Students and workers march from UR in ‘Fight for $15’

Protesters marched from UR’s Eastman Quad on Wednesday afternoon as part of a national movement to raise the minimum wage. From Students for a Democratic Union members of local unions, churches organizers, fast food workers, march toward College Town.

Quad at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, a large crowd of protesters organized minimum wage and the right to for $15” campaign for a higher earnings for University Information

ResLife announces HBO GO access for students

By Angela Lai

News Editor

As part of the national “Fight for $15” campaign for a higher minimum wage and the right to unionize without repercussions, a large crowd of protesters organized near the steps of UR’s Eastman Quad at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, April 15. Speakers addressed the protesters before they began their march toward College Town.

Marchers included Metro Justice organizers, fast food workers, members of local unions, churches and activists from groups. UR students from Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), as well as Douglas Leadership House, Black Students’ Union, Pride Network and College Feminists.

Dawn Marshall-Hosier, the Service Employees International United (SEIU) Local 200 Executive Vice President and Organizer and Danforth Dining Hall worker, said that she and other UR workers were there “in solidarity with fast food workers fighting for $15 an hour.” She also credits her union membership for helping her earn $15 an hour, a “living wage,” highlighting the importance of the rights of workers to unionize.

Dan Lombardo, a shift manager at the McDonald’s across from the Student Union, said, “I’m saying that the treatment my coworkers and I get, the wages we get, is acceptable. So being there is saying the opposite—it’s unacceptable.

SDS External Communications Chair and sophomore Jordan Polycyn-Evans introduced each speaker and was the first to address the crowd on the Eastman Quad, saying that students often “don’t realize” that the issue of a living wage is “close to home.”

SPARK Entrepreneurs host conference

By Sam Passanisi

News Editor

SPARK Entrepreneurs, an undergraduate club focused on promoting creative business ideas among UR undergraduates, held their first annual conference Saturday, April 11. The Greater Rochester Entrepreneurship Conference, held in Simon Business School from 10:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., attracted undergraduates from UR as well as RIT, Roberts Wesleyan College, St. John Fisher’s College, Finger Lakes Community College and Alfred University.

SPARK Entrepreneurs is a newly rebranded student organization, club president Jesse Reichenstein said. Formerly, the group was known as UR Entrepreneurs, but they renamed their organization last year. UR Consulting Group split from the club at that time to become its own organization.

Saturday’s conference featured a morning keynote speech from Wegmans Chief Information Officer (CIO) Dave DeLaus, who spoke about entrepreneurship in the context of his own employer. Wegmans was one of the conference’s main sponsors, along with UR’s Center for Entrepreneurship, UR Admissions and Sealing Devices, Inc., a corporation headquartered in Western New York that manufactures gaskets and seals.

“The Center for Entrepreneurship” provided a lot of help just with booking, event support, and then we had Admissions financially supporting us, along with Wegmans and Sealing Devices,” Reichenstein said.

Sharon Napier, CEO of Rochester-based advertising agency Partners and Napier,

ResLife announces HBO GO access for students

By Jamie Rudd

Senior Staff

On Friday, April 10, the Office of Residential Life & Housing Services announced that all students with an on-campus housing contract now have access to an HBO GO account.

HBO GO is the online counterpart to the HBO television network that gives users access to a variety of HBO programming. This includes HBO original series, movies, sports, documentaries and comedy specials, as well as bonus features and behind-the-scenes extras. HBO GO can be viewed on a range of devices including computers and smart phones.

Over winter break, the University made the switch to a new cable TV provider, CampusTelevision. This gave students living on campus access to eleven HBO channels and seven other new networks.

“Access to HBO GO came with the CampusTelevision provider,” Residential Network Coordinator for University Information Technology Justin Turner said. It is HBO’s policy that anyone with an HBO subscription is given an HBO GO account — this includes anyone with a housing contract at UR.

“Eligible participants of the HBO GO service must be undergraduate students, enrolled in classes, with a housing contract,” Turner noted. Students living on campus during the academic year will have access to HBO GO during winter break and spring break. However, only students who live on campus over the summer will have access to their accounts during summer break. While CampusTelevision has been the University’s cable provider since the end of December, it took some time to set up the HBO GO account. Infrastructure and integration assessments and testing needed to take place prior to the introduction of the HBO GO service on campus,” Turner explained.

In addition to bringing HBO GO to the students, the University’s new HBO subscription has resulted in a partnership with the HBO College program. Sophomore Nicholas Wachter has served as an HBO Campus Agent this semester to promote the network at UR.

“We plan different events on campus,” Wachter explained. “We planned different events on campus,” Wachter explained. “We planned the big ‘Game of Thrones’ event two weeks ago.” On Wednesday, April 1, Wachter and his fellow Campus Agent, freshman Maria Sepulveda, organized an early screening of the ‘Game of Thrones’ season five premiere, partnering with Campus Activities Board and UR Cinema Group.

Before the end of the semester, the student petitions currently under SA review.

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The Hindu Students’ Association hosted the annual festival of Holi on the Wilson Quadrangle on Saturday, April 11, celebrating the transition from winter to spring with powdered colors and dancing.

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APRIL 16

UNIVERSITY TECHNOLOGY SHOWCASE
111 JEFFERSON ROOM, 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM
The showcase provides University researchers the opportunity to present their work to the regional industrial community. The goal of the showcase is to stimulate industry-University collaboration. This event is free and open to the public.

PHOTON CUP
PALMER STADIUM, NOON - 2:00 PM
The Photon Cup is an annual soccer game between the students, staff and faculty of the optics and physics departments at UR. This event is sponsored by Thorlabs.

EARTHFEST
WILSON COMMONS HIPST LOUNGE, NOON - 5:00 P.M.
The event will feature tie-dying, crafts, local food vendors and performances by Midnight Ramblers, Vocal Point, UR Celtic and Marachi Melissa.

INDULGENCE SPRING SHOW
SPLENDOR DANCE STUDIO, 7:00 PM - 7:00 P.M.
Indulgence presents “Deja Vu.” Tickets are $5 for UR students and $7 for all others. For more information, contact connect@sao.rochester.edu.

ROCK REPERTORY ENSEMBLE CONCERT
LOWER STRONG AUDITORIUM, 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
Come see UR’s Rock Repertory Ensemble perform. This concert is free and open to the public.

SUNDAY

APRIL 19

FILM MUSIC ENSEMBLE WITH JEFF BEAL
EASTMAN KOCH AUDITORIUM, 8:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Come enjoy an evening of film and film music with composer and Eastman alumnus Jeff Beal. Beal has received thirteen Primetime Emmy nominations for his music. This event is free and open to the public.

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MONDAY

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Chance of rain: 60%
TUESDAY

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Visiting speakers address Tibet issue

BY ADAM KADIR
MANAGING EDITOR

A panel of three politicians representing the Tibetan government-in-exile and one Chinese-American scholar came to the University on Saturday, April 11 to discuss the current situation in Tibet and the “Middle Way” approach proposed by the Dalai Lama, the “Future of Tibet Dialogue” was the final event of a day of Tibetan cultural activities coinciding with the Association for the Development of Interest in the Indian Subcontinent’s (ADITI) celebration of Holi. All groups performed traditional dances meant to represent unity among South Asian communities. Junior Se Hoon Kim, who organized the event, introduced the speakers, who then delivered separate talks on the situation in Tibet and the Middle Way approach.

The Office of Tibet represents the Dalai Lama and the Central Tibetan Administration in Washington, DC. Tenzin proposed solutions between the Tibetan government and the government of the People’s Republic of China (PRC). The Middle Way approach was “envisioned” by the Dalai Lama and first given a name in 1974, though the Dalai Lama had come up with it before. The CTA was in talks with the government of the PRC from 1974-1990, but those talks paused until 2002. In 2002, the CTA’s negotiators issued the Memorandum on Genuine Autonomy for the Tibetan People, which the Chinese rebuked, calling it, in Tenzin’s words, “a stepping stone” to genuine autonomy for the Tibetan government.

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UR Hillel workshop to discuss Israel, anti-Semitism

BY SAM PASSANISI
NEWS EDITOR

UR Hillel will host an interfaith workshop on Saturday, April 11 to discuss means of differentiating between anti-Israel and anti-Semitic sentiment. The event was organized in response to a March 31 incident on campus, in which an unknown person or persons taped a pro-Palestine flyer onto a flyer that had been posted by UR’s Israel Council. Israel Council had posted flyers around campus advertising a vigil, held March 30 at 9:00 p.m. in front of Wilson Commons, to memorize and raise awareness for victims of recent anti-Semitic attacks in Europe. The flyers each featured a description of a recent anti-Semitic event in Europe.

On March 31, the day after the vigil, an undergraduate student contacted Hillel expressing concern about another flyer that had been posted under the Israeli Council flyer. The original flyer read “February 14, 2015 – Copenhagen: A gunman opened fire at the Great Synagogue, killing a member of the Copenhagen Jewish community and wounding two police officers.” Underneath, another flyer had been posted which read “On December 30th, 2014, Israeli border police made an incursion into the Qitoun neighborhood. Having arrested one 12-year-old boy, Israeli border police fired over 30 tear gas canisters into the area, into a crowd of predominantly teenage boys, engulfing the area in teargas. During the month of December, 170 teargas canisters and 19 stun grenades have been fired by Israeli forces at school time on 14 of the 20 days children have gone to school.”

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Passanisi is a member of the class of 2017.

A new oral vaccine against HIV is being tested by researchers at the University of Rochester Medical Center (URMC). Unlike other HIV vaccines, traditionally given in the form of a shot, this vaccine is a tablet taken orally by the patient.

Leading the study is John Tenero, M.D., professor of Medicine and chief of infectious diseases at UR Medicine’s Strong Memorial Hospital. Tenero said in an interview with Vaccine News Daily, “The biggest advantage a tablet has over a needle is needle disposal … the risk of a health care professional being infected by the HIV virus is eliminated.”

Michael C. Kefter, M.D., professor of Medicine and director of the University’s National Institutes of Health-supported HIV Vaccine Trials Unit, elaborated on the advantages of an oral vaccine.

“For HIV, it is all the more important because [of] that target cell being right there where the virus comes in. You need the immune response there,” said Kefter. He explained that yet another advantage is that it would be one less shot for patients to receive.

The oral vaccine is made from live, weakened adenovirus rather than from actual HIV. However, exposing the immune system to adenovirus helps it to create antibodies that work against HIV infection. URMC is currently the only facility in the world testing this particular vaccine, through a partnership with Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, a teaching hospital of Harvard University located in Boston, MA. The research is still in Phase 1, the earliest stage of a clinical trial, and it is too early to tell whether the vaccine creates an effective immune response. In the current stage of the testing, participants who have taken the pill stay in a contained room for 12 days. The primary purpose of this trial is to ensure that there are no negative gastrointestinal effects from the pill such as vomiting or stomach pain.

Keeping the virus contained is another concern that is being monitored during the research. The doses are low at this point in the research, but researchers expect to increase the dosage during subsequent phases of the test.

For more information, contact the Program of Dance and Movement at (585) 273-1580 or visit www.rochester.edu/college/dance/events

URMC tests oral vaccine for HIV

BY ALLIE KONZEL
STAFF WRITER

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The next speaker was Member of Parliament Dhondup Sharring, who had spoken to a UR audience via Google Hangout at another event in November. Sharring opened her speech with, “I remain convinced that most human conflicts can be solved by dialogue.” Sharring said that “Middle Way is all about trust” and that “trust is the core component of any dialogue,” but she asked if “how much trust the Chinese government will trust the Chinese government?” Sharring referred to the 1.2 million Tibetans killed since 1959 and the 137 who have immolated in the past five years. Vice President of the International Campaign for Tibet Bhumtung Tsering, a member of the task force sent to Beijing for official negotiations from 2002 to 2011, said, “He spoke on the PRC-CTA negotiations from his personal experience. Before the speakers took the stage, the crowd was waiting to hear the Dalai Lama. Some students who identified themselves as being from mainland China questioned the veracity of some of the speakers’ claims, including one student who said that “Professor Xia has been lying” about the rights of minorities in the PRC. Several of these students also expressed concern that, should Tibet be granted independence, it could turn into a North Korea-like autocracy under the Dalai Lama. All of the speakers said that this was not the nature of the Dalai Lama, as his life’s work attests. One of the highlights of the conference was the Wegmans Challenge, a competition for undergraduate students. Competitors were asked to investigate their local Wegmans and think of ways to leverage technology to either enhance communication with customers or with their customers on the other side.”

The group that marched to Burger King chanted inside the store before being asked to leave. Burger King dispersed and divided into smaller groups to protest at Wendy’s, Tim Horton’s, and Burger King. Burger King opted not to comment. The next person to address the crowd, “We will not stop until we exceed the demands of the class of 2018.” Many more testing is needed against HIV. Turned said. “We’re thinking about doing a ‘Last Week Tonight with John Oliver’-style event.”

Protestors noted that the McDonald’s had locked its doors, preventing them from going inside and encouraging workers to join the strike. After gathering at the intersection of Mt. Hope Ave. and Crittenden Dr. for more speeches, protesters dispersed and divided into smaller groups to protest at Wendy’s, Tim Horton’s, and Burger King. The group that marched to Burger King chanted inside the store before being asked to leave. They then stayed on the sidewalk outside of the store and continued protesting until a Rochester Police Department car drove up. Protesters at Wendy’s circled around the store as the doors were being locked, but they were able to enter the store and protest briefly. Earlier, McDonald’s worker Alexandra Candelaria had told the crowd, “We will not stop until we get what we want and need.”

HBO GO available to students

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Wachter and Sepulveda will put on two additional events, including one on April 22 with Students for Liberty and College Democrats. “We’re thinking about doing a ‘Last Week Tonight with John Oliver’-style event.” Wachter said. “It seems to have a pretty good following on campus. So we’re going to probably do that with a bunch of free stuff.”

Now that the HBO GO account access has been organized, it will remain a staple of on-campus housing for the foreseeable future. “Access to HBO GO … will continue as our partnership with Depaul, our television continues,” Turner said. Buddha is a member of the class of 2017.

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In 2005, the CTAs’ negotiators issued the Note on the Memorandum on Genuine Autonomy for the Tibetan People, which served to remind the PRC government that everything proposed in the 2002 memorandum was within the constitutional framework and that negotiations ended in 2010 and have not been resumed. Tsering opened his personal account with a statement that “Tibetan Buddhism can offer a lot to some problems.”

Before the speakers took questions from the audience, Kim asked them to talk about what might happen after the Dalai Lama dies, a topic that had come up several times in their speeches. Sharring said that the Dalai Lama, 79, is a “moral authority” to guerriize peace for Tibet. She noted that the Dalai Lama, having ceded political leadership to the Tibetan parliament-in-exile, “is no longer talking about political authority.”

After this, the speakers answered questions from the audience. Several audience members asked for clarification on the Middle Way approach and the role of the Dalai Lama. Some students who identified themselves as being from mainland China questioned the veracity of some of the speakers’ claims, including one student who said that “Professor Xia has been lying” about the rights of minorities in the PRC. Several of these students also expressed concern that, should Tibet be granted independence, it could turn into a North Korea-like autocracy under the Dalai Lama. All of the speakers said that this was not the nature of the Dalai Lama, as his life’s work attests. One of the highlights of the conference was the Wegmans Challenge, a competition for undergraduate students. Competitors were asked to investigate their local Wegmans and think of ways to leverage technology to either enhance communication with customers or with their customers on the other side.” Reichenstein said. He added that the club had been in contact with DeLaus and other Wegmans executives since February, and that the company had been extremely helpful in organizing and sponsoring the conference. A team of students from UR took first place in the competition. Senior Nicholas Falcone, juniors Harshita Venkatesh and Ervis Vukaj and sophomore Jason Alabef and Conner O’Brien each won a GoPro camera for their winning proposal, an idea for a better way to coordinate employee shifts at Wegmans.

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Some things are worse than death

BY RAAGA KANAKAM
FEATURED EDITOR

“Look! It’s moving. It’s alive. It’s...IT’S ALIVE!” screamed Dr. Sergio Canavero as he saw his creation move in his own body. Or was that Dr. Frankenstein?

Two years ago, Canavero said that the possibility of a body transplant surgery happening in two years time was incredibly likely and said the procedure would need 150 doctors to perform a 36 hour surgery. He was scoffed at and ridiculed; people couldn’t believe that such a procedure could possibly produce a living creature. Even if it did, Canavero said, the person would be paralyzed and would die quickly, citing the famous monkey head transplant of the 1960s.

Yet here we are, with Dr. Canavero making strides in the news again, this time to announce that a volunteer stepped forward for the surgery. 30-year-old Valery Spiridonov, a Russian man with Werdnig-Hoffman disease, is the first to announce that he hopes to undergo a head transplant. Canavero, the surgeon behind the transplant, plans to perform a 36 hour surgery. He couldn’t believe that such a procedure could possibly be a reality.

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An eye for an eye shouldn’t be our solution

BY JESSE BERNSTEIN

On April 8, a federal jury found Dzhokhar Tsarnaev guilty on 30 charges related to his role in the bombing of the 2013 Boston Marathon, an event in which three people were killed and over 250 others were injured. Of those charges, 17 carry the possibility of the death penalty.

There’s really no surprise here. From the beginning, the mountain of evidence tying Tsarnaev to the attack has been indisputable. For 15 days, the prosecution showed the jury an array of disturbing images from the day of the attack and successfully convinced the jurors that Dzhokhar was equally as complicit in the crime as his older brother, Tamerlan. Throw in the facts that Tsarnaev is reported to have confessed soon after his arrest and that his defense team conceded his guilt during the trial's opening statements, and one wonders whether a trial was even necessary.

It’s no secret that the Department of Justice is pursuing the death penalty for Tsarnaev. United States Attorney General Eric Holder, usually a strong opponent of capital punishment, signed off on the possibility of the death penalty for this trial. His authorization speaks to the still-fresh wounds of the attack, which occurred in such a public setting in America’s most historic city. Massachusetts hasn’t executed a prisoner since 1947 and effectively outlawed the practice in 1984, and yet, the death penalty is very much in play today.

What are the advantages of the death penalty? For many, it’s as simple as an eye for an eye. For others, the death penalty serves as a deterrent for would-be Tsarnaevs, a message that taking American lives will not be tolerated. Finally, many argue that those affected by the trial deserve that level of closure.

Personally, I wholeheartedly oppose it, and I’m probably just as stubborn as you are about the issue. But, to those of you on the fence, please consider the following.

As far as an eye for an eye, the United States justice system is emphatically not based on the ideology. The Constitution and all subsequent laws are far more advanced and thoughtful than this line of thinking, and to pretend that the only way to deliver justice for murder is with state-sanctioned murder—no matter how much more “humane” it is—ignores the basis of this country’s defining document. As a deterrent, ask Iran, Iraq and Pakistan how effective a policy of executing terrorists has been in discouraging terrorism.

Finally, vis-a-vis closure: we hadn’t had to see Tsarnaev’s face on television or hear his name on the news for a long time until the trial, which went on only because the prosecution refused to accept a plea deal that would have put Tsarnaev in prison for life without the possibility of parole. Now, he’s become a celebrity again, debated about on the news and written about at length. If the death penalty were pursued, this horrible ordeal would continue to drag on for years.

If Tsarnaev is dealt life in prison without possibility of parole, this could be finished quickly and quietly. Ask yourself—if Boston residents desire closure—what good would years of appeals do for them? I think the U.S. is better than the death penalty, and that its utility—if any exists—is easily replicable in other ways. We don’t need another death to move us forward.

Bernstein is a member of the class of 2018.
SA petition site promises change for the better

BY ALYSSA ARRE
SENIOR STAFF

What do the Kosher Corner, Hillside receipts, the Gold Line and the course registration website all have in common? All of them were the subjects of recent petitions submitted on the UR Students’ Association (SA) new website, “IMPACT,” an online platform for UR students to submit petitions and help improve campus life.

The website was devised in part to create a space for students to voice their concerns. “While [junior] David Stark and I were thinking about our platform we focused a lot on ways to connect with the student body and let them connect with each other over thoughts and ideas,” SA President and senior Antoineete Esce said. “How could we create a better solution than the ‘Overheard at Rochester’ page?”

The result is a delightfully easy-to-use page. To access the site, all students need to do is log in with their NetID. From there, they can create their own petition, browse and comment on other petitions and sign petitions that they agree with. So far, over 80 petitions have been submitted by students ranging in subject from dining halls to the ‘No Smoking’ policy. Currently in the works, but since it’s winding down, a lot of stuff is going to introduce next… We’re always looking for ways to make the site even more useful to the student body.”

Other students have found a school that had a climbing club, or was involved in climbing in their area. “I was looking at the housing options for a declining plan that I did not enjoy on using,” junior Thomas Lindstrom-Vautrin said. “To me, this seems like the University taking advantage of the fact that as students we don’t have a lot of leverage for negotiations about what we pay for and how much we pay.”

Lindstrom-Vautrin’s petition, “Remove the Minimum Dining Requirement: Stop forcing students to pay for a service they may not use,” acquired over 300 signatures in 20 days and is denoted as “In progress.”

The “In progress” status is a marker to bring particularly popular petitions to the attention of the SA. Once a petition gains over 250 signatures, it is marked as “In progress,” which means Esce or another SA Government member will post updates and address the problem. Not all petitions that are submitted and receive the allotted amount of signatures will actually be brought to action, though. “Some things are just not feasible,” Esce said, noting bringing declining to College Town is a petition that, despite being popular, is impossible due to the fact that declining is unfeasible.

“A number of things are currently in the works, but since we’re currently in the beta launch of the site, and since the semester is winding down, a lot of stuff will happen over the summer,” Esce said. “Internally, next year’s leadership is working with me to create the best work flow to ensure not only that nothing falls through the cracks, but to ensure we’re communicating our progress to the student body.”

As part of this process, incoming SA Vice President Melissa Holloway recently polled students on their thoughts about the current on campus smoking policy: smoking must take place at least 30 feet from the nearest building, “smoking ceiling.” Anyone who has used the doors at the front of Rush Rhees knows that many people do not abide by this rule.

Freshman Jacob Nielson took to IMPACT to voice his concerns in a petition titled, “Enforce the ‘No Smoking’ policy at entrances to buildings,” which now has almost 300 signatures. Many students commented, voicing their support for better policing or banning it from campus altogether. “It should not be necessary for people to tell smokers to please go somewhere else to smoke,” junior Emily Lewis commented. “They should be considered enough to follow the rules.”

Other students have gotten more involved in the implementation of their petitions. Freshman Zoe James submitted the petition “Waste Less, Douglass,” asking Douglass to compost the food waste produced in the dining hall on a daily basis, “If no change is made… I will gladly take it on as a project next semester as a newly elected senator on SA Government,” said James. “I won’t give up until this is implemented.”

Overall, the site has seen a lot of great submissions and will only continue to improve with the help of student feedback, both in the form of petitions and beta feedback. “We greatly appreciate it when people submit feedback to us through the Beta Feedback page,” Ryan Puffer, one of IMPACT’s co-creators, said. “The feedback goes straight to the IMPACT team, helping us prioritize which features we’re going to introduce next…” We’re always looking for ways to make the site even more useful to the student body.

If you haven’t yet checked out IMPACT, consider this an open invitation. Skim through the current petitions, share your thoughts and, if you’re feeling especially bold, submit your own petition. Who knows—perhaps your idea will inspire the next big change on campus.

Are you a member of the class of 2015?

Spotlight: UR Rock Climbing Club

Founded in 2011, the UR Rock Climbing Club promotes the sport of rock climbing and establishes a community of people who engage in and appreciate the sport.

“While reasons for joining the club might vary among the members, they do admit sharing a similar love and enthusiasm for this unconventional sport. According to freshman and club member Cory Kim said that he was looking for another hobby to try the sport for the first time. “I got really into rock climbing before coming to college, and was looking for a way to get connected to the student body through my greatest passion,” sophomore and current Rock Climbing Club President Miriam Grigsby said.

However Sophomore Keith Wiley, had different reasons for joining: “I joined the Rock Climbing Club because I have a good friend in the club who got me into rock climbing last year,” Wiley said. “Climbing is also a very social activity, so a club setting allows me to get to know people at school who I can climb with.”

The club welcomes everyone who has an interest for the sport, even if they don’t have previous background in rock climbing.

According to freshman and current business manager of the club Talia Jaffe, who has been climbing for the past eight years, “It was really important for me to find a school that had a climbing club or was involved in climbing in some capacity.” She added that “the University of Rochester is registered in the US Climbing, so it technically has a collegiate climbing team.”

There are many in the club who tried the sport for the first time.

Freshman Cory Kim said that he initially joined the Rock Climbing Club because of two reasons. “I had injured myself and was not able to continue playing water polo, so I was looking for another hobby to pick up, and because my friend [Freshman Thomas Pinida] sounded very enthusiastic about climbing, so much that I had to try it.”

The club does not have normal weekly meetings, but instead just an initial meeting for members signed up to Red Barn at RIT. After that, members are free to go climbing whenever they want. Even though the club works more in an individual fashion, the members are still very connected.

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"My goal for the future is that," Grigsby said. Jaffe added, "by the end of this next year," have club-sponsored outdoor experience. "Wiley said. Not lost when those members graduate,..."

"I actually started working on getting a wall at the University for a couple of a while now."

"I hope that the University sponsor[s] our club for outdoor activities so that we can have club gear for outdoor trips so that individual members don't have to buy it, and it's not lost when those members graduate," Wiley said.

The club also has plans to have club-sponsored outdoor trips. "It's a long, arduous process, but hopefully it will happen by the end of this next year," Grigsby said. Jaffe added, "My goal for the future is that there will be regular practices, and a wall would enable us to build a climbing team that can compete instead of being a group of people that go recreationally."

For this passionate group of individuals, rock climbing is a lot more than just a hobby; it's a way of life.

"The best thing about rock climbing is that it can be really, really good. It's a long, arduous process, but it takes you to extraordinary places and introduces you to unforgettable people. Climbing isn't a sport or a hobby; it's a way of life." - Podiak is a member of the class of 2018.

Climbing to the next level

BY LUCIAN COPELAND

"It was like reading through a performance review that a teacher or boss had written about me. My goals. My communication train. Pursues goals aggressively and methodically," or "can come across as abrasive." An image, laid out in words, of an entire personality. If it had been handed to me by a friend, I might have pegged it as a recommendation written by a professor I'd worked with personally, or maybe a colleague at my workplace. And in a way, I wish it had been.

Our first reaction in the laboratory where I work, when we found the website Crystal Knows, was like a couple of elementary schoolchildren goggling over a gimmick website that invents a horoscope for you. Crystal claims to be able to describe your personality, and like anything that has something to say about you or your habits, it's innately fascinating to discern what it thinks. So, we gathered around it, giggling as we typed in each other's names and read the profiles it gave us, and then laughing and cursing as it nailed trait after trait with unerring accuracy.

See, the gimmick with Crystal is that it can be really, really good. This isn't some JavaScript ouija board predicting your future, it's a big data crawler hidden behind your browser, dragging out every little online detail it can find in order to build your profile. Your public posts. Your LinkedIn page. Your blog. Positive or negative, it'll call out the ways you act and think. Your social media. Your professional network. Your personal networks. Your browser, dragging out every single detail of your life. Crystal Knows is the person with the Cliff's Notes of your life. Crystal Knows is the Cliff's Notes of your life, and it's more accurate than he did."

But being manipulated not by something, but by someone—a real person, looking at you and your habits, not by someone—doesn't give it things to work with, doesn't seem so personal when it's not personalized for you. After all, being manipulated by an algorithm is like this before. Amazon recently released their AI for customer service software, and it's not so personal when it's not personalized for you. After all, being manipulated by a megacorporation. After all, being manipulated by a person who doesn't have access to something.

"It may sound weird, but I'm less comfortable with my neighbor down the street knowing my personality than some colossal megacorporation. After all, being manipulated by my browser is something I put up with every day."

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Where things around UR don’t come from

BY CHRIS HORGAN
HUMOR EDITOR

George Eastman Statue

The foul, famous rock for knowing for resembling the physical appearance of George Eastman, was dug up from Earth's mantle by three undergraduates geologists. The metal was one of the dementest discoveries in recent history, just by the way. A later interview with Kim Kardashion.

The Genesee River

An age-old questions asks, “which came first, the river or the bridge?” The answer is neither, surprisingly. It is, in fact, Riverview. After naming the area, an irate citizen in 1908, housing officials at UR were pressured into building a river, as the name was perceived as misleading. This leads to another common question still up for debate here at UR, “which came first, the bridge or the building of the bridge?”

The River Campus

In an effort to decide to coordinate its efforts toward a solution to the weather, so much snow fell on the city of Rochester last winter, there was anyone to put it? After facing what seemed to be an unsolvable plight, the obvious solution became the construction of the River Campus.

Thebanner in Wilson Commons with the quote by Howard Garnish ’27 that says “Go You Yellow Jackets!” You may recognize his less famous quotes, such as “Hello,” or the more original, “Hi.” At first, it sounds like an encouraging line, but a little research uncovered this plea for mercy and its first utterance. Howard Garnish was stimulated running with him and was being violently swung by hundreds of yellow jacks. While Garnish was screaming, “Go you yellow jackets!” two quote-thirty editors came flying by and immediately concluded that they had found question gold.

Computer Studies Building

In an effort to match the building’s grandeur, the name attempting to memorialize the creative and original names given to iconic places or structures, such as the Rain Forest, the burning “Tower of Pisa” and the White House. The same individuals went on to name the Flag Lounge.

The clock tower

Before the clock tower was created, UR students had no excuse not to graduate within four years. Todd Union

Todd Union was formed after multiple post offices on campus allegedly attempted to secede from the University. Years later, it was found that the statement of secession was just a joke, fatefully emailed with an unstamped letter. What is probably why no one got it.

College Town Bookstore

The College Town Bookstore & Noble was founded and placed with the assumption that humans would develop teleportation as a means of traveling.

Rush Rhees Library

Commonly referred to as one of the greatest collections in the University, a book was a transcendent establishment. Before the library, wild books used to roam the campus freely, wreaking havoc on innocent students. After multiple incident reports regarding paper cuts, one adventurist had named Benjamin Rush Rhees went on a quest to capture and tame all of Rochester’s roaming books.

My time was horrendous. I swear the University has it out for me because I’ve gotten the worst time for two years now. However, I happen to luck out with my living arrangements. Freshman year, I had a single; sophomore year, I lived in Phase in a single—and the whole time, I was single.

An update on life

BY ERIN CHIODO
HUMOR EDITOR

This article contains recent events in my life that I find amusing. For starters, has anyone noticed the lack of snow outside? I’m sure this is not unique to my life because many people are living around on the Quad enjoying sunshine and temperatures that can best be described as “not freezing.” Also, have you seen those burritos hanging from the trees on the Quad? Oh wait, I’ve just been informed that those are hamocks. It makes sense now. That is why all of those people sitting on the Quad were giving me weird looks when I started to pour Tabasco sauce all over the hammocks.

Yesterday was the Major Declaration Celebration for sophomores in the May Room from 3:45-5:15. Usually, when there are events held on campus, they are held at the beginning of the hour or on the half hour, but for some reason they picked this really specific time to hold the ceremony. I’m not knocking them for holding the event; the food and company was appreciated. But why this time? I know the Department of Education didn’t have much criticism I had about the event was the amount of booths and lines. I swear that if I closed my eyes, I would have thought I was at the DMV. First, there was the line to get your ticket for the picture. Then, you had to wait in another line to get your photo taken, which was then followed by a line to make your nametag and receive your ribbons for your major. Afterward, when you thought it was over, the fun really began.

Student profile: What it’s like to chill with Alphonse Mugisha

BY CHRIS HORGAN
HUMOR EDITOR

Alphonse Mugisha is a sophomore at UR, and I’d like to tell you a little bit about him. A couple of weeks ago, he officially became a citizen of the United States. He was born in Tanzania and came to living in Africa for twelve years, the opportunity arose for him to move to the US, and he did. If you had gone up to him seven years ago and said, “You will be an American within the next decade,” he wouldn’t have responded because he didn’t speak English.

Currently, he is a electrical an computer engineering major and likes to fill his free time with multiple activities. For better or for best, I usually tag along. For example, I’ll be happy to report that when I say run, I mean sub-five-minute-mile pace. Going on a run with him isn’t exactly like the TV show Friends. I can imagine a “Just Married” car with dangling cans attached to strings on the back. He’s the car, and those running behind him are the dogs. He also plays soccer extremely well. Last year, he entered himself in a 3 v. 3 soccer tournament as the only player on his team, and won. The guy is competitive, in the sense that he would play just as hard against four-year-olds as he would against people his own age. But he is most importantly a good sport, even-kneed and always smiling.

While hanging out with Alphonse, it doesn’t take long to notice his grin. While he has a variety of stylish clothing, he is always wearing a smile. And he looks good in all of it.

A romantic at heart, Alphonse is always socializing with the ladies. For example, we were walking in Darnall and Alphonse saw a girl, and then said despairingly, “She probably doesn’t notice me.” As it turns out, he hadn’t even spoken with her; this probably reduced the chance that she knew he existed. One time, he accidentally invited me to a one-on-one dinner date with a girl whom he was trying to get dinner with.

One of my favorite experiences ever with Alphonse was when I introduced him to the Beach Boys. It was like giving a 12-year-old rabbit a carrot for the first time. We sat in my room and listened to “Wouldn’t It Be Nice” for three hours, non-stop. We listened to “Little Nicky” another hour after that.

Since he spent more than half of his life outside of the US, he offers a different and humorous perspective on life in America. The other day, some friends were complaining about the University. While sitting in their homes for a couple of days during a snowstorm, and Alphonse countered by saying, “I spent the last two weeks in Africa and it was warm.” What’s even worse is that we all spent the first 18 years of our lives without teleportation.

Alphonse is a member of the class of 2017.

I’ve always been a skeptic of astronomy, prophecy, fate, etc., but with my relationship status and living situation lining up perfectly, I’m starting to believe. Is fate or just probability? I’m not sure, but there does appear to be a strong correlation between my living situation and my relationship status.

Sometimes, I eat a whole pint of Half-Baked whilst fully sober as I watch “Half-Baked.” That isn’t funny, but it is an interesting coincidence that all of those applied to one situation. But now that I’m on the topic of ice cream, I would like to say that, on occasion, I get into my favorite reprinted pajamas, my favorite slipper flip flops, a quart of vanilla ice cream and listen to “Reflection” from Mulan on repeat while bawling my eyes out. It is something that I feel like I needed to get off my chest. Once in a while, everyone needs to cry. It’s starting to either man or a woman, crying is a convenient way to let off some steam. When some people are stressed out, they may exercise, meditate or read a good book. On the other hand, I relieve stress by eating copious amounts of ice cream and crying to a beloved Disney song. As a naturally anxious and detail-oriented person, this way of relieving stress has become one of my main hobbies.

Chidie is a member of the class of 2017.
Radiance Dance Theatre hosted their spring show "Dancing Tire Life" last Thursday. The show off to a gradual and somewhat disjointed start, but Radiance was soon captivating the audience with dynamic performances, showcasing the powerful stylist performances by the Midnight Ramblers, UR Stylez and Strong Jugglers did nothing to dull the radiance of the hour-and-a-half show.

Radiance president and senior Brittany Sherman welcomed the audience before cutting to a slideshow that featured past and present photos of Radiance members. This part of the show was probably more poignant to those audience members who had a friend or friends in the club. If you saw the members of Radiance, then seeing their baby pictures was pretty funny. If you didn’t see them, it was like looking through a stranger’s family photo album; cute, but a little baffling.

Baseball tied the show together with an underhanging narrative told in a series of skins between the dance numbers. The story followed a girl’s life from infancy to college, playing on the recurring theme of childhood memories. Radiance member and sophomore Zoya Ramzan played the main character, while junior Stephen Powell and Sherman as her parents.

The first number featured the Radiance performers as horror movie doll-monsters in a nightmare-themed dance, with club members dressed as demonionettes and puppet masters. The nightmare concluded with a chilling scream from Ramzan, and then the mood changed completely with the introduction of the baseball number.

Five members of campus breakdown crew UR Stylez dropped some sick moves on the dance floor, as the lively stream of cheers from the audience were the dancers demonstrated "whacking" and other breakdown style moves. UR Stylez’s performance, Radiance member and sophomore Alex White took the stage to perform a solo breakdown act of his own.

Following White’s dance, Radiance threw the May Room into darkness. When the lights came on, the Midnight Ramblers rashed the stage to applause from the audience; the Ramblers performed a short set, singing two songs and publicizing their upcoming show.

The Ramblers concluded their piece and departed the room with the same boisterous energy with which they had entered; it was only when they began leaving the stage. Radiance cramped up the energy in the room with a slick Cuban Cha-Cha then bumped the audience with a powerful solo by their fans on Olly Murs & Flo Rida’s "Up.

Adapting a classic

BY DAVID LIBBEY

STAFF WRITER

Nearly every theatrical production must find a balance between its history and the current trends. Few works have as substantial a history as those by William Shakespeare. Producing Shakespeare would, in its own right, be a cause for celebration. With their production of "The Taming of the Shrew," the UR International Theater Program finds an exciting way to engage the frequently told tale.

The show centers on Kate, an aggressive young woman, who is the eldest daughter of a man named Baptista. The young man Hortensio loves the younger daughter Bianca, but she cannot be married before Kate, so he sets about finding a suitor for the elder. Hortensio’s friend Petruchio happens to be in town, and when he hears that Baptista is rich, eagerly agrees to marry her. Kate, of course, is not too keen on the idea, and the two quickly become a couple.

In the subplot, another man named Lucchino falls in love with Bianca and conspires with her parents to have Baptista marry her instead. Petruchio happens to be a hypochondriac, and this continues throughout the show. In the end, the plot is resolved and the couple is happily married.

Midnight Ramblers show explosive energy and brotherly love

BY MEGAN KIBLER

STAFF WRITER

Being new to the art of cappella, I’ve found that there are a lot of essential skills required in order to have a successful group. There are the musical aspects, involving a rich blend of counterpoint dynamics and an overall sense of direction in each piece. These tools help create compelling music, worth listening to, but that’s not the only reason Strong Auditioning was packed on Saturday night: the audience not only was RPG to experience the sound but also to be able to join in on the fun.

That said, the Midnight Ramblers are masters of infectious energy. The show began with the group running up on stage, the audience with an intense jolt of sound, energy and awareness. It opened as an instant dance party with "Uptown Funk," infused with charisma from every single member of the group, especially junior Tiers Downey, who did an equal amount of dancing and singing that was hilarious to watch. It even inspired some rhythmically-challenged people, such as myself, to go dance with them.

Ten minutes later, the audience was captivated with the soulful ballad, “Take Me to Church,” featuring a powerhouse solo from senior Joe Tinboatou, who sounded exactly like Stevie Wonder. Throughout the night, the group’s solid blend successfully supported every soloist in reaching their best vocal potential.

The guest, all-female a cappella group, SUNY Fredonia’s Some Like It Hot, offered a quietly compelling contrast to the Ramblers’ mostly upbeat set list. Their rendition of “All of Me” had a fantastic blend and chinning dynamic contrasts. The soloist sang with utter conviction, and the musical and emotional connection between the group and soloist was very apparent.

But then there was a quick return to the dynamic high-energy. The Ramblers began a traditional Hindi song, and then UR Bhangra burst out onto the stage, smiling, dancing and providing an amazing surprise. It was one of the most unique collaborations I have seen yet.

And although the night was undoubtedly fun, there were a few heartfelt goodbyes that needed to be said to the group’s seniors. Junior David Keener, who has, according to junior Ben Kenegle, “(one of the) strongest falsettos we’ve ever had in 17 years,” undoubtedly proved this. His solo work in “Something” from a Beatles’ medley was a beautiful tribute to his eight semesters in the group. It was a very moving moment that was genuinely experienced by every single audience member. Senior Andrew Melchionna’s solo work on an arrangement of Marvin Gaye’s “Sugar” showcased his amazing falsetto and stage presence.

Kibler is a member of the class of 2017.
In darkness, Earl Sweatshirt lights up

BY JUSTIN TROMBLY
OPINIONS EDITOR

Earl Sweatshirt used to go outside. In the video for his 2010 song, ‘Earl, the then-16-year-old and his cohorts—fellow members of the hip-hop collective Odd Future—guzzle down drug cocktails and hit the streets for a day of debauchery. Wild-eyed, Earl and his friends skate, mob and tramp their way across Los Angeles until each of them begins to literally deteriorate. Blood trickles from eyes, mouths foam and teeth and fingernails are ripped free in a flurry of youthful chaos.

‘I Don’t Like Shit,’ which clocks in at a concise 29 minutes and 56 seconds, is an intimate look at Earl’s journey into adulthood. No longer is he the teen wordsmith rapping about rape and bodies in plastic bags. While his days of homoerotic rhymes and shock value are long gone, Earl’s music hasn’t necessarily lightened up. And, on his new album, ‘I Don’t Like Shit, I Don’t Go Outside,’ Earl is darker than ever before. This time, he’s inside.

‘I Don’t Like Shit’s’ soundscape reflects this reality. The production is handled almost exclusively by Earl himself, under the pseudonyms randomblackdude, and the beats are lo-fi, murky affairs. Lead single ‘Grief’ begins with a groggy sample reminiscent of a quarter of toads croaking in slow motion. Punctuated by dissonant snares, its bassy synths are overwhelming and sound like what I imagine drowning at the bottom of a well sounds like. On a sonic level, the sound is representative of the album as whole: the instrumentals all evoke the same shades-drawn, hole-up-in-a-room vibe.

Earl’s lyrics and delivery amplify his album’s dim production, and it’s easy to see how—his emotional range is limited to booms of anger amid long stretches of sadness, while his flow, intrinsically woven as ever, varies accordingly from aggressive spitting to drawled musing. ‘I Don’t Like Shit,’ which clocks in at a concise 29 minutes and 56 seconds, is an intimate look at Earl’s journey into adulthood. No longer is he the teen wordsmith rapping about rape and bodies in plastic bags, and there is a newfound focus here that was absent at times on his last album, ‘Doris.’

‘Huey,’ a prelude, kicks off the ten-track project. With the click of a tape deck, a set of blunted keys comes in, combining with mournful drums to form some kind of warped carnival music. The song starts off as a fairly upbeat bop, but soon spirals downward. “I spent the day drinking and missing my grandmother,” Earl admits toward its end. Drugs and mourning are present throughout the album. On ‘Grief’, he ends his last verse with: ‘Thinking ‘bout my grandmother, / I don’t have a bottle / I’mma walk when I lie in that / I just want my time and my mind intact / When they both gone, you can’t buy ‘em back,” he identifies himself as a ‘face-drinking smoker’ on ‘Inside’, explaining that drugs “help [him] duck when emotion kicks in.” On ‘DNA’, which features a heart-wrenching verse from skateboarder and sometimes rapper Nikel, Earl reveals the depth of his substance abuse: “Stomach full of drugs and shit / My niggas on some other / Cleanse Sunday, binge Monday / Then another six days / Back to Sunday when it’s done again.” It’s a concerning confession.

‘I Don’t Like Shit’ also finds Earl struggling with relationship woes. “And the last couple months was the worst / Cause I smashed all the trust / That I earned in the past couple months / That we had as a couple,” he raps on ‘Mantra,’ venting. His relentless internal rhyme schemes in this song are dotted with lines like, “You used to say you like violins,” adding a human element to the otherwise aggressive breakup poetry.

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Leaving him alone and echoing— orphaned.

Earl’s isolation is seen in other telling lines—“can’t even trust my friends,” on ‘Grown Up’ and “all I see is snakes in the eyes of these niggas,” on ‘Grief’. He is constantly questioning, often paranoid, and always conflicted: “Now you / He certainly comes off as a more confident and capable emcee than his past self, but it seems Earl hasn’t quite adjusted to the complications fame entails. He is constantly questioning, often paranoid, and always conflicted: “Now you / He certainly comes off as a more confident and capable emcee than his past self, but it seems Earl hasn’t quite adjusted to the complications fame entails.

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Flashback: Bulls of the future?

BY JESSE BERNSTEIN  STAFF WRITER

In the 1995-1996 season, the Chicago Bulls went 72-10 in the regular season before going 12-3 in the playoffs, on their way to winning the first championship of their second three-peptide era. Jordan, Scottie Pippen and Dennis Rodman made the All-Defensive First Team. (Pippen made the All-NBA team as well.) Toni Kukoc won Sixth Man of the Year. Phil Jackson won Coach of the Year.

That team is considered by many to be the best team of all time, and though there are valid arguments for some early-'70s Knicks teams, Celtic dynasty teams and early-80s Lakers teams, you'd be hard-pressed to argue against the '95-'96 Bulls. Part of their mystique was the ease with which they won, and by the time they reached the Finals, the outcome seemed as if it had already been determined. Now let's look at the Warriors.

If Steph Curry and company win their next two games, they'll finish the year 67-15, which would tie them for the fourth-best record in regular season history. Curry is the current MVP favorite. Draymond Green is probably in line for the Defensive Player of the Year and Steve Kerr is the favorite for Coach of the Year.

The Warriors have the second-highest offensive rating and the highest defensive rating in the league and are outsourcing their opponents by an average of 10.4 points per game, all while playing at the fastest pace in the NBA. They've been the best team from the first day of the season. Do you see where I'm going with this? Is it possible that this year's Warriors are as good as those Bulls? Let's take a look at the numbers.

At the roster level, it'd be tough to make an argument against the Bulls. Jordan, Pippen and Rodman at near or near the height of their powers, clearly at an advantage over Curry, Klay Thompson and Green. Though Curry has had an otherworldly season (perhaps the best shooting season in NBA history), Jordan's '95-'96 was easily the best in the league, and it wasn't even among his best five seasons.

In addition, the Warriors' role players—Andrew Bogut, Harrison Barnes and Andrew Iguodala—are, at best, almost as good as the Bulls' role players—Kukoc, Luc Longley, Ron Harper and Steve Kerr. Additionally, Kerr is a rookie head coach, so comparing him to Phil Jackson would be a little silly.

As teams, both dominated their respective leagues. However, the Bulls' net rating was nearly twice that of the second place team. Though the Warriors will finish overwhelmingly in first, even they can't lay claim to that level of dominance.

The Warriors have won their conference games at an .880 clip while feasting on a weak Eastern Conference, but that doesn't quite compare to the titans that spanked their Eastern Conference opponents to the tune of an .870 winning percentage. If you look at the final that no modern NBA player would get sent sprawling to the floor if they tried to finish at the rim in the '90s, those numbers probably seem even more distant.

So to answer our own question: no, the Warriors are not quite the Bulls. Jordan and Pippen, two of their closest competitors, Phil Jackson and Steve Kerr, are the most comparable to the future Warriors. Jordan's '95-'96 was easily the best in the league, and it wasn't even among his best five seasons.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Eleni Weschler - Softball

BY DANI DOUGLAS
SPORTS EDITOR

1. How did you first get involved in softball?

My parents had me hitting off of a tee as soon as I could stand up on my own. When I was five, I started playing in a tee ball league and haven't stopped playing since.

2. What do you consider to be your greatest strength as a player?

I think my greatest strength as a player is my ability to see softball for what it really is: a game. A lot of players take it way too seriously, don't have fun and eventually lose their love for the game. I appreciate the skill and dedication that it requires to do well but also make sure to enjoy every step of the way. When you're having fun and can be relaxed and confident at all points of the game, it's hard to lose.

3. How do you stay calm on the mound?

I used to be a nervous wreck on the mound earlier in my pitching career, but I came to realize that the batter is the player that has all the pressure. They don't know the location, movement or speed of the ball until mere milliseconds before they have to swing. As a pitcher, you have all the control, and that power is what allows me to stay relaxed on the mound. Every pitch is my battle to win, and knowing that, even if they do hit the ball, I have a very strong defense behind me that makes it that much easier to remain cool and collected.

4. How has the team progressed throughout the season?

At this point in the season, we are finally getting to a point where we are becoming comfortable with each other as players, both defensively and offensively, and we are finally gaining confidence in the players behind us. At the beginning of the season, we knew we had one of the most talented teams in the country and that our success would all depend on our ability to work together and use each other’s strengths. We have finally begun to play as a team with everyone contributing, and I think that our team has been stronger now than it has been all year, and that we can only get better.

5. What is the best advice that you have been given by a coach?

The best advice I have been given by a coach was never to say, “I know.” You always have something to learn, and you can always get better. Let people help you.

6. What do you most hope to accomplish by the end of the season?

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7. Would you rather be a co-pilot with Teddy Roosevelt or Kendrick Lamar?

I would choose Kendrick Lamar because he has had such an influence on the current music industry, and I have always really admired those who can understand and create music.

8. What do you most hope to accomplish by the end of the season?

Going to nationals again is what I hope to accomplish most. Last year we just chose Kendrick Lamar because he has had such an influence on the current music industry, and I have always really admired those who can understand and create music.

Douglas is a member of the class of 2017.

LAST WEEK’S SCORES

FRIDAY, APRIL 10

- Women’s Lacrosse vs Bard College - W 11-2
- Softball vs Union College - W 16-8
- Baseball vs Skidmore College - W 4-2
- Women’s Lacrosse vs Vassar College - W 10-6
- Softball vs Union College - W 9-1
- Baseball vs Skidmore College - W 13-3

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

- Baseball vs Skidmore College - W 4-3
- Softball vs Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute - W 4-0
- Baseball vs Skidmore College - W 13-7
- Softball vs Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute - W 4-2

TUESDAY, APRIL 14

- Softball vs Nazareth College - W 4-0
- Softball vs Nazareth College - W 9-0

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

- Softball vs Utica College - W 4-0
- Softball vs Nazareth College - W 9-5

THIS WEEK’S SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, APRIL 17

- Men’s Golf at University of Rochester Fred Kavetz Invitational - Day 1 - Pittsford, NY - 9:30 A.M.*
- Men’s Track at SUNY Cordland Classic - Day 1 - Cordland, NY - 3:00 P.M.
- Women’s Track at SUNY Cordland Classic - Day 1 - Cordland, NY - 3:00 P.M.
- Women’s Tennis vs Rochester Institute of Technology - 4:00 P.M.*
- Women’s Lacrosse vs Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute - 4:00 P.M.
- Women’s Rowing at Kerr Cup - Philadelphia, PA - 9:30 A.M.
- Men’s Track at SUNY Cordland Classic - Day 2 - Cordland, NY - 3:00 P.M.
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- Softball vs Clarkson University (DH) - Potsdam, NY - 1:00 P.M., 3:30 P.M.
- Women’s Lacrosse vs Skidmore College - Saratoga Springs, NY - 3:00 P.M.

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

- Baseball vs Vassar College (DH) - Poughkeepsie, NY - 12:00 P.M., 2:30 P.M.
- Softball vs Skidmore College (DH) - 1:00 P.M., 3:30 P.M.

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

- Softball vs Ithaca College (DH) - 3:00 P.M.*, 5:00 P.M.*
- WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21
- Softball vs Buffalo State (DH) - Buffalo, NY - 3:30 P.M., 5:30 P.M.

*DENOTES HOME GAME

(DH) DENOTES DOUBLEHEADER

Men’s Tennis has hard-fought weekend

BY EMILY LEWIS
STAFF WRITER

The University of Rochester men’s tennis team took on St. Lawrence University (SLU) and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) this past weekend. The Yellowjackets, who are now ranked 40th overall, move to 8-8 on the season after this weekend.

Against the Saints, Julian Danko, Ben Shapiro and Jonny Baker each won two matches. These doubles victories created a 2-1 lead for the Jackets. Danko went on to compete with Sam Leeman and defeat Rhonny Rosario and Paul Barret of SLU. Baker and Shapiro then took down Tom Luchars and Elliott Solandt with a score of 8-5. Rochester’s Ian Baranowski and Aaron Mevorach then fell 8-3 in the next round of doubles.

After doubles, the ‘Jackets won five consecutive singles matches with Mevorach, Shapiro, Danka, Baranowski and Baker all picking up wins. Rochester fell to RPI the following day at the Lyman Tennis Center in Albany, NY. The ‘Jackets had a tough start to the match, finishing 0-3 at the end of the doubles round. However, they were able to fight their way back to a 4-4 score once singles began with wins coming from Baker, Shapiro and Jonny Baker.

Danko, Baranowski then fell to RPI’s McKinley Grimes with a score of 7-5 after a tie-breaking round. UAA Championships will take place in Florida later this month, and Rochester will look to secure the title.

Lewis is a member of the class of 2016.
Sports
Discovering UR sports: A look into recruitment

BY JESSE BERNSTEIN
STAFF-WRITER

The recruiting process for collegiate athletics has been mythologized, debated and challenged so many times in recent years that it can be tough to separate fact from fiction. Whether or not you’ve been heavily exposed to the lurid tales of ill-gotten hummers, one too many text messages or the high drama of fax machine malfunctions, what you’ve heard has been almost exclusively about the recruiting process of Division I schools. But what about the little guys?

The University of Rochester plays, almost exclusively, at the Division III level (the men’s squash team is in Division I).

There are enormous differences between the recruiting process bandied about in the news and the one here at the U of R, the biggest being obvious: money. Last year, Rochester spent $143,234 on recruiting, while University of Alabama, for example, spent $2,193,655 during the same period. Nick Saban, Alabama’s head football coach, is paid $7 million per year, the highest annual salary of any public employee in the country. Meanwhile, the average salary for a head coach at UR is about $46,000. So, it should be pretty clear that the recruiting process in Division III is a far, far different animal than it is in Division I.

The following description of the process is based on interviews with Rochester athletes and administrators. We were unable to get in touch with coaches concerning this topic.

Recruits start to be contacted by coaches who have either seen them play or have heard about them on the recommendation of another coach during their junior year of high school. If the coaches haven’t seen the recruit play in person, they can turn to highlight videos, usually put together by the recruits themselves. This is more common today, according to George VanderZwaag, head of the UR Athletic Department, as recruiting has increasingly become a more national endeavor (though some sports, like softball and soccer, have summer showcases that are vital to a coach’s perception of an athlete). If a school decides to pursue a recruit, they’ll contact them in the form of emails, letters, packages or text messages.

Athletes soon find themselves bombarded with communication, though, as a freshman swimmer told the CT, “I’m always up for talks about recruiting. It’s a good sign that admission will be granted.” Unlike Division I schools, Division III schools can’t hand out full scholarships in return for commitments to a team. Though a strong and well-established athletic department can have sway in admissions, it’s usually a good sign that admission will be granted. The following description is based on interviews with coaches who have been admitted to the school.

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As weather heats up, so does UR Baseball

BY JACKIE POWELL
STAFF-WRITER

After starting their season 4-0, the frozen rope-hitting Yellowjackets have turned around their season and are continuing their season with a comfortable overall record of 18-7 and a conference record of 11-1, which puts them at the top of the Liberty League. This recent dominance put full on full display this past weekend during a pair of doubleheaders against division rival Skidmore College.

On Saturday April 11, during game one of the first doubleheader, the Yellowjackets put on a terrific showing in Saturday’s doubleheader against Skidmore College.

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