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\$240K budget cut proposed for OPRA

By Xander Portner, S25
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The campus soccer fields, April 24th.

On March 17th, the Strategic Planning Working Group (SPWG) proposed a \$240K reduction in funding for intercollegiate varsity athletic programs. This recommendation was submitted in accordance with the SPWG's goal of ensuring Hampshire's long-term financial sustainability. The suggested cuts were sent to President Wingenbach, administrative staff, and the Budget and Priorities Committee for review, but the implementation of these cost saving measures is still under consideration.

Both students and athletic staff have expressed deep concern about the potential

negative impact of these budget cuts. On March 20th, Riccardo Pavanelli, '22 submitted an open letter to Outdoor Programs, Recreation, and Athletics (OPRA) and President Wingenbach to express gratitude for their transformative experience at OPRA and disappointment with the SPWG's recommendation. They write that OPRA led to them discovering their "true passion and solidifying [their] purpose in college." Moreover, they warn that "potentially losing such resources and valued members of our campus community is incredibly unsettling."

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Campus grapples with Hampstore cuts

By Xander Portner, S25
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The Hampstore significantly reduced its stock of grocery items beginning in early February. This drastic cutback notably included the removal of many products required for cooking multi-serving meals, but other items like face masks and classroom supplies were also affected.

According to Hampstore manager Tammy Ryan, the reduction of merchandise was a result of Hampshire leadership's decision to transition the location away from a grocery store towards a campus store which will hopefully focus on "swag and snacks" for the next academic year. She explained that the former function of the Hampstore as a part of the college's "flawed meal plan" was financially unsustainable.

The effect of these cuts has negatively affected students like Atlas McVickar, F22, a student worker at the student-run Mixed Nuts co-op. They noted

a surge of foot traffic in Mixed Nuts following the rollback of culinary items at the Hampstore. McVickar agreed with Ryan that Hampshire has a flawed meal plan, but argued the cuts would limit "the already limited amount of food we have on campus". They also noted the disproportionate impact this is having for students lacking access to frequent meals at the Dining Commons. Both McVickar and Ryan encouraged active input from students in developing an equitable meal plan that is welcomed by the entirety of the campus community. In the meantime, Ryan stressed that her team is working with Mixed Nuts and the Hampshire College farm to ameliorate the impact of the recent decisions.

Leapfrog reached out to Nick Mason, Senior Director of Auxiliary/Dining Services, but he did not respond to a request for comment.

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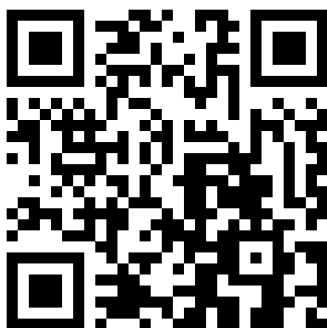
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- The Hampshire College Post Office reminds those ordering grocery items to the school to ensure their name is attached to deliveries.

Corrections & Updates

In the last issue, Leapfrog 2.1, the article titled "SAB and New Leaf bring back mod composting" erroneously stated that the composting program was limited to mods. Since the composting program's revival, it has been expanded to include residents in the dorms as well.

The article was written in November of last year, and was not appropriately rewritten to reflect the change this year.

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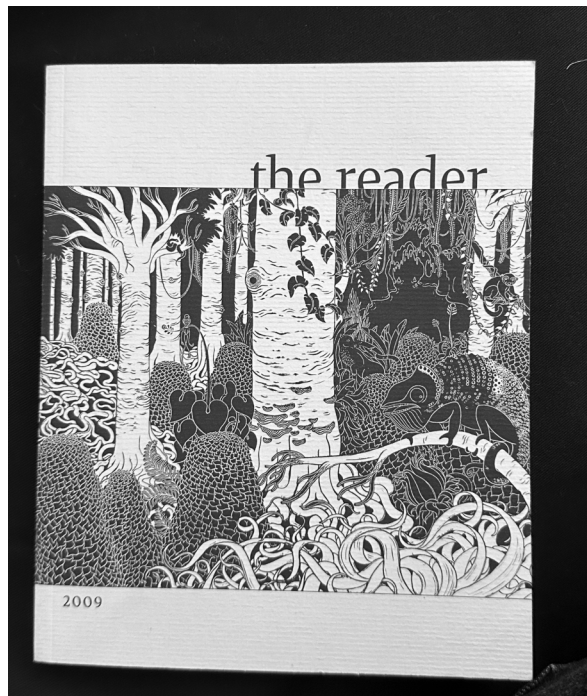
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NEWS / ARTS

The Reader returns to Hampshire College

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The cover of an issue of the reader from 2009.

The Reader, a student-run literary and art magazine, returned to campus this semester after an eight-year hiatus. The publication accepts a range of submissions from students including fiction, nonfiction, poetry, artwork, and photography. This semester's specific theme was "equinox", the period of struggle between darkness and light. Although submissions for the equinox edition officially closed on April 20th, *The Reader* will offer future opportunities for students to share their creative work through its biannual publications.

Leapfrog spoke with Faune Albert, co-director of the Writing Program, and faculty advisor to *The Reader*. She was delighted at its reemergence and remarked "when I started four years ago, I had the desire to start it again. It's such a great thing to have a literary magazine to create community around writing."

Leapfrog also reached out to Kaihla Laurent, '22, Editor-in-Chief of *The Reader*, and

they shared a similar excitement about the positive benefits *The Reader* provides for the Hampshire writing community. Laurent commented that "working to revive *The Reader* means a lot to me—it feels like a chance to bring the creative writing community at Hampshire back together, to create a space where we can share our work, our voices, and our stories." They also emphasized the increased accessibility of the *The Reader* through digitization and hopes that it continues to be a fixture on campus.

The Reader's website can be viewed at the QR code.



DISCLOSURE:
The author of this article is an editor at *The Reader*.

NEWS / THEATRE

Hampshire College Theatre announces F25-S26 season

By Blaise Paine, F23
Editor-in-chief

Every year, Hampshire College Theatre Board convenes a committee to read applications and hear pitches for shows to receive a "slot" in the following year's season. Four slots are available, two per semester. Additionally, a "fifth" slot is reserved for the Division III festival, where graduating theatre and performance students are provided a space for their work.

This year's committee has completed its deliberations and announced the Theatre's next season on April 7th:

Fall Studio: *All the Angels*

Written and produced by Ryan Nivus, F23; performing October 17-19, 2025.

"An angel questions what to do when you change beyond what is acceptable."

Fall Main Stage: *The Things I Do For Love!*

Written and produced by Alexandra Paquin, F25; performing November 20-23, 2025.

"Suki is a hopeless romantic looking for true love. After a hellish year of bad dates she's giving it one last go. Will she succeed or is it time to concede?"

Spring Studio: *Shoebboxes*

Written and produced by Cal Kennedy, S24; performing March 5-8, 2026

"The story of four characters lost in a post-apocalyptic

nightmare. A non-plot play with themes of the concept of home, loneliness, and anxiety for the future."

Spring Main Stage: *Ghastly Stories From Hell*

Written and produced by Joseph Roman, F24; performing April 9-12, 2026.

"Three friends find themselves in the depths of hell. As they attempt to escape, they come across various other people, each with sinister stories to tell."

Division III Festival Performing April 23-26, 2026.

The new season is notable for consisting entirely of student-written work. The producers of these shows are likely to be looking for production teams, designers, crew, and actors shortly, and Theatre Board has set up a physical directory in Emily Dickinson Hall for interested students to declare their interest in certain roles on coming productions.

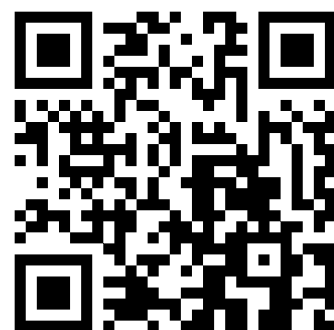
This year's slotting committee was composed of Professor Jonathan Dent as faculty representative, Theatre Program Manager Callum Doerner as staff representative, and student representatives Malfoy Kimmel, F22; Karim Barrett, F23; Isaiah Woods, F21; Pierce Docherty, F21; and Zephyr Keteyian, F21.

DISCLOSURE:

The author of this article was affiliated with a show that did not receive a slot in the season. Writer and producer of *All the Angels*, Ryan Nivus, F23 is a Leapfrog contributor.

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\$240K budget cut proposed for OPRA (continued)

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Amanda Surgen, Associate Director of OPRA, echoed Pavanelli's concerns. She told Leapfrog that the funding reduction could "mean a smaller OPRA team" and "could lead to the elimination of varsity athletics at Hampshire, fewer recreational opportunities, and fewer chances for students to access outdoor experiences that are often formative during their time at Hampshire." Additionally, Surgen argued that "OPRA has never been an 'add-on' to the academic experience at Hampshire, as it has been part of the campus' 'disruption in learning' model since its founding."

Because of the concerns highlighted by members of the Hampshire community like Pavanelli and Surgen, the Budget and Priorities Committee is engaging in a fluid dialogue to balance the budgetary needs of the college and feedback from the campus. Eric Nazar, Assistant Director of Athletics, and Budget and Priorities

Committee member Raymond Kasei, '23, informed Leapfrog that there have been efforts to reach a compromise to mitigate the impacts of the complete \$240K reduction in athletic funding. On April 22nd, Kasei also sent an email to parts of the campus community outlining broader concerns about potential budget cuts and increases in tuition. He shared an alternate budget proposal put together by a group of students which would attempt to avoid cuts to athletics through avenues like an athletics student fee, a 25% cut to the Student Engagement budget, a 50% reduction in stipends for RAs, and athletics specific fundraising.

Like Pavanelli, Nazar expressed gratitude for his positive experience coaching students through OPRA, and he also appreciates the valid positions of the students and administration. He encourages the continued advocacy of the student body, but also stressed the uncertainty of the future of athletics at Hampshire.

NEWS / HEALTH

Pandemic Weather Report 7

By Blaise Paine, F23
Editor-in-chief

COVID-19

Per the latest data from the CDC at the time of writing, the **Wastewater Viral Activity** Level in Massachusetts is **Low**. According to the CDC's predictive model, **cases are not changing** in Massachusetts.

According to the CDC's Nowcast model, the **dominant variant** is the Omicron-descended **LP.8.1** at 52%.

According to the Pandemic Mitigation Collaborative, in a **room of 20 people**, there is a **9.7% chance someone is infectious**.

Influenza

Per the latest data from the CDC at the time of writing, Influenza-like Illness (ILI) Activity in Massachusetts is **Low**.

Medical visits related to ILI are at **2.4%**, **down 0.3%** from last week. This is **0.6% below baseline**.

H5N1 (Bird Flu)

According to the CDC, there is no known human-to-human spread of H5N1, and 70 confirmed cases in humans nationwide. The primary concern with H5N1 is that it may mutate in a way that makes human-to-human spread more likely.

Current CDC & Harvard Health guidance on protecting yourself and pets from bird flu is as follows:

- Avoid contact with wild birds and poultry
- Do not consume raw milk or products made with raw milk. Pasteurized milk only.
- Cook all eggs and poultry to an internal temperature of at least 165°F.
- Avoid feeding any pets raw food.
- Keep pets in doors as much as possible, especially cats.
- Wash hands thoroughly when coming inside, and consider leaving shoes outside.

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Taken out by Cherish McNeil, F21

NEWS / ADMINISTRATION

Jacquida Mars named new Director for Domestic BIPOC & International Student Success

By Blaise Paine, F23
Editor-in-chief

Jacquida Mars, Hampshire College's new Director for Domestic BIPOC & International Student Success, started at the college on April 3rd, taking on the responsibilities associated with John Wildman's role as Director of International Student Services, who left the college last October; as well as serving as a member of the CARE team and as a Community Standards Officer.

Mars was previously Interim Director of Multicultural Affairs at Bay Path University, Assistant Director of Alumni and Parent Engagement for Affinity & Identity Programs at Connecticut College, Program Coordinator for Career & Life Design at Trinity College, and Student Resource Coordinator at the University of Connecticut. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Crime, Law, and Justice from the University of Connecticut, a Master of Arts in Public Policy from the University of Hartford, and is currently pursuing a doctorate in Educational Leadership for Social Justice at Trinity College.

Mars told Leapfrog "My role isn't just about supporting students—it's about rewriting the narrative of who thrives in higher education. Every BIPOC and international stu-

dent brings brilliance and resilience to our campus, and my mission is to ensure their stories are seen, heard, and empowered to shape the future."

Senior Vice President for Justice, Equity, and Antiracism, Dr. Sheila Lloyd thanked the members of the search committee that hired Mars: students Prisca Afantchao and Marie Chiu, Senior Director of JEA for Student Success and Engagement Jenny Kurtz, and Director for Community Advocacy Latoyya Pleasant. Senior Vice President Lloyd also thanked Assistant Director of Student Engagement Jasmine Chatman, Jenny Kurtz, and Latoyya Pleasant for filling many of the responsibilities of Mars' role in the period between John Wildman's departure and Mars joining the college.

After Wildman left the college, the role of International Services Director was planned to be eliminated, permanently distributing its responsibilities among other staff, but administration received intense push back from the international student community last semester, and these responsibilities have now been re-concentrated in Mars' new position.

NEWS / CAMPUS

Campus Appreciation Day set for May 2nd

By Xander Portner, S25
Contributor

On Friday, May 2nd, the Facilities and Grounds and the Environmental Committee will present Campus Appreciation Day. All students and staff are encouraged to participate between 9:00 am and 12:00 pm to contribute to the rejuvena-

tion of our campus gardens. The event will begin in the Torrey Courtyard (located in front of Franklin Patterson Hall) at 8:45 am and will provide refreshments although attendees are encouraged to bring a refillable bottle. Volunteers are asked to sign up ahead of time.

NEWS / ADMINISTRATION

Marilu Gamboa named Director of Civil Rights Compliance & Title IX Coordinator

By Blaise Paine, F23
Editor-in-chief

Marilu Gamboa joined Hampshire College on March 20th as the new Director of Civil Rights Compliance & Title IX Coordinator.

Gamboa will ensure the college's compliance with various civil rights laws, including Title VI, Title VII, Title IX, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, as well as serving as the college's Title IX Coordinator, responsible for handling and investigating sex-based harassment as defined by Hampshire College policy, and more narrowly defined Title IX Sexual Harassment defined by federal and state law.

Gamboa previously worked in the University of Southern California's Office of Equity, Equal Opportunity, and Title IX. Gamboa holds a BA from Smith College with a major in sociology and a minor in anthropology.

Marilu told Leapfrog "I am honored to be at Hampshire College! It has been so re-

warding meeting with students—the care, thoughtfulness, and intentionality that our students demonstrate toward one another and our community leaves me in awe," and said "I am passionate about cultivating a supportive and thriving campus environment. I believe that, together, we can cultivate lasting institutional excellence that not only protects, but also strengthens our community."

Gamboa replaces the interim Title IX Coordinator, Amy Fabiano.

In announcing Gamboa's hiring, Senior Vice President for Justice, Equity, and Antiracism Dr. Sheila Lloyd thanked the members of the search committee that hired Gamboa: Verne Gulley, F23, Professor Kenneth Mulder, Director of Accessibility Resources & Services Teal Van Dyck, and President Ed Wingbach.

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Guidance for Interacting with Immigration Officers

The following is a verbatim copy of the *Guidance for Interacting with Immigration Officers* distributed to the campus community by Senior Vice President for Justice, Equity, and Antiracism, Dr. Sheila Lloyd via the intranet on January 30th, 2025.

“Dear Hampshire Community,
In light of the policies and directives currently being initiated by the Trump administration, Hampshire College re-affirms its commitments to equity, justice, antiracism, and academic freedom.

As President Wingenbach stated in his announcement on January 15, “Hampshire believes international, undocumented, and refugee students must be able to live and study without fear and intimidation. Hampshire will not voluntarily release information about immigration status or cooperate with efforts to detain individuals through U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). The College will not willingly assist in any federal efforts to deport members of our community solely based on their citizenship status.” This statement extends to all international, undocumented, and refugee members of our community.

While there is no immediate indication that ICE or other government agents intend to show up on our campus, it is important to be prepared, especially for individuals in offices such as Central Records, Financial Aid, Business, CASA, Information Technology, Office of Accessi-

bility Resources and Services (OARS), and Admissions.

- Anyone approached by an immigration officer on campus should contact Campus Safety & Wellbeing at 413.559.5555 right away for assistance. Employees should also contact their Vice President and/or supervisor.
- Community members should inform the officer that you are not attempting to obstruct their actions, but you are not authorized to respond to the request and need to contact the appropriate person.
- You can ask the officer to wait outside while you make these contacts.

Additionally, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Office of the Attorney General has offered guidance to Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs), which you can read in full [at the QR code below.]



These are trying and uncertain times. Hampshire is your community and we are here to support you. If you have any questions about this or any related issues, please reach out to Sheila Lloyd, Senior Vice President.”

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Cut along the dotted lines and then fold along the solid line and staple to create two Red Cards from the Immigrant Legal Resource Center. One is in English, one is in Spanish. Carry these in your wallet and/or pin them up by the door of your room. Other languages and more information are available at the QR code at right.



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(Traducción de Alexis Espinoza, F23)

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<p>Usted tiene derechos constitucionales:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• NO ABRA LA PUERTA si un agente de inmigración está tocando la puerta.• NO CONTESTE NINGUNA PREGUNTA de un agente de inmigración si trata de hablar con usted. Usted tiene el derecho a guardar silencio.• NO FIRME NADA sin antes hablar con un abogado. Usted tiene el derecho de hablar con un abogado.• Si usted está fuera de su casa, pregúntele al agente si tiene la libertad de irse y si le dice que sí, váyase con tranquilidad.• ENTRÉGUELE ESTA TARJETA AL AGENTE. Si usted está dentro de su casa, muestre la tarjeta por la ventana o pásela debajo de la puerta.	<p>I do not wish to speak with you, answer your questions, or sign or hand you any documents based on my 5th Amendment rights under the United States Constitution.</p> <p>I do not give you permission to enter my home based on my 4th Amendment rights under the United States Constitution unless you have a warrant to enter, signed by a judge or magistrate with my name on it that you slide under the door.</p> <p>I do not give you permission to search any of my belongings based on my 4th Amendment rights.</p> <p>I choose to exercise my constitutional rights.</p> <p><i>These cards are available to citizens and noncitizens alike.</i></p>

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EDITORIAL / HEALTH

What To Do About Bird Flu

By Kenzie Doherty, S23
Contributor

Mar. 25 — In recent months, Massachusetts and the USA as a whole has experienced a resurgence of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI), commonly known as bird flu. The Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (Mass-Wildlife), the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources (MDAR), and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) have been actively monitoring and responding to HPAI cases.

Both wild and domestic birds are susceptible to the virus, with waterfowl and raptors being particularly at risk. Almost all wild waterfowl carry some sort of variant strain of bird flu, typically LPAI (Low Pathogenic Avian Influenza), but now we are seeing HPAI H5N1. H5N1 is the specific strain of HPAI that is currently killing many birds and has affected people.

The virus is shed in the saliva, mucus, and feces of infected birds and is transmitted to other birds via ingestion or inhalation. Domestic birds, such as chickens, are incredibly vulnerable to HPAI due to close living conditions and can have a 100% mortality rate in some flocks.

It's important to understand HPAI affects all birds differently, and infected birds may not show symptoms, it's best to avoid handling any wildlife if you can. Songbirds such as American Robins, Sparrows, Titmice, Bluebirds and many more have low risk of contracting HPAI. If you find a dead songbird on campus around any buildings, it is likely a case of window strike, not HPAI, but it's important to still be cautious, you should never handle injured or dead wildlife without proper protection.

Mammals are susceptible to HPAI H5N1 as well. Currently, the most affected mammals are

domestic cattle, animals that prey on birds (foxes, bobcats etc) and house cats. Due to the highly contagious nature of HPAI, animals that test positive for it are typically euthanized. Cattle and chickens are being culled by the hundreds and thousands in an attempt to mitigate the spread.

Knowing all of this, what can you do?

Avoid Handling Birds and Other Wildlife

Refrain from touching sick or dead birds or other animals. If you need to remove dead wildlife, wear gloves, a mask, and eye protection. Collect the carcass using a shovel into a plastic bag, make sure to double the bag as well. You can dispose of the carcass in any outside trash. Afterwards, sanitize the shovel or tool that touched the carcass with 1 part bleach to 10 parts water, or any strong sanitizing solution. Immediately wash any clothing worn with a sanitizing solution.

Keep Pets Safe

Keep dogs leashed and prevent them from interacting with wildlife, additionally you can wipe their paws down with a pet-safe sanitizer after being outdoors. Keep dogs away from areas with high waterfowl traffic such as ponds and lakes, as well as other highly contagious animals like cattle. Cats should be kept indoors to avoid exposure, it's recommended to not wear shoes indoors and to sanitize them if you can, as well as washing your hands after being outside. It's also important to note dogs are at lower risk for HPAI infection than cats.

Guidance for Poultry Owners

Keep domestic birds away from wild birds, particularly waterfowl, and their droppings. Eliminate standing water and

restrict domestic birds' access to ponds, streams, and wetlands that attract wild waterfowl. Limit the movement of poultry between locations and avoid sharing equipment with other bird owners without thorough cleaning and disinfection.

Human Infection

While human infections with bird flu are rare, individuals with direct contact with infected animals are at higher risk, especially agriculture workers. The Massachusetts Department of Public Health emphasizes the importance of avoiding contact with sick or dead birds and practicing good hygiene to minimize risk. If you experience flu-like symptoms (fever, cough, headache, runny nose etc) within 10 days of having direct contact with possibly infected wildlife, call your state/local health department immediately (MA DPH: (617) 624-6000).

Currently there have been 70 cases of human infection of H5N1 in the USA, and one death. There has been NO human-to-human transmission. Residents with further questions about the public health impact of HPAI can visit <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/avian-influenza> or call the Division of Epidemiology at 617-983-6800.

Reporting Suspected Cases

Wild Birds: Report observations of sick or deceased birds, if five or more are found in one location, or the bird is identified as a Bald Eagle, Peregrine Falcon, or Snowy Owl, using the form at mass.gov/reportbirds

Domestic Birds: Report sick or dead poultry by contacting MDAR's Division of Animal Health at (617) 626-1795 or through mass.gov/reportpoultry

OPINION

Not Too Late For Transparency

By Jonathon Podolsky, 94F
Guest opinion

A proposed apartment complex is planned for the area behind Atkins Market, which would involve the sale of land by Hampshire College. According to President Wingenbach's comments at the Amherst Planning Commission meeting on March 19, the sale is the final part of Hampshire's financial stabilization plan, and any delays would cause significant hardship.

I'll take Wingenbach at his word and support the sale. However, supporting urgent actions doesn't mean suspending critical questions or the need for transparency. I attended the meeting via Zoom.

An article published on March 3 in the Daily Hampshire Gazette states that Hampshire's vision is for faculty and staff housing, as well as retail. Before the planning board, Wingenbach stated that Hampshire would benefit from having faculty and staff reside there, as the limited availability of housing in Amherst has made it more challenging to attract and retain employees.

While the Planning Board sounded mostly supportive, board member Jesse Mager was quoted in the Gazette, "I just want to be really clear: My view on this it's not going to be populated by faculty, staff and families, maybe a few, but it predominantly will be students, is my best guess." These students may come from other colleges, such as UMass, especially since the development will be on the bus route.

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During the public comment period, a neighbor to the proposed project noted that it was misleading to suggest that the apartments are for faculty, staff,

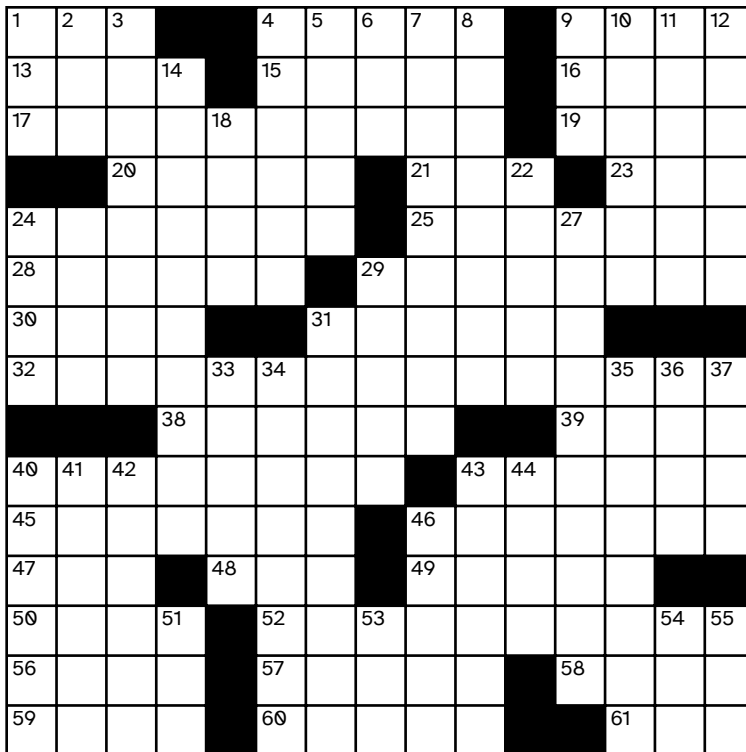
and families in general, as 80% of the units are 600-800 square feet, which is less space than most families would consider for a long-term apartment. The leases would be for one year, whereas an option for longer leases might be desirable for staff or faculty who hope to work for the college over the long term.

Despite having little time left in his term and the current semester, Wingenbach should hold an information session

where he can explain the merits of the project. It should include a Zoom component so that the entire campus, as well as alumni and others who care about Hampshire, can participate in an open Q&A.

Questions may include whether it is possible to set aside a certain number of units for rentals to Hampshire community members, and what other ways we can support Hampshire in recruiting and retaining employees, as well as

improving their quality of life. Attendees might also have ideas for alleviating some of the neighbors' concerns about the project so that they will not oppose it.



Puzzle by Pierce Docherty, F21

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ACROSS

1. With 47-Across ____ Kenobi
4. Common request to a toddler
9. Indian tourist destination
13. URL starter
15. Hybrid fruit a.k.a. "aprium"
16. Red veggie

17. California, Philadelphia, and Alaska, e.g.
19. Diving duck
20. Where you can find Leonardo and Michelangelo?
21. Smidgen
23. U.N. Workers' grp.
24. Miseries
26. "Gone With The Wind" and "Casablanca" composer Max

28. Fitting room activities
29. Bob, currently on Broadway
30. 2015 Brie Larson film
31. Applies to
32. What I've found myself saying whilst finding fills for this puzzle
38. More tidy

Crossword

By Pierce Docherty, F21
Guest cruciverbalist

39. "The Martian" author Andy
40. Remedy for a sore throat
43. Head?
45. Al-Fresco
46. "Hips Don't Lie" singer
47. See 1-Across
48. Bar bill
49. "Taskmaster" creator Alex
50. "On The Waterfront" director Kazan
52. Looming
56. Indian bread
57. Theoretical physicist Schrödinger
58. Used to be
59. Four-player tennis match, abbr.
60. Looks for
61. 1971 offering from Paul & Linda

DOWN

1. Cries of surprise
2. A/C measure in London
3. Something you'd want to hear during 28-Across
4. Shopping binges, e.g.
5. Then: Fr.
6. Actor Brynner
7. Cherishes
8. "Just a drill"
9. Crunch targets
10. Apt name for NASA's two-man space program
11. Fisherman, at times
12. Australian band "Men ____"

14. Interesting occurrence
18. "You lose!"
22. Hit from 12-Down: "Who Can It ____?"
24. Longfellow's bell town
25. Pirate's drink
27. "Don't remind me!"
29. Actor Jackson Jr. of "Straight Outta Compton"
31. Real drag
33. French assembly
34. Quenches
35. Pitcher from the bullpen

36. "Severance" patriarch
37. Miss, in Tijuana
40. Bargain-basement
41. Govt. testing site for air and water quality
42. Lowly
43. Rose's protection
44. Accessibility office acronym
46. Valentino role
51. Ques. response
53. "Smackdown" and "Raw" org.
54. Period
55. Sleep stage

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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Puzzle by Jamie Gill, F23

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