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Sarah Tewksbury
Editor-in-Chief

Today marks the anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attack on American soil. It has been 16 years since 2,977 individuals were killed as a result of al Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden's carefully coordinated efforts. Moments of silence will be held around the nation that will focus on memorializing the innocent lives lost. Flowers will be placed on monuments and in cemeteries to commemorate the sacrifices. Flags will be dispersed around college campuses to remind students to "Never Forget" — the slogan crafted to draw attention to the horrific events of the day.

I, too, mourn the loss of the 2,977 humans who were simply trying to get through life. Everyday we wake up and walk through life together, living by human constructed societal rules. On September 11, 2001 a large group of people woke up and tried to survive one more day, yet their efforts were thwarted because of hatred.

Groups across the country have planned beautiful and meaningful events to commemorate the nationalistic filled response to the attack. The National Teen Age Republicans (TARS) encourages school aged children to hold signs along roads that read, "Never Forget 9/11 God Bless America," hold a flag memorial ceremony or organize a moment of silence. TARS also encourages students to "make sure the American flags on campus are at half-mast."

Profound writers and thinkers have pondered the American response to 9/11 since the fateful day. Wilfred McClay wrote a lengthy piece for the tenth anniversary of the attack for National Affairs. In his piece, McClay write, "Any attempt to memorialize September 11th should above all else express American resiliency, American strength, and American determination to prevail over the forces represented by the attacks."

I believe that the strength of American patriotism is beautiful and should be something that every citizen is able to enjoy. However, I think it is heinous for memorializations and decadent speeches to be made about American strength, resiliency and determination when some of those using the word "American" do not actually always

Memorialization of American Nationalism



Photo courtesy of TARS

Young students across America line up to show their support for the lives lost in the 9/11 terrorist attack

mean every individual living within the borders and territories of the United States. 9/11 was a day that showed Americans how horrifying hatred can be. All hate towards and misuse of the human spirit continues to breed negativity and destruction to our communities in this nation.

The intense display of nationalism shown today will be short lived and emotionally charged. People remember where they were when the attack happened. I vividly remember the day. I was in first grade when it happened. The elementary school nurse whispered the news to my teacher in my classroom. Together they hugged and cried and then the entire school went to the gymnasium to have an assembly where we sang and sat together. When I got home, my mother tried to rationalize and explain to her six and eight year old daughters what had happened. The tragedy was not and is not lost on me.

What is lost on me is the intense support people harbor to celebrate the anniversary of the fall of the World Trade

Center while simultaneously forgetting all that it truly means to be an American. Thinkers will wonder and discuss American strength but will they remember that the same hatred that ran through the veins of the al Qaeda fighters and martyrs is running through the veins of American citizens at this very moment? We are all only trying to survive for a short period of time on this earth. So I ask you this, today, on this anniversary of 9/11, will you remember the patriotic feeling and care for the value of human life? In our world today, it is more important than ever to never forget that all humans are created equal and deserve opportunities to survive the best that they possibly can.

Sarah Tewksbury

400 RALLY IN PORTLAND AGAINST TRUMP'S DECISION TO END DACA

Johnna Ossie
Managing Editor

A crowd of about 400 gathered in Portland on Friday night in front of City Hall to protest the Trump Administration's announcement that it will end the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program (DACA), which grants protection for young people brought without documentation to the United States as children. It began to rain on the gathering crowd who were determined to brave the weather. The rain eventually stopped and a rainbow appeared through the clouds.

Those in attendance held signs that read, "No human is illegal," and "Defend DACA," among others. They lead chants,

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out fear."**

- Sandra Scribner Merlim

calling, "The people united, will never be divided!" As well as, "Up, up with education, down, down with deportation!" Supporters driving by honked car horns in support as the crowd cheered.

The rally was organized by Hamdia Ahmed, a junior political science major at USM. Ahmed also organized a rally in Portland last February to protest Trump's order banning people from seven Muslim-majority countries from entering the U.S. Ahmed urged the crowd to "keep showing up."

"[Dreamers] were brought to this country by their parents as little kids. They may not know a country besides America. They may not even know a language besides English," Ahmed said. "Six months from now, unless Congress acts, new DACA recipients will start to lose their ability to work legally and will risk immediate deportation every day. 800,000 people who are American in every way except on paper will lose their ability to live in the only country they know."

"We stand together to say the Dreamers will not go back into the shadows," said Leslie Silverstein, president of the Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project (ILAP).

Silverstein told the crowd that DACA has brought stability and hope to nearly 800,000 young people. She called the decision to rescind DACA a "grotesque step backward" an "affront to every standard of justice and fairness" and "a moral atrocity."

A group of students from Bowdoin College in Brunswick were in attendance, among them their Student Body President, Irfan Alam.

"I want to stress that tonight is just the beginning," Alam said, pointing out that this would not be the last time that immigrants, people of color and other minorities will be attacked. Alam stressed that being unaffected by an issue is not a reason to stay silent, adding that if you have the privilege not to worry it is your responsibility to stand up.

"For those affected, you are loved, you are powerful, you are courageous and you undeniably have a place in this country," said Muhammed Nur, a Bowdoin student from Portland.

Also in attendance was Sandra Scribner Merlim, wife of Otto Morales-Caballeros. Morales-Caballeros was detained by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents last April near his home in Naples and was later deported to his birth country of Guatemala. Morales-Caballeros lived in the U.S. for 20 years after fleeing the Guatemalan civil war as a child.

"They told us he could stay, they came and took him anyway," Merlim said. Merlim said that her husband's only crime was "wanting to live in the United States."

"My heart is breaking," Merlim said. "Protect DACA and dreamers who deserve to live here in peace and without fear."

A statement sent to the student body on Sept. 5 from the University of Maine System (UMS) read, "...Although there are relatively few students in our System who have self-reported DACA status, the uncertainty any enrolled student may feel about his or her ability to continue his or her public higher education is important to us all." The statement went on to say that UMS hopes that Congress will "bring certainty" to those seeking to "lawfully" pursue a Maine public higher education.

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Johnna Ossie / Managing Editor

Attendees at the rally held signs and chanted their support for DACA program recipients.

A New Semester, a Fresh Start for Student Government

New student leadership prepares for a productive semester

Cara DeRose
Staff Writer

This fall, following a school year rife with controversy, USM's Student Government Association (SGA) prepares to roll out new initiatives, which its members believe will strengthen the fragile relationship between students and their student leaders.

New, and old, faces accompany these initiatives. Muna Adan, a third-year self-designed media studies major, is the student senate chair. Student Body President Pdg Muhamiriza, a second-year political science major, succeeds former Student Body President Humza Khan, who resigned from the position via e-mail at the start of the semester to pursue another opportunity. Alexander Buzzell, a second-year political science, business and leadership triple major and former SGA press secretary, returns as the student body vice president. The new dean of students, Rodney Mondor, also serves as the SGA's advisor.

In joint e-mail and Facebook interviews, Muhamiriza and Adan talked about how previous incidents involving the SGA, including the anti-Muslim graffiti found scrawled on a wall in the student government's office, have influenced students' perception of the association.

"We can all agree that our logbook has been tainted," they said, "with unfortunate situations that may have shifted the sole

purpose of the Student Government Association from being 'for the students' to 'how to mend our reputation.'"

Yet, Muhamiriza and Adan stressed that instead of spending the semester on damage control, the SGA's energies will put into connecting with the students the association represents.

"This year we, the Student Government Association, are emphasizing projects, [and] initiatives that are an attempt to go back to our primary mission are being enacted as we speak," they said. "Lines of direct communication between students and their leaders are being established."

One of these initiatives, according to Muhamiriza, is called "Meet Our Representatives." Periodically, the SGA will host an open house in the student government office, during which students can mingle and discuss campus-related issues with student leaders. Adan noted that the SGA plans to host special breakfast and dinner events for students as well. These events will not only give students an excuse to fill their stomachs with free food, but, as Muhamiriza put it, they will make student leaders familiar to students.

To facilitate conversations about possible initiatives within student government, student senate meetings have been restructured to focus on two primary subjects: business and projects. Meetings will also be biweekly rather than weekly.

"We have divided our bi-weekly Stu-

dent Senate meetings into two parts, business and projects," they said. "Our project meetings will be a time for our student representatives to collaboratively brainstorm projects that we will tackle."

"The biweekly meeting change will help with efficiency," Adan added.

Another nascent initiative is the creation of a judiciary branch of USM student gov-

ernment. The brainchild of Adan, its existence hinges on a student senate vote next Friday. Although Adan mentioned that students outside of the student government's purview would occupy seats within the branch, Muhamiriza and Adan would not comment further on specifics regarding the judiciary branch.

Above all, however, Muhamiriza and Adan want students to feel comfortable reaching out to their student leaders, a sen-

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SGA Chair and Student Body President

of the Student Government Association, the University of Southern Maine will soon bear the fruits of a newly redirected student body."

Whether or not students will find those fruits palatable remains to be seen, but Muhamiriza and Adan are hopeful the SGA, with the help of these initiatives, can cultivate a stronger bond between those students and its members.

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Hurricane Harvey Healing

Sam Margolin
Contributor

It has been two weeks since Harvey ripped into the Southern United States as a category 4 hurricane. According to CNN, 51 inches of rainfall, a record for a tropical cyclone in the continental United States, forced 450,000 victims to seek assistance from FEMA for disaster relief aid. This socio-economic disaster has caused the need for aid volunteers and donations to help feed, clothe and shelter those affected by the storm.

According to The American Red Cross, a massive response to Hurricane Harvey has mobilized more than 3,500 volunteer workers. The Red Cross and smaller local groups provide disaster relief. Forms of support include overnight stays in emer-

gency shelters, support kitchens that can produce over 10,000 meals a day, medical supplies and mental health services. The support and care of evacuees needs to be maintained throughout the coming months.

The Red Cross has recently come under some criticism about wasteful spending. The Red Cross may have made some missteps during other disasters like Sandy and Katrina, but the Red Cross's sheer manpower and infrastructure combat major disasters around the world in relatively quick time. Brian Mittendorf, a business professor at Ohio State University, pointed out that 40% of the nation's blood supply is managed by the Red Cross and is a crucial tool for disaster relief. Other organizations face the same appropriation issues as the Red Cross without a 2.5 billion dollar an-

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Photo courtesy of American Red Cross photo library

The Red Cross has been serving survivors of Hurricane Harvey for over two weeks.

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nual budget.

According to the New York Times, Harvey will cost somewhere between 70 and 109 billion dollars in property damages, cleanup and energy sector disruptions. Other sources have estimated that by the end, the cost after restructuring could be almost 200 billion. Financial donations allow groups like the Red Cross to provide direct and immediate disaster relief without bureaucratic barriers.

At this point in time no USM student group has organized any relief efforts on campus.

According to Ann Kim, the Director of External Communications for Red Cross Maine, "One option is visiting smile.amazon.com/redcross to buy supplies like gloves, first-aid kits and pillows that will be sent to a Red Cross warehouse so they can help people impacted by Harvey. We will continue to need volunteers in the months to come, especially given the impact of Irma."

Other non-financial actions can be

taken without booking a plane ticket to Texas. Many Red Cross members have been called to the relief efforts in the states hit hardest by Harvey so local volunteers are more useful

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than ever. Kim said, "you don't need to go to Texas, Louisiana or another faraway state to help. We need people right here in Portland," she continued, "you can help staff the front

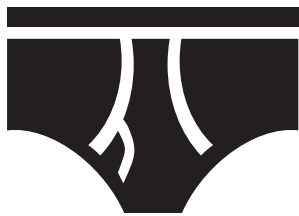
desk, screen applicants, prepare people who are deploying and more."

With Hurricane Irma hitting the Caribbean, the need for help will increase. Irma was downgraded from a category 5 to a category 4, but mandatory evacuation orders have been issued to over one million Florida residents. The Governor of Florida, Rick Scott, said on Good Morning America, "If you're in an evacuation area, you've got to get out; you can't wait." In the face of another potential disaster, the need for national strength, charity and community is more significant than ever.

If you are able to help by volunteering with Red Cross, you can apply by going to redcross.org/volunteer or by contacting MEvolunteer@redcross.org. To make a direct contribution, visit redcross.org/donate/. There are also some ideas for fundraisers provided by The Red Cross of Maine available here redcross.org/donations/ways-to-donate/fundraising-ideas-and-requests.

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In Brief...



LOCAL

Monday observances mark 9/11 anniversary

PORTLAND PRESS HERALD- Monday is the 16th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks on the United States. Following is a list of events to be held in the Portland area on Monday commemorating 9/11:

The Summit Project living memorial will have a 9.4-mile campus hike, from the University of Southern Maine's Portland campus to its Gorham campus, in commemoration of the Sept. 11 attacks. Each participant will carry a stone chosen by the family of a fallen service member and share his or her story. The opening ceremony will be held at 7:30 a.m. at the flagpole on the USM

Portland campus and the step-off will be at 8 a.m. The closing ceremony will be held at 1 p.m. at the President's House on the Gorham campus, 37 College Ave.

The city of Portland's fire and police departments will commemorate the day with a wreath-laying ceremony at Fort Allen Park at 8 a.m.

The Falmouth American Legion Post 164 will host a 9/11 remembrance ceremony at 11 a.m. at 65 Depot Road, Falmouth.

The Cumberland County Sheriff's Office will unveil a monument that includes a piece of steel from the World Trade Center at a memorial ceremony at 6 p.m. Monday at the sheriff's office, 50 County Way, Portland.

NATIONAL

Bannon Takes Aim at Republicans and Former Colleagues in Wide-Ranging Interview

NEW YORK TIMES-In his first extended interview since he left the White House last month, Stephen K. Bannon was unsparing in his criticism of top

Republicans, West Wing staff, the "pearl-clutching mainstream media," special counsel investigators and even the Roman Catholic Church.

He even called President Trump's firing of James B. Comey, the former F.B.I. director, the biggest mistake in "modern political history."

Despite that criticism of the president, Mr. Bannon said in an extensive interview on CBS's "60 Minutes" on Sunday that he planned to be Mr. Trump's "wingman outside for the entire time" the president is in office.

"Our purpose is to support Donald Trump," he said. "I cannot take the fight to who we have to take the fight to when I'm an adviser to the president as a federal government employee."

Mr. Bannon left the White House on Aug. 18 after a year first as Mr. Trump's campaign chief and then as his chief strategist in the West Wing. He returned the same day to his previous role as chairman of Breitbart News, a website that has become essential to the far right's political identity.

Among those Mr. Ban-

non plans to take on from that perch? The speaker of the House, Paul D. Ryan of Wisconsin, and Senator Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, the majority leader, two Republicans Mr. Bannon accused of "trying to nullify the 2016 election."

"They do not want Donald Trump's populist, economic nationalist agenda to be implemented," Mr. Bannon said. "It's obvious as night follows day." He cited as an example a request that Mr. McConnell once made of Mr. Trump to stop talking about "draining the swamp."

Mr. Bannon predicted deep division within the Republican Party over Mr. Trump's recent move to end the program that provided temporary relief from deportation for hundreds of thousands of young people in the United States illegally. The president set a March end date for the program and asked Congress to come up with a solution in the meantime, a task that Mr. Bannon said could split Republicans and cost them their House majority in the 2018 midterm elections.

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Police Beat

Selections from the USM Department of Public Safety police log Aug. 27 to Sept. 02

08/27/2017

Shocking behavior

Noise complaint, Upperclass Hall. Report of a group of students being loud. Checked by officer, Case closed, Unfounded.

08/29/2017

Just grabbing a Whopper!

Assist other Agency, Gorham PD. Officer checking on a Gorham Officer out at Burger King. Officer clear, Gorham is all set.

08/29/2017

The first week is always hard

Disruptive person, Luther Bonney Hall. Report of a person dressed in USM Apparel bothering students on Campus. Officer spoke with the subject. No crime committed. Case closed.

09/01/2017

Look, we get it...

Minor in possession of alcohol. Gorham Rescue notified. Summons issued for Illegal possession of alcohol by a minor. Closed by summons.

09/02/2017

...it's college, your parents aren't home...

Philippi Hall. Liquor law violation. Rescue dispatched for evaluation. Subject summonsed for illegal possession of alcohol by a minor. Case closed.

09/02/2017

...just be careful, ok?

Anderson Hall. Rescue dispatched to Anderson Hall for two individuals who may have alcohol poisoning. 1 Individual transported by rescue, 1 summons issued Minor in possession of Liquor. Also a judicial referral made. Case closed.

Police Beats are edited for grammar and style

What's in a picture: the value of photography

The evolution and importance of an ever-changing art medium

Bradford Spurr
Photography Director

Phōtos, “light,” and Graphé, “drawing,” are the Greek roots of what we understand today to be photography. Drawing with light, a romantic vision of an art form that has evolved into one of the most preeminent avenues of creative expression in the 21st century.

If somebody on the street were to come up to me and ask what three of my passions were, photography would come in at a respectable number two. That being said, I do not consider myself to be a “professional” photographer, I reserve that title to the traditional image of an artist whose sole focus of their talent is in the pursuit of photography.

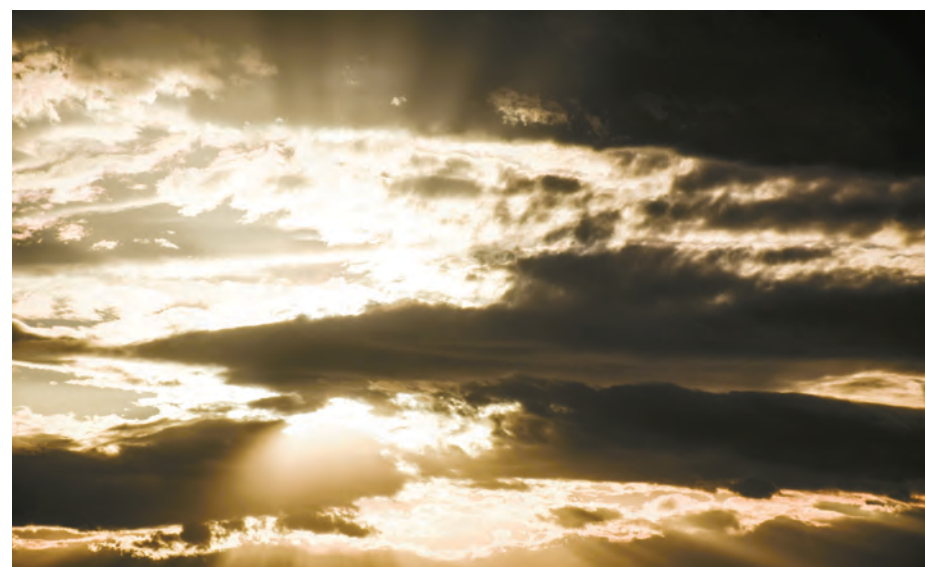
My own relationship to photography started in high school in a similar fashion to most people these days, a photography class taken as a way to “round out” an education, as though art can be reduced to a box to check and that a fleeting exploration of the medium is enough to capture the full scope and breadth of the implications that photography has.

Photography is in trouble folks. Like a lot of things that got their start before the digital revolution in the 1980's, photography has struggled to find an identity that is deeper

than the superficial image projected upon it passively. Today we think less of the art form, the connotation being that of ‘selfies,’ cheap panoramic pictures, cat photos, and provocative studies in the naked human form a la the colloquial “nude.”

Although I do think that the creation of the smartphone has done wonders for ushering photography into the digital age, that evolution cuts both ways. It is easier, now more than ever, to snap a quick picture without any thought, letting the camera do all the work with its yellow auto focus box and a small LED flash forever preserving that piece of chocolate cake you got from your favorite little bistro or capturing a lazy sunset, stopping that orb of fire indefinitely, perpetually in a state of non-being, is it rising or sinking back down below our scope of, our conception of, reality.

I sat down with a friend of mine recently to talk about this article, Joshua Gilbert, 20-year-old senior here at the University of Southern Maine. He shared with me his ideas of how he interacts and uses photography and what its implications are, especially in an increasingly difficult digital age. “For me, it’s a great ‘release’ from the world. When I’m having a rough week I’ll just go out and shoot some



Bradford Spurr / *Photography Director*

Capturing the beauty of natural landscapes allows for moments in time to be preserved through the art of photography.

photos and completely forget about reality while I’m shooting,” Gilbert said.

This idea of escapism isn’t foreign to hobbies, the ability to block out the white noise of day-to-day, 9-5 life. We all get caught up in the moment, unable to get out of our own way, so we naturally need a retreat from the “now,” and so I agree that photography can be that respite from the raging storm of the present.

I then asked him this, do you think that the prevalence of social media as a forum for visual media consumptions hinders photography as an art, or does the current relationship to photography allow a greater opportunity for truly incredible example of the form to be elevated amongst the crowded field of amateurs, who know nothing of the “rule of thirds?” He said, “I think it’s a mix of the two. I think in a way it has lowered the standard of what we consider

professional photography but at the same time allows the artists that are less fortunate, to be able to express themselves as show what they can do at a cost that’s much more affordable to the average person.”

Photography has a very real impact on people. Whether it be black and white large format pictures of Civil War generals, to Ansel Adams documenting the heartbreaking

beauty of the American West, photography can communicate an idea long after the person is gone. We have memories and emotions but pictures are more like bookmarks for our experiences, little

breadcrumbs trailed through our dark recesses of memory. The typical scrapbook comes to mind, with all of its A.C. Moore splendor on display with little stickers that read “It’s and boy” and

colorful scraps of paper layered and formatted to highlight a ticket stub to the zoo or a play.

For all the good things that photography can do in the short-term scheme of life, there are a lot of ways that this amateurish use of the form has cheapened its intent, instead selling us on the novelty of the thing. This decline into regular plainness probably began with the induction of one hour photo studios in drug stores and malls. Gone were the days of stuffy dark rooms and the film process. People became removed from the very thing that made photography an art you had to work for.

Anyone can take a picture, but it’s one thing to capture a moment and another entirely to tell a story, and that is the difference between the everyday Snapchat story and an artist.



Bradford Spurr / *Photography Director*

Taking photos at scenic Maine locations, such as the pier at Old Orchard Beach is a way for photographers to escape reality.



Creating an environment for bands and artists

Portland House of Music, supporting musicians of all tunes

Jordan Castaldo
Staff Writer

Located on 25 Temple Street in Portland, the Portland House of Music provides a place for a wide variety of people, generally over the age of 21, to experience new and local bands for a cheap price. Not only do they provide music lovers a place to see great bands, but they also create a safe, enjoyable space for local bands to perform. Tickets are easily accessible online to these bands and shows and can often be bought at the door for walk up sales, if the show is not sold out. Owner Ken Bell previously owned The Big Easy in Portland, but decided it was time for a change. Jamie Isaacson, Bell's business partner, and Bell himself therefore created the Portland House of Music. The two conducted a simple yet meaningful mission statement. Bell explains the first part of the mission statement. Bell says,

"[to] support local, regional and national talent in an intimate venue setting that values the artist and the guest experience."

Portland House of Music also looks to embrace the chance to host music in the form of varying artists as well as events. This unique house has hosted every event from a wedding reception to a nonprofit fundraiser, with the hopes of bettering the community and while embracing Portland's diversity and love for the arts. Many of the events are for people 21 years and older, but the venue may actually

be useful to USM students and faculty. With their easily accessible website and fast e-mail response times, Portland House of Music may be the next best place to host any large event, for people of all ages. Bell discusses what else they have had the opportunity of hosting.

"We have hosted multiple under 21 events," Bell said, "including concerts, proms, fundraisers, dance parties, and private events."

The locally owned venue attracts a wide assortment of local bands and musicians at all levels of skill. With the professional atmosphere containing a large stage with quality lights and marvelous sound, Portland House of Music attracts musicians who really want to share their music and become successful. It is an opportunity for them to play for a big audience with an adept environment. You may never catch the same kind of show twice. Though they do host quite a number of funk, soul, jam and rock bands. The venue, located in downtown Portland, is able to hold up to 300 people, with easy access to hotels, restaurants, parking and scenic views.

With his previous experience managing The Big Easy for eight years, Bell's Portland House of Music turned out to be everything he ever wanted and more. It is a place of comfort for musicians and music lovers alike. Many of the artists who have played on the stage of Portland House of Music have proceeded on to multiple levels of success. In fact, many Portland artists are currently on tour throughout the country, playing the music they

once shared at the club for the country.

Because of Bell's love for live music and working with musicians, he created something that all of Portland gets to enjoy. This music-loving owner believes that his responsibility and ownership of the club and its environment makes for a comfortable place for live musicians to play and music lovers alike to attend. Bell states,

"I love working with musicians and watching them display their creativity and talent. I believe that as a club owner, it is both the responsibility of the band as well as the club to get people in the doors. I feel I need to do my part to create an environment that people want to go to no matter who is on

stage."

This month, there is a wide variety of artists and events performing at the club including "DAMN Gina and The Red Eye Flight Crew Summer Residency" every Monday night, "The Maine Dead Project Summer Residency" every Wednesday night, "The Awesome" and so many more. Every show begins and concludes at a different time. To find out the exact time of the shows you'd like to see, visit portlandhouseofmusic.com or call (207) 805-0134 for more details. To book a private event for your club, corporation, school, etc. and for details on package pricing, be sure to email Ken Bell at booking@portlandhouseofmusic.com.

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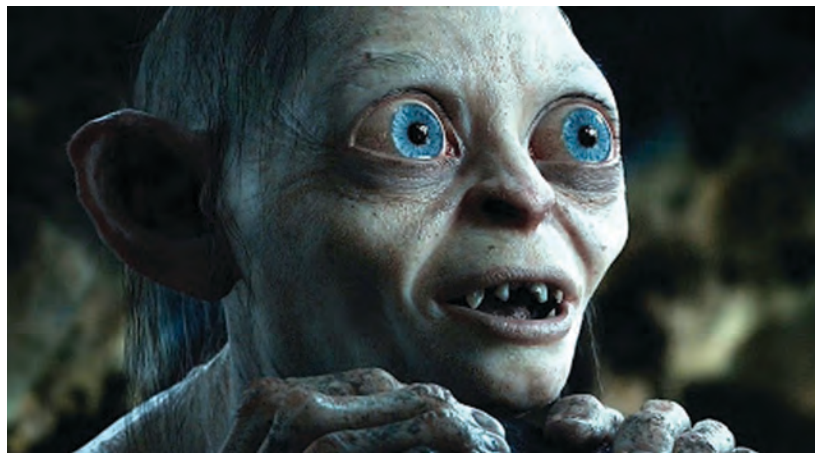
Gollum: A precious, likable antagonist

The reason Smeagol is loved and hated

Daniel Kilgallon
Staff Writer

It has been nearly fifteen years since one of the greatest villains in the history of movies truly debuted in live action on the silver screen. Unfortunately, we have been experiencing an era of Hollywood ever since that seems to be slowly losing grip on the essential storytelling element of a genuinely intriguing antagonist. While there is a brief glimpse of this villain, Gollum, in *The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring* (2001), a complete, digital creation of the character didn't appear until *The Two Towers* (2002). The ultra talented Andy Serkis played a huge part in bringing Gollum to life through motion capture technology, which was a totally groundbreaking film technique upon release of the sequel. Over the years Serkis managed to deliver more than a handful of Oscar-worthy moments in the role, even though he had the limitations of performing as a digitally generated character. The overaged, deranged, yet strangely charming hobbit of Gollum truly played a crucial part in making the Middle-earth saga so powerful in cinematic form.

The idea of Gollum once being an ordinary hobbit is a huge reason why fans of the *Lord of the Rings* and *Hobbit* films have grown attached to the character through the movies. While most of us are of course rooting for Frodo, Sam, or Bilbo Baggins to succeed in these stories, there is also an undeniable feeling of pity for Gollum when considering the fact that he used to be a hobbit himself. For example, his tragic origins are revealed in flashback form in the opening scene of *Return of the King* (2003), as the horrifying story of the formerly named "Smeagol" acquiring and being transformed by the One Ring is shown in dramatic fashion. This was an ambitious but



incredibly effective way for director Peter Jackson to rearrange J.R.R. Tolkien's masterpiece story and open up the concluding chapter of his own epic motion picture trilogy. All of the backstory provided made Gollum that much more interesting and really fleshed out the prominently split-personality of the character. As stated by Gandalf the Grey in the Mines of Moria, "He hates and loves the ring, as he hates and loves himself."

The childlike behavior of Gollum throughout all of the Middle-earth movies only adds to the tremendous amount of pity that is felt for the character. While he is undeniably a

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hideous looking creature, Gollum's face appears baby like at times, despite the fact that the hobbit is supposed to be well over the age of 500 years old in each of the films he is featured in. Gollum also acts very childish through his actions and words, even going to the extent of speaking and referring to himself in the third person or as his alter-ego, Smeagol. All of these elements combine to craft Gollum into the unique, likeable antagonist and cinematic icon that he has become today; it appears that his status as a legendary villain will remain intact for many years to come.

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A&C Listings

Monday, September 11

The Uncondemned: Screening and Talk Back
Portland Museum of Art
7 Congress Square
Starts: 5:30 p.m. / Ends: 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 12

Bachata Dance Class
Danza Latina
108 High St.
Starts: 8:00 p.m. / Ends: 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 13

The Menzingers
Port City Music Hall
504 Congress St.
Doors: 7:00 p.m. / Show: 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 14

Twilight Yoga
Deering Oaks Park
Between Park Ave and the Splash Pool
Doors: 5:45 p.m. / Starts: 6:45 p.m.

Friday, September 15

Michael Graves
Empire Live Music & Events
575 Congress St
Doors: 9:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 16

Roochie Tootie and the Ragtime Shepherd
Kings
Mayo Street Arts
10 Mayo Street
Starts: 7:00 p.m. Ends: 9:29 p.m.

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Editorial Board

Trump's DACA decision leaves 800,000 lives in the balance

Editorial Board
Free Press Staff

President Trump has announced his recent decision to rescind the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program in 6 months, despite repeatedly saying that Dreamers (as DACA recipients are often referred) shouldn't worry, as well as saying, "we love the Dreamers," and saying that they would be treated "with great heart." The decision highlights the Administration's cruelty and commitment to perpetuating white supremacy.

Trump's campaign slogan, "Make America Great Again," became a rallying cry for white nationalists during his campaign. There is no hiding that Trump's most vehement supporters are also the people planning KKK and Nazi marches across the country. Trump's most recent decision seems to be a new way to appeal to the promises of his campaign and to remove from the list of who is and isn't American anyone who isn't white.

DACA was created by former President Barack Obama following

extreme pressure from immigration advocates. DACA gave young people who had been brought to the U.S. as children without documentation a two year reprieve from deportation that could be renewed by issue of a work permit and social security number.

Applicants must have no criminal record, prove that they were under age 16 upon arriving in the U.S., under the age of 31 when the program went into effect, and must be at least 15 to apply.

Trump himself has already flip flopped on his own decision, saying on his Twitter, "Congress, get ready to do your job- DACA!" as well as, "Congress now has 6 months to legalize DACA....If they can't, I will revisit this issue!"

Trump's decision leaves 800,000 young people at risk of deportation and losing everything they and their families have worked and sacrificed for.

To date, over 91 percent of young adult DACA recipients are employed. But the fact that DACA recipients contribute to the U.S. economy should not be the main focus when discussing

the cruelty and lack of human empathy that comes with this decision. The most important thing is that DACA recipients are human beings. Young people who were brought to the country as children, often by parents or family hoping to create a better and more hopeful future.

Because they were brought to the country as young children, many DACA recipients have reported that they have no real connection to the country that they were born in. They have grown up in the U.S. and made homes, families and communities where they live. For many living in the U.S. is all they've ever known. Many are now living in fear that their lives, goals and dreams within the U.S. may be destroyed.

People enrolled in DACA are protected until their permits expire. If the permit expires before March 5, 2018 they may re-apply before October 5, 2017. A DACA renewal application costs \$465. If they are unable to re-apply before their permits expire, they may face deportation.



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Johnna Ossie / Managing Editor

Sustainability in ME

Changing Values in a Changing Climate

Abram Marr
Contributor

All governmental administrations have their faults. We sometimes see that we are not properly represented, and sometimes the administration contradicts itself. Currently the official webpage of the White House states that "protecting clean air and clean water, conserving our natural habitats, and preserving our natural reserves and resources will remain a high priority." Despite this very clear and public statement, it seems that the present administration's definition of "high priority" is quite different from the actual definition. Trump signed measures recently that attempt to roll back policies that protect our access to clean

drinking water. One of these policies was the Waters of the United States rule, or WOTUS.

To understand WOTUS we should start with a brief history lesson. The Clean Water Act of 1972 established a basic structure for regulating discharges of pollutants into the waters of the United States and regulating quality standards for surface waters. It was enacted following public outrage when the Cuyahoga River burst into flames due to accumulated industrial waste. WOTUS was enacted in 2015 to clarify which water sources fall under EPA protection. This policy put 60 percent of the streams and wetlands in the country under EPA jurisdiction. Normal farming and ranching activities were not affected by this rule. Trump's administration is actively trying to dismantle environmental regulations and cut

funding and staff from the EPA substantially.

Trump has directed this rule be struck down

that it is not, due to the fact that there are still massive problems regarding the distribution

"Trump signed measures recently that attempt to roll back policies that protect our access to clean drinking water. One of these policies was the Waters of the United States rule, or WOTUS."

to allow for growth of the economy despite the fact GDP has been rising steadily since 2010. This is assuming that GDP is a satisfactory measure of progress, but one could argue

of wealth, access to healthcare and education. It is becoming increasingly evident that our

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administration values the economic growth of our currency over the one finite currency of the world on which everyone relies: our natural resources and the invaluable ecosystem services our Earth provides. The administration values GDP over public health, even though 250 billion tonnes of chemical substances are emitted annually. Toxins are routinely found in infants due to toxic breast milk, and Flint, Michigan still does not have clean water.

The last two January's have been two of the warmest on record and there has been a consistent and rapid rise in temperature since 1960 primarily due to emissions caused by humans. While the sun's energy output can be a driver for climate change, it does not explain the drastic changes to our climate for a variety of reasons that are outlined extensively on NASA's website. Our climate is changing rapidly, and we need to come together and work to save our planet and our species regardless of any administration's agenda. According to the Yale Climate Opinion Map

(2016), 82 percent of American's want to fund research into renewable energy sources and 75 percent want to regulate CO2 as a pollutant. Yet we still see pipelines being expanded. This type of action is not an adequate representation of what constituents desire.

We the people can make change, and it starts in our own communities. Fight to protect the environment. Fight for the rights of the people around you. Strive to be altruistic, and do good strictly for the purpose of doing good. E.O. Wilson, in his book *The Meaning of Human Existence*, stated that "within groups selfish individuals beat altruistic individuals, but groups of altruists beat groups of selfish individuals." Wilson was referring to the intricacies of evolution, but this principle can be applied to the current situation we find ourselves in. Selfish individuals have risen to power, yes. But we as a collective group of altruists can still fight for the collective good, something that is beyond the scope of our own lives. Our planet needs us now more than ever. Will you do your part?

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Let's Talk About It

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I'm a freshman at USM. I live in Gorham but all my classes are in Portland, I feel like I'm struggling to connect with my teachers especially since I went to such a small high school where everyone knew each other. Personally I feel much more invested and confident in my classes when I know the teacher, what is the best way to do that if I only see them once or twice a week and when they have so many students to keep track of? Also, having split campus can sometimes feel isolating, what is the best way to get involved or find student groups? Do they only meet in Portland or Gorham?

Johnna Ossie
Managing Editor

My high school graduating class had less than 50 people in it, and I felt that each of my teachers cared about me as an individual. Compared to that, coming to college can certainly feel isolating and overwhelming.

I've never lived on campus but I can relate to feeling distant from professors and even other students. My first year at USM I didn't know anyone and barely connected with my professors. I came to campus, went to class and went home without talking to anybody.

If you want to connect with your professors, talk to them! Most professors have office hours or will meet with you by appointment. They want to meet with you! Professors spend a lot of time and energy creating class content and grading material. They want to know their students are invested in learning the material, and by making time to meet with them outside of class, you'll be making the first step.

As far as student groups go, many meet in Portland and Gorham, some only meet in Gorham and some only meet in Portland. Luckily, we have the (slightly inconvenient) shuttle bus that can bring students to and from each campus. Think about what you are interested in and there is probably a student group that focuses on those same things!

Clubs and student organizations can be found on the USM website, but the information isn't always up-to-date. I would keep an eye out for flyers around campus, as well as asking people in your classes and dorm what groups they are involved in.

Once I joined the Free Press, it was like a whole new world at USM opened up for me. I made new friends, felt more connected to the community and more invested in what happened on campus. Joining a student group can completely change your experience in college. I hope you find the one that does that for you.

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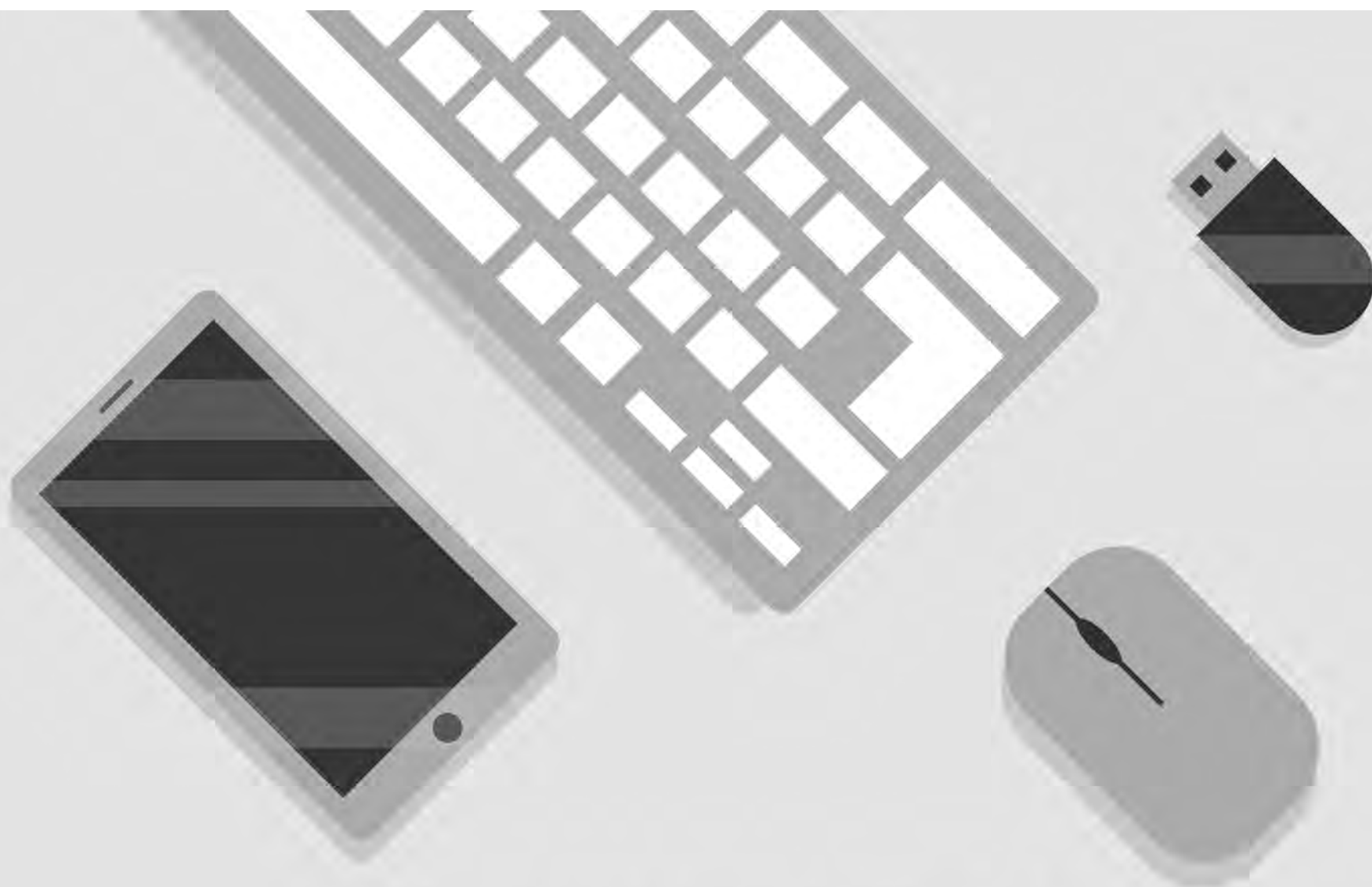
Hunger in Maine continues to grow

River Plouffe Vogel
Sports Editor

This year Maine went from being ninth in the nation for food insecurity to seventh. While the rest of the country has seen hunger rates go down, Maine's hunger rate has not only remained stable but has grown. Recent numbers posted by the Good Shepherd Food Bank of Maine, using statistics from the USDA, show that 200,000 individuals, which is almost 16 percent of Maine's population deals with food insecurity. To make matters worse, 21 percent of children, or 1 out of every 5 in the state of Maine are food insecure. It's easy to forget sometimes, that food while is so much a part of art and culture, it is also a basic need for survival. For growing children food is essential to a happy, healthy development. Studies have shown how hunger can negatively affect one's stress levels, anxiety, sleep, mental health and so much more. Most of us have

probably experienced a few mood swings from being hungry, and it's not hard to imagine how having that feeling constantly can take its toll on our mind or bodies. We live in a predominantly rural state, where access to food means much more than a walk down the block. 37 percent of Maine's food insecure population do not qualify for public assistance, which means they get all their food from charity food assistant networks. This could be a soup kitchen, food pantry, local church or community center. Each and every day these programs serve up hundreds, if not thousands of meals and send thousands of grocery items into people's homes. It's truly amazing how the community has come to the needs of its individuals throughout the past half century. 40 years ago there were only 40 food pantries in the state, now there are over 400, though it also shows of how severe Maine's hunger problem has been, and still remains.

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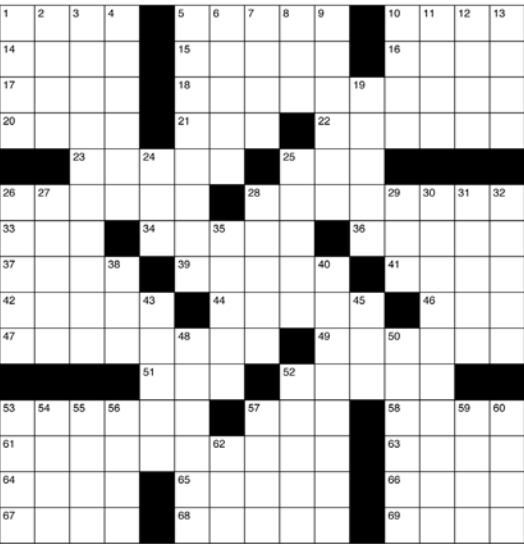


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Crossword

Across

- 1. Comply
- 5. Gardener's tool
- 10. Haley or Trebek
- 14. ___ contendere (court plea)
- 15. To love, in Italy
- 16. Went in and out of traffic
- 17. "Pinocchio" goldfish
- 18. April event that brings May flowers?
- 20. Imprint clearly
- 21. Arctic-based Hist. Ch. series
- 22. Conger catchers
- 23. Attire at fraternity blasts, sometimes
- 25. Abbr. at the bottom of a letter
- 26. Valorous
- 28. Fleeing the police
- 33. 1961 Literature Nobelst Andric
- 34. Word with world or rate
- 36. January, to Juan
- 37. Tear violently
- 39. "Have your cake and eat ___"
- 41. Iniquitous
- 42. Parliament ender
- 44. Brush mix?
- 46. "Can ___ least have a smoke?"
- 47. Tough-guy trait
- 49. Get used to grinders
- 51. AT&T rival, once
- 52. Honshu Island city
- 53. More meddlesome
- 57. There, in Latin
- 58. Mother of Chas.
- 61. Drunk
- 63. River near Paris
- 64. Contract stipulation
- 65. Pursue
- 66. Commandos' arms
- 67. Esposas: Abbr.
- 68. Stories
- 69. Trial run



Down

- 1. "___ upon a time ..."
- 2. Nut's counterpart
- 3. Like most gadgets these days
- 4. "Anybody home?"
- 5. Mexican folk music
- 6. Ballplayers Linares and Olivares
- 7. Stand by
- 8. Ending for north or south
- 9. Hold a grudge against
- 10. Truant, in a military sense
- 11. "The Outsiders" actor Rob
- 12. "Be it ___ so humble..."
- 13. MTV generation
- 19. Anne of "Psycho" (1998)
- 24. "___ along, little dogie"
- 25. Ewoks' home
- 26. Big name in whiskey
- 27. "Was There ___ Pal Like You?" (Irving Berlin tune)
- 28. Garden products name
- 29. Compass dir.
- 30. Bring new vigor to
- 31. Mr. Heep
- 32. "The Deep" star
- 35. Self-identifying response
- 38. Long, in Morse code
- 40. Exteriors
- 43. African republic
- 45. "Luck ___ Lady Tonight"
- 48. Inflexible about rules
- 50. ___ a living (just get by)
- 52. Overweight
- 53. Picky people pick them
- 54. Unique case
- 55. Word sung twice after "Que"
- 56. Some desktops
- 57. Slanted type (abbr.)
- 59. '70s TV show starring a teacher with super powers
- 60. Lemon shavings
- 62. "I get it now!"

Cryptogram

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

GRVOLR UCEIJB VH WVBG GREHLB TCJ
LVEHL OU, UTUJC UCVNOIGB BJJW GV FJ
BGTGEVHTCA.

And here is your hint: G = T

The solution to last issue's crossword



Sudoku

Level of difficulty: Medium

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.

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8			7					9
			6			4		
	2			8			6	
		7			5			
1					6			8
		5		7		9		
		3		5	8		1	

Word Search

Theme: Back to School

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

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USM Community Page



People of USM Glenn Cummings

Dionne Smith
Community Editor

USM President Glenn Cummings comes from humble beginnings and over time has worked his way to the prestigious position he holds currently. During his presidency he plans to further improve the university, keeping his focus on his nine goals and other areas of interest at USM, such as providing students with the opportunity for real world application of what they learn in the classroom.

Cummings was raised in Bath, Maine, coming from a long line of Mainers. While neither of his parents went to college, Cummings and his brother were the first to obtain four year degrees, their grandmother having obtained a two year degree from the Gorham Normal School, which is now the Gorham campus at USM.

Cummings attended the University of Maine at Farmington for two years before transferring to Ohio Wesleyan where he obtained his Bachelor's of Arts. After graduating, he applied to multiple law schools, thinking that he would be a lawyer. Cummings was admitted into every law school he applied for, but was offered a place in a one year master's degree program for teaching from Brown University. He accepted the offer and earned his Masters of Art in Teaching. From there, Cummings moved back to Maine where he taught history and economics at Gorham High School.

"I loved it. So I never went to law school, I just loved being an educator," Cummings said. He then decided to get a Masters of Public Administration from Harvard University. Upon completion, Cummings continued his education, eventually earning his Doctorate in Higher Education Management from the University of Pennsylvania.

Through his education, he took note of the way the faculty at the University of Maine in Farmington took an interest in him and his academic success, giving him a lot of guidance. The support that he received gave him the confidence he needed to transfer



Dionne Smith / Community Editor

USM President Glenn Cummings in his office

to Ohio Wesleyan. Once Cummings got to Brown University, his horizons were expanded. His mind became open to new ways of thinking about the world, challenging the way society works and building a stronger sense of social justice. Cummings believes that there are aspects about Brown University that can be seen here at USM. "There are these fantastic professors here at USM who are changing the way students think about life and breaking outside their boxes and normal way of thinking," Cummings explained.

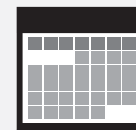
Among his academic success, Cummings had the pleasure of meeting former President Barack Obama and working as the Deputy Assistant Secretary in the U.S Department of Education in 2010. He was introduced to President Obama during the 2007 primaries when he asked Cummings to introduce him at a rally of 3,000 people. Cummings was asked once again to introduce him during the caucus, which was a crowd of 10,000 people. After President Obama won the election, his team called Cummings asking him if he would like to be considered for a position, which later became the Deputy Assistant Secretary. "In many

ways it was the highlight of my political career," Cummings said.

Cummings plans on sticking to the nine goals that he laid out back in 2015 during his Inaugural Opening Breakfast speech.

"When I say academic excellence, that means that students are learning to think, to be problem solvers, to collaborate with each other, and to show independence both in their completing task, and more importantly, independent thinking," Cummings said, "Those are the kinds of students we want to produce. I think the best way to produce that is a combination of really great disciplinary text and learning in the classroom combined with doing something important and good in the community."

This year, Cummings wants students to thrive, and understand that the faculty and staff at USM are here for all students who need assistance. "I want the university to be about the students and about supporting what they need and helping them get to their dreams and goals," Cummings said. "My thing is, if you're a student, make us be our best."



Community Events

Monday, September 11

NAMI on Campus
USM Portland campus
The ROCC
Starts: 12 p.m. / Ends: 1 p.m.

Tuesday, September 12

OTTO Fundraiser for Fair Rent Portland
OTTO
225 Congress Street
Starts: 5 p.m. / Ends: 9 p.m.

Wednesday, September 13

Banana Splits & Bananagrams
USM Gorham campus
Brooks Student Center
Starts: 8 p.m. / Ends: 10 p.m.

Thursday, September 14

CCD Gorham Grand Opening
USM Gorham campus
Bailey Hall
Starts: 10 a.m. / Ends: 4 p.m.

Friday, September 15

Campus & Smores Part
USM Gorham campus
Sand Volleyball Courts
Starts: 7 p.m. / Ends: 10 p.m.

Saturday, September 16

Community Garden Collective Open Gate
Hamlin School Community Garden
496 Ocean Street
Starts: 9 a.m.

Sunday, September 17

South Portland Farmers Market
City Hall Parkin Lot
Ocean Street
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Wednesday

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@ Waterville
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Field Hockey

vs. UMaine
Farmington
4:00 p.m.

Saturday

Men's Cross Country

@ Bates
Super Meet
New Gloucester

Saturday

Women's Cross Country

@ UMass.
Dartmouth
Invitational

Sports preview and athletic opportunities at USM this fall

USM Husky pride surfaces to support intercollegiate teams

River Plouffe Vogel
Sports Editor

Fall is upon us, classes are in full swing and USM's 2017 academic year is well underway. For many student athletes however, their year started almost a month ago in mid-August as they returned early for preseason training. Being a student athlete is a huge commitment and USM has a long history of competitive sports programs. Here are a few facts about the USM sports programs. First and foremost, our mascot is indeed a Husky and Husky pride runs deep here at USM. As a Division 3 (D3) school, USM mainly competes against other D3 programs, with a few exceptions. USM is part of the Little East Conference (LEC), but there is certainly nothing "little" about it. The two exceptions are the men's golf program, which is part of the Great Northwest Athletic Conference (GNAC). The other is the hockey program, which competes in the New England Hockey Conference (NEHC). The LEC is one of the most competitive conferences in the country for division 3 sports, and routinely send teams deep into tournament play.

This fall there are eight USM collegiate sports teams whose seasons have already started. Starting with the women's teams, there are currently five fall sports programs: soccer, tennis, field hockey, volleyball and cross country. The women's soccer team is currently 1-1 overall and 0-0 in conference play. Their next game is Sept. 12 at Salem State University in Massachusetts. The women's tennis team is 1-0 overall and 0-0 in conference play, their next match is Sept. 16, against Bridgewater State. The women's volleyball team is 3-1 overall and 0-0 in conference play. Their next match will be Sept. 12 at Bates College. The women's field hockey



Maverick Lynes / Contributor

team is 0-2 overall and 0-0 in conference play. Their next game is Sept. 12 versus the University of Maine Farmington at home in Gorham. And finally the women's cross country team whose first meet is this Saturday the 9th in New York.

On the men's side there are 3 fall programs that have begun their seasons golf, soccer and cross country. The golf team placed 1st out of 3 teams in the USM invitational and 3rd out of 8 teams at the John Queenan Memorial Tournament. Their next outing is Sept. 13 at the University of Maine Farmington Invitational. The men's soccer team is currently 2-0 overall and 0-0 in conference play. Their next game is Sept. 16 at Western Connecticut

State. And Finally the men's cross country team will start it's season off this Saturday the 9th, at the Husson Carrier Classic in Bangor Maine.

The sights, sounds and smells of fall are often all too familiar with the start of fall sports, which many USM students played in high school, and for a variety of reasons will no longer play while in college. So how best to deal with the residual feelings, or that itch to get out and there and just play? Even though the so called "glory days" might be in the past, there are ample opportunities to stay active, healthy and engaged while on campus and around the Portland and Gorham area. Both campuses have gyms with a multitude of free

student activities, from yoga or spin class to Larping and pickle ball. Each week students and community members gather to play pick-up sports and soon USM Intramurals will also be kicking off. The best way to stay involved and informed is by contacting the Portland or Gorham facilities to ask about what opportunities are available. Online resources can provide information about many of the USM activities available. As the year continues, the writing staff here at the Free Press will keep an updated account on all athletic events, both traditional and non-traditional, happening on and around campus.

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Submit a nomination for athlete of the week

Maverick Lynes
Contributor

This year the Free Press will introduce a column, The Athlete of The Week, that will be featured in the sports section. The Free

Press will honor an athlete within the Huskies community who exhibits excellent character, sportsmanship and exceptional performance. Throughout the academic year coaches and students will be asked to submit nominations for potential athletes

of the week they would like to be acknowledged. This recognition will not only be exclusive to their accomplishments in their respective sports, highlight individual's contribution to the school and surrounding community. To nominate a student athlete

please contact River Plouffe Vogel at river@usmfreepress.org. All entries must be for a USM student who participates in one or more university affiliated intercollegiate athletic teams.

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