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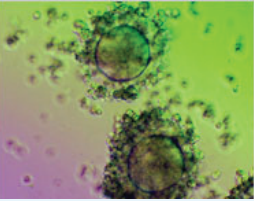


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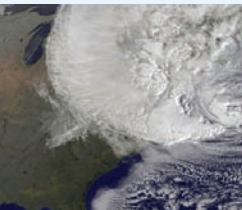
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Volleyball won three games last weekend, improving its record to 21-10.

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Groups such as UR's Partners in Reading (PIR) work to combat the issues seen across a variety of city schools, which are struggling to improve test scores and subpar graduation rates.

Rochester schools struggling

UR PROFESSOR DISCUSSES HOW TO COMBAT CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM'S WOES, OFFERS CAUTIOUS OPTIMISM FOR CHANGE

BY RACHAEL SANGUINETTI
STAFF WRITER

Rochester city schools are in serious trouble. Only 24 percent of students in grades three through 12 scored proficient or above proficient on mandated standardized tests compared to 52.8 percent statewide. Twenty-seven percent of students met math benchmarks. Half of students in the Rochester city school district will not graduate from high school.

These statistics give only a snapshot of what has been called a "state of emergency" by Van White, a member of the Rochester City School Board. White

is expected to propose a number of suggestions to reform public schools within the district to the Board at its next meeting on Thursday, Nov. 1.

These suggestions include extending the school year by two weeks, hiring more reading teachers and transferring some students in grades K through three into suburban schools, whose students performed much higher on standardized tests. He also suggested enlisting the help of local colleges to create high schools on their campuses. White acknowledged that this will not be a quick fix, but believes that some of these changes will have a strong impact and slowly turn things around.

But many members of the community, including Warner School of Education Professor David Hursh, believe that the proposed changes will not fix the problem and "are too limited."

"For many students who already dislike school because of the drill and kill approach, adding two weeks to the school year just makes the year longer but no better," he said.

Hursh also disagreed with the proposed integration of inner-city students into higher-scoring, suburban schools, arguing that "the politics are against it."

There have been plans in the past with solutions similar to

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New buses to expand UR's fleet, bring high-tech changes by January



DRUE SOKOL / PHOTO EDITOR

Riders can expect an additional 19 buses in UR's fleet by January. An ID-card reading system will also be installed to assess use and needs.

BY CASEY GOULD
NEWS EDITOR

As announced by the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) earlier this spring, the University will roll out its newest fleet of First Transit buses complete with state-of-the-art equipment during the coming weeks. The overhaul, which

began this summer when UR bought 19 new buses — four small, six medium and nine large — includes a new card reader system, DriveCam and a revamped mobile app.

According to University Parking and Transportation Services Business Manager Mark Miller, the 10 small and medium buses have already

arrived and begun operating. The nine remaining buses should arrive by late November to early December, with all 19 buses in operation and equipped with the new hardware by January 2013.

Among other additions, the new buses will debut a card reader system. Once the readers are installed, riders will swipe their URIDs when boarding and exiting. By doing so, they will provide TAC with information useful for studying trends in the buses' ridership and gauging which stops are most frequented.

"These card readers will allow us to better understand who our riders are and where they are going," Associate Dean of Students and TAC Co-Coordinator Anne-Marie Algier said. "We will be better able to know what populations we are serving and how best to allocate [our] services."

Algier explained that

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Students modify smoke-free campus initiative

BY MELISSA GOLDIN
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

For over a year now there have been a series of ongoing discussions concerning UR's smoking policy. Within the past semester, however, junior Sheridan Finnie and seniors Sara Rothenberg and Catie Tarentine, who are leading the initiative, have begun to push for one which would outline a plan for a smoke-free campus save for a number of designated areas in which smoking would be allowed.

Under the guidance of Director of the University Health Service Ralph Manchester and Associate Director of Health Promotion Linda Dudman, Finnie, Rothenberg and Tarentine initially aimed to implement a policy that would designate UR as entirely smoke free with no designated smoking areas, but after receiving feedback from

students, faculty and staff, decided this new direction would make for a policy that would accommodate a larger majority of the University community.

"We really felt this was an appropriate kind of compromise," Rothenberg said. She explained that with a policy like this smokers will be able to continue to smoke, but that it would create a cleaner environment for those who do not.

Dudman agreed. "I feel that at this point in time this is the best way for us to be proceeding," she noted.

Tarentine emphasized that this policy is in part all about accounting for different perspectives at the University.

"I think from the beginning our initiative has been [built] around respect," Tarentine said. "We wanted respect

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Towers renovations to resume in December

BY LEAH BULETTI
NEWS EDITOR

By next semester, renovations to Anderson Tower will be completed, with more renovations to Anderson, and Wilder Tower as well, on the table for this summer as UR continues what it calls its strategic plan to improve residence halls and make the newly-constructed Jackson Court welcoming and open.

Work on the lobby of Anderson began last summer and is "basically complete," but will be entirely finished over winter break, according to Executive Director of Campus Planning, Design

and Construction Management Jose Fernandez. Two enclosed activity rooms separated by glass will be fully finished at this time. This summer, Anderson was outfitted with a lounge with a TV, and artwork in the lobby.

Similar improvements to Wilder are tentatively on the table for this summer, although the timetable has not yet been determined from a "funding perspective," Fernandez said.

Sprinkler work begun last summer will be completed this summer, making both buildings 100 percent

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DRUE SOKOL / PHOTO EDITOR

Renovations begun this past summer in Anderson and Wilder towers, including improvements to lobbies, will continue over winter break.

FIVE-DAY FORECAST

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THURSDAY



Showers
Chance of precipitation: 100%
High 45, Low 39

FRIDAY



Showers
Chance of precipitation: 60%
High 42, Low 36

SATURDAY



Few Showers
Chance of precipitation: 30%
High 42, Low 35

SUNDAY



Partly Cloudy
Chance of precipitation: 20%
High 40, Low 31

MONDAY



Mostly Cloudy
Chance of precipitation: 10%
High 39, Low 27



DRUE SOKOL / PHOTO EDITOR

PHASE PUMPKIN PHEST: A PHRIGHTFUL, SEASONAL PHESTIVITY

Students carved pumpkins and enjoyed free seasonal treats, which included apple cider and donuts, at Phase Pumpkin Phest, sponsored by the Phase Hall Council, on Sunday, Oct. 28 in the Kendrick Community Room.

THIS WEEK ON CAMPUS

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 1

MATISYAHU

7 P.M., STRONG AUDITORIUM

Renowned reggae artist Matisyahu will perform and speak about his music. Tickets, which are available at the Common Market, are \$7 for UR students. The event is sponsored by Campus Activites Board (CAB) and UR Hillel.

CARL WILKINS

7 P.M., HUBBELL AUDITORIUM

Engineers Without Borders and UR ASME are sponsoring a talk by Carl Wilkins, an activist for relief and human rights in Rwanda. The YellowJackets will give a special performance. Tickets, which are \$7 for UR students, are on sale at the Common Market.

GREEN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ON THE SMALLER-METRO SCALE

5:30 - 6:30 P.M., HAWKINS-CARLSON ROOM, RUSH RHEES LIBRARY

Economist and author Catherine Tumber '92 will give a talk on economic development. The event, which is free and open to the public, is sponsored by the UR Environmental Sustainability Cluster for Interdisciplinary Studies (UCIS).

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 2

WRITE YOUR OWN SENIOR YEAR

1 P.M., STACKEL ROOM, WILSON COMMONS

Learn more about the Senior Scholars program, which allows students to spend their senior year working on a single intellectual project such as writing a novel or making a film. All class years are welcome.

ZUMBA WITH ICLC

4 P.M., GOERGEN ATHLETIC CENTER, COURT C

Work out with the Inter-Class Living Community (ICLC) and Zumba instructor and senior Marissa Balonon-Rosen. The event is co-sponsored by WRUR.

LORD OF THE SACCHAROMYCES

8 - 9:30 P.M., MAIN ROOM, DRAMA HOUSE

Watch The Opposite of People (TOOP) perform its third annual Fall New Work. The performance, which will also be held on Saturday, is free and open to the public.

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 3

VICE & VIRTUE CHARITY DATE AUCTION

7 P.M., MELIORA RESTAURANT GRAND BALLROOM

The Korean American Student's Association (KASA) and the Chinese Students' Association (CSA)'s annual charity date auction will benefit Liberty in North Korea. Tickets, which include admission, dinner and a starting auction bid, are \$10 and available at the Common Market.

BABA ALI

6 P.M., ROCHESTER INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Join the Muslim Students' Association for a formal dinner event with comedian Baba Ali to celebrate Eid ul Adha. Tickets, which are \$10, are available at the Common Market. Rides to and from RIT will be provided from the IT Center.

WHAT YOU SAY NEXT CAN CHANGE YOUR WORLD: NONVIOLENCE IN EVERYDAY LIFE

10 A.M. - 5 P.M., INTERFAITH CHAPEL

Miki Kashtan, co-founder of Bay Area Nonviolent Communication, will present a workshop on nonviolence and social change. To register visit gandhiinstitute.org.

12TH ANNUAL FINE CRAFT SHOW

11 A.M. - 4 P.M., MEMORIAL ART GALLERY

Browse through ceramics, glass, jewelry, metal, leather, wood, wearable art and more from 40 master craft artists. Admission is \$10, \$5 for students with ID and will benefit MAG. The event will also be held on Sunday.

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 4

GOSPEL CHOIR CONCERT

8 - 10 P.M., STRONG AUDITORIUM

Come hear UR's Gospel Choir, composed of undergraduate students, perform its repertoire. The event is free and open to the public.

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP WORSHIP SERVICE

3 P.M., INTERFAITH CHAPEL

Join UR's Christian Fellowship for its weekly worship service. The event is free and open to everyone regardless of faith or affiliation.

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SECURITY UPDATE

Man may have paraded parts in park

BY CASEY GOULD
NEWS EDITOR

Delivery truck
gets stuck in muck

1. A faculty member reported a case of indecent exposure on Thursday, Oct. 25, at 12:35 p.m. According to UR Security Investigator Roger Keirsbilck, the faculty member had been riding her bicycle in Bausch and Lomb Riverside Park adjacent to River Lot when she saw a man standing on a nearby picnic table. The faculty member told Security officers that as she approached the male, he unzipped his pants and made a sexual comment. She continued cycling and did not see if he ever exposed his penis.

Security officers and Rochester Police responded to the scene of the incident and located the suspect. After determining that he was not affiliated with the University, police officers warned the man to leave the property. The faculty member did not press charges.

Hurricane Sandy hits UR, blows down tree

2. On Tuesday, Oct. 30, at 12:55 a.m., Security officers responded to a report that a tree had fallen down near Fauver Stadium.

The tree, approximately 50 feet tall, had uprooted due to gale-force winds, blocking a service road near the south end of the stadium. The fallen tree also damaged a chain-link fence, Keirsbilck said.

No injuries were reported.

3. On Monday, Oct. 29, Security officers found a car stuck on the lawn near Southside Living Center.

Identifying himself as a delivery person, the driver told Security that he had wanted to take a shortcut through the lawn but got stuck due to a torrential downpour and the resulting mud.

According to Keirsbilck, Security waited while the driver called a towing service.

No charges were filed.

Man flashes students, walks away

4. On Thursday, Oct. 25, at 4:15 p.m., a man flashed two undergraduate students sitting on a bench on East Avenue near the Eastman School of Music.

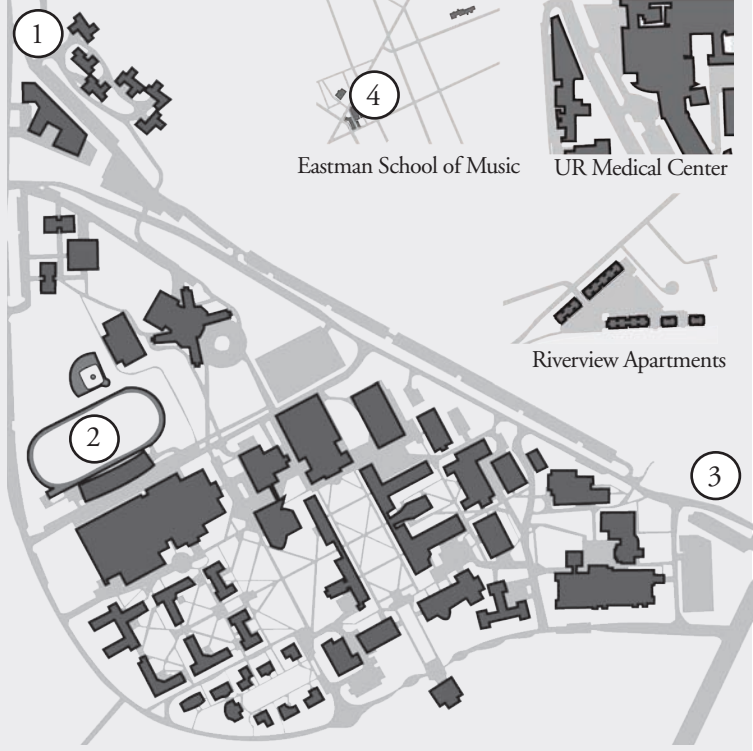
The students told responding Security officers that the man had made no comment while passing with his pants unzipped and penis exposed.

According to Keirsbilck, the students called Security within minutes of the incident, nothing that they had never seen the man before.

Security searched the area but was unable to find him.

One of the students filed a police report.

Gould is a member of the class of 2014. Information provided by UR Security.



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Dining presents 2013-14 academic year meal plan options to committee

BY RACHEL KONOWITCH
STAFF WRITER

Director of Dining Services Cam Schauf presented three new options for meal plans for the 2013-14 academic year at a Dining Committee meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 30. Schauf previously presented the plans at a Students' Association Senate meeting on Monday, Oct. 22; they did not undergo any substantial revisions in the interim.

The first option Schauf presented involves taking the current group of students who have Unlimited plans and splitting it in two. Those who live in the freshmen dorms will continue to use Unlimited Plans and the students who live in non-freshmen housing would have the option of a lower minimum required plan, thereby providing more flexibility, but less Declining.

The second option involves a smaller Unlimited plan in which students could choose to have a plan with 150 meals at dining halls along with \$850 in Declining for the same price of the equivalent current Unlimited plan.

The third option involves a fee that accounts for the cost of labor and other expenses and would be separate from the dining plan — in other words, a dollar-for-dollar Declining plan for each student.

Schauf stressed the importance of Dining's overhead, which includes these labor, facilities and maintenance costs. The overhead is a fixed cost while the price of food can fluctuate depending on supply and demand from students. Schauf explained how it causes much of the problem in the current system and in any proposed plan, citing that almost every other school has a higher

percentage of each student's dining plan contributing toward the overhead.

"If we follow these other schools, it allows us to cover overhead and go into more flexibility in meal plans," he said.

Currently, the Unlimited plan carries most of the burden of the overhead. Schauf and the rest of Dining Services are working to make the Unlimited plan more appealing so that the overhead would be covered. When more students are on the Unlimited plan — or a plan of equal cost — the overhead will be met.

Students had some questions about the proposals as well as concerns about the dining facilities themselves, such as the optimal hours of operation to accommodate students with dietary restrictions. Schauf addressed these concerns by saying that the new dining



JUNNE PARK / PHOTO EDITOR

UR Dining has proposed three new potential options for 2013-14 academic year meal plans, which are currently being discussed with students before going forward.

plans aim to reduce the number of students appealing to change their plans and maximize the use of facilities.

In a vote which concluded the meeting, almost all the students in attendance expressed support for the second proposed option.

Konowitch is a member of the class of 2015.

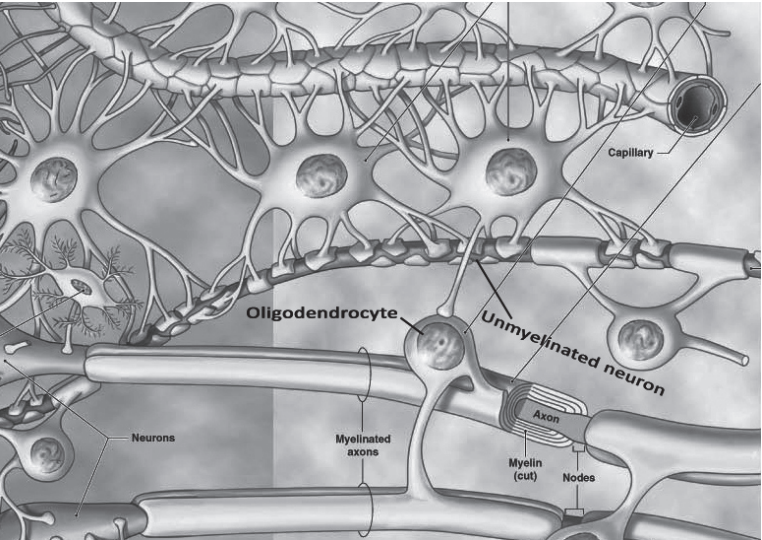
UR researchers find new uses for stem cell therapies in disease treatment

BY JULIA SKLAR
PRESENTATION EDITOR

The diagnosis of a neurological disease can represent what many patients see as a point of no return, but research published on Thursday,

Oct. 25 by UR scientists on stem cell therapy points toward a potential for lessening the severity of the outcomes of these diagnoses.

The research, which was published in the journal "Science," was conducted by UR researchers Steve



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Researchers at the UR Medical Center are using stem cells to address dysfunctional unmyelinated neurons that occur in people with diseases such as Cerebral Palsy.

Goldman, Maiken Nedergaard and Martha Windrem, addresses stem cells capable of transforming into the brain's two main support cells, astrocytes and oligodendrocytes. The latter is lost in a family of neurological diseases classified as myelin disorders.

Myelin disorders include Multiple Sclerosis, Cerebral Palsy and Tay-Sachs disease, among others. These diseases are well known for being life-altering, so research with implications for dampening their effects will have an important impact on patients and their families once brought to the practical level.

This particular type of cell therapy would rely on programming stem cells to propagate glial progenitor cells. Progenitor cells then give rise to oligodendrocytes, which insulate neurons with a fatty substance called myelin. In total, this process ensures the speed and efficiency of neuronal communication. Without myelin, nerve communication throughout

the body becomes weakened, which is the underlying pathology that causes the slowed cognitive processes and muscle dysfunction that are characteristic of myelin disorders.

Goldman's lab was instrumental in understanding the chemical signals necessary to not only turn stem cells into progenitor cells, but also to ensure that they specifically produce oligodendrocytes.

According to Goldman, the team's research focused on using stem cells to create glial progenitor cells purposely because they are less variable than other cells found in the central nervous system and thus present a relatively direct target.

This research on myelin replacement, although pointed toward a specific goal in the end, actually derives from research of something seemingly unrelated: song birds.

"We worked primarily on stem cells of the brain that give rise to new neurons to try and understand how they progenerate regions of

damaged brain, and that's work that started and still continues in song birds," Goldman said. "Every time they learn a new song, their brains lay down a new bunch of neurons that control the song. There's been a lot of effort over the years to understanding the biology of how birds sing, which then led to studies of brain progenitor cells, not only in birds, but in mammals, and eventually humans. That's when we found out about brain progenitor cells that give rise to oligodendrocytes and astrocytes instead of neurons."

Goldman and his colleagues' research has been taken to the brink of human clinical trials, which is now the final frontier for the practical application of this therapy.

"What's left for this study is to start clinical trials," Goldman said. "But that's not far off. At this point, taking that next step just relies on acquiring funding."

Sklar is a member of the class of 2014.

Hutchison labs awarded NYSERDA rebate for electrical efficiency

BY ABIGAIL FAGAN
COPY EDITOR

The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) — an organization that strives to decrease energy consumption throughout the state with financial incentives — has awarded Hutchison Hall's chemistry labs with a \$36,615 rebate for installing environmentally efficient equipment.

Specifically, the labs were recognized for installing sustainable fume hoods and energy efficient lighting. Most fume hoods draw air from outside, filter it thoroughly before releasing it into the hood and then release it back outside of the room. The more energy efficient filtered fume hoods, however, draw the vast majority of air from inside the room and only require a minimal amount of air from the outside environment. The sustainable lighting scheme uses significantly less electricity.

The environmental impact of these two changes is striking.

"In terms of our Carbon footprint, that is 134,391 lbs (or 671.955 tons) that we are no longer releasing into the atmosphere, annually," Program

Manager for Facilities Condition Assessment Joe Viterna, the River Campus liaison to NYSERDA, said.

The benefits of the project go beyond the measurement of energy conservation though. According to the project report, "energy savings ... will provide additional economic and societal benefits due to reduced emissions from electric power generating plants. These benefits include decreased incidents of respiratory ailments, asthma and allergies, as well as the reduction of negative impacts on property and the environment."

The project also benefits UR financially. In addition to the \$37,076 rebate, the efficient fume vents save \$8,233 per year, while the lighting system conserves \$5,236 per year, combining to save the school a total of \$13,469 annually.

"[This equipment] saves on operating costs year after year, which saves the University money," Viterna said. "That helps keep costs of the University down, which benefits the students too."

The process to obtain the rebate incentive began with paying NY-SERDA a continuous incremental

cost, which funds equipment that is more energy efficient. It rewards institutions by providing them access to larger-scale NYSERDA grants.

Following this initial cost, the Department of Chemistry requested a new teaching lab and worked with Campus Planning, Design and Construction Management (CPDCM) to design the project, while also partnering with Viterna, who researched and ap-

plied for the rebate incentives.

NYSERDA carries out a scoping meeting to identify any energy efficient measures they can incorporate into the desired project. Once the project is complete, NYSERDA takes a tour of the facility, examines the Environmental Conservation Measures (ECMs) and ultimately rewards an appropriate rebate.

NYSERDA has funded a number of past rebates for UR, includ-

ing projects at the Eastman School of Music, including Kodak Hall, the Data Center and Saunders Clinical and Translational Science Building.

UR also currently has pending applications for rebate incentives for renovations to Raymond F. LeChase Hall, O'Brien Hall and Golisano Children's Hospital.

Fagan is a member of the class of 2014.

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Labor union dispute continues at UR, contract extended again

BY ANGELA REMUS
STAFF WRITER

Negotiations between the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) and UR have continued without resolution since the union workers' current contract expired on Sept. 22. The negotiations affect approximately 1,800 workers at Strong Memorial Hospital and the River Campus. The contract was set to expire on

Sept. 22 and has been extended repeatedly; the most recent extension will last until Nov. 3.

The primary conflict in the negotiations regards a new health care policy. In an effort to further the negotiations, both sides have made concessions with wage increase proposals. UR is also no longer asking that union employees join the University health plans and has offered to increase its contribution to the plan they currently use with the

National Benefits Fund, according to Teri D'Agostino, University spokeswoman on the issue.

According to an SEIU press release issued Oct. 26, workers "voted nearly unanimously to authorize union leaders to call more actions, including the possibility of a one day work stoppage to protest UR management's stance in collective bargaining. The secret ballot vote tally contained only 12 'no' votes of the 1,000 cast."

Bruce Popper, union vice president for the region, explained that this vote authorizes union organizers to coordinate further actions including demonstrations, picketing and a one-day work stoppage at the most extreme. There are currently no plans in place for a work stoppage, but the vote has given union organizers authority to do so should other approaches fail. By law, the union would need to give a 10-day notice before a strike.

Popper said that involvement and participation has been growing as negotiations have continued.

"The workers are getting more and more involved; the number of people who showed up to vote is staggering," he said. "We now have the authority of the workers to plan a strike if other options don't work."

Remus is a member of the class of 2016.

Students propose designated smoking areas as initiative evolves

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for nonsmokers, we wanted respect for the environment and we also [wanted] respect for smokers."

Discussion about UR's smoking policy began during the 2010-11 academic year when Tarentine and Rothenberg decided to expand upon an independent study they completed after learning of SUNY Buffalo's decision to become a smoke-free campus. Finnie, who is also currently the president of UR's chapter of Colleges Against Cancer (URCAC), joined the effort at the end of that year.

They discussed a number of different options for a new policy that would replace UR's current standard, which states that smoking is not allowed within 30 feet of University-owned buildings. In addition to going entirely smoke

free or smoke free with designated smoking areas, the option to go tobacco free (a policy which would also restrict chewing tobacco) was touched upon as well.

In the spring semester of the 2011-12 academic year a document containing background information on all possible options was submitted to UR President Joel Seligman.

Manchester explained that there is no definite timetable for when a new policy will be announced, but Dudman noted that whenever an announcement is made, there will be a transition period of six to nine months afterwards which will allow time for publicity, construction of designated smoking areas assuming that is the policy that is adopted, time for expansion of smoking cessation support for the University commu-

nity and a chance to update official information UR sends to prospective students.

Once the University makes a decision about whether a new policy should be implemented and which direction it would take, committees made up of students, faculty and staff, who are both smokers and nonsmokers, will be formed (assuming the policy will go forward) to discuss topics such as how to best educate the University on the new policy, where to put designated smoking areas, what form they will take, and how best to offer smoking cessation resources.

"We want this policy that's going to be affecting everyone to be contributed to by everyone," Rothenberg said.

Other developments to this initiative include the consideration for the use of peer enforcement rather than



DRUE SOKOL / PHOTO EDITOR

A student-driven initiative initially aimed at making UR a smoke-free campus is now pushing for designating certain areas of campus for smoking instead.

relying on UR Security to enforce a new policy, an option that Finnie believes is made increasingly possible by having designated smoking areas

and an increased effort to build up smoking cessation resources.

Goldin is a member of the class of 2013.

Music department to move from Todd Union to Dewey Hall this winter

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fireproof, he added.

UR is also exploring the possibility of a pilot project entailing renovations to one floor in one of the towers to demonstrate potential improvements that could be made to the entirety of both towers. Such improvements would include refurbishing bathrooms, upgrading the small kitchens on each floor and improving space such that the elevators open into a lounge rather than a "dark corridor," Fernandez said.

Fernandez added that some

of the motivation for the project stemmed from UR wanting the entryways to Anderson and Wilder to all open onto Jackson Court and accordingly arranged Anderson's lobby so that it would.

"It's always been part of our plan to create more meeting and activity space at the base of the buildings as part of our long-term strategic plan to make these spaces more community oriented," Fernandez said.

Announcements of departments that will be moving as a result of the open spaces in Dewey Hall following

the completion of the new Raymond F. LeChase Hall this January have also been made. Moves will begin next semester and are expected to be entirely completed by August.

Notably, the Department of Music will be moving to occupy a "big portion" of the first floor of Dewey Hall, according to Senior Operations Officer Paul Spaulding. The department may still use some of the classrooms in Todd Union where it is currently located, but all offices will be moving to Dewey. The Department of Theater will immediately begin using the

space vacated by the Department of Music in Todd and might convert the four vacated classrooms into one open studio, Spaulding said, adding that there is no pressure for music to leave Todd, but simply their own desire.

"I think it will be helpful to them," he said.

The basement under the Department of Music might be converted into practice rooms, he added.

Other changes include the movement of the David T. Kearns Center, the Gwen M. Greene Career Center and undergraduate research offices

to the fourth floor of Dewey; The Office of Minority Student Affairs, Center for Study Abroad and Interdepartmental Programs and Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL) to the second floor, along with an information desk for all offices in the building and CETL and entrepreneurial offices moving to the first floor. Spaulding said he thinks these changes will make Dewey into more of a "student center" and a "place to go."

Buletti is a member of the class of 2013.

Rochester schools in flux

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White's proposal, but city officials have not approved them for various reasons.

Hursh suggested that other issues contribute to low proficiency on test scores such as the nature of the test. According to Hursh, the tests often "intentionally set 'proficiency' or 'passing' very high with the intent of showing the schools as failing." He claimed this is done "with the goal of imposing new regulations on schools and pushing for school privatization by the state government." These scores, according to him, are "manipulated to serve the interests of politicians and education commissioners."

Hursh partially ascribed the low graduation rate to the education laws in this state. Students in New York, as well as in Florida and Texas, are required to pass a series of tests before they can graduate high school. Many students do not pass the test and therefore do not receive their diplomas. Hursh described these tests as "counterproductive," because they require teachers to "reduce teaching to following a script provided by the publisher of textbooks," instead of

allowing the teacher to teach to the students' needs.

The low graduation rate is not specific to Rochester and is an issue commonplace in school districts across New York State.

Groups at UR such as Partners in Reading (PiR) and UReading work to combat education gaps through tutoring.

Hursh believes that it is possible to begin solving this national problem of low proficiency levels by following the example set by countries that have been more successful.

"Countries that score high on international comparisons [require] few, if any, standardized exams, support teachers in developing and implementing curriculum, treat teachers with respect and, in fact, make teaching a profession that top university students want to enter," he explained.

Not binding teachers to textbooks and improving proficiency standards are two crucial steps for solving this problem, not only in Rochester, but also on a national level, Hursh said.

Sanguinetti is a member of the class of 2014.

New technology integrated into buses

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TAC will affix signs to buses reminding riders to have their UR IDs ready to swipe as they board. She also said that drivers will not refuse riders without cards and manually log the rider instead — a caveat former SA President and Key Scholar Bradley Halpern deems "important."

"One potential concern I had was that people without a card would not be able to ride the buses," he said. "I'm glad that will not be the case."

Besides the card readers, the TAC will install DriveCam, a system that combines data and video analytics with driver feedback to reduce collisions and fuel consumption. Though UR will be piloting the technology, DriveCam has monitored over three billion miles of road elsewhere and manages the world's largest database of its kind.

"DriveCam will enable us to better monitor our drivers' performance and document incidents," Miller said.

Alongside the development

of cutting-edge hardware, the TAC-updated, complementary software, namely TransLoc — a GPS technology that allows riders to track buses in real time via their smartphones.

Demoted by Miller at TAC's last meeting, the next version of TransLoc will continue to be accessible from the UR Mobile app available on iOS and Android platforms. Though UR Mobile currently uses TransLoc to track certain routes, such as the Orange Line, the update will expand coverage to all buses.

Touting the app's "convenience," Algier is "really excited about [its] capabilities and think it will be quite helpful for riders."

While admitting that it may be too early to tell, Halpern maintained that TransLoc is "a strong step forward and will be useful for anyone riding the UR shuttles." He added that he would love to someday see monitors in the IT Center displaying a live feed of all the buses and their current positions.

According to Miller, the 10 new buses already operating will receive TransLoc trackers and card

readers by late November, while the remaining nine buses will have the equipment installed in January. He said that the DriveCams have shipped and will be installed "as quickly as possible."

Meanwhile, the remnants of the old fleet will receive TransLoc trackers but neither card readers nor DriveCams.

Amid some student speculation, Algier denied plans to merge the Red and Orange lines, both of which shuttle between the River Campus and downtown Rochester.

"We just made substantial changes," she explained. "We would like to get more information on our ridership through the reader system before making further changes."

Citing recent praise from students about "how quickly they can commute to and from Eastman for their classes and lessons," Algier added that "meeting those academic needs [remains] our main priority."

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Compromise in Congress necessary for progress



KEVIN SCANTLEN
OPINIONS EDITOR

I used to be a lot more optimistic about politics. I used to think that one man could change the political culture in Washington, D.C.

On Nov. 4, 2008, I was in Chicago's Grant Park chanting "Yes We Can" as President Barack Obama delivered his victory speech before an estimated crowd of 240,000. I was one of millions of Americans, young and old, who believed in the "Change" Obama had campaigned for.

Four years later, I find a lot less change has occurred than I had hoped for. Governor Mitt Romney has used this to his advantage, painting Obama as a failure. What Romney neglects to mention is that the president isn't the man making legislation. While the president can propose an agenda and use the bully pulpit to ask for support, he cannot introduce, construct, or pass legislation in Congress. That is up to 100 senators and 435 representatives. At least in theory.

The problem is that Congress has been plagued by gridlock for the past four years. Bills on bills on bills brought before Congress have stalled. As the minority during Obama's presidency, conservative congressmen have been the major culprits of stalling tactics — most notably in the form of filibusters in the Senate. Yet gridlock is a problem affecting both major parties. I don't see much of an effort on the part of either republicans or democrats to consider the other side. It seems like "cooperation" and "compromise" have been wiped from the vocabularies of congressmen.

And this campaign makes me think that the gridlock is only going to get worse. Look at the way Obama and Romney acted during the debates; it was nothing more than a shouting match over who's better. Sometimes the debates got so tense I honestly thought somebody might get punched.

There were few, if any, concessions to the other side. Instead, each candidate focused on bashing his opponent.

How can republicans and democrats continue to engage in metaphorical fist fights while ordinary Americans everywhere are struggling to find jobs, pay for education, acquire health care and attempt to live the lives they want for themselves and their families?

I get it. Conservatives and liberals fundamentally disagree on almost all major issues. No one wants to give in to the other side. Not to mention, it isn't easy to change a congressman's mind on the other side of the political spectrum when that congressman could be getting pumped with money from special interests and be forced to tow the party line.

But that doesn't mean that some sort of compromise is out of the question. When a group of people disagree, they don't just sit there and hope for something to happen. They take action. They work out a deal.

Thinking really hard about legislation being passed while you sit around on the House or Senate floor is not going to get that legislation passed. Bitching about the other party being "obstructionist" or "tax-and-spend" or "out of touch" doesn't do anything but widen the gap between the left and the right.

If two groups of dramatic middle school girls are arguing over who gets to go first in the lunch line, it only ends up with everyone waiting an extra five minutes before anyone gets a meal. If they simply alternated groups in line, both groups would end up getting their lunch more quickly and no one would go hungry.

I know compromise isn't exactly ideal. Like the middle school girls, neither party will come out completely satisfied. Major change won't happen quickly this way. Yet small steps forward are better than no steps at all.

Tossing the blame back and forth from election to election, depending on who controls Congress, won't do a damn thing but make everyone's arms sore.

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Go smoke free with exceptions

For over a year now, three undergraduate students have been spearheading an initiative to change the smoking policy at UR. As it stands, there is no timeline for the institution of any one policy. If implemented though, a change in policy would not only promote cleaner air on campus, it would also create a healthier campus, arriving in the context of a national trend toward smoke-free environments, already prevalent in many bars, theaters and other college campuses.

The students in charge of this initiative are currently pushing for UR to be smoke free with designated smoking areas on campus so as not to ostracize smokers. This is a compromise from what was originally suggested as a 100 percent smoke-free policy. UR's current rule stipulates that no smoking can occur within 30 feet of a building, yet it is usually overlooked. With this new policy, having designated smoking areas in parts of campus that are not heavily-trafficked would reduce second-hand smoke exposure while still being accomodating to smokers' rights. This issue concerning a lack of clean air is often important for nonsmokers, especially those with asthma or other health concerns. Without lingering smoke in the majority of the air, students, faculty and staff would be able to breathe more easily on all areas of campus.

Many students who oppose having a smoke-free campus, even with designated smoking areas, believe that those who smoke have a right to do so at UR. Smoking is not, in fact, a right on private property. UR has the authority to limit or even prohibit smoking anywhere on campus, much like it has the authority to make rules about alcohol usage. If UR makes regulations preventing people from smoking on campus, it is incumbent upon the administration to educate the school about its policies as well as establish reasonable expectations for how the plan for these designated smoking areas would be instituted, both endeavors which are currently — and should continue to be — discussed. The idea is not to penalize those who smoke, but rather to promote healthy living for everyone who attends and works at the University.

This initiative would also be consistent with the fact that one part of the University, the UR Medical Center (URMC), went smoke free in 2006.

Becoming a smoke-free campus with designated smoking areas would be a step in the right direction for cleaner air and a healthier atmosphere on UR property while still respecting the rights of everyone at the University.

Increase UROS usage off campus

For most students, daily transactions take place on campus and rely on the mere swipe of their UR ID. Because of such ID-centric purchasing on campus, some students don't carry cash, credit cards, or debit cards, making off-campus businesses that accept UROS in addition to typical forms of payment seem like beacons of convenience.

Unfortunately, only a handful of storefronts in the city actually utilize this program. In part, this is because accepting UROS is only advantageous for a specific type of enterprise, but more importantly it's because there is no widely accessible method for students to request businesses they'd like to see added to the program.

According to Director of Dining Services Cam Schauf, the ideal UROS participant is a business that is both within walking distance of campus and that already receives a high volume of student consumers.

If UR Dining were able to easily find out directly from students which businesses fit this bill, adding them to the program would be more efficient and would increase the efficacy of off-campus UROS.

Similarly to credit card machines, businesses that wish to participate in the UROS program can either buy or rent a card reader from a third party. For every purchase made with UROS, the business pays a fee of no more than eight percent, which is split between the University and the third party vendor that administers the card readers.

Under the current system, a representative might go to pitch the UROS program to businesses that Dining thinks will be successful in the program. In some cases, businesses hear about the program and contact Dining on their own. There are, however, a number of places that fit Schauf's criteria for the potential to successfully utilize UROS — those that are in the vicinity of campus and that students frequent — but that do not currently accept them. Without a clear way for students to provide insight on where they would like to see UROS accepted, suggestions are left to the personal gumption of a handful of students who go out of their way to directly email their opinions to Dining.

Not all business that are within walking distance of campus and that also see a high volume of student consumers are cut out to accept UROS, though, such as Boulder Coffee Co., for which losing eight percent of the profits on a cup of \$1.60 coffee is substantial. But for local businesses that would be financially able to participate, Dining needs a more official and widely advertised system of incorporating them into the program — a system in which students could participate in more actively.

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CAMPUS BUZZ: ELECTION 2012

Your vote matters in Monroe County: make sure you get to the polls

BY STEVEN TORRISI

If you're registered to vote here in Monroe County, it's no secret that you're voting in one of the most left-leaning and populous states in the nation. Your vote will most likely not make the difference in the state's sway between Governor Mitt Romney and President Barack Obama in the presidential election.

However, there are plenty of great reasons to take a moment on Tuesday, Nov. 6 and hit the polling stations to make your voice heard, despite New York's inevitable liberal lean. The congressional and local races are still up for grabs. A "protest" presidential vote can still make your voice heard in some capacity. And most importantly, voting is

one of, if not the most, fundamental interactions between a citizen and his or her government in a representative democracy such as ours.

We are lucky as voters to be in one of the nation's most important congressional districts. Incumbent Democrat Louise Slaughter and Republican challenger Maggie Brooks are competing for a critical congressional seat, and we are even more fortunate that the race for New York's 25th district is a close one.

Slaughter, a congresswoman since 1987, member of the House Rules Committee and chair from 2007-11, has left her legislative mark on our government. Her pet issues include genetic discrimination and antibiotic regulation, and she has played an integral role

in the passing of laws such as 2010's Patient Protection and



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Affordable Care Act (colloquially known as Obamacare). Members of both political parties have a

vested interest in either keeping her in power or voting her out of it.

Brooks has served as Monroe County executive since 2003. To Republicans, she represents a way to upset Slaughter's longstanding position in Congress. Brooks presents a record of fighting for right-wing social policy on issues such as gay marriage and "family values." Ultimately, the votes of students will help play a deciding factor in this election — latest poll numbers put Slaughter ahead by only four points. For this congressional race, your vote is worth your time.

And even though your voice for Romney or Obama won't be heard quite so clearly on the national stage, if you are dissatisfied with both candidates a vote for a third party can demonstrate

to politicians the issues you'd like to see addressed. Both the libertarian and socialist parties are represented on the ticket this election, and a vote for one of them is a vote Republican or Democratic politicians missed out on — one they may try to appeal for next time around.

Most importantly, however, elections represent the one chance we have every few years to put power back in the hands of the people, the one time in which politicians are forced to remember who they're supposed to be working for: you. If you aren't casting your vote, they have no reason to work for it. This Nov. 6, head out to the polls and choose your leaders. If you don't, someone else will.

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Low political literacy means need for more education in civics, economics

BY ADAM ONDO

Political literacy has declined rapidly in the United States in recent decades. In the 1960s, it was common for high school students to take upwards of two years of civics. Now they may take only one or two semesters. The result is that only 28 percent of high school seniors scored proficient or better on the National Assessment for Educational Progress' civics exam. Only history saw worse results. With Election Day approaching, these young adults will be able to sway the vote, thus determining who runs the most powerful country in the world — but many of them don't even know how the government works.

The first issue I would like to address is that of unfulfilled campaign promises. Every

election, presidential hopefuls, among others, promise that they will do outlandish things. That wouldn't be so bad if the majority of people didn't actually believe the candidates. People hear, "I will lower taxes," and automatically assume that it will be good for them. Instead, they should ask the question "Which taxes?" Because if the capital gains tax goes down and the income tax goes up, that isn't going to help me much, but the candidate will have fulfilled his promise. Also, one must think about what programs may be cut in order for taxes to decrease.

Furthermore, it is important for people to understand if the promises are politically feasible. If President Barack Obama says he will make gay marriage legal and one doesn't understand how the political system works, one may actually think that Obama

can just declare gay marriage legal. Unless people are educated in civics, they can't make sufficiently informed decisions when choosing a candidate.

Attack ads are also a problem because they mislead people and sway the feeble-minded who

"If [voters] are not wise enough to vote for the best candidate, then they shouldn't be allowed to cast a ballot."

don't do their own research. For instance, I could air this ad about New York Representative Louise Slaughter: "Over 1,200 people have died in workplace fatalities in New York since Slaughter was elected." The ad is meaningless,

but some may jump to the conclusion that she is responsible for these deaths. Ironically, annual workplace fatalities have gone down and more safety regulations have been put in place since she has been in office, but this ad, which would technically be factual, would still sway some voters against her.

Worse than the attack ads are the false rumors that are often spread about each candidate. You don't know how often I hear the sentence, "Obama is a communist" or "Obama is going to ban religion in public." More recently I heard "Obama is going to allow U.N. troops to occupy the U.S." And the person saying it was quite serious. Most people don't do any fact-checking, or bother to learn the definitions of the terms they use, yet they are still allowed to vote. This is a serious problem.

If the wisdom of the law and of a country's economic policies is up to elected officials, voters need to be wise. If they are not wise enough to vote for the best candidate, then they shouldn't be allowed to cast a ballot.

I propose that state departments of education mandate at least three semesters of civics and two semesters of economics be taught to every high school student. Upon graduation from high school, U.S. citizens should have to take a test — one that could be retaken every four years — concerning the structure of the U.S. government, the U.S. legal system and simple economic theory. If they don't pass, then they can't vote. This test would create a more qualified pool of voters, which is what this country needs.

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Undecided voters can choose whether to cast a ballot on Election Day

BY MATTHEW NING

Twitter is always the worst during presidential debates. Amidst the completely biased, tumultuous clamor on

this social networking site, (which forces me to unfollow many people) I stumbled upon one tweet that proclaimed that anyone who didn't vote in the upcoming presidential election "isn't a fucking

American." This kind of ignorant blabber makes my head pop like a balloon.

As an uncommitted voter and a dutiful citizen, I'm trying to determine who to vote for. While I can't customize a presidential candidate's agenda like I can customize Nike shoes, I'm trying to calculate who is worthy to be the next president both in terms of who more closely aligns with my agenda and who is a better administrator.

While I respect President Barack Obama as a leader, I feel that he's too liberal for me. I do truly believe that he has done a remarkable job guiding America, from the moment he inherited a nation in a mess to getting Americans back on track, in a span of four years. I also believe that strengthening the middle class is critical in the present economic mess. But there are some areas where I think he crossed the line, like health care reforms (that's one step too far for government intervention) and legalizing and attempting to nationalize same-sex marriage.

I confess that while Governor Mitt Romney and I agree on several issues, I am reluctant to

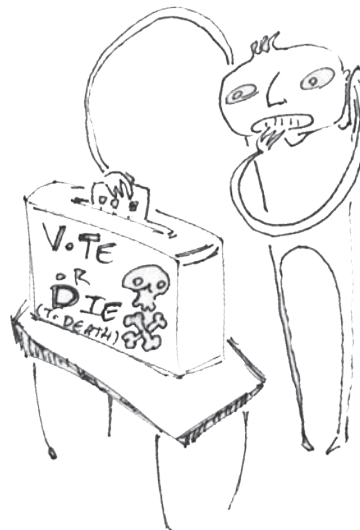
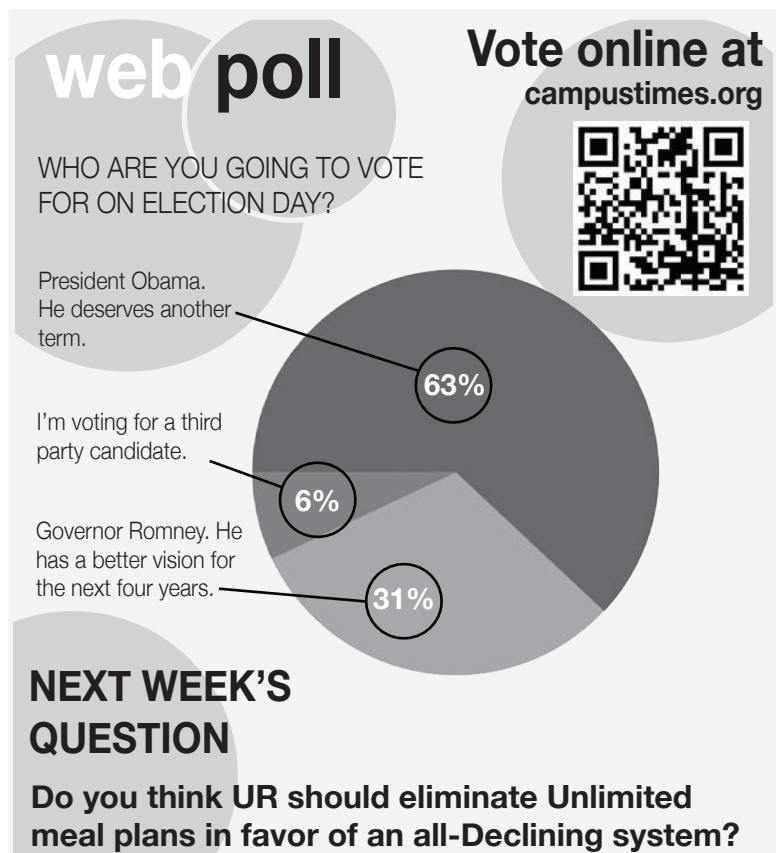
vote for him because he lacks the leadership skills that are absolutely imperative for America in its current state. The main reason is that he doesn't understand or represent the ordinary American. He comes

me, it's basically a conflict between leadership and political agenda.

Since it all comes down to this, I am probably not going to vote because I can't decide between the two candidates. For me, Obama's strength lies in his leadership whereas Romney's lies in our commonalities on several issues. But both strengths are equal. Therefore, I have arrived at the rational conclusion that both candidates are equally worthy. But the final week of the campaign could shift the momentum. For example, if Romney adds to the collection of ignorant definitions of the word "rape," I'm definitely voting for Obama.

The moral is that if you think both candidates are equally good and you absolutely cannot decide who to vote for, then it's perfectly fine that you choose not to vote. Don't let anyone tell you differently. But if you fervently believe that one of the candidates deserves your vote, then you should, as a citizen blessed with the civil rights granted by the sacred Constitution of the United States, vote.

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from a wealthy, privileged family and is now raising a wealthy, privileged family of five sons and 18 grandchildren. Furthermore, Ann Romney, his wife, and the five wives of his five sons have never had jobs. (Why I care I don't know). He does not understand the struggles that ordinary Americans face daily. So to

FEATURES

GENERATIONS OF THE GENESEE

THE PAST PRESENT AND FUTURE OF OUR RIVER'S POLLUTION

ARTICLE BY MATT LERNER/STAFF WRITER
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EACH DAY, whether by walking across the footbridge that leads to the Riverview Apartments or singing our alma mater, we are reminded of our neighbor to the East: the Genesee River. While useful and, at certain times, beautiful, the river is also a major concern; its levels of pollution top national scales.

Initial investigation on the pollution of the Genesee helped to discern some of what caused the problem. According the Department of Environmental Conservation, one of the last thorough inspections of the river was conducted in 2003.

The Genesee is an integral part of the lives of University students and faculty alike and its title as one of the nation's most polluted rivers has sparked both jest and concern.

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SAVVY helps students take on week-long Veg Challenge

BY JENNY HANSLER
ONLINE EDITOR

What did 184 UR students have in common with Albert Einstein, Mohandas Gandhi and Ellen DeGeneres from Monday, Oct. 22 to Friday, Oct. 26? The answer: vegetarianism.

This group of students participated in the Student Association of Vegan and Vegetarian Youth (SAVVY)’s first-ever Veg Challenge. As a part of Vegetarian Awareness Month, the project challenged students to go vegetarian or vegan for five days. According to SAVVY’s Veg Challenge website, the goal was “to help people gain a better understanding of what it is like to be on a plant-based diet and to encourage the community to incorporate more plant-based foods into their diet as part of their daily routine.”

SAVVY Co-President and junior Melody Jaros said that the inspiration for the Veg Challenge came from similar programs that asked participants to give up certain foods for a certain length of time.

“I thought it would be fun to see if we could get students at [UR] to try a challenge like that,” she said.

And try, they did. SAAVVY’s goal was to have 150 participants.

“I got very excited when I saw that we had 148 Veg Challengers,” Jaros said. “I was shocked when I woke up the next day to see not just 150, but 184 people had signed up for the challenge.”

Students had a variety of reasons for participating in the challenge including, but not limited to, a test of personal will power.

Sophomore Ryan Wier cited reasons on a global scale, beyond an individual level.

“There is a great ecological and environmental cost in raising animals for human consumption,” he said.

However, it wasn’t just omnivores who participated in the challenge. Many flexitarians (people who eat meat occasionally) and pescetarians (people who eat only fish) took the challenge, as well as vegetarians, who could participate as an opportunity to try veganism.

Sophomore Alexandra Poindexter has been a vegetarian since July.

“My challenge was to be 100 percent vegan,” she said.

Fulfilling goals for the challenge proved to be difficult for some. The week was busy with



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Some students had trouble finding vegan options on campus, but most successfully completed SAVVY’s week-long Veg Challenge.

midterms and other obligations for many students and eating in the dining halls was the most commonly cited concern. Despite UR’s distinction as one of the most vegan-friendly schools in the country, students found the options on campus less than thrilling.

“The hardest part was sometimes having difficulty finding food in the dining halls that was both appetizing and vegetarian-friendly,” Wier said.

Nonetheless, many students did complete the challenge, either fully or partially. Some participants were surprised to find that they did not desire the missing foods after a few days and saw the challenge as a helpful way to test their own limits.

“I think it was very successful because now I know I can be 100 percent vegan with ease,” Poindexter said.

Jaros was happy about the response to the Veg Challenge.

“The most exciting part... was sitting back and watching the buzz it generated,” she said.

However, she recognizes that there is room for improvement.

“There are so many things we could do bigger and better for next year,” she said. “I’d love to bring in more prominent guest speakers, collaborate with more groups and offer even more veg options in the dining halls.”

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Professors prefer honesty, sympathize with student excuses

BY SASHA GANELES
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

It’s two in the morning — you’ve just spent an unsettling number of hours desperately willing your brain to absorb countless formulas, dates and other random facts, shuddered through a Danforth dinner and hit the books all night only to realize that, oops, you still haven’t done that one assignment that you swore you would do the night before (but that barty was the barty of all barties and couldn’t be missed).

Starting that paper/lab/million-paged book is simply out of the question, so what do you do?

Since UR students are in fact human and therefore not nocturnal animals or robots, you probably allow yourself to sleep — but not until you’ve thought of a suitable excuse to tell your professor.

Students will frequently ask professors for extensions on assignments, citing a wide range of reasons, many of which are completely legitimate. Other huge assignments, sports commitments, religious holidays and life in general can get in the way of completing schoolwork, and there are only so many conscious hours in a day to finish it all.

More often than not, professors are sympathetic to our pleas

of mercy for flexibility with a due date — after all, they are human and were most likely stressed students once too.

In fact, Maryann McCabe, a senior lecturer in the Department of Anthropology finds that students who directly ask for an extension (rather than simply neglecting to hand in an assignment without an explanation) are being respectful and responsible, demonstrating a commitment to their schoolwork.

assignment is actually handed in is not important as long as it is eventually completed. Her reasoning is that students are telling the truth when they supply reasons for being pressed for time, and her own busy schedule can leave little time for grading assignments promptly.

Anthropology Professor John Osburg is also forgiving of his students, reasoning that he “has memories of being in the same position.” However, he is wary of students’ habits of frequently asking for extensions.

He has also picked up on certain tropes in students’ excuses for late work, such as strategically vague references to a disturbing event that has rendered the student in a “fragile emotional state” and consequently unable to work effectively.

He explained that these “incidents” are almost always referenced in the context of a sorority dilemma, but never within a fraternity. In fact, Osburg noted that it is almost exclusively girls who ask for extensions, and boys simply hand in work late with no accompanying excuse.

“Another interesting pattern is that a much smaller number of students are apologetic,” he said.

He notes that, instead, these students seem to expect a refusal of an extension, writing in their requests assurances that they “would never usually ask for an extension, but...” and even, “I understand if you don’t want to grant me an extension...”

As college students, we may have evolved from the dog-eating-homework excuse, yet still

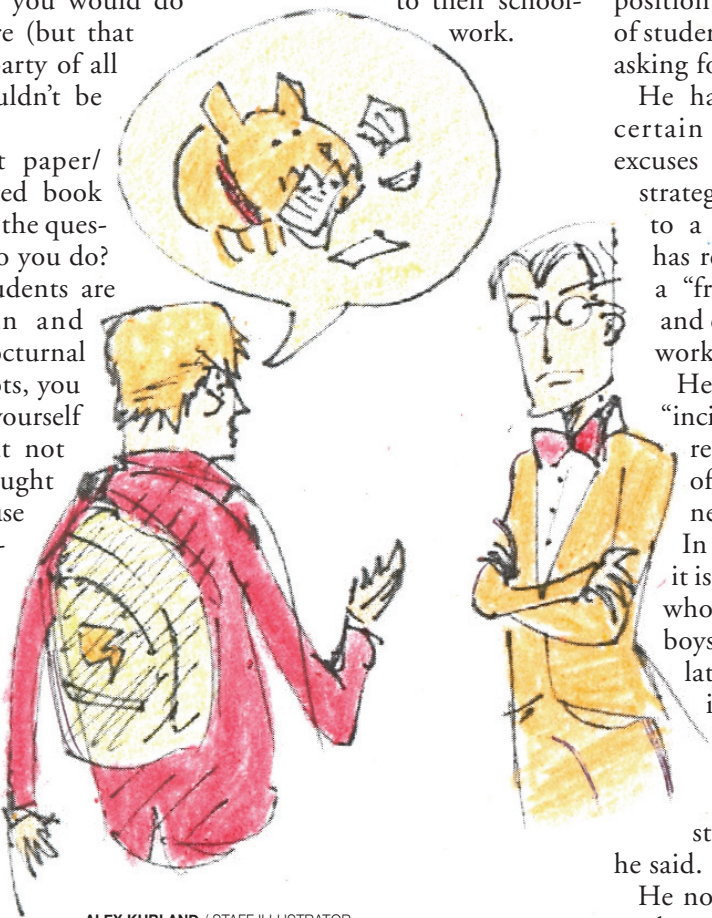
rely on extensions and leniency from professors to salvage sleep, sanity and GPAs.

Some of us are more comfortable asking for leeway than others, and certainly some professors are more likely than others to grant it. The student-professor relationship is based on some level of trust, which can be violated if a student takes advantage of a professor’s

generosity or compassion.

So, next time you decide to spend an evening looking up humorous political cat memes online instead of writing that paper because you figure you can plead your way to an extension, think twice. Because your professor probably won’t be able to relate to that.

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She doesn’t tend to see these excuses or exceptions negatively and is comfortable “fitting things in whenever.”

“I realize that my class is generally taken as an elective and other classes’ work may sometimes take precedence,” she said.

In her eyes, the date that an

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Polluted Genesee River a constant problem for Rochester community

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In a report entitled “Water Inventory for Lower Genesee River Watershed,” published by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, the segments of water that stretch from the lower portion of the Genesee in Pennsylvania to the city of Rochester that were tested were all reported as possessing a degree of pollution, including labels ranging from “minor impacts” to “impaired,” and even some segments denoted as “threatened.”

The criteria for these judgments include the ability to support fish and aquatic wildlife, recreational uses such as fishing and boating and the possibility of use as public bathing and drinking water.

The Genesee River ranks 32nd among American rivers in total toxic discharges, according to a March 23 article in the Democrat and Chronicle.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) claims that the Genesee River contained 1,393,966 pounds of discharge in 2010, of which 97 percent was found to be nitrate compounds deposited from the Eastman Kodak Company. The other three percent of waste was reported to be from Friendship Dairies, a dairy in upstate New York that services many states in the northeast, which, like Kodak, had been dumping waste into the Genesee for many years.

As UR is located alongside the Genesee River, students utilize the amenities provided by the water and the surrounding area on a regular basis which makes its pollution an issue on campus.

One such privilege the river offers is the Genesee Riverway trail system that runs adjacent to the Genesee, traveling through popular locations such as Genesee Valley Park and the historic Corn Hill neighborhood.

In addition to the popular trail system, UR’s sports teams that use the Genesee come in even more direct contact with the polluted river. For example, the men’s club and women’s varsity crew teams use the Genesee

River to practice, regularly rowing each morning when most students are still asleep.

“As someone who regularly is on the Genesee, I can say that I fear that the toxins will somehow affect the team,” freshman coxswain Amy Elias said. “There’s actually a running joke among coxswains that those of [the team] that have accidentally been dumped into the water will mutate in the future.”

Despite this jest, pollution of the Genesee River is still a major concern.

In January 2003, a press conference was held regarding the growing concern of the city being labeled as one of the top cities in the nation that suffers from the effects of cancer-causing releases of industrial chemicals.

According to the minutes from the conference, the Eastman Kodak Company ranked ninth among the country’s worst polluters three years earlier in 2000 as reported by both the New York Public Interest Group and the Citizens’ Environmental Coalition. Although, in 2000, the two groups set out to call on federal officials to begin trying to minimize human exposure to toxins, an issue that has remained prevalent, even to the present day.

Although the safety and cleanliness of the river is questionable, its role in campus life is not. At least a few UR students will take the plunge each year. That being said, not every student is up for the feat. “I would only go in if I were paid or were receiving some sort of reward for doing so,” sophomore Allie McFarlane said.

Senior Ally Abel felt similarly, but considered the river, and jumping into it, part of UR tradition.

“Although I’ve heard multiple horror stories of what lies within the water of the Genesee, it is something that everyone needs to do before graduating,” she said.

Whether or not these horror stories are true, the polluted Genesee has garnered attention



DRUE SOKOL / PHOTO EDITOR

The Genesee River is a vital part of campus life and the Rochester community, serving as an integral part of many local parks as well as the practice space for the UR crew teams, but there are concerns about its polluted state.

from national organizations.

Groups including the EPA have taken the initiative to make efforts in cleaning the Rochester Embayment, the Monroe County section of the Genesee River. Five sites that were beyond the potential for clean-up and classified as considerable threats to the health of Rochester natives as well as the environment have been closed, preventing any further harmful exposure.

Local groups hope that by working to decrease the public threat of the contaminated Genesee the city will become more environmentally-conscious someday.

Numerous local politicians, along with scientists from Strong Memorial Hospital have been making an effort to improve the conditions of the Genesee as well, conducting studies since 2003 to monitor the improvement of the river.

One such study involves the use of freshwater, bottom-feeding fish known as sturgeon that were tagged and released into the embayment area of the river. The researchers conducting this study have routinely tested the tissue of the sturgeon, hoping to see a gradual decrease in the negative effects on the species.

According to the observed data, the Genesee River has become a healthier and safer environment as a result of the

now nine-year-long study.

Efforts like this one are currently the most effective methods for decreasing the pollution of the river.

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UR OPINION

BY JUNNE PARK
PHOTO EDITOR

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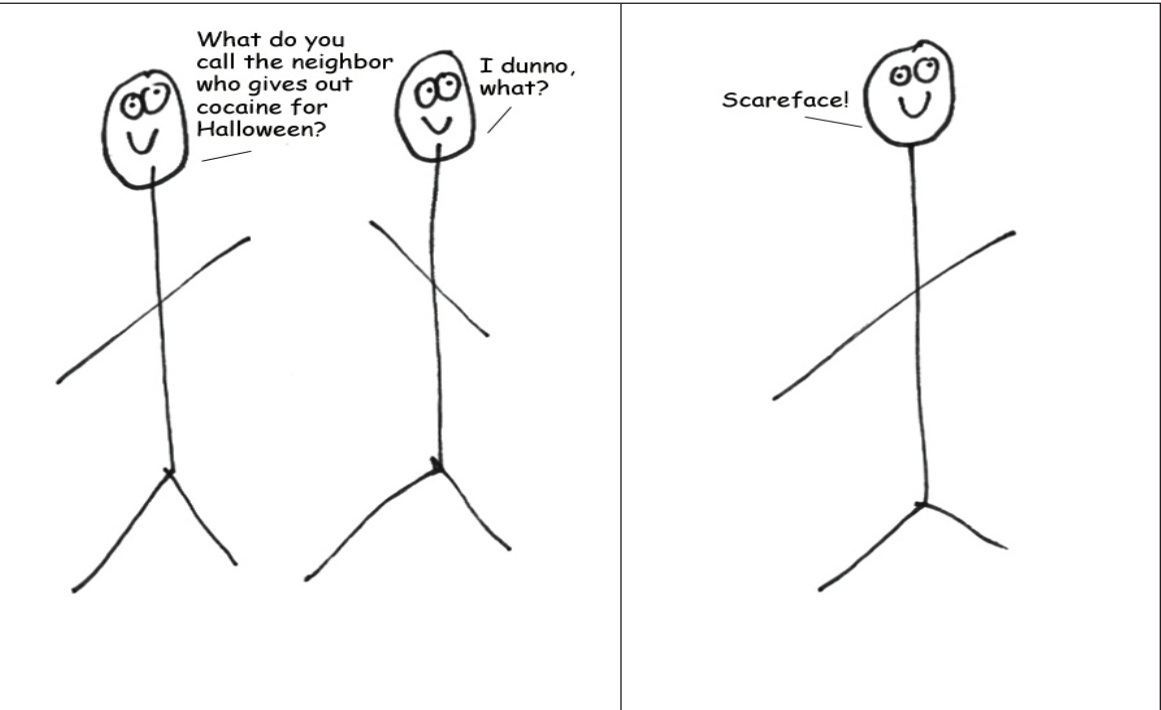
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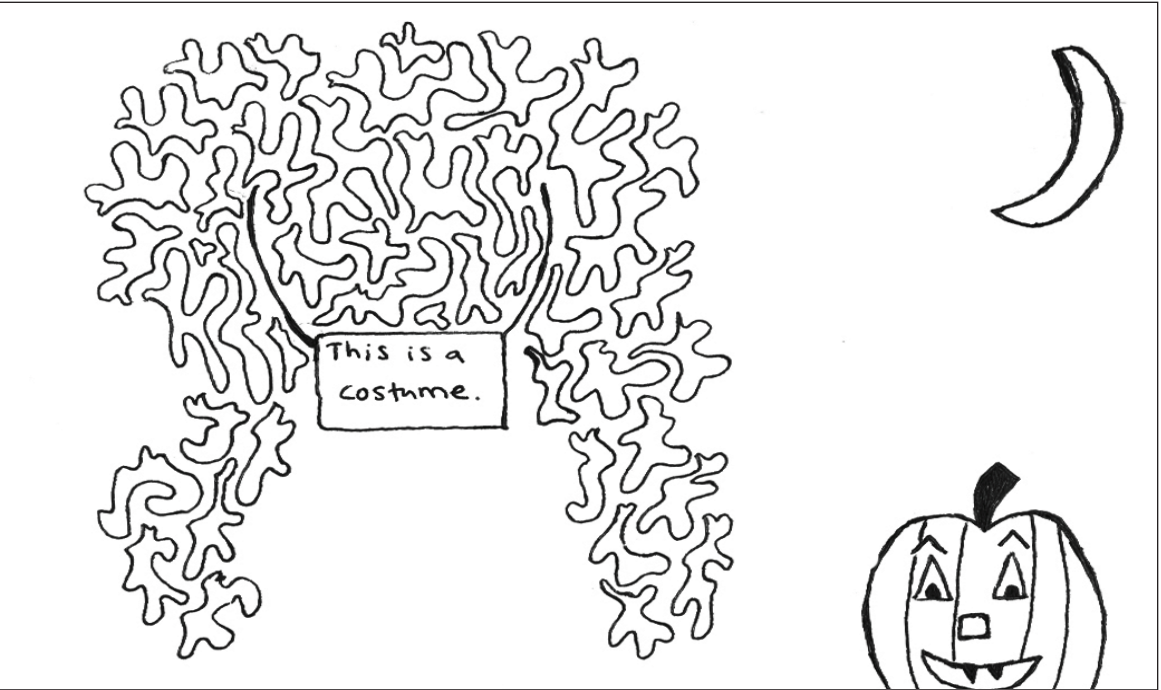
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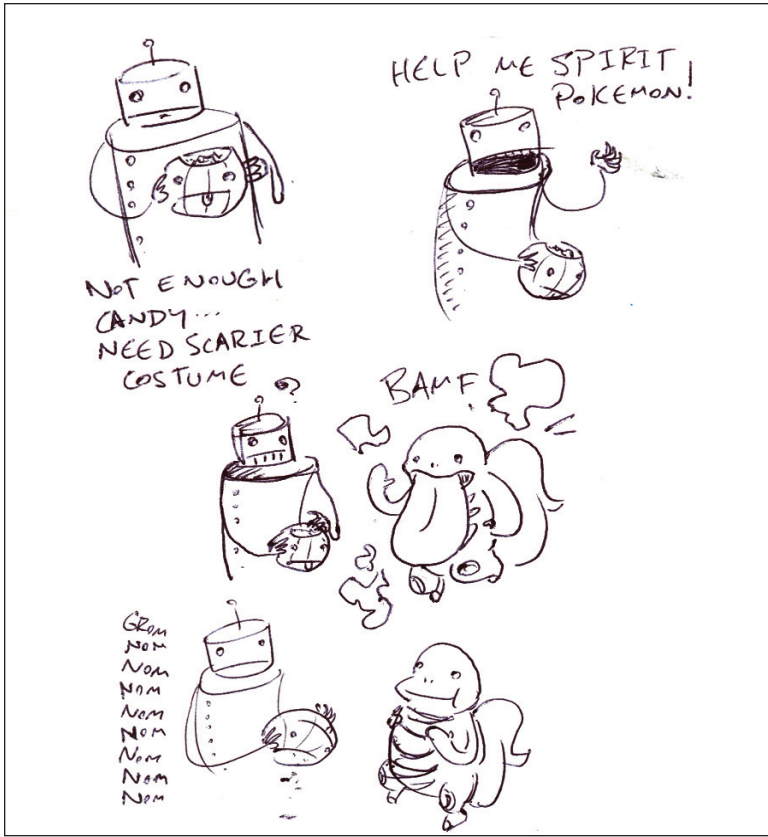
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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Rock Repertory Ensemble performs bare-boned classics

BY MIKE PASCUTOI
STAFF WRITER

The diversity of musical opportunities is one of the greatest benefits of being a student at UR. The sheer number of ensembles that cover different genres and styles of music allow students to experience a variety of performances, which lets unique groups thrive. Among these is Rock Repertory Ensemble, which held its annual concert on Sunday, Oct. 28 in Lower Strong Auditorium.

Unlike No Jackets Required, the other rock ensemble on campus, Rock Repertory Ensemble holds a unique position at UR as not only a graded course, but also as an ensemble that recreates the original sound of the songs they perform with almost no adjustments, medleys or interpretations found in any of their performances, managing to perform astoundingly well despite their barebones appearance.

Music Professor John Covach, the group's director, began the performance by introducing the general objective of the ensemble. Covach directs Rock Repertory Ensemble (MUR 180) as a class that explains and teaches rock music from the performance perspective, rather than from a theoretical one. The ensemble is made up of the class' past and current students (with the current students being graded) who perform a set list constructed by the professor at performances. The students use the recordings of the chosen songs as a guide-



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Rock Repertory Ensemble put on a show that was musically impeccable, but visually underwhelming on Sunday, Oct. 26.

line for how they will perform the numbers — as close to the originals as possible.

The show itself was of an average quality overall. Using the word “performance” to describe it is a stretch in itself, for as Covach had stated, the purpose was to create an authentic sound similar to the way the songs were originally performed. Movement was limited, and any type of engagement with the audience was absent. The straightforward presentation of the songs, though the mission statement of the ensemble, didn't quite fit with some of the numbers, including the up-tempo Madonna hit “Like a Virgin,” a

song by a performer renowned for engaging the audience. The disconnect made it hard to stay engaged with the performance at some points, with many of the musicians refusing to even look away from their instruments. If English composer Frederick Delius was correct in stating that “music is an outburst of the soul,” their performance seemed to suppress the emotional power that can come from truly communicating the meaning of a song to an audience.

That is not to say the performers weren't talented and the music wasn't well-performed; each member of the ensemble knew

their part almost impeccably and each individual song was methodical in its presentation. The nine songs chosen for the performance varied in style, but the instrumentalists adjusted to each individual number in a quick, professional way.

The opening song, a cover of The Doors' “Love Her Madly,” was brilliant in how the band was able to recreate every note as their professional counterparts would have. Vocalist and junior Brian Giacalone impressed with his rare timbre that allowed him to admirably mimic Jim Morrison's vocal technique very well. Vocalist and senior Mark Lipstein thrilled with

his lead on Michael Jackson's “Billie Jean,” Boston's “Long Time” and Foreigner's “Feels Like the First Time,” outstandingly imitating the voices of three different classic rock lead singers.

The instrumentalists were systematic in how they performed each song, though solos in covers of Boston's “Foreplay” and Kansas' “Point of No Return” allowed guitarists senior JT Gaskill and sophomore Tom Perrotta to occasionally let loose and display a greater range of aptitude. Drummer and senior Tom Krasner also dazzled, while vocalists and seniors Jamie Wilson and Meghan Demirer performed commendably during their limited time on stage.

Overall, the hour-long performance was intriguing. Though it was not the most entertaining concert to ever be performed at UR, it allowed for the audience to explore rock music when it was stripped down to its core: only the musicians, their instruments and their talent with no superlative additions to their performance.

The group's purpose, similar to that of an orchestra, seemed to be to bring the music to the audience in the most professional way possible. Within the bounds of that criterion, the concert was successful and, from an all-encompassing perspective, Rock Repertory Ensemble created an admirable, albeit unpretentious, performance that ardent rock enthusiasts would enjoy.

Pascutoi is a member of the class of 2015.

Pride Network's fall show anything but a drag despite limited attendance



COURTESY OF UR PRIDE NETWORK

Drag queen Samantha Vega excelled as both a host and a performer with her unique humor and bright costumes at UR Pride Network's Drag Show on Friday, Oct. 26.

BY ERIKA HOWARD
A&E EDITOR

On Friday, Oct. 26, students came in from the cold for a night of divas, dancing and drag. The Fall Drag Show, sponsored by the Pride Network, turned the normally bland May Room into a fabulous production, complete with a runway, drag queens passing out cookies and “candy whores” keeping attendees enter-

tained with food until the show was ready to start. And though it can be overwhelming for some, more often than not these shows are simply a night full of laughs and fabulous costumes and this night was no exception.

Drag shows generally all follow the same basic structure: men and women dress in exaggerated clothing of the opposite gender and lip-sync while dancing.

The ever-popular drag queen

Samantha Vega hosted again this semester, and though sometimes repeating a host can get dull, Vega once again pulled off a masterpiece of a performance. She was upbeat, funny and constantly engaged with the audience, even continuously flirting with an audience member named Ryan. Vega's sense of humor is irreverent, which seemed to suit her audience: at one point, she cracked, “real vaginas have teeth. That's why I'm afraid of them! I wasn't born gay, I just had a bad experience with pussy.”

Vega's hosting abilities weren't her only positive aspect though. Her performances, particularly her medley of songs focusing on a telephone theme, which included Carly Rae Jepsen's “Call Me Maybe,” Blondie's “Call Me” and Lady Gaga and Beyoncé's “Telephone,” were astoundingly fun to watch. Her patriotic costume matched that of Beyoncé's in the “Telephone” music video, and her hilarious interpretation of the “my pussy is burning” prank call kept the crowd laughing.

Vega also had some of the best costumes of the evening. Her “Carrie” outfit, in particular, was phenomenal. The prom dress drenched in blood, coupled with

the bucket suspended above her head, with ribbons and other mysterious substances trailing from it, received raucous laughter from the audience, particularly after Vega made a “heavy flow” joke. She also played to UR pride by dressing up as a bee and exclaiming, “I'm a yellowjacket! But my stingers all the way in

“Vega was upbeat, funny and constantly engaged with the audience, even continuously flirting with an audience member.

my ass right now.” However, fabulous though she was, Vega wasn't the only queen to amaze that evening.

Drag queen Kyla Minx performed to Rihanna's “Diamonds” and Demi Lovato's “Give Your Heart a Break,” and the crowd seemed to respond enthusiastically. She didn't have the adventurousness some of the other

queens had, but she had a “diva” presence that commanded attention. Queen DeeDee Dubois was similar in this regard — her performances were excellent, but didn't have that over-the-top element that made some of the others so memorable.

Drag queen Mercedes Sulay was also immensely popular. Her dominatrix cat costume, coupled with her rendition of “pussy themed” songs (working through everything from the Meow Mix jingle to YG's “Pop It” to Khia's “My Neck, My Back”) won hearts instantly. Queen Chastity Dee was a surprise hit of the night as well — her dancing was surprisingly good (since drag shows tend to be more about enthusiasm and personality rather than technique), and the moment she jumped into a split she instantly made up for what her costume lacked.

Not to be outdone, two drag kings pulled out spectacular performances as well. Ryder Strong brought the country to the city with Rascal Flatts' “Me and My Gang.” He played off the country trope well, wearing a bright red cowboy hat that kept the costume from looking like normal,

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Gibbs' father (Ralphe Waite) must confront his past when an old friend who betrayed him reappears in his life in CBS' "NCIS." COURTESY OF FANPOP.COM

New 'NCIS' episode overcomes lackluster plot

BY ERIKA HOWARD
A&E EDITOR

CBS' "NCIS" is in its 10th season — there have been cast changes (albeit very, very few), extended, season-long plot lines and a sublime balance between character development and typical "crime procedural" stories. It's understandable that now, 10 years later, the basic crime-solving elements are no longer quite as interesting as they once were. However, where NCIS has always outclassed its competitors is in its characters and their interactions — and in that area, the latest episode excelled.

The episode began, as usual, with the murder of a petty officer (a non-commissioned officer in the Navy). Quite frankly, this storyline offered next to nothing: It wasn't very well developed, and felt like a generic plot inserted to fill time. That's not to say that it didn't provide any entertaining moments; a sleazy millionaire flirting with a completely uninterested Abbey (Pauley Perrette) was one of the funniest interactions of the night. However, on the whole it clearly wasn't the point of the episode.

The real focus was on Gibbs (Mark Harmon), his father, Jackson Gibbs (Ralph Waite), and his father's former best friend, a new

character introduced named Leroy Jethro, or LJ (Gibbs is named after him), played by Billy Dee Williams. It's always exciting to catch a glimpse of the personal life of the stony-faced protagonist and this usually results in heart wrenching episodes. This week was no exception.

Jackson and LJ apparently haven't spoken in years, and Gibbs explains that one day his father and LJ fought, resulting in LJ leaving without so much as a goodbye to Gibbs. The reason why is shrouded in mystery for much of the episode, until later it's revealed that Jackson's wife, who had cancer, killed herself (a fact previously unknown to viewers), and that she had confided her intentions to LJ, who neither prevented it nor told Jackson.

This was perhaps one of the most heartbreaking moments in recent NCIS history. Waite's performance was incredible — he seemed so genuinely heartbroken and angry at his friends perceived betrayal, and his quiet declaration that "she had time left Jethro, and I wanted every minute of it. He cheated us. We deserved to have that time with her" was such an emotional moment that it was difficult to keep watching. This type of speech could have easily been overdone, but Waite walked the line impeccably without crossing over into an

over-the-top performance.

This storyline was not without its faults, however. Gibbs' line during the attempted reunion of LJ and Jackson of "all of us have one thing in common. We all loved the same woman" is heard as almost comical. Something about its placement within the scene was so off-kilter that it disrupted the performances of Waite and Williams — a first for the usually impeccable Harmon. He quickly recovered his usual attitude though, quipping "you're not getting any younger. Figure it out," but the moment was gone. The ending of the episode recovered from this blunder somewhat with LJ and Jackson finally expressing forgiveness and taking a trip down memory lane by returning to their hometown together. However, the episode never quite regained the emotional intensity it had before Harmon's gaffe.

Even that blunder couldn't override the emotional impact, however. At times, the episode seemed all over the place, running the gamut from the crime plot -line to issues of segregation. But nothing could ruin the unerring performances that Waite and Williams put forth this episode and, considering their skillfull interactions, it's likely fans will be seeing them again soon.

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Drag Show offers night of alternate entertainment

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day-to-day clothing. He later returned with Noyo's "Let Me Love You," and was every bit the swoon-worthy love interest the song called for. The Notorious LEZ was also superb, living up to the expectations set forth for the popular king by his fans. His first performance, set to a mash-up of Justin Timberlake's "Sexy Back" and LMFAO's "Sexy and I Know It," was a perfect combination of goofy and sexy, and kept the audience cheering.

His second number, which closed the show, stole the spotlight entirely, however. A rendition of Michael Jackson's "Thriller," complete with a sparkly white glove and iconic red leather jacket,

as well as sublime zombie-girl dancers, donning ripped shirts and glitter lipstick who were so good that, for better or worse, they often pulled focus from LEZ. Either way, though, it was a fun and upbeat way to close the show, especially considering its proximity to Halloween.

With every great Drag Show, the event is constantly setting higher standards for itself that it magically seems to exceed every semester. Hopefully this trend of ever-better performances can continue to live on in semesters to come — as long as it does, it seems that drag-devoted students will keep turning out for the show.

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"THE PERKS OF BEING A WALLFLOWER"

BY JENNY HANSLER
ONLINE EDITOR



"I want you to know that I am both happy and sad and I am still trying to figure out how that could be." As I left the movie theater after seeing "The Perks of Being a Wallflower," I realized that I could not have described my feelings while watching the movie any more appropriately than its protagonist, the teenaged narrator who goes by the alias Charlie. It is one of the more beautiful films I have seen.

Fans of Stephen Chbosky's book of the same name will be pleased to hear that there are very few alterations in the movie adaptation. Because Chbosky was the director and screenplay writer, almost all of the major plot turns and characters remain. Overall, the acting is strong. Logan Lerman does justice to Charlie's character and Ezra Miller is phenomenal as Charlie's friend, Patrick.

However, you do not need to have read the book in order to appreciate the film. For those who are unfamiliar with "Perks," it focuses on the high school struggles, triumphs and relationships of a social "wallflower." The plot can drag at times, but for the majority it soars.

Much of what makes the story so effective is its honesty about life. Almost anyone can relate to some aspect of the movie, whether it be a character or an experience. For me, this identification evoked powerful emotional responses, both cathartic and exhilarating.

If you want a movie that will make you laugh, see "Perks." If you want a movie that will make you cry, see "Perks." If you want a movie that will simply make you feel something, see "Perks." And who knows? You may end up feeling infinite.

Cross country finishes 6th of 8, optimistic for regionals

BY LEAH BULETTI
NEWS EDITOR

After dominating performances by both the women’s and men’s cross country teams at the 2012 New York State Collegiate Track Conference (NYSCTC) Championship two weeks ago on Saturday, Oct. 20 — during which the men’s team earned a state title and the women took fourth place — the teams encountered stiffer competition this past weekend in conference competition on home turf in Genesee Valley Park.

Both the women’s and men’s teams finished sixth out of eight teams, over an 8k course for the men and a 6k course for the women, in the University Athletic Association (UAA) Championships on Saturday, Oct. 27.

In the men’s competition, Washington University in St. Louis took the team title with 52 points. The Yellowjackets finished at 153 team points, with junior Adam Pacheck finishing first for the squad with a time of 25:50:7, placing 19th overall.

Senior Dan Hamilton finished close behind in 25:55:9, 25th overall, while junior John Bernstein, who placed an impressive fourth in the NYSCTC Championships, took 30th overall in 26:01:9. Rounding out the team scoring for UR was junior Yuji Wakimoto in 26:23:3 for 41st overall and sophomore Mark Rollfs in 26:24:5 for 43rd overall.

Men’s coach John Izzo expressed disappointment with the team’s finish, saying that the team “stumbled,” but has “not fallen out of national relevance.”

“We have two weeks before regionals to put ourselves on the right path and that is exactly what we all plan on doing,” he said.

Women’s coach Barbara Hartwig was more optimistic about the women’s team performance, stating that outside of the winning school it was “anyone’s race,” as teams two through seven were very evenly matched and only separated by 31 points.

The University of Chicago took home the team title with 37 points, while New York University finished second with 96

and Carnegie Mellon University took third with 103.

“This is one of the strongest conferences in all of division three,” Hartwig said. “The way we responded to this level of pressure will serve us well at the regional meet in two weeks.”

Finishing first for the women’s team and earning third overall was standout senior Lauren Norton, with a time of 22:01:5. Senior Zarah Quinn took 15th overall and second for the Yellowjackets with a time of 23:06:1, while freshman Catherine Knox took 22nd overall and third for UR with a time of 23:06:1.

Danielle Bessette finished in 23:33:5 for 41st overall, while senior Meg Ogle took 47th overall in 23:40:7, completing the scoring for UR.

Despite what Hartwig said were several personal bests for the women’s team on a soggy course, the Yellowjackets still have work to do before regionals in two weeks, she said.

“We need to tighten up the distance between our scorers and we need to bring our displacers closer as well,” she said.

Hartwig said she will keep eight runners actively training for the national qualifier race in two weeks, although only seven will race, and said that the team will take a couple of recovery days before putting in the remaining set of challenging workouts.

“The money’s pretty much in the bank,” Hartwig said. “Today’s results should motivate us to see that we truly have a good chance to be in the top five at regionals.”

Quinn echoed this optimism, stating that she thought the team performed “very respectably,” especially considering the “stiff competition” of the UAA conference.

She also noted that she had one of the best cross country races of her running career, setting a personal record.

“We will use our successful performance at the UAAs as momentum for the real big meet — Atlantic Regionals,” Quinn said.

UR will host the NCAA Atlantic Regional at Genesee Valley Park on Saturday, Nov. 10.

Buletti is a member of the class of 2013.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Alex Swanger — Men’s Soccer

BY ERIC DAVIS
STAFF WRITER



The men’s soccer team dominated the University of Chicago on Sunday, winning 4-1. Sophomore forward Alex Swanger of Penfield, N.Y. was a huge part of his effort, assisting on two of the four goals. Swanger was the 2010 All-Greater Rochester, Section V Player of the Year and All-State selection when he played for Penfield High School.

What is your major?
Financial economics.

When did you start playing soccer?

I started playing organized soccer when I was five. I played club for the Empire Academy in western New York. Then I played for Penfield High School.

Why soccer?

I have been playing for as long as I can remember. It’s something that I’ve always loved to do and something that has become a part of who I am.

What is your favorite part of the sport?

Being a part of a team and working toward a common goal.

Do you have a mentor?

My dad. He has always been willing to help me work on my game and has pushed me to be the best player I can be.

What is your favorite professional team?
Bayern Munich.

What’s your favorite thing about UR?
Wilder 520.

What advice would you give to freshmen?
Don’t get too stressed out about classes.

Do you have any superstitions or pre-game rituals?
I carry a ball around with me everywhere I go in the locker room.

What do you plan to do after graduation?
Go to medical school.

What is your favorite thing to do off campus?
Eat at the Distillery.

If you could go anywhere in the world where would it be?
Paraguay to see my relatives.

What’s the best advice a coach has ever given you?
Just be confident in yourself.
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Sophomore forward Alex Swanger recoded two assists in men’s soccer’s Sunday, Oct. 21 game against the University of Chicao in which UR triumphed.

Swimming and diving smashes records

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Sophomore Brian Wong also had an impressive meet, finishing as a runner up in both the 100 and 200 butterfly events.

All in all, both teams had a solid meet to start the season off and

some promising times by stand-out underclassmen who appear ready to step up and help the program advance.

“I think the team is off to a great start, and I can’t wait to see how everyone progresses and gets better as

the season goes on,” Bailey said.

The ‘Jackets’ next meet is on Wednesday, Nov. 10 in the Speegle-Wilbraham Aquatic Center against Union College.

Cozen is a member of the class of 2015.

Men’s soccer approaches final game at 9-3-3

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its frustration in the final 15 minutes of play, as they were

handed a team yellow card in addition to two individual yellow cards and a red in the game’s



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In a physical match-up against the University of Chicago on Sunday, Oct. 28, the ‘Jackets remained determined and focused, winning the game, 4-1.

final minutes. Defender Kevin Matheney was the first of the Chicago perpetrators. He slide tackled Swanger in the box, and the foul proved to be costly to his team. UR senior midfielder Jakob Seidlitz took the penalty shot, blasting the ball past Cohen.

One minute later, Codispoti was given a yellow card and, seconds later, was kicked out with a red.

With the win, the Yellowjackets improve to 9-3-3 (2-1-3 in the UAA). The Maroons fall to 8-4-4 (2-3-1 in the UAA). UR hosts Case Western Reserve University, who are 0-5 in UAA play this season, on Saturday, Nov. 3 in their regular season finale.

Bernstein is a member of the class of 2014.

THIS WEEK IN SPORTS

THURSDAY, NOV. 1

- Field Hockey vs. Skidmore College, 5 p.m.*

FRIDAY, NOV. 2

- Men’s Squash in Price-Bullington Invitational (Day 1), Richmond, Va., all day
- Women’s Volleyball in UAA Championships (Day 1), time TBA
- Women’s Volleyball vs. Washington University in St. Luois in quarter-finals, time TBA

SATURDAY, NOV. 3

- Women’s Volleyball in UAA Championships (Day 2), time TBA
- Men’s Squash in Price-Bullington Invitational (Day 2), Richmond, Va., all day
 - Football vs. Worcester Polytechnic Institute, 12 p.m.*
 - Women’s Soccer vs. Case Western University, 5 p.m.*
 - Men’s Soccer vs. Case Western University, 7:30 p.m.*

SUNDAY, NOV. 4

- Men’s Squash in Price-Bullington Invitational (Day 3), Richmond, Va., all day

*denotes home competition

SPORTS

Men’s soccer routs rivals

BY JOHN BERNSTEIN
SENIOR STAFF

Though the men’s soccer team met a worthy foe in the University of Chicago Maroons — a squad toting an identical 8-3 win-loss record and a national ranking — any passerby wouldn’t know it by looking at the final score of the afternoon match-up between these two University Athletic Association (UAA) powers on Sunday, Oct. 28. The Yellowjackets tallied four goals, never trailing, while the Maroons, by contrast, were penalized by the referees time and again for an overly aggressive style of play, and were handed four cards as a result.

Just over 21 minutes in, sophomore forward Alex Swanger found teammate junior midfielder Max Fan and sent him a magnificent through ball. Swanger fired from nine yards up, sending the ball to the lower left corner of the net to put the ’Jackets up, 1-0.

Chicago responded immediately, as just one minute later Maroon midfielder Nick Codispoti headed a ball toward the net. The ball was punched away by senior goalkeeper Scott Garfing, however Chicago forward Kyle Kurfist’s diving header proved too much for Garfing and a reeling UR defense, as the Maroons drew level.

Swanger returned to assist on the Yellowjackets’ second goal of the half, 31:54 in. Swanger surged down the right sideline and set up sophomore forward Shane Dobles, who was positioned in the box. Dobles lofted the ball into the upper right corner of the net, above the reach of the Maroons’ goalkeeper, David Cohen, to give the home team back its one-goal lead.

The Yellowjackets’ offense came back firing on all cylinders in the second half, burying Chicago under a flurry of 14 shots. Sophomore defender Andrew Sheridan’s long ball was mishandled by Cohen and, to the goalkeeper’s misfortune, freshman defender Jeffrey Fafinski was there to capitalize, as he tapped the ball into an empty net and added an extra cushion to the ’Jackets’ lead.

Now down 3-1, a dispirited Chicago squad vented

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Volleyball nets three wins over weekend

BY BEN SHAPIRO
STAFF WRITER

The UR volleyball team finished a busy weekend with three wins, two on Friday, Oct. 26 and a third on Saturday, Oct. 27, when they traveled to New York City for the New York Regional Challenge at New York University. After beating both Mount Saint Vincent College and Clarkson University, the ’Jackets fell to Stevens Institute of Technology before closing out the weekend over Mount Saint Mary’s University.

Friday’s first match against Mount Saint Vincent was a comfortable win for UR, as the team took the match in straight sets. Junior middle blocker Savannah Benton, who was named to the all-tournament team, led the way with 12 kills, while senior right side Meghan Neff was right behind her with 11 of her own.

“Savannah was a consistent presence in the middle both blocking and attacking and played probably her best weekend overall this season,” UR head coach Ladi Iya said.

Against Clarkson, the



COURTESY OF UR ATHLETICS

The ’Jackets volleyball squad tallied three wins in four games on Friday, Oct. 26 and Saturday, Oct. 27. The team now turns their attention to the upcoming UAA Championships this weekend.

’Jackets dropped the first set 17-25, but were able to fight back and eventually win 15-11 in a decisive fifth set.

“[Senior] right side Alma Guevara was nearly flawless attacking in our match against Clarkson, leading with 14 kills,” Iya said.

Sophomore setter Xiaoyi Li also competed, recording a team-leading 43 assists. Neff and Benton continued to perform strongly, tying for the team lead in blocks with four each.

On Saturday, the ’Jackets displayed a fighting spirit in

their loss to Stevens Tech, coming back from two sets down to bring the match to a final set, which they would eventually lose 15-10.

Despite the loss, Rochester would bounce back to handily beat Mount Saint Mary’s in three sets. Senior outside hitter Kelly Mulrey, also named an all-tournament player, recorded a match-high 11 kills while senior defensive specialist Lauren Bujnicki led the way with 14 digs.

“The New York State Regional Challenge was a great opportunity for the

team to compete before going into our conference championship next weekend and also to see how we really stack against some very good teams,” Iya said.

“It was wonderful to see great play going into our conference tournament.”

UR kicks off University Athletic Association (UAA) Conference Championship play on Friday, Nov. 2 against Washington University in Saint Louis in Atlanta, Ga.

Shapiro is a member of the class of 2016.

Swimming and diving starts with stellar showing



COURTESY OF UR ATHLETICS

Members of both the men’s and women’s swimming and diving teams claimed individual victories in the season’s first competition. As a team, the men finished with two wins while the women earned three.

BY KARLI COZEN
SENIOR STAFF

The men’s and women’s swimming and diving teams opened their season with a splash in the UR Invitational at the newly renovated Speegle-Wilbraham Aquatic Center on Friday, Oct. 26 and Saturday, October 27.

This competition was scored as a dual meet for the five University Athletic Association (UAA) teams in the invitational (UR, Carnegie Mellon University, New York University, Brandeis University and Case Western Reserve University). The women came out victorious against Brandeis, Case Western Reserve

and NYU, but were bested by Carnegie Mellon. The men also defeated Brandeis and NYU, but fell short to Carnegie Mellon and Case Western Reserve.

“For the meet it was great to have the UAA all be at UR,” sophomore James Frauen said. “It was high intensity and great competition and a very fast meet that a lot of UR swimmers swam very well.”

On the first day of competition the women’s strongest finish was in the 200-meter free relay. A team made up of freshmen Ellen Swanson and Vicky Luan, sophomore Lauren Bailey and junior Karen Meess claimed a victory with a time of 1:38.64.

The 400 medley relay team made up of sophomore Meg Waring, junior Farrell Cooke, Bailey and Luan, also had an impressive finish, placing second of 12 with a time of 4:02.41.

The men’s team came out strong with sophomore Brian Wong claiming UR’s first individual win of the season in the 200 individual medley with a time of 1:57.02 and both the men’s 800 free relay and the men’s 400 medley relay teams claiming third.

On the second day of competition, Bailey was the standout female performer. She took first in the 200 butterfly with a time of 2:10.33, earning her a first

place finish and made a pool record in the 100 butterfly with a time of 58.3.

“I am really honored to break the school record,” Bailey said. “I definitely could not have done it without the support of my teammates and my coaches.”

Other victories for the women’s team on Saturday came from the 400 free relay team made up of sophomore Avery Palardy, Luan, Waring and Bailey with a time of 3:40.02 and by Laun in the 50 free with a time of 25.25. This was Laun’s first collegiate meet, and her performance in the 50 free earned her her first individual victory.

The men picked up two victories on Saturday. The first came from senior Christian Vu in the 200 free with a time of 1:57.63 and the second from Frauen in the 200 backstroke with a time of 1:57.63.

“I knew if I worked my walls and had good race strategy I had a shot at winning,” Frauen said. “I felt great off the walls and was second or third going into the last fifty and I was just able to use my legs and get home to touch the wall first.”

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THIS WEEK’S RESULTS

Field Hockey (15-4)

Oct. 27: The College at Brockport 5-1 (W)

Women’s Soccer (3-12-1)

Oct. 26: Washington University in St. Louis 1-2 (L) OT

Oct. 28: University of Chicago 1-2 (L)

Swimming and Diving

Oct. 26: 2-2 (men) 3-1 (women)

Cross Country

Oct. 27: UAA Championships 6th of 8 (men) 6th of 8 (women)

Men’s Soccer (9-3-3)

Oct. 26: Washington University in St. Louis 0-1 (L)

Oct. 28: University of Chicago 4-1 (W)

Volleyball (21-10)

Oct. 26: College of Mount Saint Vincent 3-0 (W) (25-16, 25-11, 25-12)

Oct. 26: Clarkson University 3-2 (W) (17-25, 25-22, 25-21, 23-25, 15-12)

Oct. 27: Stevens Institute of Technology 2-3 (L) (10-25, 24-26, 25-19, 25-13, 10-15)

Oct. 27: Mount St. Mary College 3-0 (W) (25-22, 25-15, 25-15)

Women’s Rowing

Oct. 27: In the Head of the Schuylkill Regatta, UR’s best finish came in the Freshman 4 race, where Bella Clemente (stroke), Eleanor Pope, Madeline Salisbury, Lindsey Willstatter and Emma Pollock (cox) placed 3rd.