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Greek life, administration pursue dialogue in relationship debate

BY KEVIN SCANTLEN

CONTRIBUTING WRITER

For the second straight year, two members of UR's Greek community have won the Student Greek Leaders of Distinction Award. Despite this positive development, the campus climate has recently been caught up in controversy over the administration's view of Greek life.

Senior Lucas Piazza of Delta Upsilon fraternity and senior Anna Richlin of Gamma Phi Beta sorority were selected last month by the Northeast Greek Leadership Association as individuals who exemplify the ideals of their fraternity or sorority in their daily lives. They were judged on several criteria, including leadership, academic achievement, character and service to the University, their organization

and the Greek community as a whole.

According to Richlin, the Greek Leaders of Distinction Awards are telling of the UR Greek community.

"This is the second consecutive year that multiple UR Greek Leaders have won this award, which demonstrates that UR Greek Leaders are regarded highly amongst their peers in the National Greek community," Richlin said.

The UR Greek community was also presented with the Amy Vojta Impact Award, which recognizes groups that have created a unique

program with an impact on the community at large. The UR Greek community received this award for its multicultural initiatives, as well as the Greek-or-Treat, which brought children from a local elementary school to the Fraternity Quadrangle to trick-or-treat and participate in other

Halloween-themed activities.

As these awards suggest, Piazza and Richlin believe that Greek life's impact on campus is overwhelmingly positive.

According to Piazza, about a quarter of the student body belongs to a fraternity or a sorority. Collectively, this makes Greek life the largest student organization on campus. He maintains that students involved in Greek life tend to also be involved in other campus groups and activities.

"Each Greek chapter at UR holds a unique place on this campus, and as a community [Greek life] is comprised of some of the most dedicated, passionate, inspiring and involved students on our campus," Richlin said.

Dean of the College

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UR pool to get \$3M facelift

BY LEAH BULETTI

NEWS EDITOR

The Goergen Athletic Center pool is getting a major overhaul, and major means it will not merely be getting a facelift to the 30-year-old pool, but a \$3 million transformation designed to radically remodel every aspect of the structure, down to the very grout in the tiles.

The pool needed major renovations for mechanicals, lighting, acoustics, tiles and the leveling of the deck itself, according to Associate Director of the Department of Athletics and Recreation Jane Possee. Every two to three years, minor repairs are done to the pool and its interior, but this project is the most dramatic since the pool was built in 1980 — it will be stripped down to the concrete.

The pool's locker room will also be completely renovated, including new lighting and a paint job.

Possee anticipates that the entire project will be

completed by the first of August, in time for students' return to campus — a six-month project since the pool was drained on March 16.

Despite the fact that renovating the pool at the current time is somewhat of an impediment to students, Possee stressed that there was no perfect time to commence the project. The Athletic Center's directors discussed conducting the renovations in three-month segments and re-opening the pool in between, but decided that this approach would be more costly in the long run.

The current time frame allows for minimal impact on students, Possee believes, although it will impact summer recreation campus at UR.

Associate Director in the Department of Athletics and Recreation Kris Shanley, who oversees facilities, said that they waited until the UR Swimming and Diving team's season was over to begin

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College Town seeking city loan

BY CASEY GOULD

STAFF WRITER

In a letter to City Council in early March, Rochester Mayor Thomas Richards requested a \$20 million loan for the continued development of College Town, a multipurpose construction project along Mount Hope Avenue, initially proposed in January 2011.

"Our connection to UR will grow as a result of College Town," Richards said. "This project will enable Rochester to gain even greater benefits from the University's property, its people — including its students, employees and the community receiving its services — its ability to

attract strong retailers and its rent payments. In turn, the project will provide a substantial amenity for the city, generate tax revenue and pay for the financing which we would not otherwise be able to do."

If the city approves the proposal, it would borrow \$20 million from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). City officials say the loan would be repaid over a 20 year period through various property taxes generated by College Town.

"We support the developer's request for a HUD 108 Loan through the city," UR's Senior Vice President of

Administration and Finance Ronald Paprocki said. "It is difficult to do projects of this sort without public-private collaboration."

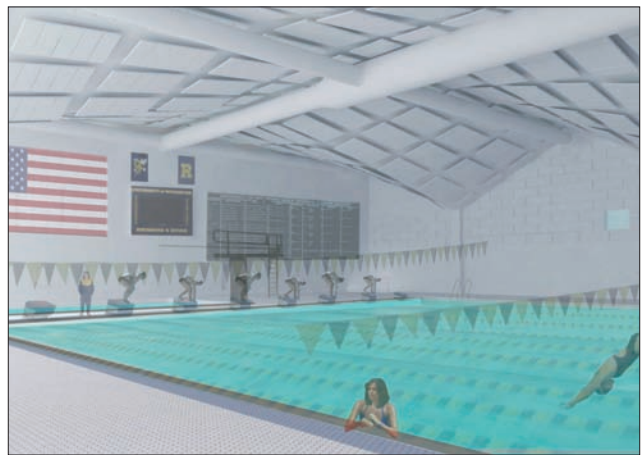
UR has merged Fairmount Properties, a Cleveland-based real estate development firm, with other similar companies into a consortium — College Town Rochester, LLC — which will be responsible for spearheading the \$140 million project.

Linking the main entrance to campus with the adjoining Mt. Hope neighborhood, the completed project will serve as a thoroughfare for both members of the University and the Rochester community at large.

"This project is enormously beneficial in many ways," Paprocki said. "It brings services and amenities to our students, faculty and staff as well as patients and visitors to the Medical Center. However, it also strengthens the neighborhood and benefits residents and businesses in the area. It will provide retail opportunities now available only in the suburbs. It will be a unique destination in the city."

Plans for College Town — located on a 16-acre, University-owned plot between Crittenden Boulevard and Elmwood Avenue — include a two-story Barnes & Noble, restaurants, gourmet food

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COURTESY OF MICHAEL OTTO

A rendering of the Goergen Athletic Center's \$3 million project to remodel the pool, slated to be done by August.

CAB launches interactive website to spur D-Day enthusiasm

BY LEAH BULETTI

NEWS EDITOR

Campus Activities Board (CAB) launched an interactive website designed and executed entirely by students (sa.rochester.edu/dandelion-day) on Monday, April 2 to showcase this year's Dandelion Day events, which will be held on Friday, April 27.

Following the administration's decision in February to move D-Day to the Friday, rather than the Saturday before reading period when it has traditionally been held, and to dramatically increase the budget for the day, the CAB executive board decided that launching a website would serve the need for "clear communication" to

students about the specifics of the day.

"We want to get people excited and to keep building that excitement and that momentum in the coming weeks," CAB president and senior Palida Noor said. "Everyone has been saying that this year's [D-Day] is going to be bigger, but no one quite knew how, so this is a way to show that."

The site, which features archive pictures of D-Day and a map of campus where various attractions are labeled, was originally planned to be launched at noon on April 2, but did not go live until 12:30 a.m. Tuesday due to technical issues, according to Noor. In the 12 hours following its

launch, the site received 2,200 hits, she said.

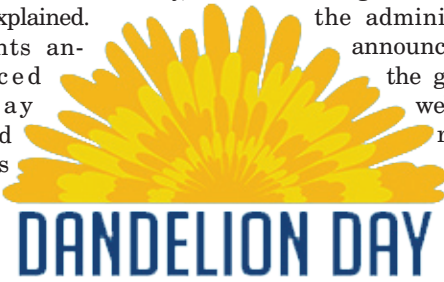
CAB only announced a handful of typical D-Day events on Monday, but it plans to unveil more details each coming Monday until the Monday before D-Day — April 23 — when CAB will unveil the D-Day band, the "last hurrah" in this process of building momentum and excitement among the student body, Noor explained.

Events announced Monday included a Ferris

wheel, a carnival slide, airbrush tattoos and balloon animals, in addition to traditional expectations for student participation in the day.

"Hopefully once it's all rolled out, people will see that there really is something for everyone," CAB event manager and senior Chris Botash said. "Most people didn't know what to think and what the changes would be after the administration's

announcement, so the goal of the website is to really crystallize the changes



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for this year's event."

Botash added that CAB plans to grow the website from its current "bare-bones" form and has plans to add more student reaction.

CAB event manager and senior Brandon Podyma concurred, stating that CAB hopes to "keep people coming back to the site."

Podyma added that he hopes the site can help to change student mentality about the day, especially given the fact that much of what will transpire at this year's event "has never been seen on campus before."

Podyma also said that one of the most noticeable things about this year's planning has been the collaboration

between various student groups, the administration, faculty and students.

The site points students to this collaborative spirit by advertising the opportunity to get involved with CAB or UR Concerts, which are both currently looking for students or campus groups to perform on D-Day.

Podyma believes that one of the best features of this year's event could be the involvement and partnership of such broad segments of campus, all of which contribute to the day's apparent de facto catch phrase displayed at the top of the website: "Like never before."

Buletti is a member of the class of 2013.

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Despite getting off to a late start, the Mela show, which featured UR Raas and other campus dance groups, delighted the crowd.

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FIVE-DAY FORECAST

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THURSDAY



Sunny
Chance of precipitation: 0%
High 45, Low 32

FRIDAY



Sunny
Chance of precipitation: 0%
High 50, Low 33

SATURDAY



Sunny
Chance of precipitation: 0%
High 52, Low 35

SUNDAY



Partly Cloudy
Chance of precipitation: 10%
High 55, Low 41

MONDAY



Few Showers
Chance of precipitation: 30%
High 53, Low 36



JUNNE PARK • PHOTO EDITOR

PRATT INSTILLS MESSAGE OF MAKING DREAMS A REALITY
Howard Pratt '60 gave a talk entitled “Field of Dreams: If You Build It, They Will Come” in which he discussed creating one’s dream career, on Tuesday, April 3 in the Hawkins-Carlson Room in Rush Rhees Library.

SECURITY UPDATE

Soup snatching a recipe for strife

BY KARLI COZEN
NEWS EDITOR

1. An individual attempted to exit the Commons without paying for his soup on Friday, March 30 at 9:49 p.m. According to UR Security Investigator Daniel Lafferty, the individual became disruptive when staff attempted to direct him to the back of the line to pay. A student then bought the suspect’s soup in an effort to fix the situation.

The individual was later found sleeping outside the Ruth Merrill Center in Wilson Commons. He was identified, found to have no affiliation to the University and left the property without further incident.

Campus Times found up in flames

2. Security officers found a pile of copies of the Campus Times on fire outside Sage Art Center after they were notified of the situation by a professor on Thursday, March 29 at 10:03 p.m. The officers extinguished the fire with a hose and the professor explained that he had heard a loud bang before seeing the fire.

Upon further examination, officers located four unexploded firecrackers and two exhausted firecrackers that appeared to cause the flames, according to Lafferty.

The Rochester Fire Department was then called to make sure the remnants of the fire were removed safely and the scene was secure.

Sue B. thief snipes iPod

3. A student’s iPod touch was reported stolen from the sixth floor kitchen of the Susan B. Anthony Residence Halls on Friday, March 30 between the

hours of 4 and 5 a.m.

According to Lafferty, the student had left the iPod in the kitchen and returned later, after realizing he had left it behind, to find it missing. No police report has been filed.

Individual naps near Eastman School

4. An individual was found napping in Barrett Alley behind two dumpsters near the Eastman School of Music on Saturday, March 31 at 12:53 p.m.

According to Lafferty, the individual was found to have no affiliation with the University, was issued a ban form and asked to leave the University property immediately.

Purse plucked from Starbucks

5. A student’s purse was reported stolen from Starbucks in

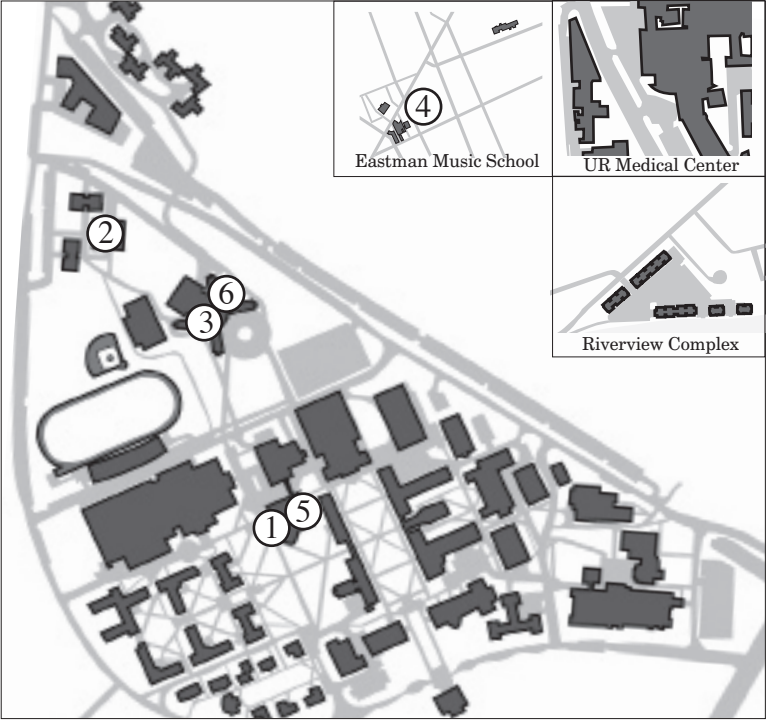
Wilson Commons on Thursday, March 29 at 11:10 p.m. According to Lafferty, the student searched for the purse in the surrounding area but could not find it. No police report has been filed.

Former employee lingers on campus

6. A former Wilson Commons employee was spotted sitting outside Hillside Market on Wednesday, March 27 at 6:50 p.m. Security officers located the suspect after he had exited Sue B. and was headed toward Library Lot.

According to Lafferty, the suspect claimed to be on campus to see if he was needed in Wilson Commons. He was issued a ban form and left University property without further incident.

Cozen is a member of the class of 2015. Information provided by UR Security.



Eastman Music School

UR Medical Center

Riverview Complex

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THIS WEEK ON CAMPUS

THURSDAY
APRIL 5

‘MUSIC AND MEDICINE AS STRANGE BEDFELLOWS: MEDICAL ETHNOMUSICOLOGY AND HIV/AIDS IN AFRICA’

2 - 3:30 P.M., GAMBLE ROOM, RUSH RHEES LIBRARY

Gregory Barz, associate professor of musicology at the Blair School of Music at Vanderbilt University, will discuss his research in medical ethnomusicology as part of UR’s Humanities Project, “Looking at AIDS 20 Years On.” The talk, which is free and open to the public, will offer insight into the social aspects of HIV by looking at themes such as music, ethnography and medicine.

FRIDAY
APRIL 6

PHOTON CUP

2:30 - 5 P.M., FAUVER STADIUM

Students and professors from the Institute of Optics and the Department of Physics will compete on the soccer field for the chance to make their team the Photon Cup champion. In addition to the game there will be a performance by Pep Band and an appearance by Rocky.

SPRING DRAG SHOW

8 - 10 P.M., MAY ROOM, WILSON COMMONS

Come enjoy Pride Network’s springshow, featuring student performers and professional drag kings and queens from the Rochester community. Tickets, which are on sale at the Common Market and will also be available at the door, are \$5 for UR undergraduates and \$7 for the general public.

ASIAN HERITAGE MONTH PERFORMER: DAVID CHOI

8 - 10 P.M., UPPER STRONG AUDITORIUM

Korean-American singer/songwriter David Choi, who began his rise to fame after being selected as a grand prize winner for David Bowie’s Mash-Up Contest, will perform a mix of original songs and pop hits. Tickets to the show, which is sponsored by the Chinese Students Association, the Korean American Students Association and the Asian Heritage Month Committee, are \$5 for UR undergraduates, \$8 for the UR community and \$10 for the general public.

SATURDAY
APRIL 7

SPRINGFEST

5:30 - 7:30 P.M., SOUTHSIDE LIVING AREA

Come celebrate the start of spring with fun attractions including an obstacle course, balloon animals, plant potting and free food. The event will also feature live performances by After Hours, No Jackets Required, Indulgence, Pep Band, Xclusive Step Team, WRUR and Stringers Trombone Ensemble. The afternoon is free for UR students and is sponsored by Residential Life and the Southside Community Organizing Group.

AFRIKANZA!

6 P.M., MAY ROOM, WILSON COMMONS

UR’s Pan-African Students Association presents “A Journey Through Africa,” a night celebrating African culture that will include various performances, African food and a fashion show. The keynote speaker will be Enyinne Owunwanne, founder and creative designer of the clothing company Heritage1960. There will be a reception before the show at 5:15 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for UR undergraduate and \$11 for the general public.

THE RAMBLER GAMES

8 P.M., UPPER STRONG AUDITORIUM

The Midnight Ramblers will perform songs by a wide variety of musicians from the 1970s to today, including Jessie J, Simon & Garfunkel, Usher, Kanye West and many more. Tickets are available at the Common Market and are \$6 for UR undergraduates, \$8 for the UR community and \$10 for the general public.

MONDAY
APRIL 9

OUT IN REEL FILM SERIES: ‘BROTHER OUTSIDER’

7 - 9 P.M., HOYT HALL

Attend a free screening of Nancy D. Kates and Bennett Singer’s 2010 documentary, “Brother Outsider,” which tells the story of civil rights activist Bayard Rustin. The event, which is open to the public, is sponsored by the Pride Alliance, the Susan B. Anthony Institute for Gender and Women’s Studies, Pride Network, Warner LGBTQ & Allies SIG and the Film and Media Studies program.

Please email calendar submissions to news@campustimes.org.

Debate scores in national arena

BY KARLI COZEN
NEWS EDITOR

This past weekend eight members of the UR Debate Union traveled to the University of Oklahoma to compete in this year’s Cross-Examination Debate Association (CEDA) National Championship tournament. UR was one of 160 teams from around the nation to compete, with over 320 competitors in total.

“Our major highlight was that the team of [seniors] Vijay Kasschau and Kevin Diamond had an awesome tournament,” UR Debate coach and English Professor Ken Johnson said.

Kasschau and Diamond earned six wins and two losses in the preliminary rounds of debate. They then went on to advance to the round of 64 teams and then the round of 32 teams. In the later round, the duo beat a strongly ranked team from the University of Texas San Antonio to move to the next round. Kasschau and Diamond finished the tournament and tied for 9th, after loosing to Whitman College and placing in the national championship Sweet 16.

“This is the best performance the University has ever had at the CEDA National Championships,” Johnson said. Although the official rankings are not out for this year, Johnson expects UR’s team to rank very high nationally, possible approaching the top 15.

Cozen is a member of the class of 2015.

Astrocytes could be the key to evolutionary problems, epilepsy treatment, study finds

BY ABIGAIL FAGAN
STAFF WRITER

A certain type of brain cell known as an astrocyte has always been regarded as a cell analogous to a housekeeping cell in the field of neuroscience. UR researchers, however, are discovering that these cells actually perform a much more active role in influencing our brain activity at every moment.

This research is being conducted by Neurology Professor Maiken Nedergaard’s lab in the UR Medical Center (URMC). The lab’s most recent study in this area has just claimed the cover of the journal “Science Signaling” with an article entitled “Astrocytes Modulate Neural Network Activity by Ca²⁺-Dependent Uptake of Extracellular K⁺.” It is one of many that have recently been published by the Nedergaard lab in their line of research.

Nedergaard has been conducting research on astrocytes for 18 years and has been at URMC for the past eight years. The lab now has about 30 researchers, 15 of whom are undergraduates.

Their new article studies astrocytes, which have been much less investigated than neurons, primarily because of the available current technology. Until recently, basic electrical recording was the primary tool available to investigate brain activity, and, unlike neurons, astrocytes do not exhibit electrical activity measurable by this machinery.

More recently, however, brain imaging technology has developed that can show the activity of cells that do not exhibit electrical activ-

ity, such as astrocytes, which have ultimately elucidated much knowledge about these unique cells.

Astrocytes are a type of glial cell, which nourish, support and protect neurons. One way in which they accomplish this is by passively soaking up excess potassium around the neuron to restore it to its balanced chemical state. In addition to this more passive, automatic process, Nedergaard discovered that astrocytes actually regulate neuronal function actively as well.

Astrocytes lower potassium levels surrounding neurons, which in turn heightens calcium levels. These chemical fluctuations inhibit the neuron from “firing,” or passing on a message to surrounding neurons.

Although it may seem strange that an astrocyte’s key responsibility is to block neuronal signaling, inhibitory control is crucial to brain activity. Preventing certain neurons from firing is what allows our brains to focus on the information most relevant for our current tasks, like comprehending this sentence, for example, rather than focusing on the color of the ink or the curvature of the letter “e.”

If this ability is impaired, however, it can result in brain diseases such as epilepsy. Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder is a specific example in which astrocytes are widely eliminated, and although they regrow over time, they do not provide enough potassium to effectively inhibit excess neuronal activity, which unfortunately can result in epilepsy.

Therefore, Nedergaard’s research has important implications



DRUE SOKOL • PHOTO EDITOR

Professor Maiken Nedergaard’s neurology lab has published research on astrocytes that has changed how scientists conceive of neurons for epilepsy treatment. Most current treatments target synaptic networks, but Nedergaard explains that future medication could target astrocytes.

“[The research] opens the possibility that we are not only getting a new target, but that we are getting a much better target because astrocytes do not participate in the immediate processing of incoming input,” Nedergaard said. “This would protect the cells that are involved in important processing from the potentially harmful consequences of medical treatments.”

Nedergaard became interested in this field because of the unique properties of astrocytes. The brain possesses many more astrocytes

than neurons, and they are much more complex, diverse and larger (27 times) in humans than rodents.

Scientists do not yet understand the complex mechanisms that render humans more intelligent than other animal species.

Nedergaard believes that astrocytes may be the key to this evolutionary puzzle, however.

“Perhaps it is a final processing system in our brain that is less developed in rodents,” Nedergaard said. “Astrocytes have increased tremendously during evolution, and are somehow contributing to the complex brain organization and intelligence that we have.”

Fagan is a member of the class of 2014.

UR responds to commencement speaker selection process

BY LEAH BULETTI
NEWS EDITOR

For the first time, the process of selecting this year’s commencement speaker — which will be president of Brown University Ruth Simmons — was conducted without input from students or from the 2012 Class Council.

In years past, the class councils gave input on the speaker, according to Director of Wilson Commons Laura Ballou. The older tradition was that the senior class council provided a list of names with short biographies for review by the College Dean’s Office and the President’s Office. But, since this process was conducted at the beginning of senior year, it was often too late to actually have the names approved and then formally ask the individuals. The process was therefore changed to have the junior class council compile the list during the second semester of junior year.

In restructuring the process this year, the senior class council was consulted and was in agreement, in large part because of the fact that UR does not pay its commencement speaker; the individuals favored by students therefore often do not gel with the realities of the kind of speaker UR can actually host, Ballou said.

“This year we felt that it would be a waste of our time to propose a list of speakers if they weren’t feasible, so we were not involved

in the process,” 2012 Class Council President and senior Lucas Piazza said. “We didn’t want to project the image of choice to the student body and then suffer the consequences when a high profile speaker was not selected.”

Ballou, who has been a part of the process both before and after there was a formal student voice, in the process, believes that the ultimate choice of a fitting speaker will be unchanged by eliminating student input.

“The end result seems to be a very high quality academic speaker regardless of student involvement,” Ballou said. “Since UR does not pay for a commencement speaker, I do think there usually will not be a high name recognition speaker chosen, which is usually what the majority of students are looking for.”

Piazza believes that, although the fact that UR does not pay its commencement speaker limits the possibilities of speakers, it also ensures that UR attracts “speakers hoping to educate and disseminate wisdom rather than benefit financially.”

Paying for a commencement speaker may actually be fairly typical of institutions comparable to UR. According to an article published last May in “Inside Higher Ed,” only about 30 percent of all colleges pay their commencement speakers.

Senior Ben Bovarnick said he is not surprised about the change in the process this year given the fact

that UR does not allocate funds for speakers.

“In my experience, looking for speakers within the school’s budget is often complicated by the wide gap between what students perceive they’re worth and are therefore willing to pay, and what the market perceives they’re worth,” he said.

Student reaction to the choice of commencement speaker seemed generally to trend from puzzlement to excitement.

Senior Leigha MacNeill said she was initially “a little thrown at the idea of having another university’s president address us at graduation.” But, MacNeill says, after reading about Simmons and “thinking about what kind of presence she might have at Rochester,” she realized that Simmons is in fact “an agent for a lot of what our own school stands for,” specifically the “ever better mentality.”

“Not only is she a remarkable academic, but it seems that she’s acquired myriad of experiences that testify to how one should live her life as a whole,” MacNeill said. “Everyone has a story to tell, and as long as she can deliver a colorful address that inspires us and shapes a new understanding of what is to come, then it will be in all of our interest to hear her words—no matter what her official title may be.”

Senior Belinda Weinberg also said she found it “a bit strange” to learn that the speaker would be the president of another university.

“The fact that Simmons does not directly have a tie to UR or to the Rochester area, via Xerox or Wegmans, as with the past two commencement speakers, I feel is a valid issue,” Weinberg said. Although she added that after reading her background, she began to feel

“interested in hearing what she will have to share with us.”

Weinberg, who said she was unaware that UR does not pay its commencement speaker, said she feels that the main issue with students having input about the speaker is that it turns into an “opportunity for elevated and unrealistic expectations,” especially given misconceptions that arise about the process after students hear of famous individuals giving the commencement address at comparable schools.

She thinks that making students aware of the fact that the speaker is not paid and having students provide feedback in some way would “quell the letdown that many students feel when they do not immediately recognize the commencement speaker by name.”

Buletti is a member of the class of 2013.

“Everyone has a story to tell ... it will be in all of our interest to hear her words.

— Leigha MacNeill, '12

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Greek: Talks ongoing as some students claim frustration with administration

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Richard Feldman agrees that Greek life plays an integral part in campus activities.

“It’s clear that participation in organizations and activities of some type is a key component of a successful undergraduate experience,” he remarked. “Fraternities and sororities are organizations through which many students find friends, opportunities for leadership and ways to participate in the life of the College.”

This being said, leaders in Greek life and the UR administration admit that they “don’t always see eye to eye,” as senior Jake Baritz, a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity, puts it.

He believes that although the administration does have the best interests of Greek life at heart, they do not always go about business in the best way. In his opinion, the administration’s approach is more focused on abstinence rather than on fostering an open dialogue.

Piazza takes a similar stance. The Office of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs was moved from Wallis Hall, where the Office of Admission is housed, to Wilson Commons a few years ago with the intention of improving communication between Greek life and the administration.

Unfortunately, in Piazza’s opinion, communication has still been problematic at times. Instead of being more immersed in the student body, Piazza believes that the administration tends to “make decisions in a vacuum.”

“We continue to look for ways to minimize these tensions while also upholding our community standards.”

— Dean of the College
Richard Feldman

Feldman admits that communication could be better. In order to improve it, he is implementing a new program which will allow students to talk to him about issues concerning Greek life.

He plans to initiate a new series of meetings to address concerns, tentatively called “Deans Advisory Lunches,” in which he will “meet with students for informal discussions of topics of mutual interest.” The first such meeting is scheduled to take place on April 13.

While most criticism regarding communication is directed at the administration, members of Greek life believe that some of this criticism should be directed at students as well.

“I have little tolerance for students who believe the administration’s agenda is to rid the campus of Greek life,” Piazza said. “Not only is it the responsibility of the administration to voice concerns, but also that of the students. I have little sympathy for those students, both inside and outside of the Greek community, that passively complain from the confines of their dorm room.”

Feldman agrees.

“I fear that sometimes [students] distrust administrators without first asking for meetings at which difficult issues could at least be discussed,” he said. “It may be that we won’t always agree. But I think that we’ll do best if we discuss issues openly.”

Some students have raised concerns regarding how the administration handles certain issues, especially when alcohol is

involved.

According to Feldman, “there have been some unfortunate incidents in some of the organizations over the years,” some of which involve “potentially dangerous behavior to which the College has had to respond appropriately.”

Junior Taylor Moot, president of Phi Sigma Sigma sorority, believes that the administration focuses too much on the so-called drinking problem.

“Sure, we drink, but that is not who we are or what we are about,” she said. “I know that for Phi Sigma Sigma, each member must have above a certain GPA, must be involved in at least two organizations outside of the sorority and must have committed 10 hours of community service over the year.”

Philanthropic contributions are also a big part of Greek life, Moot added.

“Each sorority holds an annual philanthropy event, raising money for their national organization,” she said. “If you count up the purely philanthropic contributions of the Panhellenic community on its own, that’s approximately 4,500 hours and I would guess more than \$5,000 donated to various charities and causes.”

With this in mind, she argues, the drinking problem appears relatively trivial.

“The school focusing on the ‘drinking problem’ that Greek life has is frustrating for all of those involved because we are so much more than parties,” she said. “People have messed up, I’m not going to pretend that they didn’t, but treating us like we do not do anything for this campus is simply disheartening.”

In line with Feldman’s view, Piazza stressed that the administration is tied down by the law; they have a



DRUE SOKOL • PHOTO EDITOR

Seniors Lucas Liazza and Anna Richlin were honored for their role in UR Greek life, which is often perceived to be at odds with the administration.

right to be upset when fraternities and sororities break the rules, he believes.

Unfortunately, many students get the wrong idea.

“I sometimes hear it said that the administration is out to get the fraternities, especially those on the Fraternity Quad,” Feldman said. “This is simply not true.”

About a year ago, Feldman appointed the Fraternity Quad Task Force to help fraternities on the Quad deal with the costs of managing and maintaining the buildings they live in. The Task Force is comprised of representatives of the fraternities on the Quad, alumni and trustees.

According to Feldman, the task force was created “only because our goal was to develop a long-term plan that would enable the fraternities to succeed.”

“Were we ‘out to get’ the fraternities, we simply would not have undertaken this effort,” he said.

Piazza understands where the administration is coming from.

“As a senior, I have the advantage

of experience,” he said. “Every administrator I have talked with has reconfirmed my belief that they do not make decisions maliciously, but rather for the safety of the students.”

Piazza and many other leaders in Greek life believe that the administration understands the importance of Greek life and, as a result, proactively pushes fraternities and sororities to be their best.

While this appears to cause tension in the relationship between the two parties at times, the overall relationship appears to be relatively healthy.

“We continue to look for ways to minimize these tensions while also upholding our community standards,” Feldman said.

For the relationship to continue, communication seems to be key, according to Bartiz.

“As long as there is a dialogue [between the administration and Greek life], there is a lot of room for cooperation.”

Scantlen is a member of the class of 2015.

Loan: College Town lobbying city for loan

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markets, office space and a 150-room hotel and conference center. A parking garage with capacity for 850 vehicles whose first floor would be a Rochester Genesee Regional Transportation Authority transit station is also in the works.

Richards anticipates that the initiative will create nearly 1,000 construction jobs and 600 permanent jobs “that people in the general population can get.”

“We’re not hiring a Ph.D. in phys-

ics,” he explained. “You’d have a hard time pointing to other projects that will generate that kind of impact. From that point of view, it’s a very positive issue.”

City Council member Adam McFadden, who represents the district that incorporates College Town, criticized the proposal, insisting that Rochester citizens are already overburdened financially. A multimillion-dollar loan would only exacerbate the city’s current economic downturn, he believes.

“We have an institution with a [large endowment] and a developer who has means, and I’m trying to understand why we need to [lend] them money to get this project done,” McFadden said. “I look at my district overall and there are plenty of projects and people that need this type of help, and I would not think UR would be one of them.”

City Council will vote on the proposed loan in its April 24 meeting.

Gould is a member of the class of 2014.

Pool: Remodeling underway on 30-year-old pool, locker room

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the project, also in an effort to minimize inconveniences.

Although some students expressed concern about not being notified about the project in time to adequately empty their lockers, Shanley stated that information was posted about the pending project on March 6, with warnings to students to have their lockers

emptied by March 23.

Remaining belongings were collected from the lockers by March 26, and Shanley says these possessions are still being held for students to collect.

“Even though the window was short, we did make some concessions,” he said.

Associate Project Manager at UR Michael Otto said that despite the high price tag, he thinks UR is “getting good work dollar for dollar.” The remodeling work, which will be overseen by Buffalo engineering firm Cannon Design and contracted by a local firm, equates to about \$150 per square foot.

“From an economic point of view, we’re getting a fair amount of work for the dollar we have targeted,” Otto said.

According to Otto, UR spent about 12 months planning the project and ensuring that the engineering firm selected could give the best possible design.

Both Shanley and Possee are overwhelmingly optimistic about the project.

“I can’t wait to see what it looks like,” Shanley said. “It’s essentially going to be a brand new pool.”

Possee believes that the project is necessary and a “proactive move on the part of the University.”

“The condition of the pool was decreasing,” she said. “Since the pool is in the center of [Goergen], it’s not a very good showcase to have in the very center. It was a good decision to do a face-lift.”

Bulletti is a member of the class of 2013.

Who are you going to be?



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Minutes correction

On Thursday, March 29, the *Campus Times* argued in our editorial “Minutes take weeks” that the Students’ Association should minimize the delay that occurs between SA Senate meetings and the publication of the meeting’s minutes on its website. We claimed that, because the minutes are usually published approximately one week after the original meeting, with a grace period of about four days, students are unable to stay informed about the topics discussed at these sessions. The *CT* stated that this lag is unreasonable and that the minutes should instead be posted a few days after the meeting.

Part of what the *CT* failed to realize, however, is that the minutes act primarily as a means of accountability, not as a vehicle for relaying information to the student body. The SA uses other tools — such as Rocky’s Report and updates to its website — to communicate information about important SA projects, and they assume that initiatives not led by the SA will be publicized by the groups spearheading them. The *CT* did not mean to imply that the delay represents a lack of transparency, only that it felt like too long of a gap.

The *CT* would also like to establish that we now realize that our request for minutes to be posted before the next Senate meeting was unreasonable due to the SA’s established protocols. According to Robert’s Rules of Order — the guidelines for parliamentary procedure to which the SA adheres — the Senate must vote at its weekly meeting to approve the previous week’s minutes and attendance records of senators in order to ensure that published information is fair and accurate. The SA usually posts the minutes within a few days of approval, a reasonable time span under the organization’s protocol. While we recognize that Robert’s Rules are in place to promote a just and effective government structure, we still feel that some of the guidelines regrettably prevent further communication between the SA and the student body.

The *CT* believes that students should have immediate access to some information published in the minutes, for example, updates on construction or University policies that are under review. To circumvent the conundrum presented by Robert’s Rules, the SA should consider posting highlights of the minutes on their website, including a note clarifying that the minutes from which the highlights have been taken have not yet been approved. The Senate already acts similarly with regard to decisions about funding. Offering a brief summary of the minutes would allow the SA to increase students’ knowledge of what is discussed at Senate meetings in a timely fashion while still allowing the SA to adhere to Robert’s Rules.

EDITORIAL OBSERVER

Cleveland rocks: in defense of Ohio heritage

Alright UR. I have a bone to pick with you.

It started at the very beginning of my freshman year, when I got the standard questions: “What’s your name? Where are you from? What’s your major?” I received similar, somewhat condescending responses, whenever I told people where I am from, because I am a proud native of Cleveland, Ohio.

I understand that many people have the rather sad highway-only experience of Ohio, seeing endless fields, farms and abandoned buildings, but guess what: You see that in every other state, too. I’m not quite sure what the most common association people have with Cleveland is: LeBron James? The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame? The river that caught fire four times? Maybe all of these; maybe none.

Maybe all people can think of are the endless fields with a few cows and horses seen grazing in the distance. However, in my ex-

perience, people just seem to assume that Cleveland is a desperate wasteland of former manufacturing glory, abandoned and dying. I am here to tell you that that simply is not the case.

It’s true, Cleveland is past its industrial glory. But that’s fine. Cleveland is growing again, finding new hope in new technology, research and even art. We also have a vibrant music scene, wonderful museums and one of the best hospitals in the country. Development is happening all over the city. We now have a brand new aquarium, a new building for the Museum of Contemporary Art and many more new buildings going up around the area known as University Circle — so named because of the location of Case Western Reserve University.

I’m not here, however, to convince people that Cleveland — or even Ohio as a whole — is a wonderful place. I’m just saying that outside judgments may not be

enough. A city needs to be experienced to be truly understood. I just want to make people understand how frustrating it can be to hear others immediately say that my home — where all of my friends and family are; where my happiest childhood memories are — isn’t good enough. To be quite honest, it hurts a lot. I hate it. After sharing where I’m from, I’ve even gotten the response, “Sorry. I’m from a real city: [insert city name here].”

This is unacceptable. How dare you say that my hometown isn’t worth your time? All cities are different and have their own histories and personalities. Each one has something different to offer. Who the hell are you to say that my hometown isn’t as important or worthwhile as yours?

Cleveland is still in the top 50 in the nation in terms of population. Yes, we have seen population loss. Some people can’t handle the intense, ever-changing weather.

Some leave to find work elsewhere. Some leave to be closer to family in other states. It doesn’t mean that they won’t miss Cleveland every day that they are gone. I sure as hell do.

Growing up, I had never imagined it possible to be so rude about something that, at the time, appeared to have nothing to do with who I am as a person. In some ways, however, leaving your home city makes you appreciate everything it is so much more and very often will make you quite defensive of what others have to say about it. Any person who goes to school in a different city — and especially in a different state — should know this. Why would anyone want to let their first impression be of them insulting another person’s home?

More often than not, jokes about being from Ohio are made in passing, without cruel intention. I understand that, but that doesn’t

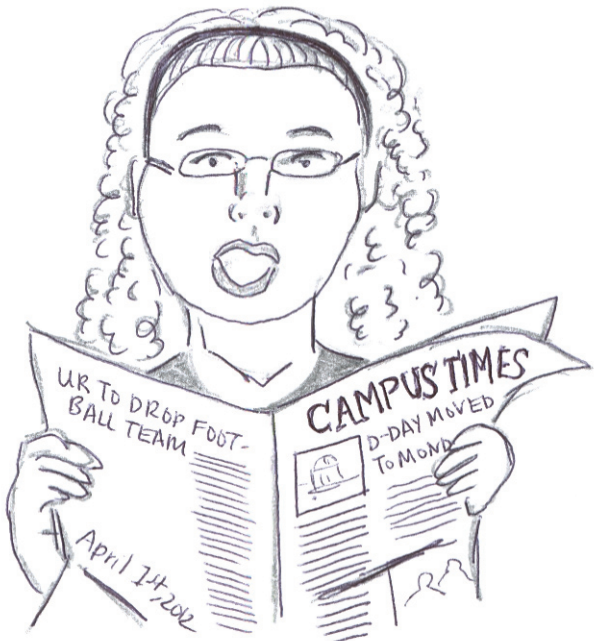


change the fact that, at the heart of the joke, I feel that people are judging me based on their assumptions about where I grew up. This is entirely unfair. I don’t think anyone really intends to do this, but that’s what happens when people speak without considering how it may affect those around them.

There is so much more to my home state and hometown than what anyone’s preconceived notions will allow them to believe. I just wish that instead of letting their assumptions fly free, people would take a second to consider what they are saying and try to learn more about that place to see if it is actually as worthless as they believe.

Decker is a member of the class of 2014.

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“Journalism: an ability to meet the challenge of filling the space.” — Rebecca West

iNeed: Modern consumerism has consequences

BY SAMANTHA MILLER

Why does everybody “need” an iPhone? Why do teenage girls “need” Uggs? Why do we “need” all that Chinese merchandise that’s sold in Walmart? Why do we “need” to buy expensive Amazon.com presents for everybody at Christmas and why do we “need” free shipping? Why do we “need” the expensive prepared foods that Wegmans sells? Why do we “need” fancy toilet paper?

Workers are often forced into sweatshop labor because their previous modes of subsistence have been taken away, sometimes by forcible eviction from their land. Corporations come into Third World countries and monopolize the means of production and natural resources. For the sake of hyper-consumerism, labor is exploited in places like Vietnam, China, Honduras and India, just to name a few. Workers are paid wages that barely ensure survival and will never allow them to liberate themselves from this labor trap. But the suffering imposed on people for the sake of our “needs” doesn’t end here.

Companies across the United States, such as the fictitiously labeled “Amalgamated Product Giant Shipping Worldwide, Inc.,” are hiring warehouse wage slaves to compromise their

mental, physical and emotional health in order for these products to be shipped to our doors for free. Recently, reporter Mac McClelland published an article in the political magazine Mother Jones describing her experiences at Amalgamated: “At today’s pickers’ meeting, we are reminded that customers are waiting,” she wrote. “We cannot move at a ‘comfortable pace’ because if we are comfortable, we will never make our numbers, and customers are not willing to wait. And it’s Christmas time. We got 2.7 million orders this week. People need — need — these items and they need them right now. So, even if you’ve worked here long enough to be granted time off, you are not allowed to use it until the holidays are over.”

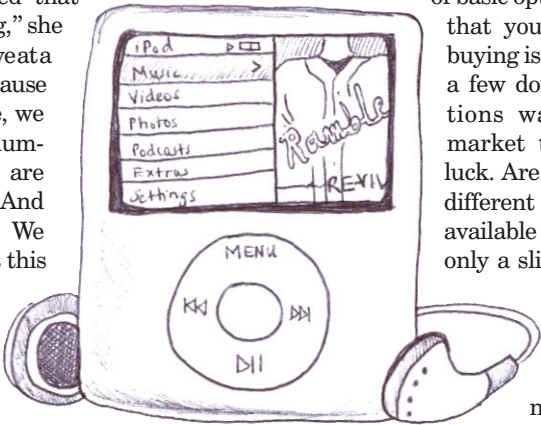
The perpetual and toxic need for accumulating material goods is a direct result of our capitalist society, under which people experi-

ence less satisfaction in making things and subsequently develop a yearning for consuming goods produced by anonymous others. A consumer in our modern industrial society is free to choose from a boundless sphere of variations

on a very bounded and narrow sphere of basic options. If the product

that you are interested in buying is not something that a few domineering corporations want to make and market to you, then good luck. Are you interested in a different lifestyle? Well, each available option on the list is only a slight curve from the

common system of buying products and running up debt — and if that’s not what you have in mind, sorry, there’s nothing else in stock. We have become prisoners to the complex of destructive corporate dominance, and power has been transferred from the minds and hearts of the people to the price tags on piles and piles of “stuff.”



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Gone with the wind: hidden costs to ‘green’ projects

BY STANTON YUWONO

For the past few years, there has been a faint push by green groups on campus to advocate the need for wind turbines of some sort to power campus energy demands — or at the very least, some form of alternative energy source — to demonstrate UR’s commitment to a sustainable future. The organization Engineers for a Sustainable World (ESW), for instance, have had an ongoing “wind analysis” project to determine the feasibility of installing wind turbines on campus. In truth though, implementing such projects and alternative energy campaigns at UR are neither “green” nor savvy. Yet, from college campuses across the country to policymakers at every level of government, there’s a continued urge to push wind energy as a viable alternative.

The hypocrisy among traditional green groups who advocate wind energy is obnoxious. When reality sets in, wind is impractical and inefficient. The density and quality of energy produced by hydrocarbons like oil and natural gas easily surpass the meager energy output supplied by wind turbines. And, above all, wind turbines are noisy, visually unappealing, endanger wildlife and may even increase greenhouse gas emissions — all in the name of feeling good about the environment. There’s certainly little objection to small pet projects

like the one ESW is looking into. Rather, the problem arises from the fact that ESW and many green groups fail to take into account cost, benefit and consequences when promoting green policies beyond campus.

The noise emitted by 400-foot wind turbines and the clattering of vast expanses of countryside are nuisances, especially for residents living amidst these towering giants, but never mind that. What’s ironic about the push for wind energy by environmentalists is that it is at odds with the very agenda they traditionally advocate, like species conservation, animal rights and the prevention of greenhouse gas emissions.

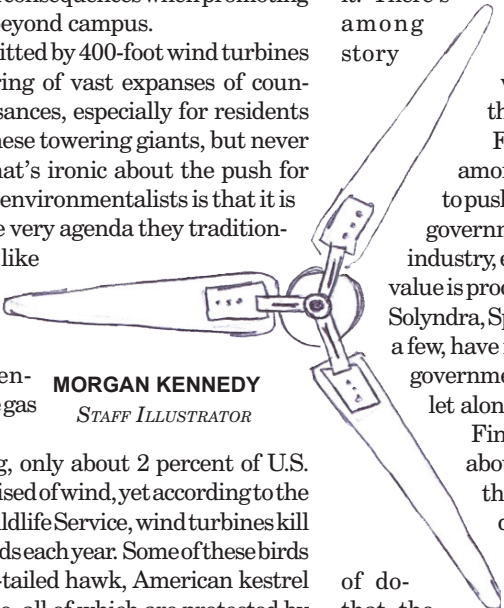
For one thing, only about 2 percent of U.S. energy is comprised of wind, yet according to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, wind turbines kill half a million birds each year. Some of these birds include the red-tailed hawk, American kestrel and golden eagle, all of which are protected by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act.

What’s ironic about this is the reaction environmentalists had about the aftermath of the BP oil spill and the sudden threat the spill had on bird species in the Gulf of Mexico. Somehow

though, when wind turbines across the country are involved in killing thousands of birds annually, the green community turns a blind eye to it. There’s a clear double standard here among greenies, and this chunk of the story is indicative of a larger problem with environmental policy — the lack of the rule of law.

Furthermore, the greenies amongst us have always been tough to push taxpayer subsidies and special government privileges on the wind industry, even when little to no economic value is produced. Perhaps companies like Solyndra, SpectraWatt and Ener1, to name a few, have not been enough to discourage government financing of “green” firms, let alone any business.

Finally, what is most disturbing about the wind energy debacle is that even if it does reduce carbon dioxide emissions, despite evidence to the contrary, the cost of doing so would be so expensive that the savings would be miniscule. In reality, wind energy is not a cost-effective way to reduce emissions. In fact, due to the relatively high cost of running natural gas generators as compared to coal-fired generators, forcing wind energy down the throats of energy



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Minutes clarification

I read with interest the *Campus Times* editorial, “Minutes take weeks,” which suggests that the Students’ Association Senate has failed to be transparent throughout this academic term. As a fourth-year representative of the Students’ Association and current speaker of the Senate, I respectfully disagree.

While there is a delay in the time Senate minutes are made public, this is fully in line with our governing principles, which aim to ensure transparency. The Senate follows parliamentary procedure as outlined by Robert’s Rules of Order. In accordance with these procedures, the Senate votes to approve the minutes and attendance records from the prior week’s meeting to make sure the recorded information is accurate and fair. It is simply inaccurate to suggest that our minutes have ever been published even one week late. Asserting that “there is no reason why the minutes should not be posted before the next meeting has already passed” indicates vast ignorance as well as the authors’ failure to practice responsible and informed reporting. Moreover, minutes are not intended as a vehicle for communicating major initiatives but rather as a means of accountability to our constituents. Focusing on these records rather than the myriad other means by which we communicate with

students is unfair to both student government and the campus at large.

Our Communications & Public Relations Committee has taken great strides to facilitate the flow of information to and from the student body. The newsfeed on our website is updated several times each week in addition to the other efforts we have made in reaching out through Rocky’s Report, social media websites and printed flyers posted around campus. The notion that there is a delay in communicating “crucial decisions like funding for student groups” is simply untrue. In fact, the Appropriations Committee announces funding updates each Friday on our website before announcing them formally to the Senate the following week.

Furthermore, despite the suggestion that Senate meetings “suffer from poor attendance,” student participation in our meetings has far surpassed that of recent years. In fact, we have seen upwards of 30 students join us for our meetings in recent weeks. And this is not the only way in which the student body has taken part in our initiatives. Public meetings, co-sponsored by University departments such as Dining, Security and the Office of the Dean of Students, have seen far more student engagement than ever before. We encourage members of the *CT* staff to join the student body in taking part in these events as they have in years past.

Working to improve student life is a continuous process. Indeed, it is the well-being of our peers that inspires our tireless efforts to advocate on their behalf. Issues are never “irrelevant” or “closed,” and students are always encouraged to voice their concerns.

I invite the *CT* to join us for our weekly meetings, which are open to all students on Mondays at 9 p.m. in the Gowen Room of Wilson Commons. The staff is welcome to learn firsthand about the work we do and the efforts we make each week to advocate on behalf of the student body.

—DAN COHN
CLASS OF 2012

Commencement concern

Let me give you a list of three names: Bill Clinton, Sanjay Gupta, Stephen Chu.

Here’s a second list: Ruth Simmons, Ursula Burns, Danny Wegman.

I imagine most Rochester students can identify at least two, if not three, from the first list. I doubt most students are going to recognize many off of the second list. The first list is the list of keynote speakers for Meliora Weekend the last three years. The second is the list of commencement speakers for the last three years. Does anyone notice a certain difference in fame or influence?

In the segment “Estranged Labour” from “The Philosophic and Economic Manuscripts of 1844,” Karl Marx writes: “The more the worker produces, the less he has to consume; the more values he creates, the more valueless, the more unworthy he becomes; the better formed his product, the more deformed becomes the worker; the more civilized his object, the more barbarous becomes the worker; the more powerful labor becomes, the more powerless becomes the worker; the more ingenious labor becomes, the less ingenious becomes the worker and the more he becomes nature’s slave.”

The fundamental issue here is the pursuit of material goods, high-technology gadgets and physical comforts as a way of life. Many cultures around the world have not valued these objects so highly, and even though we Westerners might call them “primitive” because of this, they are generally stable and healthy cultures. The Chinese were like this for thousands of years, but now they want iPhones. Is this good or bad? Well, it depends on your point of view. What’s good for business may be bad for people. Are you a business person or a people person?

Miller is a member of
the class of 2012.

companies and utilities will inadvertently displace many natural gas-fired generators, which emit half as much carbon dioxide as coal. Why environmentalists are not praising natural gas as a viable alternative, despite its cleanliness and enormous domestic supply is a mystery.

Ultimately, what green groups on campus ought to do before advocating pet projects or worse, advocating policies beyond campus, is weigh costs, benefits and consequences. The spillover of routine environmental “activism” has flowed into Washington’s propping up of industries that cannot compete in the marketplace — this is a road to cronyism and will hardly do anything to spur energy innovation. After all, how is it fair that the wind industry is getting eight times as much in tax credits and subsidies than those in the fossil fuel sector? Rather than a handful of engineers and bureaucrats directing where we get our energy, it should be the millions of individuals in the marketplace who ought to decide what is best for their needs and their values. The puppeteering that Washington is so fond of performing seems outright condescending, as does the “activism” that greenies like to take part in without having first seriously looked into the consequences of their actions.

Yuwono is a member of
the class of 2014.

For most of the students at commencement this year, this will be our final experience as undergraduates. After that ceremony, we’re out in the real world, for better or worse. Doesn’t the University owe us a memorable graduation? While I have no doubt that President Simmons has accomplished great things and overcome trials in her career, I have to ask: Who cares? The decision to ask the president of another university to come be the speaker for our graduation seems to me, and to many members of my class, to be a questionable decision at best. Many of us feel slighted that the University seems too willing to shell out major money for the sake of the donors coming on Meliora Weekend, yet for the students who make this university what it is through our time, energy and studies (oh yeah, and massive tuition bills), they seem unwilling to go out and find commencement speakers that will interest and inspire students as they depart the place that has been their home for the last four years.

I understand it’s too late to change anything for the class of 2012, but for future classes, please try to give us some encouraging and inspiring words from someone that we all know, love and look up to.

—NICK R.
CLASS OF 2012

On March 7, a group of UR students staged a silent protest in Economics Professor Steven Landsburg’s classroom. The protests concerned a blog post Landsbrg made commenting on radio personality Rush Limbaugh’s controversial remarks about contraceptives and Sandra Fluke. Did the protests send an important message or simply waste students’ time? The Campus Times presents both sides of the controversy.

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Counterpoint

JOHN BOULÉ III

JUAN ROBAINA, KELLY RICKERT
AND ALYKHAN ALANI

Student protests over Landsburg blog comments:

A waste of time -or- It’s about time

Did I miss the memo saying that it has become OK to interrupt a professor’s lecture to protest that professor’s statements in the blogosphere? Holding off on the subject of debate for now, I just want to shed light on the amount of money wasted by interrupting a fairly large lecture. According to the Office of the Bursar, the average student pays around \$20,500 a semester to go to UR and takes four classes that each meet 150 minutes per week for 14 weeks. This means we pay \$2.44 per minute of lecture. Now, the “protest” in question (which was more of an interruption) lasted for around 20 minutes, so each student in Economics Professor Steven Landsburg’s class lost \$48.86 from their tuition. Assuming that at least 150 of the 208 people enrolled were in lecture that day, that amounts to a grand total of \$7,329 spent and wasted on your protest — congratulations!

What’s more important is that the issue at hand (let me remind you: What should be mandated by health insurance coverage?) is what is being debated. Wait — it isn’t. As per usual, the debate is getting sidetracked by rhetoric — this time the “oppressive” language of radio personality Rush Limbaugh and one of his few defenders, our own Landsburg, and how they are clearly out on a crusade to demean women everywhere. And, ultimately, who knows what would happen to women’s rights in this country if Georgetown Law student Sandra Fluke wasn’t the liberal hero she was and clearly not an opportunist throwing herself into the middle of a reigned culture war.

Dear Sandra, I’m sorry that Rep. Darrell Issa didn’t think a last minute addition of a law student was an appropriate fit for a hearing on religious liberty. But, yes, I think you are right that Issa and all Republicans are trying to “silence your voice.” It has nothing to do with the fact, though, that you are claiming that birth control should be a mandated requirement of all insurance plans to offer — at no cost to you!

My real question is how the gang of women’s rights protesters — I hope they are Students’ Association recognized — can have any time to themselves. Heck, I can’t walk through Wilson Commons or Gleason Library without hearing some variation of the word “slut” or

“prostitute” being thrown around to describe someone at our school. Forget Fluke! Why aren’t they out there defending the students who actually go to this school who are being called those demeaning names by their own peers? And where were they when Bill Maher was announced as the comedian for Meliora Weekend a couple years back? I must’ve missed that protest coverage — I guess it didn’t make it into the Huffington Post.

I know we have a new liberal hero to all rally around for now, and thank God because there has been a void in my heart ever since Cindy Sheehan faded out of the news, but please don’t make my place of learning your personal political battleground. There are plenty of places to protest outside of the classroom. I came here to learn and I don’t need political opportunists pouncing on an unfortunate message from a conservative talk show host and a professor’s

f i r s t

I would like to address the critiques of the protest held in Economics Professor Steven Landsburg’s class, as a response to his misogynistic rhetoric.

The most perplexing claim is that the rhetoric he uses to bolster his argument is, in fact, not sexist. This misconception is a deliberate misinterpretation of Landsburg’s statements and negligent to the way in which his choice of words reifies the use of derogatory language when referring to female sexual behavior. I believe that this deliberate misreading is unworthy of any college student and speaks to the normalization of sexist terms in American culture; it’s an indication of a lack of critical thinking about the implications of using misogynistic language to convey a political-economic position.

Beyond his claim that Rush Limbaugh’s analogy, which called Sandra Fluke a “slut,” was “spot-on” and expressed jealousy at his not having come up with the comparison himself, Landsburg concedes that a more fitting noun would have been “prostitute.” While he

acknowledges that this is also an unfair

so often accompanies prostitution (which he rationalizes is perfectly OK).

He finally settles on the term “extortionist.” By his archaic reasoning, any woman seeking insurance coverage for “the pill” is an opportunistic thief. Nowhere along this line of reasoning does Landsburg dismiss this rhetoric as offensive or inappropriate. By replacing slut with prostitute, and prostitute with extortionist, his writing aims to replace one offensive term with another and only masks the gendered connotations by which he reasons.

The unfortunate reality is that if Landsburg had used racial epithets in place of sexist ones, this wouldn’t even be a discussion. Sexism is no less offensive than racism, but it nonetheless remains treated as such.

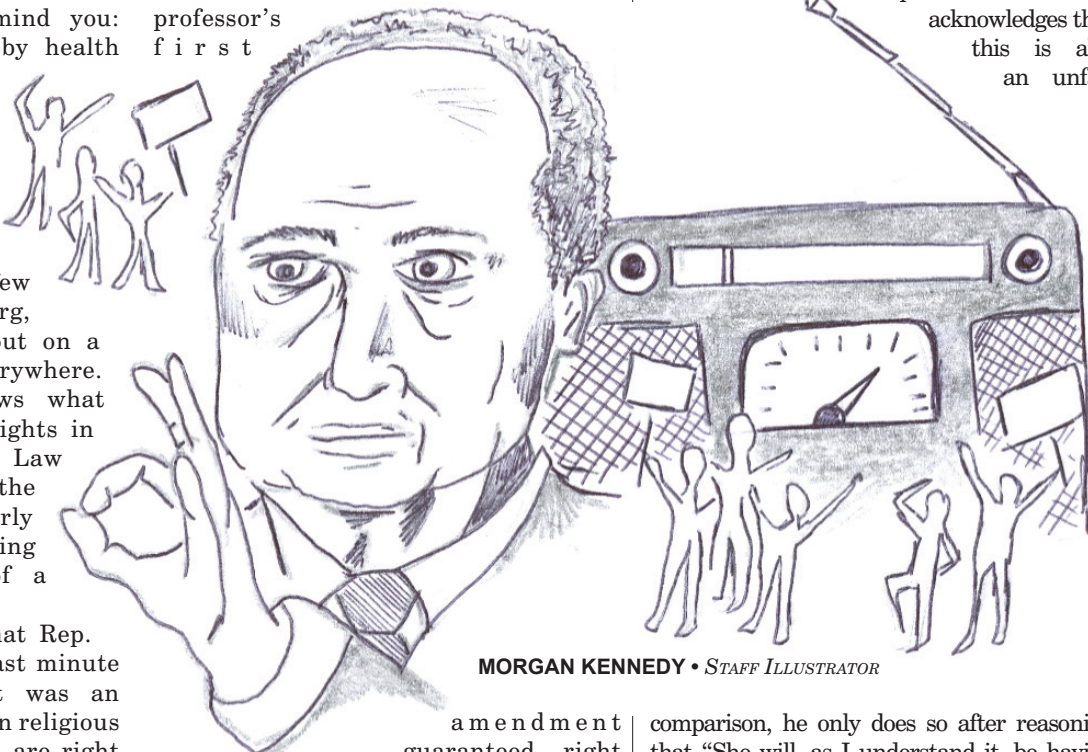
Landsburg is more than welcome to make an economic argument without perpetuating misogynistic rhetoric. He could have dismissed Limbaugh’s analogy while advocating the same claim based upon his economic reasoning. This approach would have never gotten a second look from either President Seligman or members of the student body that protested. However, he did not. Rather than display an ounce of professionalism or respect for his own students, Landsburg chose to perpetuate hateful rhetoric and use it as acceptable discourse.

Yet, there remains the criticism that, while Landsburg’s comments may have been offensive, they were within his right to free speech and made on a public forum outside of his classroom. To the first point: Nowhere does the right to free speech exempt an individual from being accountable for what they say. While Landsburg’s comments were made on his personal blog, it is open to the very students he teaches (many of whom are women) and thus disrupts the impartiality and sensitivity we expect from our professors on such issues.

To those who claim that the protest was more disruptive than his remarks: Our method is not above reproach. Consider that the protesters stood silently for 15 minutes while Landsburg continued to lecture. Which is more disruptive to an educational environment in which the majority of students are women: students standing silently or a professor condoning discriminatory, misogynistic discourse?

Landsburg claims that Sandra Fluke deserves to be treated with respect, only to turn around and treat her in an utmost disrespectful manner. By doing so, he has sullied his own role as a teacher and compromised our role as students who expect to engage in a civil academic setting at a university whose reputation he has tarnished.

Robaina, Rickert and Alani are members of the class of 2012.



a m e n d m e n t
guaranteed right
to free speech (in a blog)
to distract from that.

Go to Wilson Commons or any of the quads or go back to occupying Wall Street (or should I say Rochester?) if you can’t resist that urge to pounce on such easy opportunities. At least plan a protest that inspires constructive thought rather than one that wastes tuition and distracts from the education of others.

Boulé III is a member of the class of 2012.

comparison, he only does so after reasoning that “She will, as I understand it, be having sex whether she gets paid or not. Her demand is to be paid.”

The implication being that any woman seeking basic medical care through insurance providers is promiscuous and lewd and that the only distinction between a “prostitute” and a woman seeking said medical coverage is an issue of payment. Beyond the oversimplification that women’s contraceptives only serve as a means of preventing pregnancy and thus enable them to engage in promiscuity, he mindlessly devalues all the implicit violence, both physical and emotional, that

webpoll

Do you think the federal health insurance mandate is constitutional?

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No! The government should not regulate how I spend my money.

Let's wait and see what the Supreme Court decides.

52%

40%

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Next week's question:
What do you think about the choice for the 2012 commencement speaker?

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endorses

ROSHAL PATEL & ALINA CZEKAI

for SA President and Vice President

Upon initial assessment, juniors Roshal Patel and Alina Czekai, who are running unopposed for the positions of Students' Association president and vice president respectively, come across as friendly, fair-minded people who are exceptionally strong candidates for these positions. These aforementioned qualities extend not only to how they appear as individuals, but as candidates as well, and are reflected strongly in their platform.

The main initiative that they stress is inclusion, an idea that has not often been prioritized by the SA in the past. They hope to encourage conversation between groups of students with different interests and affiliations, often about topics that are more difficult to broach, in order to assure that no one feels as if they are not included in the campus community. In doing so, Patel and Czekai wish to have these groups understand each other, as well as the different issues at hand. In their opinion, one of the benefits of the fact that UR is a residential campus is that students have a greater chance to interact with one another. Implementing initiatives such as inclusion would capitalize on this asset. They don't intend to focus just on SA-recognized groups either — they wish to reach out to as many students as they can and note that although they will employ current communication strategies to do so, they will also be creative with new techniques. It seems as though these candidates are truly committed to this initiative — they speak about it with passion and many other parts of their platform reflect its base concepts.

Patel and Czekai are also aware that communication is a vital responsibility of the SA and are prepared to act as a liaison between the student body and the UR administration. They plan to continue many of the SA's current communication initiatives, but also expect to learn what works best on a trial and error basis. Patel and Czekai



COURTESY OF ALINA CZEKAI

realize, they say, that students are looking for “transparency, transparency, transparency.” The key, they explain, is open communication from the beginning — this includes not only connecting with students outside of the SA, but also encouraging Senators to do more and giving them increased opportunities to do so. They believe that in leading by example they will be able to promote empowerment within the student body. For example,

Patel and Czekai promise that they will truly work as a partnership.

Patel attributed the fact that this year's election is the second uncontested one in two years to the role of SA president being overhyped while speaking at the SA's annual Presidential Debate on

Wednesday. He noted that one of his goals is to make the SA appear more accessible to students and not as an elitist group.

Third, Patel and Czekai promise a commitment to student life. They desire to continue initiatives such as the Joint Committee on Security, which was responsible for the Safe Ride Home program which was launched in December 2011. They note that

they will be sure to reach out to everyone who may wish to give an opinion on important matters such as these.

Part of what makes Patel and Czekai strong candidates is their understanding of their own, and others', strengths. Although Patel admits that one of the things he is most nervous about is his lack of experience, he is confident that if he doesn't know the right answer about something there will be someone who will be able to help him figure it out. He makes it clear that he does not feel that there is shame in asking for assistance, a quality which makes him an even stronger candidate for admitting his weakness and presenting a solution to account for it. Patel noted at the Presidential Debate that he would be in Rochester over the summer and plans to spend time getting to know University deans and other important people at UR.

Patel and Czekai promise that they will truly work as a partnership. They also note that they will be sure to work in tandem with the speaker and deputy speaker of the Senate in order to capitalize on the unique perspectives each member will have on different issues. It appears that the two candidates will balance each other out well in terms of experience and skill, with both

taking advantage of the other's strengths and making up for any weaknesses.

Some specific projects that Patel and Czekai intend to work on if elected are continuing to reduce the amount of paperwork and processes student groups have to wade through to access resources, as well as starting a new project to facilitate collaboration between different student groups in the hopes that working together will open people's eyes. In terms of more internal issues, they hope to work on filling the Senate gallery to further a dramatic increase in participation the SA has seen this year. They also make clear that they are open to other ideas, both from Senators and other students, a promise which they truly appear to take seriously.

Both candidates bring a wide variety of experience in leadership to the table. Patel has been a Senator for the past year and is also currently an aide on the Policy & Review committee. Additionally, he has been a part of the Joint Committee on Security and claims that he has been “pretty vocal” in these meetings. Outside of the SA, Patel has been the head captain of UR Raas, as well as Chief Justice for Delta Upsilon, both positions that, if elected, he plans to step down from in order to fulfill his responsibilities as SA president.

Czekai is currently deputy speaker of the Senate and has also served as the SA Executive Historian. As Executive Historian, she was able to glean a fluent background in the structure and inner workings of the SA and as deputy speaker, she notes, she has become a better listener since anyone who is in the position does not have a voice or a vote at Senate meetings. Czekai has also worked on the Singer Family Awards and the Student Life Appreciation Awards committees. Additionally, Czekai is the current president of Kappa Delta sorority and is a TA for multiple classes, although she too notes that she will step down from these positions if elected as vice president. She does plan to continue to work at the Common Connection, a job which she claims makes her feel more connected to students and, coincidentally, coincides with her and Patel's plans for inclusion and communication. She also describes herself as a particularly social person who is comfortable introducing herself to people she doesn't know.

Patel and Czekai present themselves as honest, approachable candidates who intend to make themselves available to the student body and the *Campus Times* can confidently say that they are worth voting for.



The Coffee Connection

Brewing empowerment in every cup

ARTICLE BY CHERYL SELIGMAN • FEATURES EDITOR

DESIGN BY JULIA SKLAR • PRESENTATION EDITOR

When times get tough, UR students brave the long lines at Starbucks, Pura Vida and Connections to get their hands on some caffeine. Maybe 9:40 a.m. isn't that early in the grand scheme of things, but it's the crack of dawn to many college students, and thus, coffee becomes necessary.

Every Tuesday and Thursday morning before my first class, three full Gold Line buses unload and many of the riders rush straight for Connections. Even during less popular coffee hours, there's almost always someone perusing the baked goods, inquiring about the Soup du Jour or ordering coconut almond fudge coffee. Flavors like that are pretty hard to pass up after all.

Brought to UR by student demand in 2006, the Coffee Connection — located on South Avenue in the Southwedge neighborhood of Rochester — provides the coffee for the campus café. However, it comes to that shop directly from Peru, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Honduras, Columbia, Costa Rica, Indonesia and Ethiopia, the last of which is coffee's birthplace.

The Coffee Connection is a not-for-profit business that sells fair trade, organically grown and sustainably-farmed coffee, which is roasted on site — the giant machine that makes it is named Daisy. But even as a business, what the workers offer their customers is next to nothing compared to what the shop provides for its women.

Now in partnership with Project Empower — a holistic program designed to help women in recovery from drug addiction reach their full potential and offer them continuous support — the Coffee Connection provides employment training and serves as a location for women to complete their required volunteer hours and assignments through the Work Experience Program (WEP). Administered through the Division of Human Resources, the goal of the WEP is to restore participants to self-sufficiency by helping them improve their skills and develop new abilities. Founder of Project Empower and Executive Director for the Coffee Connection Joy Bergfalk explained that the shop's name is actually derived from the concept of connecting the women in recovery here with the farmers in Peru that were found to be growing coca for cocaine, who eventually switched to grow coffee beans.

Even on a much smaller scale, that international effort to clean up the drug industry is observable through the Coffee Connection's initiatives.

“The Coffee Connection was one of the first businesses that opened up in the renewal of the Southwedge area,” Bergfalk said in detailing the efforts of Nancy Sawyer Molina, the shop's founder who has worked with the police department to get drug dealers off the neighborhood streets.

Many of the women who work at the Coffee Connection have been through incredible amounts of trauma and pain, including many relapses. Some even find themselves in jail. But through the job training at the coffee shop, the women are encouraged to discover their own strength and beauty, as well as to problem solve.

Bergfalk explained that what often happens when people relapse is they go to prison or back into treatment, but she's found that the women at the Coffee Connection are finding themselves in that position less frequently and that their relapses don't last as long.

“One of our jokes is that we're a life sentence if you want us to be,” she stated.

The hope is that these women will find permanent stability and transform. Bergfalk helps the women through what she calls conflict transformation, rather than conflict resolution.

“We actually bring people to a new place,” she said. “We talk about living from a different place, changing the energy. It's restoring relationships and giving people new tools to live in a new way.”

The Coffee Connection also places a significant focus on the ideals outlined in the serenity prayer — “God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; courage to change the things I can” — a profoundly important text in the context of recovery and beyond.

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The coffee brewed at Connections — our campus' sustainable coffee shop — comes from the Coffee Connection on South Avenue, which imports its beans from various countries, including Peru, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Honduras, Columbia, Costa Rica, Indonesia and Ethiopia.

Snuff out your boredom in Danforth lines

BY ALYSHA ALANI
STAFF WRITER

When I’m waiting in line at Danforth Dining Center, the song “Should I Stay or Should I Go” by The Clash is on repeat in my head. Wait time and flavor quality, not to mention portion size, are all factors in choosing the right line in the dining hall. And, ironically enough, the hungrier I am, the longer the line. Funny how that works.

There’s definitely a strategy in knowing when to get in line and when to get out if the food is not worth the wait. Regardless of your expertise in this arena, you will undoubtedly encounter lines. Long lines.

The next time you find yourself waiting, stop staring off into space and don’t pretend to text someone — check out this list of ways to occupy your time instead.

1. Convince yourself you’re not as hungry as you really are.

Granted, it’s easier said than

done, but mind over matter is a powerful philosophy.

2. Eat.

If number one fails you, why not get a head start and eat while waiting? Grab a piece of fruit or start working on the plate you picked up in a previous line, but beware of the cookie trays dispersed around the stations. It’s all too tempting to choose those treats as your mid-meal snack.

3. Realize that the person in front of you will get the last plate.

You want the truth? You can’t handle the truth — or maybe you can. The truth is that the person in front of you will, in fact, get the last plate. Accept it and wait for the next round, or choose another line — just don’t stand there debating with yourself about whether or not it will happen. It will.

4. Persuade someone to let you cut in front of him or her.

It can’t hurt to try, right?

5. Fail at persuading someone to let you cut in front of him or her.

Oh well, at least you gave it your all.

6. Spot an ingredient you hate and force yourself to leave the line after 10 minutes of waiting.

It happens to the best of us. But, on the bright side, you’ll save yourself another five minutes of waiting until it’s finally your turn to order.

7. Study.

How practical is this one? Try it out for yourself and let me know what you think. Don’t worry about looking nerdy — carrying MCAT flashcards in your pocket at UR is almost as common as toting around Chap-Stick.

8. Form your own political party and get the people behind you in line to support it.

Hey, if Jimmy McMillan can do it, so can you. And let’s face it, the line is too damn long!

9. Have a conversation with the person behind you only using song lyrics.

Props to whoever can do this. If nothing else, it might be fun to try, and time flies when you’re having fun.

10. Realize number nine is a horrible plan and try to refrain from being “that person.”

Do however, enjoy the eclectic music selection that Danforth always offers.

11. Converse with the person preparing your food.

If you’re like me, you frequent the same stations at Danforth almost every day, which means you probably see the same workers, and they see you. It doesn’t hurt to be friendly.

12. Chat up the person behind you in line.

Impromptu speed dating, perhaps? Just by being in line, you already have something in common. You never know where it might lead, and when people ask, “Where did you two meet?” who doesn’t love a “Well, one day at Danforth…” story?

13. Make a “Things to Do While Waiting in Line at Danforth” list of your own.

It kept me occupied!

14. Pull out your schedule, iCal or Blackberry and start planning ahead.

Chances are, you’ll have to eat again before the end of the day. Whatever you call it — “dessert,” “fourth meal” or my personal favorite, “second dinner” — you know eating at Danforth around 6:30 p.m. isn’t going to last you through the night.

Alani is a member of the class of 2015.



DRUE SOKOL • PHOTO EDITOR

Waiting in line at the Danforth Dining Center can be agonizing. Keep yourself busy to pass the time.

What to do, how to act when two become three

BY JADA HOWCROFT
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

As a bisexual female, some of my most memorable and gratifying sexual experiences have come from threesomes. Not only do they have the potential to engage all of your senses and ensure that your body is completely attended to, they also offer a unique element of beauty that comes from being able to watch your other two partners enjoy and explore one another.

The first few threesomes that I had were extremely overwhelming. Sometimes they still are. However, when you and your partners finally get the hang of harmonizing all three of your bodies in the perfect rhythm, the experience can be simply breathtaking.

Whether you’re considering giving a three-way a try, wondering how to have a better threesome or are even just curious about how they work, there are a few things you should always keep in mind. Here’s a list of a few DOs and DON’Ts to consider:

DO choose wisely. Finding the right partner to have a one-on-one sexual experience with can be difficult as it is, so adding a third might sound like a complete nightmare.

In order to increase your comfort level, I’d recommend having at least one of the partners be someone with whom you feel completely sexually free and have prior sexual experience.

Having at least one familiar partner will also make it that much easier to synchronize each person’s sexual preferences, tastes and comfort levels, which can prove challenging at times.

DON’T drink and ride. While I’d advise against drinking excessively before engaging in any sexual activity, it’s best to enter a threesome with a clear and level head.

Chances are, if you can’t even entertain the idea of a threesome without a few drinks in your system, it’s probably not for you.

Not only will you be able to more accurately gauge whether or not threesomes are your thing, you’ll also be more likely to stop if they aren’t. One cocktail too many can get you thrown up on, put you right in the middle of a married couple smack-down or distort your

judgment so much that you go down on a girl without even realizing she’s on her period. Yes, I had to learn the hard way.

DO consider the consequences. Before hopping in bed with a couple or bringing another into your significant other’s bed, really reflect on the impact this could potentially have on a committed relationship. The absolute worst time to decide that

you don’t enjoy watching your partner have sex with another person is while he or she is having sex with another person.

Likewise, getting involved in another couple’s relationship has the tendency to become complicated — love triangles are not sexy.

DON’T forget anyone. I’m sure the most common fear when considering threesomes is the fear of being left out. Though some might solely enjoy the voyeuristic nature of the threesome, it’s likely that all three members desire and deserve equal attention.

There are so many fun and unique positions to keep every-

“Sex & the CT”
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one involved at all times. My personal favorite is doggie style with him while I’m going down on her. Who said 69 is the only way to simultaneously get and give pleasure?

DO keep an open mind. Watching two people have sex right in front of you for the very first time can feel incredibly awkward and foreign. Quite honestly, not enough porn could have prepared me for the mixed emotions I experienced the first time I witnessed this. However, keeping an open mind is the best way to avoid jealousy or insecurity.

Watching someone else please and be pleased is an incredibly erotic treat and, if you’re able to see the beauty in this dynamic, you’re certain to enjoy.

DON’T be afraid! Threesomes are definitely not for everyone, but if the only thing holding you back is fear then I’d highly recommend exploring the art of doubling up. The final result of the threesome does not even have to be sex — you could always experiment with some light foreplay or maybe share an incredible three-way kiss. Relax and enjoy the ride!

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HOROSCOPE

BY ARWA ELBESHISHI
STAFF WRITER

Aries (March 21 – April 19): Too much chocolate this week might have you breaking out.

Taurus (April 20 – May 20): A picnic on the quad could be just what you need to get out of your rut.



Gemini (May 21 – June 20): Roses are red, violets are blue, you need an awesome hair-do!

Cancer (June 21 – July 22): Take a break from studying and run until you puke. Or until you’re stress free.



Leo (July 23 – Aug. 22): Those pearly whites won’t get you anywhere unless you smile.



Virgo (Aug. 23 – Sept. 22): Worrying does nothing but cause imbalance. Don’t worry, be happy!



Libra (Sept. 23 – Oct. 22): Having problems with a classmate? Talk through the issues and put everything on the table.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 – Nov. 21): Classical music will do wonders if you give it a chance.



Sagittarius (Nov. 22 – Dec. 21): The Sun is glowing and there is a light breeze, so enjoy the moment.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 – Jan. 19): Hop in the shower for a quick feel-good remedy.



Aquarius (Jan. 20 – Feb. 18): It’s time to make a boy band. Or a girl band. Rock out!

Pisces (Feb. 19 – March 20): The weather isn’t the only indecisive thing. Make up your mind and follow your heart.



Elbeshishi is a member of the class of 2014. Illustrations by Jordan Cicoria.

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW THIS WEEK

OVERHEARD AT UR:
“It’s happened six out of the past three years.”
(Heard in Wallis Hall)

This Day in History: April 5
1614: Pocahontas marries John Rolfe.
1792: George Washington exercises first presidential veto.

Empower: Path to recovery



CHERYL SELIGMAN • FEATURES EDITOR

Lashonda Brown-Scott feels empowered at the Coffee Connection.

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“It’s good for all of us,” Bergfalk said, referencing the prayer. “We spend so much time fretting over what we cannot change.”
She works to promote putting energy toward what can be changed and what can be done.
Lashonda Brown-Scott, one of the women who works at the Coffee Connection, started about two weeks ago.
“I love it,” she said enthusiastically. “It’s a good experience for me because I hadn’t worked since I was 17.”
Brown-Scott is now 36 years old.
“I’m in recovery, so [coming here] helps me get my priorities straight,” she revealed. “I’ve learned to communicate better and to listen more. It’s helped me. I feel more empowered.”
Brown-Scott explained that she wants to get up each day and go to work. She likes having something to do that gets her out of her house and her comfort zone. “I’m more willing today than I was before,” she said.

She also remarked that she likes coming to a place where she isn’t being judged on her history.
“That’s inspirational to me,” she said. “I look forward to coming here.”
Nicole Messmer also works at the coffee shop. “I love coming here,” she stated. “I love working here ... knowing you can talk to people who understand what you’re going through.” Messmer explained that a symptom of relapse is isolation and that coming to work helps her keep from separating herself from those around her.
The Coffee Connection is more than a business — it’s a place of empowerment and opportunity. So, next time you stop into Connections, whether it’s before your 9:40 class or on a Sunday evening of studying in Gleason, know that you’re not just buying a cup of coffee, but also “helping women live into their full potential.”
Seligman is a member of the class of 2012.

MAKE ‘EM LAUGH

May the cash be ever in your pocket

The Tuition Games comes to UR, pits students against one another

BY NIRLIPTA PANDA
STAFF WRITER

Welcome, welcome to the first annual UR Tuition Games!
Director Gary Ross’ “The Hunger Games” has been such a tremendous hit that UR has decided to host its own version of the Games. Just in case you haven’t heard this a billion times before, the Hunger Games is an annual competition in which children try to kill each other to win food. But worry not, the UR version will be much less brutal.
Thankfully, due to certain restrictions set forth by the law, there will be no actual killing. With this being said, “no killing” doesn’t mean that there won’t be broken bones, traps which may seriously injure you or burns and stings from yellowjackets while fighting with raccoons and bears.
A boy and girl from each class year will be chosen at random to fight in the Games. The Department of Mathematics has set up a complicated equation to determine the limit for how many times a given student may enter his or her name into the drawing. Since all of the entries will be handled online, the computer will automatically recognize the limit and assume the student would like to enter his or her name that many times.
The mentors for each team will be the deans of each class. The city of Rochester will be used as an arena for the Games and the students will have to fight to the point of unconsciousness — since death is prohibited — in order to claim victory for their respective class years. They will be trying to dodge various hazards, such as snowstorms and bullets. If need be, the contestants might be fed to the pre-med students.
The winner of this competition will receive a reward worth fighting for. Not only will he or she receive a year of free tuition, the victor will also acquire a room at the top of Rush Rhees that is not known by many, which houses a hot tub and a water bed.
Since the winner will be leading the life of a spoiled brat, the administration has decided that the class from which the victor hails should also be rewarded. Therefore, the class will receive free UR mittens.

JULIA SKLAR • PRESENTATION EDITOR

A twist on “The Hunger Games” has UR students battling to earn free tuition — a prize worth fighting for after the recent increase.

Yes, we know, it’s totally fair.
The classes that do not win will have their tuition raised by 10 percent and, if they complain, it will be upped another 20. In addition to the increase in tuition, food prices will be doubled and, to make things even more painful, Starbucks will grow in size and offer a larger selection of drinks.
UR has also decided to change its motto so that it reflects the new mission statement that most closely relates to the rising tuition: “To infinity without end,” or in Latin, “Ad infinitum.”
So, if you want to avoid all of this, you had better enter your name to compete in the Tuition Games!
Panda is a member of the class of 2014.

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Genesee Brewing Company

BY KAIT HOLDEN
SPORTS EDITOR

The Genesee Brewing Company (GBC) is an unknown and under-utilized attraction offering more than the average student realizes. Established in 1857, the GBC survived Prohibition and currently employs more than 500 people.
The Rochester producer now owns the exclusive brand rights to Seagram’s Escapes and is the regional producer of Mike’s Hard Lemonade. Those interested can tour the brewery, located off of St. Paul Street in downtown Rochester.
Holden is a member of the class of 2013.

CHERYL SELIGMAN • FEATURES EDITOR

UR OPINION

“If you could take a class about anything, what would it be?”

BY JUNNE PARK

Mara Pusateri, T5	Holly Weldon '14	Jennifer Williams '12	Alexandra Lewis '13	Scott Zorn '12	Gaurav Rana '13
“Hands-on architecture.”	“Cooking.”	“Skydiving.”	“Zoology.”	“Flying an airplane.”	“Sailing.”



SPRING 2012 ELECTIONS

2015 Senate Platforms

Three will be chosen from:



ANTOINETTE ESCE
I don't like talking about myself, but if you ask anyone who knows me, they'll tell you that I'm known for getting things done. I'm persistent, persuasive, and efficient. If I'm elected to the Senate for this coming year, I promise that we will get things done.



BRIAN LEVINE
Hey guys, vote Brian Levine for Senate, I will represent your voice and make Rochester "Ever Better"!



HARIKA KUNCHALA
Hey class of 2015! Can you believe we're ready to be sophomores? I'm sure this past year has flown by with all the classes, clubs, and activities we've all joined! I've spent this

past year serving as a hall representative for Sue B hall council and I'm ready to take it to the next level by being a part of your Senate! Along with these new roles, I have served as my high school's student council President and National Honor Society's Vice President, so rest assured I come with experience! If elected I promise to keep your concerns as my number one priority! By voting for me to be a part of such an influential group, I can guarantee I will listen to all of your concerns and seek to make this school ever better! As a 2015 senate member, I will work hard to make sure that our class' concerns, in particular, are represented! I am super approachable so please don't hesitate to come up to me and talk about any issues or comments you would like to share! Or if you would prefer, shoot me an email at hkunchal@u.rochester.edu. If you feel like I would make a great class of 2015 senate member, please cast a vote my way!



HUMMA SHEIKH
Hi, Class of 2015! My name is Humma Sheikh, and I would be honored to serve on the Student's Association Senate. I

believe that we can reach our true potential as a student body if we have compassionate leaders with drive, motivation, and a yearning to serve the university. I want to show you that I can be that person. As co-chair of the Projects & Services committee, I have learned a lot about our ability to make a difference on campus, and have gained experience in working with administrators and other students to make those changes. Through collaborative efforts, Projects & Services was able to launch a peer advising program, begin improving the undergraduate research webpage, and improve dining services (yes, we got Honey Nut Cheerios back for you!). I plan on continuing these efforts to expand collaboration and implement changes on campus. Class of 2015, I want you to know that I am here for you. I am your advocate, and I will do everything in my power to make this year the best it can be for all of us. Thank you for your support! Vote Humma Sheikh for Class of 2015 senator!



RYAN PUFFER
Hey Class of 2015! My name is Ryan Puffer and I desire to represent you as a Class of 2015 senator. Throughout our freshman year, I have served in our SA Government as both the IT

Coordinator on the Projects & Services Committee and as a Co-Chair of the Communications Committee with current senator, Rishi Sharma. As IT Coordinator, I have advocated student interests to University IT by promoting new features in UR Mobile, faster public workstations, and planned enhancements to Blackboard. Through my recent appointment to Co-Chair of the Communications Committee, I have been able to not only foster change, but also convey it by keeping media outlets like URoc (Facebook and Twitter feeds) and the Hive updated. I seek to further increase the transparency between SA Government, administration, and the student body in order to affect necessary improvements. By encouraging this alignment of interests, our SA Government

can better represent its students to become an ever better community. To evoke this change, it all starts with a dedicated, motivated, and communicative Class of 2015 senator—vote Ryan Puffer.



SHEEL CLERK
Hey Class of 2015! I'm Sheel Clerk, and I stand before all of you, as a humble, honest, hardworking individual, running for a seat as Class of 2015 Senator. Throughout

this year, through my several experiences at this school, I have gained a stronger understanding of how this school runs, what it needs, and how we can approach those needs. I was a part of Gilbert Hall Council, Habitat for Humanity, the J-Board for ADITI, and the E-Board for the Hindu Students Association. And from all this involvement, I have learned that the people's voice in matters is important. Also, I have been attending Senate meetings every week, observing in the gallery and listening to the discussion go on. I have been striving to keep myself up-to-date with campus affairs for the sake of the students. If elected, I will do my best to improve student satisfaction within Dining, Transportation, and overall Diversity on campus. I am a man of the people, and a man of my word, and I promise to serve to the best of my ability to make our campus ever better. For the Class of 2015 Senate, vote Sheel, The Real Deal!



TOM PERROTTA
Hey, I'm Tom Perrotta and I'm running for Senate. I'm a guitar player from Long Island, NY and spent my past few summers working three jobs and leading my band. While

I'm here studying Electrical Engineering, I am also getting my music minor. I try to be involved on campus. I am involved in three musical groups on campus including the Rock Ensemble and No Jackets Required. Last semester, within my intro Engineering course, I learned how to wire guitars, and over break I took it a step forward and built an entire guitar. I am a doer, and have no problem facing a challenge and attacking it with research. More importantly, I am never afraid to reach out for help. I believe that I have a different opinion and mindset I could bring to the Senate table. I will voice mine, but I also look forward to learning from those who have had more experience than me. Vote me for Senate because I'm not just going to do the talking, I'm also here to listen.



WILL BURKE
Hello all, Since I got to Rochester last fall, it was and still is my goal to represent my fellow classmates. This previous year I was elected to our 2015 class council. This was an amazing

experience programming for my class. Because of changing interests, this upcoming election I will be running for Class of 2015 Senate. I have recently been sitting on many senate meetings to see if it was the kind of activity I wanted to partake in. What I realized is that the senate will take a lot of hard work and dedication, both of which I am ready to commit. I'm always willing to listen to any opinions that anyone would like to share. As a Senator, I will do everything that I can to make this university the best. Vote for Will. If there's a Will, there's a way.

2014 Senate Platforms

Three will be chosen from:



DAVID WANG
Hey Class of 2014, my name is David Wang and I'm the current Class Council Publicity Chair and 2014 Senator. This year, I'm running for re-election as a member of

2014 Senate! As a current Senator, I've witnessed many changes over this year and had the honor of representing my class on Senate. It was an absolute pleasure to be able to speak up about current rules and procedures as well as future projects and initiatives. I hope to bring students together so that we can unify and drive towards a better student life on and off campus. Vote for David Wang 2014 Senate!



HENRY MACIAS
Hi sexy 2014 class! My name is Henry Macias and I'm running for re-election again for the third time! As a senator for the past year

I have served as a member on Policy & Review, reassuring that our groups on campus are efficient and fabulous! I have also served on the administrative committee CDR (College Diversity Roundtable) to ensure that our faculty and staff are aware of the different communities on campus and that the voice of the underdog is heard. As a junior I plan to tackle other important issues such as diversity, and administrative transparency on this campus. Vote for me and you will not be disappointed! As always keeping it sassy and classy until proven even more fabulous! PS. I feel comfortable using legal jargon in everyday life.. I object!!!! :)



SIOBHAN MCLAUGHLIN
After serving on Class Council 2014 for the past 2 years and in a multitude of clubs on campus, I have learned so much about campus and how our community operates. By serving as a senator, I would have the ability to

become a catalyst for change and improvement. As my younger brother will be attending our University next year, I have an even bigger commitment to making our campus ever better—I want to leave an awesome legacy for my family, while working with my friends.



BEN BADE
Hello Class of 2014!! My name is Ben Bade and I am running to be your 2014 Class Senator. I was born and raised in Boston where I attended High School in a local suburb. I quickly grew into a myriad of leadership

positions (both academic and sports) though my willpower and drive to succeed. My experience as captain of Club Tennis, Tournament Paintball, and Science Olympiad teams for three years has given me the leadership experience necessary to spearhead the drive for a better campus and a better community as a whole. My work ethic gleaned by working multiple jobs since my freshman year in high school gives me the drive to make plans, YOUR plans, succeed. For those of you who know me I am an extremely open individual who cares deeply about this student body and my desire for change is mine, and your, strength. I believe I would be the best choice to represent this wonderful student body and would be honored if you would elect me to act as your voice. And remember- Stay Classy Rochester! Vote Bade! "Those who stay away from the election think that one vote will do no good: 'Tis but one step more to think one vote will do no harm." -Ralph Waldo Emerson.

2013 Senate Platforms

Three will be chosen from:



ASAD ARASTU
2013, thank you for voting for me last year and allowing me to serve as 2013 Class Senator and 2013 Class Council President this past year. I had the opportunity to work alongside administration to lobby for change and serve as an advocate for students on campus. I hope to continue to support student groups on policy and review, work with projects and services to upgrade facilities, and serve as a resource for students. I have the motivation, dedication, and passion to serve my school and fellow peers to ensure that changes are implemented efficiently and effectively. I can guarantee that I will devote my time to ensuring that Rochester becomes more of a home to everyone. If you have any questions, please feel free to e-mail me at arastu@u.rochester.edu. So, please remember to RE-ELECT ASAD ARASTU as a 2013 Class Senator.



DOUGLAS KIM
Hello Class of 2013! The last three years have provided much insight on the functions of the school. As one who has never held a position in SA, I believe I can provide a refreshingly

new perspective in speaking on behalf of the students. It is my desire to collaborate with those involved to provide for the students and ensuring progress. I have held several leadership positions in the past with multiple organizations and plan on continuing to provide for the people! Vote Douglas Kim!



ERIC DEMEO
2013, when I accepted a vacant Senator-at-Large seat over a year ago, I was well aware of the responsibilities and commitment ahead. I quickly became a strong and vocal member of the Senate and have gained the skills

to be a valuable contributor. Now entering my third term, I am honored to be a senior senator at the table. I have valuable experience and the ability to confidently pursue any issues that arise within the student body. This semester I had the opportunity to sit on the Policy & Review Committee where I made many decisions regarding the uniqueness and prosperity of our student body and student organizations. I also maintained my presence on the Event Registration, Bar Bus, and Communications & Public Relations committees. I will continue to speak on behalf of the Class of 2013 and ensure that your thoughts and requests are made clearly to the Senate and the administration. I will always make it my priority to focus on the issues that concern all of us. I promise not to sit silently, but to actively participate, remain ambitious, and keep our Senate functioning efficiently. If re-elected, I pledge to make your concerns my priority and remain a valuable link between you and your administration. We WILL be heard. Thank you for your support!



SONJA PAGE
Hey Class of 2013! I'm so excited to run for senate and hope you will elect me! I have been working on the Projects & Services Committee since my freshman year. As an aide and Co-Chair I have had two roles: 1) implementing student initiatives and 2)

advocating for undergraduate students. During this past year, Projects & Services accomplishments include Safe Ride Home, Peer Advising, and expanded wireless coverage on campus. Furthermore, an example of my effectiveness as a student advocate is the positive resolution of the Gold Line Transportation issue. For those unfamiliar with the situation, a new Gold Line driver was instructed not to stop at any undesignated stops. Responding to student concerns, I spoke with administrators, and worked with students to ensure safe transportation from the 19th ward to campus. I am fully prepared to be an active member on the Senate, and voice concerns, while constantly keeping your best interests in mind. Next year I will be particularly interested in working on campus beautification (enhancing the green spaces on campus) and continuing to work on the wellness program so that students can easily find ways to stay healthy at school. If you elect me for Senator I will hear your concerns and advocate on your behalf to ensure that your senior year at U of R will be the best yet.

At-Large Senate Platforms

Five will be chosen from:



ALBERTO SEPULVEDA-RODRIGUEZ
Hi! My name is Alberto Sepulveda-Rodriguez, and I want to be one of the At-Large Senators this term. While I am already very involved on campus through the Inter Fraternity Council and the Dandelion

Day Planning Committee, my goal is to become one of the At-Large Senators this year. I want to do this in order to represent the entire body of students rather than just a sub-community within it. If I get elected, I plan on being an effective interface between students and administration, as well as advocating for any policy changes that would benefit my peers. Some of the projects I intend to present to the Senate include an amendment to the transparency policy that the administration follows, particularly before and during hearings, as well as review the communications part of the Standards of Conduct, to make sure that they are easily reachable by anyone (if you search code of conduct they won't show up). Please give me the opportunity to represent you!



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ARTURO SPICA

Hey everyone! I am ARTURO SPICA, Class of 2013, and I want to be your Senator-at-Large. For the past two years I have been on the executive board for Sigma Phi Epsilon and served a

term as the Programming Chair for the Interfraternity Council. I am also a member of TOOP, a former hall representative of Tiernan 4, and hold a campus job at Starbucks, where I may have whipped you up a drink. All these groups have helped me develop as a leader, understand the inner workings of the school, and have allowed me to meet many people, including managers of dining services, administrative officials, several Deans, and influential members of our Rochester community. I am passionate, hard working, responsible, self-motivated, and determined. I'm very committed to improving student life and ensuring that everyone finds a way to both get involved in student groups and be guaranteed that the Senate will represent them adequately. But representation must extend beyond simply promising a better dining experience, improved technology, and the simplification of existing processes for approvals. While these are all great goals, and ones that I will strive for, it is more important for a Senator to be there for his student body, approachable and willing to listen, identifying any kind of problem and working towards a solution. Please consider me, ARTURO SPICA, as a Senator-at-Large.



BRADLEY HALPERN

I would be honored if you re-elected me to represent you on the Senate as a KEY scholar. For my first four years years at the UR I have had the privilege of serving as an aide, Senator, Chair, and most recently President of the

Students' Association. During my tenure as a Chair I completed an array of projects including campus coverage of URWireless, the discount taxi service, Walk for Facilities, and Health & Wellness initiatives. As President, I empowered students, enabled access to information, and developed the campus. While I am very pleased with this year's successes, I hope to build upon these three foundational pillars as a Senator, taking levels of transparency, community, and effectiveness even higher. I plan to focus on topics I oversaw this year, creating a more qualified SA Government and a safer, more inclusive campus community. Specifically, I will conduct a thorough audit of the Code of Conduct via a committee I established this year, and promote a richer appreciation of different cultures on campus. Visit www.BradleyHalpern.com for more information about my administration's initiatives and my goals for next year, and always feel free to contact me with any questions or ideas. Thank you for your support.



CHARLES MARCO AQUALINA

I believe in the greatness that is America, and the greatness that is the University of Rochester. It is up to us youth to return this country to the greatness that it once was. Keeping our college at the

respected level that it is at, and striving for better will not only cause a local effect, but start a process that could sprout nationwide. If elected, I will dedicate my time to fighting for such status, making the University and the country ever better.



CHANTELLE WHITE

Hi everyone! My name is Chantelle White and I am running to serve as a Senator at Large for the 2012-2013 school year. I am originally from Jamaica, West Indies but I grew up here in the city

of Rochester. I love this university and everything that it represents. It would be an honor to give back in every way that I can. Over the years, I have held several leadership roles both on and off campus. I am currently the Associate Director for the Adventist Youth Society here in Rochester. I am also on the E-Board for S.O.C.A. (Student Organization for Caribbean Awareness). As a senator, I hope to help bridge the gap between the student body and the administration. There have been many times when the administration

made a decision that I did not agree with and there have been times when I have felt that my needs were not being met. But then I realized something. Why complain about something, if you are not prepared to do everything in your power to change it. Now is the time for our words to turn into actions. Thank you so much for your support.



DAVID WEINBERG

Hello! My name is David Weinberg and I am running for senate at large. To begin, I have ample leadership experience. I was vice-president of my high school class for junior and senior

year, and this year I am on two e-boards. I am production manager for URTV, and engagement vice president for Hillel. From holding these leadership positions I have gained the necessary skills it takes to be a leader. I know that the most important skill for a leader is to listen; and that it exactly what I intend to do. I would not have made progress in URTV or Hillel if I had not listened and worked with the people, around me. I intend to not only work effectively with other senate members, but also with all of you. I hope to better the college experience for every student on campus and create positive change.



GREGORY CORRADO

Who is Gregory Corrado? Some have called him the Queen Latifa of our generation. Others believe him to be a calculated assassin doing undercover work for the CIA. Regardless of his true identity may be, you

should probably vote for him. But in all seriousness, hey everyone! My name is Gregory Corrado and I would like to represent you as a Senator-at-Large in the SA Senate. As a second semester sophomore, I have spent a significant portion of my time here exploring various facets of our immensely diverse student body. With experience in multiple student organizations, ranging from performing arts to Greek life, I believe I am capable of embodying a myriad of perspectives that are representative of the general goals of our student body, and expressing these aspirations in an eloquent manner. Since most of you probably won't read this (for those of you that do, find me and I'll give you a high five!), I won't spend too much time outlining every qualifying detail of myself. However, I would encourage you to approach me should you desire a bit more information about who I am. With that, I leave you, but I ask that you please remember me, Gregory Corrado, when you vote for your Senator-at-Large.



JESSICA BENDES

Hi everyone! I'm Jessica Bendes, and I'm running to serve you as a Senator-at-Large. I've been involved in the Students' Association Senate for the past two years as a commit-

tee aide for the Policy and Review Committee. This past year, I expanded my involvement and joined the Communications Committee to help support student groups through SA Spotlight. I believe that Senators should represent the wants and needs of those they represent to the fullest, and in this way I feel I would be an asset to the Senate. I am determined, hard-working, and not afraid to speak my mind. Having worked with Senate in the past, I understand the channels used to effect change and work word to ensure that the voice of the student body is heard. I will work hard to act as a liaison between the students and the administration to continue making this campus a better place. Please vote Jessica Bendes for Senator-at-Large. Thank you!

JOE A. FRANCO II

I'm running for the Senate so I can be a part of the Change happening at the University of Rochester because of this Meliora Campaign. The growing student population, new buildings, new areas of study create both opportunities and complications and being a part of the resolution to these complications is why I am running for Senate. Through the Sailing Club, Undergraduate English Council, Greek life, working at the Package Store, and other activities I have become an active part of the student life at the U of R and can actively see the impact the changes have on the campus community. I plan to listen to the college community as I go about

my daily life, make note of their praises and complaints, and bring them to the senate and administration so the undergraduate student body can have a louder voice. Vote JOE A. FRANCO II 2012 senator at large



JONATHAN LOTEMPIO

If you have gone to the Common Market in the last two years, you have undoubtedly crossed paths with me. Now, I ask that you give me your vote for Senate so that I can not only scoop your

candy, but help shape our University. Rochester is going through a period of great change and we need people with vision and the students best interest at heart in leadership positions. I aim to serve you all so that we may move into the future as an institution with policies that benefit all aspects of the University.



RAINY N HEATH

For the 4 or 5 years most of us will be at the U of R the campus will become more familiar than our childhood neighborhoods and the student body more influential in our lives than any

other community we have ever been apart of. We often say that when we graduate we go out into the "real world" because for the past few years as an undergraduate we manage to create our own world within River Campus. I would like to be senator in our student government to help shape this world that we create to be one in which every student has a voice, the opportunity to leave a lasting and positive impact on his/her college, and the chance to choose the direction that his/her institution will take. I believe that what we can achieve at the U of R as undergraduates will give us the confidence, skills, experience, and gull to achieve even more when we graduate. As a senator, my number one goal is to make sure that every student always has the resources to achieve his/her biggest goals and most daring dreams and the right to share those goals and dreams with a campus that is always becoming ever better. We pay for way more than just an education and we deserve to receive more than just that.



ROSHAL PATEL

Hey everyone, I am Roshal Patel. Through focused leadership, I will work with others to achieve the goals of progress and advocacy. I have held many leadership positions and have often played the role of the link

between students and administration. If voted a senator, I plan on continuing to be that link. Meliora2012 #YOLO



RISHI SHARMA

Hi, UR! Welcome back to another elections cycle! I'm running as a Sophomore representative for a Senate At-Large. This year, I sat as a Senator of 2015, working in the Projects and Services,

Communications and Steering Committee. Over the Spring semester I accepted the responsibility as Communications & Public Relations Co-Chair. In Projects, I managed the Collegiate Readership Program, bringing newspapers to our campus, and analyzed the Student Code of Conduct. Before chairing Communications, I also wrote the press releases and posts on the SA website, the Hive. I am pledging Sigma Phi Epsilon, am an RA for Music Interest Floor next year, and dance on the Raas Team. I look forward to representing you at the Senate table again. I take the time to produce efficient work, start my own initiatives, and work well with administrators. This time, my goals include: being able to effectively communicate what SA works on throughout, being able to document and represent student group events entirely, allow for student input in security, residential life, and dining, and promote student facilitated discussions with administration. A vote for me is a step towards all of these! I look forward to meeting and befriending many of you, so that our campus reflects the voice and thoughts of our students. Thanks!



SHIRA MARKS

Hi U of R. My name is Shira Marks and I'm running to be a senator at large. Because of my experience and participation in so many different aspects of campus life I feel as though I will be a great addition to the Senate. I am a member of In Between the

Line Improv, BPG, CAB, Israel Council, and Hillel, as well as being a humanities and natural science major. This means that I understand what it's like to be part of performance, cultural, programming, and religious groups, as well as having interests that cross the academic spectrum. Because of this understanding I want to change the relationship between student groups, the administration, student government, and advisors so that it works in the favor of the student body. SA's goal should be to help student groups do what they want to do, how they want to do it. It should not be to tell them how to run. It's important that UR's student groups are successful but the way they are evaluated needs to change. Each group is different and should be judged with a different rubric and helped in different ways. It must be more individualized! Also, as a gluten free eater it would be my goal to expand food options for those with food limitations.



SHIV RAMBARRAN

Hi everyone! I'm Shiv Rambarran and I would be honored to serve you once again as a Senator-At-Large. Over the past year, I have taken students' feedback to help create a new online housing lottery (com-

ing next spring!) that will be more informative, convenient and fair. I have additionally pushed for issues of dining plans, performance space, property theft and administrative transparency to be put on the Senate's agenda through my role on the Senate Steering Committee. My personal goal for this upcoming year is to create sustainable lines of communication with the under-represented student groups so that I may advocate for all the corners, colors and cultures of our campus. If you have questions, concerns or general advice feel free to shoot me a message at srambarr@u.rochester.edu. Thank you so much for your consideration!



VANESSA SANCHEZ

Hi, my name is Vanessa Sanchez and I hope you will Re-Elect me as a Senator-at-Large. I have sincerely treasured the opportunity to be a Senator. This year, I have actively represented

my class at the Senate table, frequently bringing forth prevalent concerns. In addition, I have been thoroughly involved in the Projects and Services committee, working to revise the Code of Conduct and improve academics through initiatives such as peer advising. Furthermore, I have maximized my participation by serving on the Steering Committee and the Financial Aid Advisory Board. I hope to take a more rigorous role next year by serving on more University Committees and working with administrators to improve student life by, for example, taking measures to decrease uncertainty in tuition changes as well as improve the variability of financial aid to better serve students. Furthermore, I will take an active role in ensuring SA works effectively. Please give me the opportunity to serve you and address your concerns by re-electing me, Vanessa Sanchez, as a Senator-at-Large. If you have any questions or concerns please email me at v.sanchez@rochester.edu I love this university and wish nothing more than for all my peers to love it too!

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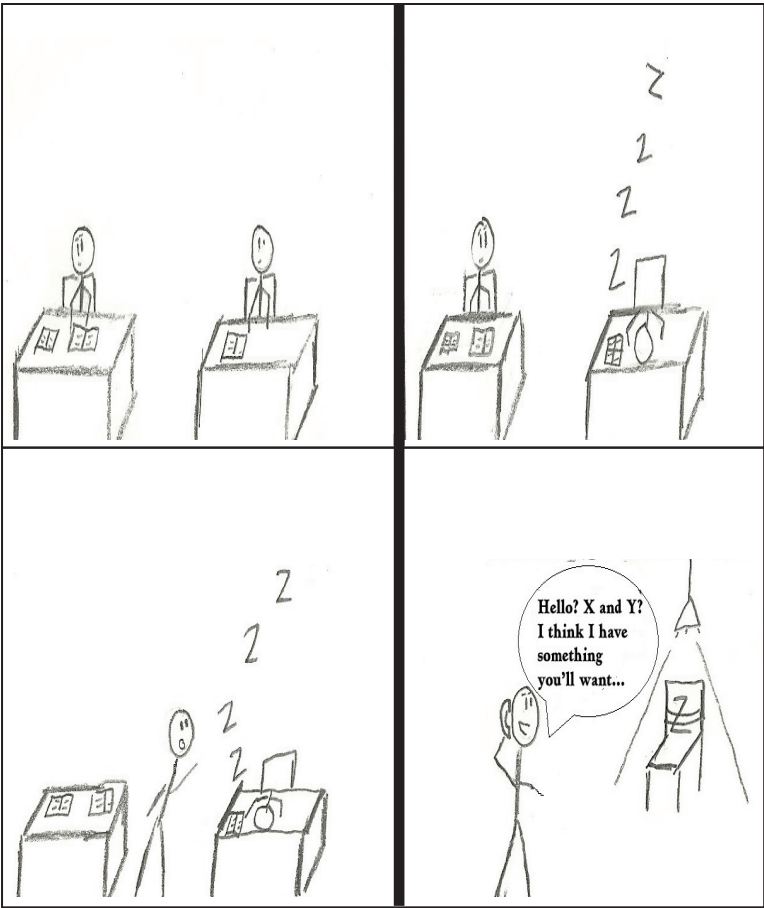
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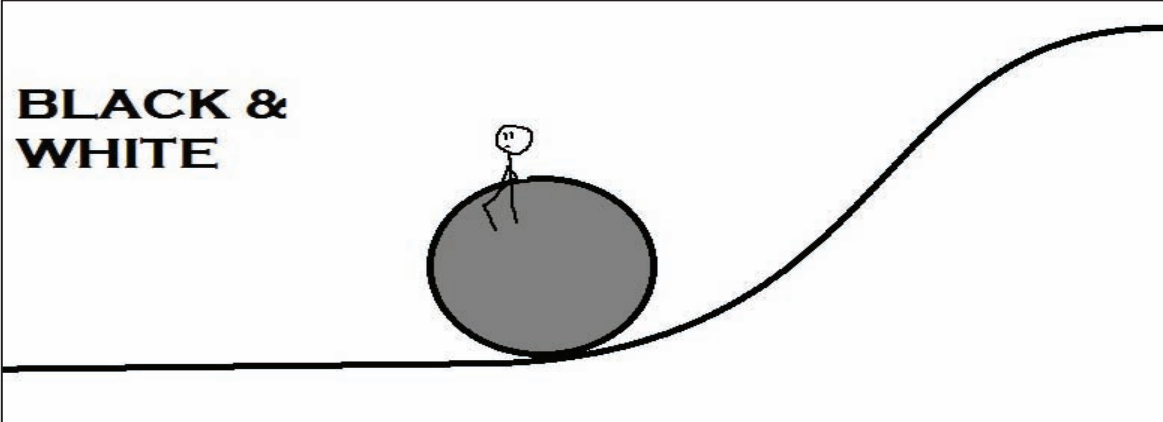
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SHERMAINE SINGH • STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Mela participants performed an excellent traditional Indian dance, complete with authentic dress, for an enthusiastic audience in Strong Auditorium on Saturday, March 31.

Mela is equal parts entertainment and frustration

BY ERIKA HOWARD

A&E EDITOR

On Saturday, March 31 in Strong Auditorium, a somewhat small but enthusiastic crowd waited for the Association for the Development of Interest in the Indian subcontinent (ADITI) to start their annual Mela event. And waited, and waited and waited.

The show started a full 30 minutes late. In fact, ten minutes before it was supposed to begin, Event Support was still struggling to do sound checks, fix lighting and make other technical adjustments. It was discouraging — the show seemed as though it would never get off the ground. However, once it did, the entertainment value was definitely

worth waiting for.

Seniors Sempian Sooriakumar, Raja Jani and freshman Kedar-nath Shashidhar served as emcees for the evening.

They immediately made the audience feel more at ease, cracking jokes about setting a new record for longest delay and generally poking fun at themselves. They were very likeable and were quick on their feet with jokes that were occasionally self-deprecating, sometimes silly and always good fun.

Throughout the show, there were several instances of long spaces between acts, and though at first the emcees seemed to do a good job filling them, as time went on their attempts grew more

ridiculous. However, the audience seemed willing to go along with it, even at one point asking one of the emcees how his day was to restart conversation on stage. Despite their occasional mishaps, Sooriakumar, Jani and Shashidhar were rather entertaining and certainly charmed the audience.

The show itself was an interesting combination of dance and musical performances. On the whole, the dances seemed to be more popular with the crowd, perhaps simply because they were faster-paced and had more energy.

The Sophomore Dance (a replacement for the sadly absent Senior Dance) was particularly excellent. The performance combined Indian dance styles such as

Raas and Bhangra, with a modern hip-hop twist. The dancers were almost always perfectly in sync with each other and looked absolutely thrilled to be performing, plus their costumes looked incredible.

In fact, that was the great strength of Mela this year: The entertainers looked like they were having fun, and the audience did too.

That's not to say that the musical performances weren't outstanding, because they were. Base Ten, an original composition in a brisk, 10-beat time cycle called Khanda Chapu Tala, was particularly incredible. It featured the two most popular drums found in India, the mridangam

and the table, unique percussion instruments due to their pitched element, allowing them to express intricate melodic and rhythmic qualities. The song was performed by two Eastman School undergrads — junior Adam Maalouf and senior Hanna Weaver — and an Eastman doctoral candidate, Rohan Krishnamurthy, who also composed the piece.

However, it did seem strange that the show began and ended with these musical performances. They were a joy to watch, but they tended to be slower-paced, a little more mellow and much more focused on artistic expression rather than entertainment — not necessarily a bad thing but generally

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'Monologues' didn't pull punches, just heartstrings



SHERMAINE SINGH • STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Students act in the "The Vagina Monologues" on Saturday, March 31.

BY CHANTELE WHITE

STAFF WRITER

On Saturday night, Women's Caucus presented "The Vagina Monologues," an episodic play written by playwright Eve Ensler during the late '90s.

Ensler wrote these "monologues," called that because of the name of the play, despite the fact that they often have multiple people performing each one, to highlight the many struggles women face as they mature mentally and sexually.

They are based on several interviews taken from the perspective of some 200 women who are of all ages and cultures.

Ensler also founded V-Day, a continuing movement that starts on Feb. 14 and consists of fundraising events, like "Vagina Monologues" performances, that raise money and awareness to end violence against women.

"The Vagina Monologues" was no place to be shy or bashful. There was no room for tiptoeing, restraint or modesty. The poems and stories ranged from funny to violent to beautiful and audience members left feeling as though they had just experienced a two-hour emotional roller coaster.

Some of the more "traditionally-minded" individuals at the show were not happy with the

often times sexually explicit language and behavior. The occasional audience member found it to be vulgar, lewd, and obscene. One audience member thought it was inappropriate to deal with female sexuality in such a manner.

However, despite the naysayers, many seemed to find the performance refreshing and exciting. People often tend to forget it is this shocking style that enables "The Vagina Monologues" to effectively address the issue of violence against women in the first place.

Traditional society has put a "hush" on female sexuality and anyone who decides to speak up is claimed to be a "harlot" or a "loose woman."

These views are not based on values, but on embarrassment. Those who hold them fail to realize that not talking about these issues is the worst mistake society can make and that is exactly why Ensler wrote the play. She wanted her audiences to see that silence only increases ignorance.

"The Vagina Monologues" exposes and removes the embarrassment as a barrier to addressing the problem of violence against women," Michael Tartre, a member of the Rochester community, said. "While the issue of sex remains unspoken, the crimes of rape, sexual abuse and repression are muted. By giving voice to vaginas, V-Day gives voice to

vaginas in pain."

By talking and writing about these issues, women can take back the power and show the world that female sexuality is not something to run from but something to embrace. The young ladies who performed did a great job of bringing Ensler's message across. The majority of them read

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from cards, but it might have been better if they had their lines memorized. Some of them would forget a line and look down which caused them to fall out of character. This would disrupt the flow of the dialogue and effectively break the connection between the audience and the material.

Even with the distracting nature of the cards though, the actors did an excellent job. It was evident that they were enthusi-

astic about what they were performing, and the whole show was genuine and authentic. Several performers even did accents to match their roles.

Senior Kelly Miller did a particularly good job at this while performing "The Little Coochi Snorcher That Could." Her accent was strong and she held it throughout the whole monologue.

The crowd loved the monologue "My Angry Vagina," performed by freshman Sara Lewis, sophomore Donna Campbell and senior Christina Coley. The episode consists of three women ranting and raving about all the horrible inventions and tools society has created to "torture" their vaginas. The audience loved when they started talking about tampons and how uncomfortable they are, but the funniest moment came when one of the ladies was inquiring as to why gynecologists feel the need to go all "Nancy Drew sleuthing" through the vagina during the exam.

All of the monologues were fantastic, but the highlight of the night was by far the one entitled, "The Woman Who Loved to Make Vaginas Happy." The episode was performed by Jessica Moore, who did a phenomenal job.

The crowd ate it up — her acting and presentation were both excellent. Even after losing her

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JUNNE PARK • PHOTO EDITOR

The Strong Jugglers surpassed expectations with jokes and gravity-defying tricks on Saturday, March 31.

Jugglers ‘on the road’ to success

BY JONATHAN RAYBIN
OPINIONS EDITOR

On Saturday, May 31, the Strong Jugglers embarked on a thrilling adventure with their annual spring show, this year entitled “On the Road with the Strong Jugglers.” In an overarching and self-referential narrative, the show followed a family of four as they raced across the country via airplane and automobile in order to attend the juggling show on time. While the loose storyline tied the show together and provided light comedy, it ended up being merely a vehicle for displaying a spectacular array of juggling talent.

As with any juggling show, humor was a focal point of the performance from beginning to end. The first laughs, however, were purely serendipitous: Just as a juggler explained that no flash photography would be permitted, a camera flashed, causing the audience to erupt with laughter. For the most part, however, the night’s comedy relied on a mixture of puns and wordplay. As the family passed through a secu-

rity checkpoint at an airport, the father — played by Co-President and senior Adam Lanman — was stopped. An attendant withdrew a banana peel from his bag — an allusion to last year’s banana-themed show — and asked, “Was this packed with malicious intent?” Lanman retorted, “No, delicious intent” — a response which elicited a scowl from the attendant and an audible groan from the audience. However, because Lanman portrayed a father character in the skit, these puns were incorporated gracefully and seemed completely appropriate as “dad humor.”

This sort of humor soon became the character’s undoing, however, when his rental car was later pulled over by a police officer — portrayed by junior Olivia Morgan wearing a fake mustache. While being questioned, Lanman’s character couldn’t resist another pun: “I mustache you a question.” It was heartening to see the jugglers acknowledge the lame comedy, as Lanman was arrested and carted off stage for this offense.

In the first juggling routine of the show, Co-President and senior Rebecca Levin joined junior Stefanie Milner at center stage. Together, they executed a series of clever maneuvers with a set of juggling clubs, tossing them back and forth with playful ease. The duo interacted wonderfully, demonstrating a camaraderie that obviously extends beyond the show. They alternated between tricks, and as soon as one seemed to become comfortable, the other would sneak up from behind and casually swap out and trade in extra clubs. At one point, they leaned back on each other’s knees while continuing to juggle. Altogether, their simultaneous antics weaved together into an intricate and noteworthy choreography.

This carefree attitude carried into all aspects of the show, inspiring a contagious optimism that permeated the May Room and spread to everyone in the audience. This was perhaps best expressed in a round of audience participation. Even the most stalwart spectators couldn’t help

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‘Bent’ over backward

Show plays off of love and attraction for laughs

BY BECKY ROSENBERG
SENIOR STAFF

Everyone has problems. There’s school. There’s family. There’s boyfriends, girlfriends, just friends and/or friends with benefits. We’ve got money problems, emotional problems, physical problems, etc. But most of the time, most of the time, the problems can be fixed.

In other words, we are “bent, not broken.”

Or at least that is what the main character’s father would say on “Bent,” NBC’s new half hour romantic comedy from creator Tad Quill (“Scrubs”).

Pete Riggins, played by the handsome David Walton, is a recovering gambling addict trying to piece his life back together aided by his charm and wiles with women.

Alex Meyers (Amanda Peet), a lawyer freshly divorced from a white-collar criminal and uptight and anxious as ever, hires Pete’s construction crew in an effort to rebuild her life with her daughter Charlie (Joey King) and start anew.

Therein lies the meet-cute. Pete, meet Alex. Let the sexual tension begin.

But what is so blissfully refreshing about “Bent” is that no one denies the attraction. Screwsie (Margo Harshman), Alex’s sister, blatantly points out Pete’s good looks and the construction team sighs in knowing despair when

they see their new project is for an attractive woman whom Pete is undoubtedly trying to woo. Not even Alex’s new boyfriend Ben (Matt Letscher) denies the witty rapport between the two.

The honesty and deliberate truth in each of the characters gives birth to a cast that has an undeniable chemistry. Walton plays well with everyone as the chillaxed surfer dude completely aware of his gift with women.

As he leaves Alex’s house after a day of work, she rolls her eyes saying,

“You’re delusional, and you’re not pulling off that jacket.” He looks down at his leather jacket while sitting on his motorcycle, smiles with dimples and responds, “I think we both know that’s a lie.”

Pete has romantic chemistry with Alex and a friendly and charming connection with her daughter Charlie. He plays a patient son to his father Walt (Jeffrey Tambor), a struggling actor and tag-along father. Pete puts up with a lot, but he also is a lot to put up with.

If the show were resting solely on the shoulders of the will-they, won’t-they story of Pete and Alex it might fall short. Instead it embraces the supporting cast. Each of the episodes finds a new dynamic, whether it’s between Screwsie and Gary (Jesse Simmons), the new guy constantly

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The Idiot Box



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Alex (Amanda Peet) and Pete (David Walton) deal with sexual tension and construction on NBC’s new romantic comedy, “Bent.”

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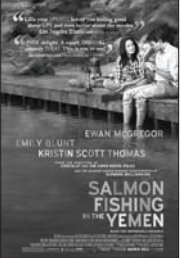
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CT RECOMMENDS...

'A Book of Luminous Things'

By Drue Sokol
Photo Editor



Although I am a psychology major, English literature and poetry have always fascinated me. I have taken many English classes while at UR and I have read a number of wonderful novels, short stories and poems. I do have a favorite anthology, though it did not come from my time here at UR. When I graduated high school, my A.P English teacher handed me “A Book of Luminous Things,” telling me that he hoped that I could find some poems that spoke to me. Over the years, I have found many poems in the anthology that do just that.

This book of poetry, edited by Czeslaw Milosz (what a name!), is a compilation of some of the most interesting, profound and truly bizarre poetry that I personally have ever read. From haikus by Li Po to longer poems by Valery Larbaud, this book brings together poems of all shapes and sizes and from all different time periods. My edition is well read with strategically placed sticky notes marking ones I particularly enjoy. I read this book before I go to sleep and I like to read over some of the best poems almost every night.

Some of my personal favorites are humorous, like Anna Swir’s “I Starve My Belly for a Sublime Purpose,” in which the author speaks to her stomach. Others are incredibly profound and make me want to read certain stanzas over and over, such as Al Zolynas’s “Love in the Classroom.” The editor of the anthology sometimes puts helpful notes before the poems themselves, hoping to provide some insight into the time period that the poem was written in or even about the poets themselves. I find these notes, albeit distracting sometimes, interesting and useful when reading the poems, particularly those from the 13th century, an era that I know very little about. Even if you are the type of person who may not be very interested in poetry but want to learn more, this book is a great starting point.



SHERMAINE SINGH • STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

UR Raas pulled out a fantastic, high-energy performance for an crowd at Mela on Saturday, March 31.

Mela: Technical issues damper performances

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not appropriate for an opening or closing number. They also had a tendency to suffer from the technical difficulties that plagued the event. Microphones would sometimes be unbalanced, one instrument would be far too loud and one singer couldn't be heard, among other issues. It was problematic — not enough to ruin things entirely, but it still did put a damper on the performances.

The show could have probably gotten away with using a musical performance for either the opener or the closer, but both seemed excessive and definitely not the way the show, which had been so full of life, wanted to be remembered.

Maybe part of the problem was that the dance numbers were so fantastic that the musical numbers, though well-performed, didn't have a chance to live up to that kind of energy.

UR Raas' performance was so spectacular that it really shouldn't have come anywhere in the show other than last. High energy,

bright colors, big smiles — that's the kind of note a performance should end on. Since it came early in the second act, all the performances that followed had the unfortunate task of trying to live up to

Quite frankly, it wasn't possible. They had sheer numbers, were beloved by the audience before they even took the stage and displayed so much enthusiasm that everyone couldn't help but be enthralled every minute they were performing.

Even numbers that were excellent on their own, such as the Bollywood dance number (performed by a couple of members of UR Raas), couldn't compare. However, all the performances were entertaining. What was not was how many technical difficulties there were.

It's understandable that issues will pop up every once in awhile, but this was ridiculous. Just about every time the curtain closed, there was no telling when it would open again. The show started a

half an hour late to begin with, but beyond that there were often full minutes of dead air, where screens would malfunction, or the curtain would be closed with no emcee onstage while something was corrected. It was painful, and could have ruined the entire show had the performances not been so exceptional.

In the sheer numbers of issues that popped up, one has to wonder if everything possible was done beforehand to prepare for the event. An issue or two is reasonable, expected even. But this many malfunctions really just seemed to tell the audience that this year's Mela could have used a lot more preparation, technology-wise. And it's unfortunate that a show that could have been a few hours of pure entertainment turned into an afternoon dotted with frustration.

Howard is a member of the class of 2013.

Jugglers: All fun and games

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but smile when, during a brief intermission, Lanman called for the audience to participate in a round of stretching. After leading the crowd to stretch their arms up and down, he instructed everyone to reach out to a partner for a big hug.

Audience participation continued in the second act when the traveling family arrived at a roadside diner and ordered a complicated lunch. Freshman Kareem Panton was randomly selected to come on stage and "add some zest" to recipe. Sophomore Jesse Checkla and junior Scott Lucchini, playing chefs, quickly gave him a crash course in cooking, by teaching him a set of dance moves to "add kick," "give it some heat" and "shake it all up." Panton proceeded to kick and spin with style, while the jugglers engaged in some death-defying knife throwing at the front of the stage.

Along the family's drive to Rochester, they encountered many set-backs. At one point a gang of thuggish unicyclists zoomed by, sporting intimidating leather jackets and temporary tattoos. They raced around each other cockily as the song "Handlebars" by The Flobots played in the background. Clapping hands, six unicyclists formed a long chain and weaved around the stage, looping under each other's arms.

Despite minor stumbles, it was impressive to see so many

students unicycling together simultaneously. Freshman Bonnie Nortz and junior Sarah Smith broke away from the pack for a wonderful duet routine. They rode together, effortlessly gliding forward and backward on their unicycles more gracefully than the average person can walk.

Later on in the evening — as one of many highlights — sophomore Robert Hudson flaunted his mastery over Newtonian dynamics in a solo act with a set of cigar

boxes. With a row of blocks, he rhythmically bobbed and spun them through the air, carefully clasp ing the boxes together on each downbeat before they could fall.

His nearly flawless routine seemed to effortlessly defy

gravity while maintaining perfect time with the gently pulsing music. Then, as the act started to wind down, Hudson produced a fourth box — pushing the already exciting feat to a new level of skill and precision.

In the show's closing moments, the gripping plot was resolved. After traveling across the country, the family arrived at the juggling show, just in time for the final act. This time, the entire juggling ensemble gathered on stage for their last huzzah. They juggled balls across the stage before climbing into several human pyramids in a closing photo-worthy moment. Audience members broke the no flash photography rule again, but who could blame them?

Raybin is a member of the class of 2012.

Their carefree attitude carried into all aspects of the show, inspiring a contagious optimism.

Bent: Love in the air on NBC

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being hazed on Pete's team or between Pete and Ben as they knowingly and enjoyably challenge one another for Alex's attention.

They all call each other out for their flaws, make fun of one another in public and clearly care for each other as friends and family.

Just like Quill's characters, we've all got problems. We might not have fixed them yet, but we're working on it. So are they.

Now here's the kicker. We might not get the chance to see these smart characters even attempt to fix up their lives.

When "Bent" was ordered, NBC picked up six episodes. Only six episodes. And after absolutely no promotion or advertising, the network is rolling out the episodes two at a time on Wednesday evenings against Modern Family repeats. The final

two episodes planned were aired last night.

This comedy — which is one of the strongest new half hour comedies to come out of the crop of sitcom pilots this season — has been burned before it even had a chance to prove itself.

"Bent" is witty and smart and has just enough "rom" to balance out the "com." It has a great cast with natural chemistry that most shows only wish they have.

Watch the six episodes. I know I won't be alone in wanting the chance to watch Pete and his crew mess up Alex's kitchen over and over and over again if just to see the rest of the stories that Quill and his staff can delve out to the bent, but not broken, characters of this quirky show.

Watch episodes of "Bent" on nbc.com or purchase them on iTunes.

Rosenberg is a member of the class of 2012.

Ensler: Moving performance

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cards half way through her performance, the audience did not even seem to mind and occasionally tried to help her out by shouting out the parts of her lines that she had forgotten. The story was very raw, un-censored and brutally honest. Many audience members could be seen

exchanging shy glances with their neighbors, some were hooting and hollering in agreement and some even buried their heads in their hands from embarrassment.

The show as a whole was full of laughter, tears and, above all, great entertainment.

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Baseball takes one of three against rival opponents

BY KAIT HOLDEN
SPORTS EDITOR

The Yellowjackets played four games in five days last week, dropping one against cross-town rival St. John Fisher College (3-10), winning one and dropping two in a three game series with Liberty League opponent St. Lawrence University (11-4), with a fourth game against St. Lawrence being postponed due to rain. The win against St. Lawrence was the Yellowjackets' first of the year against a Liberty League member.

The team was up 4-0 in the first inning against their Fisher rivals before losing the game 9-4. In the sixth, with UR only down 6-4, the Yellowjackets appeared poised to score, with a man on first and only one out, but the baserunner was quickly picked off. After a walk and a single, there were two men on with two outs. The threat was extinguished when sophomore catcher and third baseman Tyler DeClerck, who had been on second, tried to score on a single by senior outfielder Dominick Caruso but was thrown out at the plate.

The final day of March saw a doubleheader between the Yellowjackets and their Lib-

erty League opponent, the St. Lawrence Saints. The day started off in UR's favor with sophomore third basemen and outfielder Chris Davis' clutch two-run double in the seventh inning for a walk-off victory, their first in League play. With the score 2-1 after the third inning, neither team was able to cross the plate until the bottom of the seventh.

Sophomore outfielder Sam Slutsky led off the inning with an infield single. Freshman infielder and pitcher Tim LeSuer then singled up the middle, putting runners on the corners with one out. LeSuer stole second to put the winning run in scoring position, and the next batter, Davis, hammered a ball over the left fielder's head to drive in both men. The Saints rebounded in game two, however, registering a resounding 9-3 victory. In what was to be another doubleheader, the Saints and Yellowjackets again squared off on April 1, but the teams were forced to retire early due to bad weather.

The baseball team lost its second of three games over the weekend to St. Lawrence, this one a heartbreaking extra inning loss. UR struck first, getting a run across in the top of the first inning, before allowing



DRUE SOKOL • PHOTO EDITOR

UR put forth a strong effort against St. Lawrence University and earned their first win in five games.

St. Lawrence to score a run in the second, third and fourth innings, putting the Saints up 3-1. Rochester got two more across to tie the game, one in the fifth and one in the sixth. The sixth looked like the inning the Yellowjackets needed, but a defensive play cut it short and the inning ended with the bases loaded. In the ninth, St. Law-

rence managed to single home a run, ending the contest in a Saints' victory of 4-3.

Despite some good points for UR, and some positive plays to build on, the team's offense remains the biggest concern going forward.

"Although we haven't put it together to win recently, there were some positives from last

week we could work off of," senior outfielder Alex Caghan said. "Once our offense comes around we will be tough to beat."

UR baseball is now 4-12 overall after last weekend's games. Their next double header is away against Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute on April 7 and 8.

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Birdie: UR Golf team in full swing

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Though they started weak, they emerged from the middle of the pack to a more respectable fourth place team finish. Palladino led the second day charge, managing six birdies while firing a 72 to finish with 150 strokes and climbing the individual rankings to claim a share of third place. Chudacoff also showed drastic

improvement, slicing six strokes off his Saturday total by shooting a 76 on Sunday (158 total, 24th individually). Youngentob tied with Chudacoff by shooting an 80 on day two.

Wien (161, 37th overall) and Mallia (169, tied for 69th) rounded out UR's scoring. The Yellowjackets finished only behind nationally 17th-ranked

Skidmore College, 13th-ranked St. John Fisher College and unranked Swarthmore College.

The 'Jackets will return to the green on Sunday, April 8 when they take part in the Mid-Atlantic Regional Invitational in Hershey, Pa. — a competition they won easily last year.

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Set: Tennis makes a racket

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"As the matches went on, I became less nervous and more happy about the fact that I have enjoyed playing tennis so much over the last four years and how all the hard training paid off on Senior Day," Goodman said. "I was especially happy that I would be finishing the season with my doubles partner and good friend Danielle [Shreck] who I have been close with since day one of freshman year."

However, Shreck, Bow, Suresky and Genbauffe faced tough competition in their singles match-ups and were overpowered, giving Skidmore the lead. Bow almost tied it up by coming back in the second set; however, Skidmore's Lee Ford proved too strong and won the final set with a tiebreaker. Skidmore's No. 1 pair of Ford and Mendoza proved too strong for UR's Tseng and Bow, as the 'Jackets lost 3-8.

While the outcome against Skidmore was not ideal, the women believe this will only help them improve against future competitors.

"This match helped us discover the specific areas in our games that need improvement," Tseng said.

On the men's side, UR had complete control over Nazareth on Thursday, March 29 and did not allow them to score any points.

Junior Joel Allen, at No. 4, secured the final point for the 9-0 win with his singles victory of 6-2, 6-2. Senior Brian Rice at No. 2, freshman Julian Danko at No. 5 and senior Matt Volkov at No. 6 all won their singles matches in straight sets, while sophomore Boris Borovcanin, at No. 1, and senior Alex Magill, at No. 3, stayed strong to defeat their opponents in the third and final set.

The Yellowjackets had no difficulty in the doubles competition either, as Borovcanin and Rice won 8-4 at No. 1, Magill paired with Danko for an 8-1 win at No.

2 and Volkov with sophomore John Lewis Etter finished 8-1 at No. 3.

Despite UR domination in doubles, NYU squeaked out an away victory on Saturday, March 31 by winning five of the six singles matches, earning them a one point victory over the Yellowjackets.

After winning the three doubles matches, UR had a 3-0 lead over the Violets. However, that lead was short lived as Borovcanin and Volkov forced their opponents into a third set, but were unable to rally to the finish despite valiant efforts. NYU claimed wins in singles at No. 1-4 and 6.

"We felt good going into the match against NYU," Magill explained. "We knew that it was going to be close either way, and that getting out to a fast start in doubles would be key. We did a great job sweeping doubles, but unfortunately couldn't quite keep it up in singles."

Danko was the only UR player to overpower his NYU opponent in the singles match-ups. Although he wasn't feeling up to par and lost the first set, he was able to pull through for his team anyway.

"A great pep talk from Coach James McGuire after losing the first set, along with the realization that my victory was completely necessary in order for us to have a chance to win the match, helped me to rally despite my illness to come back to win the next two sets," Danko said. "This motivation is nothing out of the ordinary for any of my teammates. We all understand the importance of the team, and that there is never an excuse not to give maximum effort."

Men's tennis is now 5-9 overall. They are away facing Hobart College on Thursday, April 4 at 4:00 p.m. The women's tennis team is now 7-3. Their next match is away against St. Lawrence University on Saturday, April 14 at 10 a.m.

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Women's lacrosse continues to struggle

BY JUSTIN FLEMING
PUBLISHER

The women's lacrosse team was trounced by two top-flight foes in Skidmore College and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) on Friday, March 30, and Saturday, March 31, respectively. Both games were home contests for the Yellowjackets.

The 'Jackets hung tough through much of the first half against undefeated RPI, which is the top-ranked team in the Liberty League (6-0, 2-0). Despite the strength of their opponent, UR kept the score tied at 2-2 until RPI midfielder Marissa Page broke the stalemate midway through the half with two goals roughly a minute apart. RPI midfielder Madeline Sisson tacked on another goal before halftime, and the RPI Engineers carried a 5-2 lead into the break.

RPI certainly transferred that momentum into the second half, scoring six of the first seven goals of the half as their lead ballooned to 11-3. The Engineers added three more goals to their tally — including a third for Page to give her the hat trick — before the final whistle, and the RPI women left Fauver Stadium with a 14-4 victory.

The game was not without bright spots for UR — they

did force more turnovers than the Engineers, and junior mid-fielder Liza Mazel had a strong showing with two goals — but the Yellowjackets simply appeared overpowered by the RPI offense.

The situation was similar on Saturday, when UR fell to Skidmore College, 13-5. In contrast to the highly balanced attack the Yellowjackets faced in RPI, Thoroughbreds attacker Lexi Melville outscored the entire UR squad on her own, chalking up six goals and an assist.

UR's freshman goaltender Maddie Elia had a solid game with 12 saves, and Maizel once again led the 'Jackets with two goals.

None of UR's scoring in the game came on assisted goals, however. In fact, offensive continuity was suspect for the Yellowjackets in both contests — UR had only one assist between the two games, while their opponents had a combined nine.

The women's competition will be somewhat less steep this Friday, April 4, and Saturday, April 5, when they face off against two other schools without a Liberty League victory this year — Bard College and Vassar College.

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DRUE SOKOL • PHOTO EDITOR
Women's lacrosse was overpowered by two opponents last weekend.

THIS WEEK IN SPORTS

FRIDAY, APR. 6

- Women's Lacrosse at Bard College, 4 p.m.

SATURDAY, APR. 7

- Women's Rowing at Ithaca College, 8 a.m.
- Men's Track and Field at University of Rochester Spring Invitational, 10 a.m.*
- Women's Track and Field at University of Rochester Spring Invitational, 10 a.m.*
- Baseball at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (DH), 1 p.m.
- Softball vs. Rochester Institute of Technology (DH), 1 p.m.*
- Women's Lacrosse at Vassar College, 2 p.m.
- Baseball at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (DH), 3 p.m.
- Softball vs. Rochester Institute of Technology (DH), 3 p.m.*

SUNDAY, APR. 8

- Men's Golf, Mid-Atlantic Regional Invitational - Day 1, 8 a.m.
- Baseball at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (DH), noon
- Baseball at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (DH), 2 p.m.

MONDAY, APR. 9

- Men's Golf, Mid-Atlantic Regional Invitational - Day 2, 8 a.m.

*denotes home competition

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

SARAH WAYSON — SOFTBALL

BY ADAM ONDO
SPORTS EDITOR

Freshman pitcher and designated hitter Sarah Wayson was recently named Liberty League Pitcher of the Week for giving up only one earned run last week. She didn't allow any earned runs over her last 13.1 innings pitched, giving her a 0.00 ERA over the last four games. Wayson won all three of the games that she pitched in this week and scored a run in the fourth game. In her twelve at bats, she contributed three runs. Statistically speaking, Wayson has had a fantastic set of games.



What is your major?
I am majoring in biomedical engineering.

Why did you choose to come to UR?
I [came] to UR for the academic opportunities and the softball program.

When did you start playing softball?
I started playing softball in second grade.

What is your favorite aspect of the sport?



COURTESY OF UR ATHLETICS
Freshman pitcher Sarah Wayson had a 0.00 ERA this week.

My favorite aspect of the sport is the team camaraderie.

How did it feel in the second game of the Ithaca DH when you ran it in the second time?
It felt great to cross home plate in the Ithaca game. Our team rallied hard in that last inning.

What is the dynamic like, pitching alongside the other girls?

It is a lot of fun pitching alongside Brittany [Grage], Maddie [Skellie], Lindsey [Haris] and Ashley [Amidon]. We all work great together.

How would you describe the team up until this point?
Our team is playing really well right now, and we are looking forward to our upcoming games.

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NFL Draft Tracker 2012

Teams have secondary thoughts

BY ADAM ONDO
SPORTS EDITOR

Louisiana State University cornerback Morris Claiborne, despite being dumber than dirt according to his Wonderlic score, is, without a doubt, a top pick in the draft. In all likelihood, he will be taken fourth by the Cleveland Browns or fifth by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

University of Alabama prospect Dre Kirkpatrick is projected to be the second cornerback taken in this year's draft. He is quick and smart, which is obvious after watching his game film. As the Cincinnati Bengals have two first round draft picks, they may as well use one of them on Kirkpatrick because current cornerbacks Nate Clements and Leon Hall are the only two corners Cincinnati has to counter the talented receivers of the teams they go up against.

The third best corner is Janoris Jenkins. Originally a starter at the University of Florida, he ended his college career at the University of Northern Alabama. He ran 4.46 seconds in a 40-yard dash, recording a faster time than Claiborne, and his movements are more fluid than those of Kirkpatrick. His coverage ability is highly coveted and his athleticism allows him to make big plays, witnessed by his 10 career interceptions. Additionally, his anticipation and route reading skills lead to pick sixes. The only problem with Jenkins is that he has enough baggage to fill the cargo hold of a 747.

Teams should hesitate to take Jenkins because he is clearly irresponsible, fathering four kids by three different women by the age of 23. As if that wasn't enough, in 2009 he was arrested for fighting and resisting arrest. In January

2011, he was arrested once again, this time for drug possession and on April 23, 2011, he was arrested a third time for marijuana possession. This led to his suspension from Florida. Despite these shortcomings, he is still a sought-after prospect.

Rumor has it that the Detroit Lions are interested in Jenkins, which is good because they gave up 26 passing touchdowns last year and now have the 23rd draft pick to use. Cornerbacks Chris Houston and Eric Wright, despite the high number of interceptions and passes defended on their stats sheets, are mediocre cornerbacks. This is why they are targeted so often — each usually gives up at least one touchdown per game. Jenkins would be a good addition to Detroit's secondary and the Lions already have to deal with rowdy defensive tackle Ndamukong Suh, so one more troublemaker won't make that much of a difference.

The two worst pass defenses in the NFL, the New England

Patriots and Green Bay Packers, have the 27th and 28th picks in this year's draft and they may use them to take Jenkins if the Lions pass him up. After losing cornerback Pat Lee to the Oakland Raiders in free agency, the Packers may be tempted to take Jenkins for his talent and ignore his faults. New England could really use a reliable cornerback as well. Cornerback Devin McCourty would probably like to have some teammates he could trust to stop passes, and everyone knows recently signed former Jets corner Marquice Cole couldn't stop a Pop Warner quarterback from scoring. Taking Jenkins is a gamble, but these teams are desperate.

Teams who take a pass on Jenkins should not despair, though, since University of South Carolina cornerback Stephon Gilmore has proven that he is starting caliber and will probably last until the end of the first round, giving teams one more option at corner.

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University of Florida corner Janoris Jenkins returns a pick.

RESULTS

BASEBALL (4-12)

Liberty League standings:

1. Skidmore (6-2)
1. Rensselaer (6-2)
3. St. Lawrence (5-2)
4. Union (5-3)
5. RIT (3-5)
5. Vassar (3-5)
7. Clarkson (2-6)
8. UR (1-6)

March 31: St. Lawrence University (DH)

3-2 (W), 3-9 (L)

April 1: St. Lawrence University (DH)

3-4 (L), postponed

SOFTBALL (10-7)

Liberty League standings:

1. St. Lawrence (13-3)
2. UR (10-7)
3. Rensselaer (10-8)
4. Skidmore (10-10)
5. RIT (7-7)
6. Union (6-8)

March 31: Ithaca College

2-1 (W), 6-5 (W)

April 3: Nazareth College

4-1 (W), 6-1 (W)

MEN'S TENNIS (5-9)

March 29: Nazareth College

9-0 (W)

March 31: New York University

4-5 (L)

WOMEN'S TENNIS (7-3)

March 31: New York University

9-0 (W)

April 1: Skidmore College

3-6 (L)

MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

March 30-31: Danny Curran Invitational

The men's team had many top 10 finishers this past weekend.

In the 3000m steeplechase, senior Jason Zayac was second and junior Justin Roncaioli was fifth. Senior Francisco Ramirez placed fourth in the 1500m. The 5000m had senior James Vavra in fourth followed by sophomore Adam Pacheck in fifth.

WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

March 30-31: Danny Curran Invitational

The women had sixth athletes place in the top 10 at their invitationl. Sophomore Becky Gallaso finished third in the 400m and sixth in the 200m. Junior Ashanna Lynch earned third place in the hammer throw. Juniors Claire Crowther and Meghan Ogle had sixth place finishes in the 800m and 3000m steeplechase. Junior Carina Luck finished strong in the triple jump, placing fifth.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE (1-6)

March 30: Rensselaer

4-14 (L)

March 31: Skidmore College

5-13 (L)

Softball goes 4-0 thanks to errors



COURTESY OF UR ATHLETICS

Freshman pitcher Sarah Wayson winds up to strike out one of her opponents in the game against Ithaca College.

BY ADAM ONDO
SPORTS EDITOR

After winning all four of their games this week, softball has moved up to 10-7. On Saturday, March 31, the team triumphed over Ithaca College at home in a doubleheader, winning 2-1 and 6-5. Then, on Tuesday, the 'Jackets dropped Nazareth College to 2-14 after defeating them 4-1 and 6-1.

Ithaca third baseman Molly O'Donnell tripled home second baseman Julianne Vincent in the first inning, with junior pitcher Maddie Skellie giving up her first run of the day on an error. After pitching for 2.1 innings, freshman pitcher and designated hitter Sarah Wayson relieved Skellie, shutting out the Bombers for the remainder of the game, despite getting three runners to third base.

With time running out and the score still 1-0 Ithaca, UR finally scored in the

sixth inning. Sophomore shortstop Meg Hennessy and senior pitcher Sara Hutchinson were able to run home after freshman pitcher Brittany Grage struck a double down the right field line. Grage then finished Ithaca off with a double play in the seventh.

In the second game of the doubleheader, Grage allowed four runs and Wayson allowed one, all of which stemmed from errant throws. This put UR down 5-1 heading into the seventh inning. Ithaca pitcher Jillian Olmstead nearly sealed the game by retiring Hennessy and senior center fielder Katie McLean. Freshman catcher and designated hitter Alyssa Murillo came through, though. She hit a grounder, which was not handled properly by O'Donnell. This allowed sophomore first baseman Nina Korn to come home. After more dropped

catches and bad throws, the Yellowjackets managed to score four more times to win the game.

Skellie started the first game, throwing two hits, one of which resulted in a run for Nazareth second basewoman when the ball was thrown away after a hit by short stop Sara Cipperly. Wayson relieved her, throwing seven strikeouts, two balls and one hit over the next six innings.

Hennessy, who finished with one run and one RBI off of three hits, was the first to score for UR, tying the game 1-1. The tie was broken when senior left fielder Cara Celorio hit a two-run triple in the fifth inning; sophomore second baseman Kristen Baldino and senior right fielder Natalee Sassaman recorded the two runs. Celorio then proceeded to score on a single by Hennessy. With the bases loaded in the sixth, Wayson man-

aged to strike out the side to keep the score 4-1.

Nazareth drew first blood in the second game, scoring an unearned run in the top of the first due to a fielding error by the yellow and blue. Grage did not give up any more runs for the rest of the game, though, limiting Nazareth to this lone score.

In the second inning, wild throws resulted in three unearned runs for UR. Then, in the fifth, Korn slammed her third home run of the year to center field, scoring another run for the 'Jackets. Celorio then picked up a run of her own. In the sixth, Melvin exploited a wild pitch to increase the lead to 6-1.

UR softball plays its next game on April 7, taking on Liberty League cross-town rival Rochester Institute of Technology in a doubleheader starting at 1 p.m.

Ondo is a member of the class of 2014.

UR golf places high

BY JOHN BERNSTEIN
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After the first day of the McDaniel Spring Invitational on Saturday, March 13, the men's golf team appeared to be a shadow of the team that's been on the cusp of the nation's top 25 for weeks as it limped and struggled to overpower mediocre adversaries. Sophomore Nick Palladino, a favorite to win individually going into the tournament, sat in a disappointing 13th place by shooting seven over par — well off Skidmore College's Brett Augenstein, whose first day total of 72 shots was one off par.

The rest of UR's seasoned corps which includes junior Marc Youngentob (tied with Palladino for 13th place), seniors Michael Chudacoff (tied for 42nd) and senior David Wien (tied for 49th) teamed with sophomore Will Mallia (tied for 75th) to complete the team's scoring. The Yellowjackets, sitting in eighth place by Saturday's conclusion, left them behind many lesser teams — teams the yellow and blue didn't expect to be next to on the scoring sheet (let alone trailing) after the first day.

It was no surprise, then, that the 'Jackets came back with a vengeance the following day.

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Men's and women's tennis hit ups and downs

BY KAIT HOLDEN
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UR tennis experienced some turbulent match-ups this past week. The women came out victorious against William Smith College (7-2) and New York University (9-0) but were defeated by Skidmore College (3-6), while the men overpowered Nazareth College (9-0) but fell just short against NYU (4-5).

The Yellowjackets were well-prepared for William Smith on Wednesday, March 28 as the women's team dominated five of the six singles matches in addition to two of the three doubles matches on their opponent's home courts.

Junior Frances Tseng and seniors Jamie Bow, Alexandra Goodman and Danielle Shreck all won both their singles and doubles matches. Tseng won 7-6, 6-1 at No. 1, and Goodman won 6-3, 6-2 at No. 2. Shreck, at No. 3, and Bow, at No. 4, fought off tough competitors, edging out a win in the final set of each of their matches 6-2, 3-6, 6-4 and 6-3, 4-6, 6-0, respectively. Freshman Rachel

Suresky also won her match at No. 5. Doubles competition had strong showings — Bow and Tseng won 8-4 at No. 1 followed by Goodman and Shreck who crushed their opponents 8-3 at No. 2.

Back on their home turf on Saturday, March 31, women's tennis only lost 11 points in their match-up against NYU, and they easily secured a victory by preventing their opponent from scoring any points at all.

"I think we had some idea that NYU would be an easier win because of our scores in the past," Goodman said. "But it is definitely a confidence booster to overpower them as much as we did."

UR won all three doubles matches 8-1, as well as defeated NYU opponents in all the singles match-ups. Tseng, at No. 1, only played one game before her challenger retired due to an injury. Meanwhile, Goodman, at No. 2, came out on top, 6-0, 6-0, Shreck was a 6-0, 6-2 victor at No. 3, Bow won at No. 4 (6-3, 6-1), Suresky dominated at No. 5 (6-1, 6-1) and freshman Cara



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Senior Alex Goodman won both her singles and doubles matches on Senior Day.

Genbauffe topped off the wins 6-0, 6-0 at No. 6.

The women's final competition of the week did not go as successfully as the team had hoped. However, the seniors put forth great effort during the last home meet of their college tennis careers. Although

it was a close game, Skidmore came out on top and returned home in victory on Sunday, April 1.

After Tseng won 6-1, 6-1 at No. 1 and Goodman won 6-3, 6-0 at No. 2, UR was ahead 3-2. The senior doubles pair of Goodman and Shreck also

won doubles 8-6 at No. 2 to put up more points for UR.

While Goodman admitted to being a little nervous thinking about it being her last match, she settled in and played to the best of her ability.

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