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U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand (right) spoke with students and visitors, including Rochester Mayor Lovely Warren (left), at a roundtable discussion in the Welles-Brown Room on Monday.

U.S. Senator visits UR to discuss prevention of sexual violence

BY SAM PASSANISI
NEWS EDITOR

U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand visited the University of Rochester on Monday to participate in a roundtable discussion on ending sexual violence. In a meeting with UR staff and students, Rochester officials and visitors from neighboring colleges, Gillibrand discussed a new bill that would provide stricter sanctions against campus sexual violence.

Representing the UR studentry were SA President and senior Antoinette Esce, SA Vice President and junior David Stark, representative for Consent is So Frat sophomore Tate Richards, and members of Men Opposing Violence Everywhere (MOVE) senior David Markakis and senior Michael Silverstein. Also in attendance were Rochester mayor Lovely Warren and Chief of Police Michael Ciminelli.

Gillibrand reintroduced a bill called the Campus Accountability and Safety Act (CASA) in the Senate last Thursday, prompted by support from students and colleges. The bill was first introduced

on June 30, 2014 but was not enacted. CASA expands on and revises the 1965 Clery Act, a piece of legislation aimed at colleges and universities. The Clery Act requires institutions of higher education to report crimes on their campuses to the U.S. Department of Education. Clery Act reporting is tied to some federal funding of college programs.

“[CASA] creates historic new transparency requirements,” Gillibrand said. The bill would require a biannual survey of students at all colleges in order to gather information about campus climates. All schools would also be required to establish a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with their local law enforcement agencies, detailing the procedures for reporting and investigating sexual violence. Rochester Chief of Police Michael Ciminelli noted that his agency has already established an MOU protocol with UR Public Safety. The MOU protocol ensures that law enforcement will be notified in the event that a rape or sexual assault occurs on UR’s campus.

One aim of the bill is to help improve the reporting of rapes

and other sexual crimes. Citing a U.S. Senate study in which 40 percent of all college campuses said they had never reported a sexual assault under the Clery Act, Gillibrand discussed the need for greater transparency.

“A lot of campuses have gotten this wrong over a long period of time because it’s not worth their while to get the reporting right,” Gillibrand said, adding, “We can’t imagine that there were no sexual assaults on that 40 percent of campuses, but we can imagine that the climate may be so bad there that there is no reporting, or that schools are shoving it under the rug.” CASA increases fines for universities failing to report sexual assaults from \$35,000 to \$150,000 per violation of the Clery Act, which Gillibrand said she hopes will “flip the initiative” from the federal government to university administrations.

“When I look at this issue, the reason I know campuses aren’t taking it seriously is the way they look at the crime,” Gillibrand said. She noted that schools are more likely to take disciplinary action against a student for academic dishonesty

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Frederick Douglass Building renovations will begin in May

BY JULIANNE MCADAMS
SENIOR STAFF

The Frederick Douglass Building will undergo renovations throughout the coming year and will reopen in fall 2016 as the last step in the 10-year process of updating UR’s dining facilities.

“This is the final and most important puzzle piece for our program,” Marketing Manager Kevin Aubrey said.

Director of Dining Services and Auxiliary Operations Cameron Schauf said that the design for the new dining hall aims to balance the consistency and change which are currently perceived as split between Wilson Commons and Danforth.

“We hear from students that ‘Danforth changes all the time, and I like Wilson because I know what I can count on,’ and then we hear from students that ‘Wilson doesn’t change enough, and I get bored,’” Schauf said.

The current dining area on the second floor of the building will remain open as-is for the 2015-2016 school year, although work

will be done on the first floor over the spring and summer breaks.

The entire building will close for renovations during summer 2016 and will reopen the completed first and second floors in fall 2016.

The first floor of the Frederick Douglass Building, where the University bookstore used to be, will house the new dining area. The balcony will be removed from the second floor dining area, where there will be production kitchens and food preparation areas, as well as new event spaces which students will be able to rent out. The event rooms will be divisible into separate rooms, or functional as a single, large space for events like concerts, dances and the annual Boar’s Head Dinner. An expanded Grab & Go will also be located on the second floor.

The third and fourth floors of the building, which currently house the Grab & Go and Meliora Express, will be converted by the university to a new Intercultural Center and a Language Center. The third and fourth floors

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UR CHOOSES PRE-CONSTRUCTION MANAGER FOR DATA INSTITUTE

This rendering of the new Institute for Data Science by Kennedy & Violich Architecture represents an early concept of the building’s look. STORY ON PAGE 3

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THIS WEEK ON CAMPUS

THURSDAY MARCH 5

RELIGION AND SCIENCE

INTERFAITH CHAPEL BRENNAN ROOM, 6:15 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.
Come to an interfaith conversation about how religion and science inform our understanding of the cosmos, humanity and human and cosmic origins. There will be free pizza, snacks and beverages.

COPLAND AND DVORAK

EASTMAN KODAK HALL, 7:30 P.M. - 9:30 P.M.
The Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra and violinist Augustin Hadelich will perform works by Smetana, Copland, Dvorak and late Rochester composer David Diamond. Tickets are available online at rpo.org.

FRIDAY MARCH 6

OUR HEALTH IN BLACK AND WHITE

URMC HELEN WOOD HALL 1W304, NOON - 1:00 P.M.
Speakers from around the community will give a presentation on health disparities in the Finger Lakes Region and the work of our community's African-American and Latino Health Coalitions.

EASTMAN STUDIO ORCHESTRA

EASTMAN KODAK HALL, 8:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.
The Eastman Studio Orchestra combines the personnel of the Eastman Jazz Ensemble with a full complement of orchestral performers. This event is free and open to the public.

SATURDAY MARCH 7

THE 42-LETTER NAME

MEMORIAL ART GALLERY, ALL DAY
Robert Kirschbaum's "The 42-Letter Name" (2009) is a meditation on divinity, creation and faith. It fuses Judaic concepts of sacred space with forms derived from traditional South Asian religious art.

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The Rochester Philharmonic Youth Orchestra and the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra present their annual side-by-side concert. This year, the theme is Great Romantics. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students and seniors.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH FILM

240 EAST AVENUE, 3:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.
Come see a screening of "Advanced Style" at the Little Theatre, 240 East Avenue, Rochester. Admission is \$5. Special speakers, including local educators and women's rights advocates, will lead audience discussions after the film.

If you are sponsoring an event that you wish to submit for the calendar, please email news@campustimes.org with a brief summary, including: the date, time, location and cost of admission.

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SUNDAY



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Chance of snow: 20%

PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATE

Students found dancing in Gilbert attic

BY ANGELA LAI
NEWS EDITOR

1. On Feb. 28 at 5:12 p.m., a student reported hearing what sounded like footsteps above her room in Gilbert Hall. The area in question was the attic area in Gilbert. Department of Public Safety (DPS) officers responded to check the area. Upon arrival, officers found a group of students in the attic. The group stated that they were practicing a dance routine and they wanted a private place to do so. The students stated the door to the attic was ajar and that that was how they got in. There were no signs of forced entry. The students were warned and sent on their way. The attic space was secured by officers when they left.

Suspicious male caught stealing from Barnes & Noble

2. On March 1 at 4:21 p.m., staff at the Collegetown Barnes & Noble bookstore reported a suspicious male who might be taking items from inside the store. DPS officers responded and located the male, who was still in the store. Officers found the male carrying several items and it appeared he had other items hidden on his person. The male was cooperative, and officers conducted a search of him. Officers took over \$690 worth of clothing, food and miscellaneous

items off of the male that he had hidden on him. The male was identified as having been banned from UR property in the past. The male was then placed under arrest for burglary, petit larceny and trespassing. The male was taken to DPS Headquarters to be processed for the arrest and then taken to jail by Rochester police.

Students leave belongings, are suspected of living in Gleason

3. On Feb. 26 at 6:20 a.m., staff in Gleason Library reported the possibility of students living in the library. Staff reported finding a large amount of personal items inside two cubicles in the area. The items included pillows, blankets, two laptop computers, clothes, shoes, food and other personal items. Officers collected all of the items and secured them at DPS Headquarters until the owners could retrieve them. Four undergraduates were identified as the owners of the property. The four responded to the DPS office to collect their belongings. The four students were not aware they could not leave their personal items in the library for as long as they wanted. They were all advised of the library's policies and they collected their belongings.

*Lai is a member of the class of 2018.
Information provided by UR Public Safety.*

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Repairs in store for Hutchison, Hylan, Dewey entrances

BY AUREK RANSOM
COPY EDITOR

UR Facilities & Operations will be replacing entrance doors on several River Campus buildings during UR’s spring break. The repairs are slated for the external entrance to the tunnels in Dewey Hall, the main entrance doors of Hylan Hall on the Science Quad, and the first-floor entrance to Hutchison Hall that faces Wallis Hall. Construction is scheduled to begin on Saturday, March 7 and continue as necessary, ending on Sunday, March 15.

Assistant Director of Facilities Kevin Gibson said that the replacements are part of Facilities’ routine maintenance of River Campus property. According to Gibson, the selected doors are “badly weathered” and have had “issues requiring ongoing maintenance.” Gibson added that the doors were selected based on their “age, location, condition and history of service requests [and] required repairs.”

“The new installations will feature upgraded hinge mechanisms, upgraded insulated glass, upgraded lock cylinders and the addition of card access for improved security,” Gibson said. Despite the increased security measures, Gibson noted that “there are no immediate safety or security concerns regarding the doors.”

Students have expressed disdain in the past about the difficulty in opening the main doors of Hylan Hall and the first-floor entrance doors of Hutchison Hall (near Hubbell Auditorium). Gibson stated that, in addition to the concerns of weathering and

wear, the heavy pedestrian traffic through these sets of doors was a factor in their selection. “Condition and history of maintenance,” not location, remain the “primary drivers” of the decision to replace, Gibson said.

An email from Facilities stated that the noisiest part of the construction will be on Saturday, March 7 and Monday, March 9 for the Hutchison Hall doors, and between March 9 and 10 for the Hylan Hall doors. These construction periods will include “loud drilling” and “cutting of the metal frames.”

Facilities’ projects are numerous and varied, and door replacements occupy only a small portion of the time Facilities devotes to both long-term projects and daily maintenance. “Door replacement projects fall into the ‘building envelope repair and replacement’ category of [Facilities’] capital budget,” Gibson stated. “Other items in this category are window replacements, elevator modernizations, masonry repointing and roofing.”

Gibson noted that Facilities “always appreciates hearing input and feedback from our students” and mentioned the Walk for Facilities event, held in November 2014, in which “students and administrators had the opportunity to meet and discuss the condition of our facilities and potential upgrades by touring areas of our campus.” Gibson added, “We are excited to be making significant advances in the upgrade of [the doors] and other items on our campus.”

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Construction plans move forward for Data Science Institute

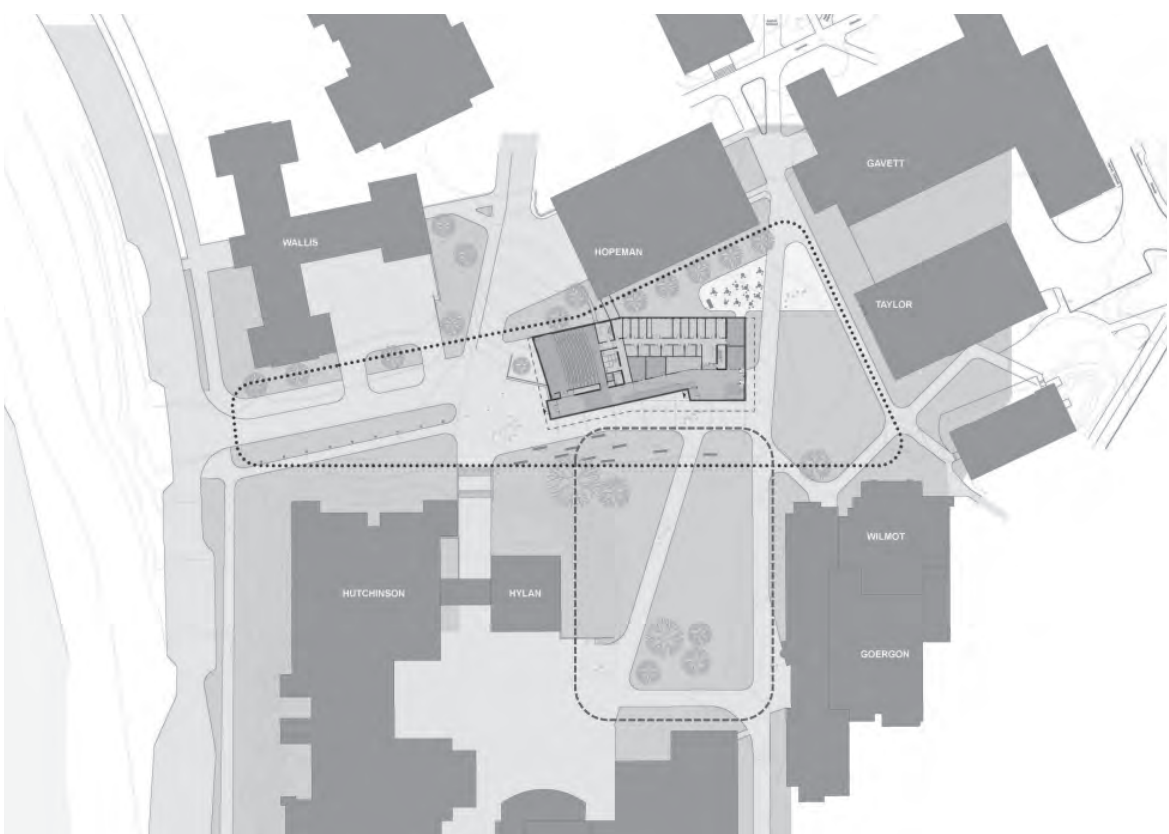


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The proposed layout for the Science and Engineering Quad will eliminate the Hutchison Road bypass.

BY ANGELA LAI
NEWS EDITOR

UR recently selected Welliver, a provider of construction services based in the Finger Lakes region of New York, as the manager for preconstruction services for the new Institute for Data Science. In October 2013, UR’s Board of Trustees approved the Institute for Data Science as the signature project of the 2013-2018 University Strategic Plan.

Data science refers to the extraction of meaning or knowledge from large-scale data, and it draws from and applies to many different fields including biostatistics, brain and cognitive sciences, computer science, mathematics, physics, public health and many others.

Pamphlets for the Institute explain that data science is “one of the defining disciplines of the 21st century.”

They emphasize IBM’s estimate that humans create 2.5 quintillion bytes of data every day and that 90 percent

of the data in the world today has been created in just the last two years. As the prevalence of data has grown, so have its applications—in fact, UR researchers recently developed a way to analyze the data from computer and smartphone cameras to monitor personal mental health.

The University committed \$50 million in endowed funds to expanding its work in data science, with plans to hire 20 new faculty members from diverse fields with expertise in data science and \$25 million of those funds supporting the construction of a state-of-the-art building which will house the Institute. Welliver is currently in the process of doing estimates and looking at constructability for the project, but their contract does not extend to working on the actual building, which will be over 50,000 square feet, located next to the Hopeman Engineering Building and is projected to be completed by December 2016 or January 2017.

Stephen Dare, the Senior Associate Vice President and Interim Chief Operating Officer of University Advancement for Academic Relations, is in charge of fundraising for the project.

“Last spring we started talking to individuals; President Seligman has been very involved,” he said. While he was unable to divulge the current numbers, he said they have made “significant progress” toward the \$50 million goal and that they may be able to make some announcements in the weeks to come.

Kennedy & Violich Architecture, Ltd., an architecture firm based in Boston, won the design competition for the building this past October. University Architect Jose Fernandez explained that the competing firms were asked to focus on a couple of major things.

“We wanted a building that would fit within the context of the campus,” he said. “The

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New dining hall will have a ‘full meal solution’ at each station

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will not be administered under Dining Services but rather through the University. According to Schauf, a space for intercultural celebration has been in the college’s plan for a while, but there was not a space available for it until now.

Plans for the new dining center include a “micro-restaurant”-style set up. An email sent by Dining to the student body describes this concept as “a full meal solution available at each station.”

Aubrey said that the new dining hall will not be focused on small plates as in Danforth. “It will be full stations where if you wanted to, you could go to one station and get your entree, side, [and] everything all at one station,” Aubrey said.

The micro-restaurants will include a kosher station with a focus on comfort foods and whole proteins; a street foods station serving different cultural and ethnic foods; a farm-to-table, allergen-free station with a juice bar, salads and other healthy options; an exhibition station with a saute line for omelets and European-themed dishes; and a dessert station “styled after your favorite coffee shops,” according to the Dining Services email.

The third and fourth floor intercultural spaces will work with dining to incorporate food culture into the “street food” micro-restaurant.

Schauf said the idea for the layout of the building is to make all of its different parts flow better than they currently do. He admitted that the Frederick Douglass Building currently feels like “one building stuck on another,” but that students will, with the new layout, be able to move smoothly from one floor to another without going outside, as is currently necessary to move from the dining center to Grab & Go.

This week, the dining committee, led by Schauf, is finishing the design of the individual food stations. The next step is finalizing the seating plan and organizing materials.

“Then, we’ll have things to show people in terms of what it’s really going to look like,” Schauf said.

According to Schauf, the construction of College Town and the movement of the University bookstore to a different location gave Dining Services the capacity to expand the building as much as possible. In the past, Douglass has remained closed on weekends to make room for student events. With a separate floor dedicated to this in the future, Douglass’ dining center will have the capacity to remain open for brunch on the weekends along with Danforth.

UR Dining Services receives several logistical benefits from the renovations. An expanded catering program will bring in

more revenue, and this revenue will circulate back into the program. Similarly, the food offered at the new Grab & Go will be completely house-made, meaning UR will not need to rely on other providers for products.

There will also be more job openings and opportunities for current dining employees to switch locations.

“Our chefs are really excited to be able to play with some new equipment and new foods,” Executive Chef Tony Pignagrande said. Pignagrande has been working with the planning committee to ensure that the new facilities, including the kitchen layouts and equipment, make sense and work well behind the scenes during food preparation.

“This renovation will allow us to make all of our locations better,” Pignagrande said. He explained that while Douglass will have a new draw, Dining Services plans to keep things updated in Danforth and Wilson Commons, as well.

“We’re always thinking about that,” Pignagrande said, addressing potential crowding of the new dining hall when it first opens. “When everybody goes to a location, it’s not the ideal dining situation [...] We need to make sure we offer something new and exciting in other locations as well.”

McAdams is a member of the class of 2017.

Data Science Institute slated for 2017 opening

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other thing is, we wanted a building that would create a collaborative work environment, we wanted to encourage the faculty and the students to be able to interact as much as possible and we wanted a building that at the ground plane interacted with the Science and Engineering Quad,” which also faces a major overhaul.

There is currently a separate landscaping design competition between three architecture firms to design four and a half acres of land on the Science and Engineering Quad around the Institute, and a winner will most likely be announced in a couple of weeks once the firms present their submissions.

Here, Fernandez noted, the architects face the challenge presented by the edges defining the new science quad, as they are “not straightforward and clean and linear.”

However the architects deal with that challenge, Hutchison Road and the small parking lots near it will be shut down, eliminating the potential there for conflicts between pedestrians and vehicles. Fernandez is optimistic that removing the pavement and integrating that space into the landscape will help create “something of the caliber of the Eastman Quad” while still being “its own place.”

“It will redefine that part of campus,” he added.

Lai is a member of the class of 2018.

Gillibrand discusses rape culture on campus

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or for not paying fees than for sexual assault.

In response to questions on the prevention of sexual violence, Gillibrand said she hoped the federal government’s stricter enforcement of Title IX would enable schools to change the culture surrounding sexual violence on their own campuses. “We can provide the transparency, so each school can take that information and then do something about it,” Gillibrand said.

Visiting administrators from SUNY Brockport described their “Bystander” program, a student education initiative that works to change student attitudes toward sexual violence on campus. Brockport students attend discussions on alcohol, sexuality and relationships to help teach them how to intervene in risky situations. The program focuses on the laws surrounding alcohol and

consent, as well encouraging sober communication about sex.

Gillibrand pointed out that most rapes on college campuses are committed by students who target their victims in a premeditated way. “On average it’s six rapes per predator,” Gillibrand said. “Yes, there are examples where there might have been confusion or a lack of understanding [...] but for the most part, we’re talking about people who are premeditating these crimes and targeting the victim.”

“We’ve had broad, bipartisan support,” Gillibrand said of the bill, adding that she is grateful for the increased advocacy from students and grassroots organization. “We have to make sure there’s not a senator or congressman in Washington who hasn’t heard from their own constituents on the importance of these kinds of reforms.”

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Harder and harder to breathe



BY ADAM KADIR
MANAGING EDITOR

Maybe it's just the sewage vent across the street that's been spewing constantly for the past week, but something is smoky outside ITS. You can even smell it inside the airlock by Connections. You can smell it around the block. It's gotten so bad that you can smell it when it's not even there. Or, maybe the area outside ITS is now just redolent of it in my mind.

Of course, I'm talking about cigarette smoke. Cigarette smokers are polluting the air outside ITS, right where students wait for buses and pass by on their way to the library.

Outside the door to ITS is a sign advertising the University policy prohibiting smoking within 30 feet of a building. Because this rule is unenforced, everyone who chooses not to put death sticks in their mouths still has no choice but to breathe in the murderous fumes they pass through. I have seen smokers light up literally right next to signs telling them that they can't smoke within 30 feet of a building. Such blatant disregard for University policy doesn't just undermine the University's overall authority in enforcing its own rules; rather, it endangers the health of anybody walking within 30 feet of a building.

In theory, the 30-foot rule is a good idea. Regretfully, I can't speak as to whether it is a good idea in practice because it is simply not put in practice. According to minutes from an SA Senate meeting on Feb. 17, 2014, Senator Jonathan LoTempio reported that Director of Public Safety Mark Fischer had said at a previous Public Safety Open Forum that "enforcing the [30-foot] policy would undermine [Public Safety]'s legitimacy." Enforcing the rules does not undermine a policing

body's legitimacy; Public Safety exists to enforce rules. The logical conclusions of Fischer's statement are harrowing and dangerous.

There are several practical solutions to fix the problem of secondhand smoke. The one most in line with current University policy is to enforce the 30-foot rule. Currently, the rule is toothless. And thirdly, the policy is more of what you call a guideline than an actual rule. But we can't just walk idly by and let smokers kill us. There needs to be a punishment for breaking the rule, and, for that, there needs to be enforcement of the rule. To address the latter first, the most obvious choice of who would enforce the rule (though I'd definitely be up for the job) would be Public Safety.

You might think it would require an increased Public Safety presence to enforce the rule at all times. First of all, depending on the punishment, any increase in staff would pay for itself. If you fine people caught smoking within 30 feet of a building, you would at first get a huge influx of cash from people ignoring the rules and others' health, and then the need for Public Safety officers would decrease as the fear of DPS is instilled in the addicted minds of smokers. The system would work much like parking tickets.

The more problematic side of this solution is the definition of 30 feet. One issue in the current setup is that there is no way to know exactly how far away 30 feet from a building is. To avoid controversy, the fairest way to delineate this zone would be to, as tastefully as possible, draw lines around the perimeter of every building. Make it clear, and the rule will be legitimate.

Ideally, smoking would be banned outright on campus. Unfortunately, this is unlikely to happen any time soon. So, until then, I must accept that my peers and professors are allowed to do what they want with their bodies. All I ask is that my fellow people-who-plan-on-living-long and I not have to breathe in cigarette smoke every time we approach a building.

Kadir is a member of the class of 2017.

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As we approach spring break, the halfway point in the semester for students, faculty and staff alike, it seems apt to reflect on the progress so far of the Editorial Board and, more generally, the *Campus Times* itself.

Coming into this year's iteration of the *CT*, we looked around at our new staff, took note of the many fresh, eager and excited faces and set our sights high. As a paper, we were ready to face the new year, and to rise to the challenge of writing, reporting and living the news.

While our circumstances may have been a bit different from those of the stereotypical journalist—apart from the ever-present need for coffee and the looming threat of deadlines—our still spirits swelled with optimism, persistence and the passion that drives all journalists at heart: the truth.

For the desire to get to the bottom of things, to dig deep into diverse issues, to separate

fact from fiction and relay to the public the undying truth in all its glory sparks the fire of the journalist's soul. The truth fuels journalists, pushes them to reach their goals and shines as the foundational motivation at the core of their craft.

Looking back, things may not appear as hyperbolic as they've been painted. Our lives are not accented by dramatic scores, nor is the scope of our work cinematic in breadth or content. But, undeniably, we have risen to the challenge of meeting this central creed of journalism, this essential tenet of the truth.

But we are not ones to neglect recognizing our own faults. At times, in trying to serve our community, we have scrambled to contribute to conversations about campus life. We regret to say that, in some cases, ideas have been exhausted, with old ones redressed and put in their place. The sad reality is that in our darkest hours, even universally agreed upon stances have sufficed

for acceptable arguments. And for our sometimes misguided or squandered efforts, we hope to bounce back after break, bring a spark of life to the flickering candle of our creativity and return to the basics of hard-nosed, cutting-edge journalism that we have and continue to strive to achieve.

A certain film, whose soundtrack has often played throughout the *CT*'s office in times both jovial and trialing once commented on the ephemeral nature of life, with the title character saying: "Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it."

Acknowledging that our time with the *CT* is dwindling, we hope to make the best of our future endeavors and become "ever better." But the only way we can do that is with your input. Tell us how we're doing; let us know what we're doing right and what we can do better. Meliora.

Douglass renovations: keep them distinct from Danforth

At about 10 a.m. Monday morning, the student body received an email from Dining Services. The email, titled "Did you miss it?," described the latest iterations of proposed changes to Douglass Dining Center, currently located on the second floor of the Frederick Douglass Building (FDB).

Fewer than ten students attended the meeting. To imply that some students may have missed it would be a gross understatement.

The email noted that the majority of Douglass' changes will occur during Summer 2015 and Summer 2016, such that a renovated Douglass would open on the first floor of the FDB by Fall 2016.

We applaud Dining's recent communication about the new Douglass to the student body, and we encourage them to go further. Our main suggestion is to consistently update the student body—through email and other effective channels that students actually use, like Facebook—on the construction's progress and on Dining's progress in implementation relative to their timeline.

Many of the intended changes to Douglass sound

great. For example, Dining has communicated their desire to have the new Douglass model be composed of "micro-restaurants," a concept that sounds much more appetizing, efficient and filling than Danforth's model, which places importance upon small plates—and, in turn, small portions. It is no secret that many students go to Douglass with the singular purpose of not going to Danforth. We thank Dining for recognizing this and choosing to have Douglass follow a distinct path from that of Danforth.

Dining's commitment to expanding options—primarily with the expanded allergen-free and kosher stations and "street" and "exhibition" stations—will give students more choices when deciding what to eat. Dining has a responsibility to cater to student needs, and we truly appreciate that they are taking our dietary desires so seriously.

That said, it's a shame that the new Douglass will open after current juniors have graduated. However, this is a major renovation, and we appreciate the amount of thought that has gone into the plan, both in terms of the goal—the dining center at its final stage—and student experiences that will occur

between now and opening day. The second floor of Douglass will effectively remain open for students as a dining option until Fall 2016, and Dining will focus upon summer construction in an effort to keep the number of dining options for students stable.

A more problematic element of Dining's plan is their ambiguity when it comes to the future of the Mel Express. Recently, more items from the Mel Express have been added as options in the Pit.

The Mel Express is the last remnant of the Meliora Restaurant still accessible to students. Currently, it is the only real option for students who want to have a full sit-down meal in a quiet area. The Faculty Club is moving, but at least it is staying. And for good reason—faculty and administrators use it! Additionally, Dining is expanding Grab & Go due to student interest.

Unfortunately, the ultimate reason for the Mel Express' potential closing seems to be general student disinterest.

We believe that most students do not realize what they're missing, and that they likely never will. We hope that answers the question at the heart of Dining's email.

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The case against op-eds

BY STEPHEN WEGMAN

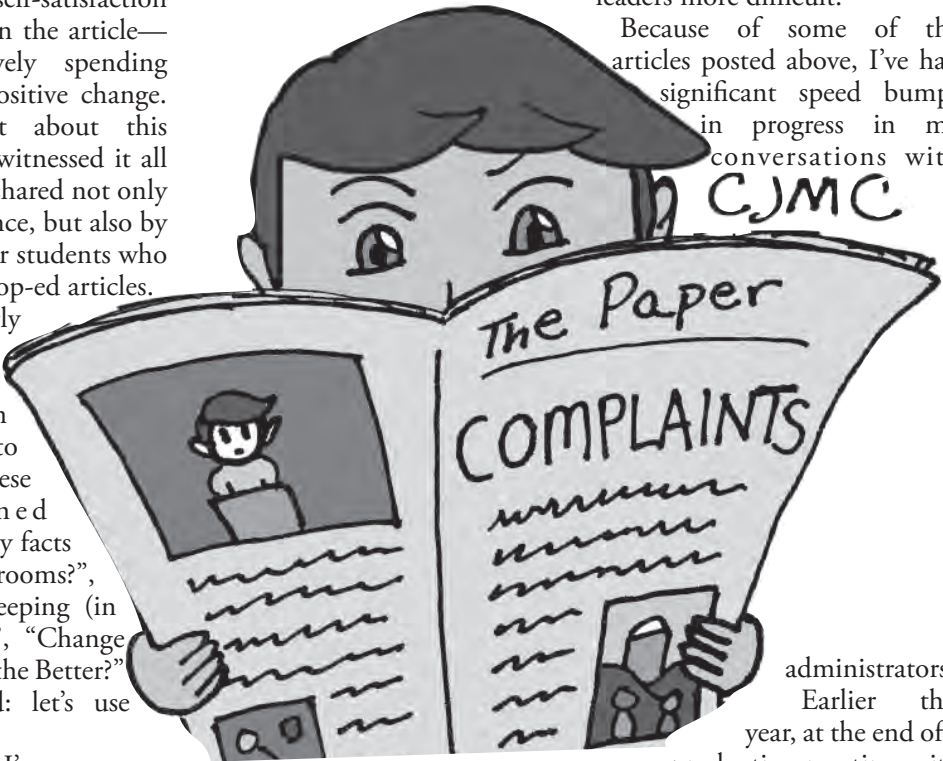
Following the blizzards that hit Rochester and all but halted pedestrian and vehicular transportation around the River Campus, I've spent a lot of time complaining with friends about the sorry progress of our snow cleanup team in the past few weeks. While I'm sure Facilities and Services is doing the best

This attitude prioritizes complaining and positive reinforcement for complaining... over constructively spending time to create positive change.

it can—given its workers' pay, time and access to tools—there's nothing quite like bitching about how annoying it is to walk around on slushy, snow-filled sidewalks. In my mind, whining about externalities of bad weather that are somewhat preventable is at least a few percentage points more interesting than just talking about the weather itself. In any case, my grumbling about the snow has ceased since my friend said this to me: "Yo, I think it'd be really cool to write

an op-ed for the *Campus Times* about how we should have better snow clearing services." Initially pissed at his statement, I realized how silly this mentality was. This attitude prioritizes complaining and positive reinforcement for complaining—the public recognition and self-satisfaction for having written the article—over constructively spending time to create positive change. The worst part about this disposition? I've witnessed it all around campus, shared not only by my acquaintance, but also by a number of other students who have written *CT* op-ed articles. As a fairly regular reader of the *Campus Times*, I've taken the initiative to keep track of these aforementioned articles: "The dirty facts about UR bathrooms?", "The case for sleeping (in public) (kinda)?", "Change Grab and Go for the Better?" and "Blackboard: let's use pen and paper?" What a waste. I'm sure some bright students wrote the articles I mentioned above, most of which are actually neither bad pieces of feedback nor ones lacking entertainment. But, despite containing some creative and intellectual value, I'm also sure these students wrote these articles based on a horrid motivation: narcissism. Authors of opinion pieces complaining about a physical,

facility- or service-related issue have approximately zero desire to actually make any change in the issue. Furthermore, they're not even trying to convince other students that they're right; almost all students can agree they'd prefer more restrooms in the library and regularly



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improved dining services. These authors write articles for the attention and visibility, which in turn allows them access to more in-tune complainers with whom they can co-ruminate about their first-world problems. So, what's the matter with the authors being selfish—aren't they just providing entertainment

for other students? While I certainly agree that such articles are engaging and interesting to read, they create an unforeseen problem for students advocating for concrete improvements to inadequacies. In other words, these students actually make the job of student government leaders more difficult. Because of some of the articles posted above, I've had significant speed bumps in progress in my conversations with administrators. Earlier this year, at the end of a productive meeting with a department, they brought up a *CT* op-ed that offended them. This brought about three results for me: an uncomfortable and tough to handle situation, the degradation of the feedback I had given them, and damage to the rapport I had established with that department. Looking back at the sub-optimal progress of initiatives with this department, I am left to wonder

whether or not a useless *CT* op-ed prevented students from receiving superior services. I charge [op-ed] authors to think twice about complaining about a UR-related issue that could be much more efficiently dealt with through SA Government. While I don't think *Campus Times* should completely eradicate its Opinions section (that would be too ironic for my taste), I challenge its authors to think twice before complaining about a UR-related issue that could be much more efficiently dealt with through SA Government. We do want your feedback, so before picking up the pen to complain about how the pizza in the Pit isn't Brooklyn quality, or about how you couldn't log onto Blackboard at 4 a.m., consider using the SA Government IMPACT petition site or shooting someone a quick email. Who knows—maybe you'll actually get a smoothie bar! Wegman, an SA senator, is Chair of Senate's Academics Committee. Wegman is a member of the class of 2017.

Prime Minister Netanyahu speaks only for himself

BY JESSE BERNSTEIN

To preface everything I'm about to say, we're going to have to agree on one fundamental thing: simply being critical of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu does not make you anti-Semitic. If you're Jewish, it doesn't make you a self-loathing Jew, it doesn't mean you hate Israel and it certainly doesn't mean you're "pro-Palestinian" (which, truthfully, we should all be if there's ever going to be chance for peace). What it does mean is that you're an informed citizen who has every right to be critical of a government and its leaders, and that you care enough about people and the world to think deeply and critically on its goings-on. Are we in agreement? Okay. Let's begin. Speaking in worldwide terms, Benjamin Netanyahu is not a popular man. The last year hasn't been kind to Bibi, as he's lovingly called, from the way he handled the summer war with Hamas—abysmally—to Israel's worsening standing in the international community—partially his fault. His mere

appearance at the Paris peace march following the Charlie Hebdo shootings was a story, with him criticized by the ...Netanyahu's policies at home and abroad have made it increasingly clear that his actions and words are not reflective of all Jews...

French government for his late notification of his attendance and by Israelis for the absurd amount of government funds used to finance the short visit. His status as Prime Minister is increasingly shaky, and power players in the government (Livni, Lapid, Herzog, Bennet), smelling blood in the water, have attacked him relentlessly in the last few months. Meanwhile, American Jewish opinion on Israel is more polarized than it's been in a long, long time. With all of this brewing, Netanyahu gave a speech in front of Congress on Tuesday.

As with everything he does, it's been steeped in controversy. Netanyahu stated he would be making his speech as an "emissary of all Israelis, even those who disagree with me, of the entire Jewish people." This should've been a relatively innocuous comment—why wouldn't he speak for all Jews? He's the head of the Jewish state! Perhaps it's because Netanyahu's policies at home and abroad have made it increasingly clear that his actions and words are not reflective of all Jews—quite the contrary, actually. And that's fine, really. Dissent is okay, and in order for Israel to grow as a country (Wait, I didn't mean it that way!), impassioned discourse is necessary. But, what's so frustrating about the whole thing is how damn arrogant Netanyahu's been about this past year, especially vis-à-vis Monday's speech. Numerous Jewish-American groups have stated that they didn't believe Netanyahu was speaking for them during Tuesday's speech, in which he called upon Congress to be tougher on Iran. He didn't need to report to or argue with these groups—he wasn't

accountable to them. And yet, he's continued to push the point, which is curious given how many other important issues he's facing. After a few years of rapidly mounting tension between Netanyahu's government and President He's sacrificing long-term peace for short-term political power every time he opens his mouth, and to that I say this—Prime Minister Netanyahu, you do not speak for me. Obama's, Netanyahu had the gall to say that "our alliance is stronger than ever" during his speech on Monday at the annual American Israeli Public Affairs Committee policy conference. Not only is that false, it's a dangerous lie to give credence to. The partnership is quite far from the strongest it's ever been, and the first step in the rebuilding

process is recognizing that the foundation, as it stands, is deeply flawed. This overly antagonistic attitude has shown in the past year: between the "Jewish state" bill, his lack of respect for the American support he's received, his poor handling of the war with Hamas and his generally bellicose rhetoric, his actions have only served to divide rather than unite. And I haven't even mentioned that he continues to build in the West Bank, a wholly unnecessary move that makes it seem like Netanyahu is seeing just how far he can go. If this seems desperate, that's because it is. Netanyahu is always been on the conservative side, but this public hardliner attitude of his is totally unacceptable and an unashamedly blatant ploy to sway conservative voters to his side in the upcoming elections. He's sacrificing long-term peace for short-term political power every time he opens his mouth, and to that I say this—Prime Minister Netanyahu, you do not speak for me. Bernstein is a member of the class of 2018.

Net neutrality: neutralizing exploitation without noticeable effects

BY FARKHOD DAVRENOV

Freedom, equality and opportunity—standard ideals of American politics. Ideals as vague as they are loved, they were invoked again with the Federal Communication Commission (FCC)’s passage of stronger net neutrality rules on Feb. 26.

These rules are actually fairly uncontroversial. Multiple internet service providers (ISPs) have already been following them. Don’t block access to websites if the content is legal.

The FCC is sealing off an opportunity for ISP companies to further ingrain their exploitative tendencies.

Don’t intentionally slow down some content or speed up others. Make your operations

transparent to everybody so no one can unfairly benefit from that knowledge. Don’t implement pay-to-play “fast lane” services. Basically, the rules ensure that ISPs cannot unfairly give preferential treatment to some groups and discriminate against others. There are other important details but, generally, these rules are right in line with the ideals of a free society.

The caveat is that in order for these rules to have any legal weight, the government has to vastly increase its power over the Internet. Broadband is now subject to Title II regulations, akin to other utilities, and their overuse can cause a multitude of issues.

FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler emphasizes the light touch they will use in their regulatory practices. He says that the Internet will be

regulated no more than free speech is regulated by the First Amendment. Maybe that is true, and the government really won’t fully exploit all of its new powers. And maybe the alcoholic goes to the bar so he can eat some peanuts and

watch the game.

But, really, what is the alternative? Do we reject the regulatory practices of the government in favor of the exploitative practices of the ISPs? Do you trust the

government more than you hate your ISP? At least with the government involved, it’s the company getting screwed and not the customer.

Ultimately, it doesn’t even matter who does what or even what they do. All that matters is how people are affected. And in this sense, the FCC’s decision on Net Neutrality might not even matter.

Think about the differences in your Internet experience before and after the proposal passed. Will you even notice whether or not you have a better internet experience? Nobody likes their ISP, but it is not like they were being particularly obnoxious. Most people’s browsing habits are completely unaffected by these net neutrality rules. In the short term, no one will notice any difference.

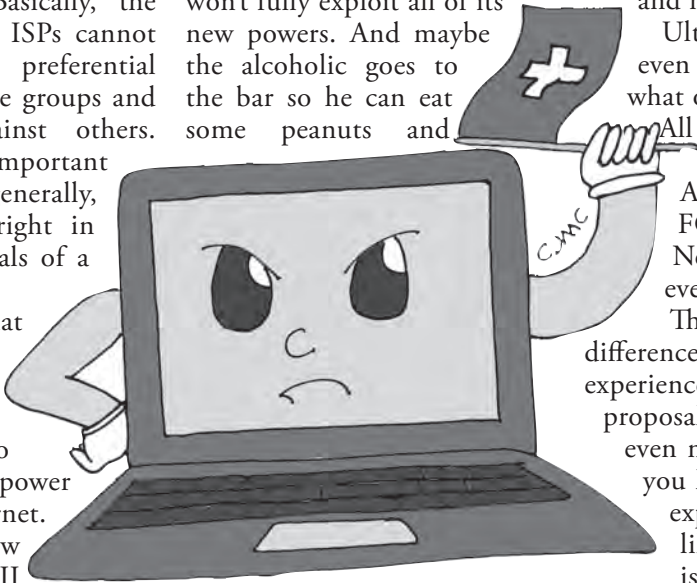
Whatever effects we might see will arise gradually and

perhaps unpredictably. The FCC is betting that the state of the future Internet will be healthier with government

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regulations and protections than without. It is a call back to the monopolies of the early 20th century. The lack of competition allowed them to do whatever they desired, which often included exploiting workers and customers for greater profit. The FCC is heading off a potential for ISP companies to further ingrain their exploitative tendencies.

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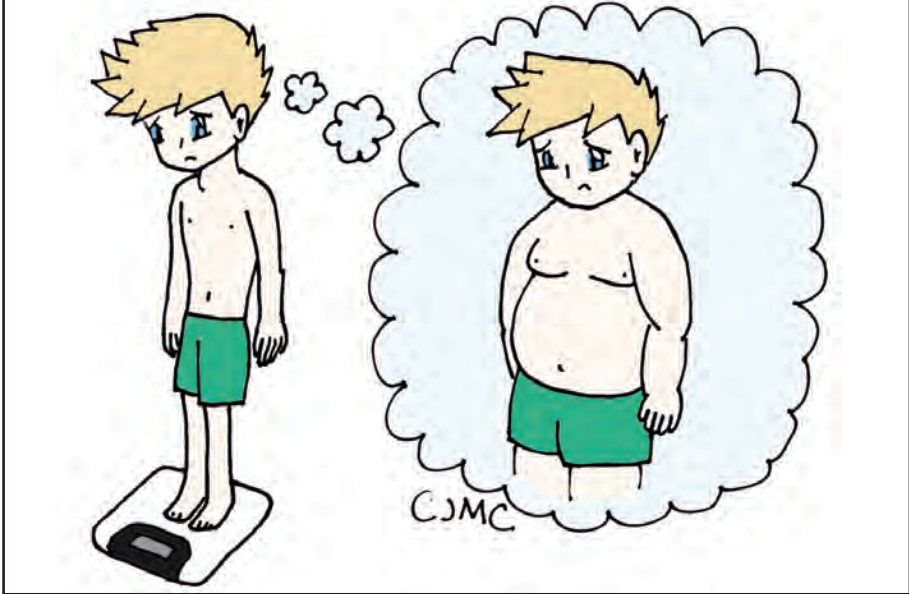
FEATURES

Students learn about eating disorders and their effects



The eating disorder awareness team at the event.

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BY MEGAN KIBLER
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Your heart is pounding, even faster than it was while you were running your final stretch on the treadmill. You finally open your eyes and allow yourself to take in the resulting number on the scale.

You are half a pound lighter than you were yesterday.

You reward yourself with a smile and perhaps a meal consisting of more than a piece of bread and jam. But this moment of achievement is temporary—you know that you could be lighter. You can do better.

So, despite a complete lack of energy and a painful, unceasing case of hunger, you decide to step back onto the treadmill as an alternative to dinner.

This is a typical scenario for someone with anorexia nervosa, an eating disorder that, according to the National Eating Disorders Association, involves “self-starvation and excessive weight loss.” Another eating disorder is bulimia nervosa, which is “a cycle of bingeing and self-induced vomiting designed to undo...the effects of binge eating.” Binge eating disorder, a disorder recently acknowledged by the latest edition of the DSM-5, involves “frequently consuming large amounts of food but without measures

to prevent weight gain.” All of these disorders can cause life-threatening conditions; in fact, eating disorders have the highest mortality rate out of any mental illness in the U.S. Eating disorders do not just affect females—one in ten cases involves men.

“There was no reason I wanted to see that number on the scale but I was in it; it took me over,” said Maggie Bertram, the Associate Director of Training and Education for Active Minds, a national organization whose primary goal is to combat stigma associated with mental illness.

Her empowering tale—which included multiple humorous asides—of reclaiming her life from anorexia nervosa during her senior year of college was filled with insight and inspiration. She was featured as a guest speaker to conclude Eating Disorder Awareness Week, which had included multiple events hosted by UR’s Active Minds chapter.

There was a mental health screening opportunity, involving taking a survey comprised of yes and no questions. People who completed the survey could receive feedback from a UHS counselor and a possible referral for other resources if eating disorder symptoms had been detected. The “Day Without Mirrors” exhibit was created by covering up the mirrors in the

restrooms in Wilson Commons and posting various quotes that endorsed a more positive body image. These included reminders such as “Work with your body and not against it.” There were even markers for those who wished to leave their own words of encouragement.

“A big theme of this week is not just focusing on eating disorders but also promoting body positivity in general,” said senior and UR Active Minds president Hayley Harnicher. “The main goal is to have a reminder that beauty doesn’t come from what you see in the mirror.”

This same theme was emphasized in an event called “My Favorite Features,” which involved asking people to name various traits that they valued in themselves and trying to stray away from physical traits and instead focus on ones related to personality and talents.

Promoting body positivity is a great strategy for prevention, but unfortunately it can be very challenging for someone who currently has an eating disorder to break the cycle. Harnicher noted that oftentimes “people are not even aware that they have the disorder.” So, this not only makes it difficult for the victim of the disorder but for their friends as well. What is the magic cure, then, for a

disorder that is undetectable to the victim?

“Emphasizing the role of friends and having support,” said junior Raey Gesese, a member of the Active Minds e-board in charge of education and publicity. “They get an idea of how things can be better.”

“An important message is that people aren’t alone in this—people suffer in silence, but don’t have to,” agreed sophomore Abby Monsoor, an Active Minds member.

Making the decision to seek treatment can be difficult, but it is the first step in combating a serious and potentially fatal problem. Harnicher’s strategy involves “helping them recognize that it is not a weakness to seek help...and show them how courageous it is and praise them for it.”

Senior Niki Wezensky had a similar experience in trying to help a roommate who was showing early signs of an eating disorder. Wezensky was not forceful or demanding, and made it clear that “I was there for her, but that I also wanted her to be healthy.” She remembers keeping track of her friend’s eating habits and encouraging her to see a therapist.

Ultimately, though, it is up to the victim to make the final change. Although Bertram attributed a lot of her success

in recovery to her friends’ loyal support, she recalled her lowest point after being notified of potential kidney failure.

She knew she had a decision to make.

“There was nothing left below me, and I flipped the switch and went to treatment the next day.”

Having been a very dedicated student, she had been concerned about missing classes, but she emphasized the importance of taking care of yourself first and foremost. “Pressing pause is easy in college...it doesn’t matter how long it takes you.”

We are blessed at this university to have multiple avenues of support. If you need to talk to someone, remember that counselors at UHS are always available, and that, as a student, you are allowed ten free sessions. The CARE Support team is always available. And, if you feel strongly about promoting mental health, Active Minds holds general meetings on Mondays at 7 pm in Havens Lounge.

Above all, remember to promote your story and not be afraid to speak up and acknowledge your own potential.

“Don’t silence your voice...you have the power to change the world,” Bertram concluded. “Be there for your friends.”

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UR OPINION

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“WHAT IS YOUR DREAM SPRING BREAK DESTINATION?”



AIIMEE KOHLER '17

“A place you can swim with pigs—Bahamas.”



AINNIE DAR '16

“Hawaii.”



BEN SMILEN '16

“Warm. Anywhere warm.”



CHRISTINE OTTO '17

“Grand Canyon.”



RORY-STEFAN AFFOON '15

“San Francisco.”



CHARLES ALDRICH '18

“Turks and Caicos.”

Jodi Says: Swearing isn't sexy

BY JODI ARMSTRONG
STAFF WRITER

Most swear words fall into two categories: words referring to genitalia and words that harass people's sexuality, race or religion. Both are disappointing to me; then again, maybe my moral standards for profanity are naively high.

As for the genitalia category—your assholes, cunts, dicks and cocks—all these words just make sex seem like a bad, dirty thing.

That's a shame, because it's

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not inherently dirty or offensive; it's part of our nature. Should it really be an insult to call someone a dick? Dicks are great! Now, I may be idealistic, and I do wish these words weren't used as they are, but I am not so naive as to

suggest that everyone should stop using them altogether. Maybe we should all just try to be more aware of their subtle psychological effects and use them with more caution.

My opinions are not as lenient regarding the second category of swears. Bitch, slut, whore and even crude, faggot, dyke and tranny—these all are just nasty words. And while their focus is centered on women, gays, transgender people and basically anything other than cis-straight white men, these words are used everywhere and are harmful to everyone.

To attack a person with these swears because they are gay, gender nonconforming, a woman who has sex or a woman who doesn't is just wrong. I think most people agree about that. But what about using these words in contexts outside of their meaning? You call your buddy a faggot because you're crushing him in Mario Kart, not because you think he's gay and have a problem with gay people. Lots of people are willing to dismiss the use of swears in this type of scenario. Even in that context, I

would argue that these type of swear are still harmful, though in subtler ways.

A swear is a lazy criticism. The easiest way to criticize someone is to attack their sexuality. This incessant focus on sexuality adds to the pervasive sense of negativity, shame and insecurity around sex. Being comfortable, confident and proud of your sexual identity and choices is extra hard when your sexuality is

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constantly under attack.

Even if you manage to keep your sexuality in a positive light in your own mind, as soon as you piss someone off, the first thing they do is call you a nasty name.

Just cut someone off driving around in your Subaru Outback? “Dyke!”

What!? WHY!? How could my sexual orientation be at all relevant to my driving behavior? Or related to what car I drive, for

that matter!

To ignore someone's true flaws—for example, their terrible driving—characterizing them with something as characteristic and harmless as their sexual identity is hurtful and lazy and not at all helpful. It's not going to make them a better driver. It will only make you a less kind person.

When we hear these words constantly, even when they aren't directed at us, it is a reminder of how we must be straight,

When we hear these words constantly, even when they aren't directed at us, it is a reminder of how we must be straight, monogamous or whatever else, in order to avoid being a subject of hate.

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hate. So, it isn't ever harmless play to use these offensive words.

Swears are fun to use—they're dramatic and cathartic—but be mindful of your words, because they aren't harmless.

Armstrong is a member

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD ANSWER:

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No crossword this week. Have a great break!

UR Tech: The Grumpy Cat

BY LUCIAN COPELAND
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Grumpy Cat is making the rounds at Comcast's headquarters this week. Adorned on a banner carried by a plane circling the giant ISP's headquarters, the unhappy feline is accompanied by words celebrating the FCC's recent ruling on net neutrality and hinting at the continuing struggle to come:

“COMCAST: DON'T MESS WITH THE INTERNET.
#SORRYNOTSORRY
#NETNEUTRALITY.”

It's the latest in a series of jubilant messages following the FCC's ruling this past Thursday, which ruled that the Internet will be classified as a utility similar to telephone and radio services and subject to the same governmental regulations. It's a move that reinstates similar policies, in a hopefully more permanent fashion to the old net neutrality rules, which were struck down by federal courts in 2010. FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler has recommended that Title II of the Communications Act of 1934 be applied to broadband service, “modernizing” it, he writes, and “tailoring it for the 21st century.”

Before the ruling there, was a significant push from Internet activists, content providers and general consumers to make the move back to neutrality. The argument has largely been focused around the idea of internet “slow lanes”—without the rules of the FCC, Internet service providers such as Comcast, Verizon and AT&T are free to throttle bandwidth on certain types of data unless content providers pay a fee for faster service.

This change was most publicly

seen in the battle between ISPs and popular streaming service Netflix, as the bandwidth-intensive service was attacked again and again with rising costs

after the old net neutrality rules lost legal support. Threatened with massive spikes in loading times and hopelessly poor video quality, Netflix eventually relented, paying an undisclosed amount of money to ISPs to retain their speed and consumer value.

Consumers have argued that this form of throttling is hopelessly unfair to both users and content providers. Under a “fast-lane” system, the benefits are sharply

in favor of large companies that can afford the fees for fast service, leaving smaller startups and individuals who perform their own hosting to deal with slow service to almost all of their users. Arguing that the only way for the Internet to remain the incredible source of information and utility

it is today is through fairness, these activists have demanded that the old rules be reinstated and neutrality be restored. For these parties, Thursday's ruling is

a tremendous victory.

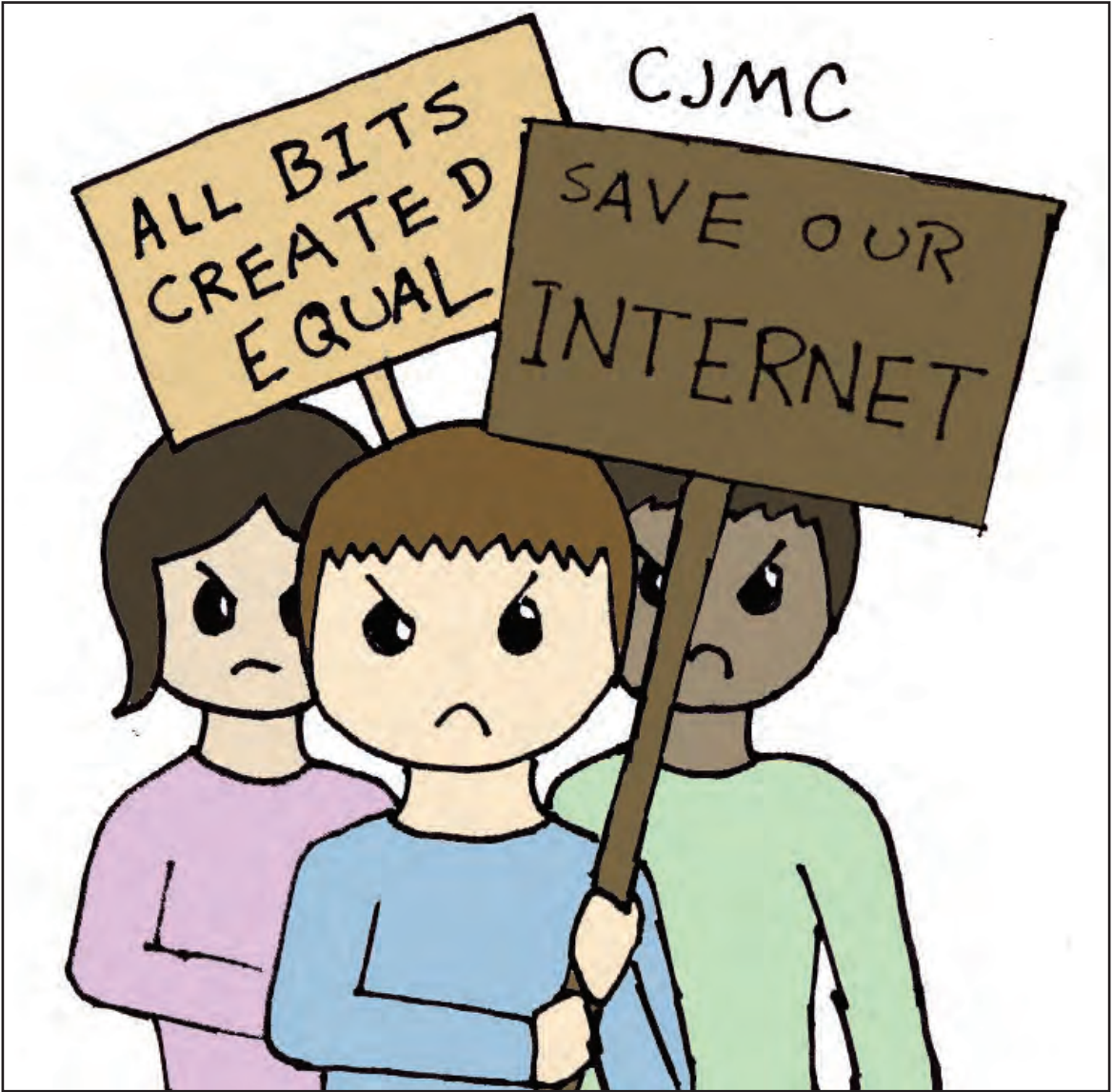
Obviously, ISPs are less excited. Their argument is that services like Netflix are damaging to the Internet ecosystem, demanding disproportionate amounts of bandwidth and service for free. And while some “reasonable network management” is still

permitted, the ruling will also prevent consumer level throttling, such as that seen in many “unlimited” plans where speeds are sharply capped once a certain data level has been exceeded. These giants are undoubtedly gearing up their lawyers for a long haul of appeals and lawsuits that will be sure to last many years into the future.

And even some outside the ISP business have raised objections. Speaking at the Mobile World Congress, Nokia CEO Rajeev Suri feels that the ruling could prevent new information-intensive technologies from getting the support they need to function properly. Chief among his concerns were self driving cars, in which Nokia has significant investments. “There are some services that simply require a different level of connectivity” he said, “You cannot prevent collisions if the data that can prevent them is still making its way through the network.” Other concerns he voiced included service to hospitals, where doctors could have difficulty receiving the massive amounts of data many modern medical devices require.

But such concerns may be lost in the public's demands that the internet should now and forever remain free for all. No matter how much they spend on legal attacks, ISPs cannot simply lawyer away the millions of online users who benefit from the ruling and support internet as a utility. And unless they can create an appealing spin to combat the tremendous consumer pressure that supports net neutrality, they'll just have to just deal with Grumpy Cat for a little longer.

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Chrome extensions you should know

BY RAAGA KANAKAM
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Google Chrome is one of the most popular Internet browsers out there. It's commended for its lightning speed, easy-to-use search engine and multiple cool features such as voice search and syncing across devices. Furthermore, using it in conjunction with a Gmail account makes for an amazingly smooth use of everything offered by the mail service.

Chrome is also great because it has seemingly infinite useful, productive and entertaining extensions.

Here's a list of six Chrome extensions that a student might find useful.

1. Save to Google Drive

Google Drive is an incredibly popular resource for college students everywhere. Having all your documents in an easy-to-reach place that can be accessed anywhere and can also be shared and edited in real time is a huge time-saver when it comes to work, both school-related and extracurricular-related. This extension allows you to right-click on any link or image and save it directly to your Google Drive, which can be accessed later. This is hugely useful when working on a project that requires extensive research and bookmarking twenty websites becomes overwhelming.

2. StayFocusd

Sometimes school work is just boring. You can get the most caffeinated beverage from Starbucks and the quietest nook in Carlson, but sometimes

nothing can keep you from checking Facebook or Reddit. You've run out of self-control. What do you do? This extension offers multiple options for blocking, from setting a daily timer that blocks a website after a time runs out to the "Nuclear Option" that blocks all the websites you want for a set time. Think you're going to succumb and disable the timer? Think again. You can set an option to require entering a long and difficult passage to get access to the settings.



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3. Print Friendly & PDF

Printing is expensive. Printing a web page with tons of useless links and images is expensive and frustrating. Luckily, Print Friendly exists. It removes all the extraneous links on a webpage, and also has an option to remove pictures and anything else you don't want by simply clicking on it. Additionally, it can also save a page as a PDF, which can be useful when doing research.

4. Session Buddy

It's not hard to get carried away with browsing sites online and

finding yourself with twenty tabs open, and especially difficult when they're all important ones you can't close. Session Buddy displays all the tabs you have open in a neat list, and can even save that session to be opened later if you want to visit it later and clear your browser. Or if you need to restart your computer and don't want to bookmark the tabs, this extension will save them all to be opened again at your leisure.

5. Adblock

Pop-ups are annoying. Having to watch a one-minute ad before a You-Tube video is annoying. Advertisements in general are rather annoying and cause a webpage to load much longer. Adblock wipes all those away. This extension will block ads in virtually every avenue, including videos and flash games. Advertisements are used to generate revenue for websites, so if you want to support your favorite website, it also gives the option to disable the extension on websites that you want. Best of all, this extension is also available on Safari, Opera and Firefox.

6. Memorize!

Who says you can't study even while being lazy? With Memorize!, you can input a list of questions and answers, which will pop up in intervals that you can set. Answer the question, and that question gets removed from the set, and the extension will continue to pop-up at intervals until you get all the questions correct or you stop it. It's a neat way to study while procrastinating.

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HUMOR

Let’s play on words

BY CHRIS HORGAN
HUMOR EDITOR

1. The electric wiring in my house is unfixable, so I felt guilty giving the repair man an offer he couldn't re-fuse.
2. Angels make poor friends because they aren't down-to-Earth people.
3. Scheduling events for a friend is a good way to make their day.
4. Before Jesus walked on water, he did a few dry runs.
5. Scientists spend so much time studying why snails don't get married, but it's because they take things slowly.
6. Insanity: doing the same thing

- over and over again and expecting different results. Insanity: doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results.
7. If it weren't for spell check, I wouldn't be able to spell anything rite.
 8. Telling someone to break a leg works well, unless they are a sprinter.
 9. Marry someone who is the same height as you. That way, you'll always see eye to eye.
 10. If a pistol and a rifle had a child, it would be one dangerous son of a gun.
 11. Jogging every day will be good in the long run.

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Poking fun at the news

BY CHRIS HORGAN
HUMOR EDITOR

1. A blind dog was rescued after being lost in the cold for over 2 weeks.
“I would’ve found home a lot sooner if I had had a seeing-eye man,” said the dog.
2. Yet another aggressive owl strike has been reported in a small Dutch town.
How many strikes does it take to get to the center of an owl attack case?
3. A birthday party was held for a NYC couple that has been married for 82 years.
When asked about her husband's influence on the accomplishment, the wife responded by claiming, “I couldn't have done it without him.”
4. A New Mexico couple got engaged right before getting stranded on a mountaintop.
Things can only go down from there.
5. A man sold a watch he found at a secondhand store for \$35,000.
How did he do it? He told the buyer it was a cell phone with unlimited minutes.
6. A DEA agent is claiming that the legalization of medical marijuana in Utah will lead to stoned rabbits.

In a remake of “The Tortoise and the Hare” tale, the hare will be so paranoid that the tortoise is out to get him he will actually win the race.

7. A fugitive was arrested after commenting on a sheriff's Facebook page before subsequently being removed from Facebook.

“So how am I gonna know when they post my bail?” said the fugitive.



LIZ BESON / SENIOR STAFF

8. A Vermont town is considering allowing 16 and 17-year-olds to vote in local elections.
As a result, local office seekers will have to change their platforms to focus on issues such as “too much homework,” “subsidizing prom dances” and “lowering the requirements needed to get a high school diploma.”

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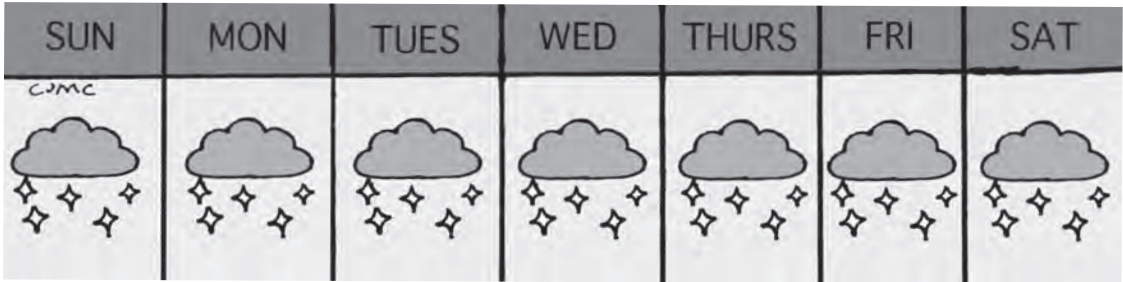
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Seligman makes judgement call not to cancel classes



BY MAX KINDER
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CHRISTIAN CIERI / ILLUSTRATOR

As of 3 p.m. on Tuesday afternoon, UR President Joel Seligman, has decided not to cancel classes for the snowfall that is predicted to hit the Northeast in the next coming week. According to weather.com, snowfall is expected to hit on Mar. 6, but Seligman has no fear.

“Bring it on!” said Seligman, when asked about the impending snowfall. “I’ve been here for ten years, and I haven’t met a snowfall that I couldn’t shovel my way out of,” he added while flexing his arms in an attempt to mimic strength.

Seligman is notorious for never cancelling classes in the face of severe weather. He attributes his stubbornness to his days at the University of California, Los Angeles, where they haven’t seen snow fall since 1962.

“We’re right up there academically with UCLA, so why not match them in their diligence for attending class,” boasted Seligman. “I am more

than a president; I am a teacher too, and my goal is to teach these kids not only how to navigate through life but how to navigate their way to class.”

Seligman then broke out into laughter as he recounted the time he sent out an email the morning of a ten-inch snowfall telling students that they were encouraged to bring their shovels to class.

“To be honest, it was more of an economic move,” admitted Seligman. “That morning, we had set up shovel stands for students to buy shovels or else they couldn’t graduate on time. We made a killing.”

Students are already up in arms about the lack of cancellation. Many have begun to protest outside of Wilson Commons but have to be wary of the 30 foot distance they must keep from the doors, so as not to spread their negativity too far, per school rules.

This situation seemed eerily similar to actions taken by former Mayor of New York

Michael Bloomberg, who was also notorious for holding off on school cancellations, even during huge snow storms. After doing a little digging, it was discovered that Bloomberg and Seligman are actually good friends who meet up at Harvard Alumni events every year. A photo is reported to have surfaced of the two men showing off what appear to be weather-controlling machines, but that picture can no longer be found.

“This sucks,” said Eric Johnson, a senior from New York City. “I haven’t had a snow day in 19 years of being in school. Just when I thought I had left one tyrant, I fall into the hands of another.”

As always, students are encouraged to voice their opinions through paperwork that can be found in Lattimore at the CCAS desk. However, in order to fill out a form you must have a cumulative GPA of 4.1 or higher and be enrolled in at least 30 credit hours at the time of submission.

Kinder is a member of the class of 2015.

Getting ready to conquer the cold in the rather chilly city of Rochester

BY NATE KUHRT
STAFF WRITER

This past week, I left my dorm in the early hours of the morning bundled up to find a strange phenomenon; a bright ball lighting the sky without any snow falling.

Thankfully, since the University of Rochester is known for its optics, I was able to meet with a professor immediately. He had recently completed some research to conclude that it was called the Sun.

For those of you who were a little bit unsure how to handle the balmy 32 degrees and sunny skies like me, have no fear: after going home for spring break, Rochester will still feel really cold when you get back! Given that if a groundhog sees its shadow we get six more weeks of winter, I can only imagine what it would mean if the groundhogs behind Sue B. couldn’t get out of the snow.

Here are a few tips to battle through the awkward weeks of winter after spring break!

1. Someone once said, “Fake it till you make it.” I can only assume he was talking about the seasons and telling us college students in Rochester that if we

pretend it's spring long enough, it will actually be spring. Therefore, ditch the winter coats and bring out the shorts and t-shirts. If you get cold, just think about how you are faking spring and

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this is bound to make it spring eventually. In addition, shivering can theoretically add some kinetic energy to the world, and energy and heat are related somehow, right?

2. Wear flip flops. Since the snow is melting, we now have puddles, or as I like to think of them, mini lakes, everywhere on campus. Where there is a lake, there is a lakefront. Prior to college, my parents told me to take

advantage of opportunities...not taking advantage of lake days is the opposite. Also, wearing flip flops will make your feet so cold that they will probably start to hurt or potentially turn black. This pain will distract you from how cold the rest of your body is. As for the puddles on the Phase bridge, a canoe could also help for the puddles. Unfortunately, canoes don't come cheap, and fitting them into your dorm room wouldn't be easy.

3. Make sure to bask in the sunlight on the quads while it lasts. After hibernating for the past several months tucked away in the basement of the stacks in order to not get distracted by the lack of nice weather (or midterms if you're into that sort of thing), you probably need to replenish vitamin D. Also, laying down in the snow is probably a great form of cryotherapy and definitely won't feel unpleasant at all.

Now that you are ready to conquer the cold, you should be ready to embrace fully the Rochester spring and the sort of days the school used to trick us with on accepted student days.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Josh Peck: a childhood hero grown up

BY JULIANNE MCADAMS
SENIOR STAFF

Campus Activities Board (CAB) hosted a Q&A with Josh Peck this past Thursday, Feb. 26, bringing the UR community back to their grade school days of watching “Drake and Josh” and “The Amanda Show.” Although times are changing, and we only see the remnants of Josh Nichols in Peck’s Vines, Snapchat and action movies with Chris Hemsworth, everyone attending the show immediately got a good taste of their childhood when someone asked Peck if he was calling her a liar, and he immediately responded with the quote that any true fan would know: “I ain’t callin’ you a truther.”

Peck was incredibly friendly and entertaining, immediately jumping into a stand-up routine. (Literally jumping to stand up, in fact. He’s a wonderfully hyperactive dude.)

It was hard to know what to expect of his personality before seeing him, because Josh Peck as Josh Nichols and Josh Peck for a few seconds on social media do not translate to Josh Peck on stage at a university for an hour.

“I’m just trying to get frost bite and a garbage plate, basically,” he said of Rochester. Peck was such a bro/mock gangster the entire time, harkening back to and joking about his days



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On Thurs Feb. 26, “Nickelodeon” star Josh Peck held a Q&A session in Strong Auditorium.

growing up in New York City. This was surprisingly fitting when thinking of him in terms of his outrageous Josh Nichols persona who repeated things for emphasis, and tried to act tough even though he was the furthest thing from it when compared to his hot-shot brother, Drake. The fact that Peck talked like he wasn’t just some white Jewish dude, but instead used the lingo of “Ghetto News,” one of his recurring Snapchat bits.

Two members of CAB

interviewed Peck. He had fun messing with them, especially Isabelle Schloss, whom he would call attention to when he did weird things (“Isabelle be like…”).

When they introduced the show by telling the audience not to ask him for selfies, Peck happily called out a guy in the crowd who had tweeted a photo of the empty stage beforehand with the caption, “My body is ready.”

The interviewers began with a question about his time on

“The Amanda Show” and as a child star. He responded that nowadays, he’ll meet a child actor, and they aren’t “normal humans,” the way he and Drake Bell were able to be.

“This isn’t a scene, bro! Be a kid!” he said of his experiences with today’s performing youth.

He elaborated, saying that he is really grateful to have been a part of so many people’s childhoods and that he gets to watch his “awkward teenage years” on TV. Peck had a genuine way about talking

about things he appreciates, which was a nice break from his outrageous joke-telling. He would go from being funny and acting ridiculous to making a serious point about what he was feeling. At times, it seemed like he was trying too hard to be funny, but it really seemed like his personality is such that he will always be hyperactively telling jokes and making people feel comfortable.

The best parts of the show were the anecdotes. Peck, after humbly excusing himself from sounding like a jerk for mentioning celebrities, proceeded to tell stories about Al Pacino, Taylor Swift and Tom Cruise. Peck did a hilarious and impressive impression of Pacino telling him he’d seen every episode of “Drake and Josh” and that his kids were big fans.

Peck also met Tom Cruise on the set of “Red Dawn.” He described an awkward interaction involving eating some ice cream alone in his car after work. Cruise saw him sitting alone in a parking lot outside a Dairy Queen and invited him to come eat ice cream with his family, but Peck rejected this to spend some quality time with “chubby Josh.”

Peck made many references to his chubbier self, refusing to dance around the fact that

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Ra Ra Riot provides reasonably entertaining show

BY JORDAN POLCYN-EVANS
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Ra Ra Riot, an indie rock band from Syracuse, N.Y., performed at Douglass Dining Center on Saturday, February 28th. Popular UR band Scope and Figure was the opening act, and brought the energy and exciting presence that the band is known for. The band had been selected to open the concert through an online contest.

After Scope and Figure’s set, Ra Ra Riot took to the stage and began running through their repertoire of concise, finely crafted songs. Their overall sound is punchy and easy to dance to but has a softer vibe due to Wes Miles’ high register croon that creates a lighter, smoother sound that perfectly matches the instrumentation. The band consists of Wes Miles (lead vocals), Mathieu Santos (bass), Milo Bonacci (guitar), Rebecca Zeller (violin), and Kenny Bernard (drums). Each member played expertly—Bernard especially, as he tore through each disco drum groove like a hot knife through butter.

The band looked fantastic on stage. Each member was



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On Sat Feb. 28, indie band Ra Ra Riot performed in Douglass Dining Center.

wearing a different solid color t-shirt, and their style was complimented by equally as colorful lighting. Zeller played an eye-catching bedazzled violin that looked as though someone had dipped it in a bucket of glitter. Miles’ on-stage actions matched the colorfulness of the night, as he swayed, gestured and even scissor-kicked around

the stage.

Ra Ra Riot has a handful of well known songs, and did not shy away from playing the hits. “Dying is Fine” is an extremely catchy song and one of their most upbeat. “Can You Tell” highlighted the band’s more tender side, and “Boy,” their most recent hit, showcased Santos’ expertise on the bass

guitar.

Unfortunately, as great as Ra Ra Riot sounded on Saturday, they failed to bring any variety. With a few exceptions, most of their songs sounded the same. That isn’t to say that they’re not good songs, but after an hour the floating melodies and tender chord progressions made me want Scope and Figure to come

back out and grunge things up a bit. Another problem was that if you listened to a recording of Ra Ra Riot’s performance that night, and then listened to the studio versions of the songs they played, it would be extremely difficult to tell the difference between the two. Every solo was identical to the album version, every instrumentation the same. It would have been great to see them switch it up a little more.

Despite their occasional plainness, Ra Ra Riot is a solid band and put on an enjoyable show. Miles mentioned toward the end that the music video for “Dying is Fine” was filmed in Rochester, which reminded everyone of their semi-local beginnings. The band started from humble beginnings playing house parties at Syracuse University, and have since become regulars on the alternative music charts (something that fellow college-born band Scope and Figure might want to keep in mind). Ra Ra Riot performed a fun, colorful concert, and are becoming one of the gems of upstate New York.

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Josh Peck visits UR

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he used to be overweight and now looks nothing like the boy we all watched grow up on TV. At other events, Peck has apparently told that ice cream story, based on what I’ve found online, which makes me wonder what other stories he recycles...

(Peck) would go from being funny and acting ridiculous to making a serious point about what he was feeling.

regardless, the story was a direct response to being asked what his strangest celebrity encounter was, so it fit.

Speaking of celebrities, Peck had a Twitter interaction with Taylor Swift which went something like the following:

T: Your Vines are lol
J: Oh yeah Taylor Swift, well

you’re cheer captain and I’m on the bleachers.

Things got weird during the last question of the night. One guy went up to Peck and asked what he would have wanted to say to people in his life if he walked out of Strong that night and “just instantly passed away.” Peck edged around that question, for obvious reasons. Instead of offering up some serious story, he said there were a lot of girls he should have said something to, which, as an answer to that question, definitely suggested something deeper, but it would have been unpleasant to end with any further explanation.

Peck is currently working on a TV show where he plays John Stamos’ son, which is fitting, what with the facial hair and dreamy eyes. Who would have thought watching “Full House” and “Drake and Josh” as a kid that Uncle Jesse would become the new Mr. Nichols.

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‘I’ll Be Your Pilot Tonight’: ‘The Slap’

BY **SAM GILBOARD**
STAFF WRITER

One must approach “The Slap” with an already boiling sense of dilemma. This is a show of misbehaving kids, breastfeeding beyond infancy, and, of course, one well-placed smack across a brat’s face. It’s hard to imagine where this show is heading after the first episode as the titular event occurs and seems to be swept under the rug by all those involved. But my goodness, what a pilot episode it is! In the span of 51 minutes, the audience is given at least two indecent displays of affection between an adult and a minor, a handful of sexist remarks from a Greek-accented Brian Cox and all the post-adolescent milking you can ask for. What more can you give an audience that is already saturated by reports of domestic abuse in the media?

In the beginning, we meet Hector Apostolou, played with an extreme likability by the only actor deserving of praise, Peter Skarsgaard. It’s his 40th birthday, and he is juggling the rejection of a job promotion and feelings for his children’s teenage babysitter. Thandie Newton plays his wife, Aisha, and will be immediately disliked for the disregard she shows her husband and her family. She’s frustrating, and her sudden outbursts are just another reason to pull your hair. Enter Hector’s old country parents, played by Brian Cox and Maria Tucci. They have never approved of Hector’s unwillingness to stand up to his

wife and are a constant headache for Aisha.

Hector is friends with two couples. However, when the dominating, cocky Harry (Hector’s cousin, played by Zachary Quinto) confronts and slaps one of his friends’ (the bohemian couple’s) children, hell breaks lose among the friends. Hector, looked upon as the collective’s leader, must spoil his birthday so that everyone leaves his house without a scratch. Well, everyone except the poor kid. This is where any semblance of a story post-slap occurs. What is the aftermath? What about all the other stuff going on? What about all that breastfeeding?

“The Slap” is a brave concept for a television network that is known for its shows named after Chicago public services and “The Office.” The show is based off an Australian version of the show, which is based off a 2008 novel. But for all the intensity it shows in its pilot episode, little can be expected for future episodes. If the most we can look forward to is the bohemian couple’s decision to press charges against Harry, then there is little to be praised about this show. “The Slap” showed the world its cards the minute the first trailer came on television. Then it played them in the pilot episode. What is left to expect from this show now? Perhaps the second episode provides a different perspective, or maybe it leaves you feeling like you’ve been slapped in the face.

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SCHOOLBOY Q - “OXYMORON”

BY **JUSTIN TROMBLY**
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“Hello? Hello? F--- rap, my daddy a gangsta,” a girl calls out, her voice echoing in the silence. A split-second later, she’s drowned out; a thunderous bassline crashes down, pierced by a wicked snare, while a nocturnal guitar riff lurks amid high-hats in the background. A guttural voice creeping along within it, murmuring ad-libs left and right. Suddenly, the voice erupts: “GANGSTA, GANGSTA-GANSTA!” So opens rapper ScHoolboy Q’s 2014 effort, Ozymoron.

This chant comprises the hook of the track “Gangsta.” This alone is enough to lure the listener into Q’s gritty, schizophrenic world; it is at once both catchy and chilling, sticking in your head even while dripping with savage mania.

With a defiant “YAWK,” Q digs in for the first verse, spitting street-hardened rhymes. “My grandma showed me my first strap,” he confesses, though, when coupled with his sudden snap into double-time and the snarl of his words, it sounds more braggadoccios than anything, leaving little time to ponder on the sad reality of his grandmother gifting him his first gun. His delivery is as mean as it gets, matching the intensity of his bars.

Q’s dynamism drives the song, never letting the listener settle down without veering into a menacing streak of knockout punches. His imagery is brutal—“tags on the toes all amongst your friends”—but, like a car wreck, you can’t help but look. A set of sickening synth strings helps close out the song, Q’s last burst of onomatopoeia gunfire echoing as the beat cuts out, paralleling the voice that started the song, which belong to his daughter, Joy.

On “Ozymoron,” ScHoolboy Q is hard as hell. This is a rapper forged from Los Angeles’ gang life—the Hoover Crips, precisely. The oxymoron Q refers to is the duality of his character: at times, he is a drug dealing, liquor-drinking, gangbanging lunatic; other times, he is a loving father, just trying to scrape together enough cash to buy his daughter some shoes. This sense of contradiction is heightened by Q’s delivery, the fluidity of his flow, his knack for teetering between straightforward rhymes, crazed howls and intricate, detailed reflections.

All of this, combined with the album’s stellar production, comes together for one of the most engrossing hip-hop experiences of recent memory; it is one to be listened to in one sitting. It snatches you in its sonic clutches, stealing you away to a soundscape that is equal parts terrifying and delightful. It is a haunting work of art.

Some might call an album like this cinematic. But, after a listen through, a better word might be nightmarish.

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Ronda Rousey: 14 seconds of feminism

BY JACKIE POWELL
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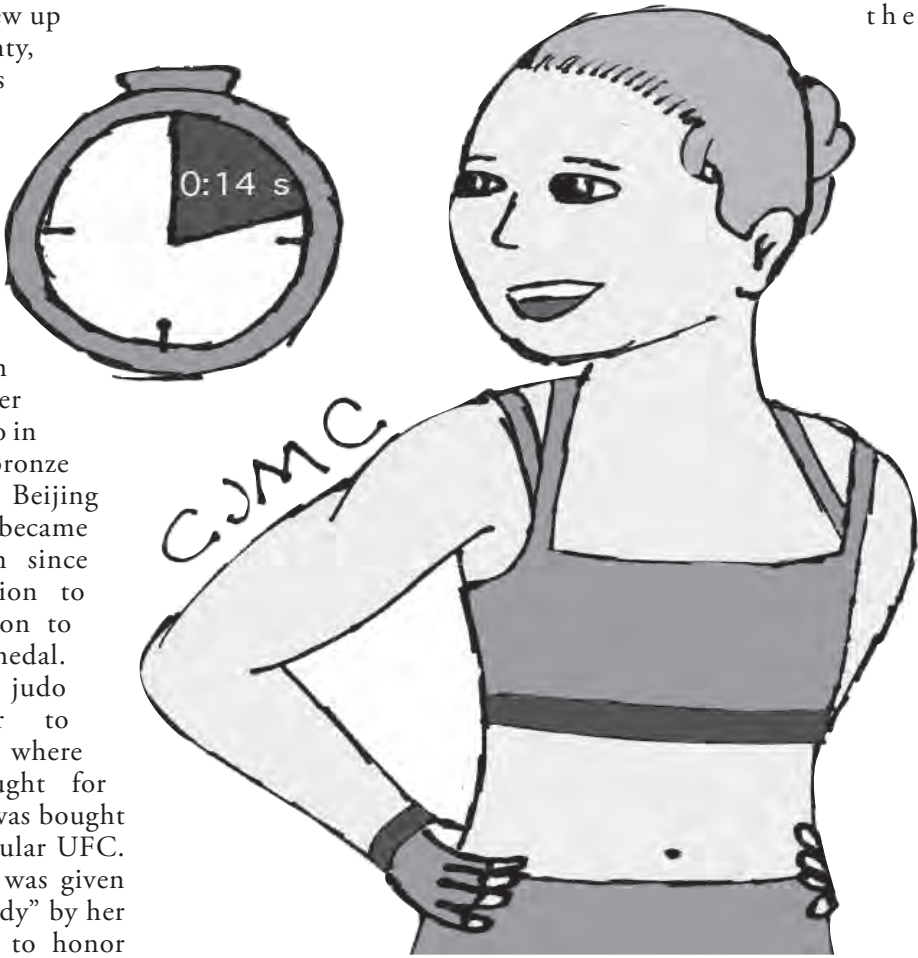
Until about a week ago, you could have asked me who Ronda Rousey was and I wouldn't have been able to give legitimate answer. As a journalist with concentrated interests in female involvement and impactful activity within the world of sports, this story that headlined ESPN for around 48 hours fascinated me. I wondered, who is this Ronda Rousey and why haven't I heard of her story until now? Eagerly, I checked every headline regarding the Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC) Bantamweight Title Champion and what still managed to dumbfound me was why we were seeing this dynamic media explosion for an athlete who's been active since 2007 and is an Olympic medalist. The conclusion I came to was that Rousey defeated her opponent Cat Zingano in a mere 14 seconds. This defeat broke a record that was set by UFC fighter Andrei Arlovski as he took 15 seconds to defeat opponent Paul Buentello at the UFC 55.

There you have it folks, a woman in sports breaking a record held by a man in a competition that most believe according to gender stereotypes, to be "a man's competition." So where did Rousey come from exactly? Ronda Rousey grew up in Riverside County, California and is the daughter of AnnMaria De Mars, the first American winner of the World Judo Championships. Due to her mother's influence, Rousey began her athletic career participating in judo in which she won a bronze medal at the 2008 Beijing Olympics. She became the only American since the sport's induction to Olympic competition to walk away with a medal. Her skill in judo took her career to mixed martial arts where she originally fought for Strikeforce, which was bought in 2011 by the popular UFC. Additionally, she was given the nickname "Rowdy" by her family and friends to honor

professional wrestler "Rowdy" Roddy Piper. In 2014, Rousey began acting and made her debut in Sylvester Stallone's "The Expendables 3," and will continue her acting career with an appearance in "Furious 7," which will arrive

in theaters later this year. It is hard for me to comprehend is why it took the world so long to recognize this unforgettable female heroine within the world of sports. A reason for this could be that

entire sports community doesn't commend and respect the accomplishments of Rousey. According to TMZ, former professional football player Jesse Holley of the Dallas Cowboys commented on Rousey's performance and said that if he had "eight weeks" to train and learn "techniques[...]" she wouldn't stand a chance." He later continued to discuss the importance of weight and size, making the case that she's only 135 pounds, and arguing that he wouldn't favor her against him. But then, when asked if he could beat UFC fighter Conor McGregor, who is 145 pounds, he immediately admitted his very likely chance of defeat to the Irish fighter. This interview was sickening to listen to and put the act of gender supremacy to the forefront rather than praising a truly incredible athlete. The positives here lie in the fact that a woman is making great strides in the sports community, but the next step is getting the whole of the athletic world to recognize that fact. *Powell is a member of the class of 2018.*



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Women's Lacrosse faces tough competition against Ithaca

BY EMILY LEWIS
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Last Sunday, the Ithaca College Bombers defeated the UR Women's Lacrosse Team with a score of 14-8 in the 'Jackets' first official game of the season. Senior Lauren Basil finished with three goals, while junior Elisabeth Watson and sophomore Jamie Wallisch had two apiece. Junior Cassie Mahar chipped in one goal and one assist for the 'Jackets as well. In goal, Maire Prosak led the 'Jackets, making eight saves in nearly 51 minutes. Ithaca junior Ally Runyon led all scorers, with eight goals and two assists. Wallisch, who garnered an

all-conference selection last season, had seven ground balls in addition to her two goals, and also won five draw controls and caused three turnovers. Watson grabbed six ground balls, and freshman Maddy Levy controlled four draws. Although the season opener did not end as Rochester would have hoped, in spite of the loss, the 'Jackets were able to get a feel for what it is they need to improve upon—from offensive execution to team strategy adherence—in addition to a sense of what they are doing well in the present. Led by five captains—seniors Lauren Basil, Emily Hogan, Madeline Elia, Megan Arnold, and junior Megan Fujiyoshi—

with constant and continuous effort and commitment in practice, the future of the season looks promising. The five of them not only communicate well to their teammates, but also provide a positive atmosphere for all involved. The growth that is taking place on and off the field for the 'Jackets will certainly help them win games as the season goes on, and hopefully will lead to an eventual Liberty League playoff berth. The 'Jackets will travel to Florida for spring break this coming weekend to take on both Lynchburg and Swarthmore Colleges. *Lewis is a member of the class of 2016.*



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Senior Lauren Basil controls the ball in Saturday's game against Ithaca.

Swimming and Diving to be in National Championships

BY BEN SHAPIRO
SENIOR STAFF

UR will be well represented this year at the NCAA Division III Swimming and Diving National Championships, as four swimmers and one diver will make the trip to Shenandoah, Texas on March 18. UR's women's 200-meter freestyle relay team was selected thanks to their school-record time in the event during the University Athletic Association (UAA) championships last month. The team is made up of senior Lauren Bailey, junior Vicky Luan and sophomores Emily Simon and Khamai Simpson, all of whom also competed in NCAA Nationals last year in the same event, earning honorable mentions for their performance. Sophomore diver Danielle Neu will also be making her second appearance at Nationals, qualifying after placing fifth in the three-meter and eighth in the one-meter events at the NCAA Regional Championships on Friday, Feb. 27 and Saturday, Feb. 28 at SUNY Geneseo. Neu will return to Nationals after earning an All-American honorable mention a year ago. In addition to qualifying for Nationals, Neu was also named Liberty League Athlete of the Week for her performance at Geneseo. Nationals will mark the end of Bailey's illustrious career as a swimmer at UR. The senior earned four All-American Honorable Mentions last year,



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Sophomore Danielle Neu holds her pike as she spins. in addition to being named Liberty League Athlete of the Week six times. She was also a College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) Academic All-American, and was a member of the UAA and Liberty League All-Academic teams. UR's past experience at Nationals should undoubtedly help them this year, as all five competitors will have a better idea of what to expect from the event. Additionally, with the competition still two weeks away, the 'Jackets will have ample time to make their final preparations to put themselves in the best position to perform well. While racing against the nation's best is tough, no matter how you look at it, there is plenty of reason for optimism as UR's best head to Texas for the culmination of their season. *Shapiro is a member of the class of 2016.*

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

R.J. Morrow - Track and Field



Morrow (left) rounds the bend as he attempts to get a lead on his competitors during his leg of a relay. PHOTO COURTESY OF BRITTANY PORTER

BY DANI DOUGLAS
SPORTS EDITOR

BY MAX EBER
SPORTS EDITOR

Junior R.J. Morrow is a hurdler from Rochester, New York. During his freshman year, Morrow placed 11th in State Championships in 60-meter hurdles, running his season record of 8.81 seconds. Despite only running in one meet his sophomore year, this season, Morrow broke the UR school record for the 60-meter sprint with a time of 7.13 seconds, previously set by Jeff Hrebenach in 2014. At Saturday’s NYSCTC Indoor

Championships at RIT, Morrow won the 60-meter hurdling title, with a personal best and ECAC qualifying time of 8.55 seconds.

1. When did you first get into track and field?
I first started running in 2006.

2. Who do you look up to most?
I look up to my whole team and coaching staff. No matter what happens at a meet, we still support each other and stick together.

3. What is your mindset as you prepare for a race?
My mind is only focused on the finish line and getting there first. I try to ignore all the distractions around me.

4. How did you feel after setting your new personal record

and qualifying for ECAC?
I was very shocked. I couldn’t believe I had won! It was a great to know that my hard work paid off.

5. How is your confidence level going into the ECAC Championships?
I am very confident about this weekend. I’m going to give it my best effort, and I can’t wait to see the results.

6. Would you rather go ice-fishing with Morgan Freeman or Nicolas Cage?
Morgan Freeman as long as he talks. Eleven times out of ten.

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Eber is a member of the class of 2017.

LAST WEEK’S SCORES

SATURDAY, FEB. 28

- Men’s Basketball vs Emory University L 69-88
- Women’s Basketball vs Emory University W 74-64
- Men’s Tennis vs Colgate University L 2-7
- Women’s Lacrosse vs Ithaca College L 8-14
- Women’s Tennis vs Case Western Reserve University L 0-9

THIS WEEK’S SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, MAR. 6

- Men’s Track and Field at ECAC Division III Indoor Championships - New York, NY - 11:00 AM
- Women’s Track and Field at ECAC Division III Indoor Championships - New York, NY - 11:00 AM

SATURDAY, MAR. 7

- Softball vs Bethany College - Clermont, FL - 9:00 AM
- Men’s Track and Field at ECAC Division III Indoor Championships - New York, NY - 10:00 AM
- Women’s Track and Field at ECAC Division III Indoor Championships - New York, NY - 10:00 AM
- Softball vs Salve Regina - Clermont, FL - 11:00 AM

SUNDAY, MAR. 8

- Softball vs Finlandia University - Clermont, FL - 9:00 AM
- Men’s Golf at UAA Championships - Red Tail GC, Orlando, FL - 10:15 AM
- Baseball vs Brandeis University - Sanford, FL - 5:00 PM
- Women’s Lacrosse vs Lynchburg College - Clearwater, FL - 6:30 PM
- Women’s Tennis vs Carnegie Mellon University - Claremont, CA - 5:00 PM
- Men’s Tennis vs Carnegie Mellon University - Claremont, CA - 8:00 PM

*DENOTES HOME GAME



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BY MAX EBER
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In the NBA, we are witnessing a clear shift of dominant powers. Atlanta and Milwaukee, which used to be easy targets for teams like the Celtics or the Lakers, have shifted to the front of the pack, with Atlanta now leading the league and the Lakers hunting for a .300 record. This is a natural part of the franchise cycle, as teams build up and breakdown; times have changed.

As the dynamics shift, different players assume new roles as the best players in the league. When names such as Curry and Harden begin to take center stage, it allows fans not only to witness the transition between generations of basketball, but also gives them the opportunity to look at who might be next.

If you have watched years of basketball, it is even more apparent when a young player has the talent to affect games in a way others cannot. Let me break down a few of the young players that I believe have the potential to be truly great:

First, Atlanta’s backup point guard, Dennis Schroder. He brings a quickness similar to that of Darren Collison or Jrue Holiday, but with an incredible ability to drive to the basket and keep his head up. His court-awareness is far ahead of his mere 21 years of age, always seeming to know where a teammate is and when to kick it out to him.

Yet, he still has room to grow: his shooting skills can be developed, but with an already consistent mid-range jumper and a strong layup, the potential is clearly there. He actually reminds me of a young Jason Kidd, a true point-guard, constantly distributing the ball. In time, he will grow into his role of floor general, and in just a few years time, I believe Shroder will be a top point guard in the league.

Next we’ll head to Chicago to take a look at Nikola Mirotic, the big-bearded Montenegrin power forward. At the moment, Mirotic is one of my absolute favorite young players in the league.

When I say he can score from anywhere on the court, I mean it: a three-point gunner who can also commandingly body his way into the paint is a rare find. Almost more impressive than his natural shooting prowess is his natural ball handling abilities. He can dribble the length of the floor with guard-like control. The only other big man who brings the ball up is DeMarcus Cousins, but Mirotic has even

better control than Boogie.

The league has finally begun to officially recognize his potential, naming him the Eastern Conference Rookie of the Month for December. This past weekend, he posted a career-high 29 points, scoring all of the Bulls’ points in the fourth quarter. That’s right: in a tight game against the Clippers, the ball was not in the hands of Jimmy Butler or Pau Gasol, but rookie Nikola Mirotic. I can confidently and sincerely say that this is only the beginning of a player who could be one of the premier players in the NBA.

Lastly, we have Rudy Gobert, the now starting center of the Utah Jazz. I have always credited Tayshaun Prince as the NBA player with the longest arms—at least relative to his body—but Gobert takes the cake. His seven-foot, eight-and-a-half inch wingspan and whopping nine-foot-seven vertical standing reach automatically classify Gobert as a defensive machine.

Since Enes Kanter was recently traded away to Oklahoma City, Gobert has had



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the opportunity to exhibit his true potential. This weekend, he helped Utah defeat a much stronger Memphis team, with 15 points and a career high 24 boards—just three rebounds short of tying the franchise record. The point is, Gobert is a player: he has the powerful defensive and rebounding ability desirable for any center, and learning to utilize his size on the offensive side of the ball will come in time.

So, while players such as Westbrook and Anthony Davis currently hold the spotlight, keep an eye out for the impact of players coming off the bench. What we can take away from this brief glimpse into the young talent of the NBA is that we will have thrilling basketball for years to come.

Eber is a member of the class of 2017.

SPORTS

FROM THE ATHLETE’S PERSPECTIVE

This weekend in track and field: NYSCTC Indoor Track Championship

Men’s Track and Field takes first place, Women’s team takes top spots on podium

BY NATE KUHRT
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At the conclusion of the New York State Collegiate Track Conference (NYSCTC) championship meet this past weekend, every member of the University of Rochester Men’s Track and Field team circled up to give their best rendition of the UR school anthem, “The Genesee.”

The team huddled around long time and soon to be retired distance coach John Izzo as he hoisted the first-place trophy in the air for all members to see. This was the men’s team’s first indoor NYSCTC championship win since 1967, quenching a 48-year drought.

The team was able to tally 147 points, a finish that was 37 points ahead of second-place Ithaca College. Points came from a variety of events and finishes, highlighted by a first-place finish by R.J. Morrow in the 60m

hurdles and a 1-2-3 finish from Jon Kuberka, Boubacar Diallo and Jeffrey Hrebenach in the long jump.

In addition to some top finishes, many members were able to secure spots fairly high on the podium, and every member of the team stepped up their performance for the monumental meet.

“Ultimately, we had 50 guys who competed for each other and believed in one another,” senior captain Max Sims said. “The week leading up to the meet, the atmosphere around practice was that this was our year. We had some injuries along the way, but the guys stepped up when we needed them.”

The team’s depth and effort from every member allowed Rochester to capture every single point possible with numerous personal records from individuals on both days, and by the time of the final events of the day, UR was ecstatic about the outcome they knew was inevitable.

Sims said, “This championship was truly a team effort and I cannot be more proud of this bunch of guys.”

Yet as a whole, the success of the indoor season was not an easy endeavor. Throughout the early parts of the season, many members of the team had overcome a variety of ailments, and some athletes projected to score very highly were unable to compete. Even in the NYSCTC meet at which the team was so successful, UR was not expected to compete as well as it did.

“The meet was not perfect by any means, and that’s what makes this team so special,” senior captain Mark Rollfs said. “We dealt with injuries and training issues on several fronts, and unexpected things always happen. We were able to have people step up and contribute to fill gaps ‘on the fly,’ which allowed us to finish out on top. I’m very pleased with how we performed.”

Through the great depth of skill

and unstoppable effort from all members, the team was able to overcome any adversity thrown at them. Even with a 50-person roster, all gaps were filled due to the dedication of the athletes: exactly what is hoped of a championship track team.

With the final championship meets of the indoor season and the beginning of the outdoor season on the horizon, it will be exciting to see where all UR’s potential will bring the team. Congratulations to the University of Rochester Men’s Track and Field Team on capturing the first place in their conference!

Women’s Team Earns Third Place

The women’s team strung together many strong performances, earning a third-place finish behind first-place Ithaca College and second-place Saint Lawrence University.

The team was able to capture first place three different times during the meet, including senior Becky Galasso’s record setting performance in the 500-meter run. Galasso led a wire-to-wire finish with a time 1:16.38, setting a new NYSCTC record in the process.

In addition, the team also demonstrated great depth by taking first place in both the 4x400 meter relay as well as in the 4x200 meter relay.

Other podium performances were captured in a multitude of events. Numerous athletes posted performances meeting



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Junior Alyssa Arre focuses to finish.

the qualifying standard for the ECAC indoor track and field championship in New York City this upcoming weekend.

Included in these qualifying finishes were runner-up performances from Alyssa Arre in the mile, Samantha Kitchen in the 800-meter and Victoria Stepanova in the 3000 meter.

The third place finish in the meet matches the outcome from the 2014 NYSCTC indoor track and field championships and cements the UR Women’s Track and Field team as a continually strong competitor in the conference. The team has had significant conference success and is hoping to qualify members to compete at the NCAA Division III championships with impressive performances at the ECAC championship meet this weekend.

The consistency of great performances in championship meets in the past couple years position the team for a very strong outdoor season and a bright future.

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UR Men’s Track and Field celebrates after winning first place Saturday.

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Grim preparations for 2022 Qatar World Cup

BY JESSE BERNSTEIN
STAFF WRITER

Worrying about things seven years in advance might seem like overkill to some people, but the degree to which the 2022 World Cup has already been mucked up might just convince them.

The World Cup is set to be played in winter 2022 in Qatar and, somehow, the results are already disastrous.

For starters, there’s a mounting pile of evidence that’s been building for a few years now that shows pretty clearly that Qatar engaged in heavy bribery of FIFA officials who had a hand in awarding them the tournament. FIFA’s own internal reports prior to voting identified Qatar as one of the worst possible hosts among all countries being voted on. Regardless, numerous FIFA officials have now either resigned or been banned for life by the organization amid allegations of bribery.

In addition, the lead investigator into the allegations resigned after FIFA refused to publicly announce his damning findings on Qatar’s behavior.

Now, you may be asking, why’s this such a big deal? In the end, the World Cup needs to be played, and now it has a host, yes? Well, there are a few major problems. Chief among them is that, in the entirety of Qatar, there is not a

single regulation-size soccer stadium. Consequently, the government is using what amounts to slave labor to build stadiums, infrastructure and entire cities before the tournament.

An ESPN report found workers living in horrible conditions for meager pay, and many of the immigrants in the workforce have been threatened with confiscation of their passports if they try to leave. In the meantime, over 1,200 workers have already died in construction—the Guardian reported that one Nepalese worker died every two days in 2014.

This shouldn’t be a surprise when one considers that Qatar has consistently been ranked as one of the worst places on earth for workers.

The stadium’s problem should sound familiar. Remember Sochi? Russia spent \$50 billion building stadiums and relevant infrastructure for last year’s Winter Olympics, a record-breaking number, and that doesn’t even come close to the number at which Qatar is staring.

Early estimates predict that Qatar will spend \$200 billion purely on venues and infrastructures in the next seven years, with much of the cost coming from Qatar’s need to build entire cities in anticipation for the visiting fans, teams and workers.

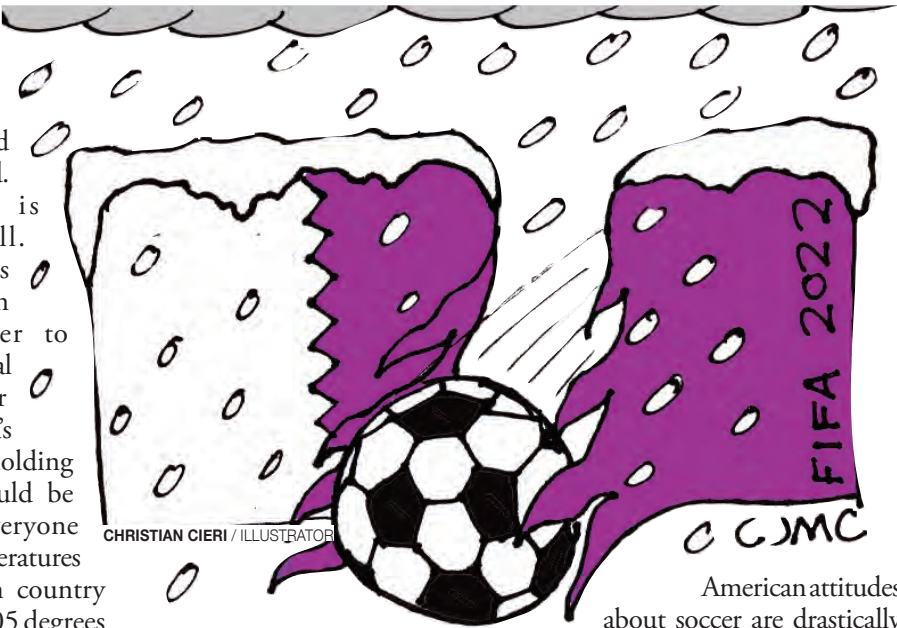
That’s right—entire cities are going to be built just to meet the most

basic requirements for hosting a World Cup. By the way, most of these buildings are going to be used for the World Cup and then abandoned.

The scheduling is a nightmare as well. The World Cup is traditionally played in the summer in order to work around professional soccer leagues all over the world, but as FIFA’s internal reports put it, holding the cup in Qatar would be a “health risk” to everyone involved. Summer temperatures in the Middle Eastern country usually hover around 105 degrees Fahrenheit, and while Qatar originally said they would invest in a highly complex air conditioning system for the stadiums, the technology still doesn’t actually exist—so that’s a no go.

Instead, most major leagues in the world will have to suspend play for months right in the middle of their seasons, which FIFA has refused to compensate them for.

If that all sounds bad, brace yourself—it gets worse. Qatar has more liberal policies than most Middle Eastern countries, but they still have draconian anti-homosexuality laws. Luckily,



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FIFA president Sepp Blatter had a brilliant solution, recommending that gay fans should “refrain from any sexual activities” while in the country.

After that, other problems that would normally be a big deal seem pale in comparison. For example, no alcohol is allowed to be sold in stadiums, so any fan looking to escape the heat (by the way, it’s still usually above 80 on a normal November/December day in Qatar) will have to look for other options. In addition to that loss of revenue, the scheduling will conflict with NFL games, which, unless

American attitudes about soccer are drastically different in 2022, will represent a major loss of television viewership for the tournament.

The list goes on and on. FIFA has a history of this sort of mismanagement, but this is an all-time low for the organization. Hopefully, the situation will improve over the next few years. Until then, just try and look forward to the 2018 World Cup. Luckily, the tournament is being hosted in an international bastion of democracy and freedom—Russia.

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