Students Jump for Joywave

Joywave vocalist Daniel Armbruster sings to the crowd at the band's Saturday night concert in Douglass Dining Hall.

BY ISABEL DRUKKER
A&E EDITOR

The crowd was still restless after the opener.

By the time Joywave, the main act, appeared on stage in the “re-invented” Douglass Dining Hall on Saturday night and a clipped voiceover played from the song “Destruction” asking the band to “kindly produce a sound,” the mix of RIT students, Rochester locals, and UR students was beyond cheers.

“It was a lot of fun, and you could tell that the lead singer [Daniel Armbruster] was having a lot of fun interacting with the audience,” TAKE 5 Scholar Rebecca Holy said. “We’re in their home town so I think it was fun for the band too.”

The connection between the Rochester native band and the University setting was mentioned several times throughout the night. At the beginning of the concert, Armbruster took a poll of the audience, asking those who were Rochester locals and those who were UR students, to raise their hands, respectively.

“Get involved in Rochester,” Armbruster said, speaking to the latter. “Your brains are going to be what makes Rochester great.”

Fittingly, the title track followed. Armbruster’s interactions with the audience consisted not only of his encouragement that students go “hang out” with them in the city, but also asking the crowd to rise, crouch, or sing along with the music.

“They’re doing it,” Armbruster yelled to his fellow band members when everyone began to “bounce lightly” on his command.

While Armbruster had undeniable control of the stage and audience, bassist Sean Donnelly drew considerable attention with his lush, potentially inebriated manner of dancing while playing, letting his jaw go slack at times, closing his eyes, and playing with the bass flipped upside down.

Gun Talks Still Alive

BY ANGELA LAI
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Students, faculty, and staff sparred over evidence for and against arming Public Safety officers at the Medical Center, with many criticizing the data behind the University Security Commission’s recommendation, and many more rebuffing others’ anecdotes at University President Joel Seligman’s town hall meeting last Monday.

The meeting followed a week of similar town hall meetings on the Commission’s recommendation to arm 38 sworn officers at the Medical Center and four senior Public Safety officers, and was the second such meeting held on the River Campus.

It ran over time by an hour and a half as Seligman listened to the long line of attendees wishing to speak.

Some made deeply emotional appeals. Casey Aten, ‘13, who returned to UR as a Public Safety officer “wanting to protect the community,” she loved, remembered UR as a “welcoming, friendly community” that gave her the courage to reveal her closeted sexual identity to her parents.

“We are involved in many groups of students who don’t give a shit about my safety, and every day I come here caring about your safety is hurtful, disheartening, and extremely saddening … [I] know that we can come together,” she said through tears.

UR Public Safety Officers Association President Thomas Andreon said that while many may see him as “just a uniform,” he is “just Daddy” to his two young daughters.

“I know the career I’ve chosen is a dangerous one, and I accept that,” he said. If the day comes when he must end his life, though, he asked that he at least “have the chance” to defend himself.

Students countered with their own concerns.

Minority Student Advisory Board President and junior Delvin Moody argued that it’s unfair to suggest students concerned about guns on campus don’t care about the lives of Public Safety officers.

He later noted that the Commission’s recommendation does not apply to the officers fearing for their safety on the River Campus—several of whom spoke during the forum—as they would not receive guns through the proposal, as it currently stands.

Still, many students worried about how armed officers would change the campus climate, particularly with reference to race.

“Every time I look at my Facebook feed,” senior Aleem Griffiths said, “people that look like me being gunned down over and over again.”

The cops, he added, are stressful enough on their own, and arms on campus would only make that worse.

Seligman emphasized that there should be no doubt in anyone’s mind that the principle location of fear and concern is the Medical Center.

With the current evidence, he sees no case for arming officers on the River Campus.

Some attendees thought the recommendation for arming officers at the Medical Center was backed by unconvincing evidence, stressing the need for more data.

Physics and optics professor Joseph Eberly had the impression that “there has been a kind of rush to judgment not actually supported by many actions so far.”

He said that he could make the “rational analysis this situation requires” with local data about the number and type of confrontations resulting in lasting harm at Strong Emergency Department, as well as information about how firearms would have been helpful in those confrontations.

Students at Monday town hall were emotional about arming DPS.

Freshman Elected as New Senate Deputy Speaker

BY JUSTIN TROMBLY
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A freshman now sits second-in-command at the Students’ Association Senate table.

Marco Ramos, a first-year international student from Mexico, was elected deputy speaker of the Senate Monday night at the branch’s Gowen Room meeting.

Ramos defeated junior Andrea Brown in the vote among senators.

“It feels amazing to be elected,” Ramos said.

It was my desire to get involved in the Senate to make a change in any way possible, and being elected for Deputy Speaker allows me to do that,” Ramos said in an email to the Campus Times.

Emphasizing that he needs to get familiar with his new position, Ramos said he plans to make the deputy speakership “a more proactive position.”

(‘The deputy speaker) could hold meetings with various deans to analyze problems on campus and seek a way to involve SA to fix them,” he said. “This way, I can bring points of interest to the table for the senators to look over, and we could work alongside staff members to make change.”

Speaker of the Senate Lindsay Wrobel, a senior and herself a former deputy speaker, said in an email that though Ramos’ election was unusual, his new role should allow much growth.

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New Douglass Lacks Food Labels

By Jiwon Jung
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The many food stations at the newly renovated Douglass Dining Hall are devoid of nutritional information labels, leaving students with allergies in the dark about their options.

The lack of signage containing nutritional information is a consequence of the dining hall remaining open to students despite its transition being complete.

“Though it is not evident to our customers, there is still quite a bit of work going on behind the scenes in order to keep this location up and running at the level students have come to expect from Dining Services,” Resident District Manager of Dining Services, John Gula said.

“Everything from equipment to infrastructure improvements are still underway and present daily challenges including the need for menu revisions and adjusted service styles,” he added.

Unlike Douglass, Danforth Dining Hall has a printout of the ingredients and allergens posted on the glass covering each station. Douglass, before its renovation, displayed this information, but no longer does. It does, however, currently have an “Allergen Free Station” where food with neither the top eight most common allergens nor gluten is served.

Despite the accommodation, students with severe allergies are concerned.

“I just go to the section that has the allergen free stuff,” said freshman Dean Moore. “It’s only one section and limited, so it would be nice to know all the other ones.”

When asked what prompted a change in the way food labels were displayed in Douglass, Gula said that to “open the new dining center, as promised, at the beginning of the Fall semester.”

“Until this comprehensive solution is in place, we ask students to please be patient and understand that their health and safety is our most important concern,” Gula said.

“One of the most obvious sacrifices has been the digital menu signage, nutritional kiosk, and web menu,” he added.

Despite nutritional information, it is available for each station, which Gula says will be underway shortly, students are encouraged to ask questions or express their concerns to any chef, manager, or supervisor at Douglass. He also suggested that students reach out to the campus nutritionist, Christina Patterson, who is available to address any questions or concerns and help students navigate the challenges associated with food allergies.

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But, in its absence, he’s still asking for the data.

Modern Languages & Cultures staff member Joshua Boydston pointed out data in the Commission’s report that he found misleading, such as a list of confiscated weapons that did not clarify that it included what looked like a toy gun, as well as a BB gun and ammunition.

New Deputy Confident About Year Ahead

THE Nhiều
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By Justin Trombley
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T hose who advocate for arming Department of Public Safety (DPS) officers base their argument on the idea that guns will help them better serve the community.

Large swathes of the University community, however, have made clear that this manner of protection is inappropriate. Two weeks ago, we gave the Security Commission’s recommendation a pass, albeit with some reservations. But having attended several of University President Joel Seligman’s town hall meetings since then, and having heard many students, we cannot endorse this recommendation, and Seligman should acknowledge shortcomings before making any decision.

At first glance, the introduction of guns onto the Medical Center campus feels like a good idea. If there is a demonstrated need, then why shouldn’t DPS officers be armed?

For one, the Security Commission’s report attempts to demonstrate the need for weapons by comparing UR to other college institutions that have already armed their officers. But a lack of detail renders this hardly applicable to the unique circumstances of our own community.

Crime in Rochester is at a 25-year low. The current report in the recommendation, and not incorrect given for the data that is offered about weapons on campus feels like a good idea. The fact that UR is a university town and not a city like Madison Square Garden for the first time. By playing Madison Square Garden for the first time, I couldn’t help but think why the company achieves its return on investment, and even then, we still wouldn’t deserve bragging rights.

While everyone else sat at the conference table offended, with sour looks on their faces, I felt enlightened. She was completely right.

How dare we walk around the building with the same sense of entitlement as people who’d been working there for over 20 years? Unlike what all the interns believed, and unlike everyone else had told us throughout the summer, humility in the workplace is not a sign of weakness. It’s an important stepping stone in the rocky path that eventually (hopefully) leads to success.

Acknowledging that we don’t know more than our hiring manager—despite our belief that hiring managers know nothing—leads to better solutions.

Knowing how to take criticism constructively is a good place to start.

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New Douglass has its ups and downs

BY XIAOYI XU

When I finally managed to make my way into Douglass Dining Hall, I realized it was going to be a long meal.

Waiting in the line in the first station, I felt awkward because I had no idea what vegetables were being served. I decided to look at the screen above it, and tried to match the names with the vegetables in front of me, but that just left me bewildered.

Named after the one and only Frederick Douglass, Douglass Dining Hall is the largest meal hub on campus. It features 24-stations and is the first choice for students to satisfy their hunger.

After the recent renovations, Douglass has become the belle of the campus. My roommate is, unfortunately, allergic to shellfish. Therefore, whenever I have to see what’s on the menu. Douglass, however, never offers shellfish. It is the first choice for students who have allergies other than gluten. Douglass can be a personal voice in writing. As a co-editor and contributor for the Odyssey, I was impressed with the quality of my articles were appreciated by the company for my personal experiences and style, or if it was simply a list of page views and subscriptions. The Odyssey’s writing platform is almost a catch-22, advising its writers to write about whatever they want, while simultaneously advocating for a very specific subset of topics and styles of writing. And at the end of the day, there was a sense that the Odyssey as a platform was inferior. Douglass has its ups and downs, but while Danforth has every dish clearly marked with possible allergens for the benefit of these students, Douglass just lets us guess, putting our health at risk.

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My roommate is, unfortunately, allergic to shellfish. Every time she gets a cup of soup from the Street Food Station, she checks the list of lot of time identifying whether it’s something they can eat. Admittedly, even though Douglass is inferior to Danforth in these and other aspects, it’s still my first choice. Everyone wants to make their meals worth the meal swipe [...] and Douglass offers the best options.

To be honest, except for feeling a little bit embarrassed when I point through the window to get what I want in my dish, I’m totally fine without labeled ingredients or nutrition facts. However, for people who have allergies other than gluten, it can be hell.

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Cross Contamination Prompts Allergy Accommodation

BY SHAE RINEHART
FEATURES EDITOR

“I was just about to put cream cheese on my bagel, when I realized that there were globs of peanut butter spilled over into the cream cheese container,” recalls sophomore Claudia Weaver, who is severely allergic to peanuts. “Totally could have died.”

When I realized that there was a campus community of over 6,000 undergraduates, successfully accommodating the dietary restrictions of every student who walks into a dining hall can be a daunting task. But the University has come a little closer to striking that balance with the unveiling of an allergen-free food station in the recently-renovated Douglass Dining Hall.

“Coming up with a menu free of the top-8 allergens and gluten that was exciting, flavorful, and would appeal to all students was definitely a challenge for our campus chefs,” said Christina Patterson, Campus Nutritionist for Aramark at the University. “I think they did a wonderful job with it.”

Students seem to agree. “When I heard there was going to be an Allergen-Free station, I was psyched,” junior Vada Coe said. “How- ever, the new Douglass isn’t as straightforward for those with specific dietary needs.”

Within UR dining halls, there is a vegan station and a gluten-free Mongolian grill in Danforth, as well as the allergen-free station and gluten-free pantry in Douglass. In Danforth, there are Halal options available, as well as a veggie station on the weekends, and there is always a certified Kosher station in Douglass. Products like these are available in the Pitt and Hillside POD as well.

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Despite the progress made by Dining Services in the past few years, me students still see room for improvement. “I’ve always felt like the dining options were very accommodating to vegetarians,” junior Vada Coe said. “However, the new Douglass isn’t as straightforward for those with dietary restrictions.”

The primary complaint from students has been the lack of food labels in Douglass.

“I’m a bit concerned that I don’t see the allergy warnings on the other stations anymore,” Macri said. “The labeling hasn’t affected me much during the day, but I’ve definitely had problems with breakfast at Douglass, because there aren’t ingredient labels for the food and the allergen station is closed at that time,” junior Gillian Schwartz said.

Nutritional information, top-eight allergens, and both vegetarian and vegan identifiers are consistently labeled on the signs in Danforth, but this system has not yet been transferred to Douglass.

“Are we currently working on a similar labeling system in Douglass,” Patterson noted. “Though these services will shortly be available, we appreciate that it presents a unique challenge to students.”

“The lack of a labeling system wouldn’t be that much of a problem if there were people available to answer questions,” students were no strang- ers to classic campus rumors. One of the most persistent is that of research monkeys in the basement of Meliora Hall.

“I’ve been hearing from friends to go and see if there are monkeys in the basement,” senior Elisa Barrow said, when asked about the rumor. “I thought they were just kidding, but I don’t have classes in Meliora.”

Senior and brain and cognitive sciences (BCS) major Megan Runkle confirmed that she, too, had heard the claims. “I have heard it, and it’s definitely not a rumor,” Runkle said. “I work on the first floor of [Meliora Hall] and can hear them.”

“We have a huge animal research program at the University,” said Jeff Wyatt, Director of Laboratory Animal Resources in the School of Medicine and Dentistry. “Most of the animals are over in the Ko- ranes, which is a building where no one is working, here in the medical school and on [the] River Campus.”

And the rumor is true: there are some researchers working in the bas- ment of Meliora Hall, according to Wyatt. The animals are used primarily in cognitive research through the BCS department.

Over 70,000 animals exist on UR campuses for the pur- poses of research, and they range from small, typical research animals (like rodents) to the larger ones used in specific studies.

According to Wyatt, about 99 percent of these animals are mice that are genetically altered and more resemble or demon- strate human health problems and human face, such as neurologic disor- ders or cardiovascular diseases. There are also six to six rabbit housed in the school of medi- cine, which are being used for research in reproductive work and for some inherited health problems. Other animals include pigs used in pediatric pulmonary work, because they are the size of a child for looking at pul- monary function,” according to Wyatt, as well as six to seven cats. These cats, when their research purpose is finished, are usually adopted out. In fact, there is currently a waiting list for the cats.

Some animal-based research is also beneficial for the animals themselves. Take frogs, for in- stance. “We are studying their immune system,” Wyatt said. “There’s a global decline of frogs from a fungal infection called Chytridiomycosis. It’s caus- ing an alarming global decline, and we’re trying to understand why.” There are about 300-500 frogs currently used in research.

As for the monkeys, there are two types of primates currently used in research at the Univer- sity: macaques and marmosets. There are 75 monkeys housed at UR for research purposes, most of which are located in the School of Medicine. They are primarily used in central nervous system development studies, as well as the study of how develop- mental disorders (such as au- tism) or degenerative disorders (such as Alzheimer’s) come about.

Regarding why he, a veterinar- ian, is okay with the use of animals in research, Wyatt brings up the re- search used to develop Gardasil, a vaccine used for the prevention of certain strains of the human papil- lomavirus (HPV), some of which cause cervical cancer. This vaccine, as of 2012, had cut rates of infec- tion with certain types of HPV in half among American teenagers (from 11.5 percent to 4.3 per- cent) and by one-third in Ameri- can women in their early twenties (from 18.5 percent to 12.1 per- cent), according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Runkle, a self-proclaimed ani- mal-rights activist, said she thinks differently. “Ultimately, I still don’t think it’s right because the animals can’t consent,” she said. “We don’t use humans as subjects without informed consent, even if the re- search could have serious benefits.”

“I don’t mean to say that animals are more important than people, which is how sometimes gets skewed,” she added. “It’s just that animals are also important, and I believe they deserve a life of their own just like we do. I just don’t subscribe to the belief that animals are ours to use for our benefit.”

The animals are not open for any- one to see or interact with—except for those involved in the research.

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Everything I Thought About Sex Was A Lie

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Everything I used to think about sex was a lie. Here’s what I pictured: myself, confused and afraid, trying to please my partner in all sorts of ways I didn’t know how. I saw said partner judging me for not knowing what went where, or how to make things feel the way they’re supposed to.

I expected my first time to be a hard breaking-of-something, a sharp pain and a rush of blood, all at once. After said something was broken, that was it. My virginity would be gone. Free from pain in future encounters, but not spared the embarrassment of the gore and tightness of my first time.

I pictured awkward kissing, gagging on bodily fluids, and a failure to reach climax. I thought that if I didn’t orgasm, I would be judged. I would have disappointed my partner. I would be a failure to reach climax. I would be marginalized—sexually, whom was one-sided (women pleasure, men pleasure, penis-vagina connection. And, of course, the infamous blowjobs, handjobs, in college now, and insecurity, and doing it when you’re ready. Of course, if you want your first time to be with a stranger—if you want to “get it over with,” as they say—by all means, you do you. But, it’s actually more of a fear-driven setting, you might be surprised. If you’re having sex just for the sake of having it, if you’re having it in a fear-driven setting, you might as well have not had it at all. So, when my partner prioritized my comfort level, going slow, being gentle, and respecting my body—when he didn’t expect me to do anything fancy with his business or put anything foreign in my mouth, I was—sad as it is—surprised. That unexpected level of care for my pleasure, as opposed to his own, was empowering. This got me thinking, why is that? Why was the fact that sex wasn’t scary so shocking to me?

A lot of this was media, like I said. But, scary enough, a lot of it was from my peers’ stories. I know women who recount their first times as miserable, painful, and awkward. Usually, they say they wanted to “get it over with.” In college now, and insecure about their virginity, is problematic. The fact stands that I was ignorant about a lot of things, despite the massive amounts of television and film I consumed, several years of public school education and formal sex education, and my first three years of college. To go so far, to reach 21 and still feel like sex was a big scary monster for which I was not prepared, to think that I wouldn’t be “good enough” or “attractive” enough because of my virginity, is problematic. A short time ago, you couldn’t have paid me to write the Sex & the CT column. Now, even though I know my parents are reading this, and my “sex life” is in print, I am proud to be writing this article—to be talking about something that I was afraid of talking about. I’d love for it to be a comfort to people on campus who are afraid of sex, who are insecure about their virginity, especially in a university environment. Talking about sex, asking my friends questions, and being lucky enough to share it with someone who respected me all made me confident enough to write this long-winded disquisition for a very public audience. At the end of the day, just do what you’re comfortable with. Do what makes you feel good, and do it when you’re ready.

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Allergen-Free Across Campus

ALLERGIES FROM PAGE 6 about the food,” junior Ciera O’Connor said. “But more of-
ten than not, the workers don’t know specifics about what’s in the food they’re serving.”

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dents with restrictive diets. “The workers are often un-
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gies, there might be better com-
munication with students.”

“The servers don’t necessarily know what’s in the food,” Macri agreed. “Even back when they had labels on all the stations, I had some doubt about whether they knew there was a differ-
ence between nuts and peanuts, because they sometimes put incorrect warnings on things.”

“We are consistently train-
ing our staff in regards to food safety, as well as more specifically on food allergies,” Patterson said. “Before opening, the staff at the Allergy-Free station in Douglass completed and passed a special AllerTrain food allergy training.”

A common solution students suggested to this communication issue was to make all food infor-
mation available at every station, so that if a server was unsure about the specific ingredients of a dish, students could seek out the information themselves. “Some of my allergies are not as common, so they don’t make it into the warning lists and they aren’t excluded from the ‘allergy-free’ station,” Macri said. “Obviously you can’t make anything truly allergy-free; peo-
lake can be allergic to anything, but that’s why they should make the entire ingredient list available for each station.”

UR Dining Services is aware of the range of students’ di-
etary restrictions and insists that they are constantly work-
ing to improve the offerings. “With the rise in numbers of students with allergies to mul-
tiple foods, we need to ensure that we are offering items that meet these needs,” Patterson said. “For example, many people with Celiac Disease are also lact-
ose intolerant, so we need to be mindful of this and consider the addition of menu items that are free of both gluten and dairy.”

Accommodating diets for stu-
dents with celiac disease (which brings an intolerance for gluten) is yet another nutritional chal-
lenge that Dining Services has been working on improving. “The options are pretty limit-
ed for people with celiac disease; they’re inconsistent with provid-
ing bread and muffins,” junior Rebecca Fuchs said. “It would be nice if more stations like pasta had gluten-free options.”

In the new Douglass, there is now the Gluten-Free Pan-
try, to which students can get swipe access after meeting with the university nutritionist. “There are many items that we would like to offer for students with food allergies and intoler-
ances, but it is imperative that we do so in a safe manner that is free of cross contact,” Patterson said. “One example of this is gluten-
free pizza. We have been looking into offering gluten-free pizza for students, but we need to ensure that the product can be cooked and served without any chance of cross-contact in our ovens.”

Patterson’s concern about cross contact with food offer-
ings is something that students agreed was an important fac-
tor to consider in how din-
ing stations are maintained. “Cross contamination can definitely be an issue—particu-
larly with the self serve stations,” Macri noted. “Basically, I think the school needs to do it if it wants to be allergy and dietary-
testing friendly is to label everything, label it correctly, and when possible, keep common al-
ergens like nuts away from other foods in the self-serve stations.”

“So it’s not evident to our customers, there is still quite a bit of work going on behind the scenes in order to get Douglass up and running at the level students have come to expect from Dining Servic-
es,” Patterson said. “If students have specific questions about ingredients, products, or menu items while they are in our din-
ing centers, we always encourage them to speak to a Chef, Man-
ger, or Supervision on duty.”

For any additional questions, students can contact Patterson or University of Rochester Orien-
ting Services at (585) 275-6265.

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My Demonic Pet Hamster

BY SARAH JONES
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

As a middle schooler, my parents made the mistake of purchasing me a laptop for—well I'm not entirely sure what a middle schooler needs a laptop for except maybe a computer for. I utilized this fine piece of technology to create a Facebook account (making sure to lie about my age, of course) and to watch useless YouTube videos of adorable little pugs doing adorable little things.

On one particular day, I found myself utterly captivated by video of a hamster eating popcorn on a piano. From that moment on, I was dead-set on getting a hamster. In fact, I wanted one so badly that I went so far as to lie to my parents about needing a hamster for a school science fair. “Of course,” I thought, “my parents could never say no to a little hamster for a school science fair. “Of course.” I thought, “my parents could never say no to a little hamster for a school science fair.”

But they did. Four times, to be exact. I, however, was relentless in my pleading. In fact, if I had been a more literate 12 year old and if I hadn't been enrolled full time in middle school, I probably could have written her an entire book on the art of persuasion. And one day, my parents cracked. It was either due to my aforementioned persuasive skills, or the fact that my parents probably couldn't put up with my wistful whining any longer. At one point, I'm almost positive I heard my own mother whisper, "Just buy her the damn hamster Bob, or so help me God, I will turn you down in the name of science."

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I decided on a brown and white spotted teddy bear hamster, and in that moment, I was entirely certain I would be purchasing a new best friend (slightly paraphrased, I know). Little did I know, I was actually purchasing two ounces of satanic fluff, to which I gave the name Squeebles.

For anyone who reads Stephen King novels, I prefer to liken my experience with Squeebles to that of Joe Camber and Cujo. Except I lived. And Squeebles was a hamster, not a dog. And he didn't have rabies. So really, it was nothing like "Cujo," other than the fact that I was scared shitless of my own pet hamster.

If I hadn't been so set on the name Squeebles, I seriously would have considered naming him something along the lines of Dracula, Lucifer, or even Jeffrey Dahmer, Jr. (due to the copious amounts of human flesh he managed to consume in his two months of life). Evidently, my high hopes of having a cute and cuddly companion were quickly diminished. On one occasion, I reached into Squeebles' cage to feed him a delicious popcorn snack, I expected to be met by a gratuitous hamster, like the one I saw eating popcorn on a piano in the video. Instead I was met by a razor sharp tooth. As Squeebles launched himself off of his hamster wheel, jumped over his tunnel structure and began to growl at my hand. I screamed and flailed my arm wildly until I consumed most of the flesh covering my left pinky and released himself.

From that day forward, I only approached Squeebles' cage bearing long and loose sleeves—and yet, I still managed to lose large chunks of flesh while handling the little demon.

Things pretty much continued on like this throughout Squeebles' two years of life. I would cry when I had to clean his cage because it meant actually picking him up to clean his unbelievably dirty cage, and would cringe each time I reached down to retrieve his foo-dish, and I would have to brace myself for his razor sharp teeth whenever I refilled his water.

If I learned anything from this experience, it's that the Internet is a liar. Hamsters that sit on pianos and graciously munch on popcorn don't actually exist. It's all just an Internet phenomenon. Pet store so that hamster sales will skyrocket, and, evidently, it's pretty effective.

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In Memoriam of Margery Tyrell

BY SCOTT MISTLER-FERGUSON
HUMOR EDITOR

In the title didn't sufficiently allude to this fact, this article will contain spoilers on the hit HBO show, "Game of Thrones." If you are not completely up-to-date on the series: first, what is wrong with you? Second, steer clear of the traumatic information that is to follow.

Now that all the amateur fans and wannabe disciples of our beloved show have turned away, we can begin.

It has been exactly 154 days since the last Game of Thrones episode aired on HBO, and I, like many of you, am suffering from withdrawal.

So many good souls were taken away from us in that final episode, but none will be more clearly missed than Margery of House Tyrell.

Let's get one thing clear: when Hillary Clinton grows up, she wants to be Margery Tyrell. She's been called the protégée of Lady Olenna, the female version of Percy Baelfish. First of all, Percy Baelfish wishes he could be the male version of Margery. He lacks her beauty, subtlety, and whatever compassion she may have had. Second, Lady Olenna herself admitted that as good as she was in her day, Margery was way better.

Natalie Dormer did a fantastic job portraying the Rose Princess, but for me, at least, she fell into the same trap that actors playing superhuman heroines fall into. I no longer saw Natalie Dormer, but instead the character she portrayed was Margery. She was surpassed by the perfection of her own character because Margery Tyrell is, quite simply, a bad bitch. Anyone who says otherwise should put their head through a wall.

Hillary Clinton’s Real Disease

BY ERIC FRANKLIN
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For months now, Donald Trump supporters have been trying to cast doubts on Hillary Clinton’s health. They’ve pointed to a conclusion from 2012 as evidence of brain damage, a comment about how incredibly focused on “mental health issues” they get every time someone uses an assault weapon to mass murder a group of people.

Trump himself has called Hillary frail and implied that she (though PETA would have hated it) couldn’t handle the rigors of campaigning, let alone the Presidency.

It would almost seem as if Trump and his supporters think a woman can only be 78 percent as healthy as a man of comparable age.

Nevertheless, a shocking piece of news broke recently when Hillary Clinton “overheated” at a 9/11 memorial event and had to be helped into a limo. This was a monumental event, not only because of the implications for Hillary’s health but because it was the first time Donald Trump supporters were proven right about anything (well, not exactly right, but less than 100 percent wrong, which is a good day for a die-hard Trump supporter). According to the New York Times, pictures of the event show that her feet were dragging as she got into the car.

If this is true and she does become President, she would be the first president unable to stand under his/her own volition since Franklin D. Roosevelt, the notoriously frail president who died in office. He was so weak, all it took to kill him was 13 years as President, a decade of the Great Depression, the Second World War, polio, and a stroke. Later it was revealed that Hillary Clinton was diagnosed with pneumonia, prescribed antibiotics, and advised to reduce her schedule in the upcoming week. But this diagnosis was not the first indication of Hillary’s real ailment a secret. Hillary Clinton has been struggling with years for the Presidential Bag. This disease consumes the afflicted individual’s body, leading to the symptoms of his/her own volition since Franklin is a member of the Class of 2017.
Students Escape Boredom in UR Late Night Event

Sophomores Rick Carl and Jennifer Foster decipher one of the many puzzles leading to the eventual final key in one of the UR Late Night escape rooms.

BY BEN SCHMITZ
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UR Royals Pom Squad Dances for School Spirit

BY SREYOSHI SUR CONTRIBUTING WRITER

UR Royals, the pom squad established this spring, fuses ballet technique, jazz, and hip-hop dance together, all while keeping a pom in hand to add a sense of school spirit to the choreography—and the rest of campus as well.

“This is a place where girls support each other, help each other as a dance community, and keep the team spirit alive,” senior and team captain Anqesha Murray said. She conceived the idea of starting a new dance team last summer.

Murray, UR Royals president and junior Michelle Koduah, and co-captain and junior Maia Peters, are the team’s founders.

They thought they could come together every week to practice dance. Little did they realize that becoming an officially recognized dance team would be a completely different ballgame. Even apparently trivial arrangements, such as booking a room on campus for practice, requires the team to be registered with the University.

“I have never been more proud of any accomplishment that I have achieved,” Koduah said when asked how she feels after UR Royals celebrated its first (unofficial) anniversary.

Koduah mentioned that they have a long scramble ahead since they are not yet eligible to receive funds from the University. But they are hopeful that things will change as soon as they become more popular on campus.

“We are not a cheerleading team [...]” Murray said. “We are a pom squad, which means we occasionally use pom poms in our dance routines.”

Most of the routines performed by UR Royals incorporate elements of jazz, hip-hop, and ballet. So far, they have performed in one of last year’s basketball games and the two most recent activities fairs. They want to participate in school competitions, so the group recently hired a new coach, and they are looking forward to doing more complex dance routines.

For now, the team has eight members, but they expect to grow. They have created three new positions on their executive board—event coordinator, publicity chair, and business manager—to increase member involvement.

Recruitment is only through auditions, but Koduah, Murray, and Peters emphasized that professional training is not a prerequisite. Koduah admitted that she is not well-acquainted with jazz and ballet, so she would not require that from the students who come for auditions.

“This is a small team, and the most important criteria for joining [...] is to have team spirit and the ability to connect with the existing members,” Murray said. Auditions were held in the first week of class this semester, and UR Royals recruited two new members.

The 2016 spring Royals were the first squad to be recognized as an official team at UR.

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Joywave released its 2015 full length debut "The Sound of Music" through Rochester creative collective Cultco.

JOYWAVE
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Armbruster repeatedly teased the audience by announcing the creation of new music and then declining to play any of it, bringing his finger to his lips to silence the crowd, and simply wandering to the front of the stage and ignoring the first two rows of people. At the end of the concert, he handed one audience member a backstage pass that became void after the show's ending.

At the end of the show, Armbruster had the crowd silent and crouching to the floor, and a single member of the audience asked "Destruction?"

"So nice, they played it twice," Armbruster yelled in response, "Come see us again. Come join us." Armbruster announced on Saturday that Joywave would perform at Anthology on East Avenue on Dec. 3. All proceedings of the show, which will feature many groups, will benefit Tim Avery, a local promoter for the Rochester music scene, who was recently diagnosed with cancer.

Joywave repeated its performance of "Destruction" at the event was as of yet unconfirmed.

I discovered the YouTube channel "Global Worldwide" while engaging in one of my favorite time-wasting activities—looking up "weird websites" on Google. In this particular instance, I was reading a reddit thread on strange and haunting YouTube channels. Several YouTube channels that popped up were legitimately creepy and depraved, but one stood out in particular that wasn't so creepy—just abstract.

"Global Worldwide" is a completely innocuous YouTube channel. It consists of many hundreds of videos, none longer than 25 seconds. Each video has a cryptic visuals, sometimes appearing like a glitching computer screen, other times like a scene caught on a security camera. When you hang around Tim, his high-energy optimism rubs on everyone else. When you hang around Tim, his high-energy optimism rubs on everyone else.

Joywave pr representative Benjamin Matusow said that the band's appearance at the event will be of yet unconfirmed. Joywave or no Joywave, "Global Worldwide" content which have something about "Global Worldwide" that's delightfully disarming. The channel draws the viewer in with a sense of dark mystique, and then invites them to watch more content with its playful, harmless sense of fun and nonsense.

In this sense, "Global Worldwide" is a seed that might set a new era of audiovisual expression, and it has something about "Global Worldwide" that's delightfully disarming. The channel draws the viewer in with a sense of dark mystique, and then invites them to watch more content with its playful, harmless sense of fun and nonsense.
I’ve been ready my whole life. Those are the words uttered by Ginny Baker (played by Kyra Bunbury) in new Fox TV Sports drama “Pitch,” the fictional story of the first woman to play and pitch in Major League Baseball (MLB) for the San Diego Padres. One could argue that Bunbury spoke those words not only as Baker, but as a actress yearning to make a difference in the lives of women across the country.

The series premiered this past Thursday evening and found a way to not only empower the viewer, but challenge and only sel dom reaffirm society’s perpetual gender dichotomy.

Bunbury, who has garnered notable appearances on Freeform’s “Twisted” and CBS “Under the Dome,” portrays Baker convincingly as a complex female character.

In the first four minutes of the pilot, the 23-year-old Baker is stone-cold and focused, trying to digest the audience she has drawn: thousands of dumbfounded press representatives along with a multitude of young girls who see Baker as their champion.

Show creator Dan Fogelberg, however, humanizes Baker, allowing for Bunbury to expel angst and anxiety in flashback scenes in which she fights for her father’s (Michael Beach) approval. The writing and portrayal of Beach’s Bill Baker challenges cultural expectations of young girls.

While Mr. Baker’s stringent approach to parenting his daughter appeared heartless, it was simultaneously refreshing. The former minor league pitcher acknowledged his daughter’s gender but considered it a strength rather than a weakness. He taught her the niche pitch and undoubtedly un-hittable screwball, which Ken Rosenthal referenced during the pilot as a “nasty” trick in her arsenal of pitches.

There were also instances where Beach’s character completely disregards female stereotypes. A prevalent example is when Mr. Baker slaps his son in front of a young Ginny to focus her to throw a strike. The older Baker doesn’t abide by the expectation that young women cannot be as tenacious as a man.

Although Bill Baker might view his daughter with relatively little gender bias, Fogelberg opened an intentional discourse regarding how Fox Sports and radio hosts regard women.

Fox commentator Joe Buck and retired pitcher and hall-of-famer John Smoltz deliver lines such as “I’m petrified” and “Can I go home?” after viewing Ginny Baker’s lackluster first start. Both commentators aren’t even written to provide analysis of Baker’s performance, and appear as helpless and discouraging buffoons.

Baker’s first radio host who refers to Baker’s looks as a reason for her extended tenure in the big leagues after she failed to throw a strike to the first three batters she faced.

“If you can’t throw a bat over the plate, but you’re really pretty, you can play in the big leagues,” the host said.

Ironically enough, the only sports media personality that Baker ever regards other than Fox’s own Katie Nolan, a sports feminist and host of sports criticism show “Garbage Time.”

There’s a scene in which Baker watches Nolan discuss her disappearing first point start properly. Nolan’s uncertainty about the screwballer’s future.

The simultaneous digs at men in sports media and rewards to women in sports media directed a signal to the viewers.

While the show is incredibly well-written and provides clear characterizations of Baker’s agent and fellow female jugearrings Amelia Slater (Ali Larter) and former star catcher and potential advocate for Baker Alice Lawson (Mark-Paul Gosselaar), it did employ some questionable themes, especially grappling over my opinions of Bob Balaban’s character, Frank Reid, the Padres owner.

“Red, along with the sports media, frequently compared Baker’s emergence on the Padres to that of Jackie Robinson, who broke the MLB’s color barrier in 1947.” It’s difficult to pinpoint the owner’s intentions. Does he actually believe Baker will shock the world, or if he just using her image as a ticket-selling crutch?

Additionally, the butt-smoothing motifs that were implemented by Lawson and manager Al Luongo (Dan Lauria) were unsettling.

While Baker stood her ground well and attacked both for doing so, Lawson dribbled up the excuse that everyone on the team partakes in that behavior, and this isn’t just directed at Baker and her gender.

Something else to consider is the heartbreak twist that accompanies the last ten minutes of the pilot. Baker, or the grand gestures of denying the gender dichotomy, is actually dead. He passed away in a car crash the evening after a Padres scout expressed interest in his daughter amid the clinching of her state championship. Bill Baker had been an illusion, but a clear symbol for the “West Wing of Baseball,” frequently compared Baker’s story similarly to “The West Wing,” liberal administration that, at the heart of its being, was heartless.

The issues stem from cultural constraints. Young women feel belittled and isolated by their male teammates. Baseball scholars are rarely provided to young women, which encourages young hurlers like Sarah Hudek (the first woman to receive a baseball scholarship, but to a community college to flee to softball programs to provide women with more fruitful opportunities.

Critics of “Pitch” wish that a show of its nature would be more realistic and offer the accounts of women like Mendoza, who currently is an analyst on “Baseball Tonight.” Perhaps the inherent idealism of “Pitch” will fare similarly to “The West Wing,” and inspire the change it portrays.

The political drama dreamed of a liberal administration that, at the time, formed our real life. Baker’s story might be exactly what this country needs, as it’s imperative to learn in and support women, and, in turn, make fiction a reality.
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Haffenden Saves URWS
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Green Haffenden, Freshmen UR Women’s Soccer (URWS) goalkeeper, had her first shutout against Hamilton College last Wednesday, making six saves and allowing the Yellowjackets to tie 0–0. In her first collegiate start three days earlier, Haffenden recorded seven saves against Ithaca.

WHAT is your earliest soccer memory? When did the sport become a serious part of your life? How would you rather be reborn in a new life, as opposed to the past. The biggest soccer moment of your personal career? In your mind, what was the most important piece of advice you received from a coach, player, or film and really learning from her life. Who is your favorite professional soccer player to watch? What is the biggest soccer moment of your life? When did the sport become serious for me? My earliest soccer memory came during house league soccer when my dad was my coach. I had the ball in front of a huge group of my teammates and the other team, and I just kicked it as hard as I could and the ball ended up in the back of the net. I was so excited that I ran over and gave my dad a huge hug. Soccer became serious for me when I became a goalkeeper around the age of eight or nine. I absolutely loved the position and always wanted to work harder to improve.

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B R O N S O N: Focus Key Against RPI
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Coming off their first win of the season, the Yellowjackets had a frustrating loss to the Merchant Marine Academy, bringing the team’s record to 0–2. Merchant Marine beat down UR with its high-powered run offense, putting up over 400 rushing yards on its way to scoring 55 points. The Yellowjackets struggled to continue drives on offense, converting two out of 10 third-down opportunities.

The performance this past weekend does not reflect the season the Yellowjackets have had thus far. Earlier in the year, the Yellowjackets opened their season against Catholic University of America, losing a frustrating loss. The biggest soccer moment of my personal career was realizing that I would be able to play in college. Once soccer started becoming really serious for me, I always knew that I wanted to play in college so when that time came, it was really exciting.

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URMS is Undefeated, But a Challenge Lies Ahead

UR Men’s Soccer (URMS) protected their undefeated title with a 2–1 victory over St. John Fisher (5–6–1) on last Tuesday, coming back in the second half from a 0–1 deficit. The Jackers also tied RPI on Saturday in a battle of the defenses. Against the Fisher Cardinals, Junior Aleha Dombrowski and freshman Mitch Volis scored second-half goals, allowing the Yellowjackets to dominate in their first away game of the season. Their game at St. John Fisher was the first of seven away games the Jackers are slated to play in their final eleven contests.

But game location alone doesn’t paint the full picture of the challenges that await UR. To describe the team’s quality of opponent, I reference two online ranking systems, the Massey and Bennett rankings. They attempt to quantify the ability of a given team with subtly different methodologies. In general, both systems contextualize team performance based on their goal differential relative to strength of schedule, and, with different formulas and weights, arrive at somewhat different results.

With the lack of hard data to conclude which system is more accurate (along with the subjectivity of that query in the first place), let’s use a “wisdom of the crowd” approach by aggregating the two.

Compilation of the Yellowjackets’ schedule shows that, thus far, the average rank of their opponents has been 148 out of the 408 Division III teams. This pales in comparison to rankings) is approximately a quarter of a goal.

In a game with such tenacious margins as soccer, this is extremely significant. These Massey Ratings are used in the accompanying graph. The percentile of the team’s aggregate rank was used to plot it along a normal distribution based on those ratings. (The home field advantage was accounted for as well.)

A particularly arduous stretch should occur from Oct. 1 to Oct. 14, during which the team’s aggregate opponent ranking will be a ludicrous thirteenth, with a rating of more than half a goal above the overall average strength of remaining opponents. Their toughest test will come when they play the University of Chicago Maroons, effectively the most difficult match possible in Division III, a team ranked first in the country in both ranking systems.

There are, though, more than a few reasons why the Jackers are undefeated. For one, they’ve been able to sustain a huge edge in offensive opportunities and have been better at capitalizing on those chances, as well.

So far, the team has outshot its opponents 85–32, with 61 percent of those shots going on goal, compared to 38 percent from their opposition. To wrap things up, the Jackers have converted 29 percent of the shots going on above the 25-percent rate of their adversaries. This is not a huge lead, however, it is difficult to draw conclusions from a sample size of 12 shots on goal. Contributing to these shot totals has been a 29–9 edge in corner kicks. Thanks to the nature of soccer statistics, nearly every number appended to those already mentioned can do little more than supplement the obvious control the team has.

Though the Yellowjackets have their toughest stretch ahead of them, they have done nothing to disprove their status among the elite. The team has shown they have the ability to play up to their potential against lesser competition, something not every talented team is able to do. This implies that the team is mature, focused, and has no off switch, traits which will be crucial as they prepare to run the gauntlet of their schedule in conference play.

The Jackers next chance comes Tuesday night at Alfred University. Whitestone is a member of the Class of 2019.