Women’s role highlighted in MLK address

BY KELSEY BURRITT  STAFF WRITER

Melissa Harris-Perry, an MSNBC analyst and professor of political science, spoke on Thursday, Jan. 17 in Strong Auditorium about the importance of women in continuing Martin Luther King Jr.’s legacy—everything media attention, spurring sociopolitical actions, and expanding the movement.

Nevertheless, these women were overshadowed partners.

She imparted that the living memories of some civil rights leaders, such as Medgar Evers and King, didn’t treat women.

Students take part in 2013 inauguration, Eastman Quartet plays

BY ANGELA REMUS  NEWS EDITOR

The University of Rochester and Eastman School of Music were well-represented at President Obama’s second inauguration: 54 UR students bussed overnight to attend the event and the Eastman String Quartet performed at the Presidential Inaugural Luncheon.

The quartet, composed of Eastman master students Kelsey Farr and Markiyan Melnychenko and undergraduate seniors Hyeok Kwon and Cho Ho Lam, was invited to perform in October by New York Senator Charles Schumer, chairman of the 2013 Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies.

Their repertoire was performed in three parts, as attended entered, ate, and left to attend the inaugural parade. The quartet’s performance included pieces as varied as an arrangement of “The Genevan” by masters students Reuben Allen and Michael Conrado, Mozart’s “Quartet in C Major,” and Joplin’s “Country Club Rag.”

“It’s an experience of a lifetime,” Lam said. “Seeing all these public figures up close is great,” he said.

Director of new Intercultural Center appointed

BY ANTOINETTE ESCE  EDITOR IN-CHIEF

On Jan. 16, Michelle Thompson-Taylor assumed her newly appointed role as director of the Intercultural Center, a position that will involve facilitating collaboration between students and faculty.

“I’m excited to be able to lead a center that can address the needs and concerns of students, but also convene the cultural identity of the campus,” Thompson-Taylor said.

Thompson-Taylor had previously served as an admissions counselor at UR since 2004. She has specifically worked with the College Horizons program as well as the Rochester Urban League to create the University’s Jesse Moore Urban League Scholarship.

“(Thompson-Taylor) has tremendous energy and enthusiasm for this work,” Dean of the College Richard Feldman said. “Through her experiences in admissions, she is in a good position to collaborate with students from all backgrounds and help them build connections.”

Last semester, several students, including Students’ Association president and senior Roshal Patel, were invited to interview the four potential candidates. Patel was the only student present for Thompson-Taylor’s interview.

“She was the last one we interviewed, and none of the other candidates showed up,” Patel said. “We went 15 minutes over the interview time because we were having such a great conversation about what culture meant on campus.”

Since Patel was the only student present for all four candidate interviews, he was able to participate in the appointing committee’s deliberations.

Patel felt that Thompson-Taylor was very receptive to his feedback and while the discussion initially focused on the traditional idea of culture and specifically student culture groups, it eventually evolved into a definition of culture that included many different student groups including performance ensembles. Patel explained that nearly everything somehow contributes to campus culture and that he was impressed with Thompson-Taylor’s openness to student ideas.

“Having someone who thinks like that in this position is great,” he said.

Bar is a member of the class of 2015.
Caught in a pickle, thieves lose appetite

BY CASEY GOULD
MANAGING EDITOR

1. On Thursday, Jan. 17, workers at the Hillside Market caught two females fleeing the premises with a stolen jar of pickles, UR Security Investigator Roger Keirsbilck said.

Claiming that they had dropped their receipt, the females also told workers that they were not carrying their IDs. When a UR Security officer requested to see their IDs however, the females complied, revealing that they were both undergraduates.

The officer offered the students a chance to buy the pickles, but they “[weren’t] in the mood for them anymore.” No police report was filed.

2. On Wednesday, Jan. 16, workers at the University bookstore reported seeing a suspicious male and female enter the shop. According to Keirsbilck, several employees recognized the female as having previously worked at the bookstore.

Shortly after arriving, the couple split, with the male leaving his textbooks and the female carrying several textbooks to the female — still in the apparel section of the shop.

The male asked if the books were cheaper elsewhere, but the employee did not know. The couple then exited the bookstore without buying anything.

3. On Sunday, Jan. 21, at 2:22 a.m., Security officers responded to Library Road near Fauver Stadium where four males had been seen carrying a sorority composite.

When asked about the composite, the males told officers that they had been visiting a friend in Wilder Tower, Keirsbilck said. After identifying one of the males as an undergraduate and determining that the other three were not affiliated with the University, officers contacted a sorority representative who said she neither knew the student nor gave him permission to take the composite.

After warning the student and escorting the other three males from the property, officers returned the composite. No charges were pressed.

Renegades egg exhibit

4. On Monday, Jan. 21, a staff member at the Memorial Art Gallery (MAG) reported that several outdoor sculptures had been egged sometime the previous weekend. The sculptures — located near Goodman Street and University Avenue — are a part of the MAG’s ongoing Centennial Sculpture Park project.

Unable to determine how much damage was done, the staff member has since filed a police report, Keirsbilck said.

Gould is a member of the class of 2014. Information provided by UR Security
Warner School professor awarded $463,000 grant

BY JARED SMITH  STAFF WRITER

Earlier this month, UR Associate Professor and Director of Educational Policy Kara Finnigan was awarded a $463,000 grant from the Spencer Foundation to examine relationships between leaders of Chicago public schools. Finnigan will explore how these relationships affect the work being done to improve the educational system.

The research will involve detailing the interactions between the leaders at school sites, central offices, and other tiers of the educational system. The researchers will focus on determining the extent to which information is shared between the administrative levels and staff and how that function serves to benefit the students within the system. In this way, the study will focus not only on the technical aspects of educational reform but also the relational aspect.

“We hope to answer critical questions about organizational learning and the way that resources, such as innovation, knowledge and research-based practices, are shared within a district,” Finnigan stated.

The Spencer Foundation was established in 1962 and allocates funds to “investigate ways in which education, broadly conceived, can be improved around the world,” according to the foundation’s website.

The Spencer Foundation is a consistent source of funding for education research projects, dozens of which are published every year.

Finnigan has long been involved in efforts to improve the quality of public schools. In addition to this grant, she received a $560,000 grant last May from the William T. Grant Foundation to investigate how low-income schools in the San Diego Unified School District and the Rochester City School District used educational research to improve the quality of education for their students.

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Dining takes student feedback into account to make spring 2013 changes

BY ANGELA REMUS  NEWS EDITOR

In an effort to address student feedback, Dining Services has made several changes, including new menu offerings in dining halls and additional product options at other campus eateries.

New menus at Danforth Dining Center, Douglass Dining Center and Eastman Dining Center will include last semester’s most popular items as well as new selections.

At Douglass, a wrap station similar to the one available two years ago will open.

At Commons, Mel burgers and garbage plates are now available as dinner options in an effort to increase dinner sales. “Fish Fry Fridays” and weekend breakfast pizzas will also be new staples. A range of new products will be available at Hillside Market, Connections, Starbucks and Pura Vida. At Hillside Market, Joe Bean Coffee, a brand that, according to Marketing Manager Kevin Aubrey, “focuses on artisanal brewing and single sourcing,” will replace last semester’s option.

Connections will offer Pine Hill breakfast sandwiches as well as Hedonist truffles for Valentine’s Day and chocolate eggs for Easter. New breakfast combos will also be available. At Starbucks, a variety of pastries will be offered, and Pura Vida will introduce tea fritters in the spring.

In response to student complaints, Dining Services is using Healthy Oil Sprayers to reduce the use of oil in cooking.

Dining Services also implemented a Smallwares Amnesty Program, which will allow students to return plates, silverware and other dining items that have been removed from dining facilities.

Director of Campus Dining Services and Auxiliary Operations Cameron Schauf emphasized that these changes are made based on student feedback. “We are a student-driven, student-focused organization on campus.”

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UR alumnus endows Director of Rare Books & Special Collections position

BY JARED SMITH  STAFF WRITER

The Department of Rare Books, Special Collections & Preservation made a mark on Joseph Lambert, ’39, This January, Lambert and his associate Harold Schleifer committed $1 million toward the creation of a Director of Rare Books, Special Collections & Preservations as an endowed position.

Schleifer worked on several library staffs before serving as dean at the University Library at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona (Cal Poly Pomona). Lambert also discovered his interest in libraries early while working at Rush Rhees library as an undergraduate. While his stint was short-lived — lasting only the four years of his undergraduate experience — he remembers the UR libraries fondly, noting that the “Welles-Brown Room with its leather chairs and fireplace was such a comfortable place for relaxing.”

Given their library experiences, Lambert and Schleifer have a deep appreciation for the work of the Rare Books Library. During a project dedicated to the renovation of Schleifer’s Cal Poly Pomona University library, Schleifer drew upon several studies done at Rush Rhees Library.

Schleifer credits some of his success in the renovation project towards work done at UR and now acts on the River Campus Libraries advisory board.

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The Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning will now be located on the first floor of Dewey Hall. Offices on the second floor will be occupied by the Office of Minority Student Affairs, the Intercultural Center Director’s Office, and the Center for Study Abroad and Interdepartmental Programs. The fourth floor will house the Multidisciplinary Studies Center, the Office of Undergraduate Research, the Fellows Office, the Gwen M. Greene Career and Internship Center, and the David T. Kearns Center for Leadership and Diversity in Arts, Sciences & Engineering.

Assistant Dean and Director of the center for Study Abroad and Interdepartmental Programs Jacqueline Levine explained that the new location is much more spacious than the former office and will be in an optimal location. Levine noted that these offices’ proximity provide “a wonderful concentration of student services.”

This summer the Career Center will also relocate to Dewey from its current location in Meliora Hall. “The new facility will be about the same size but layout and traffic flow [will be] much improved,” Burton Nadler, Career Center director, said. “The Dean of the College and all involved in the process [hope] that [it] will provide a convenient place to access so many student services.”

During the day, the first floor classrooms of LeChase will be used for undergraduate courses ranging from “Anthropology of Development” to “Politics.” The Warner School of Education will use these classrooms during the evenings and weekends. In total, approximately 100 different courses will use the new building this spring.

The Warner School has been the fastest growing academic division at UR and has continued to expand academic programs and educational research practices in recent years. In the Warner School’s former location in Dewey, faculty shared offices and hosted classes elsewhere at the University. The plans for the Warner School’s move were made in spring 2011 with the support of a $3.5 million dollar commitment by University trustee and chairman of LeChase Construction, R. Wayne LeChase.

Graduate students victim of on-campus armed robbery

Two UR graduate students were victims of an armed robbery in the University Park Apartments just south of the UR Medical Center and across from the Southside Living Center on Sunday, Jan. 20 — the first reported robbery on campus in 19 months, according to an email sent to students by UR President Joel Seligman on Tuesday, Jan. 22.

The incident occurred at approximately 7 p.m., with the intruders entering through the front door of the apartment. One student was told to place electronic devices in a suitcase while the other student was told to lie on the floor. Both complied with the intruders’ demands and neither were injured. A police investigation is ongoing, although no suspect has currently been identified.

Security patrols in the area have been increased, according to a campus-wide alert about the incident. UR currently has 130 Security staff members and 195 blue light phones on campus. Seligman’s email was also prompted by Monday night’s activation of UR’s University-wide AlertUR system, which warned the University community on Monday, Jan. 21, at approximately 8:15 p.m. of a police investigation in the 1100 block of South Plymouth Avenue, north of the Riverview Apartments.

The message told the University community to “stay away from the area” and “seek shelter.” At about 10:45 p.m., the system informed the community that the threat had concluded and to “resume normal activities.” The Rochester Police Department determined the threat to be a hoax, according to Seligman’s email.

Seligman also wrote that in light of these incidents and a series of similar ones near the Eastman School of Music, UR is engaged in a review of Security patrols and procedures.

“Our crime prevention officers and senior Security staff regularly meet with University groups, and they will meet with several groups this week,” the email stated.

A prior review in 2011 of Security operations resulted in University-backed legislation commencing UR’s sworn officer training program. Seligman also stated that the review “reaffirmed that the University’s campuses are safe places, but ‘safe’ never means absolutely safe.”

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Presidential inauguration: an expression of national unity

The Eastman String Quartet (from left, Maryam Melihchenko, Kelsey Farr, Hyoock Kwon, and Chen-Li Li) performed at the Presidential Inaugural Luncheon during the 2013 inauguration at the invitation of Senator Charles Schumer.

College Town developers receptive to student concerns

UR student leaders stressed the importance of making UR’s multi-use College Town project accessible, with cheap, fast dining options and a variety of vibrant nightlife options to two developments from Cleveland-based Fairmount Properties at a forum on Wednesday, Jan. 23.

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the importance of venues delivering food, particularly during late night hours.

Ruttenberg said that there will likely be sushi and Mediterranean restaurants that deliver food and that they are investigating a concept akin to Insomnia Cookies, which delivers until 3 or 4 a.m.

Senior Kyle Coapman agreed, stating that he thinks students want venues where they can get food quickly and cheaply, “like a diner but faster,” for food such as grilled cheese and fried chicken.

There was a general consensus among students about the need for night-life venues that cater both to students who want a more club-like, dancing experience and those who might want the more chill atmosphere of a coffee shop/bar with live music, particularly performed by students.

College Town will have spaces for outdoor music and student performers. Ballou stressed that having a student tie to venues is of crucial importance.

“The connection to people is really what it’s about because of how musical our campus is,” she said. “Students want to have that personal connection.”

Ruttenberg also said that College Town will have a Beer Market with 500 types of beer, a sports bar and a wine bar.

Other specific features of College Town announced include: 73,000 square feet of shops and restaurants, 154,000 feet of residential space, a five story parking garage, 50,000 square feet of office space, a Hilton Garden Inn, a 20,000 square foot fresh market concept grocery store, and a Barnes & Noble bookstore, which will also house UR’s college bookstore.

Ruttenberg added that the outside performance space will seat 100 people, and both surface parking and garage parking for short and long term will be available for free.

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Harris-Perry notes supporting role of women, their influence in history

Melissa Harris-Perry discussed ways to celebrate King’s legacy while also criticizing his ideas of patriarchy in a press event prior to the address on Thursday, Jan. 17.

“Central to the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is the idea that women have a place in the movement, but it is a subservient place.”

Harris-Perry added that King’s legacy is a “weaving of the whole.”

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A swipe at card readers

This past semester, UR relisted its bus fleet with swipe card readers. These devices, designed to track ridership and other data useful in potentially streamlining current routes, are a great idea — in theory.

During rush hour, popular stops see an even longer wait due to the time it takes riders to remove their cards and swipe (twice if done incorrectly), not to mention the excessively apologetic rider who insists on delivering a thirty-second spiel to explain why he or she forgot their ID. With strong winds and freezing temperatures not uncommon to Rochester, such extended exposure to the elements usually results in cold, shivering, and angry riders.

Besides the holcup they cause, the swipe system remains a mystery to some, even after two weeks of operating. Riders without IDs sometimes choose not to board because they believe it to be a prerequisite when that is not the case. Even more riders are unaware that the card readers exist at all. Consequently, the University should further delineate its bus protocol to minimize future misunderstandings. As for the longer wait, the boarding process will hopefully speed up as riders become accustomed to swiping.

To be sure, the card readers are a smart addition to UR’s fleet, one that is perhaps overdue. A popular tool already used by many colleges, the readers collect data that will be useful in mature communication. No, the card readers do not mean nothing in another. Humor has an important place in mature communication. No, the card readers do not mean nothing in another. Humor has an important place in mature communication.

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**Gun control legislation ineffective, harmful to citizens**

By Christopher Wideman

With the recent examples of gun related violence, especially the West Webster Fire Fighter tragedy occurring 12 miles from UR, discussion of the topic and how to address it is obviously on many students' minds. Without attempting to mitigate facts that inflame the situation, I would like to propose the beginnings of a constructive discussion on ways to address this pressing issue.

First, I would like to point out important things to remember when discussing the Second Amendment. The right to bear arms is not about hunting and sport shooting, any more than free speech is about frat party rah-rah. These groups aid in the development of two separate worlds, each with different parties, media and facts, making fair political debate particularly difficult. Truth takes a back burner to politics. Should we really expect anything better from our brainiacs, especially those with knowledge of our system, should realize how poorly crafted our gun control legislation is and the economic impact it will have. Regardless of the need for more secured access to weapons, especially with those more with abilities, this legislation does not move to prevent future tragedies from occurring.

Here is a different proposal that addresses the societal issue in a logical manner. First, instant background checks can and should be employed. For a small fee, all Federal Firearms License holders could conduct the background check for all transfers, effectively ending the "gun show loophole" with no rights infringe- ments and ensuring that all sellers aren't selling a firearm to a "blacklisted" individual.

Second, we need to tie a national mental health registry to the background check database. If a person isn't sane enough to buy a gun, it shouldn't be up to that individual to fill out a Form 4473 attesting to his own mental safety, or the medicality of any mental health issues. This is not about a person who needs short-term counseling but is instead targeted at issues concerning violent, mentally unstable individuals.

Unfortunately, we live in a society where it is impossible for the law enforcement community to proactively enforce every law and criminal exploit that. In all of the recent tragedies, the assailants procured their weapons through illegal means. Specifically, the Connecticut shooter who killed his mother to get her weapons, and the West Webster shooter procured his weapons through illegal means. It was illegal for him to possess the weapons in the first place due to the fact that he was a convicted felon (for killing his grandmother with a claw hammer).

Simply put, legislation that makes firearm ownership illegal can only hurt those who follow the laws of our society. Persons who are willing to commit crimes with a weapon are no more likely to regard a law making it illegal to possess a firearm than they are to respect the law and refrain from committing the crime in the first place. Armed guns do not make people evil. Evil people do bad things with guns.

Wideman is a member of the Class of 2015.

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**Divided government: hamstrung by polarized facts**

By David Stark

There’s something terribly wrong with our political system when Senator Jim DeMint of South Carolina, a conservative Republican with no postgraduate experience in economic and political science, resigns from the most powerful legislative body on earth to become the president of The Heritage Foundation.

The Heritage Foundation, established to “formulate and promote conservative public policies based on the principles of free enterprise, limited government, individual freedom, traditional American values and strong national defense,” is considered one of the most influential research organizations in the country. Keep in mind that in Washington, the word “influential” has nothing to do with academic integrity. Instead, ideological think tanks are heralded for their political power, such that a sitting U.S. senator views one of their job opportunities as a promotion. Liberal groups, such as the Center for American Progress, are just as guilty of ideological pigeonholing. These groups aid in the development of two separate worlds, each with different realities, media and facts, making fair political debate particularly difficult. Truth takes a back burner to politics.

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In Washington, however, both parties are so busy selling you their view of the world that they’ll also sell you a few poisonous mushrooms along the way. Conservatives have legitimate reasons to advocate for a more hospitable business environment but struggle to justify why our money is better spent lowering marginal tax rates than on crucial national infrastructure. Liberals can point to plenty of academic support for deficit spending during recessions, but experts agree that unless we securely modify Medicare and Social Security, the programs will have catastrophic effects on our national debt over the coming decades. Democrats and Republicans tell half-truths, consulting expert testimony for some issues but disavowing those same experts by the second item of their platform. They are stuck trying to address each detail of our complicated world with broad, immutable ideology.

Fortunately, there is much more consensus among academics than these two worlds suggest. In fact, most economists agree about the ways to solve our recession and the related fiscal straits. The IGM Economic Experts Panel at the University of Chicago Booth School of Business is comprised of world renowned economists who each respond to politically controversial questions concerning American public policy. Remarkably, most of their responses are nearly unanimous, aligning with Republican policy or Democratic policy, but often times, with neither.

Yet here we are, forced to choose between two ideologies, two disparate worlds that rely on two dis-parate sets of facts. The reasoned voter, who cares about finding the best answer to our questions, is forced to determine the lesser of two jaded marks for truth. These two market presents problems for our politics. Americans think we are more divided than we actually are. Our politicians disagree far more frequently than we need to disagree. Gridlock ensues. Even more disturbing is that social science becomes politicized, and the public is fooled into thinking that truth is a two party system.

Now is the time to trust the mainstream experts because we haven’t trusted them for years. We give tax breaks to oil companies, but nearly every one of the world’s top economists surveyed thinks we should tax carbon emissions by the ton. The entire 2012 presi- dential campaign sang praises of small businesses as the silver bul-let to stop the recession, but the economists see no reason for any distinction by firm size whatsoever. We have a lot of the answers, but our political establishments consistently choose to make truth a secondary priority. Instead, our most ideological figures are recluses within their own realms of truth, regarding belief as logical premise and rejecting evidence that sug-gests otherwise.

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Change Comes To Colorado Capital

Ever better. Meliora. At UR, students are encouraged to live by that rule, on campus and beyond. Colorado Rep. Mark Ferrandino ’99, ’00 (MS) took the motto of Meliora and ran with it, becoming the first openly gay House Speaker for his state.

The concept of Meliora was in Ferrandino’s life long before his time here at UR. As a child, he was placed into special education classes because of his learning disabilities, but overcame them with hard work.

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Fill Fauver encourages student attendance, enthusiasm at athletic events

BY ALICE GOA
OPINIONS EDITOR

“He’s only back for the summer, but he’s so nice and sweet. I think he’s going to go for it.”

“Yeah, we both know it’s not serious, we’re just having fun.”

“YOLO!”

And that’s how it begins. You are an attractive, intelligent, and somewhat mature college student who finds someone you like.

So what could be the problem with this seemingly romantic situation?

Many think of your life at a different school or college as simply a burst of fun, break/certain amount of time. Maybe they are a “commit-a-phobe” or is a celebrity (hey, Emma Watson chose Brown University, it could happen). The idea of expiration dating — a relationship in which you know it won’t last and will expire in the near future — is attractive to young, passionate, and thrill-seeking individuals such as college students for many reasons.

You’re able to reap the benefits of the “honeymoon stage” in the beginning without having to stay for the “you never listen to me/why are you so emotional” stage towards the end.

You get to partake in that ideal, yet, for whatever reason, tragically doomed relationship. You get to have fun sex without the danger of getting bored with them because you know it won’t last.

Alright, time for a reality check. As much as this no-strings-attached plan sounds like a good idea, I think we’ve all seen enough real-life examples (note: not romantic comedies) to know these types of flings rarely work out, especially in college.

Seeing the end in the beginning: the expiration dating game

Fill Fauver encourages student attendance, enthusiasm at athletic events

BY MATT LERNER
FEATURES EDITOR

This upcoming weekend, the Yellowjackets will take on many teams in a variety of sporting events both at home and away. Wilson Commons Student Activities, in collaboration with Athletics and Recreation, Student Association, University IT Computer Sales, and Coca-Cola, has successfully spearheaded efforts to promote these events through a program commonly known as “Fill Fauver,” in reference to Fauver stadium. Fill Fauver encourages attendance and school spirit at games through advertising and programming.

On Saturday, both the women and men’s swimming and diving teams will compete against Rochester Institute of Technology at home, while the squash team will challenge Dartmouth College at home the same day. Fill Fauver has worked to promote both of these events, aiming to increase support for the teams and the athletes.

Those involved behind Fill Fauver do more than just advertise. One such program is a new promotional offer known as “Rocky’s Mystery Bottle Giveaway,” in which Rocky the Yellowjacket will hand out water bottles that may contain prizes including Common Market coupons, candy, or tickets to a Rochester Americans (Amerks) hockey game.

Fill Fauver is not a new program and has been actively supporting UR Athletics since its inception in 2008. Last August, after joint efforts between the Students’ Association and the D’Lions, over 800 people attended a men’s soccer game in Fauver Stadium.

“It’s a good experience to go to a game to support your classmates and build a community within the school,” UR Spirit Coordinator Alexander Eadie said.

Eadie is Fill Fauver’s leading man and has been responsible for planning the recent and upcoming events. His passion for the program is obvious.

“In the future, I hope to see Fill Fauver become another UR tradition, but the only way it starts is with the students being aware and attending the games.”

It is already somewhat common to see a larger turnout of fans at more popular sporting events, so Fill Fauver also works to cover sports that don’t necessarily receive the same support.

“As far as I’ve seen, there is a lot of pride in the University; I see it everywhere. But as far as athletic teams, it’s something [Fill Fauver] is trying to work on,” Eadie said.

Lerner is a member of the class of 2016.
Mt. Hope Family Center provides hands-on experience for UR students

BY MATT LERNER
FEATURES EDITOR

Among the UR student population, one is likely to find a plethora of intended psychology majors. These students work to discover the inner workings of the human psyche and most plan to use what they learn to help those in need of their services. What most of these students do not know, however, is that within the Rochester community, many individuals are currently dedicating their time to better the lives of those around them through those same psychology techniques and ideas taught in the UR classroom.

Only five minutes from the River Campus resides the Mt. Hope Family Center, a facility that houses many programs for children affected by violence either within their home or around the community. Since its founding in 1979, the center has developed a unique program combining both therapeutic analyses and psychological tests to ensure the betterment of all children and families seeking aid.

The first method employed at the Mt. Hope Family Center is a program that joins both analysis of scientific data and one-on-one training between children and staff members. The second method focuses on the idea of human development. In order to be classified as leading researchers in the field of psychology, the staff must utilize aspects of three-cutting-edge fields: social work, medicine, and engineering.

While the Mt. Hope Family Center focuses mainly on human development, neglect, abuse, and maternal depression, a large part of the work done involves training individuals to some day conduct and improve upon the work already being done.

The most recent endeavor of the center is known as Project STEP, a research-based study that focuses on the effects of inter-parental conflict on child development.

"Fifty percent of the population of the city of Rochester is at risk of facing inter-parental conflicts," said Kashawmma Wright '10, a research assistant for Project STEP.

According to Wright and another research assistant for the project, Angela Richeson, almost 250 families are involved in the study, meeting three times per year for two to three hours sessions. At each session, staff members like Wright and Richeson work the children through a myriad of tasks, including IQ testing, logical assessments, as well as one-on-one interactions, all to get a "dynamic picture" of the children's development.

"In families that have many children, often many siblings get overlooked," Richeson said. "For this reason, the staff members at the center work with children and their families from the greater Rochester area in the hope of solving any issues that have arisen and to prevent any additional changes from occurring."

In addition to Project STEP, the Mt. Hope Family Center hosts many different projects that include parenting classes for young mothers and sessions for teenage girls coping with depression and anxiety.

Each semester, the center employs 10 student interns from the surrounding area, drawing mainly from UR. While one can apply to become a one-on-one specialist who works directly with children in studies such as Project STEP, there are many other opportunities for students to get involved.

The Mt. Hope Family Center also specializes in after-school and summer programs, focusing on homework strategies, how to deal with one's emotions, and how to properly develop social interaction skills.

While an undergraduate at UR, Wright assisted in the center's summer program for three years prior to becoming a research assistant on Project STEP. Like Wright, students interested in the field of psychology, or simply willing to help better the surrounding community, are encouraged to participate in any way they can in the hope of one day continuing such meaningful work on a larger scale. Those looking to make larger commitments can participate in three-semester programs for course credit, while those looking for less of an undertaking are able to set their own volunteer schedules.

Additionally, upperclassmen interested in writing theses or working on psychology studies are encouraged to get involved with the center, as there are many opportunities available for independent study. Once involved, students have access to data from social experiments and tests, as well as both undergraduate and graduate students from neighboring colleges and universities to assist in research.

So, the next time you are asked to read about the practices and tests done by esteemed doctors and researchers in your psychology and biology class, think about how you too could be a part of the next big breakthrough by only traveling five minutes down the road.

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THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW THIS WEEK

THIS DAY IN HISTORY: JAN. 24

1865: The Confederate Congress agrees to resume prisoner exchange with the Union during the Civil War.

1908: The Boy Scouts of America begins.


1981: Mike Bossy, former National Hockey League player for the New York Islanders, becomes only one of five players in league history to score 50 goals within the span of 50 games.

2006: Disney announces their $7.4 billion acquisition of Pixar, a renown digital animation company.

Overheard at UR

"Hey mom, I got Take Five, but you actually have to pay for the tuition... Or I got Take Four Part Two... well I'd rather they be mad at me for a few months than have to shell out 50,000 myself.”

—Overheard in the package line in Todd Union

$#T Professors Say

"We don’t need no stinking footnotes. We need logic.”

—Hein Goemans, International Relations

Ur Opinion

By Aaron Schaffer
Photo Editor

"What were you looking forward to most after winter break?"

Isiah Evans '16
"To do better in the classroom."

Vicky Stepanova '15
"Friendship."

Sunhwyong Lee '14
"Meeting new students."

Caitlyn Garbarino '15
"200 meter repeats."

Devon Sando '14
"Saying all my friends again after going abroad."

Maddie Skellie '13
"Definitely not the snow."

Courtesy of the Mount Hope Family Center

The Mount Hope Family Center provides a variety of psychological and social services to children and their families. UR students have the opportunity to volunteer conducting studies and tests to gain experience as well as course credit.

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UR alum elected as Colorado’s first openly gay Speaker of the House

Mark Ferrandino ’99 ’00 (MS) paves political history as Colorado’s first openly gay Speaker of the House as well as the first openly gay legislator in the state’s history.

Ferrandino championed this cause, one that has not always had such support. Colorado has been infamous as “the hate state” due to a law known as Amendment Two, preventing city, town, or county governments from considering the LGBTQ community as a protected group under anti-discrimination law. Romer vs. Evans, a 1996 Supreme Court case, overturned the amendment. Despite the progress, in 2006 an amendment to the state constitution defined marriage as between only a man and a woman. Twenty-one years after the “hate” law was passed, Ferrandino will shortly be passing a law to legalize same-sex civil unions. “While I don’t know [Ferrandino], we are certainly very proud of all he has done in his career. His work to support the LGBTQ community speaks to Meliora,” Assistant Vice President for Advancement and Alumni Relations Kevin Weasley said. “The University has had a long history of leadership on LGBTQ issues, particularly in the Rochester area, and [Ferrandino’s] work continues that legacy.”

Not only is Ferrandino, age 34, the first openly gay house speaker in Colorado, he was also the first openly gay legislator in the state when first elected in 2007. Along with Ferrandino, Colorado’s Senate President Pro Tempore, Luisa Guzman, is openly gay. In all, there are eight openly LGBTQ members of the Colorado State Assembly.

Although Ferrandino has fought ceaselessly for progress, he has accomplished a great deal with this upcoming vote, there is still more to be done. The coming legislation allows civil unions, providing state level legal protection for same sex couples. This is not the same as legalizing same-sex marriage, in that its portability between states is uncertain and does not carry the same clout and corroboration as marriage. Still, his almost unanimous nomination to speaker is a significant symbolic milestone.

Ferrandino explained his thoughts on the coming legislation in an interview with KDVR-Denver, a popular television station.

“We always said it’s not a matter of if, it’s a matter of when. Well, when is 2013 and we’re going to get civil unions to the governor’s desk.”

- Rep. Mark Ferrandino

2013 Season for Nonviolence Kick-Off
Creating a Culture of Peace: Rochester in Twenty Years

Wednesday, January 30
7-9 pm
Interfaith Chapel

What needs to be invented or created for a culture of peace to become established here over the next 20 years?

Join four high school and college students and four community leaders for a roundtable discussion. Featuring Police Chief James Sheppard, Artist Shawn Dunwoody, and other community leaders.

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"Everything is invented twice--first in our own minds, and then in reality." -Steven Covey

"Bringing something so controversial to the forefront and breaking barriers is an excellent embodiment of the idea of Meliora," sophomore Natasha Sacoto said.

Pride Network Social Chair Clint Cantwell is equally pleased with what Rep. Ferrandino has accomplished. "Seeing such an achievement makes UR Pride that much more prideful," Cantwell said. "[The LGBTQ community] has fought to make historical leaps in our civil rights. Yet again we see that we can achieve these leaps in rights and [political] representation, whether that be here on campus, Colorado, or the country at large."

Given all that Ferrandino has done, he remains steadfast in defending his constituents. Above all, his humility shines through.

"For me to be able to sit in this office is just an amazing experience," he said.

Brady is a member of the class of 2015.
Me, the manatee: bulking up to beat the cold this winter

**BY DAVID WEINBERG**
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

I am going to give in to biology and get fat. I am going to learn from the bear, the hippo and the manatee and get fat in order to stay warm this winter.

To prepare for swimming in cold waters, the manatee gains weight in order to increase the thickness of its blubber. There's so much to learn from these brilliant, yet blubbery beauties. Their extra layer of fat keeps the manatee from getting cold and freezing to death. The manatee will furiously cafe for months beforehand just to prepare for the cold. We've learned so much already! So useful too. I just found a way to make me blubber to keep me insulated. I am going to mimic the survival tactics of the elegant sea cow and get fat.

So I follow in the footsteps of the manatee, preparing for the cold by gorging myself on discounted Common Market Corn cakes, another bagel, French toast — I was carbo-loading. I had a long afternoon of Netflix that necessitated nourishment.

Anyway, as I lifted the spoonful of cereal, another bit of forgetful-ness frightened me. The spoon smashed me in the cheek and Cookie Crisp spattered every which way. I spirited maple syrup all over my bagel. Cream cheese lined my brow. There was even unexplained marinara sauce behind my ear. Either I reverted back to my "terrible twos" or I had just forgotten how to eat. I wiped the food from my face, the tears of embarrassment from my cheek and that bout with breakfast from my memory.

I forgot a lot, nor just my resolution. I did remember that I am a student at UR, but over Winter break I struggled to recall my email login. Something so essential to life on campus just slipped my mind. It's okay though. Small talk always seemed secondary during break. But, alarmingly, forgetfulness crept into other aspects of my life. At first, it was sleeping through my alarm clock. But, alarmingly, forgetfulness threatened every waking hour. I spent significant time contemplating what frivolous, ill-fated commitment I had made that I could not remember… I was carbo-loading. I had a mountain of fries from Douglass, exclusively eating Panda Express at the Pit, and most importantly ordering Zones on both Friday and Saturday nights. Take a lesson from the man-tee, I am an English major and I can even keep up with these biological anomalies. I have made the sheer baneful urge to stop spending money on fancy coaters or winter boots and instead focus your time on thunder thighs and neck rolls. Winter 2013, I am ready for you. Weinberg is a member of the class of 2015.

**BY DOUG BRADY**
FEATURES EDITOR

Happy New Year! Glasses clink, everyone consumes a form of sparkling liquid. The anticipation is over, leaving only a discussion of resolutions to fill the void left by the post-holiday blues.

"I need to be more fun. I will buy an exotic, unattainable animal." "No more drunk food—well, after tonight."

"I might go to class this semester."

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Hypnotist Alain Nu impresses many with mind mastery

BY MELISSA GOLDEN
PUBLISHER

It was, if nothing else, quite a sight. The audience in a sold-out May Room sat straight-backed, arms raised above their heads, fingers interlaced and palms facing skyward. Some stared directly ahead, their eyes locked on the intense, animated man onstage. Some glanced around, curious, while others looked on in what was perhaps doubtful anticipation.

The man spouted off a never-ending stream of instructions which, after positioning the audience in this unusual configuration, culminated in the simple suggestion that we at- tempting to separate our hands. Some laughed and complied with ease; others struggled for a few moments before finally lowering their arms; and some, well, couldn’t. Or so they thought.

Mentalist Alain Nu, who performed at UB on Friday, Jan. 18, is perhaps most well-known for his TLC series “The Mysterious World of Alain Nu,” he explained to the audience that he has been interested in hypnotism, as Nu described during the show, is all about letting the conscious and subconscious mind learn the same message, which allows us to deprogen specific mental conditions and frees us to react as we might not have previously. Nu himself is living proof. “I hypnotized myself into being a hypnotist, and that’s the truth,” he said after the show.

Nu’s Friday performance was a bundle of controlled chaos, throwing the audience for one loop after another while maintaining an over- all feeling of pure entertainment. The show began as Nu, wearing black blazer, black pants, and a microphone hanging around his neck, strode onto the stage. He spoke with purpose, as if every word meant something of great importance (which, as we later learned, was true). After introduc- ing himself, he started slow (though hardly dull) with a card trick, in which he didnt appear to be an attempt to gain the audience’s trust. Nu enlisted several students to choose different characteristics of a playing card. He then brought one of the volunteers up to the stage, promising that if he picked the right card from the deck — the king of diamonds — the volunteer could keep the cards.

“T’ll make sure to sign them and decrease their value in- stantly,” he joked. And in accordance, after counting off the first 16 cards in the deck, the king of diamonds appeared. It was Nu’s card trick, yes, but with just enough twists to keep things interesting and shed some doubts.

The highlight of the show, though, came when Nu singled out eight volunteers to be hypno- nized onstage. After lulling the participants to sleep, speaking deliberately in a tone that made even some audience members conk out in their seats, he appeared to have total control over the onstage, save for a few who he sent back into the crowd.

The allure of this segment could be found in the most miniscule moments — a wrinkle of the nose, a disdainful glance, a sharp jerk of the head. At one point Nu convinced the volunteers that their neighbors were emanating an horrifying smell. When he asked the last volunteer if there was anything wrong, she simply gave him a look that clearly said, “Do you have to ask?” and shifted her chair away from her neighbor. Nu didn’t need the participants to do anything wild to entertain the audience (although it was certainly humorous when they did) — by simply relying on those natural moments, he was able to pull humor from the volunteers with ease.

One of the male participants was by far the most entertaining of the group.

American Idol premiere disappoints recent, longtime fans alike

BY RACHAEL SANGUINETTI
ASE Editor

The twelfth season of American Idol premiered last Wednesday, Jan. 16. Because there has been so much advertising and hype about the new panel of judges, I decided to tune in even though I’m not a huge American Idol fan.

The result was such a disappoint- ment that I might not watch the rest of the season.

Keith Urban, Mariah Carey, and Nicki Minaj are the new judges, joining Idol veteran Randy Jackson on the panel. The first two newcomers make sense as judges: both of them are very successful, experienced singers who might actually offer some valuable advice. Nicki Minaj, however, doesn’t seem like the best choice. Honestly, what does she know about vocal technique or a long music career? When I’ve watched audition episodes in the past, I’ve tried to predict who will be the win- ner in the end. This time, I was so distracted by the new judges and the large number of terrible singers that I was surprised when someone sounded remotely good.

The episode kicked off with a recap of the last 12 seasons of Idol. It opened with a clip of the most recent winner, Phillip Phillips, singing his multi- platinum song “Home.” The opening definitely reminded audiences how successful Idol winners have been, blasting us with stats about the number of Grammys past Idol champions have won and the amount of singles they have sold.

Lincoln (2012)

In a year filled with several high-quality movies and an even larger number of dis- appointments, Lincoln somehow finds a way to hover on the line between the two. Though the story of Abraham Lincoln’s fight to ratify the Thirteenth Amendment is both interesting and poignant, the hype built around the movie made its flaws more evident. Academy Award winning director Steven Spielberg (Schindler’s List, Saving Private Ryan) brings out the best in his talented cast, especially Daniel Day-Lewis (who plays Abraham Lincoln), Tommy Lee Jones (Thaddeus Stevens), and Sally Field (Mary Todd Lincoln).

Despite its immense talent, the film introduces over 50 different major and minor players, none of whom get enough screen time for us to justify their parts in the story. Despite having seen the movie twice, I am still unsure why it began or ended the way it did and why so little time was spent on key players Thaddeus Stevens, Francis Preston Blair, and Fernando Wood. It is still an obvious favorite to take home multiple Academy Awards on Feb. 24. However, the inconsistent plot and lack of character development diminished the film’s potential to be among Spielberg’s best.

Film Grade: B

Oscar Talk

BY MIKE PASCUTIO
STAFF WRITER

Zero Dark Thirty (2012)

Tackling a subject as heavy as the hunt for Osama Bin Laden is no small task, especially given the endless speculation about whether torture played a role in finding him and the large amount of classified information involved. However, Academy Award winning director Kathryn Bigelow (The Hurt Locker) came finding him and the large amount of classified information involved. However, Academy Award winning director Kathryn Bigelow (The Hurt Locker) came

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Beatles planetarium laser show dazzles

BY DRUE SOKOL
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“The Beatles in Laser Light,” which was held Saturday, Jan. 18, at the Rochester Museum and Science Center, was an awe-inspiring and out-of-the-ordinary experience. The event was one of several Saturday night laser shows that offered a variety of music and dance across the huge surface of the planetarium dome. The intensity of the colors and the rhythm were at times overwhelming, leaving the audience wondering if this was how the Beatles felt when they were high.

The lights would turn into dazzling and vividly colored prisms, cubes, and other decorative shapes. The audience was often left speechless. Even during a “manliest man competition” in which he spared no expense, even going so far as to pluck a guy from the audience, Nu was confident as ever. His appearance was enough to spark curiosity. His attire included a meterial haircut, hat, baggy clothes and huge black boots, caution tape. The judges also added up in any direction, an incredibly unique experience.

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He was the most affected by Nu’s techniques, taking every instruction with the utmost seriousness, especially during the “Octopus’ Garden” segment in which he was asked to do a “Tuvist and Shout” laser light dance, involving shapes that kept the audience on their feet.

The performance ended with a bang. First, the audience was allowed to pick a volunteer without any direction. Second, Nu tossed a crumpled piece of paper into the audience to pick a volunteer at random. Then he asked the volunteer a series of questions including where the volunteer would most like to travel. The volunteer would most likely choose “Italy,” which he was answering aloud and which the volunteer thinks he will be when he makes it there (24, which the volunteer wrote down). Nu then came up with a set of numbers which, when added up in any direction, equaled 24. But Nu wasn’t done yet. With a flourish, he opened up the original crumpled paper that read, “You guessed it, Italy. Excited garps and tittens emanated from the crowd as Nu looked on, confident as ever.

Nu’s performance was one that kept the audience on their toes despite his laid back, simplistic showmanship. He was nothing but genuine — a real class act.

Sanguinetti is a member of the class of 2015.

Idol has lackluster start, fails to live up to past legacy

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After that, audiences endured the Mariah-and-Nicki show. The two judges’ bickering and exchange of insults was definitely not a great way to start a new season. Thankfully, it quieted down enough for us to enjoy a few of the performers. One of the biggest surprises of the night was Kez Ban, the street performer/flame thrower. She was introduced to America with a video of her making balloon animals and swinging balls of fire around her head. Her appearance was enough to make any audience member skeptical. She sported an asymmetrical haircut, hat, baggy clothes and huge black boots, one of which was wrapped in caution tape. The judges also seemed doubtful of her talents. But her self-confidence and her pride in her profession was enough to spark curiosity. Choosing to sing “Pinocchio,” which was somehow fitting for her character, she surprised everyone with her husky but somehow pleasing jazzy voice. She showed off even more of her vocal skills on her open composition while playing the guitar. With four cities of “yes,” she was on her way to Hollywood. My other favorite of the season was Isabellle, the young and quirky 15 year old who skipped school to attend auditions. She sweetly asked Keith Urban to sing with her in “Baby, It’s Cold Outside.” Her soft, sweet voice matched her persona and impressed all the judges except Randy. We’ll be seeing her in Hollywood too. Except for a few other shining stars however, audiences had to endure two long episodes of awkward and sometimes painful auditions. Ratings and viewer numbers have dropped way down from when Idol started 12 seasons ago. I can see why. I’ll probably continue to tune in for a few more episodes just to see how long my favorite singers last, but after that, I’m done with American Idol.
Yellowjackets look ahead after tough loss to Bombers

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Tyler Sankes — Basketball

BY ERIC DAVIS
STAFF WRITER

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Describe the UR men’s basketball team in five words or less. Teammates with a common goal.

What has been your favorite basketball moment at UR so far? My favorite moments so far would have to be our three wins in Europe against teams in Belgium, Germany, and the Netherlands.

What’s your favorite thing about UR? Wilder 2.
**SPORTS**

Swimming and diving face tough competitors

**BY KARLI COZEN**

On Saturday, Jan. 19, the UR men's and women's swim teams opened their spring season in an away meet against the Ithaca Bombers. Both teams swam hard, but in the end the Yellowjackets fell short to their tough competitors — a 196-104 defeat for the women and a 217-77 defeat for the men.

On the women's side, sophomore Lauren Bai-

**FROM THE PRESS BOX**

Fast and furious: Marrone inspires fresh start for Bills

**BY ADAM ONDO**

Recently hired Buffalo Bills head coach Doug Marrone brings a new management style to the team.

The Buffalo Bills recently hired Doug Marrone as their new head coach and Nathaniel Hackett as offensive coordinator. This is a great pairing since Marrone hired Hackett to be his offensive coordinator at Syracuse University in 2010, so the chemistry is already there. The reason I am so interested in these two hires is quite simple — Marrone has included a read option in his offenses before and is great at designing blocking schemes. Now, the Washington Redskins have Robert Griffin III, the San Francisco 49ers have Colin Kaepernick, and the Carolina Panthers have Cam Newton, all of whom are great at running the option. So here is what the Bills need to do:

First, they need to get Joe Webb, the Vikings backup quarterback, and name him their starter. Then they need to find him a backup, preferably a younger player, and mentor, preferably a veteran, and hire them.

The reason Webb would be a good fit is that he is a physical athlete with great speed. This means that defenses would not only have to prepare for running backs C.J. Spiller and Fred Jackson but also Webb. In his three seasons as a backup, Webb rushed for 341 yards and four touchdowns, looking like two fumbles. The best part of the trade is that the Bills wouldn't be breaking bank, since Webb's salary next year is projected to come in just under $600,000.

Michael Vick would be my pick for a mentor for Webb if the Bills were to build around the read option. When Vick was with Atlanta from 2004 to 2006, he ran for 2,535 yards, 11 touchdowns, and lost 15 fumbles using the read-option. Now, over the past two seasons, Vick has scrambled for 923 yards, two touchdowns, and lost nine fumbles. Due to this decline in production, I wouldn't start him, but he would make a good mentor and backup to Webb. However, there are three problems with Vick. The first is that Philadelphia Eagles head coach Chip Kelly may keep Vick since he used a read option offense when he was the head coach at the University of Oregon. The second is that Vick is 32 years old. The last is his hefty price tag of $15 million.

With a less expensive salary of $2.5 million, Tim Tebow makes the list as a potential backup. Now, I don't like Tebow, but if the Jets release or trade him, he wouldn't make such a bad backup in a read heavy offense. He is undoubtedly one of the best dual threat quarterbacks that college has ever seen, making the most of the Urban Meyer's spread option offense while down in Florida. Furthermore, in his only season as a starter in the NFL, which was in 2011 for the Denver Broncos, Tebow racked up 660 yards and six touchdowns on the ground. However, his accuracy was a dismal 46.5 percent due to his poor throwing mechanics, and you have to have a viable passer or else the defense will just focus on the run and shut you down in a run-heavy, read option offense.

On that note, I think that Vince Young, who the Bills cut before last season even started, could be a good mentor and backup if the Bills brought him back. Young ran an option offense in his 2006 and 2007 seasons while playing for the Tennessee Titans, picking up 947 yards, 10 touchdowns, and losing six fumbles in that time. His accuracy is also better than the other quarterbacks listed above and he is extremely mobile. Moreover, his last contract was for a mere $550,000, so he is quite affordable.

The most cost-effective combination of quarterback backups would be to get Webb as a starter, use Tebow as a backup, and employ Young as a mentor and third string quarterback. However, because Webb probably won't be too much of a financial burden, the Bills may be able to take Vick as a mentor and second string quarterback, and add Tebow or Young to the roster as a third string quarterback.

In any case, building a team around the option offense may make the Bills a real playoff contender in the near future.

Ouda is a member of the class of 2014.

**Squash dominates Colby, bested by Yale in busy weekend**

**BY BEN SHAPIRO**

Coming off their winter break trip to Canada, the UR squash team was back in action over the weekend as they faced both Colby College and Yale University, ranked nineteenth and fourth in the country, respectively.

After a dominant performance on Friday, Jan. 18 against Colby in which the Yellowjackets earned a 9-0 victory, the team suffered a setback against Yale, falling 6-3 the following day.

**THIS WEEK'S RESULTS**

**Men's Basketball**

Jan. 18: Carnegie Mellon University 72-63 (W)

Jan. 20: Case Western Reserve University 88-66 (W)

**Women's Basketball**

Jan. 18: Carnegie Mellon University 67-60 (W)

Jan. 20: Case Western Reserve University 75-55 (W)

**Men's Swimming and Diving**

Jan. 19: Colby College 77-217 (L)

Jan. 19: The UR men's swim- ming and diving team met its match this past weekend against Ithaca and struggled in a tough loss of 77-217.

**Women's Swimming and Diving**

Jan. 19: Ithaca College 104-116 (L)

Jan. 19: The women's swim- ming and diving team lost in a tight meet against the Bombers but maintained its winning record and chance to win the Liberty League Champions- ship again.

**Men's Squash**

Jan. 18: Colby College 9-0 (W)

Jan. 18: Yale University 3-6 (L)

Jan. 18-19: The UR squash team faced off against Colby College, proving its dominance with a crushing win. When the Jaguars played again only a day later against Yale Universi ty, they failed to take down the Bulldogs.

**Women's Squash**

Jan. 19: Ithaca College 67-60 (W)

Jan. 20: Case Western Reserve University 75-55 (W)