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Professor Michael Liehr released an announcement Thursday, saying that the headquarters of Bausch & Lomb, a Rochester-based manufacturer of optical devices, will be moving to the Sibley building in Detroit, Michigan. The move is part of an initiative announced since 2012, when the federal government committed $110 million to the Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT), and State University of New York Polytechnic Institute (SUNY Poly). Funding has come from various sources, including state, federal, and private sources.

“Photonics will serve as an economic booster and state sources as well as private,” said Sen. Charles Schumer. “This is a transformative moment that will have an immediate and long-lasting benefit for Rochester.”

Selengua’s Office expressed confidence that the institute’s potential impact, saying “This could create, over the years, many new jobs in research, development, and manufacturing. The announcement is particularly relevant to UR because of its long history of research in the field. The Institute of Optics, founded in 1929, is recognized as one of the strongest programs in the country.”

The announcement is the latest in a series of developments announced since 2012. More specifically, the institute is likely to be located in downtown Rochester, although there was some confusion over the announcement. The announcement may be of interest to students who are interested in careers in photonics, as well as to businesses and organizations that are looking to expand their operations in the region.

SUNY Polytechnic Institute

On the first day of classes, Aug. 31, construction workers will begin laying the foundation for Wegman’s Hall, the planned $2 million addition to the Bausch & Lomb Building which will house the Goergen Institute for Data Science. The Institute will continue to expand this year, offering a Masters program in Data Science for the first time as well as streamlining another faculty search and a monthly colloquium series. It also plans to formally announce an industrial affiliates program in the next month or so.

Hank Kautz, the Robin & Tim Wentworth Director of the Institute for Data Science and a professor of computer science, explained, “One of the new things we wanted to do with our data science programs, at both the Bachelors and Masters level, is to really incorporate some real-world, industry-based, problem-solving directly in certain classes.”

So far, the Institute’s industrial affiliates include 15-20 local companies and a number of national companies. Some of these affiliates are expected to contribute to the class of 2017.

Bill Nye to visit UR for Yellowjacket Weekend

On July 31, Campus Activities Board (CAB) announced on Facebook that Bill Nye’s event this year’s Yellowjacket Weekend Speaker, appearing on the River Campus on September 5. Nye is a renowned scientist and television personality, best known to fans by his full title “Bill Nye the Science Guy.”

Nye is known for his clever science and entertainment in the aeronautics industry, starring in an eponymous television show, and appearing on “Dancing with the Stars.”

He is currently the CEO of The Planetary Society, a non-profit organization founded by Carl Sagan and others advocating for research in astronomy related fields.

CAB Administrative Chair and senior Samantha Lish said in an email, “We always try to get someone who is relevant to college students’ lives. We feel that Bill Nye is really fitting. He’s recently appeared on many talk shows and in an interview, he said that someone that many of us grew up watching. There were definitely others in the running; however, we thought Bill Nye would be the best choice for our campus.”

“Each year CAB brainstormed a list of comedians and speakers for our community weekends and speaker events. Then [we] work with our agent to see who’s available and whether or not our ideal choices are within our budget. Lish added, “Audience members should expect Bill Nye to speak about the thing he knows best—science!”

Tickets for the Bill Nye event go on sale at the Common Market beginning August 31. Usmani is a member of the class of 2017.
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When he was a freshman, junior Tristan Ford noticed something wrong with one of his hallmates. An international student, the girl was sleeping through classes and spending long nights awake talking to family and friends from home. Concerned about her transition to college, Ford filed a CARE report. While the student ended up transferring to another college because of her homesickness, the experience allowed him to realize the importance of early freshmen connections. He began mentoring incoming international students and volunteering for Orientation.

Now, he’s a Senior Orientation Volunteer (SOV) and an International Student Mentor (ISM), working with Orientation staff to welcome students to campus.

“Ford feels similarly about his orientation role as ISM. Incoming international students are split into groups and paired with mentors with similar majors to the ones they’re considering. For Ford, that means his 20 students all looking to study fields similar to Biomedical Engineering. "Throughout fall semester, I will help guide these students academically, socially, andmentally through the obstacles of transitioning to not only college life, but U.S. life as well," he said.

In detailing what helping out with Orientation means to him, Ford explained the-experience behind it all. "Students who form better social connections early on will enjoy more resilience to stress and benefit from having peers who are also transitioning to college life," he said. "My job is to do everything I can to ensure a student’s mind is at ease so they can be themselves, have fun and meet new friends."

Ford and Rose’s experiences highlight the inner-workings of Orientation, which include everything from minutiae about the placement of names on programs to stuffing student bags with information and gifts.

Both described the buildup to UR’s welcome week as chaotic, though fun.

During Orientation, Ford said, "It’s not until... a few days before move-in that we have enough people to bring everything together.”

For Rose, this year’s leadership helped design and plan this year’s Orientation. They work very closely with Senior Orientation Volunteers to ensure a smooth Orientation Week.

What every freshman should do in autumn

BY JULIANNE MCDAMS
MANAGING EDITOR

If you’re a freshman, you may hear during your first year at UR that there’s “nothing to do in Rochester.” To those of you who are new to the city of some off-campus life, that may come as a disappointment. However, the following list (as well as the photos plastered all over the walls of Danforth Dining Hall) aims help debunk this falsehood, as well as show you the many things you can do in the City of Rochester.

One of the reasons I came to UR in the first place was because I wanted the chance to explore an American city with a beautiful, historical chip on its shoulder.

10 things to hit up before the end of your first semester that may show you a bit more of the polish this city has to offer.

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OPINIONS EDITOR

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Seligman speechless before Convocation

BY AUREK RANSOM
COPY EDITOR

Loosening his blue-and-yellow diamond-patterned necktie and easing comfortably into his leather wingback armchair, UR President Joel Seligman was shaken out of his brief pre-Convocation respite by the realization that he had forgotten to compose his speech.

Seligman groaned, digging the bases of his palms into his temples. He glanced at his watch: 20 minutes until Convocation. He produced a pen from behind his ear and drummed it on the desk, trying to think of something to say. “I can’t believe I’m so worried about this thing,” Seligman chuckled. “I just have to sprinkle in a few meliorae—they’ll eat that up.”

With two minutes left, Seligman’s mood took an upturn after he found a 1986 admissions brochure replete with vintage UR puns.

“Gotcha!” was followed almost immediately by cursing and a mumbled “No, wait. Did that last year?” They’d definitely notice it the third time.”

Seligman slunk and sank dejectedly into his chair. Only a few minutes later, Seligman slunk out of his office to see if he had loaned out his copy of "101 Flabs, Gaffes, and Gaucheries." To his dismay, no one had seen it.

His eyes searched the room as he racked his brain for a slick line.

He was, however, able to gather dog-eared copies of "Blenders to Make Your Mother Blush" and "To Err Rhetorical." With a mere 10 minutes left, Seligman decided that, as long as he had a trite phrase around his neck, no one would notice when he had not replaced the Class of 2017 lanyard. Papers were rifled. Desk drawers were slammed.

A caphony ensued. With two minutes left, Seligman mumbled, waving his tiny nose on his sleeve and hoisting himself up with a groan. “Maybe I can just use last year’s.”

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The first theory for Freshman 15 is that dining halls are unlimited and that students have the ability to eat as much or as little as they want. Since one of the common psychological symptoms of freshmanitis is increased appetite, it is believed that the freshman students’ option to eat is as much as they want will often lead to Freshman 15. The second theory is a bit more controversial and revolves around the first habit he mentioned.

It is something of a double-edged sword. One day, you may find the cold refreshing. Other days, you will want to post up in your room and watch Netflix while binging on Ben & Jerry’s ice cream. Getting back to the point, I would say that traveling packs are a notable symptom of freshmanitis.

Now that you have this knowledge at your disposal, make sure to use it. It’s ultimately up to you whether or not you choose to heed my advice. There is a distinct difference between a freshman and someone who is not a freshman. According to this advice, you will be a freshman until you make it to sophomore year, but freshmanitis is avoidable, and, if you're lucky, even a tad bit devastating. With this in mind, have a great freshman year and make sure to make the most of it! Meliora.

Chiodo is a member of the class of 2017.
The movies to watch this fall

BY SCOTT ABRAMS  COPY EDITOR

With the school year hearing up, here are some of my most anticipated movies that will be released this quarter.

“The Martian” (October 2)
Based on the Andy Weir novel of the same name, “The Martian” follows an astronaut (Matt Damon) who is abandoned by his crew on Mars after they believe him to have been killed in a firestorm. Director Ridley Scott’s output has been a bit shaky recently, but this seems like the kind of project that could change that pattern, even if Damon’s role here seems suspiciously like the one he played in last year’s Insterstellar.

The great Jessica Chastain, his co-star in that film, is said to have a great role here as the captain of the space ship.

“Crimson Peak” (October 16)
This film is a gothic period piece about a young woman (Mia Wasikowska) who is haunted by ghosts in her new husband’s (Hamish Linklater) mansion. I’ve heard great things about this film, which is supposed to be less a beautiful story about the dark side of a relationship. John Hopkins, who is making her screenwriting debut, is said to have based the story on films of the 1970s. Early word is very strong.

“The Hunger Games: Mockingjay – Part 2” (November 20)
I’ve been trying to stay away from well-known franchise films in this article, but the end of Suzanne Collins’ series is very divisive, and I wanted to show my support of the psychological realism and perve she shows in her handling of Kamis’s post-traumatic stress disorder. Given the mixed reactions, it’s possible that Lionsgate will soften this angle, but I trust Jennifer Lawrence and director Francis Lawrence to get this film series across the finish line. I’ve covered, “Came” premiered to rapturous reviews at the Cannes Film Festival, while the new film will come on the heels of the second release by award-winners The Weinstein Company, to expect a major Oscar campaign for Blanchett, Mara and the film.

“Joy” (December 25)
Jennifer Lawrence stars in a film about an account of Joy Mangano, a female inventor and entrepreneur in the 1990s.

Her third collaboration with David O’Russell (who directed her to an Oscar win in “Silver Linings Playbook”), this seems poised to earn Lawrence another nomination, if not win. I’ve heard that the script is much heavier than previous O’Russell films, and that Robert De Niro has a devasting role as Joy’s father.

Adams is a member of the class of 2018.

The summer in music: in search of the essential jam

BY JEFF HOWARD  A&E EDITOR

Maybe I am just out of touch with what’s popular, but it felt like this summer was lacking a song to call its own. In May Adam Levine released "This Summer’s Gonna Hurt...,” a slick dance-pop tune with modern-feeling production and a chorus that was super catchy. Shortly after Carly Rae Jepsen released a string of singles from her then-upcoming album "EMOTION,” and most of them were excellent. “All That” sounded like a ballad from the 80s and “Come Away With Me” had an amazing acoustic feel to it. However, none of these songs brought people together in the way that a song of the summer could.

Fortunately, this summer offered many strong releases. Among them was the new Tame Impala record, titled “Currents.” On this album, Kevin Parker secured a name for himself as a brilliant songwriter and producer. I would listen to “Currents” in my car a lot this summer, and I was pleasantly surprised by the layers of beautiful analog synths sounds, not to mention the crisp drums and catchy melodies.

Also amazing was the new Jamie xx record, “In Colour,” which has a killer opening track with an epic synch lead. I loved the delicate and spaced textures on this thing, and the collab track with Young Thug, “I Know There’s Gonna Be (Good Times),” made for a nice surprise.

Another huge thing is the release of Dr. Dre’s long-awaited third LP, “Compton.” I haven’t listened to “Compton” yet, but I look forward to it, especially since “Chronic 2001,” his last release, is one of my favorite rap albums of all time. What with the rise of Apple Music, Dre is in mogul mode to say the least, so “Compton” should be an interesting reflection of where he is in his career.

2016 forecast: late-night surge

BY AUREK RANSON  COPY EDITOR

Late-night television owes much of its success to politics, experiencing a boom every four years during presidential campaign season.

Why is this so? Satire gives political topics an oft-needed note of brevity. We can laugh at the folly of the political process and at the figures that inhabit the political sphere. There’s a deep story in joking about those whom we’ve appointed to represent us.

Consider the remarkable—and usually fruitful—changes that television undergoes during campaign season. The foremost players of punditry know to take advantage of the Presidential gift. Comedy Central launched "The Daily Show," for instance, has made a career of political criticism, but expressed regret that he was retiring just as campaigns were made a career of political criticism, the players of punditry know to take campaign season. The foremost and usually fruitful—changes appointed to represent us.

There’s a deep irony in the class of 2017.
Varsity athletes first to experience UR

BY DANIELLE DOUGLAS
SPORTS EDITOR

Over 1,000 new freshmen will caravon onto the UR campus when 9 a.m. rolls around on the morning of Tuesday, Aug. 25, their cars filled with family members and packed with entire clothes worth of clothing. While lines of vehicles run down Wilson Boulevard and Inter campus Drive, and as students attempt to maneuver hefty boxes through dorm stairwells and hallways, a select number of individuals will be pushing themselves through intense agility training and hard sports in Fauver Stadium.

For many varsity athletes, the standard commotion of freshman move-in day is not a part of their college experience. Each year, roughly 80 new student-athletes get a head start on the UR careers. Members of the traditional fall sports teams—soccer, volleyball, cross country, field hockey, and football—are required to arrive on campus anywhere from two weeks to a few days early to begin their intensive pre-season training. These practices—often held at least twice a day—last until the commencement of fall competition schedules. “It gives us the chance to adjust to sports first and then school second,” women’s soccer midfielder and forward and junior Jean Chakmakas said. “It’s nice to not be thrown into everything at the same time.”

Even before Chakmakas arrived on campus her freshman year, she was, like athletes in many other sports, instructed to follow a strict routine. “I was so motivated to train before freshman year,” she said. “You’re scared coming in because it’s so new and you don’t know what to expect.”

Summer workouts can include anything from tri-weekly lifting routines to timed miles to sprinting, and are designed to ensure that athletes come to pre-season already in shape and prepared to train. The early stages of the season are also used to gauge the skill sets of rookie athletes.

Prior to the start of her first UR pre-season, women’s volleyball captain and senior Ashley Hunter said that she worried she wouldn’t be able to compete with her older, more experienced teammates. “I didn’t expect to be accepted because I was a freshman, the lowest person on the totem pole,” Hunter said. “But being on volleyball, this was not the situation at all.”

Although training schedules are designed to be demanding, a key part of the pre-season experience is team bonding. Without acting as a cohesive unit, it is difficult for a team to be successful. “It’s really a true training camp where you eat meals together, you do training together, hang out in the dorms together,” men’s varsity soccer coach Chris Apple said. “It’s a great opportunity to develop the team unity that you want.”

Each team has its own unique way of creating a comfortable environment and promoting camaraderie among its players. Apple said that on the men’s soccer team, each freshman is paired with an upperclassmen mentor who shares some sort of commonality outside of sports—be it a major, an interest or a hometown.

In addition to one-on-one meetings that younger players have with the coaching staff, these mentors also check in regularly to make sure that they’re doing well on and off the field.

The field hockey and women’s soccer teams give the same type of attention to their new athletes, through sessions with a sports psychologist and similar “buddy” programs. “Coming in and having such a great group of girls to look up to, just the quick conversations with them really meant a lot to me,” Chakmakas said of her more senior teammates. “It would be nice for me to do the same for the new freshmen.”

The idea behind developing these relationships is to create a team environment that is both supportive and competitive in the earliest stages of the season. “When the guys are going against each other, they’re constantly competing and pushing each other to be stronger,” Apple said of his team dynamics. “But they’re also collaborating and encouraging each other to work together to be successful.”

“One of the nice things about being an athlete is that you always have something in common with the people around you,” rookie field hockey midfielder and freshman Lauren Sharpe said. “It’s hard work but it provides really good structure, and it’s a lot of fun along the way.”

As a new player and a new student, Sharpe said that although she loves the bonds she has already created with her team, she is also excited to become oriented with the greater student body. “I’ll be interesting to see who all [my freshmen teammates] become friends with,” she said. “We all have sports, but we have other interests as well.”

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American League Wild Card: A contentious year

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It’s nearly September, and the National League playoffs seem largely set (unless the Nationals or Giants go on an absolute tear). However, the picture isn’t so clear over on the American League side. Although Pujols, any batting order with those two names penciled in can’t be counted out. If Garrett Richards can regain his early season form and Jered Weaver can keep up his recent streak of strong outings, there’s no reason this team can’t hold onto their spot.

1. (WC) Los Angeles Angels: Mike Trout and Co. are the current holders of the second wild card position. Though they sport a pretty weak lineup outside of Trout and Pujols, any batting order with those two names penciled in can’t be counted out. If Garrett Richards can regain his early season form and Jered Weaver can keep up his recent streak of strong outings, there’s no reason this team can’t hold onto their spot.

2. (2 GB) Tampa Bay Rays: Though they don’t have much of a lineup to speak of outside of Evan Longoria and a few overachievers (looking at you, Logan Forsythe), the Rays’ pitching might just be good enough to push them over the top. Chris Archer has been one of the best starters in baseball this season (2.77 ERA, 1.01 WHIP, 2.57 FIP), leading a Tampa Bay pitching staff that has the lowest BAA in the league. Don’t sleep on this team.

3. (0.5 GB) Baltimore Orioles: By any metric, the Orioles have had one of the best offenses in the league this year. Manny Machado, Chris Davis, and Adam Jones will continue to pick up the slack where they can, but if this team wants to stay in contention, somebody’s going to have to help Wei-Yin Chen (3 ER or fewer out of his last 15 starts). Baltimore’s only reliable starter this season.

4. (0.5 GB) Texas Rangers: They’ve had one of the worst pitching staffs in the league this year, and Cole Hamels hasn’t exactly been the world-beater Texas thought they were when they signed him. Although Pujols, any batting order with those two names penciled in can’t be counted out. If Garrett Richards can regain his early season form and Jered Weaver can keep up his recent streak of strong outings, there’s no reason this team can’t hold onto their spot.

The summer of women in sports

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Some of you might be scratching your heads as to why I would call this past summer an Athenian Summer. This generalization has nothing to do with the Olympic Games and its birthplace. As the newly elected leader of the women’s sports, she is also excited to become oriented with the greater student body.

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from Carli Lloyd, who was the player of the game. Over 25 million viewers tuned in on July 5 to watch Lloyd and the Americans take on their Japanese counterparts. In a society where women are more often left out of the conversation, live television, these numbers were groundbreaking. The statistic that really put this into perspective is the fact that these ladies’ historic victory attracted more viewers than any game in the 2014 NBA Finals. More than 25 million Americans tuned in on July 11, the revolutionary response to USA’s achievement continued when a ticker-tape parade was held in their honor in lower Manhattan. This was the first ever ticker-tape parade for a women’s team in the United States.

Flash forward to the end of July and three more women...
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disclosed their inner Athena. Becky Hammon became the first woman to lead an NBA Summer League team to a championship and Dr. Jen Welter became the first woman coach for the San Antonio Spurs. She became the first woman in North America to become a full-time paid assistant coach in any of the four major sports (Baseball, Basketball, Hockey and Football). On July 27, Dr. Welter was hired as an assistant coaching intern for training camp and the preseason to work with inside linebackers of the Arizona Cardinals. Although she hasn’t been guaranteed a full-time coaching position on the Cardinals, the league has never seen anything like this. Who is Welter may you ask? With a PhD in psychology and a masters in sports psychology, Jen Welter has a career that spans from sports academia to motivational speaking. Additionally, she had a 13-year professional football career in women’s and men’s leagues where she played running back. Also, on July 31, Nancy “Lady Magic” Lieberman was hired to assist the NBA’s Sacramento Kings.

So, what do all of these achievements by women mean for our society? In my mind, there are two important takeaways from these events:

1) People care and will watch women’s athletics now more than ever. Another fact about the Women’s World Cup Final is that in the United States, it was the most watched game of soccer ever recorded. This completely defies the misconception that “no one cares” about women’s competitions unless the women are sexualized. But, we do still have a long way to go; for example, amending the (formerly Lingerie) Legends Football League.

2) We are starting to realize that women aren’t just being hired or praised for their gender. This past July, UFC phenomenon Ronda Rousey was the first woman ever awarded the ESPY Award for Best Fighter. Gender roles and norms are being challenged thanks to Ms. Rousey as she’s the biggest star of a sport that is notorious for displaying masculinity. Ronda Rousey is an athlete and is successful because of her natural talent and discipline rather than her gender.

Additionally, Amy Trask, former CEO for the Oakland Raiders, believes that Sarah Thomas (the first full-time hired female official in the NFL) “should be booed” when she makes a questionable call like any other referee would, regardless of her gender.

With an incredible Athenian Summer almost at its end, what can we look forward to? Besides continuing to watch Hammon and Dr. Welter break more barriers, we can anticipate the regular season debut of Sarah Thomas. Additionally, we can follow the college career of Sarah Hudek, an 18 year old southpaw pitcher who received a baseball (not softball) scholarship from Bossier Parish Community College.

The future is looking awfully bright for women making a mark in all fields of the sports community. This Athenian summer is just the beginning and the Goddess herself is probably looking down at us with a smirk, thinking, “I told you so.” Powell is a member of the class of 2018.
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