Anmol Almast sat in the gallery of the Gowen Room, a little anxious. “Never know how it’s going to go,” she said with a half-smile.

It was Monday, Nov. 1, and the sophomore was waiting to take part in her first official meeting as a Students’ Association (SA) senator—the result of a decision delivered by the All-Campus Judicial Council (ACJC) three days prior that ruled on an appeal filed by Almast, the first such appeal since 2010.

Almast filed the appeal on Sept. 21, contesting the constitutionality and reasonability of the Senate’s decision to fill a vacant seat via a runoff election between two seniors. The vacancy was created when SA President and senior Melissa Holloway’s resignation from the Senate on April 20, after having been elected the next-eligible candidate for a vacant seat, went to her. She filed her appeal. ACJC heard the case, Almast v. Students’ Association Senate, on Friday, Oct. 16 in a two-hour session in the Gowen Room. Senator and senior David Stark represented the Senate. ACJC released their decision on Friday, Oct. 30.

“The vacant seat must be offered to the candidate with the next-highest number of votes,” the ACJC decision reads. “If the next-eligible candidate declines or is unable to fill the seat, then the seat must be offered to each candidate in descending order by number of general election votes until a candidate accepts the seat, or until there are no more eligible candidates.”

Trustee to fund iZone renovation in Rush Rhees Library

BY JULIA CURTIS
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

This week, the University of Rochester Libraries announced that University trustee Barbara J. Burger ’83 has made a $1 million commitment to the River Campus Libraries to go towards the renovation and implementation of the iZone.

The iZone is a proposed renovation project in Rush Rhees to fill the gap left by other programs and offices on campus. Dean of the Libraries Mary Ann Mavrinac said it was a priority throughout the planning stages not “to duplicate anything already being done, and that with this project, River Campus Libraries intends to give students the opportunities and the resources they need to explore and develop their ideas.

When talking on entrepreneurial projects, some of the main questions for students are “how to form a team, how to get the skills [they] need to see an idea through.” Mavrinac said. She added that the iZone will connect students with each other, give them the resources to develop skills, form teams, do research and find mentors who can help them take their project to the next level.

The iZone will be on the first floor of Rush Rhees Library, where the IT Center (ITS) is currently. Many of the current workstations will still be in the space. Student feedback, provided by student working groups and open town hall meetings, was the driving force behind this decision. Mavrinac said it was found that students think of the library as a comfortable space. According to her, being situated in an established, welcoming location ensures that students without a business background will still have the opportunity to apply their entrepreneurial spirit. An entrepreneurial mentality extends beyond business; more generally, it’s about finding the iZone.

Field Hockey Wins Last Game of Season

BY PAMELA ORTEGO
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

On Tuesday, Nov. 3, Dean of College Admission and Vice Provost for Enrollment Initiatives Jon Burdick hosted “Financial Aid and Fairness,” an evening workshop addressing the perceived mystery behind financial aid processing. In an effort to engage campus in conversation about the topic, Burdick told students how financial aid calculations work. Burdick shared the most basic calculation used when determining a student’s eligibility for need-based financial aid: “A minus B equals C,” where A is the average cost of annual attendance, B is the amount parents or guardians can spend and C is the eligibility for financial aid that a student might have.

Burdick continued to explain...
STUDENTS CELEBRATE HALLOWEEN AROUND THE WORLD

A student gets her face painted by a member of Creative Arts Club in the Wilson Commons Bridge Lounge on the evening of Thursday, Oct. 29.

THIS WEEK ON CAMPUS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5

TOYS, TRINKETS AND PHOTOGRAPHS
RIVER CAMPUS SAKE ART CENTER, 4:00 P.M. - 4:30 P.M.
"Toys, Trinkets and Photographs," designed and produced by Eastman senior Nikki Joshi, features the unexpected rhythms of everyday objects and photography installations.

ACTIVE MINDS SPEAKER: MEG HUTCHINSON
HOYT AUDITORIUM, 7:00 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.
Singer-songwriter, poet and recording artist Meg Hutchinson will speak about her life with bipolar disorder. Tickets are $2 for students, $4 for faculty and staff and $5 otherwise at the Common Market.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6

AFTER HOURS: THE 2016 ELECTION
STRONG AUDITORIUM, 8:00 P.M.
After Hours A Cappella brings the excitement and drama of the 2016 election to UR, featuring politicians performing songs by Echosmith, Mumford and Sons, ZZ Ward and more. Tickets are $7 for students and $10 for the general public.

SOUTH ASIAN EXPO
WILSON COMMONS HIRST LOUNGE, 2:00 P.M. - 4:30 P.M.
The South Asian Expo, Association for the Development of Interest in the Indian Subcontinent’s biggest fall event, features free samosas and will showcase the culture of seven countries in the Indian subcontinent and Tibet.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

HYDROGEN JUKEBOX
EASTMAN KILBURN HALL, 7:30 P.M. - 10:30 P.M.
Allen Ginsburg’s Beat poetry and Philip Glass’ hypnotic music, as performed by archetypal American characters, creates a portrait of the U.S. throughout decades of social change. Tickets are $17 for UR faculty, $15 for UR students and $20 for the public.

FINE CRAFT SHOW & SALE
MEMORIAL ART GALLERY, 11:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.
The Memorial Art Gallery’s 15th Annual Fine Craft Show & Sale features one-of-a-kind and limited-edition works by master craft artists. Admission is $10 and includes museum admission.

DELTA GAMMA ANCHOR SLAM
GORDON ATHLETIC CENTER, 2:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.
Delta Gamma will be holding its annual Anchor Slam 3 vs. 3 basketball tournament on the Zornow Courts. Sign up your teams of three to five people for $5 a person at Wilson Commons until Nov. 6. All proceeds go to Service for Sight.

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PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATE

Craigslist seller scams UR student

BY SAM PASSANISI
NEWS EDITOR

1. On Nov. 2 at 12:30 p.m., a student reported that they had lost several thousand dollars while trying to buy a car from a Craigslist seller. The student reported that everything appeared to be “kosher,” including the VIN of the car for sale. As the sale proceeded, the student realized some of the documents the seller was providing appeared to be fake. The student requested his money back and the seller agreed to pay back the money on a certain date. However, that did not happen. The student contacted PayPal, who had issued the cash cards used in the transaction, and found that they had been emptied. The student never received the car or his money back.

Public Safety has a Safe Transaction Zone located at Department of Public Safety (DPS) headquarters on Wilson Blvd. for these types of transactions. The service is available during business hours, from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Fire extinguisher discharged in Sue B. laundry room

2. On Oct. 27 at 11:47 p.m., DPS officers responded to a fire alarm in Susan B. Anthony Residence Halls. The alarm was for the seventh floor laundry room. When they arrived in the area, officers found that unknown suspects had discharged a dry chemical fire extinguisher in the laundry room. A check of the area determined there was no legitimate reason for anyone to have used the extinguisher. No one was located in the area when officers arrived. The smoke alarms were cleaned out and the alarm was reset. Nothing in the room appeared damaged. Environmental Services was notified to clean the area.

Car hits pedestrian in College Town

3. On Oct. 29 at 6:54 p.m., Public Safety and Rochester Police Department (RPD) officers responded to the report of a pedestrian struck by a vehicle. DPS officers responded to Celebration Drive in College Town and met with RPD officers already on the scene. The pedestrian had been crossing the road when a vehicle attempted to make a left-hand turn into one of the lots. The pedestrian was struck by the vehicle and sustained minor injuries. The pedestrian was taken to Strong Memorial Hospital Emergency by an ambulance. No charges or tickets were filed against the driver. Both the driver and the pedestrian are affiliated with UR. RPD officers completed the motor vehicle accident report.

Passanisi is a member of the class of 2017.

WEEKEND FORECAST

FRIDAY

AM Showers/Wind
High 68, Low 44
Chance of rain: 30%
SATURDAY

Cloudy
High 51, Low 36
Chance of rain: 0%
SUNDAY

Mostly Sunny
High 49, Low 32
Chance of rain: 0%

COURTESY OF WEATHER.COM
Dean Burdick hosts Financial Aid forum

院长Burdiick在吴森房间主持了金融服务和公平性论坛，该论坛于周二11月5日在Wilson Commons举行。

WORKSHOP FROM PAGE 1 that C is typically where most financial aid counselors get stuck because the toughest question facing the administration is how to decide B, what a family can spend on college tuition, based on the limited amount of information that the school can get from parents. Burdick said he hopes to improve the calculations and make the process more transparent to students and families. He hopes that a student group acting as the mediator between the financial aid administration and the students will be formed.

"There will come into being sometime this year a permanent committee for student dialogue about financial aid, but it isn't available to me yet," Burdick said. Meanwhile, I am monitoring the need for decisions routinely throughout the year without routine student input. I am aiming to change that."

Burdick was inspired to launch this event after the formation of a student organization called the Peaceful Protest of the Financial Aid System, which questioned the transparency and sensitivity of UR's Office of Financial Aid. The group was created when current junior Alex Wark received his financial aid package, and noticed that it had been reduced by $13,000 per year. He then started a Facebook group to raise awareness of students in similar situations. In about a week, over 500 students had joined, which included not only people impacted by changed packages, but also those whose friends were affected.

About 50 percent of the student body receives need-based financial aid. Burdick noted, however, that everyone who attends school here is participating in the financial aid process in some form or another. A fraction of the school's tuition cost goes to financial aid, which goes back to students in the form of both need-based aid and merit scholarships. Allocation of the costs is reformed each year.

"The point of having the event is to jump-start greater involvement by students in looking at financial aid practices and policies," Burdick explained. Coincidentally, the Dean of Students had chosen "fairness" for this year's theme, and I wanted to make use of that.

In the workshop, Burdick encouraged students to discuss what is fair and what is not. Since the workshop was meant to break down the myths and realities of dollar and dollar, the White House needs to complete the project. Marvina emphasized the Libraries' commitment to modernizing the area around the circulation desk in Rush Libraries. The "Izone is expected to be in place by Summer 2017 at the earliest. As of now, River Campus Libraries has raised about half of the funds necessary to complete the project."

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Rush Rhees iZone receives funding from UR trustee

IZONE FROM PAGE 1 innovative and resourceful projects for "social, cultural, community and economic impact."

This is the second major commitment to the River Campus Libraries announced in the past year. In April, Evans Lam '83 made a commitment in 2016 to modernize the area around the circulation desk in Rush Libraries.

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Researchers find patterns in underage drinking through Instagram

By Angela Lai

News Editor

A team of UR researchers found that Instagram profiles could be analyzed to monitor and find patterns in underage drinking habits. They presented their findings at the 2015 Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers International Conference on Big Data in Santa Clara, CA on Oct. 29, as well as in a paper named "Monitoring Adolescent Alcohol Use via Multimodal Data Analysis in Social Multimedia."

The team consisted of lead researcher and UR professor Jiebo Luo, Master's students Ranjana Dey, Carston Barette and UR computer science professor Henry Kautz. Luo and other researchers had already been working with social media to study human behavior for some time—this January, Luo and colleagues developed a computer program that could monitor a user's mental health by analyzing video data and Twitter posts.

This time, Luo and his team used social media to research underage drinking, "a problem that our colleagues in the UR Medical Center brought up," he said. The paper references the fact that, according to the 2013 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, there are more than 4,300 deaths caused by underage drinking every year.

"Luo added, "We chose Instagram because it's actually the most popular platform for teenagers, and that is the group of people we want to study."

Their paper cites a poll from investment bank Piper Jaffray which found that 54 percent of U.S. teens considered Instagram the most important social network in the spring of 2014.

In comparison, 27 percent and 23 percent considered Twitter and Facebook the most important respectively.

While Luo and his team knew Instagram was popular with teenagers, Instagram didn't tell them which profiles did or did not belong to teenagers. However, by using Face++—a facial recognition tool—the researchers can determine a user's age, gender and race from their selfies with high rates of accuracy.

Luo added that while the accuracy of Face++'s gender and race estimates are easily verifiable, "age is a little bit trickier." In their case, though, for each Instagram user, we have lots of selfies of the same user." The researchers can then average multiple estimates for a more accurate age estimate, tentatively achieving an age error within one year.

Then, to determine whether these users are posting drinking-related photos, the researchers rely on tags and text associated with the pictures. They compared the text with terms in their "alcohol dictionary," a collection of alcohol-related phrases and alcohol brands.

With these "two pieces of the puzzle," Luo said, the researchers could filter out those teenagers post drinking-related pictures by using data-mining techniques to discover patterns in time such as when underage drinking increases. Ideally, the researchers would also like to know where these teenagers post drinking-related pictures. According to the
ACJC decides constitutionality case

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It continues: "At this time, the petitioner Anmol Almast is the highest vote-getter who does not have a Senate seat. As such, she must be offered the vacant seat first."

Speaker of the Senate and senior Ethan Bidna reached out to Almast Sunday morning and "welcomed [her] to join us at the Senate table," he wrote in a statement. Other senators also emailed her with congratulations.

After accepting the position, Almast attended a training session the same day, where she and a few freshmen senators learned about parliamentary procedure. She's still getting used to SA jargon, though, she said the SA Government's checks and balances system, "The Council wanted to be extremely prudent with this decision," she said in an email. Manuelpillai expressed her relief that the appeals process has, at last, ended, but was quick to address its importance. "Appeals are an integral part of the SA Government's checks and balances system," she said. "Unfortunately, for over five years, this vital process fell by the wayside. I'm delighted that we were able to reintegrate the process back into the SA this year."

The appeal and subsequent hearing illuminated the murkiness between the Constitution and the newly-updated Bylaws, Manuelpillai said, especially for members of SA government. She also highlighted how a revision to the Constitution—a possibility both she and Bidna have flirted with in the past—"would fit very well with" the goal of making SA government more democratic. "At this time, I do not have specific details on a rewrite," she added, "but it is definitely on the horizon."

Bidna is glad the appeal has ended, too, echoing his ACJC counterpart. Bidna stated that he was happy "that we can focus on our mission of improving the lives of [UR] students."

As the senators took their seats in the minutes leading up to the Nov. 1 meeting, Almast found her own, smiling at her peers. She looked down at the Senate document placed before her chair, charted with her new colleagues. Stark flashed her a thumbs-up from down the table. Bidna banged his gavel. Deputy Speaker Josh Hill began taking attendance—the first name on his list: "Almast."

"Here," she called out. "I'd like to welcome Anmol," Stark said soon after, an announcement received with rowdy applause. "You're going to have a wonderful experience and contribute a lot."

"Triumph is a member of the class of 2018."

Instagram data exposes patterns in underage drinking

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Researchers, since Instagram removes geolocations, so they followed up on this in a study where they use other social media to find where underage drinkers tend to gather. They also tracked the relationships between the Instagram accounts and alcohol brands, finding major differences between the kinds of alcohol media adults and teenagers are exposure to.

Previously, Luo explained, this kind of study has been limited to surveys of small numbers of people and that for sensitive issues like underage drinking, respondents may not respond truthfully, if at all. Analyzing Instagram makes it possible for the researchers to increase the scale and truthfulness of their information, with the researchers acting as "passive observers."

In applying their work, Luo would like to see if they could work with school districts and youth organizations to help them develop more effective prevention and intervention mechanisms. They found, for instance, that underage drinking increases around the holidays. In response, for example, youth organizations could then organize a campaign against underage drinking around that time.

"I want to emphasize, this research is not targeted at any individual," Luo said. "Our goal is to aggregate information so that we can understand the behavior of teenagers' drinking as a whole." The researchers analyzed around 15,000 public accounts from across the U.S.

In the long run, the researchers aim to use similar methodologies to expose patterns in other substance abuse problems, and they are in the process of extending their work to analyze problems like teenage smoking, drug use, obesity, stress and depression.

Luo is a member of the class of 2018.
We applaud the All-Campus Judicial Council (ACJC)'s ruling on Almast v. Students' Association Senate, the first test of new bylaws. The decision, released on Friday, Oct. 30, ended over a month of contention.

In the weeks leading up to the appeal hearing, Senate's attempt to appoint a senator through a selection committee, the action that spurred more Anmol Almast's appeal, seemed a little murky. It seemed that one of the best answers to Senate's dilemma was to offer the seat to Almast, the next-highest vote-getter in the spring election, who had lost her bid by just 10 votes.

The original decision to create a selection committee was, in some ways, an admission of its inability to deal with this issue. As we explained in our Editorial Board in the April 2, 2015 "Campus Times," we have been concerned with the system's ability to guarantee equal representation across class years, and Senate sensed this very issue when establishing the committee—the lack of senior senators could be detrimental.

The spring elections, the first test of the new bylaws, showcased the danger in Senate's decision during the creation of the OPO. Eight of the 13 senators elected are currently sophomores, which is an unprecedented lopsided composition. The possibility of an outcome like this concerned us then, and it still concerns us now. Again, we understand the motives behind Senate's revisions of the SA Bylaws. But, that doesn't mean we supported the use of a committee to appoint a senator, regardless of whether it would have alleviated the imbalance.

The ability of people to elect their representatives is the cornerstone of our entire system of governance, both in SA and in this country. To deny the student body the ability to select who represents them in uncertain circumstances, didn't sit well with us. To us, this was a clear violation of the SA Constitution and the values on which it is built.

Again, we think Senate tried to do what it felt was best, and we commend it for that. But, that doesn't mean we agreed with their notion.

This brings us back to ACJC's decision. We applaud the Council's charge that Almast must be offered the seat. We've seen that Senate has now, as it very clearly the right thing to do. We're also happy with the thoroughness of the Council's deliberations; it orchestrated an overwhelming hearing with an array of questions and took considerable time with deliberations.

Further, we are glad to see that Senate acted quickly and warmly in adhering to ACJC's decision and offering Almast a seat at its table, as well as the senators' welcoming of Almast at their Nov. 1 meeting. The senators embraced Almast with smiles, claps and well-wishes, and it's little things like those that affirm our belief that Senate—and SA government as a whole—is working for us, not against us.

Looking to the future, we stand with SA leaders in their quest to better democratize our student government and revise their constitution. We hope that with such actions, future incidents like this appeal can be avoided so that our student government will be able to serve its constituents.

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We deserve better debates

BY WILLIAM SEHENERT

The Islamic State (IS) developed out of corruption from the Iraqi and Syrian governments in their oppression of their citizens. In Syria, the development of both IS and the Syrian rebels now fighting against Assad is largely a result of the Syrian government’s oppression.

However, it is evident that IS has no regard for who it fights, and [...] it is much more powerful, well-supplied and well-organized than any of the forces whose primary mission is overthrowing Assad’s regime. It would make sense to attack for Assad IS along with rebel groups.

In addition, Russia has provided Syria with military assistance, promulgating support for Syria in its fight against IS and other rebel groups. However, according to the U.S. State Department, 90 percent of Russian airstrikes have been focused on strongholds not controlled by IS. Although some of Russia’s resources have been directed towards fending off IS, the vast majority of them have been against rebel groups.

Additionally, the training of Syrian rebel groups by the U.S. has not been as effective as the training of Syrian rebel groups by the U.S. which would make the civil war in Syria a proxy war. In the event that IS has used chemical warfare against is currently bombarding Russia civilians as he attempts to promote this idea.

Assad has also used IS, along with al-Qaeda and its affiliates, to focus on and defocus on the U.S. of the identity of the Syrian opposition. And, in January 2014, The Telegraph published that Assad had been working with al-Qaeda and IS since the spring of 2013, facilitating oil sales and protection of the oil fields held by groups.

Yet, another example of Assad’s catalyst of terrorism was when, according to The National, agovernment-owned newspaper in the United Arab Emirates, he released several Islamist militant prisoners from Saidnaya Prison, located north of Damascus, to end a peaceful protest and start a violent rebellion. Prior to this rebellion, there is a correlation to the situation in Iraq. Assad had successfully suppressed sectarian divisions within Syria. As a result, extremist, pro-jihadist Sunni were able to gain momentum, in addition to the Free Syria Army (FSA), as many Sunnis were indifferent with Assad’s regime. The FSA proved to be more resilient, providing more room to grow and operate in Syria for the jihadist. IS was able to attack weak rebel troops effectively because of the permeability of and low organizational structure of the country. IS eventually settled in the city of Raqqa, bringing in numerous foreign fighters and leaders. IS is a new form of communication.

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Assad is not guileless in Islamic State’s growth

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BY JESSE BERNSTEIN COLUMNIST

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No, we’re not watching Lincoln-Douglass. That much should be apparent by now, whether you’re a Republican watching the Democrats’ debates, a Democrat watching the Republican debates or a Green Party holder skimming channels. The debates, as they currently stand, are the debates these are written or not. Questions have no bearing on answers, candidates speak in the third person, everyone talks about how the debates are structured and conducted unfairly and the first thing a viewer needs to do after the debates end is fact-check. Who knows what’s true, half-true or in one context but not in another. Having been a traveling experience, made all the more bizarre by the coverage. Immediately after the debates, political experts and insiders will share their take on whom they believe won the whole thing, whether this is for what exactly constitutes winning a showing match rather than a debate.

Lincoln and Douglas’ debates are the go-to example for great discourse in this country for a reason. On the campaign trail in 1858, Lincoln would reportedly heckle Douglas at Douglas’ own stump speeches. Even with a more formal setting would be beneficial, and they would debate for hours and hours, picking apart the issues and everyone on stage seems eager to provide that response. The 2012 election cycle and the one that’s currently under way have taken it to the next level. The candidates scream meaningless platitudes over each other, competing to see who can posture themselves as most for the people and most loyal to the party. The moderators and candidates hurl insults at each other, competing to see who can say the funniest joke for laughs. It’s not a debate. It’s an Internet comment section on stage. Ratings are higher than ever, and coverage employs more room to grow and operate in Syria for the jihadist. IS was able to attack weak rebel troops effectively because of the permeability of and low organizational structure of the country. IS eventually settled in the city of Raqqa, bringing in numerous foreign fighters and leaders. IS is a new form of communication. Raqq is an interesting city because it was the only civilian area under rebel control not devastated by President Assad’s ruthless air force.
There's a lot going on in the city, the same shuttle can be obtained on a excursion to Target. Even if you're looking for something specific, you can take the Green Line on Saturday—pick out your dorm between the hours of 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. If you're a fan of Apple products, the College Town is Insomnia Cookies. For all those times when you are staying up late to study, and savory snacks like pizza or wings just weren't enough to sustain you, Insomnia Cookies is the answer you never knew you were looking for. Seven days a week, if you feel the urge, you can have cookies delivered right to your dorm room, all without leaving the device. Most of the boxes that are coming soon include Saha Med Grill, a Mediterranean restaurant, and Rochester Running Company, providing the "latest in athletic shoes and apparel, numerous carefully-designed running or walking routes originating from the store, weekly group runs, and a custom tailored shoe fitting service," according to the website.

College Town is easily accessible by walking in the fall, and by cross-country skiing in winter. Students may choose to get there via the College Town Express shuttle, which runs between Rush Rhees Library and Mount Hope Avenue on weekends; the Blue line after 6 p.m. on weekdays and all of the weekend; and the Green line on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 5 p.m. to 8:35 p.m.

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**All about College Town**

**The final edition to your Apple garden**

If you're a fan of Apple and have amassed an Apple garden (the fun name for having an iPhone, an Apple computer and a variety of other Apple devices), then the recently released Apple TV will be a great addition to your entertainment suite. This is especially true if you like renting movies from iTunes. Obviously enough, the Apple TV works great with iTunes. But don't worry! They didn't push the other services aside! When you run a search from the home menu, it will give you results from Netflix, HBO, Hulu and all the other major services you have installed on the device. Most of the boxes do that now. What makes this one special? One of the great new things about the Apple TV is the remote it comes with. This new remote has a slightly-larger-than-thumb-sized screen, and has an appropriate number of buttons to let you do what you want. The highlight, however, is the touchscreen. It lets you browse through all of the available content on the device with the ease with which you use a smartphone. Not only is this touchscreen a great addition when it comes to navigation, it serves a practical purpose when it comes to using the other apps you may have installed on the device. Like games. Yes, The Apple TV can play games.

The remote also features Siri. Though our favorite sassy digital assistant won't be speaking to us, a user can press the button, ask a question or give a request and get quick and accurate results. This Siri won't work quite the same as it does on your phone. It will still answer many of the questions you ask it, but it is geared toward making your television experience better. For example, you could ask it to show you psychological thrillers featuring an actress who appeared in "Star Wars," and it could bring up "Black Swan." I don't know if that specific request will work, but this version of Siri can handle some pretty complex stuff. A demo of the feature showed a user asking for the clip of some show where a specific actor had a cameo role. Siri was able to navigate through the TV shows, find the right series, find the right episode, and load it to the clip featuring the cameo. Pretty impressive, right?

The whole interface on the new Apple TV has been revamped. If you ever used the old Apple TV, you were familiar with its emphasis on blacks and grays. The new iteration is in accordance with their new design style, introduced with iOS 7, and it presents the users with a blank white canvas on which it presents a multitude of options. Of course, the menu is customizable, and most people will choose to put their most-used video streaming services in the top row, but the rest is pretty open to whatever you wish to put on there. If you're a sports fan, you can have the newly redesigned MLB app, or the app for your sport of choice, letting you stream high-definition content whenever you like.

There are apps for Showtime, ESPN, CBS, Fox and more. But, that's not the only thing. What's great about the new Apple TV is the App Store. You can download games, news apps, recipe apps, comics apps and whatever else your heart desires. This really revolutionizes the function of Apple TV.

**UR OPINION**

**BY BRIAN CAPUTO AND RAAGA KANAKAM**

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"Not in November"

"Immediately after Halloween"

"Always. All year round."

**WHAT IS IT OKAY TO START PUTTING OUT WINTER HOLIDAY DECORATIONS?**
Going Apple picking

There are a few games that are being made specifically for the Apple TV, and there's a lot of emphasis on bringing games that are already on iOS to the big screen.

One very popular game that's done this is Crossy Road. This modern, yet simple rendition of Frogger looks beautiful on a larger screen, and is controlled through the new remote.

You use the touchscreen portion to swipe your thumb left or right to change direction, or you can click to make your character keep moving ahead. You can use an iOS device as a secondary controller, given that it is hooked to the same Wi-Fi connection on which the box runs.

There are a bunch of other games currently on the market, and developers are working on churning out new games, giving you plenty of content to burn through on your new device.

And, if you feel that the remote isn't a suitable controller, a few third-party companies have released controllers that you can pair with the device to have a more immersive gaming experience.

The Apple TV isn't the cheapest option among the streaming boxes, at $150 for the 32 gigabyte version; but, right now, it does seem to be offering the most features.

One big downside for many potential users is the lack of inclusion of an Amazon app. What this means is that if you have Amazon Prime, you won't be able to access all those free movies and shows. While unfortunate, this isn't a big-time deal breaker.

There are plenty of other ways you can get that content, and, with the power of Apple's AirPlay, you can just stream something from your computer to the TV and watch it on the big screen that way.

If you happen to be a fan of smart homes, the Apple TV will give you a big entry into the home controlled through your iPhone and Siri, as the TV serves an important security role in Apple's HomeKit. You can try to command your house from elsewhere.

Is this the right box for you? There's no way to properly answer that question without looking at what you aim to do specifically; but, if you'd like to get a better feel, we'll be releasing a comparison article of the major streaming boxes in the next few issues.

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Ten reasons for rejection

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We’re all scared of rejection. No one wants to be told they aren’t good enough. But in reality, that’s not what it is. Most people are flattered when they’re flirted with or asked on a date, and they don’t want to humiliate you. Even when they react with a defensive, “I have a boyfriend,” or “I’m not interested,” their response is more focused on being straightforward rather than expressing their desire for you.

In the end, rejection is nothing to fear because there are many reasons a person may say no to a date or hookup request, none of which indicate that you are in any way worthless or disgusting. So, get this into your head: it’s not about you. Here are 10 plausible reasons why someone might say no.

1. They are distracted by an infatuation for someone else.

This one does kind of hurt in a, “Why not me?” kind of way. But sometimes when you’re crushing on someone, it’s easy to forget about everyone else, even someone who might be good for you, be forgiving and be patient.

2. They’re monogamous with someone else.

They have a steady hookup or a significant other. You aren’t unsuitable, they’re just unavailable. Additionally, you are not inferior to their significant other, they are just already committed and emotionally invested.

3. You have different political or religious beliefs.

They’re looking for something serious and they care deeply about their beliefs. Maybe you’re an atheist or they’re a devout or maybe you’re a Partner fan and they’re a fan of literally any other team. Regardless, you might be kind and interesting and otherwise wonderful, but they need your beliefs to be compatible with theirs.

4. They aren’t attracted to your gender.

The person you approached may not have a sexual or gender identity that lines up with yours. In which case, they simply aren’t attracted to your gender or presentation. Remember though, they don’t have to inform you that this is their reason for rejecting you in order for it to be true.

5. They don’t want to date anyone right now.

Maybe they just got out of a relationship, or they just don’t want to feel tied down. Either way, when they reject you it’s just about how they want to live their lives, and not about you.

6. They don’t like to hook up.

Lots of people prefer to get their intimacy within a committed, monogamous relationship. You wouldn’t want them to do something they don’t want to do, anyway. Also, remember that though they may have hooked up with other people in the past, it doesn’t mean they haven’t changed their mind about wanting to do so.

7. They are too busy.

We’re all busy people. The person who rejects you might like you, but also know that they don’t have the time to get to know you or treat you right. If anything, it’s a sign of respect that they don’t want to lead you on.

8. They don’t share many of your interests.

You’re nice, you’re smart, you’re respectable, but you two have nothing in common. You’re a gym rat and they play a lot of League of Legends; you like watching spoons and they like TV dramas. This won’t stop everyone, but some people need to feel a connection before they feel excited about you. And if they’re not excited, they don’t say yes.

9. Their best friend is into you.

You might be totally great, but that doesn’t matter if you’re off-limits. It’s unlucky, and it won’t necessarily stop everyone, but for many people, loyalty to their friends’ wishes is more important than romantic pursuit.

10. They are asexual and/or aromantic.

Not everyone craves sex, and not everyone craves a romantic relationship. It’s not about convincing them that you are worth it. You could be Prince Charming, you could be Kim Kardashian; but, that’s not what they want. Respect that.

Keep all these possibilities in mind. Each one of them is a reason why rejection isn’t something to be ashamed of. Also, be careful not to think that because someone has a reason to reject you, they are obligated to share that reason with you. Many of these reasons can be deeply personal, and it is perfectly acceptable for people to keep them to themselves.

So, go on, feel empowered, and don’t let fear of rejection stop you from anything!

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Halloween costume power rankings

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Now that another season of the beloved Hallows Eve has passed it’s time to look back on the best and the worst of this year’s costumes. After all, the only thing sweeter than dressing up as your favorite inner witch, vampire, slutty kitten or guy-trying-to-get-away-with-not-wearing-anything. a costume is knowing that you’re beating everyone else in the grand competition. This competition is not just to have the most creative, bold or expensive costume; it is also to have the one that pushes boundaries, makes you larger-than-life and ultimately defines the night. With these parameters, I will now seek to order the top-20 costumes seen this weekend from worst to best.

20. Every one of you who thought cats ears constituted an entire costume.
19. People who made no effort to dress up (at least they’re honest with themselves)
18. People who went as dentists (the lions think it’s still too soon).
17. Anyone who went as a “ghost” and stayed in to binge watch “American Horror Story.”
16. People who dressed up as police officers but wouldn’t frisk me.
15. Those who tried to wear a pot on their head to advocate for the legalization of marijuana.
14. Those five or six people who dressed up as a Sober.
12. White costumes in honor of Pablo Escobar. Really?
11. People who dressed up as my friend (Thanks guys! I need you all).
10. Anyone brave enough to dress up at a batista instead of a sexy girlfrind.
9. Any costume that referenced Chap/beer, particularly Keith Stone.
8. People who dressed up for holidays other than Halloween.
7. Obscure color references to WeBWork.
6. Costumes with really bright colors (Don’t ask me why, but those just really do fit me too).
5. Disney princesses (Still not sure why, it’s just something I’m into).
4. People who dressed up as police offers and would frisk me.
3. Anyone dressed as Batman.
2. Anyone dressed as Slutty Barnan.
1. Anyone who dressed up in “The Classic”: “a Make America Great Again” hat with alideone comb over and a gaudy suit.

The Adversary prepared to end Campus Times

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The Adversary Rochester The Adversary UR or simply “The Adversary” has never had a plan. It’s not absolutely clear what new and true opinions The Adversary intends to bring to the table; but, if you’re interested in hearing students yel profanities about Safe Ride, this video is for you. I mean, nothing says unfair like a free service to drive you home when you’re drunk! Right?

This new student-run online newspaper brings to the table everything the Campus Times could not, including but not limited to: articles with color, mentions of bars, sex, sports, grants, and your weekly update of established opinions about student life, click-bait, fun and relatable cussing, hopefully political opinions (especially political, pretty please) and a beautiful “trending” bar (students really need that). Oh, and the Campus Times has already covered—almost forgot about that one. It’s a good thing they’re not allowed to rewrite articles, and readers need the same content.

Knowing that our days are numbered here at Campus Times, we’ve frantically sent letters to our exact 11 consistent readers. Please allow us to detailing. The Adversary’s fun and exciting platform and providing warning of our imminent demise, it’s time for you to start reading The Adversary—we were supposed to have a parking permit, and two, I don’t have a garage attached to my bathroom. Although, that would be a nice feature.

I figured at this point there was no other way to fix the broken toilet. However, it dawned on me that this was because we don’t have a garage attached to the top of the toilet, so I quickly realized that I had my work cut out for me. Inside was an elaborate and puzzling series of rods, screws, rubber and metals. Confused by the whole situation, I figured that I would use trial and error to remedy my problem.

I saw that there wasn’t a ton of water in the tank. This was the first step in solving the problem. I grabbed my second-favorite mug, filled it up with water and started to pour it slowly into the tank. The black bobber thing started to rise with the water level. The Prius sounds subsided and I was finally at peace. I could finally go to bed. Christ, is a member of the class of 2017.
A tourist’s guide to Washington D.C.

BY CHRIS HORGAN

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I’ve been in Washington D.C., the political capital of the world, for a couple of months now, participating in an internship through the University. With this in mind, I’ve seen every famous tourist site, and have gained valuable insight from every nook and cranny. This article contains none of that insight. Nevertheless, here is a brief detailing of some of the most popular D.C. destinations.

1. The White House

The White House has a total of 53 bathrooms. So, if someone really has to go, it gives enough options to make sure the house stays white. But it is more famously known for housing the presidents and their families. Everyone dreams of living in the White House and trying to imagine what it’d be like to call it home. But, if it’s such a great place to live, why do most families move out after just four to eight years of living there?

2. That U.S. Capitol Building

This is where the big political decisions come to fruition. On the right side is the House of Representatives, and to the left is the Senate side. And in between... well, I’m not too sure anything goes on there in the middle.

3. Lincoln Memorial

Unbeknownst to most, the famous memorial of Abraham Lincoln almost didn’t include Lincoln. Henry Bacon, the architect who designed the memorial, was originally planned to simply have the memorial be a chair without Lincoln, symbolizing Lincoln’s absence. However, when consulted Lincoln asking if he approved of this abstract design, Lincoln, not wanting to make a quick decision that he would regret, replied, “beats me, let me sit on it for a few days.”

4. The Air and Space Museum

The Air and Space Museum features some of the most pivotal advancements in aeronautics. But if you took away all of the airplanes and space shuttles, it’d still be a museum of air and space.

5. The Supreme Court

This is where all of the greatest battles in history took place; Marbury v. Madison, Plessy v. Ferguson, Bush v. Gore, LeBron vs. Kobe... etc.

6. Ford’s Theatre

This theatre is most infamous for being the location where President Abraham Lincoln was shot. If you enter the theatre, you can view the stage, as well as the balcony where John Wilkes Booth struck in to fire a bullet at Lincoln. However, you can’t enter the balcony because of the newly-installed protective glass.

7. The Jefferson Memorial

Thomas Jefferson is credited as being the author of the Declaration of Independence, one of America’s most beloved writings, but despite it being a memorial, he was unable to gain enough support for a sequel.

8. The Washington Monument

Of course, the Washington Monument. It should inspire us all—proving that if you are the first president and the Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War, you, too, could have a monument the size of mountain in the middle of the nation’s capital. Some say that if you look at the monument in the right way, or catch it in the right light, it looks like a big pencil. Others criticize the monument for being phallic in appearance; and, if that was the design’s intention, it’s a constant reminder that Washington was the “father of our country.” And, a gun wasn’t the only thing the former general was packing.

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Cats “R” Us: Insights into the lives of cats

BY NATE KUBERT

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This past Thursday, Friday and Saturday, evolutionary biologists at UR observed a concerning trend: the ecosystem balance between squirrels, skunks, groundhogs and cats seemed to be very out of place. Seemingly out of nowhere, cats—an animal not typically seen around campus—were spotted at a ridiculously high rate. When asked about the issue, department members commented, “We are very concerned. What on Earth could have caused such an increase in the population?”

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We quickly corrected this assumption, announcing that we gave too much work to go out this weekend and that as an undergrad, he needs to keep counting cats. Additionally, this proposition does not explain the animal’s presence on Thursday and Friday. Do things just get dressed up any day of the week? We expect the population to die out due to a lack of food source.

Moving forward, it appears this prediction came to fruition.

On Sunday, only few cats were spotted, and they seemed much less excited, walking at a slower speed around campus. Even these cats weren’t spotted again. It appears the seemingly-unlimited supply of squirrels does not seem to satiate these felines. It is rumored that they choose to feed on Douglass, which was not yet flowering, until the following Monday.

An additional question was why were cats interacting with such varying species? Biologists at UR were curious as to the new behavior. An animal typically known for hiding under beds whenever company is present seemed ecstatic to be social and even consider cold and rainy conditions to command campus.

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You are what you eat

University of Rochester Dining Services announces changes

BY ERIC FRANKLIN

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Last week, UR Dining Services announced that Danforth will start serving only organically-grown vegetables. Students protested animal cruelty by after a deer entered in Strong Memorial Hospital. While some health and environmentally-conscious students appreciated the gesture, many demanded even more meaningful change.

“It’s a step in the right direction,” freshman Rachel Piano said, “but I have friends who break out in hives if they’re even in the same room as gluten, and I really think they should do more to help them.”

“This, can you believe this campus still uses GMOs? Like, really? Have you been to Chopstix?” When prompted for evidence about the ill effects of gluten or genetically modified organisms, she replied, “I just feel bad for the students, and I think Danforth should do more to accommodate and make decisions based on anecdotable and social pressures.”

Asked whether social pressures were worth demurring drought-resistant, high-nutrient crops that could save millions of the starving poor in places around the world, Piano looked confused before confidently asking, “Well that’s what they tell you, but then how do you explain El Nino?”

In the face of such logical outrage, Dining Services is planning additional food supply changes that will be available starting next year. “Bojangles,” a Dining official, agreed to speak about internal chicken-raising practices. No antibiotics or hormones of course, and before slaughter, each chicken signs an affidavit that it’s never seen a cage in its lifetime, let alone lived in one. Those affidavits would be kept on file so that any concerned citizens can see to proof that their chicken is certified cage-free.

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Local interest in responsible food sources has given rise to a number of local farms with more proactive animal rights policies: Bojangles explained, “We have a few more far-reaching initiatives under consideration as well. Next year you could be planning only under a pseudonym. The dining halls will almost definitely go through with plans to completely peanut-free, non-GMO and anti-gluten. But other options are on the table, as well. “We’re looking at alternative farms to start getting more responsibly raised meat and poultry for next year,” Bojangles said. “One of the most exciting opportunities we’re looking at is getting our poultry from The Left Wing, a local farm dedicated to responsible farming.”

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A man, Matt, and his wife, Wilma, discuss with their son where he wants to be buried. Does he want to be next to his sister, Meredith, for all eternity? “Gross,” the son says. Fine. Can he be buried between his mother and father. “But wait,” the man says. “That won’t work.” Why? Because his son’s name is Damon. Matt, next to Damon. Matt. Damon. Meredith, the daughter, who just received word by. She buries out again, having forgotten something in her car. She returns with her new husband, Chuck, who thinks his wife is “so conformist” for calling her parents “mom” and “dad.” “This complicates things,” Matt says, now having to consider a fifth burial plot. Also, no one wants to be buried with Chuck. The scene ends with us realizing that this family, particularly Wilma, will do anything—actually, anything—to have her family buried in the order she wants, keeping her son Damon next to her. A bat flaps around the rafters of a dilapidated chapel in Mt. Hope Cemetery as a young man compares himself to Batman. It is still making the rounds. We soon learn from the father that, as it turns out, there is a dark and mysterious family secret—one that explains why bats are so terrifying to him and his son. The scene ends with the son’s ecstasy at learning of this Batman-esque backstory.

Sarah Stout and her brother, Ira, rendezvous secretly in an attic. Ira has murdered his sister’s abusive husband, Charlie. The siblings not only share this paranoia-inducing secret, but they are lovers, too, trapped in the potential shame of their incest. Someone knocks at the door. Ira hides, and her brother, Eli, walks in. Through Eli’s conversation with this sister, we realize that this is not an attic at all, but rather Sarah’s apartment, and that Ira couldn’t possibly be hiding in that very room, for he was convicted and hanged for the murder of Charlie Littles some time ago.

These three stories were staged readings of short works by the writers in Geva Theatre’s third-annual Bake-Off, held this past Friday, Oct. 30. In the spirit of Halloween, the Bake-Off is an event that showcases the works of local writers, presenting them with a topic and guidelines in an event that does not actually involve baking. This year, Bake-Off organizers sent writers on the annual Mount Hope Cemetery Torch Light Tour, tasking them with writing a short scene inspired by the stories told on this nighttime exploration of Rochester’s massive, 177-year-old burial space. One such writer—who wrote the scene depicting a family sorting out burial placement—was UR’s own Katherine Varga ’15, who also wrote the recently-performed “Energy Mass Light.” “One of the last things the tour guide mentioned wasn’t really part of the tour—it was a family plot she thought was interesting because the order of the graves had been changed a few times, and was ultimately decided by the last woman alive in the family.” Varga said of her inspiration. “In fact, sometimes orders of graves [...] casting for these scenes occurs on-spot, with audience members volunteering to do a raw, unrehearsed reading of the scene. would be changed even after the bodies were buried.”

What was most fun about attending Geva’s Bake-Off was the audience involvement—casting for these scenes occurs on-spot, with audience members volunteering to do a raw, unrehearsed reading of the scene. There was also casting for these scenes occurs on-spot, with audience members volunteering to do a raw, unrehearsed reading of the scene.
Bake-Off includes audience participation in staged readings

Steve Jobs follows the man behind the machines

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Good Men.”

However, “The Social Network,” David Fincher’s spectacular 2010 film, which was written by Sorkin, is possibly worth mentioning in the same sentence as “Steve Jobs.” The two films present complex portraits of men widely regarded as geniuses—Mark Zuckerberg and Steve Jobs. But, where the former succeeds and the latter trips, I believe, is in their ability to distill the power of cinema in the films’ scenes. Fincher understands, in “The Social Network,” the power of the filmic world. Boyle, however, hints at this power in shots that can be characterized in the “sublime”, such as the particularly graceful one that shows rain falling outside of a boardroom as Jobs learns that he has been ousted from the company that he helped found. But, these moments are also depicted in the trailer of “Steve Jobs” and are possibly more effective there than in the film itself. That’s a real shame. Schiff is a member of the class of 2010.

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an open bar (to facilitate this build up, why these men were so obsessed with superheroes. Even in the absence of stages, props or any sort of practice, the stage directions (and sound during each performance) painted quite the picture. Holding an invisible brick in his hand, the person acting as the son recited lines hurriedly and with spot-on timing, executing the character’s preoccupation with mystery with a surprising clarity. Werner’s writing also left me wondering, after so much build up, why these men were so terrified of bats. The open ending left the work on a dramatic note, which was previously unexpected considering the light-heartedness of the protagonist. According to Werner, the piece was inspired by a part of the tour where they went inside an old chapel and listened to a man pretending to be Jacob Gould, the second mayor of Rochester, while a bat flew around overhead.

The last piece I summarized veered away from humor into a tragic depiction of the notorious tale of the Stout family murder trial. The tale is commonly known for the incestuous love affair between Marion Ira Scott and his sister, Sarah, and their failed attempt to push Sara’s alcoholic husband off a cliff into High Falls. The murder was poorly executed, with the body landing on an edge, which led to Ira’s hanging and burial in Mount Hope Cemetery. What is refreshing about the scene performed in the Bake-Off is its sympathetic depiction of Ira and Sarah. The writer of this piece, Emma Milligan, told us she wanted to look at Sara and Ira from this different angle. She certainly succeeded. Ira called Sara “chicky” as a term of endearment, and expressed his hatred and anger towards Sarah’s late husband, who had been so cruel to her. After Eli leaves, and Ira comes back out from hiding, Sara is terrified—perhaps

These are only three out of the eight works featured at this year’s Bake-Off, all of which were

...if only she could revert back into the madness her delusion displays, she could be happy. But, the scene ends with Sarah’s doubt, and fear, and we see her story for what it is.

enjoyable. Other plays featured scenes including Frederick Douglas, Susan B. Anthony and former Mayor Gould, which were informative through their amusing and extensive accounts of Rochester’s history. One play took a similar route as Milligan’s, focusing on an individual’s complex and surprising character. This scene was inspired by Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Paula Vogel, who wrote the famous “How I Learned to Drive.” It has been held as a part of Geva’s Festival of New Writers for the past three years.

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The spectator experience: A Temple vs. Notre Dame Halloween

BY JESSE BERNSTEIN
SPORTS STAFF

Beginning of game: I got up at 7:45 a.m. on Halloween to make the five and half hour drive home for the biggest game in the history of the Temple Owls. The Owls have been the college football equivalent of the Chicago Cubs, just without the heartbreak and the city to show for it. This year, with the Owls riding high and the Fighting Irish proving that they aren’t even a footnote, the Temple Owls are the teams with the most to prove. Can Temple pull off the upset? The Temple Owls are the reigning champs in the Philadelphia Metro, and they're only three legitimate title winningest trio in NBA history.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Rahul Manay - Rugby

BY DANIELLE DOUGLAS
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Rahul Manay, a junior, is in his third season as a member of the men’s club rugby team. In the New York State Semifinals on Oct. 24, Manay had 18 tries against Canisius College, leading his team to a 35-28 victory. The team now moves on to play in the New York State Championships, where they will defend their title as SUNY Plattsburgh in Potsdam on Nov. 7.

1. What is your earliest memory playing rugby?
My earliest memory of playing rugby was my freshman year when I got winded after taking rugby was my freshman year of college. I remember watching my mouth agape when I got winded after taking my first big hit during practice. I remember watching my mouth fly out of my mouth and hitting the ground hard. It was an experience I will never forget.

2. Who have you consistently looked to for inspiration?
My teammates have always my inspiration on the field. We look to each other for motivation and strength to power through the game from kick-off till the final whistle blows.

3. What drove you to play so aggressively in the game against Canisius College?
The loss to Canisius College at the dying moments of the game during regular season fired everybody up. We were out for revenge in Buffalo, in front of their own crowd on their home turf.

The Western Conference Finals were the best opportunity for us to prove something to ourselves and to those who doubted our ability as a team. We had to win to keep our season going. The only thing on everyone’s mind that day was to win, nothing less.

4. What does the club rugby team hope to accomplish in the rest of the season?
I feel this was a good platform for many to find out what rugby is and what the sport has to offer. I feel this was a good platform for many to find out what rugby is and what the sport has to offer.

5. Do you think that rugby will become a more dominant sport in the U.S.?
Rugby in the United States has grown a lot in popularity over the years and has the potential to attract more fans in time. The United States just took part in the Rugby World Cup in England, and I feel this was a great platform for many to find out what rugby is and what the sport has to offer.

Now that we are Western Conference Champions, we have our focus set on beating Plattsburgh for the New York State Championship for the third time in four years that Saturday at Potsdam. From there, Regionals is the target and Nationals is the ultimate goal to reach after that.

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LAST WEEK’S SCORES

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30
• Women’s Volleyball vs Stevens Institute of Technology - L 1-3
• Women’s Soccer vs New York University - L 0-1
• Men’s Soccer vs New York University - W 2-0
• Women’s Volleyball vs Fredonia State - L 2-3

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31
• Men’s Swimming and Diving vs Hartwick College - L 135.5-152.5
• Women’s Swimming and Diving vs Hartwick College - W 192-104
• Women’s Volleyball vs Montclair State University - W 3-0

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1
• Women’s Soccer vs Brandeis University - T 1-1
• Men’s Soccer vs Brandeis University - L 2-1

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4
• Field Hockey vs Skidmore College - W 2-0

FIELD HOCKEY ENDS REGULAR SEASON ON WINNING STREAK, NOW HEADS TO LEAGUE FINALS

The University of Rochester field hockey team picked up its fifth straight win this past Saturday over rival SUNY Geneseo. This concluded the Jackets’ regular season schedule with a record of 15-4, pushing the team through to the Liberty League semifinal game against Skidmore College.

In Saturday’s game, senior phenom Michelle Relin scored all three of Rochester’s goals against Geneseo. Junior Callie Fisher and freshman Miranda Lakis each tallied an assist. Relin has scored 17 goals so far this year, and holds the Rochester all-time record for points scored in a season. The Jackets lead 2-0 at halftime.

Relin kicked off her hat-trick at 19:50, with an unassisted goal to the right corner. At 31:24, she doubled the score off an assist from Fisher with a low shot past Geneseo defense.

Junior Elena Hingston scored Geneseo’s lone goal at 40:04 in the second half, off an assist from freshman Morgan Maley. The Jackets responded with a Relin goal at 60:58, assisted by Lakis.

In total, Relin took 11 shots. Junior Sayaka Abe, senior Nicole Cerza and Fisher each took three, while senior Mimi Adas, sophomore Olivia Denny, sophomore Claire Dickerson and Lakis each had one shot. This was Relin’s second hat-trick of the year, and fourth time scoring more than one goal per game.

Senior Tara Lamberti made eight saves for the Jackets and allowed one goal. Following this performance, she was named the Liberty League Athlete of the Week.

Lamberti has allowed a mere 12 goals all year, with a save average of 0.879, placing her among the best goalkeepers in Division III. Geneseo goalie junior Daniya Mercer made 14 saves and allowed three goals.

After beating Skidmore College 2-0 in the Liberty League semifinal game on Wednesday, the Jackets will now head to the Liberty League championship game on Nov. 7 against William Smith College.

Lewis is a member of the class of 2016.
Volleyball shines on court and on television

BY BEN SHAPIRO
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For the UR women’s volleyball team, Tuesday was a big day: the team was featured on ESPN's "No Chees, Rochester," Fox Rochester’s morning program. Reporter Hannah Welker visited the team in the Palestra, learning a thing or two from the ‘Jackets, who are working hard as they prepare to host the UAA Conference tournament this weekend.

Even while in the media spotlight, the team continues to put together solid performances. The ‘Jackets fought hard this past weekend at the NY Regional Challenge, where they narrowly fell to Fredonia State before wrapping up the weekend with a 3-0 win against Montclair State.

In this win, Rochester won the first set comfortably with a score of 25-17, and was able to ride the momentum throughout—scoring the second and third sets 25-22 and 25-21, respectively. Senior Emma Gira and junior Nina Baek led the way with seven kills each, with Jennie Ford not far behind with five of her own. Gira also added a team-high six blocks.

In addition to the team victory, Gira was also honored individually for her exceptional play in the tournament, being named to the All-Tournament Team.

The ‘Jackets also had seven service aces in the match, junior Aimee Kohler was the leader with three, followed by fellow junior Meghan Connor, with two.

The victory gives the 15-15 ‘Jackets some nice momentum as they move into the UAA Championships, which will be held in Rochester. The team will welcome the seven other schools in the conference, including Emory, currently the top-ranked program in Division III.

The sixth-seeded ‘Jackets will begin play on Friday, Nov. 6 at 2:00 p.m. in the Palestra, when they take on number-three seed Case Western Reserve. The second round of play will be on Friday, and the final round will take place Saturday. In the final—should the game go the distance—the winning team will advance to the National Championships.

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Kansas City Royals claim World Series title in five game series

BY NATE KUHRT
HUMOR EDITOR

This past Sunday, the Kansas City Royals cemented their place in Major League Baseball history by winning the World Series. This five-game victory over the Mets snaps a 30-year drought with the team’s last World Series win coming in 1985.

The Series began with a huge game-one win for the Royals in extra innings. After trailing by one run throughout the entire night, Kansas City managed to put a late run on the board in the ninth to force additional play. After the late surge, the Royals secured the win in the bottom of the twelfth. The Mets were retired in the bottom half of the inning, which secured the game, series and season for the Royals.

Looking back on the series and the season, the Royals were well deserving of the title. Their key to victory stemmed from their late-game surges. This was unexpected, and the Mets, who typically have had a strong closer throughout the season, suffered from multiple blown saves. Additionally, Daniel Murphy's spectacular playoff performance in the National League Championship Series must be noted. It was incredible and at the end of the day, congratulations to the Royals, Mets and both of their fans is necessary. It will be interesting to see how both teams fare next season some 162 games later.

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ESPN’s Grantland meets its end

BY JESSE BERNSTEIN
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Grantland, the sports and pop culture website created by former ESPN writer Bill Simmons, was shut down this past Friday. When editor-in-chief Bill Simmons was ousted earlier this year, the countdown to the end of Grantland began. ‘The old man had his brainchild, and ESPN was reportedly eager to cut any sort of ties with him.

Company executives stated that ‘[they] have decided to direct ‘[their] time and energy going forward to projects that ‘[they] believe will have a broader and more significant impact across ‘[their] enterprise.” Several news outlets have also reported that ESPN no longer wants a news outlet for longform journalism, and more significant impact going forward to projects that ‘[they] have decided to cut any sort of ties with him. And ESPN was reportedly eager to have the site from writers and editors across the country. The site was named for the site from writers and editors that were paid exceptionally well and hands-off editing style allowed younger, up-and-coming writers to pontificate and expound on any tangent they found fit. Consequently, Grantland was truly a product of its time; articles were often peppered with GIFs, embedded links, inside-joke footnotes and other markers of the age of Internet culture.

From the beginning, Grantland cultivated a fairly narrow appeal, part of the reason for its demise. During its first week of existence, Grantland published nearly 14,000 words on The National, a defunct sports daily. The article ended with a quote from Tony Kornheiser, who described ‘The National as “...the great and noble experiment of sports writing in America.” Its intentionality now seems clearer than ever.

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