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TRACK TAKES OFF: UR SECURES 20 TOP FINISHES IN FIRST HOME MEET OF SEASON

Freshman Thomas Barrett, pictured above, competes in the 400-meter hurdles during UR's Spring Invitational at Fauver Stadium last weekend. The men's track and field team earned two event wins and nine other top-three finishes while the Lady Jackets earned six event wins and seven other top-three finishes.

Students lead campaign to raise awareness for rare genetic disease, YellowJackets contribute

BY WILL O'BRIEN
STAFF WRITER

A semester-long effort to raise awareness and support for research Friedrich's ataxia, spearheaded by seniors Galen Dole and Sarah Gelbard, is in full swing.

The Friedrich's Ataxia Research Alliance (FARA) defines the disease as a "debilitating, life-shortening, degenerative neuromuscular disorder."

The most common symptoms of include loss of coordination, fatigue, and aggressive scoliosis. The disease, which is quite rare, affects about 1 in 50,000 people in the U.S.

Gelbard, in the hope of leaving her mark at UR, had the idea to start an annual fundraising campaign for Friedrich's ataxia,

a disease that has profoundly impacted the lives of her best friend and friend's sister, Laura and Sara Ferrarone.

After the passing of 26-year-old Sarah last November, Gelbard's passion for the cause was renewed. In addition to her fundraising and awareness goals, Gelbard wanted to cheer up her friend Laura.

Gelbard reached out to Dole, hoping that the YellowJackets, of whom Ferrarone was an avid fan, would make a music video of Jason Mraz's "I Won't Give Up."

Unbeknownst to Gelbard, Dole was a prime ally: Dole's younger sister Marlise also suffers from the disease.

The potential for collaboration put Gelbard's goals of fundraising and awareness within reach.

Both Gelbard and Dole shared the experience of watching the impact of Friedrich's ataxia on people they care about.

Dole watched as Marlise progressed from a walker, to a manual wheelchair, to an electric wheelchair. Gelbard shared a similar experience with the Ferrarone sisters.

They both found hope in the fact that their loved ones' struggle did not impact their personalities and positive spirits.

"It affects coordination but in no way affects the mind," Dole said.

The pair began collaborating on awareness and fundraising efforts through the website GoFundMe.com and social media. They reached out to FARA to find ways to help support and ex-

pand the organization's research, an important undertaking since many researchers do not want to spend the money to study such a rare condition.

"Little stitches make a quilt, [and] little bills will find a cure," Gelbard explained.

While they saw a gradual response and contributions of "little bills," they were looking for a way to reach a broader larger population.

Their second round of efforts began with a letter-writing campaign and plans for a benefit concert. Gelbard sent letters to celebrities and politicians ranging from local Rochester officials to President Obama. Dole, along with his fellow YellowJackets, decided to donate

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25 new peace officers sworn in

BY ANGELA REMUS
NEWS EDITOR

In an effort to enhance the strength of campus security, 25 UR security officers are working towards designation as peace officers, government-recognized positions authorized by New York State. Their jurisdiction is determined in collaboration with local police departments.

To become peace officers, also called sworn officers, these 25 individuals will undergo a five-month training program. Following the program's completion, they will be authorized to make arrests, access police criminal file systems, conduct warrantless searches, and repossess weapons. The officers will not carry guns, but they will have batons and pepper foam.

Essentially, peace officers will serve as the middle ground between Rochester police officers and UR Security.

The decision to train UR Security as peace officers was made after discussion by a Security Commission that President Joel Seligman convened in December 2010. Senior Vice President for Administration and Finance Ronald Paprocki chaired the commission.

"The central recommendation [of the Security Commission] was to take steps to implement sworn officer status in a mixed system of sworn and unsworn officers," Paprocki said in an email. "This was seen as an important step to enhancing safety on campus. We want to have a sufficient number of sworn officers to provide prompt response around the clock."

Other changes adopted at the Security Commission's recommendation include better in-service programs, streamlined communication and administrative processes, and a change to the safe ride program that will not take officers from their patrol duties.

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The Broadway musical opens at Eastman's Kodak Theatre on Thursday, April 4, at 7:30 p.m.

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FIVE-DAY FORECAST

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SATURDAY



Mostly Sunny
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SUNDAY



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High 60, Low 40

MONDAY



Showers
Chance of precipitation: 40%
High 57, Low 43

TUESDAY



Cloudy
Chance of precipitation: 20%
High 51, Low 44



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DLH HOUSE HOSTS CONVERSATION ON ROSA PARKS' LIFE AND LEGACY

The Douglass Leadership House and the Frederick Douglass Institute for African and African American Studies hosted a discussion with author Jeanne Theoharis about her book “Debunking the Myth of Mrs. Rosa Parks,” on Monday, April 1.

THIS WEEK ON CAMPUS

THURSDAY

APRIL 4

MEET-A-MONK

7 P.M. - 8:30 P.M., INTERFAITH CHAPEL

From the Abbey of the Genesee, a Trappist monk will speak about spiritual poverty in our everyday lives. He'll host a Q&A session and share his Monk's bread.

FILM SCREENING: "SHOOTING BEAUTY"

7:30 P.M. - 9 P.M., HOYT AUDITORIUM

The movie follows a fashion photographer who discovers a hidden world of beauty in a disabled home. The screening is cosponsored by Active Minds and UR Cinema Group.

FRIDAY

APRIL 5

LGBTQI RESOURCE FAIR

10 A.M. - 1 P.M., HIRST LOUNGE, WILSON COMMONS

Join the Susan B. Anthony Institute in celebrating LGBTQI month. Representatives from University Health Services, Pride Network, Image Out, and the Interfaith Chapel will attend.

HELEN ANN ROBBINS LECTURE

5 P.M. - 6 P.M., ROBBINS LIBRARY, RUSH RHEES LIBRARY

Ruth Karras, Professor of History and Director of the Center for Medieval Studies at the University of Minnesota, will give a talk focusing on masculinity in the Middle Ages.

YELLOWJACKETS' "CONCERT FOR A CURE"

8 P.M. - 10 P.M., STRONG AUDITORIUM

The YellowJackets will donate the proceeds from the concert towards the Friedrich's Ataxia Research Alliance.

Tickets are \$7 for undergraduates and \$10 for graduate students.

SATURDAY

APRIL 6

UR ALUMNI INVITIATIONAL

12:30 P.M. - 2:30 P.M., SOUTHSIDE FIELD

Support the track & field team at this home meet. There will be free prizes as well as root beer floats. The event is sponsored by Coca-Cola, Campus Activities Board, and the Students' Association.

MELA PERFORMANC AND DINNER

4 P.M. - 9 P.M., STRONG AUDITORIUM

Enjoy Indian performances by student groups from the University and local colleges and a catered Indian dinner. The event is sponsored by the Association for Development of Interest in the Indian Subcontinent (ADITI).

SUNDAY

APRIL 7

NEWMAN CUP

9 A.M. - 5 P.M., FAUVER STADIUM

Sign up as a freelancer or register a team to compete for the St. Sebastian Society's annual soccer tournament. Proceeds will benefit local migrant farm workers.

WEDNESDAY

APRIL 10

PERSPECTIVES OF HYDROFRACKING

7:30 - 8:30 P.M., SLOAN AUDITORIUM

The talk will focus on the implications of hydrofracking in New York State. Speakers include civil engineer Tony Ingraffea, attorney Beth Kinne, and economist Kent Garner.

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IN ROCHESTER

Intermodal Transportation Center construction to commence in Aug.

BY LEAH BULETTI
SENIOR STAFF

Congresswoman Louise Slaughter announced on Wednesday, April 3 that the city of Rochester will break ground this August on a \$26.5 million intermodal transportation center.

The long-awaited project, which will include bus terminals and a new Amtrak station, will be built at the site of the existing train station on North Clinton and Joseph Avenues but on a different portion of the land. The building will be modeled after Rochester's historic Bragdon Station, which was built in 1914 and demolished in 1965.

"We've waited 36 years for a new railway station, and now it's on the way," Slaughter, who championed the project, said.

The project is funded by \$18.5 million from federal grants, \$7.5 million in state funding, and \$0.5 million from the city of Rochester.

The New York State Department of Transportation is coordinating a team that will design and build the new station, which

was touted for its improvements in passenger amenities, comfort, safety, and handicap accessibility, as well as its ability to serve a larger volume of passengers. The station is projected to serve more than 204,800 passengers by the year 2035.

A contract is slated to be awarded this summer, and completion of the entire project is projected for 2016.

Slaughter also noted that the project will bring economic development to the downtown area as well as create about 100 new construction jobs and serve the area's large population of students.

The Rochester Genesee Regional Transportation Authority began construction on a new \$47 million transportation center on Mortimer Street in November, another project praised for its potential to revitalize downtown Rochester.

The center, which will allow for the transfer of buses off Main Street's often traffic-glutted thoroughfare, is scheduled for completion in 2015.

Bulletti is a member of the class of 2013.



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A new transportation center, built on the site of the current Amtrak station pictured above, will improve customer amenities and handicap accessibility.

AnchorFree promotes Internet privacy

BY SARAH TEITELMAN
COPY EDITOR

Students with .edu domain emails can now register for an Internet protection service through a recently formed program called AnchorFree. Their Hotspot Shield Campus Privacy Challenge initiative kicks off the effort to help college students in the U.S. and the U.K keep their digital lives private and secure and even offers scholarship aid to schools with the most registrations.

AnchorFree has been placing consumers in control of their online privacy since its founding in 2005. It secures all Internet communications, protects the user's identity online, and provides universal access to all Internet content, ensuring that all consumers can browse the whole web securely and privately on their electronic devices.

Even with protection services like McAfee or Norton Antivirus, AnchorFree is still worth considering since it provides additional protection.

"During the challenge, any college student registering with a school-provided .edu email will receive a free one-year subscription to Hotspot Shield Virtual Private Network for up to five devices including, iPad, Android, iPhone, tablets PCs and Macs," AnchorFree CEO David Gorodyansky said in a statement. "Students are the only ones eligible to get the product for free."

Other users pay a \$42 fee.

Based on registration numbers relative to university size, 10 scholarships of \$5,000 each will be distributed to the three schools with the highest relative number of sign-ups. The challenge will run through June 2.

The top schools will receive designation as the "Most Private Campus" prior to the start of the 2013-14 academic year.

One of the main goals of this program is to work on securing internet privacy, especially for college students who don't fully know these risks.

"[The campaign] can help students understand a new way to communicate digitally and be assured that their information is both private and secure," Gorodyansky said. "A recent study estimates that nine out of 10 undergraduate students will own a smartphone by the time this year's crop of freshmen is slated to graduate."

As this demographic grows, college students are increasingly at risk of having their privacy compromised. AnchorFree wants to help protect students and make sure everyone is aware of the risks to their digital privacy, particularly on mobile devices.

"We aim to help students take their online privacy into their own hands by offering a free 1-year subscription to Hotspot Shield," Gorodyansky said.

Teitelman is a member of the class of 2016.



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AnchorFree's recently launched Hotspot Shield campaign aims to help University students protect their privacy through a new scholarship challenge.

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In light of the recent tumultuous events in the country, UR Medical Center nurse Sarah Kim shared her experiences with the UR community on Wednesday, March 27 following a week-long ministry trip to North Korea in 2009.

LINK members and South Korean students engage in dialogue about North Korea

BY JARED SMITH
NEWS EDITOR

North Korea has been busy. In the last several months, tensions have flared between the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the United States as North Korea continues a streak of aggressive action.

In its bid to achieve the status of a nuclear power, North Korea conducted its third nuclear test in February this year despite pleas from China, its sole ally, that to do so risked open confrontation. The United States has responded by urging China to participate in economic sanctions.

With few sanctions left to enact, the United Nations and the United States have been left with little leverage.

South Korea responded immediately, carrying out army and naval exercises in a display of force showing it could strike anywhere within North Korea. Videos were released displaying South Korean cruise missiles destroying targets from long range, signifying their ability to strike its northern neighbor at any point, reflecting the tension of the dispute.

The North Korean actions may be falling on tired ears.

"South Korea should act strongly in response to the actions taken by North Korea," sophomore Sunny Park said. "We already supported North Korea before, and

they focused their efforts on building nuclear weapons with the support we gave them. If we have a war, it would be disadvantageous for both of us."

In March, a new series of economic sanctions was imposed by the United Nations, this time with the support of China. North Korea responded by nullifying its nonaggression agreements and cutting its hotline to the South Korean government. In the case of accidental military action, there will be no easy contact between the two governments to stabilize the conflict.

Incidents of aggression have long been a part of history between the two Koreas, with the conflict never progressing or resolving. However, Kim Jong-un has yet to be tested as the leader of North Korea, and the United

States is unaware of how he will respond.

North Korea remains a highly closed society, but UR Medical Center Nurse Sarah Kim is one of the few Americans who have actually entered the country, as she described in a presentation sponsored by the campus group Liberty in North Korea.

During a one-week medical mission trip with Wheat Missions Ministry, Kim visited Pyongyang Maternity Hospital, Sariwon Orphanage, and Mangyongdae Arts School. Kim, among others, brought supplies and taught breakthrough techniques to medical staff.

After witnessing a C-section, Kim was struck by just how isolated the North Korean world is.

"I was like, this is a North Korean baby boy who is born in to the generation where they don't know any different," she said. "This is his world."

While North and South Korea may have a shared history, they are now worlds apart.

"I think there is a chance [for] unification later on [since we shared] the same culture for thousands of years," Park said. "Nowadays, people believe there is no need for unification."

Smith is a member of the class of 2014.

“South Korea should act strongly in response to the action taken by North Korea.”

- Sophomore Sunny Park

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Maggie Maloy, the keynote speaker at UR's first annual conference on sexual assault, shared her story of injury and recovery after a sexual assault endured at age 15. The conference, entitled "Survivor to Thriver," was held on Wednesday, April 3.

“Survivor to Thriver” conference empowers victims of sexual assault

BY ANGELA REMUS
NEWS EDITOR

The conference “Survivor to Thriver,” addressed awareness, survivor empowerment, and community resources in an effort to confront sexual assault on campus.

Spearheaded by associate professor of psychiatry and Director of the University’s Susan B. Anthony Center for Women’s Leadership Catherine Cerulli, UR Intercessor Harriette Royer, and Equal Opportunity Compliance Director Morgan Levy, this is the first year such a conference has been held. In an effort to make this an annual event, dates are already reserved for a similar conference in April 2014.

The conference, held Wednesday, April 3, was supported by many campus and local organizations, including the Susan B. Anthony Institute, University Health Services, Women’s Caucus, and the Greater Association of Women Attorneys, among others.

“So many students and faculty supported this conference — which shows amazing coordinated spirit around this issue,” Cerulli said in an email. “We hope UR will become a leader in the area nationwide.”

The conference’s keynote speaker, Maggie Maloy, shared her own story as a survivor of sexual assault and her ongoing struggle to move beyond the violence she suffered nearly two decades ago.

While returning from a morning jog, she was kidnapped at gunpoint, raped twice, and shot five times. She was 15 years old.

“I’m not a thriver yet,” Maloy said.

Now 34, she said she still struggles with the emotional

baggage of the violence, although to hear her speak, joking, telling stories of her work with the Justice Department and the Global Institute of Healing Alternatives for Victimization and Trauma, you would never know it. She currently works as a provider of victim services to survivors of sexual assault.

In her speech, Maloy emphasized empowerment, recounting her interaction with her mother immediately following the assault.

“She empowered the life she saw within me,” Maloy said. “She said, ‘Come on Maggie,

“One reads with horror stories about cases of rape in which unconscious and unknowing victims are exploited.”

- University President
Joel Seligman

you can do this, you can make it...’ That was such a key moment... She saw death on the surface, but she empowered the life within. And that’s what I needed to help me through that day.”

Prior to Maloy’s moving testimony, UR President Joel Seligman shared his remarks on the topic.

“One reads with horror stories about cases of rape in which unconscious and unknowing victims are exploited,” Seligman said. “The trauma that rape victims feel can affect their lives for decades in ways that can be emotionally devastating not only to the victim,

but to those [who] love her or him.”

Although he did not explicitly address Professor of Economics Steven Landsburg and his recent blog post, “Censorship, Environmentalism, and Steubenville,” Seligman did allude to the controversy.

“At this university, we work hard to balance our commitment to providing a safe campus — one as free as is reasonably possible from a hostile work environment, discrimination, and harassment — with our commitment to academic freedom,” Seligman said. “Academic freedom is a core value of our university and vital to provide the assurance that one can hold unpopular or provocative views in safety...Statements, for example, that solely are made on private blogs, without use of University resources, without purporting to speak for the University, and not in a manner directed at students or groups of our University community...in all likelihood does not violate our standards. While I respect the right of all in our community to exercise academic freedom, I cannot overstate my hope that our focus will be on preventing future instances of sexual assault. No one who has known an individual who has suffered rape or sexual assault can ever view such crimes as hypothetical questions.”

Ultimately, the conference and Maloy’s speech focused on recovering and healing, a theme that was carried throughout all of the conference events, including a panel presentation, discussions with local victim resource providers in “caring circles,” and a talk on the spiritual process of healing.

Remus is a member of the class of 2016.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

UR libraries receive rare book from First Unitarian Church of Rochester

The First Unitarian Church of Rochester donated a rare copy of “The House Beautiful,” an essay written by Unitarian minister William C. Gannett in 1895, to UR’s Department of Rare Books, Special Collections and Preservation at a ceremony on Friday, March 29. Architect Frank Lloyd Wright designed and hand printed only 90 copies of the essay in book form early in his career; the donation to UR of one such copy is aimed at preserving the milestone in “early-modernist design.”

The UR collection already includes the William C. Gannett Papers and early records of the First Unitarian Church, which Mavrinac believes “The House Beautiful” will complement. The essay discusses the importance of virtues like simplicity, refinement, and craftsmanship in creating a marriage and a home, ideas which also aligned with Wright’s theories of architecture and aesthetics. Gannett, an abolitionist and suffragist, also played a prominent role in the fight to admit women to the University.

Dean of River Campus Libraries Mary Ann Mavrinac said the collection that “The House Beautiful” joins is seeing a “renewed interest by our students and faculty, who are pouring over our documents and rare books.”

Soprano Jessye Norman to receive honorary degree, give benefit concert

Jessye Norman, a world-renowned classical soprano, will receive an honorary doctorate of music from the University at her benefit concert for Action for a Better Community Inc. on Sunday, April 14. Norman has received five Grammy Awards, including the Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award, in addition to honors from Belgium, Spain, and Germany. She became the youngest artist to ever win the Kennedy Center Honor in 1997 and won the highest award in the arts — the National Medal of Arts — at the White House in 2010. Norman, who sings in registers from contralto to high dramatic soprano, holds honorary doctorates from 40 colleges, universities, and conservatories worldwide.

Data Center recognized for energy efficiency

The New York State Electric and Gas (NYSEG) and Rochester Gas and Electric (RG&E)’s Commercial and Industrial Rebate program has awarded UR \$168,000 for leadership in data center energy efficiency. UR reduced energy use and costs through a locally engineered innovation called OtiCool modular cooling technology.

The rebate recognizes work in the University’s second data center in Ontario County, which serves as a hub backup. The University’s first data center is in Monroe County and is the central location for UR’s computing resources in academic, medical, research, and administrative communities. UR’s data centers have received several prior recognitions for sustainability, including a \$300,000 RG&E rebate in 2009, a \$189,000 New York State Energy Research Development Authority (NYSERDA) rebate in 2010, and recognition from NYSERDA for the primary data center as a High Performance Building.

Leah Buletti is a member of the class of 2013.

SA Senate endorses national Collegiate Housing and Infrastructure Act by narrow margin

The Students’ Association Senate voted in a close vote of 7-8 to endorse a resolution in support of the Collegiate Housing and Infrastructure Act which was presented by senior Lindsey Cope at the meeting on Monday, April 1.

This act ultimately allows non-profit housing organizations to accept tax deductible donations for housing improvements. These donations are beneficial to non-profit groups such as Greek life and other organizations that own housing and allows them to update their properties to bring them to fire and other structural codes.

That said, the bill would cost tax payers \$145 million over the course of ten years and has yet to be written. A similar bill had been brought to the floor in Congress in 2007 and 2011 but was tabled immediately and sent back to committee. Cope came to the Senate on behalf of a lobbying firm and will be lobbying in Washington D.C. the week of April 21st for the future bill.

Senators discussed the relevance to student groups on campus, since all Greek housing on campus will be owned by UR as of next year, the extent of the bill affecting other taxes, and concerns over “non-profit” status.

After a long debate, the Senate voted and barely passed the motion, most senators citing the national affect the bill could have on Greek life and other non-profit organizations on other college campuses.

The Senate also unanimously approved the Japanese Students’ Association for final SA recognition and briefly discussed improvements to the student group constitution template presented by freshman senator David Stark.

Scott Lamm is a member of the class of 2016.

YellowJackets dedicate show to Friedrich’s ataxia research

CURE FROM PAGE 1
the proceeds from their second-semester show, “Concert for a Cure,” taking place Friday, April 5.
Their efforts so far have raised both the awareness and funds they were hoping for. Dole succeeded in getting Friedrich’s ataxia included as part of the biochemistry curriculum at UR. Their fundraising efforts have reached almost \$8,000.
In recognition of their efforts, both Dole and Gelbard have been offered positions to work with FARA over the summer.
Dole is optimistic about the impact of their semester-long efforts. “More people know, more people care, and more can be done,” Dole said.

O’Brien is a member of the class of 2016.



AARON SCHAFER/ PHOTO EDITOR

The YellowJackets rehearse for “Concert for a Cure,” which will occur Friday, April 5 in Strong Auditorium. The group decided that all proceeds will benefit the Freidrich’s Ataxia Research Alliance. YellowJackets member and senior Galen Dole’s sister suffers from FA, giving their concert personal significance.

UR officers will not be armed after new training, but better prepared



COURTESY OF J. ADAM FENSTER, UR PHOTOGRAPHER

Twenty-five members of UR’s security force were sworn in as peace officers at a ceremony on Thursday, March 28.

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After the commission’s recommendation, UR Government Relations staff pursued outside support.
“The University consulted with local law enforcement, and then with the entire local Senate and Assembly delegation to indicate an interest in pursuing this,” Public Information Coordinator Sarah Miller said. “[UR] worked most closely with Senator [James] Alesi and Assemblyman [Harry] Bronson since they both directly represented [UR’s] River Campus at the time and both were happy to support and sponsor legislation.”
According to Deputy Director of Security Mark Fischer, 85 to 90 percent of UR’s patrolling security officers applied for peace officer training. 25 were selected, and UR has authorized the selection of a total of 40 members. UR’s security division includes approximately 120 individuals, but that figure includes support personnel and non-patrol staff.
UR will spend approximate-

ly \$80,000 over the next two years to train the 40 individuals. Other than a badge and slightly different uniform, the new peace officers will not be very distinguishable from the current security staff.
“They are not going to deal with the students here in a different way,” Fischer said. “In other words, if a student is caught drinking underage they will still be referred to the Dean’s Office. The main difference is if something exigent happens. Then we’ll be able to act immediately and make an arrest.”
Paprocki noted that the new authority these officers will have is similar to the authority of officers at other campuses.
“There are a lot of things the security division does here to protect the area and this will allow us to do that better,” Fischer concluded.
The use of peace officers will be re-evaluated in two years to determine their effectiveness and the future of the program.
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UR NotConnected: productivity killing Wi-Fi



SARAH TEITELMAN
COPY EDITOR

I can't write this article because I can't get online. My rivalry with UR Connected began on August 28, 2012, when I tried to set up my wireless printer. Like most typical college freshmen, I came to school with my own printer because I wanted to save money. Little did I know, that I would encounter so many issues with my "money saving" printer because of our fun Internet provider at UR. After struggling for five hours trying to set up my printer, I learned that our school's Wi-Fi actually doesn't allow for wireless printers because of security issues. What I don't understand is that we go to one of the top research institutions in the country, and yet we can't hook up our printers to the Wi-Fi? It really doesn't make any sense to me. My struggle with UR Connected didn't stop there. Countless times I have found myself being dropped from the Internet and unable to connect for hours on end. What really gets to me with our Internet is that it says you are connected, but the Internet won't load. At first I thought maybe it was an issue specific to my computer, and that maybe I should switch to a different browser. After trying Safari, Google Chrome, and Firefox, I concluded that it definitely wasn't a local problem with my system; rather, it had to be the campus Wi-Fi. After speaking with many students, I gathered that the Wi-Fi is spotty in several areas throughout campus, even between very close academic buildings and in parts

of residential housing as well. Even when my computer is connected to the Wi-Fi, I have noticed that it always takes forever to load. Searching for a simple question on Google can turn into a 20-minute process because the Wi-Fi is so slow here. What we need is an intervention with our school's Wi-Fi provider. Something needs to be done as quickly as possible, especially since so many people rely on our school's Internet. Wi-Fi here is especially important, especially since UR relies so heavily on the Internet. I know that for most of my classes my assignments are on BlackBoard and I have to submit most of them on the site. If the Wi-Fi is down, then I literally have no way to check my assignments because I can't get on blackboard. In a recent survey, nearly 75% of the students who took part in a recent poll said Wi-Fi access on their college campuses helps them get better grades. A few weeks ago, the *Campus Times* featured a news article on the Wi-Fi at Riverview because so many students were having issues with the Internet there. While it is important to note that the Wi-Fi at Riverview isn't great, the Wi-Fi on the River Campus is spotty and slow as well. I think UR students have the expectation, especially since we go to a research institution, that the Wi-Fi should be fast — not spotty and slow. While I'm sure IT knows that the Wi-Fi is slow, something should actually be done to fix this problem. If IT is working on making the Internet at UR faster, then they should communicate to students that they are working on the problem. Until this problem is fixed, other students and I will continue to complain about how we aren't connected.

Tietelman is a member of the class of 2016.

EDITORIAL BOARD

Peace officers pose potential problem for River Campus

The Security Commission convened by President Joel Seligman and chaired by Senior Vice President for Administration and Finance Ronald Paprocki was charged with an evaluation of UR's security and eventually made a recommendation to the University. During its fairly lengthy lifespan, this commission did not find any increases in the incidence of crimes nor in the severity of crimes, yet also chose to recommend taking "steps to implement sworn officer status in a mixed system of sworn and unsworn officers."

The decision to increase security officers' qualifications to that of peace officers gives campus security more autonomy and authority to promptly respond to incidents that have a potential for confrontation, most notably by giving them the power to arrest. This rationale suggests that because there will be peace officers, UR will have better incident prevention and stronger response capabilities. We're not so sure that's the case.

Sure, at UR Medical Center (URMC), where incidents are much more common, there is a definite need for peace officers. Peace officer certification legally allows sworn officers to restrain patients or stop criminals if necessary, enabling security to serve as a first line of defense rather than as a middleman in charge of contacting the Rochester Police Department.

While such logic makes sense for URMC, there is not so dire a need for these officers on the River Campus.

Simply put, if there has not been an increase in the number or severity of crimes, as stated by the Security Commission, then increased authority is unnecessary. Additionally, there have been no historical incidents cited where the presence of peace officers would have enhanced campus safety.

While providing security staff with peace officer status will in all likelihood not be harmful to our campus, the fact that the officers will be equipped with batons and pepper foam as defensive weapons does increase the potential for trouble.

At the University of California Davis in 2011, for example, the unprovoked pepper-spraying of protesting students was highly controversial and quickly condemned.

While Deputy Director of Security Mark Fischer assured that security's policies for dealing with students will not change, the fact that both security and students know that the officers now have more power is potentially problematic. According to Paprocki, the set of recommendations made by the Security Commission also included recommendations to strengthen relationships between officers and students, a goal that increasing security's strength seems unlikely to promote, and a goal much more prudent than increasing the power of security.

Undoubtedly, the safety of students, faculty, and staff is the ultimate goal and primary responsibility of UR Security. While we are sure that they have our best interests in mind, we question whether more is necessarily better. The cost of training for this program, coupled with the potential backlash from the student body, are huge red flags, especially considering what little transparent evidence there is to justify its probable success.

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Landsburg strikes again, elicits national backlash

Two UR students assess the logic behind economics professor Steven Landsburg's latest 'thought experiment'

BY ADAM ONDO

“As long as I’m safely unconscious and therefore shielded from the costs of an assault, why shouldn’t the rest of the world (or more specifically my attackers) be allowed to reap the benefits?” This is the question economics professor Steven Landsburg posed in his blog last week. As it is in reference to the Steubenville rape case, it has of course caused a firestorm. However, unlike the majority of people who have read Landsburg’s post, I do not see a problem with asking tough questions such as this one. Instead, I find the statement, “It is, I think, a red herring to say that there’s something peculiarly sacred about the boundaries of our bodies,” to be much more alarming.

If one thinks about it, Landsburg’s original question does stimulate discussion on how, and why, we craft laws prohibiting certain types of behavior. He could have brought about this same effect by utilizing a less controversial example, true, but the controversy doesn’t dismiss the question’s useful applications. Landsburg wants to know how the psychic harm inflicted in the Steubenville rape is different from that of, to use his example, somebody who is offended by the thought of people

watching porn. This is a valid question for policy makers to ask.

The part of the article that I find hard to swallow, though, is the part where he questions whether or not the boundaries of our bodies are sacred. I’ll try to put this next part in economic terms in order to be consistent. Since I am not a Communist, I believe that private property is sacred. I also believe that one’s body is the archetypal example of private property and should thus be considered a most sacred possession.

I would now like to perform my own thought experiment. Let’s assume that I own a large piece of property that is replete with trees. I have put up a

fence around this property with signs reading “No Trespassing,” because, unlike my body, a stranger may not know that it is my personal property. I also have a deed to prove I own the land, for the same reason. Now, let’s assume that a stranger came, without permission, and built a tree house on my land and harvested berries from nearby bushes. Even if I didn’t notice his camouflaged abode or his surreptitious snacking, he could still be prosecuted because he used my land without obtaining my consent.

It must be understood that we don’t intrinsically care about this “consent,” we really care about what

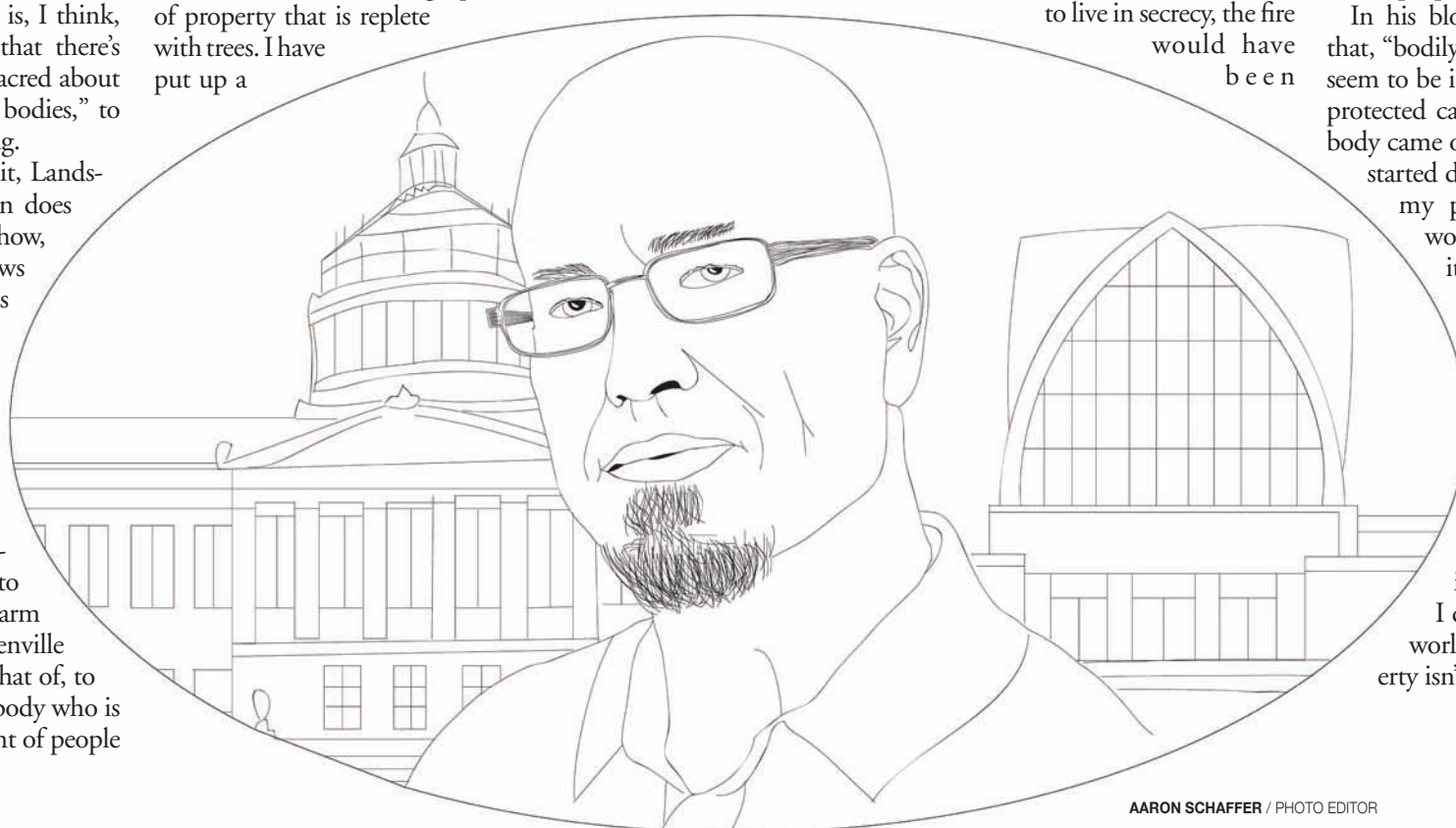
it secures us from — harm derived from the use of our property by others. Consent is merely a tool, a legal shield if you will, that protects us from sustaining damages, whether they are physical, emotional, or monetary. We wouldn’t require people to obtain consent to use others’ property if that wasn’t the case. Now, in the example I described above, I may not actually suffer any damages, but the government still would not authorize the squatter’s actions, because it would be setting a dangerous precedent. For instance, if it did authorize his actions and a second squatter accidentally started a fire in my backyard while trying

to live in secrecy, the fire would have been

caused in part by the government’s authorization of the first squatter’s actions. Think of if you woke up in the middle of being raped and the government had authorized the bodily penetration of passed out people because in prior cases the victims hadn’t woken up. You would suffer damages because of the government’s authorization. Landsburg may say that in his hypothetical, the victim doesn’t wake up, but lawmakers do not pass legislation based off of a single hypothetical. To put it simply, we require consent because we seek to avoid incurring potential damages to our property.

In his blog, Landsburg asserts that, “bodily penetration does not seem to be in some sort of special protected category,” but if somebody came onto my property and started drilling for oil without my permission, the law would stop them, just as it did the squatter in my thought experiment. In our society, one must have consent in order to use another’s private property, or else the law punishes him. I hope that the law remains unchanged in this respect, because I don’t want to live in a world where private property isn’t held sacred.

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BY ZACHARY TAYLOR

Spring time in Rochester: Visiting students flood the halls, sophomores run miles with major declaration forms, the weather plays sadistic games, and Professor Landsburg has infuriated students with yet another blog post. Last year he called Sandra Fluke an “extortionist.” This year, he questioned the moral justification for condemning rape in a hypothetical circumstance in which the victim faced no chance of physical harm. A negative Gawker article about the post has generated bad press for the school while an online petition with nearly 400 signatures requests that President Seligman “censure” Landsburg. There is indeed room for productive criticism of his post and potential to use this incident to educate students and faculty about rape culture. Unfortunately, the online petition and other criticisms misconstrue his argument, wasting such an opportunity.

Bizarre thought experiments are common for philosophers and economists. Philosophy students know that almost any moral philosophy can lead to a repugnant conclusion in some hypothetical circumstance. The classic hypothetical is the “trolley problem.” In one formulation, a runaway trolley is about to hit a fork in the tracks, where six people are tied down. A moral agent does not have time to untie anyone, but is able to pull a lever, causing the trolley to run over

just one person, saving the other five. In a second version, the agent is standing on a bridge, and can only stop the trolley by pushing an obese man to his death. Traditional deontologists would prescribe inaction in both circumstances; traditional utilitarians would flip the lever and push the fat man. There are tenured professors at Harvard and Princeton who defend both these views. Deontology leads to the conclusion that hiding Jews during the Holocaust was immoral because the ends do not justify the means of lying to Nazis. There are moral theories that conform to the normal intuitions in both circumstances, but these tend to create arbitrary distinctions or pose other problems.

If Landsburg’s post had been about the trolley problem, it is unlikely that defenders of the obese would call for his censure. Philosophers do not have this problem. This is not because rape is worse than murder. Rather, the social nature of each crime differs. We do not live in a world where the majority of murders go unreported, where the vast majority of reported murderers go unpunished, where online trolls send death threats to (attempted) murder victims who were “asking for it,” or where the majority of murders don’t consider themselves killers. Studies show 83 percent of men who will admit to acts that fit the definition of rape don’t consider those acts “rape.” Multiple perpetrators of the Steubenville rape — which Landsburg’s post unwisely

and unnecessarily references — told the public they “didn’t know” penetrating an unconscious woman was rape. The exact nature of “rape culture” is hard to pin down, but we do know that pernicious cultural myths about gender stereotypes, sex, and consent are responsible for the prevalence of rape and the lack of legal enforcement. It is a statistical certainty that students in Lands-

“Students who genuinely want to fight rape culture should educate, not condemn, and distinguish insensitivity from malice.”

burg’s classes have been the victims of rape or attempted rape, and that most will not receive justice. These realities should not stop us from asking deep questions, nor stop us from critically examining imperfect moral theories. They do, however, justify caution. Trigger warnings and disclaimers would be a good start, and those writing about such topics must be especially careful to avoid ambiguity and brazen language. Even if they intend their words to be read in an ivory-tower context, they will in fact be consumed by members of the public who are both participants in and victims of rape culture. If a blogger

is going to connect a hypothetical example to a real incident like Steubenville, they cannot be shocked when readers bring in all the implicit baggage into their interpretation of their words.

However, just as writers like Landsburg must consider the context of their audience, those rushing to judge Landsburg should be cautious as well. Many people unfamiliar with his writing were confused by some parts of the post, and believed he was genuinely suggesting that rape could be permissible, or that the harm of rape is comparable to being penetrated by photons. These are just not true. Economists (like Kenneth Arrow and Amartya Sen) have built entire careers around proving that certain intuitively desirable normative principles are incompatible. Landsburg frequently likes to pose unsolved dilemmas on his blog. A significant number of Landsburg’s readers are Libertarians who often use knee-jerk appeals to property rights to resolve everything; his seemingly-novel argument about photons is actually a stock reply to absolutist claims about property rights. His blog doesn’t suggest accepting that rape is justifiable, even in his hypothetical circumstance. He also points out the (very obvious) reasons why laws legalizing rape would not make sense, even if one accepted that rape was acceptable in his hypothetical. As Landsburg told a reporter, “It’s about a situation which is intentionally so abstract

and hypothetical as to be completely unrealistic.” This should have been obvious to any reader.

Sadly, the online petition ridiculously claims “[there is] no doubt as to what Landsburg is suggesting — that raping unconscious individuals might be perfectly okay.” This is flat-out false. People generally do not respond well to being publicly shamed; people never respond well to being publicly shamed based on a lie. This kind of discourse poisons the well and ruins the opportunity to create a useful dialog. Even more shockingly, the petition calls for Seligman to threaten “disciplinary action” beyond mere condemnation. Punishing a tenured professor for writings on a personal blog would be an egregious violation of academic freedom, which exists for a reason. The proper response from the school should be to point out that Landsburg’s private blog postings do not represent the school and affirm the school’s commitment to preventing rape without endorsing a specific interpretation of Landsburg’s blog. Students who genuinely want to fight rape culture should educate, not condemn, and distinguish insensitivity from malice. Those who’ve signed the petition should reconsider their stance, since most students are thoughtful enough to prioritize honesty and rape prevention over the knee-jerk temptation to respond to outrage or exploit a gaffe.

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Military tumult in East Asia: Japan and China’s dispute

BY JASON YOONHO LEE

If the readers have been following anything regarding East Asia on Twitter, CNN, Facebook, or any other social media, it is very clear that the situation is far from stable. Of course, I could be talking about recent threats and provocative statements from North Korea, but there is another pair of countries who brought the focus of the world’s attention with their territorial disputes: Japan and People’s Republic of China (PRC).

About a month or two ago, the tensions rose as Japan’s dispute with PRC over the Senkaku/Diaoyu Islands were being reported and the public’s concerns about a possible Sino-Japanese War were heightened. This significant prediction was made as Japan’s re-elected Prime Minister Shinzo Abe declared his more hard-lined response towards their territorial sovereignties. Also, there have been speculations of Japan’s stationing of their most advanced fighters on Shimoji Jima islands in order to counter any Chinese threats on the Senkaku/Diaoyu Islands.

Before I go further, I would like to admit that my interpretations of this situation will have flaws, but international politics is never perfect.

It is yet doubtful that these two nations will enter any major war to protect their alleged “ownership” of these islands. Yes, of course, there is a possibility that Chinese and Japanese ships and aircrafts will confront each

other, which might lead to a small skirmish. On the other hand, it is more likely that both sides are gambling with the situation in this region. It is also likely that neither Abe nor Xi Jinping of China wishes to destroy global coexistence solely for their ownership over these tiny islands. Here are two main reasons why.

1. *Neither side is sure of its military superiority.*

Simply put, for China, their modernized navy and air force are constantly being questioned for their effectiveness; for Japan, their “ace in the hole,” US support, is not guaranteed.

The People’s Liberation Army has been modernizing rapidly and increasing their numbers, but many analysts have questioned its actual capabilities due to their lack of training and rapid growth. China’s most possible main weapon of war would be their new aircraft carrier Liaoning, which in reality is under constant skepticism of its actual

battle effectiveness. On the other hand, Japan’s Maritime Self-Defense and Air Self-Defense Forces modernized during the Cold War alongside the US. For the time being, the quality of weapons and training for both countries is uncertain.

For Japan, however, despite their training-qualified (at least by the Western standards) maritime and air forces, their greatest weakness is in numbers. Therefore, Japan will have a greater chance of victory with US assistance — which is not a certain alliance at this point.

Whether the US will intervene or not, though, will stop the war either way. If the US intervenes, it is most likely that China will cease their military mobilization. If the US doesn’t, that will very possibly halt Japanese advancement.

2. *The cost of war will devastate both nations’ economies.*

Whether or not a nation has a more powerful military force than the others, the most important consideration a nation’s government should keep in mind before going into a major

physical conflict is the financial consequences. The cost of a war between the second and third largest economic powers is not the same problem NATO faced when they intervened in Libya.

Even though the benefit of winning the resources under these islands might be enormous, they are not predicted to be exceeding the cost of a military conflict between these two nations. Moreover, an already crippled global economy will definitely deteriorate if Japan and PRC do go into war.

More importantly, win or lose, for either nation, a third Sino-

Japanese War will devastate both nations’ domestic industries. This, ironically, is due to both nations’ economic interdependence that is holding each nation’s feet. War between these nations will put an immediate halt to Abe’s economic recovery plan. For Japanese companies whose biggest customers are Chinese consumers, they will be forced to pull back from the Chinese market due to the situation. This will, consequently, affect the Chinese also by taking away half a billion Chinese workers’ jobs.

The war between these two nations will definitely inevitably burden these two economic powers into a depression.

There are numerous other reasons why they wouldn’t go to war, such as PRC’s willingness to improve relations with other nations (which will not be achieved if they choose to use military force as their solution) and Japan’s other territorial disputes with Russia and South Korea (as the war would imply an aggressive attitude towards these countries.) One thing is positively sure: the Third Sino-Japanese War will leave nothing but economic and human devastations for not only China and Japan but also for the rest of the world.

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Mixed feelings about January admission

BY GABE ISSA

When I first got accepted to UR my senior year of high school, my excitement was through the roof. After a few days, I decided to look back at the letter of acceptance because I hadn’t actually read the entire letter besides the part that said I was accepted. This time, I noticed that I was in fact accepted for January admission and that if I were to choose UR, I would end up going in the spring rather than the fall. A few questions went through my head. “Why?” “Why?” and most importantly, “What?” I couldn’t understand how starting school in January was even possible. However, after I talked it over with my parents, I decided to attend UR anyway.

Looking back at that choice, I question myself. Do I regret it? Yes. Computer science is harsh to January admits. There is almost no way for me to catch up. They restrict classes I need to take just for the fall, making me take random classes this first semester I’m here. Additionally, no important classes are offered over the summer, so even

if I wanted to get back on track to where my fellow computer science majors are, I can’t. This semester, I am taking one computer science class, and it’s not even related to what I really need to take. In addition, coming in January on a social standpoint isn’t the easiest.

I love my friends, and I believe that I’m a likeable person, but trying to join friend groups that have already been established for an entire semester isn’t the easiest task.

People need to realize that coming in January and making friends isn’t difficult because the community here is fantastic, but what needs to be understood is that it will take time. Unlike coming in the fall, when making friends is as easy as

saying, “let’s be friends,” I really had to work hard to get to know people. Sometimes, I would focus more on talking to everyone than I did on my work, and I’m not sure if everyone would do the same. UR does attempt to make the process easier with a January orientation with the 30 other January admits, but by the time classes start, those friends you made in those three days won’t be there all the time. For the most part, they go their own separate ways. Some join fraternities or sororities and spend all their time with their brothers or sisters, and others get accustomed to the people living on their floors.

After analyzing all these issues, one would assume that I hate it here, but there is something that I can’t explain that overwrites all issues I have with what college I chose. I can’t say what that is, but I still wake up with a smile on my face. So, anyone trying to decide to come here in January should think hard, but in the end, those upcoming January admits should know that it was worth it for me.

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“Our philosophy is this: If students are to care, we have to do something students care about,” Students’ Association (SA) presidential candidate and junior Shilpa Topudurti said. The *Campus Times* wholeheartedly agrees, and we’re pleased to recommend Topudurti and junior Greg Corrado for SA President and Vice President, respectively.

What separates Topudurti and Corrado from past candidates is that they don’t just spurt the empty rhetoric that is all too customary in most elections—they delineate even their loftiest goals and, for the most part, present a reasonable course of action to attain them. Consider their campaign platform, which is divided into three parts: “community engagement and unification,” “accessibility and priority of student feedback,” and “consistency and expansion of student services.” Their initiatives are artfully and explicitly laid out on their website, shilpaandgreg.com, which rivals its professional counterparts.

Not only are their initiatives expansive, they’re well researched and promising. Both Topudurti and Corrado have put substantial effort into their plans—and they haven’t even been elected yet. Topudurti cited frequent meetings with Dean of the College Richard Feldman and benchmarking with other colleges like Yale University and Northwestern University.

Corrado was particularly enthusiastic about their second overarching theme of community engagement. Referencing his widespread campus involvement, notably his dedication to the Midnight Ramblers, Corrado expressed a genuine passion for our campus community and traditions. Both Topudurti and Corrado feel that this is an important step in engaging the campus community.

Our two favorite specific initiatives were their “5K Challenge” and the student-faculty interaction grants. The “5K Challenge” is a program that directly involves students in the SA by letting it submit proposals for a campus initiative that may cost up to \$5,000. Topudurti and Corrado will then put the submissions to a student-body vote and implement the winning proposal. The student-faculty interaction grants are broad monetary grants awarded to

student-faculty pairs to promote student interaction with professors and, vice versa, incentivize professors to reach out to students. Topudurti is especially excited about this idea, having spoken to student governments at other institutions that have found similar programs to be successful.

Both candidates feel that their ideas resonate with the concept of “small changes that make a big difference,” and saw these specifics as an important part of their campaign. They also wish to focus on actively empowering students who may be less familiar with student government while continuing to engage current SA senators—a trend that current President and Vice President Roshal Patel and Alina Czekai, who are both seniors, set this past year during their term.

But don’t mistake Topudurti and Corrado’s scope of their manifesto for a lack of experience—Topudurti and Corrado, collectively, bring plenty to the table.

Topudurti, who currently serves as Speaker of the Senate, is deeply familiar with the structure and function of student government’s legislative branch. Furthermore, through her experience as speaker, Topudurti has already interacted with University administrators like Feldman and President Joel Seligman, among others, on a regular basis. This is a huge boost, especially considering that she can dispense with the pleasantries and, simply put, get down to business.

What’s more, Topudurti is chair of the Steering Committee and previously served as chair of the Policy & Review Committee as well as a member of the Appropriations Committee and College Curriculum Committee. And despite her seemingly packed schedule, Topudurti continues to take part in Rochester Bhangra as well as serve as a Residential Advisor and chemistry department teaching assistant. Such commitments not only demonstrate the significant breadth of her interests, but a considerable level of depth and dedication that is ideal for an SA President.

Corrado’s credentials are no less impressive. Currently studying abroad in Bologna, Italy, Corrado previously served as an SA Senator-at-Large, a position



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he says opened his eyes to the potential of student government. Along with his regular senatorial responsibilities, Corrado demonstrated a keen sense of initiative by participating in the Policy & Review Committee, College Administrative Committee, and Event Registration Committee. Outside his involvement with the SA, Corrado is a tenor for the Midnight Ramblers, tour guide for the Meridian Society, and a Delta Upsilon brother. Corrado, who describes himself as particularly gregarious and able to work well with many types of people, credits his unmistakable charisma to his involvement with such a diverse

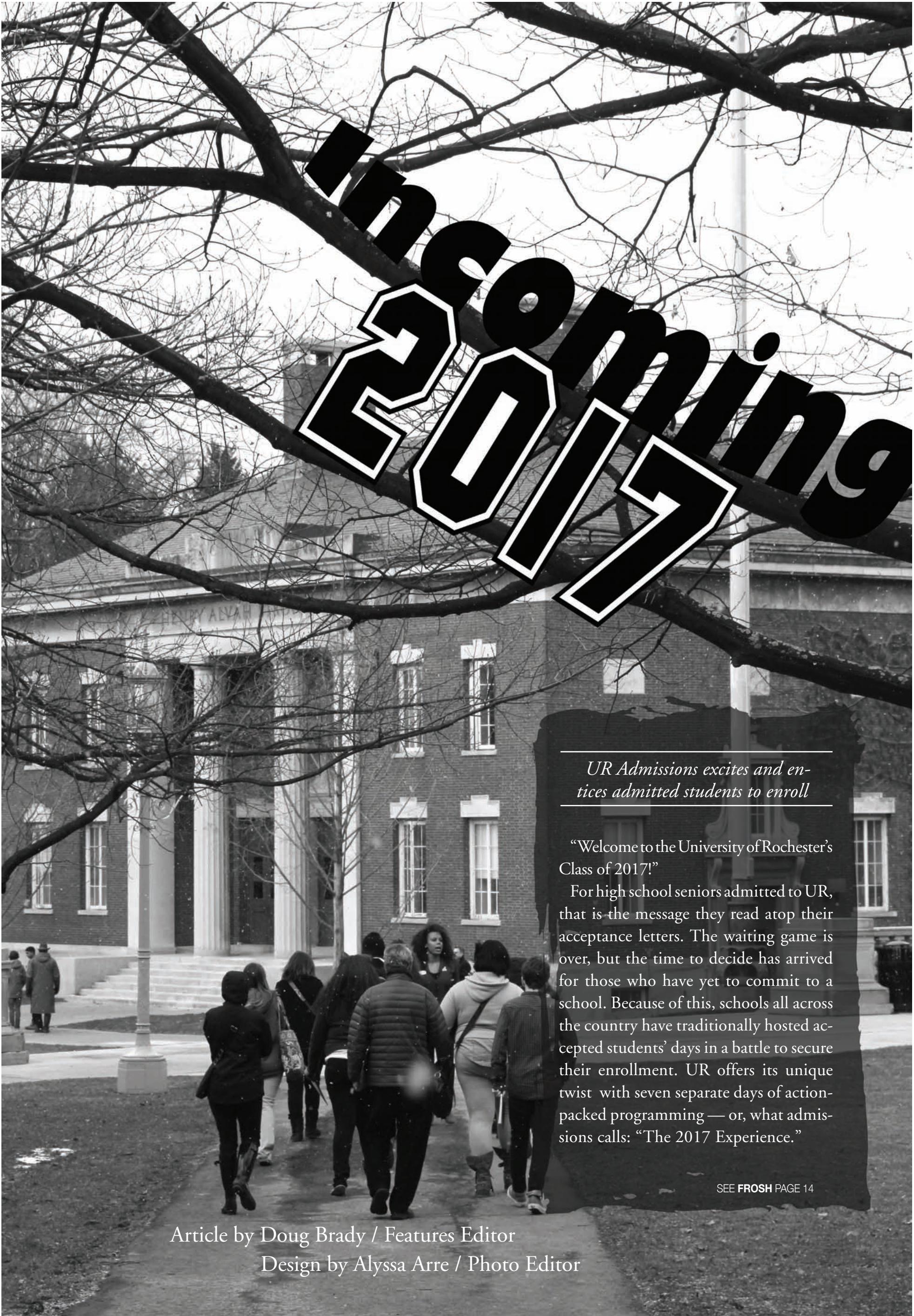
range of extracurriculars. He also serves as a teaching assistant for the math department and is a member of Renaissance and Global Scholars.

While he has decided to remain active in these groups if elected SA Vice President, Corrado maintains that doing so will help achieve his and Topudurti’s shared goal of community engagement and unification. He admits that he may not have as much executive experience with the SA as his presidential running mate, but rest assured: Between their shared years, they are nothing less than a powerhouse.

Although running in an un-

contested election, Topudurti and Corrado have demonstrated an exuberant enthusiasm for the job and the campaign, all while fulfilling their current duties with flying colors. The *Campus Times* has no doubt that both will continue to be cornerstone members of student government as SA President and Vice President. For this and all the reasons mentioned above, we recommend that you give them full and fair consideration. As their campaign platform promises, “We will advocate for the positive change you need.” Let us be the first to assure you that Topudurti and Corrado are that change.

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Kosher options for Passover prompt student concern

BY MATT LERNER
FEATURES EDITOR

You wake up hungry for something to eat. Your friends are about to indulge in bagels and pastries in Danforth Dining Center while you are forced to sit out because you are adhering to the dietary restrictions of Passover. What do you do?

For many Jewish students, this sort of situation is common not only during the holiday of Passover, but also in a daily effort to follow the rules of Kashrut, or more colloquially known as “keeping kosher,” year-round. These rules stipulate which foods that can be eaten as well as how food is prepared. Certain animals cannot be eaten; meat and dairy cannot be mixed, and the utensils used to prepare meat and dairy respectively cannot be contaminated. Some of these rules date back to ancient texts that dictate the laws of the Jewish people.

Specifically in the wake of the Jewish holiday of Passover, students on campus find themselves asked by Jewish law to surrender chametz, avoiding leavened breads and foods made with oats, spelt, rye, barley, and wheat unless labeled otherwise.

For those who observe the laws of Kashrut year round, or for those that solely observe the rules specific to Passover, it can often be difficult to adhere to these rules when living on a college campus.

At UR, there is a plethora of options to satisfy the needs of all types of eaters. From vegetarian

and vegan options, to lactose and gluten free foods in both Danforth and Douglass Dining Center, students have a variety of options regardless of any dietary restrictions.

Similarly for those following the laws of Kashrut, the Kosher Korner in Douglass Dining Center offers kosher options daily, including soups, sandwiches made with kosher meats, and hot meals.

Despite these options, students strictly following kosher rules often find it difficult to stay properly nourished on campus.

“If someone is really trying to keep strictly kosher, UR does not make it as easy as it could be,” freshman Jossie Forman said of the struggle. “I don’t mean to say UR needs to make an all-kosher dining hall or anything, but we could definitely use more options.”

During this time, many students turned to campus dining facilities in search of Passover-approved food. However, this feat proved to be quite difficult for many.

“Perhaps [Dining Services could implement] pre-packaged kosher meals like the packaged sandwiches they sell at Connections or in the Pit, or a kosher station in Danforth as well,” Forman said.

Over the eight-day period, the

Kosher Korner served kosher options but did not adhere to kosher for Passover rules and continued to serve leavened bread. While unleavened bread, or matzah, was available per request, serving both at the same station negated the purpose of keeping kosher.

“Keeping kosher for Passover requires re-certifications; it has never

faith Chapel daily, some students found this offer more of a struggle than an opportunity.

“As a freshman with an Unlimited dining plan living in [Susan B. Anthony Residence Hall] it was an inconvenience for me to be forced into trekking over to the Interfaith Chapel for meals where I would have to spend my declining money as opposed to going downstairs to Danforth,” Samantha Levin said.

In the many eating centers on campus, normal practice was not altered to cater to those observing Passover.

During the period of Lent in prior weeks, however, Dining Services adopted “Fish Frydays” to observe the dietary rule that prevents those celebrating from eating meat on Friday. On Fridays, fried fish options were offered, in the Pit so that students abiding by such rules would have other options.

According to Aubrey, despite the improvement from last year in resources and programs offered to students celebrating the holiday of Passover, “it is easier to offer a fish fry instead of getting a station kosher for Passover.”

“With options such as Hillel [offering kosher for Passover meals] to Hillside converting its

front display to feature kosher goods... it is not a solution, but we’re looking into introducing new stations to cater to student dietary restrictions,” Aubrey said.

An example of this improvement due to student feedback can be seen in the introduction of Halal options on weekends in Danforth for students who honor these rules. For students who honor kosher laws however, there is room for improvement.

While Passover 2013 proved to be a challenge for UR students, Dining Services hopes to improve their resources in the future.

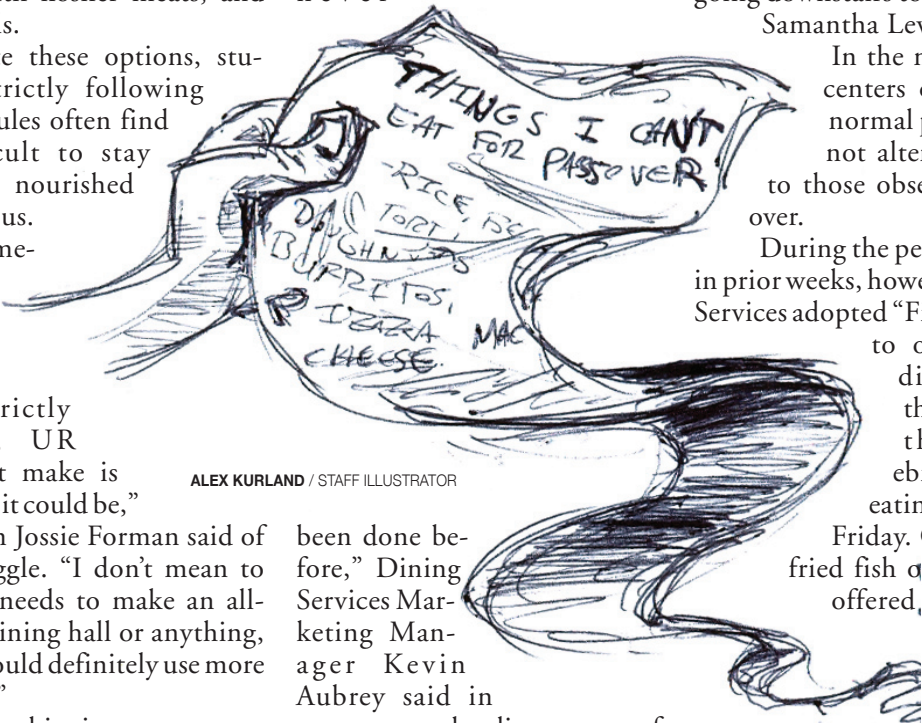
“The fact that we don’t have a lot of more religious Jews away from our campus,” Forman said. “Adding kosher food could just make the school more attractive to more people.”

Freshman Aaron Marans agrees.

“[A kosher meal plan] would allow the Jewish community on campus to grow and diversify,” he said. “For many American Jewish high school students, the question of whether a college has full kosher dining available is often [a factor] that indelibly influences the process of school selection.”

With the numbers of student enrollment growing each year, steps to accommodate people with different needs will help to diversify campus and distinguish UR from comparable institutions of higher learning.

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been done before,” Dining Services Marketing Manager Kevin Aubrey said in response to the discrepancy of serving both leavened bread and matzah during Passover in Douglass.

Aubrey added that converting the Kosher Korner or, for that matter, any location in a dining center into a kosher for Passover station is not efficient for staffing purposes and could not be logistically done.

While UR Hillel offered a buffet-style option for students observing Passover in the Inter-

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW THIS WEEK

THIS DAY IN HISTORY: APRIL 4

- 1841:** President William Harrison dies from pneumonia after serving 31 days in office. After his death, Vice President John Tyler assumed the position.
- 1949:** The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), a military alliance providing defense to countries against Soviet aggression, is established by 12 Western nations.
- 1968:** American Civil Rights activist Martin Luther King, Jr. is assassinated in Memphis, Tenn. while assisting Black sanitation workers in an effort to gain equal pay.
- 1982:** Hockey player Wayne Gretzky breaks the record for most points scored in a single season, beating the previously held record of 200 points with a shattering total of 212.

OVERHEARD AT UR

- “Wow, this is great!”
—A parent of a prospective student in Douglass Dining Center
- “Tonight I’m praying to the God of Partial Credit.”
—Student outside Hubbell after an exam

UR OPINION

BY ALYSSA ARRE & AARON SCHAFER
PHOTO EDITORS

“WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PLACE ON CAMPUS?”



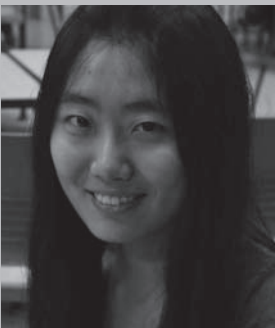
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“The Rush Rhees porch.”



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“Carlson Library.”



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“Douglass. It has ice cream.”



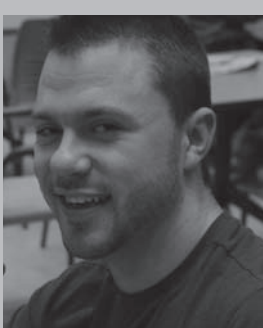
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“The Simon School.”



JOSH LAVOIE '13

“Frat Quad.”

‘King of the Frat Quad’ beloved by his UR kingdom

BY BENNETT SKUPP
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

When Antonio “Tony” Marmino’s day is getting interesting, a good proportion of UR students are just waking up.

Each weekday morning, starting at 7 a.m., Marmino oversees the Fraternity Quad at the University with a keen eye. At 5 feet 8 inches and with just enough white hair left to keep a youthful glare, Marmino plays a role fit for Al Pacino. He leads discussions, advises students, and exercises judgment.

Yet Marmino’s official duties don’t have an administrative bent: For the past decade, he has been the Fraternity Quad building mechanic working within the University’s Facilities Department.

“Tony is the mayor of the Frat Quad,” colleague and building mechanic Craig Atilli said. “He’s a great man and a father to the fraternity boys over here.”

Marmino’s de jure business lies in the routine maintenance of the fraternity houses. When college-aged men live together in a collective unit, the result is often more than a few broken objects.

This is a reality Marmino knows all too well.

“I’ve enjoyed it ever since I got here,” says Marmino with the marked accent of his native Sicily. “I like the atmosphere in the fraternity houses. I have better relations with the students over here. In the dorms you have to be a bit more politically correct.”

Marmino’s daily “work bench” includes correcting light fixtures, bathrooms, and door locks. For a man in his fifties, Marmino’s vocation is labor — but in no way is it heavy labor. In fact, it’s a labor of love.

Over the past decade, the nine fraternity houses on the Quad and the organizations that reside in them have seen a great deal of change. However, behind the brick façades of the buildings, the only constant has been Tony Marmino.

The youngest of four siblings, Marmino was born on Jan. 25, 1960 just outside of Palermo in the town of Campofelice di Roccella on the northern coast of Sicily. He had a distinctly European upbringing in the tight-knit community of 4,000. His mother, Rosaria, raised the children and kept the home while his father, Giancinto, worked the land picking lemons in the many orchards of the region.

In 1978, after graduating high school and working as an apprentice in a furniture store, Marmino moved with his two sisters and parents to the United States, escaping the socio-political turmoil of the period, known in Italy as the “Years of Lead.” His two brothers, already married with families, stayed back in Sicily.

The family’s immigration was made possible through the sponsorship of Marmino’s uncle, Nunzio, who had been in the United States for over a decade working as a maintenance worker at Kodak’s Rochester headquarters.

Starting a new life in Penfield, Marmino experienced an acute culture shock from the get-go.

“August 26, the day after I



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Antonio Marmino (above), a native of Sicily, provides maintenance and repairs for the Fraternity Quad. (Below) Theta Chi brothers and sophomores Brian Levine (left) and Isaac Sheinkopf (right) enjoy lunch with Marmino, who enjoys the repaire he has with students.

arrived, I couldn’t wait to walk around,” Marmino said. “I went outside, and I was in shock — a beautiful, sunny day and nobody was outside. Back in Sicily, people would have already been walking around. I ran inside and asked Uncle Nunzio where the people were. I had gone from a noisy place to nothing.”

During his first two months in America, Marmino struggled.

“I was thinking that this country is nuts. I wanted to go back so bad,” Marmino explained. “I didn’t understand the language, the culture was different — Americans were very laid back and relaxed, kind of a little bit cold. I thought they were very unsociable.”

Yet Marmino’s drive to work kept him going. In the late 1970s, he worked days at General Circuits on Buffalo Road and nights at a pizzeria on Lyell Avenue; in the early 1980s, he worked construction.

In January of 1982, his career solidified. He secured employment at Giltspur, a trade show company specializing in building exhibits for conventions. After two years in the

warehouse on Lexington Avenue, he completed a four-year apprenticeship in the union shop and became a “journeyman,” which is industry speak for a mechanic. He worked full-time at Giltspur until 1993, when he was laid off as business slowed. Up until 2001, he worked various jobs as a mechanic, coming back to Giltspur intermittently when work opened up.

In 2001, his career as a mechanic was put on hold as he secured a job at UR, where he served as a mail service truck driver. Then in 2003, he saw a posting for building mechanic on the Fraternity Quad.

He jumped at the opportunity.

Within a few months, Marmino had come into his own. He assumed the throne as surrogate father and mentor to the Fraternity Quad men — part Dr. Phil, part General MacArthur.

“Oh absolutely, it fits him totally,” Tony’s wife of 31 years Enza Marmino said. “It fits his character totally. The students keep him young, and he loves interacting with them.”

Junior Scott Levy, a brother of Theta Chi, agreed.

“Tony is always willing to offer insight as to how things work in the house and about life in general,” Levy said. “I’ve talked with him about electrical engineering, traveling in Italy, wine in the Finger Lakes — you can talk with Tony about anything.”

The life of the University and its student body has not been static. Over the past decade, this is something Marmino has seen on a firsthand basis.

“On the University side, there are more rules now,” Marmino said. “There was more freedom before. The University has gotten more involved.”

Marmino not only notes large changes he has seen regarding the way the administration deals with the Fraternity Quad, but qualitative changes in the student body itself.

“The kids used to be more outdoors people, and now they’re more indoors people,” he said. “The culture was more inter-fraternal among the different houses —

music was going on at the houses, and sports like t-ball and football were going on outside. The video games changed the culture. Gradually every year, you could see the change.”

With an understanding of this nostalgia, Marmino is largely positive towards the ever-changing nature of the student body.

“The kids now are more respectful and polite,” Marmino remarked. “When I first started, they were more tough and confrontational. They were more rough around the edges.”

His optimism and happiness towards the job is apparent at every turn. Marmino’s presence on campus has not just been a gift to the students of the Quad — the opportunities afforded by the University have been a gift to Marmino himself.

“It was frustrating for him in the beginning,” Enza noted. “We would try to speak English in the home, but he couldn’t express himself the way he wanted to. People outside would judge him. The University has given him a place to improve his English, a place to interact.”

The University has served Marmino in dichotomous fashion: it’s taught him so much about America, while at the same time it has been his haven within America.

“When I first came over, I couldn’t speak a word of English,” Marmino said. “As soon as I opened my mouth, they knew I was a foreigner. People were being rude and weren’t making it easy for me. But at UR, there has been no discrimination. People here are much more understanding of people who are different.”

The University is one of the many blessings Marmino has been afforded in America. Living comfortably with his wife in Irondequoit, he has raised three grown children, referees youth soccer in his spare time, and enjoys side jobs remodeling homes and bathrooms.

With all that he has, Marmino continuously gives back.

Last summer, he returned to Campofelice di Roccella to visit his two brothers and showered gifts on his extended family.

Marmino’s full heart isn’t just reserved for extraordinary occasions — it can be seen each and every day on the Fraternity Quad.

“Tony is a big reason why I’m going to come back and visit,” brother of Sigma Chi and senior Jon Lieb said. “When I met him three years ago, I instantly knew he was a great guy and a quality human being. I think of him as a true friend.”

Marmino is a favorite of the boys of the Quad, and it appears that it will stay that way for years to come.

“I’m looking forward to working here a long time unless another opportunity comes knocking on the door,” Marmino said with a smile.

The fraternity boys will send him off in grand fashion, but to be sure, they in no way hope that Marmino leaves any time soon.

Skupp is a member of the class of 2013.

Another year, another unopposed SA presidential election

BY MELISSA GOLDIN
PUBLISHER

When election platforms went live on the SA website on Monday, April 1, it was clear something was different about the presidential/vicepresidential race—for the first time since 2010, the election was contested, pitting juniors Shilpa Topudurti and Greg Corrado against sophomore Rishi Sharma and junior Abby Lalone.

“I was excited for a contested election this year,” Director of Wilson Commons and SA advisor Laura Ballou said. “I actually think that that shows the vibrancy and the health of student government and shows that there are people who are inspired to get involved in it.”

That excitement was short-lived, though. As of Tuesday, April 2, Sharma and Lalone had dropped out of the race, leaving Topudurti and Corrado in yet another uncontested presidential/vice presidential election.

Sharma explained that they decided to drop out because they felt that they didn’t need to be in the positions of president and vice president to enact the change that they wanted. He added that the positions come with “a lot” of responsibility and that they didn’t want to take on such a large commitment if there were other things they wanted to focus their efforts on instead, but stressed that they still want to stay involved in student life, just in a different capacity.

SA President and senior Roshal Patel noted that he was disappointed about this development but that he wouldn’t want anyone running for a position they didn’t want.

Topudurti and Corrado don’t plan on adjusting anything about their campaign now that the election is uncontested, but Topudurti expressed disappointment that the student body will not be exposed to a variety of perspectives during the race.

Until 2011, the last time a presidential/vice presidential election was uncontested was in 2003 (although it wasn’t until 2005 that candidates ran on a ticket — instead, they would run as an individual and appoint a chief of staff once they were elected). Each year, from 2005 to 2010, there were consistently two to three pairs of candidates in the race — four individuals ran in 2004. Since 2011, however, the election has been unopposed, not including write-in candidates.

So what might account for this consistent lack of multiple candidates?

One reason, according to former SA President and KEY Scholar Bradley Halpern, is the time commitment, which, at its highest point, can total about 80 hours of work a week.

“The president is responsible for absolutely everything,” he said. “There’s nobody in this school who hasn’t served in this role that understands what the president does. And when you’re running, no matter how much research you’ve done, I guarantee you don’t

understand. You just don’t.”

Patel agreed.

“It’s a lot to shoulder,” he said.

Ballou believes that many students see the presidency as a large time commitment that is not attainable for all student leaders, but that a contested election shows that it actually is possible and is a position that has reasonable expectations.

Sharma and Topudurti also questioned whether there needs to be more transparency in terms of information about elections. Sharma explained that there is an expectation that the presidency needs to be held by someone who has already had experience in the SA when, in fact, anyone can run, and Topudurti believes that if more people knew about the opportunity they would run, because there are so many student leaders at UR.

Although he doesn’t believe the SA has suffered by having unopposed elections, Halpern noted that the lack of multiple candidates does undermine the accountability of the process.

“The option to choose between qualified candidates is a core principle of democracy,” he said. “So to the extent that we want to run a democratic system, it’s not succeeding so well.”

Halpern ran unopposed for SA president in 2011 but made it clear that he would have preferred to have had an opponent because the competition would have affirmed from the start that he and his run-

ning mate, senior Rohini Bhatia, were trusted by the student body.

Topudurti explained that competition in an election is an incentive for candidates to run a better campaign, including working harder to communicate with the general student body.



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“When there is competition, people take more of an effort to actually reach out to the entire campus community,” she said. Topudurti also expressed concern that an uncontested election would mean lost legitimacy but that she is not concerned about the direction of the SA because she has had confidence in the student government’s most recent crop of presidents.

Sharma agreed, adding that more competition means more of an incentive to refine ideas and that it has the ability to keep candidates in check and encourage them to be, in UR spirit, ever better.

“You do work harder when you have a little bit of fire under you,” he said.

Not to mention that competition increases campus engagement in an election, according to Patel, who recalled the excitement surrounding the race between Scott Strenger ’12 and Ashley Haluck-Kangas ’12 and JJ González ’12 and Robert Valdovinos ’12.

Voter turnout has historically been noticeably higher in years with contested elections. The presidential elections from 2008 to 2010 all received over 1,300 total votes, the highest at 1,617 in 2010, not including write-in candidates. In the spring of 2011, however, there were only 973 and 992 in 2012.

Halpern explained that he still encourages students to vote, even in an uncontested election, because to him, it is a vote of confidence — a gauge of the student body’s

view of how effective the candidates will be.

There is also concern about precedent. Ballou noted that many students haven’t even been at UR for a contested election and that it is important to eventually return to contested competition, especially so that candidates aren’t scared to run against an opponent.

In terms of how the general student body views the SA, Ballou is not worried that uncontested elections will take any kind of negative toll, but believes that they might wonder why there is a lack of competition.

Chair of the Elections Committee and sophomore Harika Kunchala put a more positive spin on the situation.

“Hopefully, it shows a positive view of the SA because it shows that the president/[vice president] do a lot for this school and that it is a major time commitment,” she said.

Regardless of what the student body makes of these uncontested elections, Halpern hopes that they don’t reflect poorly on the candidates since it is not anyone’s fault that they’re running unopposed.

“Our opposition doesn’t determine our strength, it only affirms it,” he said.

So what can be done to increase the number of candidates?

Patel explained that he tries to make the position look as fun as possible. He said that despite the workload, he tries to highlight the cooler parts of the job and make it seem manageable by playing down his stress level.

Burns suggested drumming up interest in a more proactive way, such as meeting with different student groups and talking with other student leaders. He stressed that the SA does need to take a closer look at why this is happening in an attempt to determine whether it is an anomaly or part of a bigger trend.

Although he wishes there were more interested candidates, Halpern is more cautious about proactive recruitment because he doesn’t want to force anyone into the position who isn’t interested.

Sometimes it’s as simple as observation — Corrado explained that he got involved in the SA in 2012 after sitting in a Senate meeting and hopes to encourage students to come to similar gatherings.

Looking forward, having multiple candidates is clearly an important goal.

“It’s a core principle of democracy, and at least until further notice, we’re a democratic system,” Halpern said.

Goldin is a member of the class of 2013.

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Admitted students get a taste of college life at “The 2017 Experience”

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Held from March 29 to April 22, “The 2017 Experience” gives admitted students a glimpse of the education, the students, and the city that possibly will be in their lives for the next four years. In the same vein as the University curriculum, “The 2017 Experience” is tailored to student and family interests. For instance, the majority of students visit during their respective spring breaks, thus the program’s variety of dates factors in those differences. Moreover, the ability to pre-plan the day through online registration and scheduling allows the families to attend academic fairs within their potential academic department, participate in Q&A panels, or take a Meridian-led tour.

Senior Assistant Director of admissions Jennifer Blask is in charge of all of the events for “The 2017 Experience.”

“This is my fourth year coordinating the program, and every year we’ve had great feedback from students and families,” Blask said. “They can sit in on classes, check out a dorm room, eat in a dining hall, [and] take a tour of the city.”

The experience kicks off with organized student entertainment, featuring performances by groups such as the Midnight Ramblers and the YellowJackets. The families then split up and follow their schedules with the ability to confer first-hand with UR representatives to resolve the last outstanding questions they may have. Everyone reconvenes later for the Dean’s reception. Added this year, student socials enhance the admitted students’ glimpse of college life by providing a parentless environment for the admitted students to interact with the other admitted students as well as current members of the Meridian Society.

The journey to accepted students’ days involves much more than a train ride to campus, though. It begins with spreading word about UR. After all, students have to want to apply to UR before they can be accepted and listen to an early morning Rambler rendition of “Brown-Eyed Girl.”

There are 45 full-time faculty members and several dozen student workers under the direction of Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid Jonathan Burdick. UR admissions counselors attend college fairs as well as network with students and schools around the country and world. In the U.S., there are regional admissions directors in Los Angeles, Dallas, New York City, Charlotte, and Detroit, not only to mitigate travel expenses, but to build a relationship with the local area.

In the virtual world, UR has a team of 15 undergraduate bloggers who post about whatever

college topics that they deem relevant.

“I try and give prospective students some insight on campus life,” blogger and freshman Grant Dever said. “I also like to post blogs that will encourage them to become active members on campus as I feel it’s rewarding to jump right into the campus community.”

On top of blogging, Dever works as a social media assistant for admissions where he manages the “Class of 2017” Facebook page. He also answers questions from prospective students via Twitter, mostly about whether or not they should attend UR.

Additionally, the office of admissions was responsible for the popular “Remember oUR Name” video and has produced similar promotional materials. Consider also that the University as a whole continually strives to maintain and increase the prestige of the institution — or briefly, to be “ever better” —

and it is easy to see why UR attracts so many applicants.

“We had a huge surge of success this year in attracting applications, exceeding 16,000 for the first time, about a 9 percent increase [from last year],” Burdick said.

“With about 14 percent more files to read, our job in choosing from among them was harder than ever... we’ve had to notify about 50 percent more people than a year ago that they were flat-out denied admission,” denial given to students who, for the most part, still “have an academic record that predicts success here,” he explained.

Remarkably, UR’s hallmark diversity of students has increased yet again for the class of 2017. Among admitted students, less than a third of them are from New York State, according to Burdick. With out-of-state enrollment becoming more prevalent, visits, particularly “The 2017 Experience,” carry much more weight.

As opposed to regular visit days in which prospective students are given an information session, a Meridian tour, and in some cases, complete an admissions’ interview, “The 2017 Experience” acts as a kind of final sale of UR to our admitted students. While an estimated 55 to 60 percent of those visiting have enrolled already, the undecided students’ last visit may be what dictates their attendance.

“A campus visit is very important in students’ decisions on whether or not to attend a university,” Blask said. “We try to provide them with a great visit experience and opportunity to find out as much about UR as they can.”

Since students attending “The 2017 Experience” have already been accepted, they and their families no longer walk around campus nervously dreaming of becoming a part of UR; instead,

they are choosing to enroll or not, looking at UR with what Burdick refers to as “owner’s eyes,” which “make it easier [for them] to picture themselves here for four years.”

Once admitted students are on campus, the dorm rooms and dining halls become that much more real, just like the prospect of attendance.

More importantly, these stu-

dents will, at the end of their 2017 experience, have to answer the question: “Will I be a Yellowjacket come this fall?”

Brady is a member of the class of 2015.

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HUMOR

Take Ten Program to postpone job search for graduates

BY CASEY GOULD
MANAGING EDITOR

Citing high unemployment and a dismal job market, University President Joel Seligman announced plans to extend the current Take Five Program by an additional five years. The program, which has been aptly renamed “Take Ten,” will cater specifically to seniors unable to secure a job after graduation.

“Like its predecessor, the Take Ten Program will continue to provide University freeloaders—who would otherwise be moving back in with their parents—a bullshit excuse to not do so,” Seligman said. “That will not change.”

The adjustment, which will take effect beginning next semester, was made to accommodate even the most pathetic job applicants whose current credentials probably include “customer service professional,” “chief motivation officer,” and “manager of people.”

Dean of the College “Little” Richard Feldman is confident the five-year extension will come as a pleasant surprise to students, especially those studying “less legitimate” disciplines, which can be defined more quantitatively as

anything taught in Spurrier.

“Originally, Take Five postponed the task of finding a job after graduation by a year,” Feldman said. “What we’re doing with Take Ten is stalling the real world by an entire decade. This is truly revolutionary.”

While he admits that the Take Ten Program is only a temporary fix, Feldman explained the change was largely made to pacify out-of-work alumni who blame their unemployment on the University’s “deceptively open” curriculum.

“Rather than stick to the traditional, pre-med track, my freshman advisor suggested that I create my own,” said former Take Five Scholar Ben Malthus ’06, who majored in underwater basket weaving. “Five years later, I have yet to hear back from med school admissions, my parents have disowned me, and the only job offerings I get are from Craigslist’s ‘erotic services.’”

Under the guise of studying “the philosophy of consciousness” or something equally pretentious, Malthus found that even a fifth year at UR simply wasn’t enough time to find work.

Now he’s probably wishing he had chosen BME or some other money-making major. You know, like the ones with numbers and

scientific stuff.

He recalls how his friends studying computer science received job offers within 14 minutes of declaring their major. Every year, he and his fellow

Take Five Scholars return to their old stomping grounds for Meliora Weekend in hopes of a “meaningful” reunion.

“[My supposed friends] won’t answer my calls, texts, or tweets,” Malthus complained. “I think it’s because I clustered in calc and ‘not a real natural science.’”

Despite the experience of students like Malthus, Seligman explained that Take Five Scholars tacitly

agree to take it on themselves to find a job when they participate, “just like how you forfeit your chances of a diarrhea-free night when you eat Panda.”

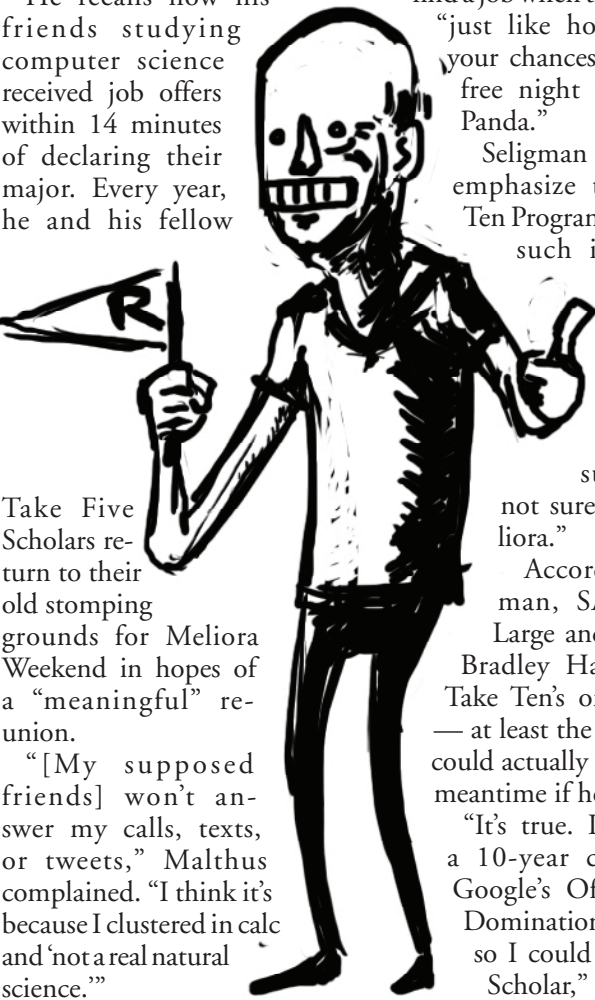
Seligman did, however, emphasize that the Take Ten Program will minimize such issues for future alumni.

When asked to elaborate, he replied, “To be candid, I’m not sure how, I’m not sure why, but Meliora.”

According to Feldman, SA Senator-at-Large and KEY Scholar Bradley Halpern will be Take Ten’s only participant—at least the “only one who could actually get a job in the meantime if he wanted to.”

“It’s true. I turned down a 10-year contract from Google’s Office of World Domination in a heartbeat so I could be a Take Ten Scholar,” Halpern said.

He continued, mumbling something about “first UR, then the world,” and “10 years is all I need.”



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A source close to Halpern reports that his real reason for joining the Take Ten Program is to finish his personal game of “Campus Activity Leader Bingo.”

“I almost have a full board,” Halpern said. “I just need to become editor-in-chief of the *Campus Times*.”

Similar to the Take Five Program, Take Ten stipulates that participants complete a final thesis of sorts. While he has yet to finalize a topic, Halpern hinted that it will examine “motifs of Kantian empiricism and Chinese class warfare in the film ‘Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen.’”

“I think it complements my computer science degree nicely,” he added.

Yes, only at UR can you take what is likely the result of a shroom-induced trip and call it grounds for a glorified research paper that somehow costs \$50,000.

“I’ll admit, Take Ten is kind of bullshit. Actually, I know that it is,” Halpern said. “At least if I put it on my résumé, it can only boost my odds of getting a job, right?”

Seligman replied, “I agree with the first part.”

Gould is a member of the class of 2014.

Santorum correct: women do not belong on the battlefield

BY TZVIA BERRIN-REINSTEIN
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“When you have men and women together in combat, I think men have emotions when you see a woman in harm’s way, I think it’s something that’s natural that’s very much in our culture to be protective.”

- Rick Santorum, February, 2012, NBC

“I do have concerns about women in front-line combat. I think that could be a very compromising situation where people naturally, you know, may do things that may not be in the interests of the mission because of other types of emotions that are involved.”

- Rick Santorum, February 2012, CNN

Listen up. When someone looks that damn good in a sweater vest, you fucking listen to him.

Yet, a year after Rick Santorum pointed out how stupid it would be for America to put women in combat, Defense Secretary Leon Panetta lifted the historic ban, forcing women out of the kitchen and onto the battlefield.

It’s not too late to stand with Mr. Santorum, though, and I dare even go further than he does on the issue. Santorum argued women must stay out of active combat missions due to the oft-overlooked “Knight in Shining Armor Syndrome,” and as a woman waiting for her knight

in shining armor, let me tell you, I couldn’t agree more.

Santorum pointed out that men, our natural protectors of brethren, bible, and barbeque, would be at risk of death if women were to fight next to them. Since our male soldiers would be fixated on the safety of their female comrades, how could they possibly be expected to also pay attention to themselves? It would not be surprising if amid all the chivalry, men would lose focus on the actual mission. Though holding a door open for a woman unable to do so herself is considered the gentlemanly thing to do at a movie theater—and let’s be real, it’s pretty damn sexy—saying “please, after you” when entering battle is a waste of time and dangerous. Why the hell would you let a woman precede a man walking into danger, anyway?

You think PTSD is bad? Well “Knight in Shining Armor Syndrome” can really fuck with the brain. During lulls in combat—occasionally this can happen in the 10th year of war—chivalrous men will unwittingly be compelled to impress their female counterparts, wasting needed ammunition flaunting their gun skills, using up the Air Force’s necessary fuel spelling the woman’s name in the sky, and starving themselves while giving their lady an extra portion of Spam. Men will let women use the best parachutes, and walk alongside the tank just so that chick with the pretty smile can ride inside,

even though she’s not in the tank unit. And those decorated generals well advanced in their years who serve to please? They will be shamed into trading supplies for generic Middle East Viagra. And when you’re on a time-sensitive mission, no one has time for a four-hour erection.

How are men to protect our country when women dare to distract them, turning the battlefield into a cable TV show?

Even if “Knight in Shining Armor Syndrome” could be quelled—and it can’t, men are angels—women themselves are the most convincing proof as to why we should not be allowed in combat. When racing off to a secret mission, is there time to ask if this AK-47 matches my outfit? No. Do these combat boots emphasize my cankles too much?

Maybe, but lace ‘em up because this goat just told me where Osama’s ninth wife is hiding. But do they come in a different color? Just wear the fucking shoes.

The battlefield is simply too confusing a place for a lady. You give her a belt for her ammunition, and she confusedly fills the ammunition-sized openings with her lip glosses and chapsticks (really a spot-on fit). Shit! A bomb went off when I was doing my mascara! Is it too smudged? Oh, and that one week a month when Mommy eats all the chocolate? All I’m going to say is I hear blood attracts suicide bombers.

Regardless of the fundamentally female reasons women are

ill-prepared to take up arms in combat, there are cultural reasons which cause me to disagree with President Obama and his cult of Colbert-watchers. Mr. Santorum is right. It is simply not in our culture to let women fight for themselves. What? Are female combat fighters going to want to be paid the same as their male counterparts? Can you imagine how emasculating that would be? Think of the men! And what comes next? Are we actually going to be expected to nominate a woman for president? Oh, I don’t think so. And what about the children? I’m surprised Santorum did not address this point, I mean, come on, he has like 12 of them.

Who will raise America’s children if our mothers are off killing someone else’s? Sorry Michelle, child obesity will sky rocket when Dad’s in charge of making dinner.

And so I ask you—is the need to see women in combat roles greater than making men feel good about themselves? Is it worth endangering our military missions just to have soldiers with bouncier hair? Must our children gain weight just because Mom was too far away over in Iraq to make a healthy dinner?

Unless your child is likely to be the new husky model, then the answer is no. Fuck no.

Berrin-Reinstein is a member of the class of 2015.

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New Southside study abroad option ignites controversy

BY AARON SCHAFFER
PHOTO EDITOR

Exactly one year ago, on Sunday, April 1, 2012, in an exclusive interview with the *Campus Times*, Ned Rockheimer, the acting director of the United States Geological Survey, announced that Southside, the housing complex on River Campus traditionally known as the housing favorite for the University’s elder or asian undergraduates, had been slowly shifting farther away from the University’s River Campus.

As a result, after completing their housing applications, more students have duly been applying for study abroad, claiming that Southside is essentially abroad. International relations majors, hoping to gain a broader knowledge of international cooking, competition over parking spaces, and the prisoner’s dilemma, have increasingly been declaring Southside as the fulfillment of the study abroad requirement of the major, the Political Science Department Chair Dr. Carl “Infidel” Castro announced.

In response, Castro has negotiated rigorously with the Study Abroad office to come to a resolution.

“To be candid, fully integrating Southside into the Study Abroad program would not only be the most fiscally responsible option, but it also substantially increases exploration of Rochester’s global culture by students,” Seligman declared. He also mentioned that including a Residential Life building in the study abroad statistics will “really up our stats in that metric.”

The move, however, has prompted some criticism. Some students currently living in Southside have had their study abroad applications denied and been forced to move out. Administrators, along with representatives from the study abroad office, have attributed this low acceptance rate to the competitiveness of the new program.

The United States Geological Survey has of late been quick to announce the increasing distance that Southside has been “migrating” — up to a tenth of a nanometer, unprecedented by modern standards and measurement capacities in the field of geology and geomigration.

Three students living in Southside, sophomores Wei Zhang, Weo Wang, and Wei Li, reported movement early last week.

“The whole suite rumbled, and we could hear the floor creaking as the building shook, Li said.

Valentine Tower was briefly evacuated while emergency personnel were called to the scene. Wang, who was in the bathroom at the time,

vividly described the scene as a “shitstorm, quite literally, of international law enforcement, with every level represented,” meaning just UR security, who’s jurisdiction was also expanded “abroad” in response to the institutional re-zoning.

Coincidentally, the rumblings subsided after Wang exited the bathroom. Security quickly debriefed Wang, who described the tremors “at a level more traumatic than my childhood.” He announced that the strain caused so much stress that he is postponing the fulfillment of his BME requirements indefinitely and considering a dance major.

Nobody has seen him since he made those initial remarks.

Ironically, Southside will be

closed late Friday and early Saturday while investigators from law enforcement, the USGS, and the Vatican will determine whether the occurrence is either a certifiable natural phenomenon or a miracle. The study abroad office is accepting blogs or journals documenting this, “once-in-a-lifetime, super unique, glossy brochure, international experience.”

Seligman stated that the University will “...use its resources to dig deeper into the matter, unclogging the drains of uncertainty and misunderstanding.”

Pope Francis I allegedly had no comment.

Schaffer is a member of the class of 2016.

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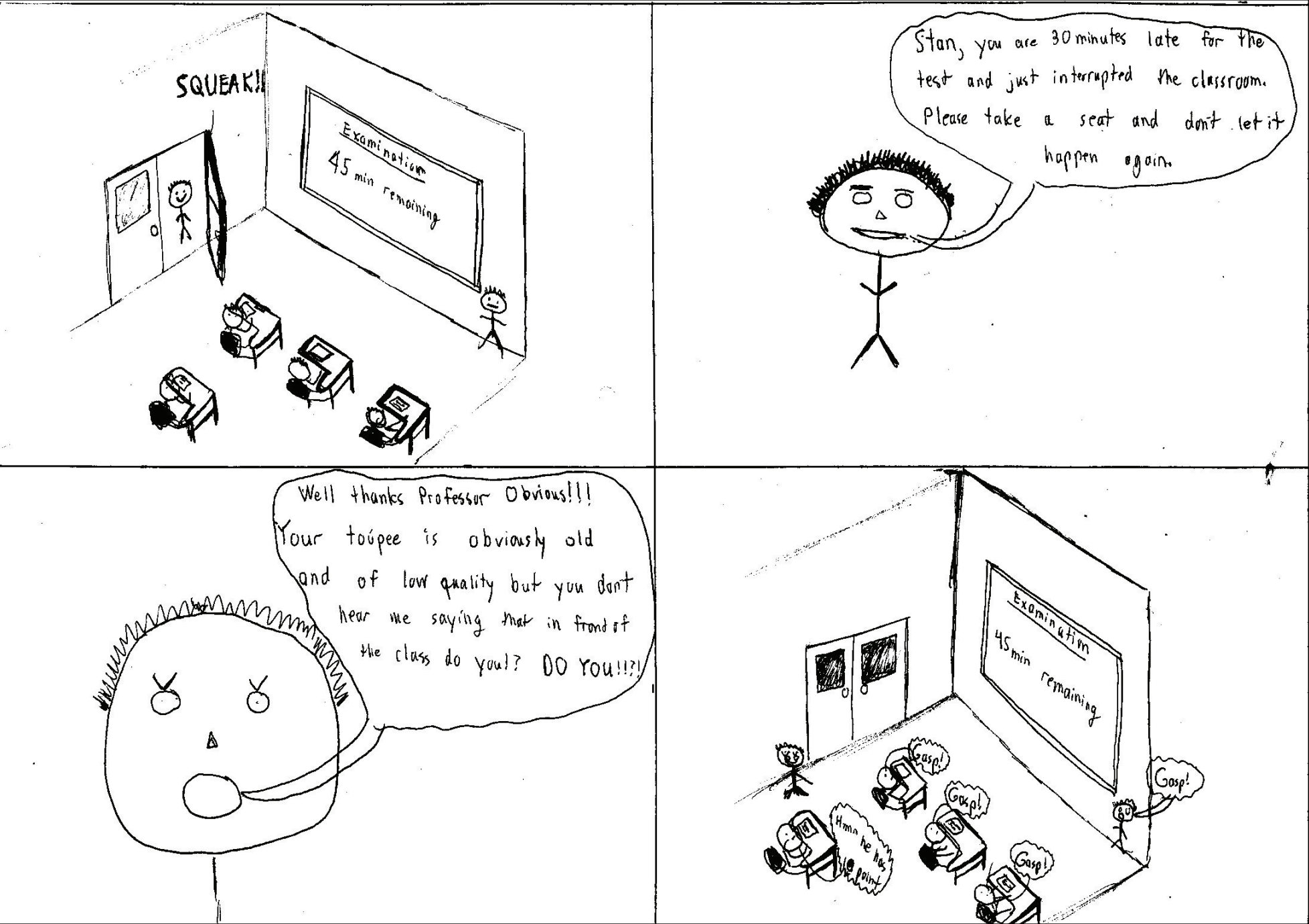
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2016 Senate Platforms

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EUDORA ERICKSON
Greetings Class of 2016! Im Eudora Erickson, and Ill be running to be Class of 2016 Senator for the upcoming year. Throughout the past year, as I have gotten involved on campus, my attention has been brought to recognizing the various issues that many of you feel passionate about. This year, through joining the Womens Crew Team, serving as Hoeing-Crosby Hall Council President, and joining a sorority, I have gotten to hear the concerns that you all have regarding athletics, residential life, and Greek life. Not only that, but simply hearing concerns such as Why are the dining plans so expensive?, How can student groups get more funding?, and How can we bring spirit to the athletic activities? have brought to my attention the issues that surround our campus. Through seeing the potential change that a senator can bring, I have been inspired to run for Class of 2016 Senator. As senator, I will address these issues that you have. I will represent the Class of 2016 on the Senate board. And most of all, I will work to make this university a place that you can be even more proud to call your home. So get out there! Vote Eudora for Senator!

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SARAH HARARI
Hi, class of 2016! I, Sarah Harari, would be honored to represent you as Senator. My goal is to better student life by serving as your voice to the campus administration

and by providing transparency on the inner-workings of campus. I will follow a sequence of three steps: communication, advocacy, and implementation. In terms of communication, no concern can be fixed if it is not voiced by the student body to the leadership in charge. The second step is advocacy. I'm your biggest advocate- I'll be your voice inside and outside Senate meetings. Lastly, we implement. I promise to devote my time and energy to make sure your concerns are sufficiently addressed by following through. I currently serve as Graphics Designer on the Communications and PR Committee of Senate, so I understand how the SA system works. I attend Senate meetings weekly, and it would be my pleasure to continue to do so next year as your Senator for the class of 2016. Currently, I am also Treasurer of Susan B. Anthony Hall Council and VP of Communications for Hillel. I have the leadership experience, drive, and potential to listen, understand, and promote what you, my peers, want to see on campus and to earn the respect of the administration to work towards instituting positive changes.



MELISSA HOLKO
Hey guys! My name is Melissa and I would love more than anything to be your Class of 2016 Senator. One of my main goals as a Senator is to beautify our cam-

pus by increasing outdoor seating and work areas. I recognize that the weather in Rochester is not always the best, which is why we should take full advantage of every sunny day. I would also like to increase school spirit at sporting events by facilitating collaboration between sports teams and various student organizations. I will be a successful Senator because I work well with others but I also stand my ground. My experience this past semester on the Policy and Review Committee has strengthened my ability to identify the necessary steps to get things done. I want to make a difference and ensure that our campus is the best it can possibly be. I am open to absolutely any suggestions and ideas that you may have and am super excited to represent you all. To all of you who took the time to read this, thank you and please vote MELISSA HOLKO. Together we can.



SCOTT LAMM
Allow me to introduce myself. My name is Scott Lamm and I am running for the Class of 2016 Senate. I enjoy sitting through very long movies where I find it a mission to stay awake and

I simply love the feeling of sand in between my toes. But in all seriousness, you should vote for me. As a second semester freshman, I have diverged myself into many of the student groups here on campus and am currently a part of the Midnight Ramblers. With this experience, I believe that I am capable of representing many perspectives of students here at the U of R. I can see myself being a very active member of Senate acting as a liaison for you, the Class of 2016, in the best manner. The voice of the student body is not something to be taken lightly. It will be one of my goals to let you be heard. If you would like to talk or have any questions please feel free to email me at slamm@u.rochester.edu or approach me anywhere. I would love to talk to everyone of you. I also love hugs, so if you would like one, my arms are always open. And remember when voting, vote for Scott Lamm ("Slamm") for Class of 2016 Senate.



LUKE METZLER
It has been seven months since the Class of 2016 elected me a Senator. You did so without me shoving flyers and messages in your face, because I simply talked to

you. Those who I talked to gave me this chance to revamp the University's online peer advising presence to get it on par with other top institutions; gave me this chance to mold the IT services on campus to better serve students (like helping out when the internet, you know, cannot be found, and how to make sure we can prevent it in future semesters. Trust me, I'm on it.); gave me this chance to ask peers what they want, and implement that vision in the planning stages of the new Rettner Hall building and College Town; and gave me this chance to build from the ground up a reservation system for all students, not just SA recognized groups. Students need more space to be and study space during finals. This has been accomplished, and, pending

speedy administration approval, utilized this semester's finals in Lattimore. My work is for the students, my peers, my friends, and again this spring, you will not see my face plastered all over school asking for your vote. I simply ask that you give me another chance to see just how much more we can accomplish.



DAVID STARK
Hey, Class of 2016! My name is David Stark, and I hope you will re-elect me as as your Senator. This past year, I have had an amazing experience representing your interests at the

Senate table, in Committee meetings, and in all of the work that I do. As a Senator, I have helped design the Meliora Plaza "Oasis" project, created a new Constitution Template for SA organizations, collaborated closely with organizations, and developed relationships with deans and administrators. Recently, I was appointed to manage the SA Government website, and my descriptive posts have provided a record breaking number of students with relevant and exciting information. If reelected, my priorities are to (1) build on these successes in communications, (2) improve the experience of student groups on campus, and (3) hold myself and other members of SA Government accountable to produce tangible results for Rochester students. Serving as your Senator has been one of the most enriching, fulfilling experiences of my year. I cannot thank you enough for the opportunity, and I cannot wait to do more. Please contact me at david.stark@rochester.edu if you have any questions. Vote Stark for Senate. [obligatory Game of Thrones reference].



CLAIRE WEBSTER
My name is Claire Webster, and I am interested in being a Senator for the class of 2016! It is crazy to think that we have been here for almost two semesters, but we have already begun to make our mark on campus in this short amount of time. Our class is everywhere: from varsity sports teams to a cappella groups, kickboxing classes to religious organizations. We have made such a great start this year, and I want to help continue the momentum we have picked up. I firmly believe that by the time we graduate from this university, we will have irrevocably changed it for the better. Now that we are rising sophomores, we understand the ins and outs of it here; we know what we like and what we want changed. As a Senator, I want to hear your opinions. I want to help increase communication between the administration and the student body to make sure we are getting the high-quality educational and social experience we deserve. I do not do anything half way, and I want to dedicate myself to student government to make sure our time here is as good as it can be. I appreciate your consideration and your vote, and here is to three more years that we can make ever better!

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2015 Senate Platforms

Three will be chosen from:



SHEEL CLERK
Hello Class of 2015! My name is Sheel Clerk, and I am running for the 2015 Class Senate. During this year, I served as Academics Aide in the Students Association Government, working in the Projects and Services Committee. I spent my time compiling data and

information concerning various aspects of academia, researching the methods of other schools, in the hopes that we can integrate them into our system, so it can adjust, adapt, and thrive, and make our school's academic quality "ever better". If elected to the Senate, I plan to continue working on my goals in academics, as well as addressing and working to improve other aspects of our proud university. As a junior, I plan to take on new initiatives and work tirelessly towards improving aspects such as diversity, academia, dining, and overall unity as a school, as well as hearing concerns of our fellow students. This school always surprises me with the dedication and resolve of each of its students, as well as constantly changing and adapting, and I want to be part of this new wave of change. It will be both an honor and pleasure to work with the rest of SA and the student body. When the time comes, remember to vote: SHEEL, THE REAL DEAL!



JEFFREY FRANK
Greetings, Class of 2015! I'm Jeffrey Frank and I'm running for Senate. I'm majoring in political science and economics and minoring in philosophy and music. I also hope to study physics and calculus in the Take Five program. I believe that my commitment to varied academic areas will help me, if elected, better represent our class as a whole. As mentioned on my Class Council platform, I've performed in and have coordinated some of NJR's shows, through which I've learned how to successfully plan and execute an event. This enhanced the knowledge I gained from leadership positions in high school. These skills—along with my well-rounded interests and general open-mindedness—will make me an effective representative of our class. The myriad of opportunities on campus has given me the freedom to better figure myself out and it's absolutely vital that every student has these opportunities and more. Things as simple as practice rooms, the gym and dining halls are essential to the U of R experience. I believe that we all strive to help other members of our community in some way. Since I'm passionate about law and public policy, this is my way. I want to represent you as a Senator because that's how I feel that I can most effectively give back to our community. Vote for Jeffrey Frank and for more opportunities!

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MEHR KASHYAP
Class of 2015! My name is Mehr Kashyap, and I would love to represent you as a senator in the Students' Association. I enjoy serving our class through the 2015 Class Council

and other organizations on campus, and seek to implement positive student-centered changes at the university. As a senator, I hope to provide our class with a link to the Students' Association and University of Rochester administration. I will enthusiastically support your ideas and recommendations, and will work dedicatedly to ensure that your suggestions shape our policy and projects. I am confident that my involvement on campus combined my dedication and commitment to improving our university, will help me represent you as a senator. Thank you for your support, and I would love to be elected as one of your class senators!



ADITI SIMLOTE
Hey, Class of 2015! I am Aditi Simlote and I would be honored if you elect me your Class of 2015 Senator. We are a driven and engaged group; as a Senator, I plan to embody that. As the current SA Policy & Review Committee

Chair, I have spent this year working tirelessly to empower student organizations with the resources necessary for success. This year, I digitized and streamlined processes for student organizations so they can focus on pursuing their goals. As a member of the Steering Committee, I have worked on issues such as Dining, the new Intercultural Center, and more. What can I do for you? I already know how to work with students, administration, and the SA to get the job done right. I plan to focus on effective collaboration between the SA and campus departments/offices to directly improve your academic and college experience. I have the experience, drive, and passion your Senator needs. Class of 2015, elect me your advocate and we'll hit the ground running. Thank you for your support! Experience, drive, passion: vote ADITI SIMLOTE for Class of 2015 Senator!

2014 Senate Platforms
Three will be chosen from:



JESSICA BENDES
Hi Class of 2014! My name is Jessica Bendes and I am running to represent you as a Class of 2014 Senator. This past year I have served as the Deputy Speaker of the Senate, working to ensure the transparency of your

student government and advising your Senators on their initiatives. I hope to continue these projects in the coming year in addition to improving the relationship between the SA and the student body. I have the drive, dedication, and determination to represent you to the best of my abilities while simultaneously working with Administrators and other students to make positive changes to this campus. Thank you so much for your support! Vote Jessica Bendes!



JONATHAN LOTEMPIO JR.
Hello 2014, I have served as your Senator-at-Large this year and hope to do so again. I

hope that, with your vote, we can work to ameliorate Rochester's curriculum in a novel way. Long term, I have started work on something that I call the Inspiration Seminar. This is a 2-Credit, 1.5 hour per week elective class designed to be taught by faculty and friends of faculty in academia, industry, business, government, and policy in their respective fields. This is a novel form of experiential learning and I believe that it can help to re-ignite your passion after you have taken introductory classes. Short term, I aim to have professors include their background, lives' path, and previous careers in syllabus day. This is something that could be added as early as next semester. This is a more serious platform than I have classically given - note my class council platform. This should convey how serious and excited I am to work on this project in the upcoming year. Most Sincerely, Jonathan LoTempio



HENRY MACIAS
Class of 2014, it has been an honor to serve me peers constituents for the past two years in the Students Association. Not only do

I bring a spunky sassy attitude to senate, but I also make sure that your voice and opinions are heard, We are going to see a lot of changed next year as a person who has experience and knowledge about campus life and student government, I want to continue informing the student body about these changes and assuring that you voice and concerns are heard. I love representing the class of 2104, and with me as your elected senator, senior year can only get hawter and better! So vote Henry for 2014 Senate!



EMILY TRAPANI
Hi Class of 2014!! My name is Emily [Trap]ani and I would love to have the honor of being your Class Senator. I grew up in Syracuse, NY and held many leadership position throughout my high school career including School Council Senator,

Senior Class President, and Captain of the Varsity Basketball Team two years in a row. At Rochester I have been involved with the Varsity Women's Basketball team, numerous clubs, and have held leadership positions in the Sigma Delta Tau sorority. I have interned on Capitol Hill, and know the ins and outs of the legislative process. I have met and interacted with students from many different interest backgrounds and believe that I have the qualities to excel as your Class Senator. I would make myself readily available and approachable to anyone and everyone who has something to say. I will put calculated and careful thought into each decision the Senate makes, with the student body in mind. We have one year as undergrads left, and the work never ends, but college does, so let's live it up. Vote for me and I'll do my absolute best to make sure you have the greatest Senior Year experience the Senate has to offer. 'Trap's Got Your Back'

At-Large Senate Platforms
Five will be chosen from:



NICHOLAS BENJAMIN
Hey all, Nick Benjamin here. The other day I was having a meaningful discussion with a friend - one who had large issues with the direction the school was

headed in some issues, a friend who felt disempowered and unable to get her voice heard - and this discussion propelled me to put my hat in for election. During my time here, I've served as the President of multiple organizations and executive-board member of a few others. I always saw myself able to effect change at this organizational level, and I'd now like to put my talents to use to improve the University of Rochester. When you look at everything the University provides it is all facilitated by communication. Positive change cannot occur without communication. I would like to open the dialogue between students and administration. We currently have too many students who disagree with changes, be it in Dining, Housing, or the Construction (to name a recent few), to let their voices fall unheard. Every student deserves to have their voice heard and I pledge to make this so. That said, if you want your voice heard, friend/message me on facebook! <https://www.facebook.com/Nwbenj> Communication. Dedication. Leadership. Pick Nick!



BRYAN EDWARD NGADIMIN
Hey everyone, my name is Bryan Edward Ngadimin (or you can call me Ben), and I am

running for At-Large Senate 2014. I am 18 years old and originally from Indonesia. Furthermore, currently a Junior student majoring in Computer Science and Business, I am a transfer student and this is my second semester. To begin with, I have demonstrated many leadership, communication and teamwork skills in many ways (socially and academically) towards my previous college. I was the public relation chair for Phi Theta Kappa honor society, Asian Student Union and a commuting member for the Dream Team club (Recruiting high school student to college). From holding this leadership previous experience, I have learned many adequate lesson that becoming a good leader, communicator and a team player is not something you gain directly in reading many books, it is more of a process that you will understand over time from your life experience. If voted as At-large senate, these are some promise that I will work with the president, vice president and all the senate hand in hand in improving this campus into a better place by increasing the campus safety, promoting more awareness towards the campus, improving room selection process for upcoming students, making a longer availability time for dining hall and hillside, more route for going outside of UR using bus and many more.



VANESSA SANCHEZ
Hi everyone! My name is Vanessa Sanchez and it would truly be a privilege to continue serving you as a Senator At-Large. During my previous

two years as a senator, I have learned a lot about what it takes to be an effective leader. This year, I have taken on multiple projects to improve student life, such as, developing the simpler online Assessment Form (formally PPACs), working on a proposal to increase the number of water fountains in residential buildings, and actively seeking feedback from students with the goal of putting Bar Buses back on the table. Additionally, I served on the standing committee on alcohol policy education and hope to continue working with the committee to review current university policies. I have learned that an essential aspect of being a responsible student representative is listening to the concerns of my peers. If re-elected, I hope to work closely with the communications committee to develop more effective and innovative ways to communicate and gather feedback from the student body. My goal is for every student to

gain confidence in the SA Government and utilize us as a resource for any given concern. If you ever have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact me at v.sanchez@rochester.edu.



BRIAN SHIN
It has been a great pleasure to serve in Class Council for the past two years at the University. It was a time where I had not only learned the ins and outs of planning fun events, but more importantly, I have

learned a bit more about your likes, dislikes, and concerns. Next year, I desire for new things: events that have never been thought of before and nuanced policies that will address the concerns of the student body. With the knowledge and experience that I have gained in my previous years, I hope to be a part of a greater change that will make history at the University of Rochester. Vote for Brian Shin for Class Council and Senator At-Large. I will do my best so that your votes will not go to waste. Gracias and arigato.



ULRIK SODERSTROM
A wise Pooh bear from my youth once told me, "if you live to be a hundred, I want to live to be a hundred minus one day so I never have to live without you."

This genuinely describes how I feel about the community at U of R. I would therefore be honored to serve as a senator to promote effective policies to encourage the growth of our community and campus life. I have personal leadership experience serving on class council, as an eagle scout, an Eco-rep coordinator, as leads in theater productions, and by participating in several other leadership platforms. I am excited by the opportunity to serve as a catalyst in the fruition of our collective inspirations to make this campus more unified and ever better.

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COURTESY OF FRIENDS OF EASTMAN OPERA

The “Y cast,” which will perform this Friday, April 5 and Sunday, April 7, rehearses the “Ice Cream Sextet” in act one of Kurt Weill’s “Street Scene.” As the posters advertise, this Eastman Opera Theater production merges Broadway conventions with elements of opera, creating a unique theatrical experience that radiates both humor and humanity. The show will debut at Kodak Hall on Thursday, April 4.

‘Street Scene’ combines Broadway and opera at Eastman

BY KATHLEEN MCAULIFFE
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The stage of Kodak Hall has been transformed into a city apartment complex, complete with clothes line, fire hydrant, and a single, lonely lamppost; the instrumentalists have taken up residence under the stage, in the pit; backstage has been cleared of the usual instrumental cases and stands to make room for props and actors. Tonight is opening night of Eastman Opera Theater’s production of Kurt Weill’s “Street Scene.”

The posters advertise: “A great Broadway musical and a great opera in one!” Indeed, this work is a fusion of both worlds.

As the title suggests, “Street Scene” depicts the comings and goings of a community that develops around the block of apartment building 346. In this respect, it is a precursor to the more recent Broadway musical “In the Heights,” which examines the relationships of a community of people living together on one small block of New York City. “Street Scene” focuses on the Maurrant family: Mr. Maurrant, an alcoholic and abusive husband, Mrs. Maurrant, an unfaithful and abused wife, and Rose, their daughter who is searching desperately for a way out.

“Street Scene” opened on Broadway in January 1947,

winning a Tony award for Best Score. Songs like “Wouldn’t You Like to be on Broadway?” and “Moon Faced Starry Eyed” give the work a musical feel. In fact, the latter features a tap sequence reminiscent of scenes from “Guys and Dolls” and “Singing in the Rain.” However, it is in no way a conventional Broadway musical because it draws from operatic traditions as well, including arias and songs that resemble recitative, both typical of opera.

The show also includes an unusually large cast, with multiple leads and a considerable ensemble. The families living in the building each represent a different immigrant group. The

set is built to give each principle role a window in the building. All of the action plays out in front of the building so that the neighbors watching from the windows are audience members to the scenes being played out on the streets below, just like the ticket-buying theater goers. Looking at this in retrospect, the paying audience members become participants in the story as just another gaggle of gawking neighbors.

Eastman’s production features two separate casts to showcase the many talents of the vocalists, with one performing Thursday and Saturday and the other performing Friday and Sunday. In addition to Eastman students,

the cast includes children recruited from local elementary schools and the director’s own dog. The performers have been putting in long hours for weeks, working first offstage, familiarizing themselves with the set, working with the orchestra, and “teching” the show. Their hard work has culminated in a highly professional show, conveying a realistic and bittersweet glimpse into the struggles of average people who one would pass on the streets.

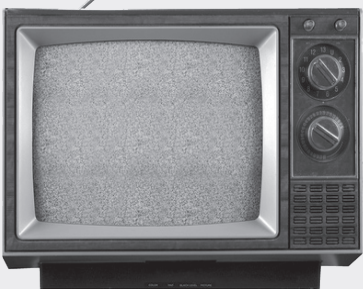
“Street Scene” will debut at Kodak Hall on Thursday, April 4 and run until Sunday, April 7.

McAuliffe is a member of the class of 2014.

CT RECOMMENDS...

“OSLO, AUGUST 31”

BY JONAH JENG
A&E EDITOR



“Oslo, August 31” passed virtually unnoticed last year amid a procession of high-profile blockbusters and Oscar darlings vying for the Academy’s attention, but here is a film whose stark, poetic intimacy deserves to be recognized, experienced, and treasured.

The film follows a day in the life of former drug addict Anders, leaving rehab for a job interview in Oslo, Norway. His prospects look promising, but Anders is stricken with a sense of unease, and as he navigates through the city, visiting old acquaintances and making new ones, we sense deep emotional wounds returning to take their toll on him.

Framed fascinatingly against a larger anthology of human stories based in Oslo, Anders’ 24-hour odyssey unfolds in surges of sadness and compassion. The film watches and listens, immersing us in one lovely scene after another. A conversation in the park. The clinking of glasses at a dinner party. A dreamy bike ride through empty city streets. Such scenes attain the quality of trance without losing the vitality of realism, a pitch-perfect tone that conveys Anders’ lonely, drifting state of mind. The entire film has an exquisite feel for character, dialogue, and the nuances of emotional tension, and the drama develops with a soft-spoken force. It’s a masterpiece of understated humanity, and it’s utterly unmissable.

Jeng is a member of the class of 2016.

Korea Night celebrates national culture, delivers exciting performances

BY JASON LEE
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

With the recent threats from North Korea and the mobilization of both Korea's militaries, tensions heightened on the Korean Peninsula, shifting the world's attention to these divided nations. In fact, the two Koreas have been technically at war after their conflict in the early 1950s ended in a truce, not a peace treaty. Three years of fierce fighting left only devastation for these two nations, but both nations have grown drastically in their own sovereign governments over the past 60 years. South Korea, where most Korean students at the UR are from, has become an economic powerhouse in East Asia and one of the fastest growing nations in the world. However, despite the span of time that has passed, horrible scars and memories from the war remain within the culture and lives of the Korean people.

Korea Night 2013, presented by the Korean American Students' Association (KASA), brought the audience into the fictional second Korean War of 2013 and two boys' race to achieve their dreams of becoming singer-dancers. In the midst of chaotic times, the show depicts Chase and Eli's journey through childhood flashbacks, struggles to reach their dreams, and inevitably, their fates of success and farewell. As the story continued, the excellently placed performances of traditional Korean Fan Dance, K-Pop dances, Tae Kwon Do, percussion, and an unforgettable RICE Crew filled in the gaps between the chapters of the drama. Every single performance was outstandingly presented. As an audience, it did not take any doubt to see how much painstaking effort and precious time were spent to prepare this beautiful show. Moreover, as a Korean-American student, it was



JUNNE PARK / SENIOR STAFF

Drummers hit the stage amid a colorful lineup of other cultural performances as part of Korea Night 2013 on Saturday, March 30 in Strong Auditorium.

a proud moment to witness how much the Korean culture has grown outside its borders and gotten a chance to connect with a diverse, international community such as that of UR.

Throughout the show, numerous traditional performances took place. Presented third in the entire event, the stunningly beautiful fan dance performance was the first traditional showcase during Korea Night. Vibrantly colored outfits captivated the audiences' attention along with the dancers' outstanding choreography. Subsequent traditional shows included powerfully coordinated Korean Percussion Group and

highly disciplined Tae Kwon Do, which decorated every minute of the show.

Mostly, the night was filled with powerful, charismatic dancers and singers who demonstrated their talents through modern Korean culture. Ranging from an acoustic set by sophomores Brian Shin and Hyung-Chul Shin to a group of freshman girls dancing to girl band SPICA, Korea Night offered tons of fun and entertainment.

One performance that was unforgettable was PSY's "Champion," as presented by PSY&Co., which comprises sophomores Saehoon Kim, Max Yoo, and Ben Shin. Opening

with PSY's famous quote, "All of you who know how to enjoy tonight's show are this world's true champions," PSY&Co. pumped up the existing enthusiasm to the next level, bringing laughter and applause.

Last but not least, RICE Crew and freshman Minsoo Kim's solo dance performance concluded the fully heated Korea Night. Kim (who also played the role of Eli) completed the show by expressing his sorrow for his lifelong friend Chase's death during the war. Korea Night 2013 was an excellent display of Korea's ever expanding cultural influence.

Commonly represented

by a tiger, Korean culture is characterized as being passionate and resolute, which were shown by disciplined and powerful performances. Concurrently, the beauty of past and present Korean culture were also presented to the audience through various demonstrations of dance and music.

South Korea is a nation with not only a vibrant culture, but also a dark past through war and separation of families. Watching Korea Night and its fans was proof of how much Korea has overcome its scars of war and made its way to an international stage.

Lee is a member of the class of 2015.

After Hours takes home fourth place in ICAA finals

BY MICHAEL PASCUTOI
STAFF WRITER

UR's co-ed a cappella group, After Hours, has always been relatively overlooked on campus. Despite consistently boasting a talented array of vocalists and releasing several quality CDs since the group's founding in 1998, it wasn't until last year that they were recognized nationally, a status that has already been received by fellow on-campus groups the YellowJackets and Midnight Ramblers. However, After Hours' improvement was again recognized this year due to their successful run at the Intercollegiate Contemporary A Cappella competition (ICAA) that culminated this past weekend at the Mid-Atlantic semifinals at Rutgers University.

After taking first in their ICCA quarterfinal last month, After Hours moved on to compete against the winners and

runners-up from the three other regional quarterfinals. Freshman Michaela Reichart said that despite the more competitive feel to the show, they generally enjoyed being there with all the other performers.

"It was cool to have a cordial relationship between us and the other groups. At quarterfinals, the atmosphere was more tense and unfriendly, but the other groups seemed to be generally friendlier at the [semifinals]," Reichart said, a sentiment that was repeated by several other members of her group.

After spending the last six weeks honing their already strong set from quarterfinals — which includes covers of Alex Clare's "Too Close," Regina Spektor's "Samson," and David Guetta's "Titanium" — After Hours performed to much fanfare. Improved choreography and passionate solos from Reichart, sophomore Rei Ramos, and junior Rohini

Rege were noticeable positives of their performance as well as their generally strong arrangements and group dynamic.

"We received a huge round of applause from the New Jersey audience," said Rege. "The judges were extremely impressed with our set, especially with 'Samson.'"

When the winners were announced, though, After Hours took fourth, lagging behind the Chordials of Cornell University, Fordham University's Ramblers, and RIT's Eight Beat Measure. Take Five Scholar Ethan Lobenstine's arrangement of "Samson," received the Best Arrangement Award, which he shared with Mike Purcell of Eight Beat Measure.

Despite these results, After Hours had nothing but positive memories from the experience. Music director and senior Ben McCormack shared an interesting story from his experience regarding how After

Hours randomly broke into song with several of the other competing groups, making up random harmonies and loosening themselves up after the stressful performance.

"That sort of epitomizes the entire experience and perhaps my entire four years with this group," said McCormack. "Music is social. If you can't enjoy it — even in something as big and competitive as ICCA — it's not really worth it."

Several other members of the group, including Reichart, Rege, and senior Alex Murray, also shared several positive stories from their ICCA experience, but all agreed that their random song session with the other groups was one of the best. Sophomore Michelle Markowitz stated that many members of After Hours were actually expressing some relief that their ICCA experience was over, for they can now put all of their focus on their Spring Show

on April 13, and the stress of competing at ICCA finals later this month won't be hanging over them.

After Hours has come a long way from its origins as an a cappella jazz group in the late 1990s. Though they have competed in the ICCA's annually — making the Mid-Atlantic semifinals in 2010 — they came into a competition for the first time as the clear favorite, with The A Cappella Blog ranking them as the seventh best group in the country that competed in the ICCA's. Though they didn't win, it is clear that they plan to compete in the future. And regardless of whether they win or lose, After Hours has made its mark on the national a cappella scene, earning every bit of praise that is given to them with their dedication to being ever better.


Pascutoi is a member of the class of 2015.

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‘Thrones’ returns in epic third season

BY **RACHAEL SANGUINETTI**
A&E EDITOR

The popular show “Game of Thrones” returned Sunday, March 31 for a third season that promises not to disappoint fans. A powerful, enthralling premiere addressed all of the previous season’s cliffhangers and reminded viewers of the bloody mess characters were left in at the end of Season Two.

For those unfamiliar, “Game of Thrones” is a fantasy drama based on the series of novels by George R.R. Martin. The show debuted in 2011 and has slowly gained popularity since. Over 4.4 million viewers tuned in Sunday for the premiere, twice the number that watched the pilot only two years ago.

All of our favorite characters are back (for now), though all appear rough, worn, and exhausted. They are far from the nobility we were introduced to at the beginning of season one with beautiful clothing and fancy kingdoms. Only the obnoxious and evil King Goffery is still sitting on his throne — everyone else is fighting.

The episode began with our beloved and handsome Jack Snow, still wandering stupidly on the snowy tundra beyond the wall. He is taken to Mance Raydor, the king beyond the wall. John’s cleverness and way with words wins him a place among their people, but there is no telling how long that will last. That’s the way it is in this show; a character can be thriving in a moment then be almost dead an episode later. John’s innocence and good heart make him a favorite among viewers.

Tyrion, another favorite, though for different reasons, is now healed from the battle that ended last season but is being held in living quarters far below his standards. One can’t help but feel sympathy for him. As a character who we hated in the beginning, he has slowly grown on us as we have begun to see his humility and good heart. His father, one of the few people he has left in the world, takes no pity on him. He doesn’t offer him

fame, power, comfort, or money but simply grants his son slightly better living quarters. Definitely not suited for a “father of the year award.” These new quarters will have to suffice until clever Tyrion devises a plan, as he undoubtedly will. We expect that from him by now. He will undoubtedly con someone for money or sneak his way back to the battlefield.

Our hero, the gallant Robb Stark, continues to battle for his kingdom and rightful throne with his mother now being held as a prisoner on his orders. The scene in which he returns home only to find all his residents freshly killed, blood still oozing from their wounds is particularly striking even for this show. The expression on Robb’s face when he sees the fate of his followers and supporters is that of fear, hate, and sadness all in one. After this encounter, he seems just as ready as ever to return to the fight. He may have his kingdom back, but without any residents, it isn’t much. His snippet of the jam packed episode was short, leaving the audience wanting more details about his next plans for the battle.

Our wonder woman of the show, Daenerys, has not yet given up. The “mother of dragons” is still in search of an army with which she can win back her power. She has endured rape, love, marriage, death, and rebirth all in the past two seasons. Her time has come to take power back. This is the same quest she has pursued since the beginning of the show, though her path as been far from easy. This follows with a slightly disturbing scene in which cold-hearted, unsullied warriors kill babies to prove themselves. They are probably exactly what Daenerys needs at this point to accompany her three, quickly growing dragons to the battlefield.

“Game of Thrones” is not a show for the faint of heart or the squeamish. For anyone looking for a complex, detailed storyline with blood, death, and a cast of interesting characters, it’s not too late to jump on the bandwagon.

Sanguinetti is a member of the class of 2015.



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FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Silver Linings Playbook	Lincoln
7:00, 9:30, 12:00	6:30, 9:15, 12:00
	



COURTESY OF UR ATHLETICS

THE YELLOWJACKETS' DETERMINATION LEADS TO SPRING SEASON SUCCESS AT HOME OPENER

On Saturday, March 30 at Corn Hill Landing, the UR women's rowing team began its spring season with races against St. Lawrence University, the Rochester Institute of Technology, and Mercyhurst College. The first and second varsity eight boats of the 18th-ranked 'Jackets did well, placing third in each event after ninth-ranked St. Lawrence and seventh-ranked Division II Mercyhurst.

'Jackets battle brewers

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King was dominant throughout, allowing only four hits in a complete gameshutdown. RBIs from freshmen Nolan Schultz and Brian Munoz in the fourth inning would be all the offense the 'Jackets needed as they cruised to a 2-0 win.
The final game of the weekend was another tight encounter, with Vassar barely grabbing the victory by a 3-2 score. A quality start by Senior Jon Menke, who gave up two earned runs in 6.1 innings, would not be enough for the 'Jackets who only mustered up two runs of their own. The difference maker proved to be an RBI single from Brett Zazinski in the ninth inning, giving the Brewers a lead

they would not squander. Interestingly, although the game took place at Vassar, UR was considered the home team, giving them the chance to try and knot the game back up in the bottom of the ninth, an attempt that failed.
The series split keeps both teams in contention in the Liberty League, though a number of conference games still remain. Up next for the 'Jackets is local rival St. John Fisher College, who will host Rochester on Thursday, April 4 at 4 P.M. Following that matchup the 'Jackets will travel to Schenectady, NY for a pair of doubleheaders against Union College on April 6 and 7.
Shapiro is a member of the class of 2016.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Cassie Mahar – Women's Lacrosse

BY KATIE WOODWORTH
STAFF WRITER



Freshman Cassie Mahar helped lead the LadyJackets to a 15-7 victory against Bard College on Saturday, March 30. The Charleston, MA native scored a career best of four goals and made one assist in the winning game. Mahar played lacrosse throughout high school and is looking forward to a promising season here at UR.

each other on and off the field, no matter what.

What's the best piece of advice a coach has ever given you?
"Play until you can't run anymore and then get up and run again; push yourself to run that extra step through the line. You have nothing left to regret if you leave it all on the field. Forget about how good the other team is because you are better if you work 10 times harder than them."

In Saturday's game against Bard College, you scored a career best of four goals. What

was going through your mind?
I was telling myself to be calm and play with confidence. Don't let anyone distract you from your game.

What are your goals for the remainder of the season?
For the rest of the season, my goal is to play the best I can and help the team be successful, no matter the final score. Show the Liberty League that the women's lacrosse team at UR is a force to be reckoned with.
Woodworth is a member of the class of 2015.

LAST WEEK'S SCORES

FRIDAY, MARCH 29

- Women's Lacrosse v. Vassar College (4-13) L

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

- Men's Golf at McDaniel College Spring Invitational, Day 1 - 3rd of 14
 - Men's Track and Field at UR Spring Invitational - Complete
- Women's Track and Field at UR Spring Invitational - Complete
 - Women's Lacrosse v. Bard College (15-7) W
 - Baseball v. Vassar College (2-0) W
 - Baseball v. Vassar College (2-3) L
- Women's Rowing v. RIT, St. Lawrence University, Mercyhurst University - Complete

SUNDAY, MARCH 31

- Men's Golf at McDaniel College Spring Invitational, Day 2 - Withdrew

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, APRIL 4

- Women's Softball v. SUNY Geneseo, 3 p.m.*
- Men's Baseball v. St. John Fisher College, 4 p.m.
 - Men's Tennis v. Hobart College, 4 p.m.*
- Women's Softball v. SUNY Geneseo, 5 p.m.*

FRIDAY, APRIL 5

- Women's Lacrosse v. William Smith College, 4 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

- Women's Rowing v. Ithaca College/RIT, 8 a.m.
- Men's Track and Field at UR Alumni Invitational, 9 a.m.*
- Women's Track and Field at UR Alumni Invitational, 9 a.m.*
 - Men's Tennis v. New York University, 11 a.m.
- Women's Tennis v. New York University, 11 a.m.
 - Women's Softball v. RIT, 1 p.m.*
- Men's Baseball v. Union College, 1 p.m.
- Women's Lacrosse v. Union College, 2 p.m.
 - Women's Softball v. RIT, 3 p.m.*
- Men's Baseball v. Union College, 3:30 p.m.

*denotes home competition

What is your major?
International relations.

How did you start playing lacrosse?
I started playing lacrosse in the sixth grade because my school required me to play a sport every season. I really got into the sport when I joined my club team freshman year of high school.

Do you have any pre-game rituals or superstitions?
The most important part of my routine is writing "Believe" in Sharpie on the inside of my left wrist. "Believe" was tattooed on the wrist of my deceased coach and good friend, the woman who inspired me and the one who I play for.

How is collegiate lacrosse different from high school?
High school lacrosse was difficult for me, and I always had to work hard, but now that I am playing college lacrosse, I can see it all paid off. College lacrosse is difficult because it is much more organized and requires more rigorous work, but I find it more enjoyable. In college we are a family that will help



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Freshman attacker Cassie Mahar relentlessly drives to the goal against Vassar.

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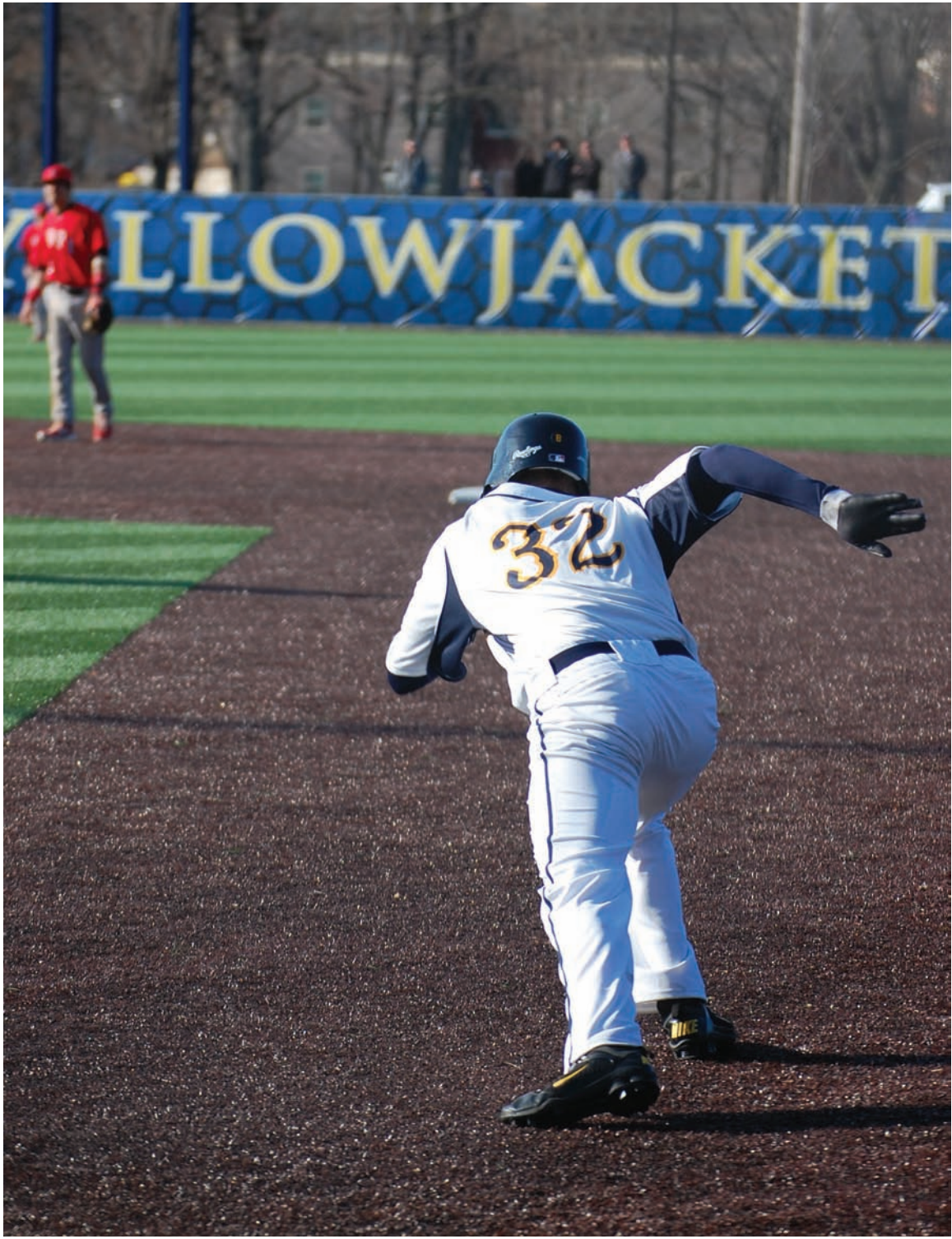
'Jackets maintain running start

BY BEN SHAPIRO
STAFF WRITER

The UR baseball team extended its .500 record to 7-7 over the weekend as it travelled south to challenge Vassar College in Poughkeepsie, NY, splitting doubleheaders with the Brewers on both Friday, March 29 and Saturday, March 30.

In the first game of Friday's doubleheader, the 'Jackets would need 13 innings to claim victory, topping Vassar 4-3 in what was the longest of the weekend's four games. UR took the lead in the first inning when junior Sam Slutsky scored a wild pitch, though Vassar came back with two of their own in the bottom of the inning. In the second, Slutsky continued his productive day with an RBI single to drive in freshman Jake Meyerson, who scored only the second run of his burgeoning collegiate career. The game would remain knotted at 2-2 until the seventh and expected final inning, when UR's second-baseman and junior Ethan Sander singled up the middle, allowing freshman Evan Janifer to score. The 'Jackets failed to close the game out, however, as Vassar scored on a groundout in the bottom of the seventh to tie the game back up at three. After bringing the tying run home, the Brewers looked poised to win the game immediately, with runners on second and third and only one out.

Despite this, after an intentional walk to load the bases, junior Jeremy Diller was able



AARON SCHAFFER / PHOTO EDITOR

Freshman infielder Brian Munoz successfully steals second base to help the 'Jackets win a home game against RPI on March 26.

to work out of the jam for the 'Jackets and send the game to extra innings. Five innings of scoreless baseball passed, with both Diller and Vassar's Connor Cucalon shutting down any offensive threats. Finally, after more than three hours, Janifer scored a bunt single from sophomore right fielder Josh Ludwig. The

run would prove to be enough for Diller, who closed out the win in his seventh inning of relief of the day.

Any momentum from their win earlier in the day would soon be lost for the 'Jackets in game two on Friday, as Vassar's Zander Mrlik dealt a one-hit shutout to help give his team a 2-0 win. Ludwig

would record the only hit for the 'Jackets, reaching on a single in the fourth inning.

Following Friday's split, the two teams were back at it again on Saturday morning in a matchup that featured senior Corey King on the mound facing off against Vassar's Joe Lovizio.

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Women's lacrosse beats Bard

BY ERIC DAVIS
STAFF WRITER

The UR women's lacrosse team rebounded from a tough loss to Vassar College with a 15-7 win on Saturday against Bard College.

Five players scored two or more goals each for UR. Freshman Stephanie Ortell, sophomore Maddie Elia, and senior Liza Maizel each scored two goals, while freshmen Zoe Cembrinski and Brittany Garrison scored one goal apiece.

The true stars of the game, however, were freshman attacker and midfielder Cassie Mahar and sophomore midfielder Lauren Basil. Mahar had a career best of four goals while Basil added three.

Freshman Marissa Traina played 50 minutes in goal for the

Yellowjackets and only allowed three goals. She also recorded 10 saves. Freshman Maire Prosak, who played ten minutes in goal, replaced Traina and allowed four goals while stopping just one shot.

Regardless, UR dominated the stat sheet. The 'Jackets caused 14 turnovers (three by senior Caroline McManus and two each by juniors Lindsey Randall and Sarah Skinner). UR also won 10 draws (two each by freshman Elisabeth Watson and Skinner).

The win evened UR's previous Liberty League record of 1-1 to 2-5. The LadyJackets look to continue their hot play Friday when they face William Smith College in Geneva, NY.

Davis is a member of the class of 2016.



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Sophomore midfielder Lauren Basil was a force to be reckoned with in this weekend's home games against Vassar College and Bard College.

Basketball's Flockerzi shortlisted for coaching award

BY ELIZABETH KILBRIDGE
SPORTS EDITOR

Luke Flockerzi, head coach of the UR men's basketball team, has been named a finalist for the 2013 Glenn Robinson National Coach of the Year Award.

The award is given every year to the top Division III men's basketball coach. The name originated from Glenn Robinson, who served as head coach at Franklin & Marshall College. Robinson has a record of over 800 wins, making the NCAA Division III playoffs with F&M 22 times.

As one of 15 award finalists, Flockerzi stands out with an equally impressive record. In the most recent 2012-13 season, he led the Yellowjackets to a 22-5 record and a 10-4 record in the University Athletic Association. UR earned a spot in the NCAA Division III championships but lost in a buzzer beater against Ithaca College in the second round.

Despite the recent and heart-felt loss, the 'Jackets ended their season with a shared UAA title with Washington University in St. Louis and Emory University. This was the second UAA title Flockerzi earned in his three seasons at UR. In only three seasons as head coach of the Yellowjackets, Flockerzi's overall record is an astounding 61-19 (.714).

Prior to his current position, Flockerzi served as assistant coach at UR from 2006 to 2007 before accepting the role of head coach at Skidmore College from 2007 to 2008. Flockerzi proved his knack for coaching at Skidmore, where he won 30 games in three seasons and brought the team to the Liberty League playoffs.

Flockerzi carried over his success to UR. In his first season, Flockerzi advanced to the Sweet 16 with a 12-2 record.

During UR's 2012-13 season, the 'Jackets held an undefeated 18-0 record and ranked first in the D3hoops.com poll.

Under coach Flockerzi, the team has held numerous other records, including its foul shooting accuracy.

In the 2012-13 season, the Yellowjackets shot 80.4% from the line (434 of 540), which broke the previous year's record of 78.0% (380 of 487).

Kilbridge is a member of the class of 2015.