the monument, spoke into a megaphone and voiced their concerns. "Now is not the time to be silent," Marena Blanchard, a local activist



Emma Donnelly / Contributor

Protestors gather on the monument at Friday's protest in Monument Square.

and contributor for the Bangor Daily News, told the crowd, "Now is the time to act." Blanchard spoke about addressing racism and hate crimes in the community and not remaining complacent, and called for white people in the community to fight racism in their in their personal lives as well as on an institutional level.

Portland School Board member Roberto Rodriguez, a military veteran, spoke to the crowd, saying he was proud of his military service, "It's only a small part of who I am as a man," he added. He discussed being from Puerto Rico and how Puerto Ricans are American citizens who have no say in U.S. presidential elections. He called for the crowd to come together on the right side of history.

"There's a right way and a wrong way to do things," he said. "Today we are going to do things the right way."

The crowd marched to city hall and stood on the steps, chanting, "This is what community looks like," and "Love trumps hate." They then marched down Exchange Street to Commercial Street and back to Congress Street where they made their way to Longfellow Square, calling for justice, peace and unity along the way.

At one point a bystander in a nearby apartment building threw firecrackers from the window into the street next to the protes-

tors.

In Longfellow Square, a young person from Freeport High School took the megaphone and spoke to the gathered crowd. "I've been verbally abused in the bathroom twice at school since Trump has been elected," they said. "I'll always remember this crowd and I'll always love you for being here." Several young people from area high schools spoke, saying that they felt afraid but were appreciative of the protestors.

Two protestors spoke of being first generation Americans, and how their families had escaped war in both Vietnam and in Lebanon. They called for Americans to support refugees and immigrants.

More protests are planned for the coming weeks, including a march on the State House in Augusta organized by USM students.

Though Maine is a blue state, and registered Democrats largely comprise the electorate of southern coastal Maine, one of Maine's four electoral votes went to President-elect Donald Trump. This is the first time in Maine's history that the electoral votes have not gone to the sea candidate since the splitting of electoral votes was approved in 1972.



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USM student Samantha Torr holds a sign at the protest on Friday night in Portland.

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when faced with a real emergency.

For Philippi, the only problem encountered was some residents evacuating to the wrong location. Some were crossing the road to go to the patio in Brooks. In a real situation, the road would be a dangerous place to be as rescue vehicles would be speeding by.

The main issue encountered in Upper Class was that some residents were not using the exits nearest to their rooms. This is an example of

another activity that could cost individuals valuable seconds during a real evacuation.

Reed said that USM will work with its safety professionals to improve all of the areas highlighted in the post-drill report.

"Drills help make us better and keep us safer," he said, "and we certainly think that's the case as a result of these recent drills." Reed believes that the USM community is capable of dealing with emergency situations when or if they arise. The EHS office provides ample training for all fac-

ulty and will continue to stage drills throughout the year so that students can also learn how to prepare.

Reed went on to explain that if anyone, student or faculty, wants to learn more about the university's safety procedures, they can look for them on the USM website.

"We can all always do more," he added, "and will do more as we strive to continuously improve on every aspect of campus safety."

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In Brief...



Local & State

Maine Voters Narrowly Endorse Legal Marijuana, but Opponents Weigh Recount

BANGOR DAILY NEWS — Maine will join Massachusetts in legalizing the recreational use of marijuana, becoming one of two first eastern states in the country to open its doors to the multimillion-dollar industry.

But a close result has raised the possibility that opponents, who have not formally conceded, will seek a recount for the hotly contested ballot question.

The Bangor Daily News declared a Yes win for the race about 3 a.m. Wednesday, based on vote tallies collected from individual towns.

Passage of Question 1 puts Maine among four states that legalized recreational marijuana use in earlier years. Nevada and California voted on Tuesday to legalize the drug, which still is an illegal substance under federal law.

"We're excited that Mainers have chosen to adopt a more sensible marijuana policy, a policy in which we

are not punishing Mainers for using a substance that is safer than alcohol," David Boyer, the campaign manager for the "yes" side, said.

National

President-elect Donald Trump Meets with President Obama

NRP - It was perhaps the unthinkable: President Obama meeting with his successor at the White House in the first step to carry out the peaceful transition of power in the American republic — and that successor is Donald Trump.

But that's exactly what happened Thursday morning in what amounts to one of the more surreal moments in American political history.

President-elect Trump, who rose to political fame by falsely questioning the birthplace of the sitting president, said he had "great respect" for Obama, called him a "very fine man" and said he would seek his "counsel" in the future.

Obama described it as an "excellent conversation" and "wide-ranging" — from how to organizationally set up a White House to foreign and domestic policy.

International

Stock Futures Plunge as Donald Trump Posts Surprising Win

WALL STREET JOURNAL - The upset win by Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump spurred a sharp decline in U.S. stock futures and a broad flight to safety around the globe, underscoring the trepidation among investors about the New York developer's presidency.

Japan's Nikkei stock index was down about 5 percent, crude oil slumped more than 3 percent and the dollar fell 3.6 percent against the Japanese yen, while the prices of U.S. Treasuries and other rich-country government bonds rose, sending yields down. The dollar was up as much as 11 percent against the

Mexican peso. Gold prices, a haven, rose almost 5 percent.

Tuesday evening's reversal is the latest sign of markets' fear of a Trump presidency. During his campaign, he has advocated sharply controlling immigration and raising tariffs on trade, decisions that many economists contend could pressure growth at trading partners such as Mexico and potentially reduce already sluggish global growth.

The pullback in U.S. stock prices, if it holds when the U.S. market opens Wednesday morning, stands to reverse a rally Monday that marked the Dow industrials' largest daily gain since the spring. That rise, which came after the Federal Bureau of Investigation cleared Mrs. Clinton in a probe of her handling of classified emails, was widely taken as a sign that investors were banking on a Clinton victory Tuesday.

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Police Beat

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Currently no new police beats: last log added 10/30/16.

When USM Police fail to update their police logs, we will highlight some crime trends that offer interesting insight to a string of crimes that follow a theme throughout the past year:

07/15/15

Another E-Phone gone haywire

911 Call, Law Building E-Phone, Nobody on Phone, Officer checked Area, no caller in area.

07/20/15

USM phones always broken

911 Call, Robie Parking Lot E-Phone, Nobody on the line, Officer Checked Area all set no Caller in Area..

07/24/15

Ghost call from the elevator?

911 Call, Law Building Elevator, E-Phone in elevator hang up call. Faculty in building reports someone may be stuck in elevator. Faculty called back indicating elevator was is empty.

08/15/15

Malfunctioning phones

911 call, E-Phone G20. Phone is malfunctioning. E-mail sent to notify of condition.

09/03/15

Calling to hang up

911 call, 59 Exeter St. False call. Area checked by officer.

06/11/16

Prank calls

911 call, E-phone, Luther Bonney Hall. Officer reports kids playing in the area.

Police Beats are edited for grammar and style

Arts & Culture

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Kelly Scrima
Free Press Staff

USM Theatre Department's performance of *The Language Archive*, held in Russell Hall from November 10-13 can be wonderfully encapsulated by the words of the Bard himself, William Shakespeare:

"Words, words, words" -Hamlet, II.II.183.

Director Sara Valentine is a new member of the USM Theatre faculty, and a native New Englander. She holds a B.A. in Theatre Arts from Ithaca College and an MFA in Acting from the University of Delaware's Professional Theatre Training Program. Language and how words are interpreted and formed was of great importance to both the themes of the show as well as the actors and actresses who speak those words.

"I've been in theatre since I was a middle

school student, and I think the thing that keeps me doing theatre is the sharing of stories. And telling stories in a way that can't be done in a film or novels, in a live experience with other people in the room. Magical ways to tell stories, and I think theatre is perfect at doing this", says Sara Valentine of her draw to the world of theatre.

As for why she chose to direct *The Language Archive* she says, "I saw this show done at another college when I was living down in the south about two years ago. It stuck with me because of the language, and how rich the language was, even though it's a contemporary play".

Valentine currently studies voice pedagogy through a program in Malérargues, France at the Centre Artistique International Roy Hart (CAIRH), and is a member of the Actor's Equity (AEA). She says that her studies in voice pedagogy are of great influence on her direction of this play and how each actor/actress

creates their dialogue verbally. She noted that some words, like the word room, have their meaning within the word itself. If you notice the word room when said has room in it.

The set changed to accommodate each scene, but the main part of it was the towering shelves of boxes, archives of all sorts of languages one can assume. Perry Fertig, the Scenic Designer for the show, along with the help of several student carpenters created the set. The sheer height and breadth of these rows of boxes on shelves created an immersive atmosphere.

During the entirety of the show there were ASL interpreters, students of USM's own Linguistics program narrating each and every line. Alex Schofield, Miranda Mutillo, Jeremy Michaud, Tyler Crysler, and Tim Doyle are three of the interpreters for *The Language Archive*. In the past, some of the interpreters participated in *As You Like It*, by William Shakespeare a USM Theatre Department performance in Spring of 2015.

Michaud says, "It's really nice to be able to set up this access to the deaf community, and link that bridge between not only the Linguistics department and Theatre department, but also the deaf community in the Greater Portland area".

ASL was one of many languages used in the show. The lively Savannah Irish's character, Instructor, taught Esperanto to her student Emma (Braden Socquet), and at one point Jake Hammond's character, George, broke the third wall and taught the audience some Esperanto.

Hammond's portrayal of George pulled on the heartstrings, and made the audience pity the quirky language archivist learning to deal with a broken heart. Freshman Mariah Larocque took to the many ups and downs of her character Mary rather well, in her first USM mainstage production. Calvin Sprague played the Old Man with a Newspaper who helped Mary, and did a great job taking to this introspective and observational character.

JJ Jensen, who played Alta, said her favorite part of her character was "how passionate she is". She and her husband in the show, Resten, played by Luis Del Valle had the audience roaring with laughter. Their impeccable comedic timing shone through, and both had to do a lot of work with accents and languages.

Braden Socquet, who played the role of Emma, said her character is "so much fun, and she has so many levels". Perhaps one of the more challenging aspects of her role she said was, "the part where she finds how to let go of George, and handing him the bread. We

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- Sara Valentine
Director



Lori Arsenault / Performing Arts Operations and Concert Manager

George, played by Jake Hammond, tries to mediate between Alta (JJ Jensen) and Resten (Luis Del Valle) after their fight over window seats and home cooking.

talked a lot about how the bread is her heart, and she's just like here you go". She says of director Sara Valentine, "She said something very profound in the first rehearsal, 'Lines live in your muscle memory'... I have it on my wall, don't think I don't. It's brilliant, and she's brilliant. She's really good at working with everyone really in depth. She likes to pull out words".

Sarah Flagg, a student in the USM School of Music, said she really loved the performance, and that "it's something that everyone can identify with no matter what age."

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Why doesn't USM have a club for Black students?

A club like this could be the forefront about the discourse of social issues

Dionne Smith
Free Press Staff

This is a large university with multiple campuses that has a large number of student organizations. On the Portland campus, there is a vast variety of clubs, ranging from academic, major-based organizations to university leadership roles and committees. Clubs play an important role for students, as they provide a sense of community and of being surrounded by people that have similar ideals. Students have the freedom to create any club that they desire if they have enough people who want to support it. Looking through the list of clubs, there seems to be one club that isn't there, a Black Students Club. It's interesting to wonder why such a club doesn't exist considering the university's continuously rising demographic of Black students. But should it be a club at all?

Professor Leroy Rowe, assistant professor of African American history and politics, is aware that there is no club for Black student. Rowe himself is in favor of the development

of a Black Students Club. "It's something that can't be led by a faculty or a staff member," Rowe stated in regards to if the club should be created or not. He firmly believes that the students have to take it upon themselves and

nity for people of color and it could be a place that focuses on Black issues in our country. Rowe thinks that if the students feel that there is a need for this club then he would tell his own students to help start it up.

thinks differently. She is aware that there is no black students club, but she does not believe there should be a club.

"I believe that if we make this segregation, we're kinda feeding into the idea of discrimination and racism, and I believe that if we truly believe that everyone should be equal and everyone is the same why would we need to separate people based on their culture or race?" Alkhdaire stated.

She also argued that the segregation such a club might promote will have no positive effect on the community. Ultimately, the creation of student organizations is completely dependent on the students. If the students truly want this club then they will advocate for it, or do we already see each other as equal and feel that we don't need a Black Students Club to talk about problems revolving around Black communities with our peers? The students have the most voice over this, so what do the students have to say?

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*-Aya Alkhdaire
Egyptian USM Biology Major*

gather together to create the club. "There is so much going on today in terms of social justice and intersection between race and policing in this nation, among other things such a club could help be the forefront about the discourse of these social problems," he said. A Black Students Club could provide a sort of commu-

Rowe isn't the only person who thinks that if there is a need for this club to exist, then the students should band together to create the club. Many USM students also believe that if there is a need for such a club to be created then it should be. However, Aya Alkhdaire, an Egyptian junior majoring in human biology,

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MWPA co-founder celebrates release of new book

Matthew Craig
Arts & Culture Editor

Before a crowd of 30 or so attendees, poet and co-founder of the Maine Writers and Publishers' Alliance, Lee Sharkey, gave a short reading at Space Gallery of some pieces from her latest work. *Walking Backwards* is Sharkey's new poetry chapbook, and it focuses on the lives and trials of Jewish people during the holocaust. She paints a picture of the horrors Holocaust victims faced and the choices they were forced to make. She explains that, when Jewish people in the Ukraine were faced with Nazi occupation, "some went east... some went west," and some stayed where they were, hiding, fighting and resisting.

Sharkey possesses some obscure knowledge of the holocaust. Before each poem, she took a minute to speak about some of the less well-known facts that her poetry relied upon for effect. She is passionate about this topic, and it shone in the delivery of both her account and pieces. Her readings were moving, and offered a great deal of

personal insight into the struggles of the Jewish peoples in World War II.

Founded in 1975, the Maine Writers and Publishers' Alliance works to promote and support literary culture in Maine. Primary goals for the Alliance are to "[promote] an appreciation of Maine literature, [create] a network of writers, readers, and publishers, [create] opportunities for writers to improve writing and marketing skills and [inform] members and the public of Maine literary and publishing news." The MWPA supports writers in much the same way that the Maine Charitable Mechanics Association supports those in the mechanical and artistic trades, although the organization has a much less historical and political background.

Sharkey is, unsurprisingly, the epitome of the spirit of the Alliance. Beginning in 1974, she began working independently on her writing – on a typewriter, no less (before they were hip) – and went on to become a well-respected, though intentionally low-profile, literary force. She has since published a respectable body of work, including five full volumes of poetry.



Matthew Craig / Arts & Culture Editor

Author Lee Sharkey reads poetry from 'Walking Backwards' before a crowd.

The University of Southern Maine offers its support to the MWPA, by offering space in the Glickman Library to the organization for use as offices. The MWPA hosts conferences and retreats similar Stonecoast Writers' Conference for students of writing and professionals in the field.

Each year, the MWPA holds an annual competition for writers, The Maine Literary Awards. Any resident of Maine is

eligible to enter their work, including non-primary residents. Since 2011, the number of books submitted to the Literary Awards has almost doubled from 70 submissions. A sub-contest, the Short Works Competition, which also garnered over 100 submissions last year, and 60 of those were entered by students.

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WHAT CAUGHT THE EYES AND EARS OF OUR STAFF THIS WEEK

Doctor Strange sure to impress comic book fans

John Rocker, Staff
Aaron Halls, Staff

Doctor Strange is directed by Scott Derrickson and is the latest installment in the ever-expanding Marvel Studios films which started with the first Iron Man. The film follows Stephan Strange (Benedict Cumberbatch), an arrogant but brilliant neurosurgeon who, after severely damaging his hands in a car accident, seeks the mysterious Ancient One (Tilda Swinton) to potentially heal him and recover his old life. Upon meeting her, Strange learns of other dimensions and how the Ancient One and her fellow sorcerers employ magic to protect the earth from mystical threats. Once he agrees to learn the ways of magic, Strange finds himself at a crossroads, which is either to use his magic to return to his old life or help the Ancient One fight against the dangerous and world threatening Kaecilius (Mads Mikkelsen).

What Did We Like?

J: I've seen more and more people nowadays complain about superhero



Walt Disney Studios

films and how they are all becoming the same. I honestly believe that, in the past few years, Marvel has tried to stylize their films. Captain America: The Winter Soldier was masked as a political thriller, Ant-Man had the look and feel of a heist film, and here in Doctor Strange there is something in the film that is truly its own. There are the distinct and mind-bending visuals, which clearly were inspired by the comics. There is the excellent magical combat, which was more than just colorful beams shot out of somebody's hand. This is an origin story, a concept which is not new to any su-

perhero, but the multi-verse and the mechanics of the mystic arts are what give this film the edge over typical comic book films.

A: In addition to the mind-blowing visuals and action pieces, as mentioned by John, another strength of the film are the performances from its central cast. As Stephen Strange, Benedict Cumberbatch brings charm and charisma to his role, but also dramatic weight when necessary, especially in scenes where his character expresses frustration with the condition of his hands after the accident. This high caliber of acting is consistent across the board, whether it be Tilda Swinton as the Ancient One, Rachel McAdams as Christine Palmer—who is one of Strange's co-workers—or Benedict Wong as Wong and Chiwetel Ejiofor as Mordo, who are allies of Strange once he starts training under the Ancient One.

What Did We Dislike?

J: There's a certain character that shows up later on in the film, and while it's a nice treat for comic book fans, this character's

appearance was overall underwhelming. It didn't help that this character's design looks too similar to another character roaming around in the Marvel Cinematic Universe.

A: I actually don't have any major or minor complaints of Doctor Strange, though I can definitely see where John is coming from with a certain character's appearance (even though I did not mind it).

Who Do We Think Will Like This Film?

J: I think any comic book fan will enjoy the film.

A: As John mentioned, I think that you will get the most enjoyment out of this if you are a comic book fan or fan of comic book movies. I also think that you might enjoy this film if you perhaps are looking for a different comic book movie than the ones we have had in the past.

Our Rating

J & A: A Must See

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like what you see?

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A&C Listings

Monday, November 14

The Astronomy Cafe
Southworth Planetarium
70 Falmouth St.
Starts: 7:00 Ends 9:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 15

Balance and Composure
State Theatre
609 Congress St.
Doors 7:00 p.m. / Starts: 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 16

Humming House
One Longfellow Square
Doors 7:00 p.m. / Starts 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 17

Dark Star Orchestra
State Theatre
609 Congress St.
Doors 7:00 p.m. / Starts 8:00 p.m.

Friday, November 18

Assembly of Dust
Port City Music Hall
504 Congress St.
Doors: 8:00 Starts: 9:00

Saturday, November 19

Warren Miller's 'Here, There and Everywhere'
State Theatre
609 Congress St.
Starts 7:30 P.M.

Sunday, November 20

First Light
Space Gallery
538 Congress St.
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Our Opinion

Our new President-elect Donald Trump will ruin progress on climate change

Editorial Staff
The Free Press

Last Wednesday, in the early hours of the morning, Donald Trump was nominated at the President of the United States. Trump, who is expected to take office in January, has presented a variety of campaign tactics that cause some concern among Americans.

While he has openly expressed a desire to “deport all Muslims,” and has several accusations compiling against him for sexual harassment, we would like to talk about his political stances on Climate change. While it may not seem as important as addressing the issue of his sexist and racist behavior, his unwillingness to address the issue of global warming could have detrimental affects not just in America, but across the world.

According to a New York Times article published on Nov. 10, Trump could put climate change on the course for the “danger zone.” This article highlights how President-elect Trump called human-caused climate change

“a hoax.” The author of this article writes that Trump’s decision to dismantle the “Environmental Protection Agency,” also known as the EPA, will have detrimental effects on our planet.

The EPA, which is an agency for the federal government of the U.S., was created for the purpose of protecting human health and the environment. This is done through regulation laws passed through congress, through research and education. With the defunding of the EPA, which Trump claims he will “dismantle completely,” will stop the progression regarding our understanding of climate change. Over the years, we will see the consequences of this: From rising sea levels, to powerful floods and storms, and through extreme droughts and food shortages.

Sarah Palin, the 2008 Republican vice-presidential nominee, has apparently expressed interest in running the Energy Department of the U.S. government, and has stated in a previous interview with CNN that she, too, would want to dismantle it. While Trump wants to

eliminate all the hard work Obama has put into our climate change regulations, he also wants to increase fossil fuel production and begin defunding renewable energy companies. While it is still too early to know how much of these stances he’ll follow through on, it is obvious that a Trump presidency means trouble for the global climate.

If Trump decides to follow through with all of this, it is up to the American people to rebuttal and refuse his bigotry. We must continue to rally together, for the greater good of mankind, and make our voices heard. Climate change cannot go undiscussed, we cannot let future generations believe that climate change is fake. It is not a fake, it has never been, and for someone to believe that the idea of Global warming is just an “expensive hoax,” as Trump has declared in the past, it becomes obvious just how uneducated he truly is. We are sad for America, and we are sad for the future of earth.

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Weekly Verse

Nairus Abdullahi
Contributor

Passages from the Qur'an explained

“Those who believe and do deeds of righteousness and establish regular prayers and regular charity, will have their reward with their lord: on them shall be no fear, nor shall they grieve” {Qur'an Chapter 2 verse 277}.

Allah promises those who follow him will be awarded beyond imagination in the hereafter and blessed in the dunya (in this world). Good deeds can be anything from lending a helping hand to donating to a charity. Muslims are expected to do regular charity and that does not necessarily have to include money. Allah knows when one is sincere about one’s actions. It’s imperative that Muslims know Allah is the perfect planner and that everything happens for His reason only. Submitting to Allah means letting go of all external influences which eradicates fear, doubt, sadness, etc.

Let's Talk About It

Trump terrors: Where do we go from here?



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Although Mrs. Clinton won the popular vote amongst Americans, she was unable to win through the electoral college, leading to the nomination of now President-elect Trump.

Johnna Ossie
Free Press Staff

I have to admit that part of me was naively in shock and horror when Hillary Clinton lost this Tuesday. It’s not that I didn’t think racism was alive and well. It’s not that I didn’t think sexism and homophobia and Islamophobia weren’t alive and well. But I was clinging to the idea that they wouldn’t win this particular victory. I was praying to the universe, to God or Goddess, to whomever, that the people who hold these views would not be validated in this new way.

Like many people I know, when the news came early Wednesday morning that Donald Trump would be our next President, I fell to the floor in disbelief. But it’s not news that our country is steeped in racism and misogyny. It’s not news to anyone who experiences these things everyday.

Still, I woke up Wednesday morning hoping it had all been some sort of horrifying dream. I spent the majority of Wednesday wondering what was going to happen to me, my friends, me peers, when laws start to be passed against us. Will I have reproductive health care? Will I be able to openly love who I want? Will my peers and neighbors be harmed? Will my trans friends have access to health care? Will they be harmed? Am I safe? Is my community safe?

I’m worried about the Republican majority house and senate. I’m worried about the supreme court. I’m worried about the planet. I’m worried about war. I’m worried about the future for the children that I love. I’m worried.

So where do I go from here? Where do we go from here? What do I do when my trans friends sit across from

me and sob because they are afraid they won’t access to health care or that they will be physically harmed by those who stand against them? What do I do when my friends have racist slurs hurled at them at the gas station? What do I do when I am walking in a peaceful protest and a man I don’t know comes out of nowhere and screams in my face? How do we move forward?

All I know is that I am ready for action, and I am also ready for love. I’m ready to do the work that needs to be done. I’m ready to stand in support with my neighbors against racism, and sexism, and homophobia, and to love them fiercely, and to stand beside them. All I know is that we cannot give in to the grieving, we cannot become despondent, we have a lot of work to do.

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Sustainability and ME

Plastic, glass and recycling, oh my!

Benjamin Alcorn
Contributor

Reduce. Reuse. Recycle. This three part system, known as the waste hierarchy, is how municipalities across America establish sustainable ways to deal with all the 'stuff' that we throw away. In 2013 Maine alone amassed 1,161,578 tons of solid waste; a staggering 2,323,156,000 pounds. With so much waste being generated every year, one may wonder where the things we toss in the garbage end up.

Images of a town dump or landfill may come to mind as well as giant claw-cranes chewing into piles of Styrofoam, bike tires and old socks. But not all solid waste ends up in landfills. Recy-

clables and compostable food waste are also a part of the Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) stream.

Items such as plastic, glass, aluminum and paper are collected, sorted and sent to different buyers across multiple markets to be turned into the same or new products. Not only does this provide an economic opportunity for municipalities, but it also removes items that still contain usable materials from entering a landfill.

According to the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (MDEP), the total amount of MSW generated in Maine, 38.8 percent consists of traditional 'waste', 38.41 percent is compostable, and 21.72 percent is recyclable. Each truck

load of garbage ending up in a landfill or incineration facility is charged a tipping fee, which is the cost it takes to accept and process the garbage. Compost and recyclables can be diverted from the waste stream quite effectively through the simple act of sorting the waste before collection.

USM seeks to do its part sorting waste before it leaves our campuses. To that end we have installed matching four-slotted blue receptacles on both the Gorham and Portland campuses. Each receptacle has a slot for trash, liquids, mixed recycling and returnable bottles and cans. Efforts can be made by pro-

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A Millennial's Conscience

The futility of Pinker's conception of violence and war in the world

"If justice perishes, human life on Earth has lost its meaning..."

- Immanuel Kant

Bryer Sousa
Free Press Staff

In the face of modern social, economic and political conditions, the question of whether or not we have seen a decline in violence and war — regardless of the reality of the thesis concerning the prominence and history of violence and warfare throughout human existence — is devoid of context and meaningless from an authentic historical and Kantian point of view.

But purposelessness with respect to understanding a genuine appreciation of the history of violence doesn't mean to imply that the misinformation that has been synthesized by various writers and the privileged Western intelligentsia is irreproachable.

Rather than innocent, the employment of conformational bias by those who contour selected findings by animal behaviorists, psychologists, anthropologists and the like mirrors as well as continues the sublime role that elite thinkers have played throughout the subset of human history, told by those motivated "for reasons of State" (as suggested by the late Russian philosopher Mikhail Bakunin) and who are therefore peculiarly interested in ensuring that power remains as oppression flourishes.

Even though the contemporary intellectual idolatry is riddled with academics who are contemplative, supportive and beholden to the notion that violence and war has declined since the inception of Homo sapiens, Johnstone Professor of Psychology at Harvard University Steven Pinker

has emerged as the long-standing movements current leader.

In a 2015 essay for The Guardian titled, "Steven Pinker is Wrong about Violence and War," philosopher John Gray asserts that, "Pinker's The Better Angels of Our Nature: a history of violence and humanity (2011) has not only been an international bestseller — more than a thousand pages long and containing a formidable array of graphs and statistics, the book has established something akin to a contemporary orthodoxy."

Continuing, Gray notes that, "It is now not uncommon to find it stated, as though it were a matter of fact, that human beings are becoming less violent and more altruistic." Though Gray is much too dismissive of the progress that the oppressed classes have demanded from their clerical rulers since the Enlightenment, the orthodoxy persists.

Beyond the mere persistence of the orthodoxy roams additional reasons suggestive of the fact that Pinker's manuscript on violence is not the sole ground for making his consideration of war and violence the focal point of dismantlement. Such reasons are unsurprisingly the same "reasons of State" called upon by way of evoking Bakunin. They range from Pinker's conception of human nature (Hobbesian and therefore in need of a Leviathan to quench our inclination towards violence), to his emergence as a figurehead in New Atheism (an ideology rooted in the tradition of secularist and religious adherence to em-

pire and congregations of power) and his proclivity to embrace scientism and empiricism instead of propose science as the metaphysical device required to understand the universe as best as possible.

That being said, one ought to maintain skepticism in the claim that the thesis of Better Angels does not hold. Upon perusing through this approximately 800-word piece and recalling that Pinker's book is over 800 pages in length, it would be ludicrous to accept my discontents.

However, in contrast to the reactionary reviewers of Better Angels, I am in the process of compiling my own book that will offer my attempt at a truly genuine critique. The matters that will be incorporated into the counter-work to Better Angels include concerns grounded within the domains of confirmation bias, illegitimate data analysis, abhorrent interpretation of anthropological and archeological findings, the improper definition of peace and intellectual denial of our current existential threat we face as a species, and much more. Nonetheless, Pinker's "empirical reasoning" is presented as a means of enticing the readers of The Free Press to explore his work as well.

Pinker proclaims that "When we are judging the density of killings in different centuries, anyone who doesn't consult the numbers is apt to overweigh the conflicts that are most recent, most studied, or most ser-

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monized.” While this proclamation serves his thesis in overcoming the degree of death and destruction during the 20th century and beyond, we are forced to consider the integrity of the “numbers” being considered as we judge “the density of killings in different centuries.”

In other words, let us consider the case of the “war on terror” the United States has found itself consumed with post-9/11. Given that the United States is the occupying force in the war zones, are we justified in utilizing U.S.-based numbers concerning death, violence and the like? While it would seem intuitive to a reasonably informed audience, allowing the invading nation-state and its associated institutions to decide upon the death rate experienced by the sovereign victims is egregious. Nevertheless, Pinker suggests that State Department numbers, coupled with commentary in the scholarly literature,

yields enough integrity.

Such considerations lead Pinker to conclude that, in the case of Iraq, “Their unadjusted figure, around 110,000, is far closer to the battle-death body counts.” Pinker’s slavish devotion to “battle-death body counts,” instead of a total body count is nearly as troubling, if not more troubling, than United States General Tommy Franks’ assertion that, “We don’t do body counts,” for Pinker claims to be discussing a general trend in the decline of violence during our history rather than Franks, who lead the invasion of Iraq.

Unsurprisingly Steven Pinker’s fellow linguist Noam Chomsky also considers the integrity of sources, but arrives at the opposite conclusion in *Who Rules the World?*

“A group of major human rights organizations — Physicians for Social Responsibility (US), Physicians for Global Survival (Canada) and International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War

(Germany) — conducted a study that sought “to provide as realistic an estimate as possible of the total body count in the three main war zones [Iraq, Afghanistan and Pakistan] during 12 years of ‘war on terrorism,’” including an extensive review “of the major studies and data published on the numbers of victims in these countries,” along with additional information on military actions. Their “conservative estimate” is that these wars killed about 1.3 million people, a toll that “could also be in excess of 2 million.” A database search by independent researcher David Peterson in the days following the publication of the report found virtually no mention of it. Who cares?”

With such a profound degree of difference between the methodologies, it is essential to “care.” Otherwise, one forgets to adhere to the principle of “consult the numbers.”

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ducers and consumers alike to develop a more sustainable and more environmentally friendly way in which we use container and packaging materials.

If not recycled properly these items end up costing citizens more in municipal taxes through processing fees. With so many unique food and beverage products being sold in the U.S., packaging it all safely can end up using a lot of resources, specifically water, fuel and transportation costs accrued when delivering these products around the country. What kind of bottle should you drink your next sugary juice drink or sparkling water from? The answer is dependent on what you intend to do with that bottle once your beverage is gone.

In terms of reusability, glass keeps its integrity better than plastic if not broken. Its rigid edges don’t

crumple and if kept clean provide a container to preserve and store food items. This is true of jars and other resalable glass containers, excluding glass bottles for soda, beer and other beverages. Plastic is more malleable than glass, but it is far more durable. The weight of plastic bottles is much less than glass bottles even when containing the same amount of fluid ounces. Tipping fees for recycling glass are significantly higher than for plastic simply because glass is more difficult to compact and is much heavier in comparison. Aluminum is also a great alternative to glass for soft drinks, beer, juices, etc. mainly due to its compaction capability and light, durable structure. Aluminum yields higher return of material when recycled; far better than glass.

Programs such as single sort recycling, curbside collection and pay-as-you-

throw trash bags all contribute to reducing the overall amount of waste entering the MSW stream, encouraging reuse and recycling of all sorts. This isn’t an argument to start producing more plastic, as the planet certainly doesn’t need more plastic bottles clogging up streets, fields and waterways. But plastic, when contained in a closed cycle, can prove to be a very efficient, sustainable and versatile material that can help save citizens money and lessen our carbon footprint.

So stick to using that old salsa jar as a to-go container and if you’re going to buy a bottle of water (because you forgot your reusable one) aim for plastic instead of glass. Always make sure it ends up in the recycling!

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Advising Advice

Five reasons why you should volunteer

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Your Faculty or Professional Advisors may at some point explain how USM can connect you to a wide variety of learning experiences outside the classroom. There is something about being in a community and supporting others that simply feels good. It is hard, though, to pinpoint why that smile, high-five, or warm energy swells inside you or arrives after the last pile of mulch has been spread on a playground or last table wiped down after serving 300 people a hot meal. If you have yet to feel this sense of accomplishment, pride and belonging, you shouldn’t wait any longer:

One: Learn what’s up in your city and beyond. It is up to you to create a Maine that is safe, sustainable and enjoyable — a place that you want to live and work in. Shape your community through volunteering, voting, activism and personal choices. If you don’t have a good idea of how these work and are hesitant to commit, try out a one-time event.

There are opportunities to volunteer with fellow USM students, staff and faculty

every semester. You’ll learn about issues that you feel passionate about or that affect your vision of an ideal community. You’ll learn how things work — how to engage civically, how your community currently thrives and even how you exist in and relate to these entities.

Two: Make new connections. One of the great things about attending USM is the variety of campuses and ways to attend class. This can make it challenging to feel like we’re all one community. Volunteering is a way to meeting people with similar interests or discover new things you are curious about. This might provide insight to career paths you have not yet considered or help you gain experience in a field that you may not otherwise have access to.

Three: Prepare yourself for life. There are opportunities that allow you to interact with a broader group of people than you might be around every day. Research shows that working with diverse groups allows us to solve problems better. In addition you will be informed and ready to make decisions about proposed policies locally, statewide and nationally that affect you and your neighbors. Finally, volunteering reduces stress, promotes self-esteem and self-efficacy for a healthy self that will live longer.

Four: Do some brain aerobics. Working with people and the flexibility that is required in volunteer roles will allow you to practice mental agility, an essential part of career development. Choosing to grow competencies such as: critical inquiry, open-mindedness and the ability to compromise will give you a competitive edge at school and beyond, and ensure you are a productive member of the 21st century.

Five: Have fun! Organizations in our greater communities have opportunities that range from reading stories to dogs at Animal Refuge League to being a 4-H STEM Ambassador and facilitating experiments with K-4 youth. Are you interested in medical field? Join Partners for World Health and assemble kits for their medical missions while reducing waste from our local hospitals. There is a place for everyone!

How can you be part of this excitement and demonstrate a commitment to your community? Career Development can help identify opportunities that align with personal and academic interests and that are feasible for various schedules and transportation needs. Visit usm.maine.edu/CECD for more information!

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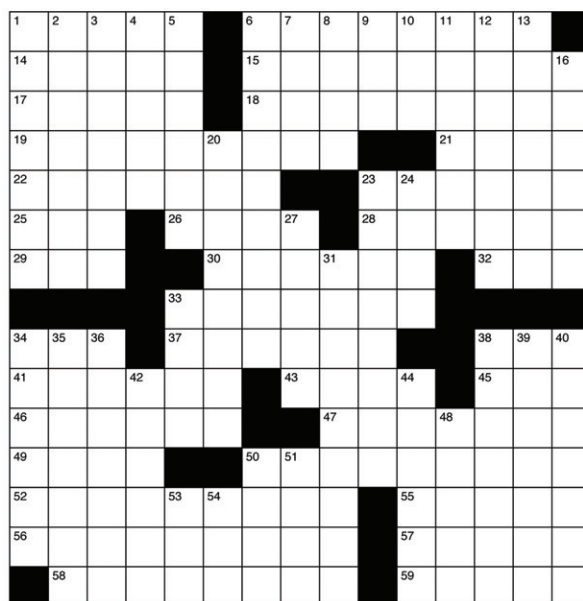
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Crossword

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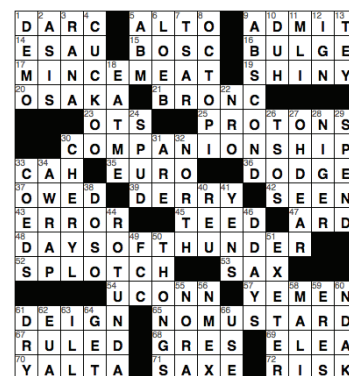
1. Canaries and cardinals
6. Impetus
14. January, to Juan
15. Beginner
17. Words of agreement
18. Late-night ABC program
19. Plants new trees
21. Yalies
22. Sorry sinner's declaration
23. Catch fire
25. Violas' sect.
26. To be, in Toulon
28. 2,000 pounds
29. QVC rival
30. Device with a mute button
32. Three ft.
33. Goes through again
34. Schedule abbr.
37. One who sips
38. Yiddish "yuck"
41. Icy dessert
43. Indian titles
45. Anaheim team, on scoreboards
46. Excessively precious
47. Hangs out
49. Puccini piece
50. Most difficult to deal with
52. Nuts sometimes dyed red
55. Clean in a tub
56. Town north of Denver
57. "You ____ the right track"
58. Some intense searches
59. Pub game



Down

1. Like some markets
2. Newspaper ads, often
3. "Where the ____ Grows" (Rawls novel)
4. Start to wilt
5. Evening event
6. Medieval singers
7. Not procrastinating
8. Russian warplanes
9. Ordinal ending
10. Point to pick
11. Natural ability
12. Type of Monopoly property
13. Large lizard
16. Attempt to e-mail again
20. Supplication
23. Kind of decorator
24. The Bee ____ (singing group)
27. Radiates
31. Fails to notice
33. Numbered rds. (abbr.)
34. Prison break, e.g.
35. Big industry in Florida
36. Rembrandt, to Romans
38. More like cheetahs
39. Within ____ (close by)
40. Quickens
42. Off the ____ path (uncommon)
44. Sailor of story
48. Pageant prize
50. Better late ____ never
51. Dixieland jazzman Al
53. Blonde shade
54. PC piece

The solution to last issue's crossword



Sudoku

Level of difficulty: Hard

The object of a sudoku is to fill in the remaining squares so that every row, every column, and every 3 x 3 box contains each of the numbers from 1 to 9 exactly once.



Word Search

Theme: Thanksgiving

Search for the list of words in the grid of letters. Grab a pen and circle each word as you find them.



dinner
family
feast
friends
giving
grateful
harvest
Mayflower
pie
potatoes
pumpkin
squash
stuffing
thankful
Thanksgiving
turkey

Cryptogram

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

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People of USM

Carolyn Eyler, Director of Exhibitions and Art Programs

Kelly Scrima
Free Press Staff

Director of Exhibitions and Programs at the USM Art Gallery Carolyn Eyler has been with USM since 1997. Her office is covered in brilliant, bright yellow paint. On these sunny yellow walls are a variety of pictures in frames.

Eyler comes from a fine arts background, holding a B.F.A. in sculpture from Virginia Commonwealth University and a Master of Arts in curatorial studies from Bard College. Eyler was a fellow in her graduate studies at Bard, where she was part of the second class to graduate with this new program. Of the Center for Curatorial Studies at Bard, she said the “emphasis was on creative scholarship.”

“I really think that if a student is interested in a subject, whatever the subject is, it’s good to go to graduate school. And you get the feel of being a big fish in a little pond, you get a sense of yourself too,” she remarked about the benefits of a graduate degree. “I built confidence, because coming into a class and there were these people, and distinguishing myself felt good.”

About her work at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts as an artmobile curator, she said it was interesting to be a “fly on the wall.” The exhibit would travel to various schools, as would Eyler, and she said she enjoyed seeing “what people would say and how they would look at art.”

As a curator at a William King Regional Arts Center in Abingdon, Virginia, she said, “I was straddling between pursuing a graduate art degree or art history. I wasn’t particularly into all of the languages, and always liked art history but was also kinda bored by it...I had a studio up above in this beautifully unrenovated school house. We had the galleries downstairs and upstairs, and there was heat and there were lights. It was really nice, but I had more clarity in what I was doing with the exhibitions. I wanted to go further, research more.”

The position at USM, as Eyler recalls, was “the first job [she] saw available,” and that she knew she “wanted to be in an academic university.” She thought initially that she would

only stay on for a few years then move to Boston. “After a year or two passed, I just loved Maine and couldn’t imagine driving around the whole suburbia down there. I never got to those applications or museums.”

Eyler stated, “My position is a little bit unusual for a curator in that it’s not year-round. It’s ten months, so there are two months where I get to not be anything if I wish.”

Reflecting on some of her past highlights in regards to shows at USM Art Gallery, Eyler recounted, “I am Buddhist, and it was interesting to see the monks come in and making a sand mandala. The gallery, the notion of someone walking into the gallery was utterly transformed. It was interesting being here day in and day out. People just came out of the woodworks. That was interesting.”

Another few shows she truly enjoyed included one in which Linda Montano, a performance artist, had a “tinsel wig laid on a chairs, or couch, and read tarot cards amongst the artifacts from her performances.”

In Simparch, an artist collective, Eyler worked alongside Montano when they held an artist-in-residence role at USM. She recalls a piece by them she admired that was a “beautiful, whale-like, carnivorous structure skateboarders would go on.” For the USM Art Gallery, she asked if they “would make a piece that related to Buddhism.” While the artist was not Buddhist, he used his architectural mind to create a stupa. “It was almost like built on a metal structure, like a geodesic dome. It had some lights, and it was really contemporary,” Eyler recalls.

Currently Eyler has two shows running which she curated for the USM Art Gallery. In Gorham, at the USM Art Gallery, the show entitled George Longfish: Indian on Indian is running. In Portland, at the USM AREA Gallery, the show running is called Its Honor is Here Pledged: Broken Treaties by Gina Adams. Both exhibits are open to the public until Dec. 9, 2016. If you wish to keep up-to-date with Carolyn Eyler and the USM Art Gallery visit: <http://www.usm.maine.edu/gallery>.

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Photo courtesy of Carolyn Eyler

Carolyn Eyler and others participate in a rally against Gov. Paul LePage to keep the Maine History Labor Mural, by Judy Taylor, at the Augusta state house in 2011.



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Fourth annual Husky Harvest brings the community together

Students taste dishes from around the world

Dionne Smith
Free Press Staff

African drummers are always a good way to get the crowd moving. Nov. 10 was the fourth annual Husky Harvest at USM's Woodbury Campus Center in Portland. The air was filled with all sorts of smells as students, and anyone from the public, had the opportunity to taste dishes from different parts of the world such as African, Asian, Middle Eastern and more. And it was all free! There was not only food, but tea as well. SMCC contributed by helping cook some of the dishes and contributing their own dishes. The line was backed up as students piled in to try to get a taste of everything the Husky Harvest had to offer. Jeremy Raveres, a USM sophomore majoring in information technology, was working with Husky Harvest for the first time. He said that he was happy to be a part of the team working on the Harvest, and being able to experience different cultures through food and entertainment.

Judging by the large turnout, the free food is definitely a good way to get the attention of the people. There were various forms of entertainment to go along with the different cultures. There were the African drummers, but also Irish tap dancers, some calm guitar playing and a salsa dance lesson for anyone and everyone to participate in. The opportunity for people to indulge in food from different cultures, while cheering on or laughing at their friends

"It's something that brings people together and we can use it as something that can attract future students like we did today."

- Glenn Cummings
President of USM

while they try to learn the salsa, brings together the community strongly and lifts spirits.

There were students, Portland residents, and even high schoolers. The high schoolers also were able to indulge in the taste of different cultures and watch the entertainments. They said that it was fun and a good way to learn about different cultures through good food. The fact that the college was able to reel in some of the general public and some high schoolers, who came from such schools as Deering High School and Cape Cod High School, makes the entire event a major success. Barbara Kean would agree. Barbara is the chair of the programming committee that put on the event from USM's event planning and



Photo courtesy of USM Website

managing class.

"This event came around as a real world learning experience for the event planning and managing class," Kean stated. The event required the class to raise a lot of money, solicit performers and food vendors, as well as hold a silent auction to support the event in only two months. A lot of hard work was put into making the event as fun as possible and providing people with a positive experience. "It's a relief to have the event happening now and it seems to be going well," Kean said.

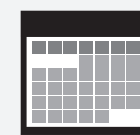
President Cummings also believes that this is a positive event for USM and a positive event for the community as well. "When you bring people together, and especially in this case, when we have food and cultural aspects of people's cultural background that's being shared, it is always collaborative and positive," Cummings said. He loved all of the food, and said that a stomach ache may occur from overeating and mixing so many different foods.

"It's something that brings people together and we can use it as something that can attract future students like we did today," he said.

The event was a complete success and everyone had a good time eating and indulging in the entertainment that was available. Students definitely had the chance to learn something new about various cultures' cuisines that goes beyond what's written in textbooks. "I think it means a lot when you can sit down and break food with somebody and have an experience where people are talking to each other heart to heart and listening to each other, and food is a good way to do that," Cummings stated.

Great food, exciting entertainment, good music and a wonderful learning experience highlights this year's Husky Harvest.

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Community Events

Monday, November 14

Muskie School Speakers
Series: Joel Goldstein
USM Portland Campus
Hannaford Hall Abromson Center
Starts: 6:00 p.m. / Ends: 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 15

Day of Giving Celebration
USM Portland Campus
Woodbury Campus Center
Starts: 4:00 p.m. / Ends: 6:00 p.m.

Veteran's Thanksgiving Fundraiser
USM Portland Campus
Woodbury Campus Center Amphitheater
Starts: 11:00 a.m. / Ends: 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 16

Trans Day of Resilience
USM Portland Campus
Woodbury Campus Center, CSGD
Starts: 9:00 a.m. / Ends: 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 17

Major! Maine Film Premier
USM Portland Campus
UER Glickman Library
Starts: 7:00 p.m.

Friday, November 18

Muggle Quidditch
USM Gorham Campus
Brooks Student Center
Starts: 8:00 p.m. / Ends: 10:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 19

Student Recital: Emily Schaefer
USM Gorham Campus
Corthell Concert Hall
Starts: 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 20

USM Concert Band
Gorham Middle School
106 Weeks Rd, Gorham
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Sports

Wednesday

Women's Basketball

vs. UNE
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Wednesday

Men's Basketball

vs. UNE
7:30 p.m.

Friday

Women's Ice Hockey

at Holy Cross
6:00 p.m.

Friday

Men's Ice Hockey

at Babson
7:00 p.m.

Saturday

Wrestling

Doug Parker Invitational
10:00 a.m.

Former USM men's ice hockey coach sues for 'forced retirement'

River Plouffe Vogal
Free Press Staff

In 2014, after 30 years as the USM men's hockey coach, Jeff Beane stepped down in controversial fashion. Beane had been the head coach for almost 3 decades now, but as the Portland Press Herald put it in December of 2014, "The Huskies have rarely contended and are 1-9 this year, with nine straight losses."

Beane became coach in 1987, after being the assistant coach for 2 years. His career had a few highlights, USM reached the ECAC Northwest title game in 1993 but lost to UMass-Dartmouth. He was the 2005 ECAC East coach of the year after the Huskies went 15-10-2, and in the fall of 2014, months before he stepped down, Beane was inducted into the Huskies Hall of Fame.

In total the Division III Huskies were 260-380-50 and never won a league championship with Beane at the helm. It seemed normal to many people that Beane would be asked to step down or retire after so many years as coach and a dismal start to the seasons. The Huskies had not had a winning record since 2008.

Al Bean, the USM athletic director had this to say when asked about why Beane

stepped down "I have to own the decision," Beane said. "We've been talking for awhile ... it was time for a change in the program. That's really the basic answer to why now."

When the Press Herald released this article 2 years ago, Beane was reluctant but understanding of the situation, so it seemed "It would have been my preference to finish the year," he said. "I wanted to go out at the right time, like any coach wants to go out on their own terms."

And it's exactly the terms that he "went out" on that have caused the recent controversy. First reported by the Bangor Daily News in October of 2016, Jeff Beane alleged in a lawsuit that he was forced to take retirement in December 2014 with the promise that he would receive retirement benefits and a tuition waiver for his son.

According to Beane, he was forced to step down and said that USM officials renege on promises about retirement pay and the tuition waiver. Beane's lawsuit was moved to federal court by his attorney, Edward MacColl. McCall called USM's actions, "so extreme and outrageous as to exceed all possible bounds of decency and must be regarded as atrocious and utterly intolerable in a civilized society."

In its answer to the complaint, university and system officials denied that Beane was



Photo courtesy of USM Athletics

Beane spent 28 years with men's ice hockey program and was the most winningest coach.

forced to retire. Patricia Peard, the attorney representing university and system officials, did admit in their answer that "the internal investigation conducted by the university found that there was no basis to believe that Mr. Beane engaged in the anonymous alleged conduct."

"Attorneys for USM, Flanagan, the system and Page have asked that the lawsuit be dismissed. The Portland Press Herald has

released a follow up story reporting on the sexual harassment and lawsuit.

There are no further updates on the court rulings. Beane is currently coaching hockey at Deer High school in Portland. Ed Harding's, Beane's assistant coach at the time is now the USM men's hockey head coach.

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173 Southern Maine athletes recognized for academic excellence



Photo courtesy of USM Athletics

Southern Maine athletes receive recognition for cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher Sunday in Portland.

Erin Brown
Sports Editor

The long-standing stereotype of the "dumb jock" has no place at USM anymore when a record number of scholar athletes were awarded the William B. Wise Scholar-Athlete Award for the fourth consecutive year this past weekend. One hundred seventy-three University of Southern Maine student athletes were recognized for academic achievement Sunday Nov. 13th at the 29th annual William B. Wise Scholar-Athlete Award Banquet at the Italian

Heritage Center in Portland, Maine.

The award recognizes full-time student athletes who have been able to achieve a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher for both spring and fall semesters while participating in their varsity level sport. While there are several athletes who have earned this award for the first time that evening or multiple times, eight special athletes were awarded their fourth Wise award.

Those eight include members of the women's soccer team, Ceara Pelletier (West Newfield, ME), MacKenzie

Sullivan (Lewiston, ME), and Marissa Temple (Grafton, MA), member of the women's volleyball team Demi Ruder (Clifton, CO), and Bridget Burns (Warrenville, IL), field hockey player Allison Ward (Rockland, ME), women's ice hockey player Kaleigh Heath (Jericho, VT) and three sport athlete Nicole Kirk (Scarborough, ME) who participated in cross country, indoor and outdoor track.

The Remo Ricuputi Award was also presented to the team sport and individual team sport with the highest collective grade-point av-

erage. This year the award went to women's basketball and women's cross country.

With the record amount of recipients this year, all twenty-two intercollegiate teams had players receiving the award. Due to lack of athletic scholarship at the Division III level, most scholarships awarded are academically based on students maintaining at least a 2.75 grade point average and these athletes go above and beyond that standard while going above and beyond on the playing field.

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