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Programs slated for elimination finalized
Board of trustees votes unanimously to cut proposed degrees

Emma James
News Editor

The three programs slated for elimination, American and New England Studies, geosciences and arts and humanities at the Lewiston-Auburn Campus were approved for elimination by the board of trustees last Monday in Fort Kent.

After no discussion, with the exception of the citizen comment period, the board’s vote was unanimous.

“We do have to face the dire circumstances that are before us,” said Samuel Collins, chair of the BoT. “The structural gap isn’t going away.”

President David Flanagan admits that the programs eliminated only account for 3% of the target USM has to make, even though the university will realize some $900,000 in savings.

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David Flanagan, USM President

Student senate treasurer denounces senate leadership

The student senate went into executive session last week to discuss the potential of taking disciplinary actions against the senate chair and parliamentarian.

Jason Blanco, the senate treasurer, decided to address leadership concerns in the senate after he went to pick up his stipend check last week to discover his pay was being withheld.

Joshua Dodge, the senate chair, and Joshua Tharpe, the parliamentarian, asked employees in the Student Government Business Office to put Blanco’s paycheck on hold after one unexcused absence without consulting the rest of the senate.

“I have lost all confidence in both the parliamentarian and the chair,” said treasurer Jason Blanco at Friday’s Student Senate meeting. “It’s my recommendation to the senate to have a vote, to remove them from those positions.”

The constitution of the senate states that after three absences a senator is automatically removed. Blanco has been absent from senate meetings this year for work purposes, but all but one absence was excused by the senate. He was not removed from the senate, but his pay was withheld, an action that proved to be unconstitutional in the senate after further investigation.

Stipends can only be altered by the Personnel Review Board of the senate, not the chair or parliamentarian.

That board is headed by the Kyle Frazier, the student body president, who told Blanco that the senate was in violation when Blanco approached him about it. Blanco then asked the Judson Cease, the senate vice chair for a violation inquiry committee but said he received no response and no committee was convened as the executive board did not feel it was necessary.

“If that’s the kind of senate we’re going to run, where two individuals can make their own rules… this senate is going to fail,” Blanco said.

The senate has been facing attendance issues since the beginning of the year and Blanco is not the only senator with multiple absences. In their previous meeting, the senate didn’t have the correct amount of senators present to make quorum and vote. Blanco said that with his 12 years of experience in the Marine Corp, he believes that there is a fault in leadership.

Blanco motioned for a vote of no confidence in Dodge and Tharpe.

President David Flanagan reports his plan for USM to the board of trustees last week in Fort Kent. Flanagan explains the necessity for a financially stable budget in order to move forward and sustain high quality education opportunities.

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According to Cleary, the grievances have been validated, so they are now entering into a phase of arbitration.

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The main issue is about privilege and a sense of entitlement that some men have," said Gruelle. "It’s an issue where men think they are masters of the castle and get to call the shots. Men are violent to women because they believe they have the right to be cruel and society gives them that right." She posed the question: "Why do men feel like they can control, harass and intimidate women?"

According to Gruelle, some people wait until a woman has a visible injury like a black eye or a broken nose to speak up, and even then they try to find ways to justify it.

Gruelle said that the typical response among people when asked about solutions to domestic violence is, “Why doesn’t she just leave?”

Regarding Sarah Holmes, the assistant director of student and university life for diversity, it’s not that simple. She said that for some, leaving might result in some women losing their money, children, pets or possessions. Holmes encouraged to log on to Twitter and search #WhyIStayed to see all of the diverse and deeply personal reasons women choose to remain a part of an abusive relationship.

“Men have yet to listen to women when they’ve been pleading for thousands of years, ‘don’t kill us, don’t rape us,’” said Perry. “I don’t speak for women; I speak next to them.”

“Problem is that these are not just individuals who are affected; it’s also their friends, family and peers.”

Holmes said that there are victims of relationships-related violence on USM’s campus, and she’s not sure if she’s heard the past four to five years making sure there is help and resources available, and people feel comfortable talking to a counselor or an advisor as well as calling an anonymous hotline that’s posted in campus hallways.

“Most students and faculty have not had the opportunity, or the exposure, to actually discuss gender-based violence and its impact on communities, according to Kate Zema, a student at USM.

“We’ve been talking about issues in current events like the Ryan Rice incident,” said Zema. “We’ve been focusing specifically on sexual assault and consent education.”

“We do learn about domestic violence and discuss it on a regular basis,” said Michaud.

On a national level, the number of women killed from domestic violence since 2001 is 11,766, more deaths than those killed in terrorist attacks and battles in Iraq and Afghanistan. President Obama recently stated that these numbers were "totally unacceptable," and launched a new, star-studded online campaign called “It’s On Us,” which urges viewers to ask themselves "What can I do?" and understand that domestic violence problem and become part of the solution. USM is committed to helping.

For students on campus that may be affected by this national problem, aid and counseling are available at the Domestic Violence Resource Center anonymous hotline at 1-866-834-4357.
Faculty concerned about metropolitan university’s $2 million price tag

Sam Hill
Editor-in-Chief

Last month the Metropolitan University System of Maine Steering Group released their interim report, outlining what the university system would look like as a municipally-controlled public system. The report focuses on a number of different areas, including budget, academic programs, and faculty concerns.

The report, which lists suggestions for administrative responsibilities, leadership roles and how to improve engagement with the surrounding community, was criticized by a number of faculty members who expressed concerns about the system's ability to implement the plan within the given timeframe.

According to the report, the system would be split into two entities: the University of Southern Maine (USM) and the University of Maine (UM), each with its own board of trustees. The report also calls for the creation of a new institution, the University of Northern Maine (UNM), which would be located in Presque Isle.

The report estimates that the cost of implementing the plan over the next five years would be approximately $2 million. The dollar amount raised concerns at last week’s Faculty Senate meeting, with many faculty members discussing the cost and specifics of the report.

“I think this is a good start but we need to do more,” said Libby Bischof, a professor of history and member of the MUSG, reminded the senate that the interim report was a working document and that they were willing to take suggestions and revisions.

“We’re looking for feedback, we’re looking to improve this,” said Bischof.

Some faculty questioned the plausibility of the report’s goals in USM’s current economic situation, pointing out that the MUSG was charged with a strategic focus and that figuring out how to implement that strategy would come later.

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“Of course I’m going to be damming up to the reputation of the institution,” said Gish. “That’s what the board of trustees is. It’s a collaborative team and it really doesn’t matter what it is, but it’s going to be bullied into not sharing my view of things.”

“SUSAN DENCH was the only one of 22 nominations that the committee unanimously endorsed. Sam Hill of Caribou, the trustees’ current chairman, and newcomer Jennifer Bissell, a professor of history and member of the MUSG, reminded the senate that the interim report was a working document and that they were willing to take suggestions and revisions.

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In light of Scotland rejecting independence from the U.K. by a vote of 55 to 44 percent during a recent referendum, USM is hosting a free panel discussion to determine the impact and educational value of such a monumental political event.

The panel discussion will feature three experts: Donnie Jack, a former diplomat and Nancy Gish, a professor in the English department at USM's Vision of Becoming a "metropolitan university," and teaches students how real world problems can be connected to campus because I thought it would be useful for students to see real world events with lessons learned by students in the history and political science departments at USM.

Gish said that the result of the referendum showed that when prompting people with a binary question, most of the population will stick with the status quo. "When asked for a yes or no vote, undecided people will usually go with cutting their losses instead of making a gain," said Gish.

Ellen Skerritt, a senior linguistics major, studying abroad at the University of Winchester in England, said that she believes the majority of Scottish people think there is nothing wrong with the country's current relationship with Parliament and there's no need to change it. "The United Kingdom would not be the same without Scotland," said Skerritt. "This may be a stupid reason but I like our connection with the royal family."

Gish said that tuning into and conversing about the political atmosphere of the U.K. and the effects of self-determination on the Scottish people, helps contribute to USM's vision of becoming a "metropolitan university," and teaches students how real world problems are solved. Francesca Vassallo, a political science and history professor and an organizer of the panel discussion, said that it's so rare that a real world event, like the Scottish move for independence, matched issues that she teaches from her curriculum.

"I helped bring this discussion to campus because I thought it would be useful for students to see self-determination in action," said Vassallo. "It helps us connect our local community with the international community and helps us understand how to solve big societal problems."

Vassallo also mentioned that students knowledgeable about current events like this are more likely to be taken seriously when looking for a career. Gish, who is also a fellow of the Association of Scottish Literature Studies, plans on offering the perspective of a person who has observed a stilled culture under a union with Britain and Wales as well as first hand accounts on what the voting process was like. Gish traveled with a poet, a painter and a composer on her journey and said that her focus will be a cultural argument. Most of the people heavily involved in the Scottish arts community were "Yes" supporters.

"Culture in Scotland has always been suppressed," said Gish. "I have personal experience with that."

Gish extends the invitation to the seventh floor of the Glickman Library on Thursday to hear about those experiences during these dramatic and trying political times, even if only to broaden one’s own knowledge.

Gish said, "No American really knows anything about Scottish culture, history or politics, except for what they’ve seen in Braveheart."

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Students receive sizable scholarship

Three students were selected by Patriot Insurance Company to receive a sizable scholarship worth $26,000. Matthew Swan, Benjamin Martin, and Dana Hayward all shared in the prize. Martin said, “Patriot Insurance wants to support kids and keep them local.”

He also noted there are a lot of older people in the insurance field who are set to retire. This grant is a way to keep Maine students in the state rather than looking for work farther afield when they graduate.

Martin chose USM because it was the only school in state to offer Risk Management and Insurance (RMI) track in the School of Business. He wanted to send thanks along to Dana Kerr who is the accounting and finance department chair and associate professor of risk management and insurance.

Martin said that Kerr was instrumental in helping with his application for the scholarship and getting his future resume ready.

Besides working for the insurance company Horace Mann in South Portland, and attending class fulltime, Martin also works nights delivering pies for Otto’s pizza. He’s set to graduate this December, and said the scholarship will certainly take some financial strain off his last semester at USM, as he looks to the future in the insurance field.

Former USM student turned political candidate ignored by GOP leadership

According to a blog post by Bangor Daily News reporter Maria Moretto, former USM student Republican Party’s candidate in the southern 1st Congressional District Isaac Misiuk was snubbed by Republican leaders and not invited to a fundraiser last week.

U.S. House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio was in Portland for an event, joining Bruce Poliquin, the GOP candidate in the northern 2nd Congressional District from Bangor, but Misiuk was ignored.

“I personally, found it odd that I wasn’t invited,” Misiuk said. “I understand it’s not my fundraiser, but I think it’s odd that I didn’t get a phone call letting me know it’s going on.”

Reports show students face a mountain of debt

A new report authored by the Alliance for a Just Society and released by the Maine People’s Alliance evaluates the scope and consequences of rapidly increasing student debt in Maine and provides a window into the lives of Maine students and alumni facing large amounts of debt. Graduating students in Maine now face an average debt load of $29,352. The debt to median income ratio for Maine students is the 11th highest in the nation.

“Having such a heavy debt load narrows my options and increases my stress,” said Jocylin Egan, nursing student facing $55,000 in debt upon graduation, speaking at a press conference held at USM. “My passion is working with populations that have less access to health care but it’s going to be difficult to pursue the kind of work within the health care field I desire. It limits our futures and the future of Maine.

In addition to an analysis of the financial and policy land scape of student debt in Maine, the report also contains survey results from students and recent alumni and personal interviews with Mainers facing large student debt loads. Eighty percent of participants who reported that they had student debt in a voluntary online survey of 127 Mainers noted that it affected their housing situation, with 16 percent living with their parents for financial reasons.

“This mountain of student loan debt blocks the path for prosperity for too many Maine graduates, especially those from low and middle income working families,” explained Christy Dagget, a policy analyst for the Maine Center for Economic Policy. “Debt forces Maine graduates to defer goals their parents took for granted: a home of their own, investments for their kids’ future, and a nest egg for their own retirement.

According to Maine People’s Alliance Campus Outreach Coordinator Julia Legler, debt has been a motivating factor prompting students to register to vote and become more involved in the political process.

“It is vital that Maine students participate in this conversation, as student loans have such a monumental impact on their lives,” said Legler.

Police Beat

Stay away
11:17 p.m. - Summons issued to Kaylee E. Ayers, 19, of South Portland for illegal consumption of alcohol by a minor. - Upton-Hastings Hall, 52 University Way

Friday, September 18

Drinking games
12:26 a.m. - Liquor law violation. Subject transported to hospital following medical emergency. - Upton-Hastings Hall, 52 University Way

Stop! In the name of the law
4:20 p.m. - Warnings to operator for stop sign violation and failure to update address. - Bedford Street

Do you smell what I smell?
7:46 p.m. - Reported odor of marijuana. Unable to locate source. - Upton-Hastings Hall, 52 University Way

Saturday, September 20

Break it up
1:08 a.m. - Report of large group. Gone on arrival of the officer. - Philippi Hall, 19 Campus Ave.

Proof of insurance, please
5:50 a.m. - Summons for failure to provide evidence of insurance issued to Whitney L. Murray, 18, of Gorham. Warnings for stop sign violation. - Campus Ave.

Not on school property
9:05 p.m. - Summons issued to Zared S. Wilburn, 18, of South Portland for a usable amount of marijuana. - Robbie Andrews Hall, 39 University Way

Sunday, September 21

Get out
1:16 a.m. - Report of disturbance. One subject warned not to return. - Upperclass Hall, 25 Husky Drive

Monday, September 22

To the big house
8:40 a.m. - Akena W. Otunnu, 23, of Portland arrested for possession of burglar tools and trespassed from all university property. - Parking Lot P8, 21 Falmouth Street

Move along
10:48 a.m. - Checked on an individual. Contact made, but subject moved along. - Glickman Library, 314 Forest Ave

Tuesday, September 23

Crash course
10:18 a.m. - Traffic accident report taken. - G4 parking lot, 51 College Ave

Words, not fists
9:31 p.m. - Verbal altercation. Subjects left. - Glickman Library, 314 Forest Ave

Police logs are edited for grammar and style. They can be found at usm.maine.edu/police/campus-crime-log.
Kil-Robics takes exercise to a new level

Dora Thompson
Contributor

On Monday and Wednesday at 8 a.m., an aerobics exercise group called Kil-Robics takes place in the Costello Sports Complex on USM’s Gorham campus. This class is free to anyone who would like to attend, and is creatively named after the group’s instructor, Wil Kilroy, a theatre professor and major advising coordinator.

Kilroy has taught theatre and directed shows all over the U.S. as well as in London and Greece. He has been in several stage performances and has also graced the world of television.

Over the years, Kilroy has directed several plays and was the recipient of USM’s Outstanding Teacher Award. Kilroy is also a certified fitness instructor, which influenced the creation of Kil-Robics.

The Kil-Robics regimen has students perform a variety of exercises. The workout is a mix of dance steps, kickboxing and working with physical balls. Kilroy started this class 20 years ago, before the fitness craze.

Training to work on our abs and back,” said Matthew Laberge, a theatre major, who started Kil-Robics his freshmen year, and hasn’t missed a class since. “It keeps you awake and keeps your body in shape.”

Hopefully I’m doing a service for these performers because some of them don’t realize how fit they need to be.” said Kilroy.

Kil-Robics is especially helpful to musical theatre majors because it teaches rhythm and choreography. Some students even attend to fulfill the exercise requirement needed for Kilroy’s theatre classes, which gives them the opportunity to job-shadow Kilroy for a few classes then perhaps teach the class themselves.

If I don’t exercise, I can’t perform,” said David Bliss, a junior theatre major, who started Kil-Robics his senior year, and hasn’t missed a class since. “It keeps you awake and keeps your body in shape.”

However, it is not just students that attend Kil-Robics. Rob Sanborn, an environmental sciences professor, has kept up with the rest of them every Monday and Wednesday morning for the past 11 years. According to Sanborn, this aerobics class gives him more energy and a more positive outlook on the day.

Students can start their Monday mornings off with a refreshing aerobics exercise, and they will have their mood lifted by the happiness and motivation and theatre flair that this exercise class has to offer.
**A&C Listings**

**Monday, September 29**

**Spirits Alive Summer Tour**
Eastern Cemetery
224 Congress St.
Starts: 1:30 p.m. / Ends: 2:30 p.m.

**"REEL ROCK 9" Film Tour**
Portland Stage
25 Forest Ave.
Starts: 8:00 p.m. / Ends: 10:00 p.m.

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**Tuesday, September 30**

**Five Finger Death Punch**
Cross Insurance Arena
1 Civic Center Square
Starts: 6:00 p.m.

**Strangled Darlings Live**
Andy’s Old Port Pub
94 Commercial St.
Starts: 7:30 p.m. / Ends: 10:30 p.m.

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**Wednesday, October 1**

**POP! An Auction Benefit**
Portland Company
58 Fore St.
Starts: 5:30 p.m. / Ends: 8:00 p.m.

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**Thursday, October 2**

**Jeff Bye Opening Art Reception**
Greenhut Galleries
146 Middle St.
Starts: 5:00 p.m. / Ends: 7:00 p.m.

**Live Acoustic Music Nightly**
Andy’s Old Port Pub
94 Commercial St.
Starts: 7:00 p.m.

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**Friday, October 3**

**$2 First Friday Entrance Fee**
Children’s Museum & Theatre of Maine
142 Free St.
Starts: 5:00 p.m. / Ends: 8:00 p.m.

**Free Bhangra (Indian Dance) Lesson**
First Friday Artwalk Event
539 Congress St.
Starts: 5:30 p.m. / Ends: 7:30 p.m.

**Friends of Willow’s Third Annual Dessert Fundraiser**
Bull Feeneys, Second Floor
375 Fore St.
Starts: 6:00 p.m. / Ends: 8:00 p.m.

**Flea Bites!**
Portland Flea for All
126 Kenebec St.
Starts: 6:30 p.m. / Ends: 9:30 p.m.

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**Saturday, October 4**

**Avenue Q**
Lyric Music Theater
176 Sawyer St.
Starts: 8:00 p.m.

**Musica Fall Festival**
Woodford Congregational Church
202 Woodford St.
Starts: 9:00 a.m.

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**Sunday, October 5**

**Historical Walking Tours of Portland**
Maine Historical Society
489 Congress St.
Starts: 1:30 p.m. / Ends: 3:00 p.m.
Our opinion: Admins need to connect with average students

Last week, Dean Joy Puthurai emailed 18 student leaders and invited them to a meeting with President David Flanagan and Provost Joseph Paux to discuss the priority of potential upcoming program eliminations and faculty reallocations. But only five students attended.

We hope the administration does not consider five students adequate student input on the issues facing comprehensive universities.

Those students who did attend are fully engaged in USM’s budgetary and structural problems and were able to give the president and provost valuable feedback, but we think that if there’s more pizza in a room than people, it’s time to find a better way to reach out.

The administration needs to find a way to get in touch with the average USM student to accurately gauge how students feel about their actions. The average student is not a part of the board of trustees, a member of the student senate or even the leader of a student organization. The average student, too busy with a full-time job, an internship or a family to be heavily involved, might even be balancing all three of those activities.

Emailing a handful of hyper-involved students should not be the extent of the administration’s outreach. USM should have a designated employee to gather student input on the direction the institution is headed and a ‘on a scale of one to five’ survey doesn’t count.

The administration needs to know why students want or don’t want to make any decisions to alter the student experience here. Student input should include communications with student from all walks of life. We have a diverse student body, but only a select few are chosen to speak with anyone in a position to make any changes. The administration should be asking students why they’re at USM, what they want from USM and how they feel about USM.

No matter what the university is focused on, we should wonder why the university is not asking students and the faculty to work with all affected students to understand their needs and work toward solutions that address these needs.

Our Opinion is written and reviewed by the Free Press editorial board.

Lydia Savage
Contributor

What should the University of Southern Maine be? The USM Board of Visitors concluded in 2000, after an extensive survey of the region, that the USM Board of Trustees [that are] central to a solid understanding of the needs of the region’s learners.” Our opinion: USM is in the process of restructuring itself to ensure that it is a strong and capable competitor in the changing higher education environment that is now emerging. That means we have to change and adapt. We need to be more efficient – and that means to reduce our cost to be as affordable as possible, without compromising quality. It’s a tall order, but we are meeting these challenges USM will have a brighter future.

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As with other public higher education institutions across Maine and the country, USM is rethinking how we educate our students in more creative and cost-effective ways and better serve the changing needs of our current, and future students. We need to identify the opportunities that come from being located in Maine’s most important economic centers and put our intellectual capital, our facilities and the energy and curiosity of our students, faculty, staff and alumni to work building a stronger community and university.

Over the coming weeks we will be digging into our academic offerings and putting together a plan that will both scale back the number of degrees we offer and deliver our courses and majors more efficiently and conveniently with the optimal faculty and administrative staff to carry out the vision of better opportunities for future Maine students. As of now, no decisions on program eliminations have been made, beyond the decision of the Trustees on the three programs mentioned above. We can assure you that transparency and communication are important. We will act openly, collaboratively and civilly, in the best Maine tradition, as we build a more financially sustainable public university. Furthermore, our decisions about program eliminations are made, we are committed to ensure a seamless path to graduation from USM.

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David Flanagan
President
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We all can help USM’s future

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Trip to the capital blends modern and medieval

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Let’s take a walk through London. We start at Buckingham Palace. On one side of a massive square is a fountain, dominated by mermaids and white marble. At the other side of the square, the high fence, and across a cobble yard as barren as an empty parking lot, the little figures of the Queen’s Guard stand with their bright red uniforms and admittedly funny hats. The palace itself is massive but surprisingly indistinct: it is rather like a large block, a rock rectangle jutting from the ground. It bears little ornamentation, and is unexciting as buildings go. But somewhere inside, a woman who represents the last dying notions of a thousand-year hierarchial system sits down to her tea.

Next is the gardens, a similar layout to Central park in Manhattan, spanning proudly the length of the city. From here, we can turn in one direction and look through arrow-slit windows into the interiors of the fortress. Do a 180, and you’re looking at skyscrapers built of modern steel and glass.

One aspect of the tower that entranced me was the current exhibition being constructed. By November, 888,246 red ceramic poppies will be “planted” around the tower’s dry moat. Each one of these handmade flowers represents a fallen British or Colonial soldier from WWI. The sheer immensity of the project, which even now is unfinished, is staggering. The flowers, like blood, pour from the fortress’ windows and line the walls like a red tide. It’s sublimely tragic, as my eye condenses one single mass. So does my remembrance of WWI tend to condense, and not recognize the tragic losses as individuals. The flowers insist that, now closing in on the 100th anniversary of the great war, we maintain a dignified respect for the fallen. Just as modern warfare launched a new dehumanizing force in the act of war, so too can our digital age create new acts of remembrance and memorial that will survive for centuries.

Let’s hop back on the bus, compare our afternoons and slily slip our shoes off in our seats. Let’s look back to our own shores, to the United States, a country younger than many of the gravestones in the neighboring cemetery. Let’s remember our own wars, and perhaps, after looking at the relics of an empire a millenial older than our own, we might consider how many fallen we already are forced to memorialize. As England remembers its 888,246 fallen soldiers from a war haunting us from the past, let us hope that our own nation does not have to sacrifice so many to potential wars in our future.

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Crossword
Across
1. Front yard
5. Periscope type
10. ___ in tumble
14. "Peter Pan" parts
15. Perspective
16. Honor with a word, say
17. London underground winning equivalent to "Watch your step"
19. Russian emperor
20. How to sing, ideally
21. Furtively
22. Chimps and orangutans
25. What cable TV renders unnecessary
27. Special occasion
30. Alpine stream
33. Japanese beer named for a city
34. "Ally McBeal" actress: Porto or ___
36. Little demon
37. TV host Lukan
42. Test country: Abbr.
43. Inner
45. Lagoon exclamation
47. la-la
48. Lives, by tradition
51. British esotir: Sir Richard
54. Don't pass
55. One looking with the McTavishes
56. Twisting the truth
58. For grades 1 to 12
60. One way to ride a horse
62. Distance above sea level: Abbr.
63. "A Tune ___ Cries"
64. L.A. Angel, e.g.
66. Ernie or Garner
70. Hart: ___ (Hagel)
71. Giro for the opener

Down
1. Prevent transport
2. Score immediately before holding serve, perhaps
3. First with an eye
4. "I won't agree to that!!"
5. ___-d-lish
6. Vice of OFW
7. Top selling frozen waffle brand
8. Scooter's family
9. Group of seven
10. Polite words at an entrance
11. Country singer Cotler
12. Novel by Charlotte
13. Streep of "Out of Africa"
14. Universal donor's blood designation
23. Consider officially, as a judge
24. Old comic strip character Kent
25. W.W.F. prison camp
27. "Sticks and Bones" playground
28. Make in income
29. Mild expletive
30. Clo relative
31. Abscond (with)
32. Fleet fleet members of old
33. Army drill instructor, often: Abbr.
36. Garnets and others
37. Directive
41. Actress Jessica of "Dark Angel"
42. Leslie Caron movie
43. Actress Arcel of "A Perfect Fit"
44. New "Schindler's List"
45. Affirmed's 1978 Triple Crown winner
46. What Box-Peep lost
47. Agree
48. Miss Barrymore
49. Accounting principle, for short
50. Banned medicines
51. Run in neutral
52. P.R. Stadium (Hiro), A.G.
53. Former Space Girl-Haikado
54. Coot dweller
55. Little league field surface, probably

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

QTL! D TJIV RKBZIX
WZ NB BZHIM XZIX
JIV VJHMTWLKX, DW
KLJOOB NJSX NB SDI
XRKJQO.

And here is your hint:
R = C

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

Weekly Horoscope
Libra
September 23–October 22
You frit from one thing to another today. Many options for leisure tug at you. You can’t do everything; choose your favorites.

Scorpio
October 23–November 21
Beauty moves your soul—in your appearance, attending galleries or museums, creating beautiful things, or listening to music.

Sagittarius
November 22–December 21
Accomplishments are accentuated. A clear focus on your goals aids your achievements.

Capricorn
December 22–January 19
Two by two is the theme for today. Share your time with someone close. Pleasures are doubled by the company you keep.

Aquarius
January 20–February 18
Work demands compete with relationship needs; keep room for both. Spend time with people who support your drive for success.

Pisces
February 19–March 20
Make plans with a partner and organize for a private getaway later. Today you can be practical and thorough in preparation.


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Sports Spotlight:
Mules out-kick USM for 3-0 win

The USM women’s soccer team fell 3-0 to the Colby College Mules, dropping their record to 2-6-1 while the Mules earned their first win of the season, improving their record to 1-2-1.

The first score of the game came 26 minutes into the first half when Mules’ senior Maddie Tight (San Rafael, CA) scored to put the Mules up 1-0. Meanwhile on the defensive side, the Mules limited the Huskies to only five shots on goal with Mules’ goalie senior Emily Brook only having to make two saves the entire game.

Starting at goalie for the Huskies was junior Marissa Temple (Grafton, MA), who, despite allowing three goals, finished the game with 12 saves. Head Coach Lisa Petrucelli however, attributed those goals to the lack of offensive production than Temple’s performance.

“Our biggest problem was our offense’s inability to possess the ball,” said Petrucelli after the game. “Temple did a great job keeping the Mules out of the net and giving our team a chance to win. The problem was that for most of the game, Colby’s offense was on our side of the field neutralizing our defense. We need to do a better job at possessing the ball offensively in order take pressure off Temple and score goals.”

The closest the Huskies would come to scoring came 10 minutes 39 seconds into the second half when senior Mariah Cropley (Topsham, ME) got off a shot from 20 yards out. At first it looked as if the Huskies would finally get on the scoreboard, but Cropley’s shot sailed too high and hit the crossbar. “Unfortunately the ball doesn’t always bounce your way no matter how good you aim is,” Petrucelli said of the near-goal. “But if we are able to get off more shots on goal, the better chance we’ll have of scoring.”

The Huskies would not get another chance as seniors Cami Natora (Bethesda, MD) and Amanda Findlay (Manchester, ME) each added a goal in the second half to close out a 3-0 win for Colby. Despite the loss, Petrucelli expressed optimism of a turnaround.

“We’ve still got the rest of September and October to turn our season in the right direction,” she said. “All we need to do is find an offensive rhythm and we’ll be back on track.”

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Junior goalie Marissa Temple dives to save a kick-on-goal from a Colby opponent.

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