Computing at the speed of sound: UR's new supercomputer

BY JULIA SKLAR
PRESENTATION EDITOR

Through a $5 million grant from New York state, UR’s Health Sciences Center for Computational Innovation (HSCCI) has become home to IBM’s next generation supercomputer, which has the astounding capacity to perform 209 trillion calculations per second. This computer — the Blue Gene/Q — is 15 times faster than IBM’s previous generation and is also currently the most energy efficient computing system in the world.

The supercomputer’s primary function is to vastly improve how scientists examine and organize immense collections of data, turning them into complex models that give insight into the effectiveness of specific medical treatments and many biomedical engineering endeavors.

“UR is the first in the nation to receive a Blue Gene/Q,” said HSCCI’s Executive Director David Topham said. “While there are other universities with large computers, ours stands out in its dedication to health.”

The HSCCI has a ten-year projection for how they want to see the center grow. The plan is most active in the first five years, but is carefully structured to match how researchers will be using the technology going forward. The 10-year projection forecasts that the installation of this technology will generate $205 million in research funding.

The Finger Lakes Regional Economic Development Council selected the HSCCI to receive funding for this project, marking it as a priority. Not only is the Blue Gene/Q in the upper echelon of devices that efficiently analyze research in areas such as predicting disease outcome or vaccine efficiency, the supercomputer is also a robust resource for propagating the job market. The University already employs over 20,000 faculty and staff, and this supercomputer alone is expected to create over 100 new jobs.

The construction that has become a ubiquitous part of life on the River Campus continued at a breakneck pace this summer with several highly anticipated projects finishing and other long-term ones commencing.

But on Thursday, Sept. 6, about four inches of water flooded the B-level stacks of Rush Rhees Library. According to Assistant Director of Facilities and Operations Barry McHugh, the water came up through a storm drain that is used to drain the building. The flooding is still under investigation and has not yet been fully determined. McHugh was also reiterating to attribute the flooding to the construction that will be blocking the IT Center entrance until October.

“With the flooding, we're still cleaning it up. McHugh said, “There will be some outages, but to some books, but for the most part damage was avoided.” Only about 30 books are currently being dried out and added, and the B-level stacks should reopen within a few days.

UR Security Investigator Daniel Lafferty said that estimates for the damage are still pending.

Campus Club Connection undergoes summer overhaul

BY LEAH BULETTI
NEWS EDITOR

The Campus Club Connection (CCC) — UR’s centralized database for everything extracurricular — underwent an extensive overhaul this summer.

Now boasting a new homepage aggregating an array of campus events, the site also hosts pages of all 251 of UR’s student organizations which can now be extensively customized to include social media links, club-specific posters and pictures.

A third party company called Campus Labs, which hosts similar systems for a large number of colleges across the nation, created the new site. The discussions for the redesign began at the end of the 2011-12 school year.

“We wanted to add a lot of functionality to the system and it would have taken a lot of development internally to do it, so we decided to use a system that already existed.” Students’ Association Technology and Web Coordinator Colin Knapp said. “Now the groups have tremendous flexibility over their public pages with lots of opportunities for social media linking.”

Knapp, who helped to implement the interface provided by Campus Labs into UR’s system, including transferring club information to the new system, will be the primary administrator of the new CCC. Campus Labs coded the entire site; UR cannot change any of the code, which Knapp sees as a benefit because it will be “forever maintained” by Campus Labs. UR can also request new features and the colleges that Campus Labs serves can then vote on improvements that would be effective for all colleges.

The list of changes that students wanted to be implemented on the old CCC was “enormous,” according to Knapp. These included new functionality, a more modern interface, a site that was easier to use, a site that was more integrated with campus procedures and policies and many more.

So far, Knapp says the feedback he has gotten indicates that most organizations find the site easy to use. “It’s very native,” he said.

Knapp said that the “biggest and best” feature of the new CCC is event registration, which will now happen exclusively online in lieu of the previous and often cumbersome paper process.

“It really allowed us to digitize and modernize a lot of the process,” Knapp said.

Organizations can now post events that display in a poster format on a virtual bulletin board on the home page if groups submit a flyer image and also in a scrolling list at the bottom of the home page wherein users can enlarge them for more details. There are four ways a group can customize its page — font face for text, text color, link color and a header image. Now, in contrast with the old site, which Knapp believes will be popular, in addition to the fact that organizations can now create custom position titles and add as many members to executive positions as they like — which was impossible on the old CCC.
BOUT OF BOARD GAMES KEEP BOREDOM AT BAY
Members of the UR Simulation Gaming Association enjoyed an afternoon of cards and conversation in Douglass Dining Hall on Sunday, Sept. 2 as part of Yellowjacket Weekend.

FIVE-DAY FORECAST
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FRIDAY
Mostly Sunny
Chance of precipitation: 0%
High 81, Low 62

SATURDAY
Scattered T-Storms
Chance of precipitation: 50%
High 71, Low 55

SUNDAY
Scattered Showers
Chance of precipitation: 30%
High 68, Low 61

MONDAY
Scattered Showers
Chance of precipitation: 30%
High 66, Low 49

TUESDAY
Mostly Sunny
Chance of precipitation: 10%
High 70, Low 60

SECURITY UPDATE
Student stuck in room, door aixed down

BY LEAH BULETTI
NEWS EDITOR

1. UR Security received a call on Saturday, Sept. 1 at 12:59 a.m. after a student inadvertently locked himself in his room in Chambers House, according to UR Security Investigator Daniel Lafferty. Responding officers found the lock to be malfunctioning and notified the Rochester Fire Department which successfully freed the student with a pry bar and fire ax.

2. On Monday, Sept. 3 at approximately 5 p.m. an undergraduate student reported his iPhone stolen from the men’s bathroom adjacent to the Art & Music Library. According to Lafferty, the student had accidentally left the phone there and discovered it missing upon his return.

3. A student reported his iPhone stolen from the laundry room on the first floor of Gilbert Hall on Friday, Aug. 31 at 12:30 p.m. after leaving it there unattended. According to Lafferty, the student used software to track the phone’s location and traced it path from the Residential Quad to Geneseo Street across from St. Mary’s Hospital. Security notified Rochester Police of the incident and the student called his carrier to terminate his mobile service.

4. On Monday, Sept. 3 at 1:13 a.m. an individual was transported from Gilbert Hall to the Strong Memorial Hospital Emergency Department for care. According to Lafferty, the student reported feeling ill after eating possibly spoiled food.

5. Undergraduate student Gerard Markham was arrested on grand larceny charges on Friday, Aug. 31 at approximately 4 p.m. for the theft of a notebook computer from Gleason Library that occurred on Aug. 20. The notebook’s owner had installed the LoJack tracking system which helped lead to the successful recovery. After obtaining a search warrant, Rochester Police and UR Security investigators searched Markham’s room in Gale House and found the stolen notebook, according to Lafferty. The case is currently pending adjudication and has been referred to the Office of the Dean of Students for further review.

Gamers visit Goergen

6. On Tuesday, Aug. 29 at 3:45 p.m. officers found two individuals playing video games on a computer on the first floor of the Robert B. Goergen Hall for Biomedical Engineering and Optics. The individuals identified themselves as an undergraduate and an alumnus who told officers that he does not have a computer at home, Lafferty said. Both individuals were warned and escorted from the building.

Buletti is a member of the class of 2013. Information provided by UR Security

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CARE network expands to help struggling students

BY ABIGAIL FAGAN  COPY EDITOR

Last month UR unveiled CARE — a newly enhanced support system for students struggling with the stresses and strains of life. According to the CARE website, it aims to “effectively identify students in, or heading toward distress” using the eyes and ears of [the] University to help make sure students are supported.

Though CARE is its first entirely online support system, the University has maintained similar programs in the past. Originally a series of conduct meetings in which faculty and administrators discussed students facing disciplinary action, the system evolved as the University transitioned its stance from punishment to preventative measures.

The CARE program relies entirely on student and faculty reporters who can choose to either disclose their identity or remain anonymous. Once a report is filed and all relevant information is reviewed, Assistant Director of Student Support Services Erin Halligan determines the severity of the situation and creates a program tailored to the individual. She or someone close to the student will then approach them to offer appropriate resources.

Dean of Students Matthew Burns, who has supervised the system since it began, said “the response from faculty, administration and parents has been overwhelming positively.”

Halligan also expressed her confidence in the CARE program. “I believe students are our best resource in getting other students connected,” she said. “Students see and interact with these [struggling] individuals on a regular basis and are really good at identifying when they need help.”

Working to spread awareness of the program throughout campus, Halligan presented CARE at Freshman Orientation, reached out to advisors and teaching assistant training sessions, faculty conferences and the Full Leadership Conference.

Despite the network’s success, Burns continues to evaluate CARE for further improvement. “The fear that a system like this can become Big Brother-ish is on our mind,” he said. “But a deep concern for students and their well-being is also on our mind. And that is a balancing act.”

Beyond UR’s CARE, similar support systems have emerged across the country as well. Burns attributed this rise, in part, to the 2007 Virginia Tech shooting, which opened the floodgates for hundreds of college prevention programs nationwide.

Halligan emphasized the pivotal role of student feedback in the program’s success. “I believe students are our best resource in getting other students connected,” she explained. “They see and interact with these [individuals] on a regular basis and are really good at identifying when they need help.”

If you or someone you know is in need of support, visit rochester.edu/care.

Fagan is a member of the class of 2014.

Chabad House opens in 19th Ward after expansion in membership

UR’s health insurance requirements revised for 2012-13 school year

BY CASEY GOULD  NEWS EDITOR

Several modifications to UR health insurance requirements took effect last month. Officially announced by University Health Service (UHS) this February, these revisions were laid out in response to students with immense uncovered bills due to health insurance deficiencies.

“A number of students waived the University-sponsored health insurance plan and then incurred large bills for serious health problems for which they had no coverage,” UHS Director Ralph Manchester explained. “We feel it is essential for students to have coverage for things like prescription medications, mental health care, pregnancy and preexisting conditions.”

One of these changes includes extending coverage from 11 months to a full year. Whereas past years covered only the period from Sept. 1 to July 31, the new requirements will now also provide coverage during the month of August. Manchester hopes this extension will better cover the health of students who arrive at school early for academic, athletics and extracurricular activities.

Manchester emphasized the key role student opinion played within UHS decision-making process and encouraged students to continue voicing their concerns. “The [new] policies worked well over the summer and [were directly] adjusted in response to feedback from students and parents,” he said. Additionally, all requests for insurance waivers will be audited to ensure compliance with University benchmarks. If the waiver cannot be verified by the third-party insurance company, students may submit a written appeal once per academic year.

On a related note, UHS specified that most international insurance plans do not meet University standards for waiver. Along with the aforementioned changes in policy, waiver procedure will be expedited through earlier deadlines.

Students covered by American insurance companies should submit appeal documentation by Sept. 1 or within 30 days of acceptance to UR. Similarly, students with international insurance companies should complete the online health insurance waiver process by Aug. 15 or within 30 days of acceptance to UR.

According to UHS Associate Director for Administration Ann Nefziger, students with international insurance are not automatically covered. “We have adequate health insurance this academic year than ever before,” providing a safety net for those with extraordinary medical needs.

Manchester likewise expressed confidence in the recent revisions. “For the first time in UR history, virtually all students now have good health care coverage,” he concluded.

Gould is a member of the class of 2014.
Students post survey, vent frustration with communication

BY LEAH BULETTI NEWS EDITOR

With the intent of addressing what they feel are unnecessary hassles in campus communication, two students — senior Sara Lurvak and junior Jori Shapiro — started a survey this summer to gauge how students feel about the campus climate at UR, specifically the issue of clear communication between the administration and students.

“We felt really frustrated with all of the different lines of communication and things that don’t get resolved,” Shapiro said.

She described encountering numerous communication barriers between the administration and students and not knowing how to do it up with various campus entities like Facilities after experiencing a problem in a dorm or with doors after having a complaint about a professor.

“We started the survey to see if other students have these same issues and, in fact, they do,” Lurvak said.

The survey, which Lurvak and Shapiro shared via a Facebook event posted in July, has received 241 responses to date, with 100 in the first two days, numbers that both Lurvak and Shapiro said they found shocking.

They said they were the most shocked by the huge amount of students who responded quickly to the survey, but also by the number who also responded thoroughly, filling in almost all of the common boxes with “really good ideas,” Shapiro said.

The survey, which can still be accessed and which Lurvak and Shapiro are still monitoring for feedback, begins with the question “On a scale of one to five, how do you feel UR is using your feedback?”

It goes on to ask students to rate their overall experience at UR, what they think of professors and if they think the administration is using their feedback to make changes.

Lurvak and Shapiro brought forth this issue to voice such a concern. They then posted the survey to voice such a concern.

Joel Seligman, who advised her to

Shapiro sent an email to UR President

to voice such a concern.

“We have issues with each depart-

ment, but the real issue is the run-

around,” Shapiro said.

Burns said he thought that the sur-

vey seemed to contain “eclectic mix-

es of issues” and said that much of what

Lurvak and Shapiro brought to him filled him with more questions than answers. He also acknowledged that going to the president to start rather than going directly to the source was “pretty counter-productive.”

“If it seems like a round-about way of addressing things,” he said, adding that he thinks it is a common mistake made by students to go right to the top and that he thinks this is perpetuated by the fact that many students have the erroneous impression that the administration is inaccessible.

In response to the question of whether or not many of the issues that Lurvak and Shapiro brought forward can be resolved, Burns said he thinks some can and some cannot. Particularly complex issues like dining and tenure are difficult to resolve, he said.

Although Burns believes that once the strengths of UR as an institution is in the fact that it has a de-centralized governing structure, he thinks there is some room for improvement in communication.

“We need to get the message out that [the administration] is available,” he said.

He added that from looking at the results, it was clear that some students had tried and were unsuccessful in communicating issues to the administration, while other students were more vague in expressing their issues. This led him to wonder if perhaps they were under the assumption that the administration is inaccessible or if the answer that they had received from the administration was not one they liked.

Burns is considering holding lunches with random students to solicit feedback, since often the most vocal students on campus are leaders whose voices are frequently heard, rather than voices of students who might be the equivalent of UR’s “Joe the Plumber” student.

Lurvak and Shapiro have fewer issues when it comes to concrete solu-
tions in addressing what can seem like a largely ephemeral problem. Lurvak said she can envision having a place online where contact information for specific issues is clearly delineated, but she says they are largely aiming to address the “knowledge gap” she sees within departments and foster such broad ideals as transparency and accountability.

One student who responded to the survey suggested creating a task force of students chosen by CPA or campus involvement, Shapiro said. The group of students would then change to transparency and would serve as representatives to the administration of students’ ideas.

Shapin in part highlight this an-

ecdote because of what she describes as a frustrating experience when attempting to launch her project—the usual route of discussing issues with Students’ Association senators and various committees yielded unsat-

isfying results, she said, leading her to believe that her goals cannot be accomplished through traditional means and that many would assume to be the SA.

SA President and senior Rohel Patel said that he reached out to Lurvak and Shapiro via email over the summer on the day that the Facebook group was made, encouraging them to use the SA to accomplish the change rather than going directly to Seligman. Patel said he did not feel bothered by it, but rather was unsure “how effective it would be to go to the top” and wanted to explain the purpose of the SA.

“We wanted to encourage them to use [the SA] because that’s what it’s there for,” Patel said. “We can be the most effective when we are getting the most student feedback.”

Patel said that he supports im-

proving communication “because it can always be better” but noted “that we would encourage them to do it through us, because arguably that’s the most effective way of do-

ing things.”

“We do applaud them for being passionate about a student issue,” he said.

Neither party, however, say that they have plans to just forces.

Buletti is a member of the class of 2013.

URMC receives grant for suicide prevention

The Department of Psychiatry at the UR Medical Center has been awarded a five-year, $4.1 million federal grant from the Centers for Disease Control to establish an Injury Control Research Center for Suicide Prevention, which will be a unique research hub that seeks to understand the factors leading to suicide in adults aged 35-64 years old. According to Chair of the Department of Psychiatry Eric Caine, who will direct the new center, the overall increase in the suicide rate nationwide has been spurred by increase in the “mid-life age range.”

In 2009, the most recent year with complete data on the topic, suicide was the eighth leading cause of death in the U.S., followed by homicide, accounting for 36,090 deaths across all age groups.

The center will be one of only 11 in the U.S. and will be the only one whose primary focus is suicide prevention. The center will also be based in the decade-old Center for the Study and Prevention of Suicide at URMC and on URMC’s overall public health philosophy.

Medical amnesty clause added to Code of Conduct

A medical amnesty clause has been added to UR’s 2012-13 Code of Student Conduct for the first time. According to the handbook, “If you are concerned about your or another student’s health and safety due to the use of alcohol or other drugs and call University Security for assistance, never ask the person you are calling about will get in trouble for violating the alcohol and other drug policy.”

Following the incident, students are expected to consult with a member of UR staff to talk about the event, according to the Code of Conduct. Students may also be asked to participate in “educational opportunities” related to the incident.

Beth Jorgensen wins Latin American Studies Association Book Award

Professor of Spanish-American literature Beth Jorgensen has been awarded the 2013 book award in the humanities from the Mexico section of the Latin American Studies Association for her book “Documents in Crisis: Nonfiction Literatures in Twentieth Century Mexico,” which investigates the history of anti-homophobia in the “Mexico section of the Latin American Studies Association for her book “Documents in Crisis: Nonfiction Literatures in Twentieth Century Mexico,” which investigates the history of anti-homophobia in the 20th century. The award is presented annually to a narrative or work of art published between May 1 and Dec. 31 of the previous year.

Simon School expands program offerings

UR’s Simon School of Business has launched three new programs: a one-year MBA degree geared toward career advancement, a specialized degree program in business analytics and a specialized degree program in pricing. The Simon School will also work closely with the Simon Career Management Center to foster career development and in tandem with the launch of these new programs. Anticipated enrollment for the first class of the one-year MBA program will begin in June 2013, pending New York State Education Department approval. Anticipated enrollment for the pricing program will begin in fall 2013 and anticipated enrollment for the first-timeclass of the business analytics program will begin in fall 2012, while the first-full time class will begin in fall 2013.
NEW CCC BOASTS EVENT BULLETIN BOARD, CUSTOM PAGES AND ONLINE SERVICES

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"The old CCC wasn't used a lot for group communication and people fell back to email to keep in touch," Knapp said.

Another feature of the new site that Knapp found is the fact that students can customize their individual profile on the site, which enables the CCC to make individualized suggestions about organizations in line with a student's interests.

More changes to the CCC are also on the horizon. Next semester student organizations will be able to reserve rooms online as well as work on the financial aspect of their clubs with sending and requesting money. Eventually groups may also be able to hold internal elections online, Knapp said.

The old CCC will be available for organizations to use for the remainder of this semester so that groups can transfer information to the new site.

Student organizations tend to view the CCC in a generally positive light.

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could be in the thousands of dollars.

Adar Assistanl Solomon Blaylock said that "things got pretty crazy" as water was "pouring in." Regarding the flooding, President of the Student Association for Arab Cultural Awareness (SADACA) and senior Ruth Lindemann said she was initially confused as to why the new site lacked a "Cultural" category to enable students to more easily find SADACA and similar groups, a category that existed on the old CCC. This category has subsequently been added, but Lindemann said she still remains unsure as to why SADACA is not available under the "Awareness" category.

"Having the search bar does help, but if you're just browsing through the categories, SADACA would never be found and that could affect us acquiring new members," Lindemann explained.

Karen Cutillo, president of the College Republicans, which is currently reorganizing an organization is something that has to be requested through Campus Labs and that he cannot change.

"I've found that the only feature that was really easy, which helps with our large numbers, and the site allows us to organize our page much more effectively," he said. Although he did note that what he sees as the "inability to browse all groups easily," the new site will be helpful with the upcoming elections because there will be so many options for members to get involved with.

"It's a great way for us to post the information and let students explore it as they will, rather than email them details on every campaign rally or speaker coming to campus," he said.

"Things got pretty crazy," he says. "It's been a busy summer, a little more than usual, but the construction was unavoidable." he added. "In general, I think they have been very accommodating and have responded according to protocol," he said. "It's definitely been a noticeable inconvenience in my day-to-day life. Mostly the construction being done to the back of the library," she said. "There is a lot of work being done to the back of the library." She added that students should be notified more in advance of the construction so that they would have been aware that construction would be continuing when they get back to campus, and that construction would be done by the time classes started. "I think that we would have been able to avoid the construction if we had been notified of it sooner," she said.

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Close to connected: the new CCC

This summer, the Campus Club Connection (CCC) — the virtual hub of student organizations — underwent a marked transformation. Although some of the updates were necessary and welcome improvements, there are some features that hold the new website back from its full potential.

One positive change is the bulletin board feature, an interactive display that dons flyers for upcoming events and acts as a well-based version of the banners in Wilson Commons. Clicking on a flyer will open it in a larger screen, providing more details about the event. This addition to the CCC is sure to enhance the way on-campus groups employ publicity.

Just beneath the bulletin board is another new feature: a continuously updating feed of upcoming events — an accurate indicator of the huge number of activities on campus.

For all the positives about these two new features, however, they fail victim to the one problem that plagues the CCC overall: the way it’s organized. At a school that boasts over 240 diverse student groups — an impressively large array compared to the size of the student body — a home page that only highlights a handful of groups shouldn’t necessarily be the first access point on the website.

It would be more beneficial for the CCC homepage to display the bulletin board and newsfeed accompanying a list of all the available student groups, or perhaps alongside the search options already in place on the “organizations” landing page, which lists groups by individual profiles. Another organizational issue is the fact that the format for the website changes when users switch among the homepage, the organizations landing page and specific group profiles. The location of the available menus on each of the aforementioned pages fluctuates between the top left corner and a vertical sidebar on the left side. Most change is initial hard to acclimate to, but organizational drawbacks and inconsistencies make it even harder.

There are a number of smaller usability issues — such as a group’s inability to arrange its roster hierarchically rather than alphabetically, or the fact that every single person who requests to join a group must be approved — but the site’s main limitations reside in the organizational realm.

The new CCC, however, is not blind to what students in this day and age really do need from it. Student groups’ CCC pages are now linked to their Facebook pages — a popular way for groups to publicize themselves and keep their current and prospective members updated. Overall, the new CCC website will help increase student access to groups through some of its new features, but there are a few glitches — in particular, organizational ones — that must first be worked out of the new format before it can reach its full potential as the online crux of student groups.

Grumbles heard in Goergen

For many UR students, using the Robert B. Goergen Athletic Center for fitness classes or working out is as routine as going to class. Many students schedule their gym time around classes and other commitments to avoid the hassle of returning to a dorm room or house in between, rendering the existence of lockers a necessity for those who carry computers, backpacks and other valuables around campus.

Inconveniently, however, the gym no longer gives out reusable tokens for use in the public lockers because, according to multiple gym employees, they were frequently stolen in the past. With the old system, students who did not have a permanent locker could pick up a token and use a locker while they were in the gym and then return it when they left. This would prevent theft and enable students to lock up their belongings conveniently each time that they use the gym. If necessary, to further guard against theft, students could be required to leave their UR ID at the desk when they sign out a token to ensure that the token stays with them.

Entirely eliminating tokens is not a viable course of action given the popularity of the gym, especially since it inadventuously encourages students to leave their belongings unattended if they have forgotten their lock or do not own one. Implementing a system for signing out tokens with a signature and a UR ID would be an easy and cost-effective way to combat the problem and allow students to conveniently continue using the gym.

While you were relaxing and getting a tan this summer, the Campus Times was busy receiving a much-needed facelift. Hopefully, the first thing you noticed when you picked up this issue was that, well, the entire paper bears no resemblance to its old self.

We — the editor-in-chief and the presentation editor — have spent the past three months taking a satchet to the CCC design and layout, and then rebuilding it from scratch. We don’t expect anyone outside of the CT staff to be intricately familiar with the details of our design or layout processes, so we’d like to first give you the background information on what changes have been made to the paper and why.

The overarching impetus for this drastic, comprehensive redesign was that the staff as a whole felt that the aesthetics of the paper no longer resembled its old self. The CT is an up-to-date medium on which students can rely for important information regarding UR. Much of the old design was a holdover from what was established back in 2006, but certain parts, such as the weather graphics, were clip art from the 1990s.

Taking the templates for our beloved paper, shredding them all, and starting back at blank pages, waiting for inspiration, is terrifying. How do you even begin to approach a project like that? We decided that our first action should be to redesign the headplate, which serves as the visual representation of everything that the CT serves as a newspaper to any reader. It is a visual representation of everything a newspaper stands for.

Who’s to remember our old headplate, that lacked personality, and didn’t say much about us as an institution. The improved one you see on the front page today, however, stands to symbolize our three goals: a commitment to remaining modern, a connection to our history, and our dedication to the university we serve.

The old-style font of “Campus Times” embodies the first goal; the cleaner font of the date, issue and motto, as well as the presence of our website’s address, connect to the second and the emblem of Rush Rhees Library holds us to the third. Believes it or not, establishing this structure in the headplate paved the way for the entire rest of this much-needed redesign.

The analogy is this: When you go out to eat, if your food is arranged in an off-putting way, you won’t want to eat it no matter how good it might actually taste. Likewise, if a newspaper is designed in an unattractive way that makes it hard for readers to get something from its pages, then no one will want to read it, no matter how good the content actually is.

This redesign and its goals, from the start, were based on one main motto: keep it simple. Readers will appreciate that our articles are easier to read because we’ve changed our body copy (the font in which articles are printed) and increased its size. The newspaper is no longer littered with dozens of mismatched fonts, but instead will feature a total of six fonts used in a consistent manner. We’ve made easily visible previews on the front page so will be simple to tell what’s featured inside the paper before you even open it fully. We’re employing more white, open space in our layout, which not only makes it easier for editors to assemble their pages, but also for the benefit of you, the reader, by making the paper more accessible and less overwhelming to read.

The list of changes goes on much further, but we won’t list them all here: you can see for yourself by combing through this issue.

We hope that the overall improvement you get from it is that your CT in the future is cleaner, crisper, and not stagnate or outdated. It is fluid and current, and it exists to provide you with accessible, important information in an aesthetically pleasing way.

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Change needed in UR investments

BY ALXIBAN ALANI

Think global, act local is a common message promoted by awareness groups on our campus. It could very well be worth it. After all, we are able to encourage positive socioeconomic change through our actions here at the University. However, what if we take a closer look at the ways in which we seek to make change, and the impact of our actions. We are truly concerned with change that has global implications we need to identify the structures in part, responsible for creating the deplorable social, economic and environmental conditions we wish to ameliorate. Socially responsible investing is one way in which the UR community can contribute to positive change across the globe.

Our endowment stands at approximately $1.7 billion. Its management rests on the shoulders of a few enraged men, but because what is important to know is that a portion of the endowment is strategically invested to yield profits which help our endowment grow and allows the University to function as we have for over 130 years. And love. Our university, however, is currently invested in multi-national corporations that are involved in environmental degradation, war profiteering, unethical labor practices and worse, etc. — into the turgid coffers of General Dynamics. Not that it will help our students. Instead, this Tuesday, they will be receiving $94.7 billion of our hard-earned money in the form of Federal Pell Grants. The best way to ensure the sustainability of such an initiative is the establishment of a democratically elected committee of students, faculty and staff to oversee the endowment and the utilization of its resources in accordance to the core value of this institution, Meliora.

Occasional Safety and Health Administration on multiple occasions.

Last but certainly not least, our university is invested in J.P. Morgan Chase, Chase was one of the firms responsible for our recent financial meltdown, having been involved extensively with subprime and predatory lending. Chase and other major banks were in part, responsible for creating the lucrative market for mortgage fraud. The examples above suggest the best way to ensure the sustainability of such an initiative is the establishment of a democratically elected committee of students, faculty and staff to oversee the endowment and the utilization of its resources in accordance to the core value of this institution, Meliora. This racial disparity was not an accident; it was created by the way the foreclosure crisis has been managed. The best way to ensure the sustainability of such an initiative is the establishment of a democratically elected committee of students, faculty and staff to oversee the endowment and the utilization of its resources in accordance to the core value of this institution, Meliora. Our endowment should not grow at the expense of our students. The best way to ensure the sustainability of such an initiative is the establishment of a democratically elected committee of students, faculty and staff to oversee the endowment and the utilization of its resources in accordance to the core value of this institution, Meliora.

Call for new Mid-East policy

BY BOIAN BOIANOV

The eye of the hurricane is always calmest, but even the most halcyon existence eventuates in debris hurled by the storm around it. Thus it is often forgotten that in the ten years preceding the horrific events of September 11, 2001, large parts of the world were being battered by storms. Take one particularly salient example: Iraq. Between 1991 and 2001, the imposition of US-led sanctions meant that slightly more than ten million children under the age of five starved to death. Add the deaths of Iraqis five or older and the figure reaches ten thousand per year in a country of 31 million.

It seems like those ten years of pure hell abounded from our notebooks because the shrill denunciations that emerged on September 12 were completely ahistorical. Newspapers, journals and books asked: Why do they hate us? Explanations proliferated: The Arab mind, Islamophobia. A culture of hate. The best way to ensure the sustainability of such an initiative is the establishment of a democratically elected committee of students, faculty and staff to oversee the endowment and the utilization of its resources in accordance to the core value of this institution, Meliora. The examples above suggest the best way to ensure the sustainability of such an initiative is the establishment of a democratically elected committee of students, faculty and staff to oversee the endowment and the utilization of its resources in accordance to the core value of this institution, Meliora.

Electronic seed companies, the development of genetically modified seeds. Monsanto’s predatory business practices views farmers and their families into debt, which contributes to an estimated 1,000 farmer suicides each year in India. Monsanto’s profit comes at great ecological, economic and social cost to farming communities and global food security.

General Dynamics, another corporation that our school is invested in, directly profits from war. As the largest arms contractor, they manufacture weapons, vehicles and gear that aid in the proliferation of armed conflict worldwide. The military-industrial complex is soaked in the blood of innocent people from here and abroad. We should do our best to remove one of our involvement with firms and institutions whose only motive, profit, is advanced through the perpetration of unfettered violence.

General Dynamics has also been found guilty of discriminating against African American and female employees, in addition to violating health and safety regulations set by the U.S. Department of Labor.

Let us put our money where our mouths are. After a $94.7 billion bailout, I guess the joke is not on us anymore.

During the peak of the housing boom in 2006, The Center For American Progress reported that 47.5 percent of black borrowers and 36.6 percent of Latino borrowers in comparison to 32.7 percent of white borrowers. This racial disparity was not reproduced, but in fact greater at higher income levels. That raises questions about institutional racism and discrimination in the bank’s lending practices and the way the foreclosure crisis continues to play out in towns and cities across the nation.

The examples above suggest the interests of multi-national corporations conflict with ethical labor practices, environmental stewardship and other humanitarian, socially just and progressive values. The fact that we are stakeholders of this university implies that we have a say in how funds from the endowment are being used, particularly those funds invested in corporations complicit in such reprehensible activities. Let us collectively develop an ethical framework for managing our endowment – an initiative undertaken successfully by peer institutions. In April of 2007, University, The University of Pennsylvania, Swarthmore College, Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Brown University.

If we truly wish to have a global impact, it is not enough to seek more transparency as to how the endowment is managed, question our university’s investment in companies complicit in such reprehensible activities. Let us collectively develop an ethical framework for managing our endowment – an initiative undertaken successfully by peer institutions.
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I’d like to kiss your girlfriend.”

Freshman Ngosa Mupela recalls a funny memory of his friend Emmanuel Manirakiza. “He came into my room one day and then he [looked] at me and [said] something really inappropriate but really funny.” Mupela and Manirakiza were friends and hall mates at African Leadership Academy (ALA), a secondary institution that educates high-achieving African students. Mupela had recently begun going out with, as he refers to her, a “pretty girl,” who worked at a student business Manirakiza ran. “I’ll probably never forget that because it was real funny,” Ngosa said.

An incident in July, though, ended tragically for Manirakiza.
Emmanuel Manirakiza, in argyle, with friends and classmates from African Leadership Academy.

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Manirakiza’s story touches, inspires many

**Manirakiza FROM PAGE 9**

The Rwandan native, who was to begin his freshman year at UR this fall, drowned while swimming in a pool with friends on July 15, according to Ouattara and freshman Ben Ouattara, who also knew Manirakiza from ALA. Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid Jonathan Burdick also made a post about the incident on the University of Rochester Class of 2016 Facebook page on July 26. Manirakiza was taken to the hospital, but by the time he arrived it was too late.

Ouattara describes Manirakiza as open, happy and relaxed.

“He was always smiling,” Ouattara said. “I never saw him sad. I don’t know how, but he was always, always happy.

Freshman Bouhcac Diallo, another of Manirakiza’s ALA friends, mentioned his generosity.

“One time when the two boys were to go to a surprise party at a restaurant, Diallo could not afford his share. When the moment came for him to chip in, Manirakiza came to his aid, despite the fact that he was hardly rich himself.

“I remember him saying that what makes him happy is that even if he gives out everything he has for the sake of helping people, then he’s fine,” Diallo recalled.

Mostly though, Manirakiza is described by friends as simply being a normal teenager.

“The easiest way to describe Emmanuel is he was just really cool,” Mapela said. “He was the type of guy that when you talked to him you’d never have guessed what he’d been through.”

In a personal statement Manirakiza wrote entitled “MY STORE: Uphill Climb,” which he read aloud at an assembly at ALA, he gives a detailed account of his life story, from his birth “in nineteen ninety something, on a date and at a time that nobody now knows” to his beginnings at ALA:

He spares no detail in the account; it is raw, honest and reads with wisdom that one might not expect from a teenager. Not to mention, an unexpected level of optimism. The speech garnered a standing ovation, according to Mapela.

Not long after Emmanuel’s birthday, the crust of the earth opened up to drink the blood of the innocents and swallow the bodies of the blameless,” he writes. “Yes, the genocide started in Rwanda.”

The Rwandan Genocide touched Manirakiza in a personal manner. He was forced to leave home and escape to a UN camp with his mother and four sisters, most of whom were soon lost to war and disease, along with many of his other family members. Manirakiza and his only remaining sister, Patricia, fled to the Congolese bush. He was just five years old.

By 2001, though, his luck began to change. He was brought to The Sunrise School, an institution intended for orphans affected by the genocide, HIV and war. It was hardly an easy transition — Manirakiza explains how he had to learn how to “socialize and speak the language.”

Eventually though, he excelled, working jobs in the city, and even winning enough money with top exam scores to build a small home for his sister and then enrolling in ALA in September 2010.

“Emmanuel understands that history has ruined his past but he refuses to live under the umbrella of its ruins,” his speech continues.

Burdick shared Manirakiza’s story with the entirety of the University’s Enrollment division as well as others on campus.

“I can’t think of any other time I’ve invited the entire staff to read an incoming student’s story, and many on the staff were as inspired as I was,” he said.

Ouattara, Mupela and Diallo were all quick to explain, though, that Manirakiza hardly ever spoke about his childhood.

“(He) won’t try to make you feel pity for him,” Diallo said.

There have already been a few memorials for Manirakiza since his tragic accident best, though, when he recalled the last time he saw Manirakiza.

“Didn’t want to hug him … I just shook his hand that’s how we left it … I wish I would have hugged him that day, if I just knew,” Ouattara said.

Goldin is a member of the class of 2013.

Emmanuel Manirakiza, in argyle, with friends and classmates from African Leadership Academy.

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Rethink Possible"
Event Support: the real men (and women) in black

BY NATSUMI MARINER
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The start of a new school year means the start of a seemingly endless amount of events on campus. From the annual Candlelight Ceremony to Party on the Quad, the activities fair and Yellowjacket Weekend, the campus is renewed with life after a long, quiet summer.

While few can deny that a large part of campus life depends on these diverse events, many of us simply arrive at them without a second thought as to how and who make them possible.

Who exactly is responsible for most of the behind the scenes nuts and bolts that contribute to the success of almost every event on campus? Meet Event Support.

They can be found dressed in their all-black attire, running sound and lights for all sorts of campus events. These are the folks that dedicate their time to making sure that everything runs smoothly for the entire University.

Comprised of three professional staff members, Event Support Manager Lynn Stork, Event Support Assistant Manager Katherine May, and Event Support Technician Paul Berretta, 30 hired student technicians, as well as Reservation Coordinator, Sandra Peters, Event Support provides audio-visual services for a great majority of events that happen all over campus as well as other logistical planning such as table and chair set-up and staging.

The student technicians are trained to help in running sound and lights. Set-up, which starts days before the actual event, and tear-down all amount to a great number of working hours for the Event Support crew.

In addition to the time commitment, these technicians have to be good at what they do since they often only have about one rehearsal with a group before a show.

Lights and sound can often make or break a show, so Event Support has an important job to do behind the scenes.

“Almost any event that you attend on campus, whether it be the [Midnight] Ramblers’ show or the vendor sale around winter break, Event Support helped make it happen,” sophomore Event Support Student Supervisor Rachel O’Neill said. “The crew is friendly, helpful and encouraging, and they make going to work a fun thing to do. It is an ideal job for me, because I’m learning valuable skills that I can use post-college. Plus the scheduling is flexible, keeps me busy and I have a lot of fun doing it!”

But it’s not just the big events that Event Support handles. One of their jobs can simply be unlocking and locking a room for a meeting. We all have that one unfortunate professor, seeing Logistics on Page 12.

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Online learning may be in University’s future

BY ANTONETTE ESC
FEATURES EDITOR

Last night, I visited the Coursera web site. After entering just my name and email, I had access to over 120 courses in 16 diverse categories offered by 20 different top universities. Within a minute, I was registered for a world history course taught by a Princeton professor and watching his first lecture. For free. In my pajamas.

From slate to iPads, technology has been evolving with education for some time. Most educational administrative tasks, such as grading, have already gone digital and people have been earning degrees through online coursework for years, but projects like Coursera make online education accessible like never before.

According to their website, Coursera strives to “empower people with education that will improve their lives and the communities they live in.” This allows world-class educational resources to reach beyond students and those seeking an entire degree online. “Services like Coursera offer an opportunity to mend global disparities in education which is an admirable and necessary goal for all educational institutions,” said interim senior vice president for administration and technology, said.

Coursera, and other similar projects, offer Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) that reach millions of possible students. Coursera grew substantially this past semester, adding over a dozen institutions to its previous four-member partnership.

Through a collaboration of these universities, courses can be taken as a sequential lecture series, similar to traditional courses, complete with assignments and quizzes, or as individual video lectures — even after the traditional course finishes. Most courses completed within a time frame offer certificates of completion. Some of the involved universities are even offering college credit through Coursera for a fee.

Despite this new accessibility, the same issues that have always existed with virtual learning still apply. It is much harder to guarantee and regulate academic honesty when coursework and examinations are done from behind a computer screen many miles away. Plus, easy accessibility isn’t always better. Most studies show that online learning is not as successful as a traditional classroom environment.

In spite of these complications, MOOCs and virtual partnerships offer a great opportunity for potential students and major research universities alike.

As a major research institution, UR is constantly re-evaluating how technology is used. The College Teaching, Learning and Technology Roundtable (CTLTR) said.

“Event Support,” give them a chair you sit in at an event was placed there by a crew member of the Event Support staff in their navy blue Wilson Commons polo shirts or black shirts labeled “Event Support,” give them a thank you wave (or hug if you’re brave) for all of the hard work they put in to making campus events run successfully. Without them, the campus wouldn’t be half as much fun.

Overheard at UR:
“Don’t waste it, but make the most of the experiences.” –Elbesbishi

This week in the horoscope

Virgo
(Aug. 23 - Sept. 22) College goes by fast. Don’t waste it, but make the most of the experiences.

Libra
(Sept. 23 - Oct. 22) Trust is an exclusive invitation. Be careful where you send it.

Scorpio
(Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) Compassion will help your progression in this world. But don’t take it for granted.

Sagittarius
(Nov. 22 – Dec. 21) There’s always someone thinking about you, even if you don’t realize it.

Capricorn
(Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) Life gets harder, but you can also choose to get stronger as well.

Aquarius
(Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) It’s been a busy week. Although you’ve been feeling confident lately, you may become impatient.

Pisces
(Feb. 19 - March 20) Never overestimate the power of curiosity and the magic that results.

Aries
(March 21 - April 19) “Hi” is a more powerful word than you may think.

Taurus
(April 20 - May 20) Stop doubting. You will never know unless you try.

Gemini
(May 21 - June 20) If you want to reach out, reach out to yourself first.

Cancer
(June 21 - July 22) The rain is a perfect time to dance. Enjoy the moment.

Leo
(July 23 - Aug. 22) This is the time for you to shine. So, go for it!

Illustrations by Jordan Cicoria.

Things you should know this week

This day in history: September 6

1522: One of Ferdinand Magellan’s ships reaches Spain, completing the first circumnavigation of the globe.

1901: President William McKinley is shot in Buffalo, N.Y.

1915: The first army tank is made in England. It was called “Little Willie” and travelled at a whopping 2mph.

1997: Some 2.5 million people tune in to watch the funeral of Princess Diana.
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by Jason Silverstein

Preparation is Key
by K
Art at its Worst

by Melissa Goldin

Sugar Free Love

by Alex Kurland

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by Kimchua Heng

Yay Panda Express outside!

Oh no, a yellow jacket!
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YUXIN TENG
Hi. Class of 2016
My name is Yuxin Teng, and I would be honored to serve you on the Students’ Association Senate. Serving as Vice President in student government and President of the music society over high school years, I have learned so much about being a truly responsible team leader who cares sincerely about her peers, and works efficiently to make things happen. An additional personal interest I would also love to voice opinions for students from all over the world, to devote my time for everyone interested in learning more about cultures, and to help our university become a more diverse and united family. Class of 2016. I wholeheartedly believe that as a big family, we can make this the year the best one in our life. And I am always here for you. Next stop: to your concerns, advocate your needs, and convert your wills into reality.

DANIEL STARK
 Fellow freshmen, I am running for Senate with three goals: the betterment of the University, enhancement of student life, and promotion of active citizenship. I’ve had the pleasure to meet many of the freshmen in the weeks preceding this election, learning about the diversity, potential, and culture within our freshman class. We all had different reasons for choosing UofL. I came because of the attitudes of the students. I’d like to believe that we drive the steady pulse of Melinoi. Class of 2016; We are Rochester’s most valuable asset. In this spirit, I’ll propose initiatives that engage our class as representatives of Rochester, receive positive feedback to our high school college counselors and student body. With your vote, I’ll work to maximize communication between students, Sacramento government, and the university administration. Using student-opinion polling, both the SA and the university can learn more about what Rochester students want from their university experience. I will encourage votes on non-binding Senate resolutions way express your student body approval or disapproval towards university action, cruise, compulsory, or pre-act policy.

LUKE METZLER
The gravity of a leader is the core of the Student’s Association Senate. It is not purely a position of power. It is a position of immense responsibilities. Specifically, one can expect that one will uphold and fulfill the duties of the student body. A Senator must be an advocate with their “fair to the ground.” Someone who is in touch with student life, not aloof. I have already made fantastic friendship with students in all walks of life and all classes on this campus: from baseball players to midnight Rammiers to Thespianics to Fottbuls. I am so happy to have met so many fantastic people here at UR already. These relationships give me insights to many different perspectives on student life, perspectives that are vital to being an effective Senator. Just about everyone running for Senate is committed, and almost all candidates would be responsible and hard-working, but what Rochester needs is Senators who understand the students they represent. I am running for Senate, making sure the voice of Rochester students is heard. I am Luke Metzler, and I want you to vote for Senator.

NEGOSA MUPELA (STRIKER)
My name is Negosa but you can call me Striker. Why? Did you vote for me for freshman senate? I claim to know soccer better than anyone of my opinion. On the people I am asking to vote for. Being an international student, soccer is a part of my career. I am probably even newer than the environment than my fellow freshmen. However, I do think being from so far away is my strength. I can bring a new perspective to the senate, an African perspective. Where I am from has taught me many lessons I believe I can use to make a contribution to the senate, lessons such as ‘sufficiency’ (togetherness) and new ways to solve problems that may be facing the Senate. I am a hard worker, street smart and ready and willing to serve. I also am very good at meeting deadlines. These are things that may not be unnoticed, like for example the fact that there are not enough green buses during peak periods, or the lack of the lockers. This is why I claim to vote for. The one promise I will make is that I will always be looking for new ways to make a difference. Vote for me. Vote for a new perspective. Live and prosper.

ANTHONY SALZAR
I am a world of new opportunities. My name is Anthony Salzar. I’m from Houston, Texas and this is my first year at the University of Rochester. As you can imagine, moving 2000 miles away from home to foreign place and an uncertain future was certainly something that worried me. But somehow I discovered that I’ve only kept love and wisdom from the people here and the school life. I feel it’s only right that I give something back. That’s why I would like to receive your vote for the Senate. I believe I am well suited for the position. I served in the Congressmen Pete Olson the 22nd congressional district of Texas. Also while in Houston, I was a volunteer at the Houston chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union. Being a fresh man myself realize fully the tough financial strains that most of us go through, from basic tax tuition to the costs of books. I know that you would like the fullest, most rewarding experiences here at the University of Rochester. As your Senator I will work closely with the Projects and Services and the Approaches committee to ensure that your studies are the most efficient of manners. Grant me your support and your vote, and together, we will make EVERYDAY, EVER BETTER.

WESLIE MUNAPLELLI
Hi everyone! My name is Weslie Munapellli and I am interested in running for Freshman Class Senator. I am an aspiring international business major with a love for art, music, and dance. I am from a small town in New York about two hours away from Horseheads, Prior to moving to Horseheads I lived in various places including right here in Rochester. I loved it here so much that I decided to come back to UR. Therefore, being a Freshman of the area and all it has to offer. I am full of pride and spirit! Whether it’s a Quidditch match or a Scapula concert you will probably see me there. In addition, I have held previous lead and executive roles which will help me integrate my knowledge and experience to make this year great. As the largest and most diverse class the university has ever seen, it is our responsibility to make our mark here on campus. Most of all our responsibility to make incredible new friends and having lasting memories. I hope you will all support my endeavor to make a difference here at UR. If you have any questions or suggestions, my door is always open. So, here to a wonderful Freshman year! I’ll do my best to get to know all of you very soon. Thank you.

WASIF YOUSAF
I am a Freshman from college to be planned by itself, or do we as students want to take charge. We voice our opinions, we cooperate, and commit ourselves to a common cause. We will work towards a more connected and fun student community. You don’t like the food, tell me why and we’ll work something out. You don’t like the way something is run, can help you improve the situation. Or maybe you have a small idea you want to try out. Either way, that said, it does not in any way mean that we are limited in our choices. We will work to achieve what no other class before us had, and reach the pinnacle when all is said and done, and the only thing impossible and people say cannot be done, that is when you realize that the human race has become lazy and unproductive. It’s the point where we call difficult tasks impossible! That being said, I will do everything I can to help me fulfill your concerns. Your complaints and suggestions will only better the University, so go ahead vote for me, because only as a team can we function like one. Don’t wait, go ahead and vote for me, Wasif Yousaf.
Craig Robinson harmoniously fuses comedy and music

BY GABRIELLE CORNISH
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Within the overarching realm of comedy, there are subtle yet important lines that distinguish different types of humor, such as the distinction between viral YouTube videos and a friend’s drunken ramblings, between bathroom humor and political satire.

With comedians like Daniel Tosh currently in the media spotlight for less-than-tasteful jokes, the comedic profession’s legitimacy is being questioned more than ever before. As audience members try to discern what makes something a comedian, rather than someone who is just funny. On Saturday, Sept. 1, a packed Strong Auditorium, excited to see Craig Robinson, experienced a demonstration of just that very distinction.

Opening the night was Gerard Guillory, a veteran comedian who has appeared on “MadTV” and “The Tonight Show.” Though he struggled with a fairly stagnant audience throughout the set, Guillory was able to draw some laughs early on with simple one-liners and the occasional pelvic thrust. With very few exceptions, however, these methods comprised the entirety of his set, as Guillory struggled to transform his humor from high school locker room talk to comedic brilliance.

“[He] didn’t seem that original,” senior Trevor Filer said after the show, “I didn’t find [his] jokes terribly funny.”

Guillory came closest to comedic excellence early in the set, with a satirical remark about rapper’s attitudes toward promoting their work at the most “inopportune, uncomfortable moments,” as he mocked an imaginary rapper at an awards show by screaming, “Hey y’all, I just wanna let y’all know that my album drops on the fifty-fifth!” This marked one of the few times Guillory stayed on track with his structure of “make a one-liner about sex and watch the college students chuckle” toward actually putting on a comedy show. This gag appeared a few more times to provide a small level of organization to the show. It was tough he partook in a similar genre of humor, Craig Robinson provided a sharp, unique contrast to Guillory’s set. Perhaps best known for his portrayal of Darryl Philbin on NBC’s “The Office,” Robinson blended music and comedy to create a funny and engaging performance. Though it seemed that many students attended the show because of an appreciation of his role as Darryl — one student even yelled out “We love you, Darryl!” — it is clear that Robinson is just as talented a comedian as he is an actor.

Interacting with the audience from the very beginning, Robinson opened by playing the childhood classic “If You’re Happy and You Know It,” playfully chastising the audience when members clapped instead of stomping during the second verse. “It’s stomp your feet, motherfuckers!” he shouted. Though able to get laughs from the smallest gestures and one-liners, Robinson didn’t limit his performance to just that — he also created a sing-along rapport with the audience that made it impossible to look away. When he inserted “take your panties off” (a running gag through the whole set) into crowd favorites like the Eurythmics’ “Sweet Dreams” and Journey’s “Don’t Stop Believing.” Though, like Guillory, much of Robinson’s humor was simple, he was fully committed to conveying it in an original way that poked fun at himself, including a reference to his 2008 arrest for possession of ecstasy and crystal methamphetamine.

The set, though overall quite entertaining, was not entirely without faults. Despite even his best efforts, at times Robinson wasn’t completely successful in his musical renditions, as some bits were lost on audience members due to generational and stylistic differences. This seemed to be, however, more a reflection on the typical UR student than it was on Robinson’s skills as a comedian. A slightly older audience might have better received some of these references, including one in which Robinson poked fun at the Chicago Bulls’ introduction music for Michael Jordan, comparing it to the song a man hears before he sleeps with someone. Fortunately though, these moments were few and far between.

Robinson entertained the audience with his own brand of comedy on Saturday, Sept. 1 in Strong Auditorium. Robinson entertained the audience with his own brand of comedy on Saturday, Sept. 1 in Strong Auditorium. Robinson entertained the audience with his own brand of comedy on Saturday, Sept. 1 in Strong Auditorium.

Nevergreen concert suffers from low attendance, sub par music

BY ERIKA HOWARD
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On Saturday, Sept. 1, progressive rock and reggae band Nevergreen performed at the Yellowjacket Weekend carnival on Goergen Field. Hopes were high for a great show from this local band which has been gaining quite a bit of popularity recently — unfortunately, this concert was doomed from the very beginning.

The music itself was decent, if not particularly memorable, but, unhappily for Nevergreen, almost no students attended the show. This resulted in an incredibly low-energy performance that ended up being little more than lackluster.

Nevergreen seems to struggle with their musical identity. On their website, the band states that they have “roots ranging from metal and punk rock, to pop and hip-hop.” However, they seem to have more roots in all these genres — they appear to swing back and forth between them, creating a hectic set. There was very little cohesiveness in the songs as a whole.

There was also little cohesiveness between Pass and the rest of Nevergreen. The band itself thrived in the more rock-centric songs: the drummer, J Pass, in particular, excelled during these pieces, completing transitions between the songs fluidly and genuinely looking like he was enjoying performing. However, the lead singer’s voice generally wasn’t strong enough to hold up to these songs, and was far better suited to those that were more reggae- and jazz-inspired — but these latter pieces seemed to virtually put the band (and the audience) to sleep.

Some of the rock-inspired songs were a bit catchy, but on the whole the music was forgettable — enjoyable in the moment, but nothing worth buying a ticket for.

Another issue that hindered the band was timing. Nevergreen was scheduled to play for the final hour of the carnival — in an attempt, perhaps, to encourage the audience to stick around for the entirety of the event. This plan backfired, however, when many students were unwilling to wait so long for a band when many students were unwilling to wait so long for a band. This kind of discomforting interaction left the audience a bit uneasy. However, this wasn’t the only issue with the performance, or the band as a whole.

In general, Nevergreen simply seemed like an odd choice for Yellowjacket Weekend. Even if their performance had been scheduled earlier and their show had more energy, they still would have been too slow to dance to and too boring to listen to. About a no-name band and a terrible time slot made this concert one of the dullest to grace UR in recent years.

Overall, this performance was an unfortunate mix of poor choices and only decent music. Here’s hoping that next year the Yellowjacket Weekend concert doesn’t suffer from these same mistakes.

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Family comes to light. Not long after, Amina returns to Bangladesh to help her parents migrate to the U.S. only to be tempered by an old flame and endangered by an unhinged relative. By this point, the book has become overly dramatic, and it soon comes to an extremely abrupt ending. Freudenberger’s narrative trajectory — beginning in a war-torn country, shifting to the U.S. and then returning to the protagonist’s homeland, where danger and old memories abound — bears more than a passing resemblance to the plot of Khaled Hosseini’s “The Kite Runner.” There are several crucial differences, though, between “The Kite Runner” and “The Newlyweds.” “The Kite Runner” knew exactly what it was about (i.e., the theme of cowardice and re- demption), and its plot featured many strong characters. “Newlyweds” cannot seem to decide if it is a story of culture shock, a character study, or a rumination on recent world history.

Additionally, Freudenberger’s Bangladeshi villain (the dangerous cousin, Salim) never actually encounters Amina, and so he seems somewhat irrelevant to the main story. Amina is a spunky, likeable protagonist and a polite observer of American ignorance, but she grows less relatable during her return to Bangladesh. This ambitious woman, who is nearly everything she wanted at the start of the book, yet she inexplicably grows indecisive and wishful during the last hundred pages. It is as if Freudenberger decided to completely change Amina’s nature, rendering her an overly passive character after 300 pages of decisive behavior. The change in Amina’s character was straightforward in some respects, but it seemed impossible for the episo- ode to live up to expectations for the show. Happily though, this was not the case. Steve Moffat, current lead writer and executive producer of the show, is known for his complex storylines that can take entire seasons (or more) to resolve. With this installment, however, he returned to the idea of a stand-alone episode, and it was one of his more brilliant ventures.

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characterization is jarring and further indicates that Freudenberger's book lacks a sufficient degree of structure.

The other characters in “The Newlyweds” range from sharply defined to bland. George is an odd and somewhat sad character in the scenes where he has actual dialogue, but it largely left out of the action. Kim is arguably the most fascinating person in the novel — she is a sweet woman capable of lavish acts of kindness, but she also has a habit of lying, capa-

cible of loving and a well balanced, refined art. It is possible to present intelligent humor idiosyncratically, and equally possible to present simple humor intelligently — and when dealing with simple humor, one must do just that. Where Giul-

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Overall, the show was a good ad-

dition to an exciting Yellowjacket Weekend. Though not without faults, Robinson’s main achieve-

ment of the night was providing a reminder of what good stand-up is — comedy that bridges the gap between trivial attempts at eliciting laughter and a well balanced, refined art. It is possible to present intelligent humor idiosyncratically, and equally possible to present simple humor intelligently — and when dealing with simple humor, one must do just that. Where Giul-

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‘Who’ is a treat for viewers

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cptionally well done, with Gil-

lan once again reminding the au-

dience that she’s more than just a pretty face and Scottish quips.

Smith, as the Doctor, was also sublime in this episode. He played both sides of the coin beautifully — his interactions with Cole-

man’s character, particularly in the very end, reminded the audi-

ence that at times the Doctor can be very human, bringing out the softer side of the character. However, we still got the typical, cocky Doctor fans know and love throughout the episode, keeping it from getting so sentimental it was no longer fun.

‘Asylum of the Daleks’ was an absolute treat, with action and special effects balanced out nicely with the relationships between characters and drama. Moffat, as well as the cast, did a terrific job at keeping everything cohesive, despite the fluctuations between comedy and tragedy within the episode, not to mention the in-

teractions with old and new cast members.

With the added bonus of a special sneak peek at Coleman, it seems unlikely that any “Doc-

tor Who” fan would have walked away disappointed.

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Brandon Weeden, the 22nd pick in downs last year may provide him 39.2 percent passing accuracy is understandable given Moore's slightly better than Moore, which is the only reason that Moore isn't starting if he can't get his act together. Matt Moore, as Tannehill may need Matt Moore is much more reliable Accuracy is a concern with Tannehill, the third quarterback of Dolphins football, but he has shown a selfishness which he has struggled with consistency. To be fair, the only thing consistent for Miami this pre-season was their string of four straight losses. Accuracy is a concern with Tannehill, who completed only 22 of 50 attempts. If the Dolphins are to be smart, they will retain quarterback Matt Moore, as Tannehill may need to be bunched after a few games if he can't get his act together. Moore is much more reliable than the 34-year-old third-string quarterback David Garrard. The only reason Matt Moore is starting this weekend is that Coach Joe Philbin felt that Tannehill was slightly better than Moore, which is understandable given Moore's 39.2 percent passing accuracy and his pair of interceptions this pre-season. Moore's 63.2 percent accuracy and 16 touchdowns last year may provide him with a chance for redemption.

Cleveland Browns quarterback Brandon Weeden, the 22nd pick in the 2012 draft, is not doing much better than Tannehill. After hitting clay pigeons out of the air with a football, Weeden was seen as a smart, good with the ball, make good decisions and position themselves well to thwart the opposition. Weeden is one of our strengths for sure. They've all played really well, so we're excited about the back four.
Men's soccer starts season with shut out wins

BY NATE MULBERG
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The National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) currently ranks the Yellowjackets 6th in the nation. UR defeated Marywood University 5-0 on Friday, Aug. 31, and SUNY Fredonia, 6-0 on Sunday, Sept. 1 to win the Flower City Classic. Seiditt earned tournament MVP honors, while Cargill was named defensive MVP/Player of the Week in pre-season play.

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The SUNY Cortland Red Dragon Classic that took place on Friday, Aug. 31, and Saturday, Sept 1 saw UR in group stage play against host Cortland as well as University of Pittsburgh at Bradford at Saturday, Sept. 1 after advancing to the Gold Pool. Although UR lost 3-0 (23-25, 18-25, 19-25) against the Red Dragons, UR bounced back and handed Pitt-Bradford its second loss of the tournament, 3-0 (25-14, 26-24, 22-22). The Red Dragons came out strong against UR in their first game. The Jacks attack was led by senior midfielder Alisson Resnick who chipped in with six kills each while Ribakove also had 10 digs. Senior defensive specialist Lauren Busick notched Ribakove’s dig count with 10 of her own, along with two aces. Sophomore setter Xiaoyi Li and senior outside hitter Kelly Mulrey had eight digs apiece and Li went on to record 25 aces and three aces as well. Although first defeated, the Jacks rebounded against Pitt-Bradford.

Field hockey firepower on full display, earns 11 weekend goals

BY JOHN BERNESTIN SENIOR STAFF

A young and talented lineup appears poised to steer the women’s field hockey team this season, as an entourage of younger students paved the way for UR’s perfect start to the 2012 campaign over the weekend — one that saw the Yellowjackets outscore a pair of opponents by a combined 11-0 margin.

The women opened play in Syracuse on Saturday, Sept. 2, squaring off against Kenyon College. The Yellowjackets made quick, decisive work of the outmanned out-of-staters, and expelled the Ladies, 5-0. Freshman forward Michelle Relin ignited the Yellowjackets’ high-powered offense with a goal 14:12 in, accepting a pass from senior Sarah D’Itino’s penalty corner and sliding the ball into the back of the net. Keeton then added to the tally, putting the Yellowjackets ahead 2-0.

The Yellowjackets broke open the second half by tacking on two more goals in less than two minutes — one each from Relin and Keil — while sophomore forward Maura O’Connor wrapped up UR’s offensive field day by scoring from right in front of the cage, 66:51 in. Relin was later named the Liberty League Rookie of the Week for her outstanding performance.

Rebounding against Pitt-Bradford, the Jacks continued to impress with 16 digs against the panthers, while Ribakove and junior outside hitter Becky Guevara put in 53 assists, 10 digs and four aces while fellow All-Tournament Team member Bujnicki supplied twelve digs. Neff had nine kills and two block assists, and Savannah Benton who had five block assists. Rid- dle were named to the All-National Team as well.

Field hockey score sheet:

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Women’s Soccer

BY BRIAN CAPPI

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Sept. 1: Johns Hopkins University 0-4 (L)
Field Hockey

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Sept. 2: Oswego State University 6-0 (W)
Men’s Soccer

Aug. 31: Marywood University 5-0 (W)
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Volleyball

Season starts Sept. 8
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This Week’s Results

Volleyball

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Women’s Soccer

BY JOE HANN

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