Public Safety investigates safe robbery

BY ANGELA REMUS

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ResLife switches cable providers, adds HBO

Students join ‘Fight for $15’ protests

Public Safety is continuing an investigation into the Nov. 16 theft of the contents of a Dining Services office safe. According to Assistant Director of Public Safety Dana Perrin, investigators are nearing the conclusion of their inquiry.

The theft occurred between the hours of 3am and 4am. According to Perrin, the safe was removed from the office, carried to the fifth floor bridge of Wilson Commons, and thrown into the Pit seating area. Perrin did not disclose the contents of the safe. Interviews are ongoing, and, as a result, Perrin was not able to disclose many details of the investigation.

“We’re on the edge of making some really good progress with the investigation,” Perrin said. He expects that Public Safety will conclude the investigation within the next few weeks.

Meanwhile, according to Marketing Manager of Dining Services Kevin Aubrey, Dining Services is working in cooperation with Public Safety, and the Rochester Police Department, as well as within the department to create preventative measures against future instances of theft.

“There’s only one thing that supersedes our dedication to providing the students with great food in any of our locations is to make sure that they can enjoy it in a safe environment,” he said.

Chris Whisman, a first-time striker who works at Tim Horton’s, explained why he joined.

“A buddy of mine at work told me about it,” he said. “We were tired of the way the boss was treating us and how we weren’t making enough money to afford everyday household goods.”

Kim Ramos, who works as a manager at Wendy’s, agreed that current wages aren’t high enough.

“To be able to buy food and clothes and pay the bills, we really are left with nothing at all,” she said, with her and her family “basically living check to check.” She added that workers’ rights are also lacking, recalling that when she was once hospitalized, she had to come back to work since, with no sick pay, she “couldn’t afford to be out of work.”

Metro Justice, a grassroots Rochester organization “working for social and economic justice,” created a Facebook event for the protests and sought support from faith groups, churches, labor unions, and student groups from around the city.

Junior Miles Meth said

UR students and community members gathered to protest police brutality and systemic racism in the wake of the decisions not to indict Officers Darren Wilson and Daniel Pantaleo. See the full story on pages 4 and 5.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2014

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UR hosted a Lego robotics tournament in Goergen Athletic Center on Sunday, Dec. 3. Above are the trophies that were given to the top competitors.

First Lego League Tournament

THIS WEEK ON CAMPUS

THURSDAY

Well-U: Self-Defense Class

INTERPATH CHAPEL, 12:00 NOON - 12:45 PM

How would you react in a life-threatening situation? Learn strategies to confront and defend against an attacker, how to avoid becoming a victim, and more. No prior experience necessary. Loosie, comfortable clothing is recommended. Enroll online.

International Theatre Program: Venus

In Suzan-Lori Parks’ drama, “Venus,” the “Venus Hottentot,” tells the story of a young South African woman, who is whisked away under false pretenses, from her home in 1810. Tickets are $8 for UR students.

Friday

HOLIDAY SING

EASTMAN SCHOOL COUNTRY HALLS, 12:00 NOON - 1:00 PM

For this event is free and open to the public. Please be concerned with the event or performance when you walk in the Eastman School’s Main Hall. Seats are extremely limited.

Saturday

Carillon Concert: Winter is Coming

EASTMAN QUADRANGLE, 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Carillon students of MUR104 will play a holiday concert of winter-themed arrangements. The concert is free and open to the public. (The concert is weather permitting).

Sunday

De-Stress Fest

COLLEGE TOWN BOOKSTORE, 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

The event will feature free food provided by Corner Bakery and Insomnia Cookies, as well as music, raffles, game tables, guided-imagery sessions, a craft table, hula hoop contests, and more. Relax with canine guest Rosellen from 6 to 7pm. The first 200 people will receive a free stress ball.

Hindemith Violin Competition

EASTMAN EAST WING 415, 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM

This event is free and open to the public.

Public Safety Update

1. On Dec. 7 at 2:52pm, residents of Drama House called and reported a suspicious male trying to gain access into the house. Responding Public Safety officers located a male entering a car on Feature Road. The male asked officers if they were looking for him. The male was asked if he was trying to gain entry into Drama House. The male stated that he used to be a brother of the fraternity that occupied the house in 1991. The male stated that he was in downtown Rochester and felt nostalgic and wanted to see his old frat house. Residents inside Drama House had no contact with the male and never let him in. The male was identified and warned. The male apologized and was sent on his way.

2. On Nov. 30 at 7:48pm, DPS officers responded to a report of a male mumbled and asking people for money in Goergen Hall lobby. Officers located the male, who told officers he was there to get money. A check showed that the male had been banned from property in the past and that he should not be on UR property. The male was then placed under arrest for trespassing. The male was taken to the DPS Office to be processed and then transported to Monroe County Jail by Rochester Police.

3. On Dec. 9 at 6:10pm, an undergraduate reported their video game system was taken. The male is from Susan B. Anthony Hall. The student stated that they left the video game system in an unsecured common lounge area overnight. When the student returned the next day, the game console was missing. No one was seen in the area taking the game. The value of the game console was $235.

Kadir is a member of the class of 2017. Information provided by UR Public Safety.

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UR ends contract with Time Warner Cable

CABLE FROM PAGE 1 that she expects the change to be
“ultimately unnecessary” for students. University IT is currently
working on the necessary changes to the campus’ television infrastructure, Contomanolis said. The University will install a new “head end” (the antennae facility that receives broadcast signals and distributes them on a cable television system) in order to be compatible with Campus Television. However, most of the current hardware and technology will remain in use under the new provider. Assistant Director of the Arts, Sciences & Engineering FT Team Joseph Pasquarelli said that “the existing coax network is being utilized by this new service.” Campus Television uses QAM (Quadrature Amplitude Modulation), a broadcasting format that requires a QAM tuner to receive signals. Televisions without QAM tuners will not be able to receive Campus Television broadcasting. However, Pasquarelli noted that most televisions manufactured in the last five years are QAM-equipped, so this should not affect most students. Aside from changes to the hardware, the biggest difference will be a new channel lineup that will add eleven HBO channels, several ESPN channels, and a number of foreign language channels. Despite these additions, Pasquarelli noted, there will be no additional charges to students under the new provider. TV expenses will continue to be covered as part of students’ housing fee.

Time Warner Cable, students had the opportunity to purchase extra channels beyond the basic package, including HBO and other premium channels. This will no longer be an option with Campus Television. However, Contomanolis said the students will be satisfied with the new lineup of about 110 channels, which will include HBO.

“We wanted to purchase a number of foreign language channels,” she added. “The basic lineup that exists for this has a lot of Spanish programming, but it doesn’t have a whole lot related to Mandarin, or some of the other languages where we have a lot of students.” The IPTV service that Campus Television offers allows subscribers to watch television via the Internet. The university will not be purchasing this service immediately, but the new contract with Campus Television will “save the door open” for this in the future, Contomanolis noted. Students will need to reset their televisions when they return from winter break, but the administration is working on a troubleshooting website and the IT help desk will be available to help. Pasquarelli advised students that “set top boxes, premium TV, road runner or digital phone services that have been provided by Time Warner Cable will no longer work on River Campus. If you are currently using any of these services, contact Time Warner Cable customer service to schedule the discontinuation of your service.”

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UR Mock Trial team places second at Yale meet

BY ANGELA REMUS SENIOR STAFF

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The quality of the other teams at the tournament makes UR’s ranking even more remarkable. “We were able to hold our own against the giants in mock trial,” Ritter said. The tournament’s scoring system was distinct from other Mock Trial tournaments. After each round, the difference in scores between teams was considered, not simply who had the higher number of points. As a result, scoring was, in many respects, more high stakes: not only did hearing the score of other teams matter, but the margin of points by which the team won.

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did not contribute to the team’s national standing, participation in the tournament holds distinct value for the team as the year progresses.

“The most feedback you get from this mock is at the beginning of the season, the more decisions you can make that will help you later on,” Ritter explained.

The UR team has made it to opening round championships at the national level for over five years, and it competed at nationals three years ago. The team is hopeful that this trend will continue, and their success at Yale is a positive indication of their potential. “I’m really excited to continue competing,” Ritter said. “This looks great for us.”

Remus is a member of the
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UR students protest decisions in Ferguson and New York

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NEWS EDITOR

UR students, faculty, and community members have engaged in a series of protests against recent decisions by grand juries in St. Louis County, Missouri and Staten Island, New York not to indict police officers Darren Wilson and Eric Garner.

Michael Brown, 18, was killed by Ferguson police Officer Darren Wilson on Aug. 9, resulting in several days of protests in Ferguson. Students held a die-in and march as the first “Ferguson Friday” event on the UR campus. Civil rights groups around the country have mobilized students for civil rights. What will be “regular actions” to pressure the city of Ferguson to bring charges against Officer Wilson and Daniel Pantaleo for the deaths of Brown and Eric Garner.

Senior Amber-Danielle Baldie, an organizer of the protests, spoke to the group at Starbucks about the motivations for the movement.

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Senior Makia Green said that “we want to have the privilege to ignore what’s going on around us.”

Senior Amari Dominique Lai is a member of the class of 2015.

Police brutality decisions: On Wednesday, Dec. 3, a St. Louis County grand jury chose not to indict Officer Daniel Pantaleo in the choking death of 43-year-old Eric Garner. Garner died in July after being put in a chokehold by Pantaleo during an attempted arrest. A video of the incident was recorded. The Garner decision further ignited national outrage and massive protests against police brutality and systemic racism following the non-indictment of Officer Darren Wilson in the shooting death of unarmed teen Michael Brown the week before. The Department of Justice (DOJ) opened a federal civil rights investigation into Garner’s death.

On Thursday, Dec. 4, the DOJ released the findings of their investigation into the use of excessive force in the Cleveland Police Department (CPD). The investigation concluded that “there is reasonable cause to believe that CPD engages in a pattern or practice of using unreasonable force in violation of the Fourth Amendment.” This included “unnecessary and excessive use of deadly force,” “unnecessary, excessive or retaliatory use of non-lethal force including tasers, chemical spray and fists,” and “excessive force against persons who are mentally ill or in crisis.” The report also details a severe lack of accountability. The release of these findings comes after the shooting death of 12-year-old Tamir Rice by Cleveland police officer Timothy Loehmann.

Palestinian minister death: The UN has called for “maximum restraint” from Israelis and Palestinians following the death of 53-year-old Palestinian Authority Minister and Fatah Revolutionary Council member Ziad Abu Ein. He died Wednesday, Dec. 10, following a confrontation with Israeli soldiers. Palestinian medics have reported that his death is the result of complications from tear gas, but some eyewitnesses say that Abu Ein was struck by the soldiers. Abu Ein was en route to plant olive trees with a group of about 100 activists when the confrontation occurred. Israel claims it will set up a joint Israeli-Palestinian investigation into the death. The EU has called for an independent investigation into the use of excessive force by the Israeli Defense Forces.

Musher is a member of the class of 2015.

Students gathered on the Wilson Quad on the night of Nov. 26 to protest the decision not to indict officer Darren Wilson for the death of Michael Brown. The students returned to the Ruth Mullen Center where they debriefed and planned future protests. Before parting ways, they recited a chant that they said they had learned from Dhoruba Shabaka, a civil rights leader based out of St. Louis. “It is day to day. We fight. It is our duty to win. We must love and support each other. We have nothing to lose but our chains.”

Green warned the protesters not to attend a planned pro-police rally in Rochester the following day. She said that there were rumors that there would be a KKK rally. She reminded the protesters that police officers are not to be antagonized and that “[the police’s] job is to protect and serve; we just want them to do the job.”

The pro-police rally was cancelled “in the interest of public safety and community harmony,” according to a press release by the Rochester Police Department.

Students walk out of class to show solidarity

On Monday, Dec. 1, students left their classes to gather on the steps in front of Rush Rhees Library to protest the recent high-profile police brutality against African Americans. Students met at 1:01pm, concurrent with a movement to walk out of classes on college campuses nationwide. Organizers began by chanting the “Hands up, don’t shoot” slogan that has been representative of the movement. The students then formed a circle around organizers, who stood in the center and directed the chants.

Organizers that the date of the protest coincided with the 59th anniversary of Rosa Parks’ refusal to give up her seat on a bus in Montgomery, Alabama.

Senior Anansi Benbow, one of the organizers, spoke to the group at Starbucks about the motivations for the movement. “We have nothing to lose but our lives,” she said. “We really need to get out and come to solidarity and support each other. We should all be upset about how our justice system works. We have the privilege to ignore what’s going on around us.”

expressions of solidarity included “We want that for the rest of our community,” Elliot said.

Local workers strike for higher wages

BY JENNY HANSLER

STAFF WRITER

CIA torture report: On Tuesday, Dec. 9, the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence released a report on the CIA’s “enhanced interrogation techniques.” Detailed in the report is information about the agency’s extensive use of torture methods such as waterboarding, forced hypothermia, rectal feeding, rectal rehydration, food deprivation, sleep deprivation, forced hypothermia, rectal hydration, food deprivation, sleep deprivation, and massive protests against police brutality. The report also refutes the importance of the information obtained through these interrogations, claiming that its role in stopping terrorist plots was repeatedly overstated. Many Senate Republicans and current and former CIA members have disputed the findings of the report. However, its gruesome details have drawn outrage and disgust from across the aisle, the country and around the world.

The report took more than half a decade and $40 million to produce. Lai is a member of the class of 2018.
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the protesters’ organizers, stood in the center of the circle and read a list of names of black men and women who had been killed by police officers.

Sophomore Simone Johnson read an original poem, “The Fact,” that detailed her experiences as a black woman in New York City. Johnson said “I don’t want to tell my son how to approach an officer.”

Green talked about the killing of 12-year-old Tamir Rice by a police officer in Cleveland. Rice, who was African-American, was killed by officer Timothy Loehman, who mistook Rice’s airsoft gun for a real pistol.

Some students lay on the ground for a four-and-a-half minute die-in. The circle of protesters closed in around them to protect them from passersby.

The protest closed with the protesters joining hands and reciting Shakur’s chant.

Largest protest comes day after Ferguson decision

On Tuesday, Nov. 25, UR students and Rochester community members gathered for a second time to protest the decision by a St. Louis County grand jury not to indict officer Darren Wilson in the August shooting death of 18-year-old Michael Brown.

Protesters met at 4pm at the intersection of Joseph C. Wilson Boulevard and Elmwood Avenue. A banner was hung off the Intercampus Drive bridge reading “Killer cops must stop #MikeBrown.” Local television reporters and newspaper writers were present to cover the event. Also in attendance were several local activist groups, including the Rochester branch of the International Socialist Organization, the New York Civil Liberties Union, and the Rochester Red & Black, a local anarchist group.

Some University administrators were also present, including Vice President Paul Burgert and Director of Orientation and Associate Director of Advising Services Eleanor Oi. Oi said that she was “glad there are people out here, doing everything they can to make sure their statements are heard.”

Public Safety and Rochester Police Department officers were present on the opposite side of the street. Officers watched but did not approach protesters during the event.

Before the protest began, senior Natasha Roberts, one of the organizers of the event, gave instructions to the crowd to remain nonviolent and follow the lead of the organizers.

For the first half hour of the protest, participants chanted slogans and held signs. Protest leaders, holding megaphones, cycled through call-and-response chants, including the nationwide motto “Black lives matter” and “Hands up, don’t shoot,” as well as “Turn up, don’t turn down, we do this for Mike Brown,” “Jim Crow, hell no,” and “Hey hey, ho ho, these racist cops have got to go.”

The protesters ended by chanting “Arrest, convict, send that killer cop to jail, the whole damn system is guilty as hell,” before staging a die-in at the entrance to Wilson Boulevard, blocking the incoming lanes of the street.

Protesters formed a circle to protect those participating in the die-in, who lay in the street during a four-and-a-half-minute-long moment of silence that represented the number of hours Brown’s dead body lay in the street in Ferguson on Aug. 9. Protesters were asked to hold up their hands in a “don’t shoot” pose for the duration of the moment of silence.

After the die-in, the group began to march to Wilson Commons and continued to chant slogans. Some of the student protesters walked through Walls Hall, chanting, “Show me what democracy looks like; this is what democracy looks like,” while another group went around the building. The entire group then convened on the steps to the Eastman Quadrangle.

After marching into Wilson Commons, the group held another four-and-a-half-minute moment of silence and protesters again held up their hands. Wilson Commons workers and students in the building participated in the silence.

Roberts then spoke to the crowd in Wilson Commons. Roberts said that it “takes reminding people constantly that this is unjust” to make change and criticized the mass media’s portrayal of the protests in Ferguson, mentioning that “CNN shows one burnt cop car, what they don’t show is the live streams where [police] repeatedly tear gas into crowds of protesters. Thick, visible, clouds of tear gas, constantly, at protesters, and at media. The protesters are not violent. The police are violent, and that is why we are here.”

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Why I’m sick of hearing “it could happen to anyone”

BY EMILY BUTCHER

I learned that day that being black does not afford you the same judicial liberties as others. That, because the crime was a black on black crime, it held less significance.

I'll explain why. I have an adopted little brother. He’s just turned 12 years old, is six foot two inches, loves basketball and football, and has high expectations of himself and his capabilities. He beamed from ear to ear, they walked him down the aisle. His eyes shining with nothing but joy and happiness.

But it didn't happen to anyone. It happened to a twelve-year-old boy who was left fearful to return to the place that had brought him nothing but joy and happiness. I have another cousin who’s older, in his mid-twenties. He’s fun loving and kind. When he walks into a room, he has a natural ability to make anyone smile, make anyone laugh. He, too, happens to be black. He married his blushing bride. And soon, she arrived. She stepped from the car and walked to the aisle, where she expected to see her father waiting to hold her arm, as most little girls dream of. Except he wasn't there. Neither was her mother.

She stood there, biting her lip, holding back the tears as reality sank in that her parents had not come to the wedding because her husband was black. It could have happened to anyone, right? But it was not anyone that was killed that day. It was Michael Brown. It was Trayvon Martin. It was Kelly Thomas. And it could be Isaiah Butcher.

We stand in support of Israel: a join letter

BY ANNA GARVEY AND KEVIN CONNELL

In today’s polarized politics, it is rare to see leaders from both parties – Democrats and Republicans – agree on anything. However, while our country’s politics are increasingly divisive, the continued security of the only democracy in the Middle East is more important than mere politics.

In Israel, LGBT rights are protected. In Israel, there exists universal suffrage regardless of race or religion. In Israel, holy places of all religions – Jewish, Muslim, Christian, Bahai, and more – are protected. In Israel, minorities serve in parliament, on the Supreme Court, and even as generals in the Israel Defense Forces. Israel has been recognized by military leaders worldwide – including America’s top general, Martin Dempsey – for going to “extraordinary lengths to limit collateral damage and civilian casualties” in its military operations. These principles are what unite Democrats and Republicans, from Elizabeth Warren all the way to Ted Cruz, in support of Israel. We are proudly dedicated to strengthening a bipartisan manner the friendship and support between Israel and the U.S. that continues to serve both of our nations’ values and interests.

Anna Garvey is the President of College Republicans and a member of the class of 2016. Kevin Connell is the President of College Democrats and a member of the class of 2015.
Debate Union tackles contentious topics

BY RACHEL KAPLAN STAFF WRITER

UR’s Debate Union is a competitive academic team that competes regionally, nationally, and internationally in frequent tournaments of Public Debate and British Parliamentary (Worlds) Debate. The team, composed of approximately forty members, requires no previous debate experience. The team practices with four professional coaches that teach them to improve their public speaking skills.

In addition to participating in tournaments, the Debate Union periodically holds public debates. Their most recent event, which took place on Nov. 22, presented a multidimensional perspective on the imposed ban of arranged marriages in South Asia. Over 150 UR students and staff crowded into Dewey 1-101 to listen to the Debate Team debate with the Association for the Development of Interest in the Indian Subcontinent (ADITI) and debate the contentious issue.

Cosponsored by organizations including ADITI, the Student Association for the Development of Arab Cultural Awareness (SADACA), and the Pan African Students’ Association (PASA), among others, the event was an attempt to bring together a diverse pool of students, and to serve as a discussion space and discourse at the campus community, and to serve as a means to inform students of such a pressing world issue.

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As climate threat ensues, UR looks to greener alternatives

UR is particularly well-known for being forward in thinking when it comes to sustainability. Just this year, it ranked 6th on the 2014 list of "73 Best Colleges for Food in America" by The Daily Meal.

One of the categories used to judge dining centers was "Nutrition and Sustainability," rating "each college on this area, from transportation to construction to student access, outside the traffic lanes safely," Kierig added. "We're just initiating the engineering study for it, so it's going through the first phase of all of the engineering requirements, such as how it should be constructed and where the crossings would be." The department is also working on developing a bike sharing program, similar to Zipcar.

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The movement towards social entrepreneurship is attracting more and more followers today. Youths much like ourselves are no longer satisfied with the mere notion of profitability—we seek ventures, causes, and companies that reflect our inherent need to make an impact.

Sometimes entrepreneurship may even come from those studying among us. Pedro Espinoza, a former UR student, now at UC Berkeley, has created a business solely dedicated to creating and fostering a socially uplifting environment. “SmileyGo” is a tech platform dedicated to strategically facilitating relationships between corporates and not-for-profits in order to direct corporate social responsibility. The platform aims to aid in directing funding and volunteering efforts of their philanthropy requirements as Non-Government Organizations which relate their mission statement. Most of the non-profits in the SmileyGo database are dedicated to helping underserved communities with high-class mentorship.

Our main objective is to educate by creating educated environments.” Espinoza said to the Stanford Daily. And that is precisely what SmileyGo has done in the past few months through his and his team’s efforts. As CEO, Espinoza gives his time at Rochester a lot of credit for his success, specifically his relationship with Professor Moore in the History Department. “I remember Professor Moore always encouraged me by referring me to other faculty that were into business, community development, and international economies,” Espinoza said. “The fact that since week two at Rochester I fostered a solid relationship with [Moore] really motivated me to pursue my dream in Latin America, but others focus on technology, education, women’s rights, and sustainability, among other areas.

“Pedro is undoubtedly one of the most friendly and personable people I’ve ever met,” junior Brendan Cólf, a Rochester student who knew Pedro well, said. “His success in starting SmileyGo is driven by his acute empathy and compassion for others along with a talent for socializing and networking.”

SmileyGo currently works with organizations such as the Weathling Institute, Motorola Solutions, PressNeige, and the Edgewood Center at UC Berkeley, among many others. The organization is continuously striving to expand its reach into new locales, and has recently launched an Indiegogo campaign as well. “I envision SmileyGo to be the global platform that not only closes the gap between the private and nonprofit sector, but also gives Business Awards for the top 50 most socially-aware companies in the world, something similar to Fortune 500 but for socially responsible firms on our planet,” Espinoza said.

The CEO has big ideas for his new non-profit, but that has not stopped him this far. With an international team ready to work, it is not hard to imagine SmileyGo becoming a fixture in the collegiate non-profit world.

More information about SmileyGo can be found at the website www.smileygo.org. For information on the Rochester chapter and becoming involved, e-mail Hayden Freedman at hfreedma@u.rochester.edu.

Previous UR student founds international non-profit

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UR Tech: At Pirate Bay, the ship has sunk

BY LUCIAN COPELAND
STAFF WRITER

It appears the ship has sailed. Or sunk, as it were. On Tuesday morning, the server rooms of the massive peer-to-peer torrent site The Pirate Bay were raided by Swedish police, and the site has been down ever since. Long treated as the "most resilient website on the internet," the Pirate Bay has a long history of takedowns and arrests, but each time was restored within a matter of days. However, it appears that this takedown may be their last. Depending on who you ask, the Pirate Bay and its various progeny across the internet is either a massive anti-copyright criminal enterprise or a righteous crusade against draconian digital rights management laws.

It’s certainly one of the largest of its kind — the site had almost 22 million users of Sony that released several upcoming high budget films such as “Fury” and “Annie.” These and other copyright violations have lead to constant attacks by companies such as Warner and Columbia, as well as international pressure from national regulatory bodies for copyright. The owners of the cyberterrorists and a takedown in 2006 that lead to the arrests of two of its members, the site has always remained open, even mocking its detractors on the main page as attempt after attempt failed to shut it down.

This final attack, however, appears to have been fatal. Swedish police have seized a datacenter containing an unknown number of servers and management computers for the piracy network. Seven members were also arrested. While a site mirror in Costa Rica remains available, it is unknown for how much longer. It may disappear as the results of the raid are finalized.

And while the site's disappearance may anger its many millions of users, even some of its previous owners won’t be sorry to see it go. Peter Sunde, one of the site’s original founders and spokespeople, served over six months in prison for his involvement with the network. Sunde is grateful for the takedown of a project he feels has become soulless and more-grabbing.

Bliming the onset of "distasteful ads" for the sites, decline, he hopes that the removal of the site will allow the burden of copyright evasion to fall into more scrupulous hands. As scrupulous as a pirate can be, anyway.

Copeland is a member of the class of 2015.

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Jodi Says: Pain in the ass

BY JODI ARMSTRONG
STAFF WRITER

Sex & the CT

Sex & the CT help you through your most awkward sexual years.

Logistically, anal penetration should always start with lube. And I don’t just mean for the penis. If something is going up your butt — be it a toy, finger, or penis — you should whip out the lube. The anal cavity, unlike the vagina, cannot and will not lubricate itself. You can use a super slippery silicone-based lube or the ever reliable water-based lube. Avoid oil-based lubes because they can trap bacteria, causing infection and because they wear down condoms. A slippery time is a good time.

Of course, butt stuff doesn’t have to be all about penetration. There’s a reason salad tossing is so important to be featured in Nicki Minaj’s “Anaconda.” Most of the butt-related pleasurable nerve endings are just on the outside of the anus, so go ahead and give that area some attention. For men, though, there’s an additional point of pleasure a few inches into the anus where the prostate will be stimulated. So that’s cool.

Moving on, after you’ve played outside the butt for a while and covered everything in lube, it’s time to poke. Still, putting a penis up your butt right away might not be a great idea. To help relax the inner sphincter of the anus, it’s best to work your way up in diameter, so maybe start with a finger. If your partner gives you any grief about not wanting to do that for you, you can politely remind them that they have no business putting their penis up your butt if they’re not willing to put a finger or two up there first.

Toys will work here too — but be careful. Things can get lost in the anal cavity, unlike the vagina, so any toys should have a flared base to prevent an embarrassing trip to the doctor’s office.

When you do work up to a penis, there are a few more things to remember. Anal sex is the highest risk sexual activity for spreading sexually transmitted infections because anal cavity is more prone to tearing than the vagina. For that reason, you must absolutely wear a condom. Also, vaginas and butts do not mix — penises, fingers, and toys need to be cleaned before switching from anal to vaginal play in order to prevent infection.

Butt stuff can be fun, but only if you do it right. So go on, get some fun, and be careful, and have fun.

Armstrong is a member of the class of 2016.
UR is where the heart is

BY MADELINE BLACKBURN
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Following several emails from her mother demanding that she explain her choice for paired with numerous stern emails from Hingham Savings reminding her of her negative bank balance, freshman Madeleine Blackburn is refusing to let stress of the real world dim her holiday spirits.

“I can’t wait to get home and see my family. I’ve missed, it’s my hometown of Cohasset in Massachusetts, the same town I’ve lived in for my entire life,” beamed Madeline, as she tore pieces of her own family letters open.

But, I’m beyond excited to spend some quality time with my family. I’ll be great to be back in my cozy, clean room again! Well, my sister actually bought a rabbit that isn’t exactly cage-trained, so I’ll probably have to vacuum up its dung for 20 minutes. But once I get back, I thought aloud, stilling her Panda Express with a surprising forcefulness, “I’m kind of glad in the rabbit too, so it gets hard for me to breathe in the room sometimes. But it’s really adorable! Sure, it won’t permit me to actually touch it in one time it accidentally grazed my ankle as it was darting away from me and its fur was uncharacteristically soft.”

Madeline, as her right eye began to twitch. “But yeah, I’m looking forward to spending extended periods to time with my family. And, because I’m pretty low on funds, I was spending a lot of time around the house. It’s gonna be so - -

the latter portion of her sentence was drowned out as the fork she had been bending taught to trapping fragmented in her hands.

“I’ve Four weeks at home are going to do me a lot of good!” her voice nearly whispered now as a grimace vaguely resembling a smile flashed across her face.

Sources later reported Madeline listening to “Santa Baby” in the stacks while sobbing discreetly.

Blackburn is a member of the class of 2018.

By Chris Horgan
Humor Editor

1. A new study finds that a burger for lunch reduces 30 minutes a day off your life.

2. Researchers have discovered a drug that could assist mice immune systems in finding and destroying HIV infected cells.

3. A Canadian man was arrested after allegedly “kicking over a nativity scene drunkenly singing Mariah Carey’s, “All I Want for Christmas is You.”

4. A French restaurant is apologizing after serving baguettes more than two years after their expiration date.

5. Five teens will soon appear in court after stealing a chicken from a home in Burlington, Vermont.

6. A baby was recently born in flight aboard an airliner in California.

7. A for-profit college in Florida is in trouble for using CIA agents as admissions officers.

8. A holiday race is scheduled to begin in which bystanders can donate to the charities that they believe will win.

9. A University of Texas lab has revealed the disappearance of about 100 brains.

10. An Oregon police dog has been fired for constantly barking and pulling away from its officer.

11. A huge, life-size nativity scene is set to break a Guinness World Record.

A Christmas album that won't warm your heart

BY CHRIS HORGAN
Humor Editor

It’s that time of year again, when holiday music begins to play. Think you Star 102.5, a reference that Western New Yorkers will understand — and celebrate — everywhere, every year. We just need to get down to that. After being asked about the baby’s effect in landing the plane, the pilot responded, “well, it could only go down from there.”

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Poking fun at the news

BY ERIK CHIODO
Staff Writer

I never understand why everyone is so happy for snow. For the seasoned veterans who have dealt with Rochester’s winters before, we know that with just a small snowfall around, winter is here to stay. After conducting some research, I was able to come up with a useful formula for predicting how long Rochester’s winter will be for any given season. Let’s say that it snows in September. According to the formula I came up with, you would add 100 days to that date. So, if it snows in September, we should expect snow until May at the latest. The first snowfall is in December, add nine months and you get that winter ends in August. Trust me when I say that this system works.

Another thought I have also pondered with the Olympics doesn’t just drop the pathetic sporting events like luge, ski jumping, and cross-country skiing. Instead, they should replace those with more realistic events like windshield wiping and snow shoveling and having to find a place outside of the UR Dorms. I personally think this is a win-win situation. Think of the economic benefits. Each country participating in the Olympics is dumping billions of resources into an event that lasts a few weeks. The games that are held in Rochester would cost next to nothing. Dylan wouldn’t put much more strain on the 2016 athletes. It would be their chance to show off their skills in a more realistic setting.

Knowing how long the winters in Rochester last, the Olympics could be hosted months out of the year. It could be a money maker of the class of 2017.
Mockingjay raises the bar

BY JOE ALLEN

"No one can do this but her," says Philip Seymour Hoffman's Plutarch Heavensbee as he tries to explain why Katniss Everdeen is central to the idea of revolution in “Mockingjay Part 1”. The same could also be said of Jennifer Lawrence, at the point in the past two installments. She has completely cemented herself as not only a great actress but also one who was perfectly cast as Katniss. Her presence here is essential to the film, which is far the bleakest in the series so far. It may also be the smartest.

"Mockingjay Part 1" picks up a short time after “Catching Fire” left with our heroine Katniss dealing with the fallout of all that she has survived in the past two installments. She is struggling from overwhelming post-traumatic stress disorder. This is exacerbated by the absence of Peeta, who seems to further disconnect her from the revolution and those around her. Part of her struggle in this installment becomes overcoming PTSD in order to become the symbol that those in the newly discovered District 13 need her to be. In order to do this, the film creates a kind of propaganda war, filming "spots" that highlight Katniss's position as a lightning rod to inspire rebellion. This gets at what is "Mockingjay Part 1" all about. It's a film about a war of the air waves, as both the rebels and the Capitol attempt to shift public perception of the events. While the rebels use Katniss, the Capitol uses Peeta to call for a ceasefire and plead for nonviolence.

As always with these types of big-name films, casting is essential. Of the newcomers, Julianne Moore's rebel leader Alma Coin makes a positive impression. Her President is strict and rigid but is not as overtly cold as she might have been. Philip Seymour Hoffman is also excellent, providing much of the humor in the film alongside Elizabeth Banks's Effie. As one half of the "love triangle," Liam Hemsworth is rather thrown as Gale, despite his increased screen time. Josh Hutcherson, conversely, is incredibly effective despite his limited appearance. Peeta is incredibly wounded as he becomes a hostage of the Capitol, and Hutcherson plays it to perfection. Jennifer Lawrence is even better. A lot is required of an actress to bring Katniss to life, and we never catch Lawrence acting. Her Katniss is incredibly human, full of misery and sadness, but also remarkable spontaneity and joy as when she returns from the air waves.

Though it is only a first half, what a first half it is. This film is political through and through, touching on topics of media representation and the ways in which war can be won not in battle, but on screens. It's also a thoughtful meditation on the nature of violence and, at times, ponders questions related to how different or similar the rebels’ true motives may be to those of the Capitol. Ultimately, what may have started out as a cash grab turned into the series' most thought-provoking, depressing installment yet. This series continues to prove itself to be perhaps the most intelligent blockbuster franchise out there. It paints a world that is bleak and unforgiving, and one that I cannot wait to visit again.

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2014's best movies

BY AARON SCHAFER

SENIOR STAFF

Best cinema experience of 2014: "Magnolia" at the Dryden

On a mild day in the middle of July, I went to the Dryden Theater at the George Eastman House with a friend to watch 'Magnolia,' the 1999 film by Paul Thomas Anderson starring Tom Cruise, Hoffman, and Julianne Moore (among others). The film screened as part of a series of films starring Philip Seymour Hoffman. The actor, a native Rochesterian, died in his Manhattan apartment in February at the age of 46.

The film was captivating, heartbreaking, funny, dense, and long. I recall one conversation sitting in my row falling asleep before the final third of the film; he immediately woke up for the last half hour. Rightfully so, I would argue, because Anderson does such a good job wrapping up the film.

I remember that the movie was over at one point about halfway through the film because there was an especially long pause after the end of a particular scene. The movie could have ended here – I'm grateful that it didn’t, because the final half of the film is constructed so well. "Magnolia" is not only a reformation of metaphors of emotion, storytelling, and darkness that a film can reach into, but it also meditates on human relationships and finding happiness.

There is one thing that I must confess: I have not seen the film since. I experienced far too many emotions in the 188 minutes of the film.

I'm grateful that the Dryden took the time and effort to project the film on 35mm, and I hope they'll do so again. The experience was by far my favorite in a cinema in the past year – I don’t think it will be matched anytime soon.

Best film of 2014: "The Grand Budapest Hotel"

Wes Anderson's "The Grand Budapest Hotel" is the finest film of the year. It is an incredible work of historical revisionism and a moving statement on humanity and the history of cinema as a whole.

For starters, the film is a solid argument in favor of Anderson's perceived status as one of the most idiosyncratic auteurs in the forefront of American cinema.

Whether or not you like Anderson's films (he has such varied ensembles as "Rushmore," a film about an overachieving teenager; "The Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou," an action-adventure homage to explorer Jacques Cousteau; and "The Fantastic Mr. Fox," a stop-motion animated film about a fox and his family) it is not difficult to argue that "The Grand Budapest Hotel" has cemented its place as not only a predictable filmmaker but also a master.

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5) Coldplay – “Ghosts Stories”

On Coldplay’s seventh LP “Ghosts Stories,” the group took a rest from its traditionally grandiose sound to make way for bubbly arpeggios and 808 beats. The album is super fun to listen to, with frosty pads and snappy percussion that are nothing short of ear candy. “Ghost Stories” also features some of Chris Martin’s strongest songwriting since “Parachutes.” The space guitar ballad “Ocean” showcases Chris Martin at his most vulnerable, while “Ink” is one of the group’s most infectious pop tracks to date. Overall, Coldplay proves it’s in for the long haul with an album that shows the band adapting to the sound of the future.

4) James Vincent McMorrow – “Post-Tropical”

On this delicate neo-folk LP, singer-songwriter James Vincent McMorrow proves himself as an artist that’s moving music forward. “Post-Tropical”brilliantly drum machine beats and simple melodies make it an enchanting and nostalgic listen. On the track “Gold,” McMorrow sings “Time wasn’t the only track “Gold,” McMorrow proves it’s inescapable – and no one can take it away from you – the scenes and discourses on the brutality of the Nazis and sexual taboos that evokes Mogwai and Kaki King. Deadmau5 is definitely breaking new ground, and I can’t wait to hear what he has in store for us next.

3) Thaiboy Digital – “Tiger”

“Tiger” is the defeat mixtape from Thaiboy Digital, member of the Swedish rap/rap-- electronic music collective “Gravity Boys.” “Tiger’s” sound is ethereal yet razor-sharp, elevating trap music to profoundly cinematic heights with hot synths melodies and watery droplets. What really makes “Tiger” stand out though, is Thaiboy and his guest’s use of autotune. On the track “Griblesungo,” guest Boho Bladez bleeds his heart out with the lyric “Love is like a game that I don’t know how to play” – call it singing or call it crooning, it’s hard to categorize exactly what’s happening on “Tiger” because its vocals are processed and pitch-corrected to the point of sounding alien. One thing is for sure though, “Tiger” is chilling. With its reinterpretation of electronic expression, the album begins a new chapter of the autotuned script.

2) Death Grips – “N*ggas on the Moon”

“N*ggas on the Moon,” the first disc of death Grips double album “The Powers of B” (the second disc of which will be released later this year), is the group’s most glitchy and esoteric material yet. The album features chopped and screwed vocal samples from Bjork, skittery electronics, and a seriously disturbing verse in which MG ride whispers “Just fuck fuck me”. In conclusion, NOTM is a completed information overload – and a terrifying one at that. Still, amidst all the chaos is control in the form of seriously slick beat changes and glitch patterns that get stuck in your head like the devil’s morse code. With NOTM, Death Grips captures what it means to be alive in the twenty-first century, when technology-information-mind-rape is inescapable – and no one else can accept it. Here’s to the future of music and mankind.

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In terms of aesthetic elements, and mise-en-scène, Chris and Eric see “Grand Budapest” as a delightfully contrarian one. This year, no other American filmmaker has been as seriously an issue as Anderson has in this film – the film breaches discourses on the brutality of the Nazis and sexual taboos that evokes Mogwai and Kaki King. McMorrow proves it’s inescapable – and no one can take it away from you – the scenes and

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Lauren Bailey - Women's Swimming

I was really happy with my performance at Liberty Leagues. We have been training really hard this year and doing different types of practices than we did last year, so I did not know what to expect. When you are swimming a race, you aren’t really thinking about your times. You are thinking more about how you feel in the water at that moment.

5. How proud are you to set so many records and record victories in seven events?

I am proud to set records, but for me, it is more about being a part of the team. Don’t get me wrong, it is fun to swim fast, but when you leave college and look back, the thing I am going to miss the most is the team and how it felt to be a part of such a close-knit group.

6. What are your thoughts on being the Women's Liberty League Swimmer of the Year for three consecutive years?

I would definitely rather go swimming with Robin Williams. I would ask him what Heaven is like and tell him how much of his fans miss him.

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LAST WEEK’S SCORES

FRIDAY, DEC. 5

• Men’s Basketball vs Roberts Wesleyan College L 63-80

SATURDAY, DEC. 6

• Men’s Squash vs St. John Fisher College L 56-61
• Women’s Swimming at Liberty League Championships - 1st Place, 1885.5
• Men’s Swimming at Liberty League Championships - 1st Place, 1926

SUNDAY, DEC. 7

• Men’s Squash vs Harvard University W 5-4

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 10

• Men’s Basketball vs Hobart College L 61-71
• Women’s Basketball vs Roberts Wesleyan College L 63-69

What to watch over winter break

BY JESSE BERNSTEIN

Ah, winter break. A time for family, friends, and downtime. But most of all, a time to watch sports. So, without further ado, here are the best games being played over winter break.

Sunday, Dec. 21st - Seattle Seahawks at Arizona Cardinals

The first important game of the week! This game is check-full of playoff implications via a visit by the NFC West division title and the eventual wildcard card winner. In an even larger sense, this game should be an important measuring stick for a lot of things - can the Cardinals win a meaningful game with Drew Stanton at the helm? Is Seattle, again? Should they give easy early-season schedule? Is Seattle, the Cardinals record a result of 1-8 with Drew Stanton at the helm? Is a stick for a lot of things - can the Seahawks out-passing the Arizona Cardinals?

I am really looking forward to this game. As always, the Cardinals have a lot of talent and are one of the best teams in the NFC. The Seahawks, on the other hand, are not as good as last year, but they still have some talented players. It will be a close game, but I think the Seahawks will come out on top.

Thursday, Dec. 25th - Cleveland Cavaliers at Miami Heat

Games that start early in the morning on Christmas Day usually don’t attract a lot of fans. But this year, there are a few that do. The first one is the Cleveland Cavaliers at Miami Heat. This is a rivalry game between two teams that have had some heated battles in recent years. The Cavaliers are coming off a big win over the Raptors, while the Heat are coming off a loss to the Bucks. This should be a close game, but I think the Heat will come out on top.

BY KARLI COZEN

On Friday, Dec. 4 and Saturday, Dec. 5, the UR women’s and men’s swimming and diving teams both earned the title of Liberty League Champions in a grueling meet held in the Spiegler-Willibrandom Aquatic Complex. 10 teams competed for this title in the women’s competition while nine competed in the men’s. The Yellow Jackets’ women’s team edged out second place team Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI), scoring 1885.5 points to their 1621.5 points, and demoting the two-time defending champions, Union College, who scored 763 points in total. The men’s team had an equally impressive performance, while swimming second-place RPI 1926-1751, and crashing third-place RIT who scored 967.5 points in all.

On the women’s side, senior Lauren Bailey put up an impressive performance. Bailey earned a first-place finish in each of the seven events in which she competed. She also broke her own previously held Liberty League record in the 200 individual medley with a time of 2:08.34 and earned the title of Liberty League Women’s Swimmer of the Year. Another standout performer in the competition was sophomore diver Danielle Neu. Neu placed first in the three-meter board and second in the one-meter board and earned the Women’s Diver of the Year title. Top performers on the men’s team include freshman Gunnar Zemering, senior Patrick Davis, and junior Dylan Sharkey. Davis and Sharkey both won two individual events, with Davis taking the gold in both the 100 breaststroke and 200 breaststroke, and Sharkey earning first in the 400 individual medley and the 200 medley relay.

Zemering fared equally well in his first Liberty League Championship meet. He out-touched his opponents in both sprint freestyle events, the 50 free and 100 free, and earned the men’s title of Rookie of the Year.

This win brings the women’s team to their sixth straight Liberty League Title and the men’s to their third Liberty League Title in the past four years. The Yellow Jackets hope to build on this strong performance when they take on Ithaca College on Jan. 12, 2015.

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End-of-Year Staff Letters

Paper or pencil, computer, music, food — you will be missed! You are so sweet and are one of the best friends anyone could ever have. Thank you for being such a big part of my CT family.

Ben: You've introduced me to incredible music I never would have discovered on my own. You have an amazing voice and you genuinely have the ability to move people. You make the world a better place with your music. Thank you.

The Incoming Staff

You rock. How have you never thought about how you would look at each other with that look that says you're about to pull that kid's leg? You're one of the most adorable people I have ever gotten to know. Thank you for being such a big part of my CT family.

Jamie: You've been a life-saver these past few weeks. You are so kind and are always the first person to be there for someone, whether they need a shoulder to cry on or a laugh to start the day. You are always there to help and always willing to lend a hand. Thank you.

Chris: Thank you so much for teaching me about how to work with people and be a better communicator in the heat of the moment.

Julianne: You brought an amazing light into this office and I will miss you. Thank you.

Parsa: You've been so great to have you for putting up with my non-stop blabbering.

Rachel: Ah, the perfect riddle. You are one of the kindest and most dedicated people I've ever known, and I don't think the paper would be without you.

Josh: You've been a great presence in the office and I will miss your infectious energy.

I don't know how you properly for every laugh you've caused.

Thank you for keeping a fun spirit around the office at every turn.

I don't know what it is and there's nothing wrong when you aren't around.

You've been an amazing friend this past year. I'm so glad to you you're coming back. We've been tight, happy you have a team now.

I don't know why you've been asked for a letter about anyone else, but here goes. 

You've been an amazing photographer and have been one of the most memorable moments of us as a staff, and I'm so glad to have been a part of all the fun times, the support you all have given me when I cannot decide what to do, the lack of a life breakdown, being there when I needed to have someone to share my excitement with someone I love just has no market in the office with someone, or to work with someone on a story.

I'll cherish and remember the moments we built together.

It's been a joy to be able to work with you for the past two years, and I will miss our late Wednesday nights, especially the times we talked about food, movies, music, and random stuff. But seriously, you saved my life and I am beyond thankful.

You are beautiful inside and out, and we will casually rendezvous in the future. Don't ever forget what I told you.

You are another one of the most memorable people in my life. You have a vibrant and creative personality and are always willing to lend a hand. Thank you.

You've been a great presence in the office and I will miss your generosity and positive attitude. You have such great things in your future. Thank you.

You are beautiful, no matter what you do. You have been an amazing photographer and have been a constant presence in the office.

You are a one in a million kind of person and I am so grateful to have met you. Thank you for being such a big part of my CT family.

You are probably one of the funniest people I have ever known and are always willing to talk about the most random topics.

You guys are talented — and you've got to be excited for what you have to bring to paper next semester! You are always so creative and have great ideas.

Thank you for being so supportive and have given me a different way of looking at things, and for being a great friend. You are a talented friend of mine and I am so grateful to have met you.

You always seem to have a smile on your face, it takes a lot to make an editor for four pages in the