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## ‘Strip for Scholarship’ Work-Study Program Announced

By Melanie Earle  
THE SEXIEST SECTION, EDITOR

A new work-study program called “Strip for Scholarship” was recently announced, thanks to a grant co-funded by the Humanities for Life Internship, the Interfraternity Council, the Interfaith Chapel, and the Department of Gender, Sexuality, and Women Studies. “Strip for Scholarship” will officially begin in Fall 2021.

The “Strip for Scholarship” program application will open on April 12. Applicants will have to write an essay, complete an interview, and submit a video of them reenacting the Tom Holland “Umbrella” Lip Sync Battle performance.

The funding allows for 28 spots a year. Once accepted, the cohort, called Honey Beez, will undergo an eight week training and seminar program. The training will include Pole Dancing 101 taught by the girl who always latches herself to the pole in the basement of AEPi, Dirty Dancin’ by SALSEROS, Yoga through the Dance Department, and Costuming by Drama House.

Seminars will be offered through the Department of



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Gender, Sexuality, and Women Studies, on fair minimum wages, UR Bee and Me, the Salem Witch Trials, “How to Be a Leader in the Workplace,” the ERA, “Sex in the City,” Intersectionality, Sex and Power, Feminism through the Industrial Revolution, “Sex in the City 2,” Women in WW2, and the “Sex in the City” reboot without Samantha, and Sex in Shakespeare.

Reactions from UR students

have been quite positive. Sophomore Juliana Mistz was very supportive of the scholarship. “Wait, you’re telling me that if I became a stripper, I could graduate debt free? As in, I could potentially not suffer through large amounts of debt and be able to afford a house in my lifetime, and all I have to do is learn how to dance and do acrobatics? Sign me up!”

Cody Phatt, a junior and a member of the football team,

reacted excitedly to the news. “So all the times I have seen ‘Magic Mike’ AND ‘Magic Mike XXL’ will finally be useful? Like, I know the entire mirror routine, I know I can bring it!”

And there’s nothing wrong with it! You get a killer workout, get paid, and look good while doing it! Laurel Fentz, a senior studying biology with aspirations to go medical school, has participated in pole dancing at a local club since

her sophomore year, and finds catharsis in her profession.

“After a rough orgo exam, I could let go of all my worries for an hour or two, have fun doing cool acrobatic tricks on a pole, and get money thrown at me,” Fentz said. “Who doesn’t want money thrown at them? Also, if I get into medical school, I will be going debt free from undergraduate from what I have earned from my side gig. I’m already ahead of the competition in the game of life.”

College debt is the real villain. And yes, stripping will probably pay your debt off faster! In fact, stripping will pay you better than working a restaurant gig, the Wilson Commons Starbucks (even with that crisp \$14.00/hour wage), or a desk job on campus. Pay for those textbooks by getting booked at the local strip club!

**AND THERE’S NOTHING WRONG WITH BEING A STRIPPER!** In fact, you, the person reading this article, would probably do it if you had the talent and confidence! Because stripping takes skill and hard work! To make bread you need to be able to bake bread.

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## UR Alum Says Trump Thought COVID-19 was Xi Jinping Prank

By Lucy Farnham  
EDITOR OF HOT TAKES

In an exclusive interview with the Campus Times, a former aide to former President Trump explained that Trump’s approach to the COVID-19 pandemic was influenced by his belief that the entire crisis was an elaborate prank devised by Chinese president Xi Jinping.

“The real reason Trump hated China so damn much? Xi never stopped screwing with him,” the aid, UR alum Jonathan Adwell, told the CT over Zoom.

According to Adwell, the head of the Communist Party of China has quite the reputation among world leaders as a prankster. “Trump came back from the 2017 G20 with all sorts of stories: Xi jumping out from behind doors to scare Angela Merkel, Xi shaking Justin Trudeau’s hand and zapping him with a joy buzzer. Apparently, everyone was on edge around the guy.”

Among all the world leaders, however, Trump was Xi’s favorite target. Trump’s obsession with avoiding embarrassment meant he provided Xi with the best reactions.

“During his trip to Mar-a-Lago in 2017, Xi hid a whoopie cushion on Trump’s chair,” Adwell said. “Trump sat down and flew into a rage. Nearly flipped a table over.”

Xi got his kicks even when he wasn’t in the U.S. “He’d call the Oval Office phone from China all the time,” Adwell says. “Is your refrigerator running? Do you have Prince Albert in a can? That kind of thing.”

So, when reports of a mysterious new virus began to emerge from China in late 2019, Trump refused to believe it. “He’s fucking with me again,” Trump reportedly said. Desperate not to be the victim of yet another one of Xi’s pranks, Trump ignored what he saw as a fake crisis.

“Refusing to wear a mask, the big rallies, insisting on keeping the economy open —

it was all so Trump wouldn’t have to pick up the Oval Office phone one day and hear ‘Gotcha!’ on the other end again,” Adwell said.

“A few of us tried to convince him it was real. I mean, we all saw the rising infection numbers. It was happening right in front of all of our eyes,” Adwell continued. “But he threw a fit every time someone brought it up. ‘You really believe him?’ he’d screech. ‘The same guy who convinced me narwhals are half unicorn — you’re going to believe that guy?’”

Trump’s denial and mishandling of the COVID-19 pandemic and resulting economic recession led in part to his 2020 election loss. “It’s a shame,” Adwell sighed. “Xi gaslit the poor man until he snapped. It cost him everything.”

The only question now is: Will Xi continue to torment Trump, or will he set his sights on a new victim?

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## April Fools! No Guests Allowed.

By Ethan Busch  
PUBLISHER?

In a surprising announcement from the Department of Residential Life, Housing Services, and Scaring First-Years Who Decided to Drink in Their Dorm Rooms (Reslife), the new guest policy has been declared a prank. It’s always surprising when Reslife is organized enough to announce something, let alone have a policy. Then again, they did fill two Frat houses with a diversity-focused group and a performing arts group, so they do have a sense of humor.

The announcement began by stating that they “felt like the general prison-like aesthetic that some of the dorms have is kind of nice, and we wanted to lean into that.”

The release continued, saying, “We thought it would be fun to tempt students into going into each other’s dorms, and then change the rules while they’re there. Then, we can have the RAs play Hun-

gry Hungry Hippos by seeing who can write up the most people leaving buildings.”

Some provisions from the more relaxed guest policy will remain in place. Students who skateboard on the Quad are allowed in any residential building, though the floor will be considered lava, so they must stay on their skateboards. Maces, lances, and cutlasses will still be added to the list of approved appliances, though landmines will no longer be allowed. Sea mines are, as always, permitted, provided the owner has a received approval from their academic advisor. Radioactive mice are still being added to the list of allowed lamps, but they must be shaved. Slurm is also to be added to the vending machines to encourage human lamps.

Some students who were excited for the changed policy are disappointed at the prank. “I was really excited to bring my landmines inside.”

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# CAMPUS (CRIMES)

## CURT 2: Electric Boogaloo

By Henry Litsky  
PHOTO LORD

On Tuesday, March 23, UR replaced the Coronavirus University Restart Team (CURT) with a new committee called CURT420. This new committee was also expanded to include virus professionals such as Anthony Scaramucci, Snoop Dogg, Da Baby, and Dick Cheney, who pledged to get UR back on its feet.

Administration sought to reorganize CURT following a failure to properly test students, especially noticeable in comparison to nearly every other local college within the 99 mile travel radius. The new committee will contain 420 leading virus and disease epidemiologists, in addition to several administrators, who will work together to fast track UR's permanent and complete reopening.

The announcement of CURT420 accompanied the removal of UR's old coronavirus guidelines requiring mask use indoors at all times. This shift came in favor of updated guidelines which allow students to forgo the mask all together if they commit to smoking one pack of cigarettes per day.

"This is great because we already have had the vaccine," sophomore Betsy DeVirus told the CT. "Why would anyone let Big Pharma into their body when a few ciggies work just fine?"

Policies like the cigarette expansion are part of CURT420's scientific approach to getting a grip on the pandemic. Lisa Brown, a leader on CURT420's

disease spread task force and board member of Philip Morris International, cited a French study which concluded that smokers were less likely to get COVID-19.

"Simple solutions such as encouraging smoking will protect students and slow the rush on our nation's vaccine supply; it's a win-win," Brown told the CT.

The expanded CURT420 committee will have expanded power to unilaterally impose its will upon UR students and the greater Rochester community. In a move to demonstrate its power, they voted to raise tuition by 7%, citing various expenses such as the new "UR Broke" application: a mobile app for students to pay their tuition to the University, removing that functionality from the already incredibly dysfunctional UR Student.

"UR Broke will allow students to rapidly incur debt and help us to expand the endowment," Scaramucci said at Tuesday's address. He also addressed the issues of "anti-Italian discrimination" and pledged to use his position on CURT420 to advocate for Italians. Other leaders voiced optimism for the committee.

Dick Cheney promised to take University deans on a hunting expedition to "build a strong leadership team" and foster a "sense of family" to help the committee act more effectively.

CURT420 will have a public meeting next week to discuss a new round of proposals, which may include a ban of Hydro Flasks from campus due to health concerns.

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## Scrapped Plans for 'Romantic Lunch with Dean Runner' Released to CT

After the same 10 students — nine of which are SA members — showed up to Dean Runner's lunches for the sixth time in a row, the Office of the Dean of Students brainstormed ways to get different sects of the student population involved in student-admin conversations. One of the ideas provided was a romantic lunch with Dean Runner to compensate for distraught post-Valentine's Day sentiments, as well as to console students lacking common connections to celebrate the initiation of the guest pilot program in person.



The Campus Times was recently given access to some of these internal communications. Below is a screenshot of an email draft. We've taken the liberty of converting the link into a QR code, which you can scan to see the form.

## FY Engineers Hazed by Hajim School

By Melanie Earle  
THE SEXIEST SECTION, EDITOR

A scandal involving first-year Hajim students, potential administrators, and a cutthroat major admissions process has recently been uncovered at UR. Since 2010, potential first-year engineering students have undergone a hazing ritual in the spring semester to determine if they were cut out for engineering. In response to the decades' long claims and reports that had been filed about the hazing rituals, the Hajim School said that no action was taken in the past because they had not seen the hazing and did not have sustainable proof something was going on.

Critics responded harshly, with first-year Chris Numerot-Seis saying: "You believe an atom exists and have done a lot about them, but you've never actually seen one."

The first challenge, detailed in a public Google Doc, takes place on Eastman Quad where first-years have to prove their dedication through the trial of friction. Akin to the scene from "Mulan" where she climbs up the pole with a pair of weights, first-years will do as such with their Yellowjacket Weekend long-sleeved shirt (if they weren't able to snag one on CCC, their loss) and a tree of their choosing. They have to use their knowledge of belt friction to make it up to the tree in less than two minutes, with "I'll Make A Man Out Of You" playing on a speaker to set the atmosphere.

The second trial is one of dynamics, where first-years have to find a patch of ice, and, using the same shirt from the first challenge, be spun around in a circle at high velocities. They have to choose when to let go. This could end up in either hitting



HENRY LITSKY / PHOTO LORD

a snowbank of safety or suffering a painful fate if they do not calculate their total magnitude of velocity, or don't change their calculator from radians to degrees.

The third one is to tell Physics majors with a straight face that optics is better than physics, and then to try not to get slapped.

Next, first-years must sniff 99% isopropyl alcohol with noise-cancellation headphones blasting hardcore bass. They then must choose between drinking a shot of vodka or a shot of vinegar.

The fifth consists of first-years drinking three energy drinks, getting spun around a chair 10 times, and then, with a time limit of 30 minutes, finding out why their answer is not working on Webwork. This is to replicate the environment of "It's 11:30 p.m. and your homework is due at midnight and your problem is most likely due to where you put a bracket." If you're able to do this, then you're able to do anything.

The penultimate task has first-years in a race to complete an electrical circuit — the kind you would be given in high school with the lightbulb, but they're from a Physics E&M lab, so 50-50 chance they work. For every three minutes that pass without the circuit being finished, participants have to take a shot of tequila.

Finally, you must be able to tell a random person you see walking around Rush Rhees what an engineer actually does. If the tribute is able to either deflect explaining what an engineer does for more than 3.14 minutes or explain an engineer's activities in a concise sentence, then they pass. There is no in-between.

Surprisingly, no major injuries have been reported or have come to light from these hazings. Alumni Jacobs Rotz, who graduated from Chemical Engineering in 2012, commented, "Most first-years have taken MATH 162 by the time the trials start, so nothing can really hurt them anymore."

More details of the fallout from the hazing scandal and the findings of the investigations will be reported on in the coming weeks. As the UR community reflects on how such a large hazing scandal was able to take place without any repercussions, and what this means about our community, we must focus on questions of our future and how we will change — how we will be ever better.

When asked about the scandal, Professor Avacadogrado, who was accused of participating in the creation of the program, asked, "So, this isn't going to hurt our research funding, will it?"

Earle is a member of the Class of 2023.

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Good afternoon,

You are invited to join Jeff Runner, Dean of the College, for a romantic walk in the park on April 1, 2021 10:00 p.m. – 2:45 a.m. The goal is to bring a group of students together to have a chance to intimately share their thoughts, ideas, and concerns with Dean Runner and each other. It also offers a chance for you to get to know your Dean and his...priorities. Please only sign up once. We're begging you. This is targeted to SA-affiliated students (both current and former).

Please note that these sessions will be held **several times throughout the semester** and will be limited to **10 students** to ensure that the group is able to interact with each other and with Dean Runner. If you are interested in attending, please sign up here:

<https://forms.gle/iHzVbBWs7VtBxFVZA>

Since this will be an in-person gathering, please meet Dean Runner outside of Lattimore Hall. Please remember to bring your mask and a rose, and to adhere to social distancing guidelines given by UGA.

Stay safe –  
Dylan

RESEARCH AT ROCHESTER

# BAC of Undergrads is Sky-High During Midterms

By Hawraa Ahmed  
COLUMNIST

Midterm season is upon us, and so are constant stressors and prolonged periods of intoxication. If you've been longing for the pandemic to end and for parties to resume at Sig Chi, Sig Ep, and Sig Apple Pie, then fear not, because recent research developments might have a solution for you.

**'Around midterm season, students were drinking more, much more than anticipated.'**

Earlier this semester, undergraduate students were randomly selected to receive a blood alcohol test in addition to surveillance testing requirements. Students that volunteered to drink for the blood alcohol tests were put into a separate pool. A simple prick using state-of-the-art

Theranos lancets allowed for easy collection of blood from earlobes. Data from both groups was collected and compared.

**'His veins were running only on Genesee Lights and Snapples.'**

Researchers at the URMC have partnered with scientists from the University of Contigo in Bottle, North Virginia. Scientists wanted to better understand if there was correlation between "midterm szn" and hard seltzers. There, data collected from alcohol blood tests conducted on UR students after midterms is being analyzed using a state of the art centrifuge machine. The centrifuge machine is necessary to speed laboratory evaporation of multiple small samples using a combination of centrifugal force, vacuum, and heat. It allows us to really concentrate collected protein,

Dr. Jefferson, researcher and pub owner in downtown Rochester, said. The results were not surprising. We found that around midterm season, students were drinking more, much more than anticipated.

For one student, his blood test had no actual blood; his veins were running only on Genesee Lights and Snapples. He's a medical miracle!" Dr. Jefferson said, leaping out of his chair and onto his desk.

Intrigued, I decided to interview this student, who had requested to remain anonymous. "I'm just out here," he said. When asked to elaborate, he declined to comment further, but added, "It is what it is."

When asked about his future research, Dr. Jefferson was excited. "I plan to publish a paper at some point."

Exciting.

Ahmed is a member of the Class of 2022.

## Study Finds Gamers are Having Less Sex

By Hailie Higgins  
SA PRESIDENT

Wait, you thought this was a joke? April Fools! This is a fully factual article; scan the QR code that will be placed somewhere close to this article to read the study in full.

There's an epidemic on this campus, and every other campus. No, not the reason we're wearing masks 24/7. For the past 20 years or so, college-aged students have been collectively going through a worsening dry spell. According to a study published last month in "Socius: Sociological Research for a Dynamic World," young adults aged 18-23 are having less casual sex than previous college cohorts.

Men experienced a more dramatic increase, from about 19% to 31% during the aforementioned time periods. This was also partially due to less drinking, but also notable was "an increase in computer gaming, and the growing percentage who co[-]reside with their parents." That's right, more and more men are playing videogames in their parents basement, and it's having an impact on their sex life.



-Okay, that's all the truth for this issue of the Campus Times, folks. Back to your regularly scheduled prank-gramming. Be sure to tune back in next week at www.campustimes.org for more of your favorite content.

**'young adults aged 18-23 are having less casual sex than previous college cohorts.'**

Women experienced a slight jump in voluntary celibacy, with about 19% of women reporting in 2016-2018 that they hadn't had sex in the past year, up from 15% in 2000-2002. According to the abstract, the decline in the frequency of

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## April Fools! No guests allowed.

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"I worry about them when I leave them all over the engineering quad," said sophomore Jimmy Norwich. "But given how frequently we all flagrantly ignore the policy as it stands, the only thing that this will change is my legal liability."

Other students felt differently, like first-year Leah Mustelid. "I kind of enjoy the excitement of sneaking people into my dorm, it wouldn't be as fun to run my fight club without that level of danger," Mustelid said.

**'It wouldn't be as fun to run my fight club without that level of danger.'**

The Biomedical Engineering department has, in a completely unrelated announcement, put out a call for student-employees

who are big fans of radiation poisoning and know their way around a razor. When asked for comment, a spokesperson clarified, "Not the scooters."

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Despite campus-wide disappointment at the change in policy, there is one redeeming factor: The Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences has said the additional pollution from all the packaging used for mail and takeout food during the pandemic should increase the temperature in Rochester to the point where Seasonal Affective Disorder will no longer be required as part of your tuition.

**Busch is a member of the Class of 2023.**

## Biden-Mangelsdorf Affair Revealed

By Mark Felt  
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR, FBI

Breaking news from a Washington D.C. parking garage (aka National Guard Barracks): An anonymous source has revealed to Campus Times that 'President Biden is reportedly having an affair with a certain high profile University President.'

Our anonymous source, who has chosen to go by Ronald Drumpf (and who told us this was "a very very smart fake name. Super clever. Indecipherable") reached out to let us know.

**'President Biden is reportedly having an affair with a certain high profile University President.'**

The source claims that Biden and UR President Sarah Mangelsdorf have been spending late nights post-10 p.m. closure in the Great Hall of Rush Rhees Library. They were most recently spotted entering the Humanities Center with GrubHub bags from the Pit — a romantic evening indeed.

Mangelsdorf has not appeared on the official White House visitor list, however an anonymous aide in her office claims she found a lint roller covered in German Shepherd hair that could very well belong to Biden.

This news has the

potential for a huge political and financial backlash for Biden and Mangelsdorf's respective institutions. Biden has struggled in the past with allegations of being too old, and his case was not helped when he responded to questions from our CT reporter, having mistaken them for an actual reporter from a reputable source.

Our anonymous reporter, wearing both a COVID-19 mask and mirrored shades to protect his identity, yelled over the propellers of Marine One, "Mr. President, are you and Sarah Mangelsdorf having an affair as Mr. Drumpf alleged?" The President, in a seeming bout of immediate onset amnesia, responded, "Who? Oh, will you just shut up."

CT reached out to the President's press secretary for comment, who responded, "Please stop bothering me with this." When pressed further in her office, she slipped up and said, "Honestly, you are going to be arrested, how did you get in here?" Seems like deflection to us.

**"Who? Oh, will you just shut up."**

UR has been just as tough to get information from. Mangelsdorf's office has yet to respond to our request for an interview. The only response we received was from the student at the Q&i desk.

On the condition of anonymity, Ilene Onda Books of Burton Hall sat for an interview. She secretly revealed that she had heard President Biden's voice in the stacks late at night. "I guess it could have been on CNN or something, but who watches the news in the stacks at 11:15 p.m.? It seems much more reasonable to have actually been him. I mean, I know it seems crazy, but if you heard his voice there you'd have thought it was actually the President, too."

This yet-to-be-formally-confirmed bombshell is expected to send huge waves through Washington and Rochester alike. Many students plan to protest the alleged affair being covered

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up by the University. One student told CT, "I mean, I don't care if they're banging, but it's messed up that they're hiding it. Hopefully she can land some Poli Sci majors an internship or something, though."

We hope to continue exposing information as it comes to us. Mr. Drumpf promised us more information after his spray tanning appointment this Friday.

**Felt is a member of the Class of 1972.**

# After Giving the Community What it Desperately Needed, Lil Nosey Risks Cancellation

By Ben Dover  
CT INFLUENCER

Following weeks of rumors and whispers of sightings, little has been confirmed about the origins of the 5'2" campus myth. First seen on March 8 in Hirst Lounge, the identity or origin of what some are calling "Lil Nosey" is otherwise unknown.

Lil Nosey's arrival to campus has brought a feeling of community once again. They have breathed life into a campus that has been struggling to create a firm community in the middle of a pandemic. Students have gathered to discuss theories and go on hikes in hopes of seeing the infamous nose, and Instagram accounts compiling (unverified) data have emerged. It's rare that you pass a table in Hirst Lounge without hearing about Lil Nosey. More recently, we've seen an increase of students wearing glasses to mimic their facial details in solidarity.

Lil Nosey has been seen throughout campus with a comically large nose, must-

tache, glasses, and eyebrows. Including sightings of them on the First-Year Quad, by the docks (sources close to Lil Nosey claim that they were just enjoying the water, and nothing else), in Zoom lectures over 69 people, and often around trees. It's unclear what brought them here and why they have stayed. However, while Lil Nosey has brought excitement back to a burnt-out campus, controversy has arisen over whether we should be glorifying such a problematic figure.

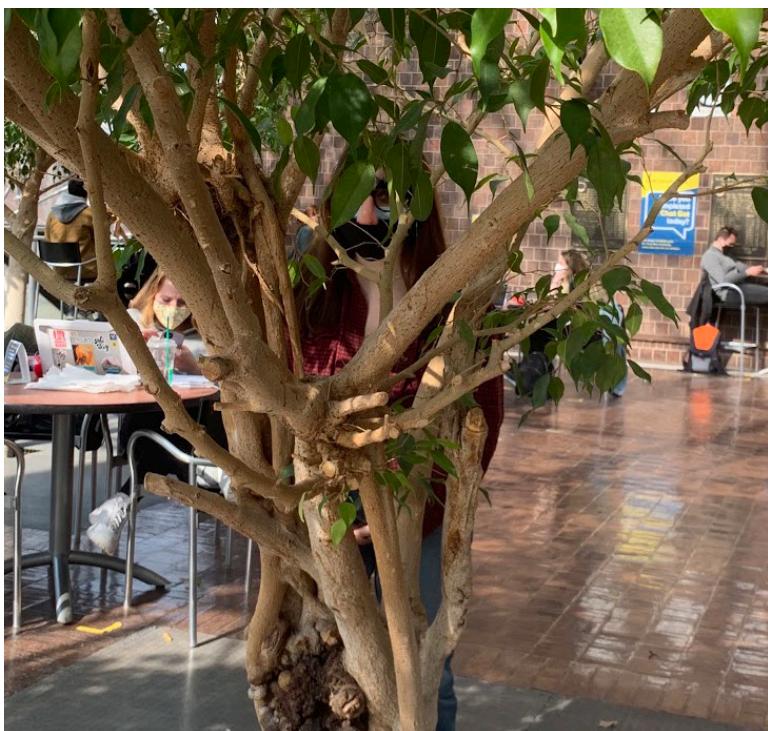
The center of Lil Nosey's controversy is that they have been seen throughout campus without a mask on. Like those who claim to want to "return to normalcy" more than anyone else, they refuse to do anything to try and make progress towards that.

Although Lil Nosey refuses to wear a mask, there's conversation about whether they even need a mask. While unconfirmed if they are actually human, it's a possibility that they could not carry COVID-19 in the

first place. Other theorists suggest that the moustache is so thick it catches particles and functions as an evolutionary mask.

"No matter what, I just can't imagine such a benevolent creature so stupidly ignoring the public health of the University. Sure I don't know them, but I just really think they're a good person-creature-thing" said Dr. Kristin Havenger, chief myth epidemiologist and professor here at the University.

The stories of Lil Nosey's benevolence don't stop with Havenger. First-year Tony Meatball told us about his own experience with the legend. "It was Valentine's Day, and I had just gotten dumped by one of my girlfriends. They came up to me and just quietly handed me a single rose, but it really meant something to both of us. Does anyone have their number?" The effects of cancellation are great for any public figure, but we worry much about Lil' Nosey ourselves. In a time of isolation, Lil Nosey has allowed the campus community to connect



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on a different level. There are Lil Nosey fan clubs and UCC therapy groups for after one has had a sighting, and the culture around finding out who they are has done the great service of distracting people from UR Confessions. We worry that the harsh consequences of cancelling will hurt not only Lil Nosey, but the community as a whole.

No matter what the outcome with Lil Nosey,

their effects on this campus should not be overlooked. Becoming a makeshift mascot after even Rocky got laid off because of COVID-19 budget cuts, Lil Nosey has changed our campus identity. For better or worse, Lil Nosey is immortalized in students' hearts, but maybe the true Lil Nosey was the friends we made along the way.

Dover is a member of the Class of 1969.

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# SOCIAL KISSTANCING



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**Priority to those in sexy nurse outfits.**

**Negative priority to those in masks.**

**You can't kiss with a mask on, duh.**

# STRONGLY-WORDED LETTERS

## How Alligators Made an April Fool out of Me

By Corey Miller-Williams  
APOTHECARY

**I**t was Dec. 2015, the day school let out for winter, and I was thinking my little 14-year-old thoughts: Christmas, snowfall, my "Harry Potter" house (the J.K. Rowling Is Over Party had not yet sent out its invites).

Suddenly, I heard running footsteps behind me. As it turned out, it was this guy. We didn't know each other well enough to justify running up to one another to share our thoughts, so I was curious as to what was so important.

As it turned out, he had a very specific query.

"How do you feel about alligators?"

Small talk was never my strong suit, but I was still pretty sure that wasn't how people began conversations. Noticing my confusion, he explained that he had thought of alligators because my shirt was green, and that had driven him to ask me about them.

That was where he truly lost me. For one, there are lots of things that are green. Alligators are hardly the most likely to spring to mind, especially if you live in Western New York, where alligators are sadly few and far between.

Here's a list of things that I think of when I think the word "green":

- Grass, leaves, foliage, etc.
- Mr. Green from the game "Clue"
- Mr. Green from the movie "Clue"
- Tim Curry, because I was just thinking of the movie "Clue"
- Tim Curry screaming "SPACE!"
- MAYBE alligators, if turtles aren't an option

I also had to wonder why, if you just thought of alligators by looking at someone's shirt, you wouldn't keep that to yourself. That seems like the sort of thing that might hound them for the rest of their life. Wake them up at night. Prevent them from mentally or emotionally progressing past the age of 14. Doesn't that seem like the sort of torture you would rather spare somebody, especially somebody who so kindly made you think of alligators just a moment ago?

But I had no control over his choices, only my own. I tried to manufacture an appropriately passionate opinion on the matter, as this was clearly a discussion to which having a strong opinion on alligators was central. I decided alligators were very similar to crocodiles (true), and that it was thus annoyingly difficult to differentiate

them (also true, but it didn't bother me as much as I pretended it did), unless you got close enough to see whether it had a snaggletooth (in which case it was an alligator). (For more fun facts about alligators, click here).

Momentarily placated, the guy walked next to me in complete silence for the next 30 seconds or so.

At no point during this interaction did we make eye contact. I studied the sidewalk the way a general studies a war map and waited for him to say something that made sense.

Instead of doing that, he said, "What about orange juice?"

At my behest, he further explained that he was wondering how I felt about the pulp, specifically, in orange juice. I at least have direct experience with orange juice, so I more confidently stated that I was pro-pulp.

He assented: "It tastes just like a real orange." That doesn't sound so bad on paper, but you'll have to believe me when I tell you that it was the way he said it. It was like scraping unfiled nails against denim jeans.

For whatever reason, that was my tipping point. I speed-walked away from him, head down, life changed.

Once in a while, I recall that conversation, and I pace my dorm trying to make sense of it. It keeps me up at night. I'm a little jealous of its strangeness — I don't think I could ever do something that weird to someone. I was a passive bystander in all this, yet it was one of the most memorable moments of my life. I think that says something about me as a person.

Perhaps my perspective doesn't matter. I'm just an NPC interrupting this guy's quest to save the world from anti-pulp blasphemers. I give the protagonist some potions or a vague prophecy, make a comment about how it's weird to run up to people and ask them about alligators, then fade into the background.

But maybe that's for the better. I don't know if I have it in me to carry my own story. Maybe I'll settle down in some quiet fantasy town and sell herbal remedies — with pulp, of course. When you visit my shop, please do your best to follow conversational protocol. Acceptable topics include: greetings, inquiries as to each other's health, comments on the weather, and opinions on Tim Curry's performance in "Clue."

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EDITORIAL OBSERVER

## What the FUCK is Up With the Laundry on This Campus

By Ethan Busch  
CAMPUS TIMES IT SERVICES

**I**spent a whole year living in Susan B. Anthony Hall. You'd think there'd be no problem with laundry in a building with two laundry rooms, but somehow you can LOCK YOURSELF IN THE BASEMENT. Then it's just you, the GODDAMN SPURRIER GHOSTS, and a basket full of laundry at 3 a.m. on a Tuesday. Who sneaks into laundry rooms through haunted basements? No one. That's who. And why do you have to swipe to stare at the washing machines? So that they can put -0.25 cents on my card? It's like they want to taunt us with the soul-crushing debt we'll be facing the second we get out of this place. You can't figure out how to make the washing machine turn on with a button but you can figure out how to lock me out of my dorm when I go to change it?

But Sue B. spoiled me compared to living in Hoeing. This ever better little hellhole has everything: antiquated furnishings for the so-called "aesthetic," cockroaches, and dodged ADA compliance in the form of four meliora-mandated flights of stairs for every laundry load. It's like the architects who designed this school actively hate disabled people. And yeah, that was probably in vogue in the '60s, but come on, you couldn't have decided to hate bricks



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instead? Then I would live in my first fucking Minecraft house from fourth grade right now. Brick cube ass building.

Then you talk to people who live in Phase. They get to go up and down EVEN MORE STAIRS. (Again, fuck the handicapped.) And then when you get down into MORE HAUNTED TUNNELS you get 12 washing machines for the whole GOD-DAMNED AREA. There are six buildings with four floors and 20+ people per floor. That's 12 laundry machines for 500 people. I hope nobody's breaking guest policy to get laid, because there's not a chance in hell they'll ever get to wash those sheets.

None of that, however, is the most ridiculous and inane part of the idiotic laundry planning on this campus. No. The worst part is the ONE-TO-ONE RATIO OF WASHERS TO DRYERS. Washing machines usually take roughly HALF an hour.

30 minutes. Dryers usually take twice that time. That's right, an entire hour. If eight people in Hoeing want to do their laundry at the same time, the first four can put their laundry in, wait 30 minutes, then move it to the dryer. Then the next four can use the washer. AND LET THEIR CLOTHES SIT AROUND WET AND FUCK THEM UP BECAUSE THERE AREN'T ANY DRYERS FOR ANOTHER HALF HOUR. THERE SHOULD BE TWICE AS MANY DRYERS AS WASHING MACHINES; A SECOND GRADER COULD FIGURE THAT OUT. WHAT THE FUCK. I JUST WANT CLEAN CLOTHES, I DON'T WANT TO HAVE TO FIST FIGHT PEOPLE FOR PUTTING MY CLOTHES ON TOP OF THE DRYER 30 SECONDS AFTER IT'S DONE BECAUSE THEIR CLOTHES HAVE BEEN DONE FOR 30 MINUTES.

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# ARTSY FARTSY

## Letter to the Editor: to all the Uber Drivers I've Loved Before

By Lara Jean Koh-vey  
CT DARLING

The second that COVID-19 hit and things started closing down, most people worried about necessities. People stocked up on food and toilet paper, expecting the worst and holing up in their houses for the onslaught of disease to pass. What haunted me, however (as it does to many people in a normal year) was the DMV. Before I could complete my road test, all of the sites shut down, which left me licenseless and housebound all quarantine. Thus, when I came to UR, I wanted to be free to roam as I pleased (in as socially distanced a manner as possible). In came my boys.

**'Thank you for serving our streets and for bringing a light to my life.'**

There was Edward, with his thick Northeastern accent and bellowing Brooklyn man laughter that suited his radio comedy side gig better than any tailored outfit. Edward, I fondly remember you for both the photos of your cute baby grandson,



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and also the feeling of intense unease I got when you flexed about the time you got a DUI as we drove over the bridge to campus.

There was Anthony, from Buffalo, who got "a little turned around" while trying to find me. When he did, immediately made a three-point turn in the middle of the street to get to me (chivalry at its finest, truly). His immaculate music taste, which consisted of 2pac and 2pac alone, was accompanied by his alluring unpackaging and inhaling of a full

bag of Bugles at 60mph. His method acting of an imaginary right-winger who once accosted him in the supermarket was impressive, but it was the sharpest left turn I have ever felt that really took my breath away. Did I have my hand on the door handle the entire time? Yes. Did I wish it was entwined with his instead? That's a secret I'll never tell.

There was Ernest, who had a seatbelt cover that looked like a cross between snake-skin and human flesh and talked about horses with

my friends as we cruised off into the sunset together. When he played "Time of Our Lives" by Pitbull and Ne-Yo, I felt like a little kid again (considering the song is from the early 2010s, that checks out). His driving was smooth, but not nearly as smooth as his line about Verizon Wireless: "Boy, that sure is a place!"

Finally, there was Robert. Oh, Robert. He was supposed to pick me up outside of a Subway, but instead he pulled down the entire parking lot to rest kitty-corner

to the Moe's. My feet ached as much as my heart did as I ran to flag him down. His big blue Ford truck with spacious, yet somehow simultaneously crowded, seats made me feel at home, and the interior smelled like 70 years of cigars filtered through the barrel of a rifle (the musk of a true hunk). He was the first man to make me realize that an entire outfit of varying camouflage patterns could be attractive, as well as the first man to outright deny the existence of COVID-19 to my face while still wearing a mask.

**'Edward, I fondly remember you for the [...] feeling of intense unease I got when you flexed about the time you got a DUI.'**

Here's to you, boys. Thank you for serving our streets and for bringing a light to my life. I will never forget you.

Love,  
Lara

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## Rocky Gets Makeover From Queer Eye Guys

By Lucy Farnham  
EDITOR OF HOT TAKES

UR's beloved mascot, Rocky the Yellowjacket, has gotten another makeover —

**"He didn't seem to be as excited as a mascot should, you know?"**

this time with the help of the Fab Five from "Queer Eye."

"Queer Eye" is a reality television show in which a team of gay professionals give individuals fashion and lifestyle makeovers, which recently received a Netflix reboot in 2018. Makeover recipients must be nominated by friends or family in order to be considered for a transformation by the Fab Five.

"I'm so glad that I just went for it and nominated Rocky," ("retiring") Provost and Senior Vice President for Research Robert Clark said. "He just hasn't looked all that happy the past few years. His antennae were droopy, he wasn't skipping around like he used to. At sporting events, he'd just walk around aimlessly on

the sidelines, lazily clapping his hands. He didn't seem to be as excited as a mascot should, you know?"

Clark and Rocky's other friends and family say Rocky seems revitalized after the Fab Five's visit to Rochester last week. They credit the individual contributions of each Fab Five member.

"Honestly, going into this, I had no idea what yellowjackets eat," Antoni Porowski, the Fab Five's food and wine expert said. "Rocky seemed a little offended when I suggested a honey dish, since apparently producing honey is only a bee thing. Let's be real — my job is the least important one, anyway."

Tan France, the group's fashion expert, said he had his work cut out for him. "Those big, goofy sneakers, the baggy shorts with horizontal stripes — horizontal stripes! Rocky was the hardest canvas to work on yet. It was hard work getting him out of his fashion comfort zone, but it was totally worth it," France said with a proud smile.

France and Rocky worked together to fill Rocky's closet with items that complement

his invertebrate figure. Rocky has switched to tighter shorts ("They make his legs look longer," France explained), some simple yet sophisticated button-up shirts, and linen loafers. France told us to expect to see Rocky around campus sporting a French tuck.

Next on the Fab Five's to-do list was to get Rocky a grooming regi-

**"France and Rocky worked together to fill Rocky's closet with items that complement his invertebrate figure."**

men with the help of expert Jonathan Van Ness.

"I've never worked on a bug before, so this was super exciting!" Van Ness said. "I have to agree with Robert that Rocky's antennae were looking totally droopy, so we went to the salon and took care of that first. Now, his gorgeous antennae are rocking a gorgeous ombre look!"

"Tan went out of his way to find pants with holes for Rocky's stinger," Van Ness

continued, "so we spiffed up that cute little stinger of his, and it looks great!"

While France and Van Ness took care of Rocky's appearance, design expert Bobby Berk had his hands full with Rocky's nest.

"Before we arrived to help, Rocky had been living in this sad little nest in a tree by the Genesee River," Berk said. "It wasn't very warm or homey. Rocky's nest needed a complete do-over."

Berk relocated Rocky's nest to an eave of the Witmer House, the Mt. Hope home where UR Presidents live.

"He's a good neighbor, so I was fine with it," University President Sarah Mangelsdorf said.

Berk and his construction team incorporated some windows into the nest for natural light, and focused the interior design around a honeycomb-patterned scheme.

"What I wanted most was for Rocky to have a nice, relaxing place to come home to and unwind after a long day of boosting school spirit," Berk said. "I think we accomplished that."

The Fab Five's work ended with a heart-to-heart

between Rocky and Karamo Brown, culture and lifestyle expert. Together, they got to the root of Rocky's recent unhappiness.

"Rocky explained to me that this mother was a queen and his father was a drone," Brown said. "His parents didn't have much time for him growing up in his childhood nest, so he and I worked through those feelings of loneliness and talked about how to build healthy relationships."

Rocky is optimistic that the lessons he learned from Karamo will make him a better parent to his own larvae.

"Buzz buzz. Buzz buzz buzzzzzzz buzz buzz, 'Rocky said.'"

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The Fab Five have since left Rochester, but Rocky told the Campus Times that their impact will stay with him forever.

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# GO, TEAM, GO!

## All UR Sports Teams Undefeated in 2020 Season

By Micah Greenberg  
FORMER SPORTS EDITOR

For a remarkable nine-month stretch, the University's sports teams put up some of the best numbers in school history. Innumerable personal and team records were set. From April 2020 through January 2021, all of our teams went undefeated.

**'It is unclear whether this season's shocking statistical records will have an effect on recruitment.'**

Athletic Director George VanderZwaag expressed his pride for the athletic program's success. "Maybe if we never played any games, they'd give us all a raise for being so successful at exerting such high performance out of our athletes," he said.

Our Men's Soccer, Women's Soccer, Women's

Field Hockey, and Women's Lacrosse teams all set defensive records as respective units. Not only did they all allow zero goals, each team's defense was so good that it prevented any shots on net.

All of the baseball and softball pitchers let up zero hits, zero walks, and zero runs. Their hitters never stuck out. They even improved at fielding, with zero errors. The Men's and Women's Tennis teams had no unforced errors, no double-faults, and none of the players lost even one game or set, let alone a match. The football team never fumbled. Their quarterbacks threw no interceptions. Their offensive line gave up zero sacks. Their defense gave up no yards.

But over the past few weeks, all of these teams have suddenly begun to regress.

Starting in February,

the Men's and Women's Basketball teams started a drastic decline in defensive quality, but also a solid improvement in offensive performance. More shocking was the remarkable similarity in this pattern between the men's team and women's team.

After 10 months with 0 points given up, Men's Basketball has now given up 444 points — at the time this article was written — in less than two months. Women's Basketball's defense has regressed more slowly, giving up only 320 points in the past month. However, both have had their offense infinitely improve.

**'Over the past few weeks, all of these teams have suddenly begun to regress.'**

It is unclear whether this season's shocking



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statistical records will have an effect on recruitment.

"It would be a lot of pressure to join a team that kept up a scoreless streak for five sixths of a year," said Abigail D'Alessandro, a high school senior from New Jersey who is the starting goalkeeper for her school's soccer team. "But at the same time, it's nice to get an offer from a top-tier research university that has

shown so much athletic improvement this year."

One of the most worrying aspects of the amazing defensive streak for the 'Jackets was the record-low attendance at games. It is unclear what people felt was more important than showing up in-person to cheer on such high-quality teams.

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## Boat's Stuck.

By Ethan Busch  
FORMER SPORTS EDITOR

In a shocking turn of events, one of UR's row boats has gotten stuck in the Genesee River. UR doesn't have row boats, you say? Well, I don't know what to call the boats that the crew team uses. The boat is currently wedged across the river right under the footbridge.

**'Efforts to free the boat are ongoing, but are hindered by multiple factors.'**

Efforts to free the boat are ongoing, but are hindered by multiple factors. Neither Facilities nor the Department of Public Safety have boats, so the Navy ROTC program volunteered their students. Unfortunately, those students all argued that this was a Coast Guard issue, and went out drinking instead.

There have been attempts



to have Public Safety and Facilities employees paddle board to the boat and pull it into place, but they were impeded by migratory geese which knocked them into the river, where they became mutant fishpeople.

The current plan is

to have the Mechanical

**"We were trying to draw a dick in the river with bubbles,"**

Engineering students design tugboats to pull the

larger boat into place.

According to UR Athletics, the rowboat became stuck when one of the rowers pulled a muscle and was unable to keep the boat straight. This has been called into question, however, by the rowers

themselves. "We were trying to draw a dick in the river with some bubbles,"

**'Students passing by on the footbridge have been tossing them matzoh and sausages so they can sustain themselves.'**

said junior Tim Thompson.

Though it is uncertain how long the rowers will be stuck there, students passing by on the footbridge have been tossing them matzoh and sausages so they can sustain themselves. "We considered dropping soup, but then we were worried about the geese stealing it," said sophomore Jynyfyr Smyth.

What's left of SA has enquired into how students might be able to help free the boat, but reached a simple conclusion: Boat's stuck. Can't help.

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