**Gale Flood Victims Can Get Reimbursement**

BY JUSTIN TROMBLY
MANAGING EDITOR

Students affected by the Valentine’s Day flooding in Gale House can seek University reparation, the Campus Times has learned—a revelation that comes in the wake of the administration's formal response on Wednesday to the incident and the student outrage it spawned.

Gale residents who lost laptops, books, and other academic-related possessions during the flooding may qualify for reimbursement from a University fund that helps students with financial issues that have impacted their academic lives.

The fund, according to Students' Association (SA) President Grant Dever, "exists for students who do not have the financial means to replace these products," and features a vetting process to determine whether a student's situation merits action.

Dever said that the money in the fund can potentially be used to repair or replace laptops and books damaged by the flooding, which was caused by a burst pipe on the fourth floor of Gale and left residents with between $4,000 and $10,000 in damages, according to SA estimates last month.

Damages to University property totalled over $25,000. Affected students can see if they qualify for help by speaking to Dean of Students Matthew Burns, something that Dever had urged in the immediate aftermath of the flood.

The February flooding unleashed waves of student outrage, with many railing against the University’s initial decision not to reimburse students. Dever published an open letter after the flooding calling for compensation, and the SA Senate unanimously passed a resolution urging the administration to do the same.

Others criticized the University’s silence in response to student grievances, without a formal statement being issued until Wednesday, in an email from Feldman to Dever and a Campus Times editor over a month after the incident.

Feldman and Laurel Contomanolis, Director of the Office for Residential Life and Housing Services, penned the statement, which acknowledged that “some losses such as computers and electronics are impactful and upsetting.”

The statement failed to address Campus Times’ concerns and circulated to others as written.

Dever received his despite the fact that similar flooding has occurred in the past, and the desire for compensation. Dever said that the position remains "shocked and surprised by the University's silence in response to the incident and the student outrage." He added that similar future incidents would warrant a timely response.

Contomanolis and Dever met last month to discuss sending a campus-wide email about the incident and student actions, but Contomanolis, according to Dever, was “worried that a formal response will only stir the pot more.”

When asked in February about this hesitation, she thought such an email would "be too broad.”

Dever said that he and Contomanolis have not met since. Feldman called the delayed response “primarily my responsibility” and explained that with missing information and travelling to meetings, he was unable to focus on the draft.

“I regret that it has taken so long,” he said.

Burns confirmed the compensatory fund’s existence, though he said he could not comment on whether any students affected by the flooding had been helped by it.

“Only available to students who meet the criteria above, not to the general population at large,” he said, explaining why the fund is not publicized. “The donors wish to remain anonymous except to those students directly receiving funds, and I support and respect their wishes.”

SA Senator Anmol Almast, who spearheaded the Senate’s resolution for reimbursement, said she reached out to Gale residents to tell them they could contact Burns about the fund, but Gale residents the Campus Times spoke with said they had not been informed of possible compensation through the fund as of Tuesday.

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**Corner Bakery Closes Without Warning**

BY AMANDA MARQUEZ
NEWS EDITOR

A group of about 10 students has formed a coalition to unionize contingent faculty—adjunct and non-tenure track professors, who do not receive the same benefits as their tenured peers. The goal of the group, Students Supporting Adjuncts, is to talk to all contingent faculty members, listen to their concerns, and help solve their problems. Additionally, these students seek to bring respect to contingent faculty, whose needs they feel are not being taken seriously by the University.

“After having a number of conversations with contingent professors and doing research about the national movements of adjuncts organizing, we slowly came to the conclusion that a union was the best way to go about things,” senior Miles Meth, who is heavily involved with the movement at UR, said.

Sophomore Rachel Casper, also involved with Students Supporting Adjuncts, believes their group is giving contingent faculty a voice they never had.

“Through this outreach, we began collecting union cards and discussing what these professors feel they need—a voice at UR, along with much else,” she said.

While Students Supporting Adjuncts has been working on this issue since last fall, contingent faculty hadn’t gathered momentum for their movement until this semester.

“They are excited and motivated,” Casper added. “Our professors do so much for us as students and for the UR community. It’s time they’re treated with the dignity they deserve.”

Professors not on the tenure track are not denied it upon being hired, but are hired with no...
Metro Deli Replaces Med Center’s Au Bon Pain

BY ISABEL DRUKKER
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Metro Deli, newly occupying the space previously held by sandwich cafe Au Bon Pain, held its grand opening in the Medical Center on March 25.

“It provides a diverse balance to the café area,” said Director of Food & Nutrition Al Calderio. “It’s a different look to it, a different feel to it.”

Stationed on the Medical Center’s ground floor, Metro Deli will offer breakfast and lunch for hospital staff, guests, and students. Metro-Deli’s menu is based on minimizing the use of processed foods and providing customers with all-natural options.

“They’ve created some unique salads and sandwiches that are based off of Rochester history,” Manager of Internal Communications Kate Rivera said.

Menu options are in the style of an upscale New York deli, featuring items such as the “Eastman” breakfast sandwich and the “Yellow Jacket” signature sandwich. Additionally, it will have a designed Grab & Go section, serve Starbucks coffee, and present different soups every day.

Metro Deli will be run by Food and Nutrition Services Department at the hospital. Calderio remarks that, as an in-house business, Metro Deli has a closer connection to the city and the University, which will help secure its presence in Strong.

“We’re looking forward to a long relationship with our customers,” Calderio said. “Metro Deli was a concept run by the University. We don’t have an outside interest.”

The Food and Nutrition Services Department also runs Café 601, which Spoon University recognized on its “Official College Dining Hall Guide” last year. Café 601 is located on the ground floor, near the red elevators.

Within the next four months, Metro Deli will also offer catering options, as well as an app for mobile phones that will allow customers to place their orders ahead of time.

 “[Metro Deli] is a new option,” Rivera stated. “I encourage students to come across the street to the Medical Center and come over and give it a try.”

Other changes coming to Strong’s dining options include the expansion of Finger Lakes Coffee this summer.

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CORRECTION

An photo in the March 24 issue under the header “Friday Night Live” in the Arts & Entertainment section (page 11) neglected to mention that the event, an open mic night hosted by MIF and No Jackets Required, was sponsored and supported by UR Concerts.
Frat Quad Petition Spurs Debate

BY MADELINE BLACKBURN

A Students’ Association (SA) Government IMPACT petition calling for the fraternity quad to be renamed has sparked a heated debate among students last week. Many in and outside of the student body have been discussing the petition, arguing on social media about the appropriateness of the names of the houses on campus.

Senior Stephen Wegman, one of the petitioners, posted the petition to multiple Facebook pages on March 23, and it has received a significant amount of attention on social media since.

The petition was started by Wegman, a junior, and his friend, senior Dylan Bleir.

In an interview with The Campus Times, Wegman explained his motivation behind the petition.

“I’ve got to be honest, it’s an emotional thing,” Wegman said.

With respect to his goal, Wegman said he hopes to have a conversation with the community about the naming of the houses on campus.

The petition has received over 200 signatures since it was posted on March 23.

Another petition, penned by senior Emmanuel Makaruse, titled ‘Just Ban Fraternities on Campus,’ and has garnered six signatures.

“Given that the University regularly names buildings after the people who donate a great deal to the University, this petition seems like a slap across the face to the fraternities that devoted resources decades ago to develop and establish the houses on the fraternity quad,” Wegman said.

In response to negative comments, Wegman posted a response expressing his dismay at the backlash surrounding the petition.

“Perhaps due to a lack of foresight on my part,” Wegman wrote, “I did not expect the tremendous backlash following the dissemination of my petition. At first, I was not bothered by this because I try my best to welcome discussion and the refinement of ideas; in my opinion, this is a critical process of higher education and life in general.”

Wegman also apologized to the Meridian Society for “us[ing] [his] single testimony as a representation of how all tours might represent that area.”

“I talked to a professor who told me that every subsequent generation is more progressive,” Wegman said. “That doesn’t scare me, but it scares some others.”

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DLH Event Connects 60s to BLM

BY AMANDA MARQUEZ 
NEWS EDITOR

The Douglass Leadership House (DLH) focused their annual "prospect group" on the accomplishments of 1960s Cambridge Movement leader Gloria Richardson during an event Saturday. Discussions with the purpose of exploring social justice in an "exciting and socially-conscious way," as DLH described their event online, were sparked by the connection between Richardson's movement and the recent #BlackLivesMatter movement.

The event, despite being centered around a serious topic, fostered a comfortable environment for students to learn from each other and voice their opinions on events that have influenced Black history.

Prior to the discussion, students were encouraged to participate in an interactive game quizzing their knowledge on the parts of the Cambridge Movement, the accomplishments of the Cambridge Nonviolent Action Committee, the Ferguson and Baltimore riots, and the birth of the social media hashtag #BlackLivesMatter, which gained widespread use following the deaths of 18-year-old Michael Brown, Jr. and 19-year-old Eric Garner.

"I wish the attendance was higher," freshman Sadyn Angeles said about the event's effectiveness in spreading awareness. "A lot of people on this campus aren't knowledgeable on the issues that affect the African-American community. I definitely learned a lot, myself." When the floor was opened to questions, Angeles asked, "How can this movement that preaches Black lives matter not stand behind their Black trans brothers and sisters?" Junior Simoone Johnson countered Angeles' question explaining that the movement's priority is to make progress for the Black community as a whole. "I'm Black first, before I'm a woman," she said.

The discussion ended on the question, "How can you be the modern day Gloria Richardson?" to which Amber Baldie '15, emphasized the importance of being educated and knowing Black history. "Without the information, you're just one of these hotheads spewing our information without the facts to back it up," she concluded.

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Possibility of offering it at all. According to Meth, "the process of creating tenure-track faculty to adjuncts is three to seven—the opposite of what it was 50 years ago, due to the increase of part-time and higher education. While that proportion might not be as high at UR, Students Supporting Adjuncts believes that the University can do better.

"The shift is a response to try to lower short term costs with under-paid, over-worked laborers who don't have the power to bargain for better conditions," Meth explained. "The union is a way to change that reality."

Director of the University of Rochester Percussion Ensemble Matthew Witten is all too familiar with such conditions and thinks the student movement is "amazing, supportive, and heroic." Witten has taught as an adjunct at seven different institutions, including four at which he currently teaches.

"You could say I am quite familiar with what adjunct status means," he said in an email. "I no longer teaches at several of these schools because of a "lack of work."

"I spend eight hours a week in the car commuting to various schools. I spend more on gas and tolls, and at least once a week, I am filling my tank," he said. "I barely have time to complete my work, like preparing for classes and grading, and I am barely able to scrape by with my bills. Luckily, I make little enough to qualify for Medicaid—thank you Obamacare!"

Nevertheless, professors on the tenure track have conveyed their support for their colleagues in the form of a signed letter that will be circulating in the near future. Also circulating is a petition formally requesting President Seligman to support contingent faculty at UR. The petition has received approximately 800 signatures and digitally and in print. According to Casper, University administration has been asked by the student group to remain neutral in the contingent faculty's decision; they neither support nor oppose unionization, they do not feel intimidated, regardless of how they decide.

The group plans to give the petition to University President Joel Seligman later this week. Adjunct Digital Media Studies professor Robert Koenen also hopes that University administration remain neutral.

"I know the stories about people being fearful of the man," but here at the University of Rochester, I'm hopeful that administration will be neutral while the contingent faculty makes up its mind about unionization," he said. "I believe my tenured and tenure-track colleagues and the senior leadership in our University are genuinely good people who have the same values I do about higher education, and that they see the value of a contingent faculty team that's given the chance to dedicate themselves to our students."

Seligman acknowledged the movement by saying, "I am aware of the Change.org petition. There is no support to hold a union election, I support each relevant faculty member's right to vote on this important decision."

President Seligman said that as of now it is hard to determine whether an election will take place. He added that the Provost's Office is working to help faculty acquire information they might need valuable.

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BSU President and DLH member SeQuoia Kemp speaks to the audience during a game focused on educating on the Civil Rights Movement.

"I barely have time to complete my work, like preparing for classes and grading, and I am barely able to scrape by with my bills."
you may have heard the news: at this school are coming to form a union. This might come as somewhat of a surprise—many, for many, regarding a college professor is the intellectual’s jackpot. A cushy salary and benefits for the whole family are paired with job security unparalleled in the working world. All this, combined with free summers, paid sabbaticals, and access to some of the best resources in the academic world. Sounds like a dream. Unfortu-
nately, for many professors at the U of R, it is just that—a dream, and one that seems increasingly unattainable.

The educators I am referring to here are contingent faculty—which includes adjunct and full-time professors who are not on the tenure track. You may not realize it, but there are hundreds of contingent faculty at our school. Most are quietly strug-
gling.

Earlier this year, I was shocked to learn that some professors (though probably not all, $4,000 per class) make as low as $4,000 a year. No, that's not a typo. $4,000. The school is will-
ing to pay some of its valued teachers salaries that are barely above the minimum wage, and some have even been known to do it in and out of class. Additionally, professors make as little as $4,000 to learn that some adjunct pro-
cess, and professors have been known to work their way through a more purposeful presentation and clearer goals.

Fortunately, the experiences of professors at these schools has been comi-
cally similar—banal, hostile re-
sponses from administrators, whose ultimate interests lie in generating value for the board of trustees, recruiting the next set of tuition payee—I mean… stu-
dents, and retaining prestigious reputations, rather than providing good working conditions for everyone in our community. I hope that our ad-
ministration can buck the trend, by neither intimidating nor dis-
couraging contingent faculty in their march towards a more just workplace.

Ultimately, however, perhaps the biggest issue contingent faculty currently face is that they have no means to change any of these things about their workplace. Over the past few months, I’ve talked with over a dozen adjuncts. Every time that I've asked someone if they have ever approached their superiors about making changes in their workplace, they've scoffed at the idea. Alone, non-tenure track professors have little to no power to effect change. We don’t even have a say—in what their daily working lives look like.

This is why recently contingen
t faculty have been coming together to form a union under SEIU (Service Employees Inter-
national Union). With a union, non-tenure track professors will finally have an organization that unites them and allow them to negotiate a fair contract with the University. As of now, the hiring process is characterized by a lack of transparency, a lack of balance of power; administrators hire (and fire) adjuncts with little to no nego-
tiation process. If the current situation represents a lopsided power dynamic, a union is a way to rectify it—to democratize the workplace and allow some of us to demonstrate our strengths and emerg-
ance as the clear favorites in a crowded field. But Byrnes and Matthews both faltered in their answers, with Byrnes particularly fal-
tering a seemingly tone-deaf answer to an audience question about racial issues on campus. When asked about her history of racial activism and how she plans to address racial issues in the future, she mentioned a pa-
per she wrote in high school, addressing the true nature of their student gov-
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Responses to Renaming the Fraternity Quad

Greek claims to naming rights unfounded

BY STEPHEN WEGMAN

The name of the Fraternity Quad does not function as a tribute to the contributions of individual fraternities. A 1964 paper, "Study of Social Fraternities on River Campus," documents that the title was simply a University-created description of the Quad area: "The University agreed to allot space for nine houses on a fraternity quadrangle without cost to the fraternities and offered also to loan money (equal to) half the cost of the houses.”

The University essentially bought a massive park and sectioned off a place for Greeks upon which the Greeks built a playground. UR always held dominant power in establishing the space and its restrictions. Under this University agreement to allot space for nine houses on a fraternity quadrangle, documents show the contributions of individual fraternities may be evidenced by a look at their documented histories. Presently, reports of vandalism suggest animosity, not fraternity, between occupants of the Quad’s houses.

Even if "Fraternity" signified an ideal the houses were meant to rally around, it would still paint an unflattering portrayal of a male, Greek-affiliated community. The title "Fraternity" in no way means "gender neutral kinship." As it always has, it translates to "male Greek Life." My critics’ arguments about the moniker’s etymology are revisions of history. I, too, being seeking to make a modification to an 86-year-old name, am promoting a suggestion that is undoubtedly "revisionist."

However, contrary to my classmates’ fabricated claims, my change makes the title a more accurate reflection of what its essence has always been, a marker extant simply to designate the area’s residents. Their arguments ask to leave the original name, but falsify the "history" that is recalled by it. The name of the Fraternity Quad evokes sentimentality for fraternity alumni. I expect that each subsequent generation of UR students will place less value on this sentimentality and more on the importance of representing all organizations to students, particularly those efforts of historically marginalized groups. People aware of the current campus climate know that students of color have made deafening demands for the support of the University community. Students in the majority: supporting this change is a way to signal our support. The value of sentimentality built off of historically white, male dominance will inevitably yield to the values of fairness and reparation, but we now have a chance to make this happen sooner than later.

I have not yet found a new title I feel comfortable endorsing, but an appropriate one might be something along the lines of "[Administrator/Donor’s Name] Quad." A few friends of mine keenly suggested that I contact incoming Board of Trustees Chair Danny Wegman and get the name changed to "Wegman Quad."

While a name like this succeeds in neutralizing current implied fraternity dominance, it falls short by failing to include each Quad organization’s unique contributions to the area. Besides, having white male names on nearly every campus space is stale and cliché—aren’t we better than that?

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Regardless of stance, Greek responses have been ‘obstructive’

As elected representatives of the Fraternity and Sorority community here at the University of Rochester, we as a Tri-Council would like to address the recent Impact Petitions addressing the name change of the Fraternity Quad and the subsequent responses elicited by members of Greek Life.

If you are unfamiliar with Tri-Council, we are comprised of the Presidents of the three divisions within Greek Life. Specifically, we represent the Interfraternity Council, the Panhellenic Council, and the Multicultural Greek Council, which support and advocate for all fraternities and sororities on campus. Each of our councils work to ensure that their branches of Greek Life are upholding the standards and expectations set by the University and our inter/national organizations. The University’s Communal Principles of fairness, freedom, honesty, inclusion, respect, and responsibility are ideals that we try at all times to exemplify as we, along with the University, view these principles as integral building blocks to a strong student body.

In light of these recent petitions, we feel that members of Greek Life have grossly violated the above principles. These actions do not accurately reflect the views of all our councils, chapters, and members. We always encourage open and honest conversations with non-Greek members of our student body, and the responses that were posted and the petition that was posted in response to the original petition to change the name of the Fraternity Quad are recognized as being unnecessarily aggressive and disrespectful. While there were some well-articulated responses by members of Greek Life, we apologize for the responses that were inconsiderate and obstructive to the dialogue that was trying to be established. We would like to take this opportunity to further encourage the dialogue that is pertinent to the conversation and discourage dialogue that is insulting to those who would like to discuss matters of color have made deafening demands for the support of the University community.

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UR OPINION

"WHO WILL YOU BE VOTING FOR IN THE UPCOMING SA PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION?"

SANDY LOCMES, ’18
“I don’t even know who all the candidates are”

BRENDAH REACH, ’17
“I usually don’t even vote, to be honest”

RILEY PHILLIPS, ’18
“Voting is important”

TESS LAM, ’16
“I don’t know""I don’t know who’s running”

JONATHAN DIETZ, ’18
“I have made no decision""I have made no decision”

MORGAN SINKO, ’16
“"I don’t even know who’s running”"
Undergraduate research requires the motivation to identify and pursue a passion, a process that can be extremely rewarding. "In the end it really boils down to a few bullet points," Manly said. "[Students] should do well in their courses, learn about what they’re interested in, and then they need to network." Students interested in getting involved in research should talk to other students, administrative staff, and professors, as well as search the web for opportunities. Undergraduate research is one of the most independent pursuits available to students, and performing research speaks to a student’s ability to problem solve and think critically.

"It’s the best way we have to teach because of the very nature of the fact that problem solving isn’t perfectly formulated," Manly said. "It’s a way to help students develop critical thinking skills. In the end, that’s what this whole place is all about.”

"Having undergraduates in the lab allows us to expand what we do and to take on riskier projects and try new things," Vera Gorbunova, Doris Johns Cherry Professor and Professor of Biology, said. "Spouses Vera Gorbunova and Andrei Seluanov work in collaboration in the biology department to conduct world-class research on the genetics of aging and cancer in rodents and humans. Their joint labs take a special interest in extremely long-lived species such as the naked mole rat, which remarkably lives more than 30 years and rarely, if ever, contracts cancer.

Junior Daniel Radin has been working in the Gorbunova-Seluanov lab since last spring. He is currently exploring the possibility of using hyaluronic acid, a chemical abundant in naked mole rats, to treat cancer in humans. The anticancer properties of hyaluronic acid have been investigated by the group as a potential explanation for the exceptional longevity and cancer evasion of naked mole rats. "We learned a lot about longevity mechanisms in the naked mole rat, but the more we learn the more questions we can ask," Gorbunova said. Here, Radin reflects on his undergraduate research experience and the significance of the work he is doing in the lab.

How has undergraduate research shaped your experience at UR?

As it currently stands, we are still learning about biological revolution. With current medical technologies, we are able to ask and answer questions that we were not able to, even 10 years ago. Thus, the educational paradigm, especially for the natural sciences, is becoming outdated. While learning classical cell biology is important, memorizing a pathway does not develop critical thinking abilities. Asking questions which are not in a textbook will develop the way I approach my education and has only enhanced my already solid experience at UR.

What is the project you are currently working on?

The naked mole rat has a very long lifespan, compared to genetically-related rodents, and doesn’t get cancer. Before I entered the lab, it published a paper describing one mechanism conferring cancer resistance to the naked mole rat. Right now, I am investigating whether such mechanisms can be adapted to other rodents or even human cells in an effort to more strictly regulate the cell cycle. If we can more heavily regulate the cell cycle, you may be looking at cancer prevention techniques and avoid the need to actually treat cancer.

What are your plans, moving forward with your research?

The general motto is “publish or perish.” I am currently investigating ways to produce large quantities of the protein that prevents cancer formation in the naked mole rat to investigate potential applications as well as other areas. This protein may be able to slow growth of cells that have already become cancerous. There may also be applications in stem cell maintenance, which would be nice to investigate because stem cell biology is a very big area right now, and is only getting bigger.

What do you find fascinating about the work you’re doing?

What I like most about this lab is how deeply we go to make sense of a problem. Obviously, humans are an incredibly advanced species, with neurological capabilities outstripping most other mammals, but we still have much to learn and, hopefully, we will one day be able to adapt other species’ abilities to combat our own diseases.

What significance do/will your findings have in the scientific community, and in the general population?

If we can use what the naked mole rat uses to prevent cancer formation, that would be a home run. There is a huge amount of money being funneled into cancer treatment research, but if we could circumvent the problem altogether, we would save a massive amount of time, money and lives.

Learn more about what the Gorbunova Lab is working on at http://www.rochester.edu/College/BioLab/Gorbunova/index.php.

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ROC RESEARCH

Undergrad Pairs with Professors to Fight Cancer

BY AUDREY GOLDFARB

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I am the proud owner of an iPhone 5. Yes, I said it. My phone is nigh on four years old, and in tech years, that’s a dino-saur.

Now, the body of the iPhone 6 has been around for two years, present in the iPhone 6S. About 90 percent of iPhone users I know have upgraded, and every time they see my phone, the comments are the same: "Wow! Your phone is so small!" Soon though, people upgrading may not be saying that all the time. Apple recently unveiled a new device: the iPhone SE. Apple’s never done an iPhone release in early spring. What makes this phone so different?

The iPhone 6S Plus is a giant. It easily enters the phablet territory. The regular 6S is do-able, but still a little unwieldy when trying to use it with two hands. What is the most comfortable phone made by Apple? The iPhone 5. The 4/4S was a great shape, but still a little on the small side when it came to screen size. The 5/5S generation was fantastic to hold, and it had a perfectly-sized screen.

So what happens when you want this well-sized phone, but want the features and technology built into the newer phones? Well, you get the SE. The SE is a budget iPhone that gives you just about 24-month worth of the latest generation iPhone in the nice body of the 5/5S—a fantastic idea if you needed a new phone, but didn’t want to shell out for a 6S, or weren’t a fan of the size. What do you get with the SE? Well, you receive almost all of the same hardware that packed into the iPhone 6S, and almost all of the same features. For example, the SE won’t get an upgrade to the front-facing camera over the 5S. On the software side, the new phone won’t get the nice feature of 3D Touch. But hey, we’ve lived just fine without it before, and we could be just fine after.

Though you might be careful when you line up to pick up an SE. This isn’t the next generation iPhone. We should still be getting that next generation on schedule in mid-September, and it should be called the iPhone 7, based on Apple’s current trajectory. With this new SE (special edition or small edition), Apple has great phones in three different sizes. Being the budget model, the SE comes in at about $400 for the 16GB model.

Unfortunately, though, the day has long passed since 16GB was enough. The next step up is the 64GB model, which will run you another $100. If you’re lucky, you might be able to find a “free” if you sign up for two-year contract plan, but most carriers are moving away from that with vigor. Most now offer a sort of 24-month payment plan for the phones, which works out well for this phone over the previous best deal, which was a 5S. But now, you’re getting 2016 technology under the hood, instead of 2013 tech.

If you don’t have issues with the screen size, and you don’t mind waiting a little bit, the iPhone 6S will be pretty cheap real soon. The 6S came out about six months ago, which means that in about another six months, we will see the iPhone 7. The day the iPhone 7 comes out, you can bet that the price of the 6S/6S Plus will be cut out of hand. So if you want a bigger phone, don’t want to pay the price, give it some time.

The SE has basically the same processing speed as the newest generation iPhone. Since the internal hardware is the same as the 6S, that means the battery is the same. As you would expect, a bigger battery means a bigger price. A SE screen means even better battery life than the 6S, a couple of hours better in all categories. For most reviewers, the SE seemed to be a fan-tastic device, many having a hard time finding anything with it. If you’re among the people who are just plain sick and tired of the trend of growing phones, someone is finally looking out for you.

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UR TECH

Smaller Phone, Bigger Pricetag

BY PARSIA LOFTI

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Though you might be careful when you line up to pick up an SE. This isn’t the next generation iPhone. We should still be getting that next generation on schedule in mid-September, and it should be called the iPhone 7, based on Apple’s current trajectory. With this new SE (special edition or small edition), Apple has great phones in three different sizes. Being the budget model, the SE comes in at about $400 for the 16GB model.

Unfortunately, though, the day has long passed since 16GB was enough. The next step up is the 64GB model, which will run you another $100. If you’re lucky, you might be able to find a “free” if you sign up for two-year contract plan, but most carriers are moving away from that with vigor. Most now offer a sort of 24-month payment plan for the phones, which works out well for this phone over the previous best deal, which was a 5S. But now, you’re getting 2015 technology under the hood, instead of 2013 tech.

If you don’t have issues with the screen size, and you don’t mind waiting a little bit, the iPhone 6S will be pretty cheap real soon. The 6S came out about six months ago, which means that in about another six months, we will see the iPhone 7. The day the iPhone 7 comes out, you can bet that the price of the 6S/6S Plus will be cut out of hand. So if you want a bigger phone, don’t want to pay the price, give it some time.

The SE has basically the same processing speed as the newest generation iPhone. Since the internal hardware is the same as the 6S, that means the battery is the same. As you would expect, a bigger battery means a bigger price. A SE screen means even better battery life than the 6S, a couple of hours better in all categories. For most reviewers, the SE seemed to be a fantastic device, many having a hard time finding anything with it. If you’re among the people who are just plain sick and tired of the trend of growing phones, someone is finally looking out for you.

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The Rites & Rituals of Sex

You may think you know everything that has to do with sex: you ask a girl/guy out, go on dates, when you’re both ready, you have sex. However, here are some societies around the world that have incredibly diverse and interesting rituals that elevate the simple act of sex into a rite or event, and when you’re both ready, you have a lengthy process dictating how to become a man/woman ready to have sex, and how to do it.

TEXT

**Nile**

The Nile was associated with Ra’s act. The Bausch & Lomb tunnels were a popular bath for students during cold winter days, its hot and humid atmosphere played a central role in Egypt, connecting Rush Rhees Library to the outside world, fewer and fewer tunnels are major thoroughfares at the edges, disrobe and masturbate, they have been continuously upgraded, new lighting, and, in some cases, new windows, speaking of the maintenance put into the tunnel system as a whole. "An industrial furnace, at that."

**Freaky Furnace Tunnel**

BY SHAE RHINEHART

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**India**

The Muria tribe, located in Chhattisgarh, India participates in a fascinating ritual during which young Muriaans are sent to live in a “ghotul,” or a tribal hut, where they are encouraged to freely participate in sexual activities. These activities include all types of sex, except group sex, which is discouraged. The rules of each ghotul are different, with some permitting those that sleep together for more than three nights, and others looking down on becoming emotionally attached to their partners. Before participating in sexual activities, girls drink a locally-made liqueur as a type of contraceptive to avoid pregnancy. However, if that fails and the girl becomes pregnant, the entire village adopts the child as their own, since it is unknown who the father is.

**Ancient Egypt**

Ancient Egyptian culture was very sexualized. Even the Egyptians’ creation myth centers around their god Ra (in the form of the sun). After coming into existence, masturbated their children Shu and Tefnut into existence, and thus started the race of gods.

Due to this, the act of ejaculation played a central role in Egypt, and the boy or girl who froze their Nile was associated with Ra’s act. The Pharaoh, to maintain the life-giving force of the Nile and keep it flowing, would have to reinsert his penis.

During the festival of the god Nim, the Pharaoh, followed by the public, would go down to the Nile to perform the act. The Pharaoh would walk up to the river’s edge, disrobe and masturbate, making sure that his semen fell in the river and not on the land. After he finished, the men that came along with him followed suit and masturbated into the river as well. It was thought that by performing this act, they ensured that the life-giving force of the river would continue for another year, blessing their kingdom with a plentiful harvest.

Another ritual was based around the thought that people could continue having sex after their death, so Egyptian men had artificial penises attached to their mummies and Egyptian women had artificial nipples attached. It was thought that both would become fully functional in the after-life, and men and women would be free to have sexual intercourse if they wanted.

**Australia**

This is less a sex tradition and more a rite of passage. The Australian Marthudara Aborigines participate in a ritual that consists of genital mutilation. When an Aborigine boy starts to be able to grow a beard (around the age of 15 or 16), he is deemed ready to begin the process of becoming a man. He is led to a valley surrounded by a rock wall that is imbued with magical properties and cuts it off with a knife. During this dance, a boy takes off his hat and waves it around and during this period, girls drink specially-brewed herbal teas, which are believed to help the girl become more mature by nixing her childhood behavior. They also learn and master craft skills, such as weaving. This time apart from others is considered a rebirth of the girl, and they return to the world after the period with a new name, ready to meet the boys who will eventually become their husbands.

After they have fully matured, the girls have a festival of maturity, called a “sacrament.” The Guajiro ritual fertility dance, is performed during this festival. During this dance, a boy takes off his hat and waves it around and dances backward in a circle. The girl has to dance along and chase him, running in a circle so that he will trip and fall. If she succeeds in tripping him, they must have sex.

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**PUZZLE**

**Crossword Puzzle**

BY SAM PASSANINI

**ACROSS**

1. Carbon copy, esp. on an email
2. Albacore, yellowfin are varieties
3. Light beam (ultra, or not)
4. Public relations (or Puerto Rico)
5. Do, or cause, usually
6. Human forelimb
7. Skill, especially in business
8. Lee, creator of Spider-man
9. Mathematics virtuoso (jokingly)
10. For a jolly good fellow!
11. American film rating
12. Industrial compounds (NaCl, etc.)
13. Billowy women’s pant style
14. City name, a member of the Class of 2018
15. Path style
16. Sex climax
17. Result of an injury to blood vessels
18. “Three Musketeers” author
19. Designated driver, abbr.
20. Moment’s silence, usually
21. Singer’s voice corrector
22. Digestive fluid
23. Auditory reflections
24. U.S. President’s military tithe, abbr.
25. “Whole Love”
26. Committee leader, usually
27. Boy crew member Seven... Nine
28. Love

**DOWN**

1. “London Calling” punk group
2. Order independently: a la carte
3. Spanish “tea”
4. Mesopotamian city
5. Advanced placement, abbr.
6. Greek organizations, male
7. Bony braincase
8. Batman’s nemesis in “Dark Knight Rises”
9. Rochester D-Day performer
10. Yankees next-door rivals
11. California biochemist and pharma company
12. Customer of Walt and Jesse
13. Apes, monkeys, and lemurs are examples
14. Alcoholics anonymous (or American Airlines)
15. Comparatively less young
17. If it walks like an eagle...
18. Sly borrower
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Grant Dever Gets a Haircut

By Sam Passanisi

Look, sometimes things change and there isn’t anything you can do about it. It’s a scary, confusing world—your familiar landmark on Friday afternoon could be replaced by a windmill by Saturday night. Heraclitus said, “You could not step twice into the same haircut, for the hair is ever waver and change.” Or something like that.

Anyway, life is full of change. You waltz into the Pit one day with your taste buds all set for a scrumptious helping of mac & cheese. Psych. You’re getting mac & cheese with a side of instead, sucker! You stroll into Rush Rhees, anticipating a productive study session at your favorite study spot, oak tables. Punk’d! They’re gone, replaced by wobbly Carlson tables. And then you go to a student government meeting, and you scan the room for your Students’ Association President. But wait, he’s not there! In his place is some klutz with a corporate coif hairdo. Where are the cherished, wavy locks of your good old Rush Rhees?

Wait a minute…

Life is full of changes. Current SA President and retired Carly Brewer Anderson’s beard, Susan Passanisi’s long hair, and Joel Seligman was last seen whispering that the hair had been discarded tresses had flapped time of greatest need. Still others insisted the hair after it was cut off? Some students are stilladjusting to the absence of the man-bun, and the situation will certainly take some getting used to. Luckily, though, there are lots of other great things to do in the Dandelion Square clock tower, the dome of Rush Rhees—that are a little harder to choose. Finally, the biggest question of all: what happened to the hair after it was cut off? Some students speculated that the discarded tresses had flapped their split ends and flown away to roost. Others insisted the hair had been borne away to Avalon, and would return in England’s time of greatest need. Still others whispered that the hair had been left in a secret compartment on campus, along with Martin Brewer Anderson’s beard, Susan Passanisi’s long hair, and Cornelius deKiewiet’s eyebrows.

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I Have a Problem

By Sean Corcoran

I’m a firm believer that life boils down to a few simple things. Character, charisma, intelligence, and personality all come to mind.

One thing I think is lost nowadays, however, is self-awareness. When you are not being self-aware at times, and it takes a great deal of self-awareness and true to truly be self-aware.

We all have opportunities for growth and improvement, and for me personally, I could eat a lot healthier. A shocking revelation I had this week came thanks to a tip I once heard reading Dr. Oz. “(Yeah, I know) This will change the way I eat for years to come.

He suggested that you journal all the things you eat and evaluate yourself at the end of each day to see where you could do better.

“Not so hard!” I thought to myself. I’d simply look back on my Declining and Flex history to see what unhealthy foods I’ve been frequently eating. The problem here was that the portal that allows you to look at what purchases you have made through Flex and Declining, accessed via Blackboard, has been down for about six weeks now.

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STUDENT LEADERSHIP APPRECIATION DINNER

To the Executive boards who are advised by WCSA, RCCL, and ResLife:

We want to thank you for all of your contributions you make to the campus community. This evening was a way to show you our appreciation.

2016 Outstanding New Student Organization Award

Society of Crocheting & Knitting Students (SOCKS)

2016 Alice DeSimone Award Winners

Jessica Rose
Kelsey Turtle

Student Organization Photo Contest

2016 Best CCC Page
UR Bhangra

2016 Best Creative Group
Chinese Students’ Association

2016 Best Group Portrait
Korean American Students’ Association

Emma Pollock
Shaeki Rambarran

Jacob Guzman
Sequoia Kemp

Not pictured: Jerry Huang, Adrian Petrov

2016 Anna Hubbard Award Winner

Jenny Joo Hee Yoon (not pictured)

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Fellow University of Rochester students, we would be honored to serve you as SA President and VP for the 2016-2017 academic year! As the Executive Director of Academic Affairs, Erinmarie works to improve the lives of students inside and outside of the classroom. She has exper- ience working with administrators, and represents students by sitting on several University commit- tees including the College Curriculum Commit- tee, the River Campus Libraries Advisory Board, the Financial Aid College Committee, and the Col- lege Curriculum Committee. She is currently working on increasing student integration. On the Academics Affairs Committee, he is working with other Senators to create a College Citation for Excellence in Di- versity. During his experience in SA government, he’s learned how to work for students.

Empathy: We believe every student should feel safe, secure, and valued member of our community. We want to increase represen- tation of minority students in SA Government. As a rising senior pursuing Bachelor’s de- grees in Public Health and Women’s Studies, Nico spends his academic career studying how community-level changes work and effective methods of implementation. His former em- ployment as a Community Outreach Specialist for Trillium Health and his experience as an Outreach Intern at Rochester’s Planned Parenthood have taught him the value of listening to the needs of SA Government and learning from people who are calling for change at every level. He has used his writing platform as the College Torch to not only talk with students from diverse communities across campus, tackling student-driven issues of rac- ism, homophobia, sexism, transphobia, and other forms of harass- mental health stigma. He hopes to continue this practice into the office of SA Vice President, holding this position to give student voices to the forefront of administration.

Working With You: Transparency is at the forefront of our campaign. SA Government has been unfortunately detached from the student body as a vast majority of the students feel their voices are not heard. We want to bridge this gap and give the power of knowledge back to all of the students, not just those inside the political sphere, in order to ignite student interest in their government.

Revolutionizing the Interaction: Students deserve to know what legislation is being discussed by SA government and it’s progress through campus administration. We are currently working with computer science majors and graphic designers to create an innovative application that will bridge the student voice and the power of SA government. It will connect us all while providing accountability towards SA Government and the university administration.

Importance of Facilitating Conversation: There are many social issues facing the students at this university, and it is our duty as student leaders to facilitate the conversation in order for goals to be accom- plished. We will reach out to those affected by these incidents and all parties involved to truly find a solution to these conflicts to create an inclusive environment for all.

To the University of Rochester Community: Why do students, staff, and faculty of color still feel marginalized? Why haven’t there been more town halls on sexual misconduct? Why do students studying the humanities feel ostracized? Why haven’t we heard anything about a new snow-day protocol? Why don’t more resources go to UCC, when it has been proven that several hundreds of our students struggle with mental health?

These issues critically shape our campus community, but unfortunately the majority of students are not given an opportunity to share their concerns in an effective way. Sofia Salem and Niru Murali are running for SA President and Vice President because they understand how important it is for students to have a voice in this ever-changing environment and they want to make sure students’ concerns are taken seriously.

What sets Sofia and Niru apart is that they have both held several positions within the Legislative and Executive Branches of SA Government. As the Executive Director for Student Life, Sofia spearheaded initiatives including, but not limited to, the Financial Aid Ambassador Pro- gram, a diversity citation for students’ diploma, and the International Student-International Alumna Mentorship Program. She also built strong relationships with Residential Life, the

The University of Rochester, with its 25,000 student groups and considerable international presence, is home to a lively and wide-ranging student body. Indeed, its campus’ countless actors embody the ethos of our institution. At all times, then, somewhere within our student body exist a great many ideas that have not yet been actualized. The duty of SA Government is to provide an outlet that allows those ideas and voices to be brought out, and---in viewing, hearing, and appropriating, to reflect the desires of our students.

It is that duty that has inspired Jake Bistrong and Lily Gao to run for SA President and Vice-President for the 2016-2017 Aca- demic year. In his time on both the Policy & Review and Campus Services Commit- tees in the SA Senate, Jake worked hard to reflect the needs of the students in all of the work that he did. For example, Jake passed legislation pushing the Governor and legis- lature of New York to ban the statewide use of Uber and other similar ridesharing services. Moreover, during his gap year in the Dominican Republic, Jake worked directly with Haitian immigrants who were under the constant and serious threat of deporta- tion, to help them gain legal recognition by the Dominican government. In addition to this work, Jake also spent time recognizing the people in the village he was living in needed on a day-to-day basis to create a somewhat reasonable standard of living and devised solutions based off of those needs. To this end, he had worked very closely with leaders in that village, and eventually de- signed a village-wide census. It was through that census that he was able to identify the people’s true needs. This census embodies Jake’s deep understanding that providing people with things that they think they need is not equivalent to providing them with what they actually need. His time in the Dominican Republic had a lasting impact on his life by teaching him to recognize and meet people’s true needs.

Through his roles as Programming Chair of Class Council, SA Senator and member of the Policy & Review Committee, Lily has gained insight into the interworking of SA Government. Personable and motivated, Lily will help greatly in making the executive branch accessible and open to all students. By recognizing the various functions of the SA Government, Lily will complement Jake in bringing the executive branch to meet the needs of our students.

Above all, Jake and Lily are dedicated to the proposition that our students possess brilliant ideas, and in order to translate those ideas into policy, we need an execu- tive branch that espouses the needs of students. The past administration has made great strides in reforming and exciting the SA Government’s various functions. Jake and Lily want to build on that success and expand on it by demonstrating to all of the University of Rochester’s students what SA Government can do for them.

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Hello U of R! We would love to represent you this coming year, by serving as your SA President and Vice President. In the unique candidacy of not being a previous member of the SA. To him this is a benefit because his initiatives and their associated discussions are lacking in the SA. Having been on the executive boards and president of multiple organizations on campus, I learned the necessary skills to lead and the SA and represent our diverse student body. He believes that being able to listen and understand the perspectives of both the students and helping their perspectives shape the decisions we make.

Lance want to use his experiences and participate in the allotment of $1.4 million to the SA. Lance has developed the ability to not only communicate my own ideas, and advocate for students to achieve both their personal and academic potential. As a Senator, I will make sure that these issues are addressed and that the student body is never an afterthought.

In the next year, I will continue addressing the issues of Rochester community. The initiative to improve the campus climate is one that many students are represented and that no injustice will go unresolved and no voice will be unheard. I look forward to serving our campus community, and a statement of solidarity with minority students at peir institutions. He's currently working on increasing student integration. On the Academics Committee, I'm working on the Senate's role in policy-making, and engaging with communities and cultures. Considering the diverse student population, I understand that sometimes it is easier to do so if elected for the 2016-2017 year. I look forward to serving as your next Senator.

As an executive aid on the student life committee, I have lobbed within different departments to promote events that ben- 1. I would like to be able to make a greater impact while keeping my commitment to you guys through the legislation that I have been working on. I would like to extend you my hand, I want to be your voice in Senate. I hope to make our wide com- munity closer and ever better!}

Chizi Onyekwera
Since joining the Senate in December, I have authored two pieces of legislation: a state- sponsored softball bill, and a Diversity and Fair- ness Campaign. Two essential communual principles, and a resolution for the extension of Goergen Athletic Center hours so students can work out and be healthy and fit. I am also working on several major reports like improving Pre-Major Advising to ensure all advisors can give students the best possible guidance, and the creation of a Diversity Citation so transcripts will show when students have gone out of their way to study and engage with communities and cultures other than their own. In the next year, I will continue addressing critical issues facing students, such as financial aid support and the current state of mental health care services (the addition of the CARE Network). Undergraduate students should not feel unqualified to speak to Financial Aid, nor should they have to act like my own voice is the only voice, and I find it essential to this great responsibility, I find the Senate to be a very valuable asset to the wellbeing and (I know this is cheesy) harmony of the university. I hope to get a chance to be your best vote to ensure that the diverse backgrounds of this school are represented and that no injustice will go unresolved and no voice will be unheard. Thank you!

George D. Mendez

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to create meaningful change for everyone on campus, especially those who feel like their voices are often lost in these discussions. Between my experiences as Business Manager for Afters Hours a cappella, and as a research assistant at the ROCHEI lab, I have learned how to efficiently complete projects with a team and cater to every party involved. I also worked on creating a queer student discussion group focusing on queer identity and intersectionality, which was an incredible experience that led to invaluable discussion and insights. Advocating for minority student issues on campus would be a huge priority of mine as a senator, one that unfortunately seems too often neglected by people in positions of power.

**Marta Irene Blanco**

Being a part of senate is important to me because I want to represent the student through my full commitment and hard work. Through this democratic body I will be able to represent my fellow students and advocate for the changes they want to see implemented on campus, and that is a role I see myself playing and that motivates me, especially since I once aspired to be a United States State of Representatives senator. I am participating in college senate as an honor because it permits students to get directly involved in the democratic processes that go on at the university. I would be really excited if you gave me the opportunity to serve as your senator and advocate for the change that all University of Rochester college students have the right to advocate for.

**Mira Bodek**

With the inadequate actions of the administration in regards to the Gale Bonding, snow day policy, and social issues on campus, our university has failed to hear student voices and to respect the trust we place in it to listen to and protect us. In running for election to the Students’ Association Senate, my agenda is to demand transparency, efficiency, and effectiveness from our school and the Students’ Association Government. With your support, I will ensure that your voice is heard.

Your university education and experience should not be a business. You are not commodity dough to be molded with a cookie cutter. I am dedicated to utilizing student feedback in developing effective, data-driven policies that reflect your unique view. This election, Nicholas Pierce and I have combined our campaigns due to shared values and for greater innovation and expanded outreach. Together, we have constructed a common agenda that includes:

- Fostering increased community and cultural engagement by staunchly utilizing meaningful student dialogue on race, gender, diversity, and other campus issues.
- Enhancing resource efficiency and promoting sustainability by working with UR Foodshare, the dining halls, and other groups to mitigate food waste.
- Creating innovative academic and social initiatives, such as increased and improved accessibility to textbooks, other required academic resources, and more reliable internet.

We are committed to long-lasting change. I will not take your vote for granted. I will not take your voice for granted. Vote Mira Bodek and Nicholas Pierce for Senate. Thank you.

**Natalie Ziegler**

Hello Yellow Jackets! My name is Natalie Ziegler, and I would love to continue representing your needs and interests as a senator. I’ve been fortunate enough to engage in students’ issues as a senator this past academic year, and I would be honored to continue doing the same next year. My time during 2015-2016 at the Senate table, serving on the Academics Affairs Committee as well as the Student Life Committee, and overall devoting myself to student government endeavors has provided me with invaluable experience. I have the familiarity and competence to succeed as a senator. Additionally, I will continue to fight for justice and equity for students, staff, faculty, and community members, and I will especially continue to engage in issues of marginalized students. Please contact me with the questions at nziegler@ur.rochester.edu.

**Nicholas Pierce**

Over the last two semesters, as a Senator and member of the Elections and Rules Committee, I have tenaciously pushed for a more transparent and visibly effective government; a government that is not just talk, but action. My efficiency-oriented, data-driven approach to addressing key campus issues has yielded powerful, substantive results both for students and the SA. My experiences in administration, government, and leadership have taught me how to effect long-lasting change through student empowerment, equal opportunity, and community engagement. I will increasingly utilize this knowledge, and the insight and abilities of the student body as I push for larger initiatives next year.

For this election, Mira Bodek and I have combined our campaigns for the sake of innovation, increased collaboration, and expanded outreach. We have established a common agenda for next year which includes:

- Enhancing resource efficiency and promoting sustainability by working with Grassroots, Eco-Reps, and other sustainability initiatives.
- Creating and expediting innovative academic and social policy initiatives, such as increased accessibility of textbooks, innovative diversity and inclusion initiatives, and working with community service organizations to push large scale projects.

Of course, none of this is possible without your support, feedback, and involvement. The SA, and our campaigns, thrive off your contributions, so you deserve leaders who are knowledgeable and competent, unwavering even in the face of repudiation, willing to advocate on the behalf of all students.

**Zoe James**

Hi class of 2018 and the entire student body. I am running this year for a position on the Student Association Senate. My enthusiastic approach to solving problems, ability to communicate, be transparent, and leadership experience on campus thus far, would make me a great addition to the Senate table in 2016. My main objective as an SA Senator is to represent and advocate for our diverse and incredible student groups as much as possible. I hope to introduce and support policy empowering each and every organization equally and create tangible results for the benefit of the University and the Community as a whole. I look to bring communication and results to the forefront of SA Government, to ensure all students feel equally represented and supported. That being said, I am eager to communicate and get connected with you! Please feel free to email me at nfsot@rochester.edu if you have any questions, or hashtag (octothorpe) #For2016 on Twitter and Facebook to stay connected. This is a team effort and I look forward to working with each and every one of you to make 2016 even better. Melissa!
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

‘World Without N’ Could Become a Future Classic

BY MARY WILSON
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

A classic, whether it takes the form of a play, song, or other kind of media, is something that manages to stay relevant and relatable despite the passage of time. It is a work which has been deemed valuable and, generally, worthy of extended attention.

Because “World Without N,” produced by The Opposite of People, is too new and topical to be considered a classic at this point.

The play, which is set in a modern-day coffee shop during what we’re told is a terrorist attack, is an admirable attempt at examining contemporary consumer culture and interpersonal relationships that doesn’t quite hit the mark. Take Five Scholar Katherine Varga, author of last semester’s “Energy Mass Light” and the One Act Play Festival’s “Sonia and the Birds,” mentions in her writer’s note in the program that the play, in the form it is being performed, was finalized less than a month ago, and, having watched “World Without N” with that context, I found myself imagining what it could have been, and what it still could be.

To summarize, “World Without N” is one part character study, one part social commentary, and a handful of parallel universes. With a gunman on the loose, two coffee shop patrons and their barista discuss physics, art, technology, and themselves.

They (usually) live in a world without a ukulele-playing sweetheart named Naomi, who may or may not be the titular “N.” At one point, we catch a glimpse of the universe where everyone’s soul is attached to a sock puppet. Online ordering is critiqued in a way that this critic found unsophisticated, while the characters could have been a bit more multidimensional, they were all distinct and relatable in one way or another.

I know from experience that writing a script can be hard. And I’ve never been in the position of having to write and rewrite scenes more than they could have been, and what it still could be.

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Mostly it fell short. Similarly, I appreciated the attempts at social consciousness and inclusivity. But one awkwardly-phrased line regarding gender identity and what felt like a very surface-level examination of invisible chronic illnesses wasn’t enough (however, batista Simon’s two dads were incorporated into dialog very naturally, further indication that this play can be developed into something even better).

“World Without N” has potential that deserves to be realized. It showed some promise at its world premiere, and I think, with some refinement, it could, perhaps, come to be considered a classic.

Wilson is a member of the Class of 2019.

YellowJackets Seek to ‘Crush Cancer’ on April 2

BY ANGELA LAI
PUBLISHER

Luke Metzler’s favorite anecdote about his younger sister, Hannah, is her response to her brain cancer diagnosis in her sophomore year of high school: “I’m just really glad it happened to me,” she had said, “because I have health insurance.”

The senior and YellowJackets’ Spring Concert member described his sister, who passed away on March 27, 2016, as all “spin-off, or a satellite concert to keep her memory and spirit alive,” he explained.

The YellowJackets have performed at Fairport High School’s “Crush Cancer” concerts since the series began in 2013, with April 23, 2016 marking the fourth annual concert. Apart from performances at that concert, the YellowJackets are holding their own benefit concert at UR’s Strong Auditorium on April 2.

Metzler called the YellowJackets’ benefit concert a “spin-off, or a satellite concert to ‘Crush Cancer,’” as all proceeds from the YellowJackets concert will go to the Hannah Metzler Memorial Fund.

“The Fund is just a way for us to help the community, and the community’s support is really needed,” he said.

As for the idea to hold a YellowJackets benefit concert for the Hannah Metzler Fund, he said, “It was actually the group that came to me” with the suggestion.

Metzler and his family were “totally behind it” and were touched that the other members of the group wanted to contribute further to the fund. That they wanted to do that “meant so much” to him and gave his senior concert much more gravity.

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Metzler found the support for the concert “really touching, because every little piece of that love is because Hannah Metzler walked this earth and was the good person that she was,” he added.

Lai is a member of the Class of 2018.
‘Spelling Bee’ ROCs

BY SCOTT ABRAMS
ASE EDITOR

Newly SA-Recognized musical theater group ROC Play- ers presented their first-ever production, “The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee,” last Saturday.

The show follows a group of kids competing for the opportunity to attend the National Spelling Bee. The competitors include William Barfée (Justin Maldonado), whose unconventional spelling tactics inspire the number “M-A-T-T-E-R.”

The show made use of its trademark audience participation to great effect. Before the performance began, the two moderators of the bee, Rona Lisa Peretti (Sabrina Parry) and Vice Principal—they won’t let him be Principle—Panch (Grant Sorbo) stood around and asked people to sign up to be audience volunteers. The two chose several volunteers from that pool, including Juan Pablo Castaño and SA Vice President Melissa Holloway, to participate as spellers. Like the actual cast, upon receiving their cards, they were asked to spell out the world “chimerical,” which a devastated Olive defines as “hyper unreal, wildly fanciful.”

In this play, (almost) all of the characters are at the bee because they are socially rejected elsewhere. But the bee is a competition, and there can only be one champion. Forgive the cliché, but no one is here to make friends. If this production couldn’t quite overcome the flaws of the original—in particular, the second act runs out of steam quite fast as the arcs of the main characters take precedence over the nonstop hilarity of the first act—it does show that the ROC Players are more than ready to take on musical theater. Bring on next semester’s show, “The Last Five Years.”

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by elizabeth schuerman
contributing writer

I had the privilege to attend a concert that was far from typical last Thursday evening—at Butler Concert Hall.

The event was hosted by the ASL Club, in conjunction with the YellowJackets and Vocal Point. It was a concept that took on musical theater. Bring on next semester’s show, “The Last Five Years.”

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ASL + A Cappella

Sabrina Perry and Kelsey McKeon perform at ASL + A Cappella.

BY ELIZABETH SCHUERMANN
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The Office of Admissions is proud to announce its annual scholarships for returning undergraduates.

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Christy Plunkett (Anna Faris) picks up the phone in the middle of the night. Her mom, Bonnie, is calling from prison after being arrested for a DUI following a relapse. “Can you bail me out?” she asks. Just as Christy is about to acquiesce, her mother continues: “Just so you know, I was fine to drive. The cop was just a jerk trying to fill her quota.” It’s enormously subtle, but there’s a change in Christy that’s magnificent to behold. “I’ll pick you up in the morning.”

Faris, a voraciously talented, yet underserved comedian, has finally found a vehicle that’s worthy of her in CBS’s “Mom,” the best multi-camera comedy series currently on the air. Unlike many similar CBS shows, “Mom” earns its laughs by indulging in the parts of life that aren’t so funny. For every punch line, there’s a moment of real depth.

“Mom” follows Christy, a recently sober waitress, as she tries to put her life back together. Her estranged, recently sober mother (the brilliant Allison Janney) shows up to make amends after years apart. The two of them—along with Christy’s two teenage kids, who gradually fade out of the story as the show transforms into a two-hander between Faris and Janney—deal with financial problems, relapse, and more “real world” problems.

“Mom” doesn’t pull any punches, but that’s not to say that it doesn’t have fun with its material. The show often focuses on the idea of addicts replacing their dangerous behaviors with something less harmful. Christy becomes fixated with the positive feelings she experiences after doing good deeds for an episode, and cannot stop herself from random acts of kindness, even when it’s at her own expense—or the person she’s “helping.” Bonnie, Christy, and their friends from Alcoholics Anonymous (including the wonderful Mimi Kennedy, as the no-nonsense, cancer-stricken Marjorie) distract themselves from a recent traumatic event with a road trip to Canada, where they get paid to sneak “drugs” (potentially-stolen maple syrup) back into the country.

Its moments of humor aside, the show is most known for its willingness to take on tragedy. Two major characters have died in the last two seasons, from both natural causes and drug use. But, it’s not the show’s daring to show these events that makes it special. Rather, it’s “Mom”’s determination to show what happens after which cements its reputation as broadcast television’s most interesting comedy.

After the death of a lover, Bonnie resists the temptation to immediately relapse, and everything seems to be fine. But, it’s not. Months later, Bonnie, who is still grieving, becomes hooked on the prescription medication she’s given after falling in the shower. As her relapse pushes her away from her friends and family, she justifies her actions: “Maybe I don’t want to be sober. Maybe I’m done with that.”

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Moriarty Helps Newly-Formed Pride Make History

BY JACKIE POWELL
SPORTS EDITOR

A groundbreaking achievement for women's athletics took place on March 12, as the Boston Pride of the newly created National Women's Hockey League (NWHL) claimed the league's first title by defeating the Buffalo Beauts in a two-game sweep in a best-out-of-three series. The Pride became the first team of the newly formed league to hoist the Isobel Cup.

Rising senior and chemical engineering major, Amelia Moriarty, was recently involved in making history, and this achievement had nothing to do with chemistry or engineering. Moriarty, hailing from Framingham, MA, had the opportunity of a lifetime as she served as a volunteer for the new Boston team during their inaugural season and quest for the Cup.

When asked how she was so fortunate, Moriarty credited her circumstances to the luck of social media. An old friend from her high school asked for volunteers on Facebook and her sister tagged her in a comment.

As a former captain of the Women's Rugby team at UR and an athlete throughout the majority of her life, Moriarty had "never played hockey before." But this, and the fact that most of her fellow volunteers were pursuing degrees in marketing and sports management, didn't derail the engineer from becoming connected to the Boston organization. "I thought, I like women's sports, so let's do it," Moriarty said of the opportunity.

The former Rugby captain took on the responsibilities of a "stat spotter." She had to account for every pass, penalty shot, assist or goal produced on the ice. Some of her coworkers ran operations such as ticket and merchandise sales, public relations, and social media for the team.

"I didn't realize how much behind-the-scenes work it takes to run a professional sports team," Moriarty said of the whole organization. "It's weird, because most of the volunteers are studying marketing... but I'm just sort of doing this for kicks. [The experience] brought back flashes of dreams when I was a little kid wanting to work for the Red Sox."

When asked about the significance of the league, Moriarty proceeded to explain the difference between the 2015 founded NWHL and the newly created Isobel Cup Champions, the Boston Pride celebrate on the ice.

Moriarty believes that these two leagues could work together to improve the safety of the game, allowing for both leagues. In the NWHL, Moriarty espoused that "players are getting paid." In the NWHL, the salaries awarded to each player, with league phenomenon Hilary Knight walking away with $22,000, the most royalties the NHL could continue to assist Ryan's women's league just as NBA commissioner Adam Silver has taken to the WNBA's cause.

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Although there were hockey teams coming to see the Boston Pride experience at the Alexander C. Bright Hockey Center at Harvard, Moriarty said, "All of the player's equipment, travel, and food costs are all accounted for by the newly-created NWHL, which was founded and led by former Northeastern Huskies player Dani Ryan. Although the players are being compensated and therefore are given value, the stipends they receive aren't enough to be considered a living wage that the majority of professional athletes accumulate by just playing the sport they've sworn their lives to. The NWHL even posted a Google doc listing the salaries awarded to each player, with league phenomenon and Boston Pride co-captain Hilary Knight walking away with $22,000, the most royalties administered league-wide."

Currently, the NWHL consists of four teams scattered across the North East, which include, in addition to the champion Boston Pride: the Buffalo Beauts, the Connecticut Whales, and the New York Riveters.

Although this pioneer of a league has a long way to go from its humble beginnings, Moriarty revelled in the excitement and pure joy that spectators coming to see the Boston Pride experienced at the Alexander C. Bright Hockey Center at Harvard.

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Once again, a similar issue that matriculates in the WNBA, festers within this premier hockey league. General male sports fans don't turn out or tune in to these professional women's athletic competitions because of the differing culture and principles entertained by both leagues. In the NWHL, there "isn't any checking."

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

BY AUDREY GOLDFARB  SPORTS STAFF

“John and Evan have both put in a ton of time this off season, getting better every day. Whether it be in the weight room or at practice, both guys have not only improved their game, but pushed others to get better as well. Both were part of a team that had a disappointing finish last year, and I think that has fueled their drive this year.”

—Assistant coach Brian Bezek

What would you consider to be the most important factors to the success of your team? JG: The success of our team depends solely on our mentality and our ability to compete with anyone. Mentally, we need to be the most important factors this year.

What worked well for your team against RPI? JG: Our defense played very well against RPI. Even when our pitchers gave up hard-hit balls, our defense made plays and kept us in the game. Offensively, when we chased the RPI starters from the game, our bats hammered the RPI bullpen.

EF: In our success against RPI, our pitching was stellar. Great pitching and timely hitting have and will be the keys to success for our team.

What are your goals, moving forward, for the season? JG: Our goal is the same as always: win the Liberty League and compete in the regional tournament.

EF: I like to take it one day at a time, so, right now, the goal is to beat St. John Fisher in our next game. More long-term would be to ultimately bring home a Liberty League Championship and move on to the NCAA tournament.

If you had to run a three-legged marathon with anyone in the world, dead or alive, who would it be?

JG: Our goal is the same as always: win the Liberty League and compete in the regional tournament.

EF: I would run it with Bartolo Colon. He seems like a fun guy.

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Open Borders Bring Baseball to Cuba

BY SEAN CORCORAN  CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Last Tuesday, Major League Baseball (MLB) returned to Cuba for the first time since 1999. The Tampa Bay Rays beat the Cuban national team by a score of 4–1 in a sold-out game at Estadio Latinoamericano in Havana.

The visit made history, as the narrative of increased relations between the U.S. and Cuba preceded the game. The most notable attendant was President Obama, who was joined by MLB commissioner Rob Manfred, Major League Baseball Players Association (MLBPA) director Tony Clark, Hall of Famer— to be Derek Jeter, and native Cuban and pitching legend Luis Tiant, who threw out the first pitch.

The game itself was never out of hand for the Rays, who were led by Matt Moore’s six scoreless innings. First baseman James Loney went 2–2 with an RBI single and a two-run homer. For Cuba, their lone run came via a solo homer from veteran 3B Rudy Reyes.

For a country so deeply passionate about baseball, the game did not disappoint. It was a historic event that thousands of Cubans were able to enjoy in their home country. After the contest, President Obama spoke in Havana.

According to President Obama, it was time for the two countries to look forward as “friends, neighbors, and family.” Several times during the trip, the commander-in-chief met with current president Raul Castro. He strategically steered clear of former Cuban leader Raul’s brother Fidel Castro, who ceded power to Raul after a decades-long regime that ravaged the Cuban community into everlasting economic and humanitarian strife.

The event was especially divisive for Cuban-Americans, who have a strong presence in Miami. During Sportscenter’s coverage of the game in Miami’s famous “Calle Ocho” neighborhood, the vibe seemed to be mostly positive, especially with the younger crowd.

This sentiment, on the other hand, was not shared by Dan Le Batard, an ESPN radio host, whose parents were born in Cuba. “My pain is very much borrowed,” Le Batard said on his radio show, hours before the game. “My grandparents and parents endured it so that my brother and I never would. It stings just the same.”

The shift between generations continues to permeate the sports scene in Miami, and even Havana. There is hope that baseball will act as a bridge between the two countries. The past 60 years have hindered Cuba and caused a great deal of suffering to its people. MLB superstars today, like Dodger’s slugger Yasiel Puig, have gone through dangerous and illegal detention just to get into the U.S. to play at the highest level, the game they love and were born to play.

The visit to Cuba was undoubtedly played up as a celebration. As much as people associate happiness with baseball, with the President and with Jeter, strife continues in Cuba, and for Cuban-Americans.

The pain that so many people endured should not be ignored, but the positive steps forward should also be acknowledged and revered. Tuesday’s contest between the Rays and the Cuban National team seemed to ultimately ignore the struggles of the past. Even though there was a joyful celebration of two-countries banding together behind the power of sport, the tensions between the two nations seem to remain omnipresent.

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SPORTS

BY RASHAD MOORE CONTRIBUTING WRITER

UR Women’s Softball (URSB) beat the SUNY Geneseo Knights twice in a double-header on Saturday.

The first game started off slow but was a carbon copy of the first game, with neither team able to capitalize. With two strikers, the Knights back to the dugout without any success.

The second game of the double header began. The first inning was a carbon copy of the first game, with neither squad scoring. The next two games were scoreless.

The game ended in a 10-1 win. Sophomore pitcher John Ghyzel performed excellently for the rest of the game. The ‘Jackets found a way to score, tying the game 3-3. This came off of a Knight’s called out on strikes, the Knights back to the dugout without any success.

If the first inning of the second game was a carbon copy of that of the first, the last inning was nearly identical. The second game of the double header also ended in a dramatic walk-off fashion for the ‘Jackets. The rally began when sophomore outfielder Flaherty Kahn singled, followed by a double from junior outfielder Shelby Corning. This set up a walk-off play, coming off of a fielder’s choice by Kahler Kaczewicz put in, allowing for Kahn to score the winning run.

URSB moves to 7–13, and, after getting swept by a Florida college on Wednesday’s double header, will play against Buffalo State on April 5th.

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Baseball Splits Two-Double-Headers

BY EMILY LEWIS CONTRIBUTING WRITER

UR Baseball split their double-header against Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) Red Hawks, moving to an overall record of 7–7. The Yellowjackets lost to the St. John’s Red Johns, 2-0.

In the fourth inning, freshman catcher Harleigh Kaczewicz and Rachael Flateh both scored two runs to give the Yellowjackets a 2-0 lead. In the top of the fifth, however, Geneseo’s Griffin Stagg scored two runs, and Finch scored three runs.

Sophomore Lake Meyerson pitched four innings in game two, scattering eight hits and three runs. He had a strikeout, as did sophomore reliever Kevin Hill. Against St. John’s Fisher, UR got off to a cold start, going scoreless in the first three innings. Meyerson and Schlutz got things going in the fourth inning, scoring one run each; however, Finch scored three runs in the fourth. UR was scoreless during the fifth and sixth innings. Then, the Cardinals took off in the sixth inning with five runs and three RBIs. The score stood 10-2 upon the conclusion of the sixth inning. Rochester was scoreless again in the seventh inning, while Fisher had five runs.

Both teams were scoreless in the eighth and ninth innings. Eychner and Finch had one RBI each. The game ended in a Cardinal victory of 14-2.

The ‘Jackets will take on St. Lawrence University this Friday at home.

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Women’s Lacrosse Falls Two Straight

BY ANDREW LUCCHESI CONTRIBUTING WRITER

UR Women’s Lacrosse (URWL) headed northbound Friday riding a three-game winning streak to take on the SUNY Oswego Lakers.

Senior Elizabeth Watson and junior Marla Karpk answered two early Oswego goals to level the score, 2-2, with 16 minutes left to play in the first half. But, the Lakers turtled off six more goals before halftime to build a comfortable 8-2 advantage. The ‘Jackets lost by a score of 14-4, snapping their three-game winning streak snapped.

URWL was back on the field Tuesday to take on the SUNY Geneseo Knights to make up a game postponed Wednesday.

The game never much of a contest as host Geneseo stormed out of the gates to gain a 6-0 lead over the ‘Jackets. The Knights won the game 12-5 and improved their record to 4-3, while Rochester’s recent two-game skid leaves them at 3-4 on the season.

Though UR struggled as a whole, there were a few bright spots for the ‘Jackets. Sophomore Madeline Levy scored four goals, sophomore Olivia Moutrell had one goal, and junior Jamie Wallisch had three assists, along with fellow classmate Mara Karpk racking up an assist as well.

The story of the game seemed to be told in the Yellowjackets’ overwhelming shot advantage. Geneseo took 34 shots, 24 of those on goal, while the ‘Jackets were held to just 13 shots, 12 of which were on goal.

Though the Yellowjackets probably imagined a better start for themselves, the season is still young. URWL has nine games all of Liberty League conference play left on their schedule starting with back-to-back Friday-Saturday away games. First at St. Lawrence on Friday, then at Clarkson on Saturday. Then they will play rival RIT away before playing at home again on April 15 against Union College.

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