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10 A.M. - 1 P.M., VARIOUS LOCATIONS

Meet with your assigned adviser to ensure you are able to register for classes and to discuss your preliminary class selections.

SWARM ORIENTATION EDITION

8 & 9 P.M., GROUP LOCATIONS

SWARM aims to address alcohol from a physiological and social standpoint, including sizes of drinks and strategies to recognize potential dangers.

IT'S ALL ABOUT HONESTY

8 & 9 P.M., GROUP LOCATIONS

Watch a presentation from the Office of the Dean of Students about the communal principles of UR. This year's focus is honesty in an academic environment.

PARTY ON THE QUAD

10 P.M. - 1 A.M., DANDELION SQUARE

Join your fellow freshmen for music, dancing, and free pizza.

THURSDAY

AUGUST 29

WILSON DAY

10 A.M. - 2:30 P.M., VARIOUS LOCATIONS

Join your hall mates and volunteer throughout the city of Rochester as part of the 25th annual Wilson Day.

UR IN CHARGE: CCAS INFO SESSION

7:30 & 8:30 P.M., GROUP LOCATIONS

The Associate Director of the College Center for Advising Services Sean Hanna will address any issues concerning class scheduling and academic requirements.

SUPER BLOCK PARTY

9:30 P.M. - 1 A.M., WILSON QUADRANGLE

Enjoy the waning summer with a night carnival, foam pit and giant outdoor building courtesy of UR Greek Life and Campus Activities Board.

FRIDAY

AUGUST 30

ACADEMIC OPEN HOUSE

10 A.M. - 2 P.M., FIELD HOUSE, GOERGEN ATHLETIC CENTER

Representatives from all departments in the College will be available to answer questions about majors, minors, and clusters.

ONLINE CLASS REGISTRATION

3:30 - 5:30 P.M.

Register for fall semester classes on your computer or in the IT Center. Online registration will be open to students at varying times depending on their birthday.

RED LIGHT/GREEN LIGHT

8 & 9 P.M., STRONG AUDITORIUM

Attend an informative and engaging program addressing sex on a college campus. University resources will be on hand for students to discuss their concerns.

UR CAMPUS HEROES

8 & 9 P.M., GROUP LOCATIONS

Improv group In Between the Lines will put on a series of skits about avoiding safety risks on a college campus and how to protect yourself and your belongings.

SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 1

A CAPE-PELLA CONCERT

2 - 4 P.M., RIVER LEVEL, INTERFAITH CHAPEL

UR's acclaimed a capella groups will perform for students in a high-energy, interactive show featuring many of today's popular songs.

FRATERNITY & SORORITY LIFE: A SNEAK PEEK

3 - 4 P.M., ROOM 1-101, DEWEY HALL

Students considering joining a fraternity or sorority can catch a glimpse into the leadership, service, and networking opportunities provided by participation in Greek life.

ROCHESTER CITY BIKE TOUR

4:30 - 7:30 P.M., MEET AT GOERGEN ATHLETIC CENTER

Utilize the free City Cycles program, and join the Associate Dean of Students Glenn Cerosaletti in exploring the city's beautiful sights.

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE RECEPTION

7 - 8:30 P.M., DANDELION SQUARE

The President's Office will welcome the Class of 2017 with an array of appetizers and desserts as well as educate about environmentally sustainable practices on campus.

MONDAY

SEPTEMBER 2

BUSES TO EASTVIEW MALL

11 A.M. - 5 P.M., MEET OUTSIDE IT CENTER

Students can enjoy Eastview Mall and take advantage of the Labor Day sales. Buses will be loop all day with the last one leaving at 5 p.m.

A DAY AT THE BALL PARK

1:05 - 4:05 P.M., FRONTIER FIELD, MEET OUTSIDE IT CENTER

Watch the Rochester Red Wings take on the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre RailRiders at Rochester's Frontier Field. Tickets, which include transportation, will be sold at the Common Market.

THE HUMAN TORCH'S BONFIRE

9 - 10:30 P.M., NEAR SAGE ART CENTER

A UR tradition revived after 15 years, this bonfire celebrates the end of orientation and prepare for the first day of classes with a night beneath the stars.

SATURDAY

AUGUST 31

HOW TO GET AN "A" IN COLLEGE

3 - 4 P.M., ROOM 1-101, DEWEY HALL

Director of the Center for Excellence in Teaching & Learning Vicki Roth will provide insight on succeeding academically during the transition from high school to college.

EXPLORE THE CONTINENTS

5:30 - 7:30 P.M., WILSON COMMONS

Meet current UR students hailing from around the globe and learn more about the countries and traditions represented on campus.

10TH ANNUAL CELEBRATE DIVERSITY

8 - 10 P.M., PALESTRA, GOERGEN ATHLETIC CENTER

Enjoy the global community of UR in an evening of song and dance performed by UR Bhangra, among others.

TRANSFER STUDENTS

WEDNESDAY

AUGUST 28

BREAKFAST AND WELCOME WITH THE PRESIDENT, DEANS, AND DIRECTORS

8:30 - 9:30 A.M., MAY ROOM, WILSON COMMONS

Meet President Joel Seligman, Dean of the College Richard Feldman, and other university officials from across campus.

TRANSFER ORIENTATION WELCOME AND GROUP MEETING

9:30 - 10:45 A.M., MAY ROOM, WILSON COMMONS

Attend this session to register for classes, learn about degree requirements, and meet your pre-major adviser.

THURSDAY

AUGUST 29

JOB FAIR

4 - 6 P.M., MAY ROOM, WILSON COMMONS

Meet campus employers, learn how to apply, and get started finding a job that fits your class schedule.

Q&A: PRE-HEALTH PROFESSIONS

7:30 - 8:30 P.M., ROOM 1-101, DEWEY HALL

Meet with Health Professions Advising Director Catherine Towsley to learn what you need to know about preparing for medical school.

FRIDAY

AUGUST 30

ONLINE REGISTRATION

BEGINNING AT 12 P.M.

Register for classes online. If you have any questions or concerns, contact the College Center for Advising Services between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. at 585-275-2354.

FINANCIAL AID LAB

9 A.M. - 4 P.M., IT CENTER

Meet with staff to receive assistance completing federal loan forms and I-9s.

PARENTS

WEDNESDAY

AUGUST 28

GENESEE RIVER WALK

8 - 8:45 A.M., MEET OUTSIDE UHS

Join staff members on a walk along the Genesee River.

INTRODUCTION TO THE COLLEGE

9 - 9:50 A.M., STRONG AUDITORIUM

Dean of the College Richard Feldman will provide an overview of orientation and the UR curriculum.

FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

10 A.M. - 12:10 P.M., STRONG AUDITORIUM

Meet with a financial aid staff member to learn about funding your student's college education.

RESIDENTIAL LIFE AND DINING

10 A.M. - 12:10 P.M., HOYT AUDITORIUM

Meet with the directors of Residential Life and Housing Services and Dining Services to learn about residence halls, dining options, and meal plans.

MEET THE DEAN OF FRESHMEN

11:10 A.M. - 12:10 P.M., INTERFAITH CHAPEL

Meet with Dean of Freshmen Marcy Kraus to learn about the academic resources available to freshmen.

SECURITY AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

11:10 A.M. - 12:10 P.M., DEWEY 1-101

Learn about security on campus through a presentation by Public Safety and University Information Technology.

ALCOHOL AND OUR CAMPUS: WHAT EVERY PARENT NEEDS TO KNOW

2:40 - 3:40 P.M., HOYT AUDITORIUM

Join University Health Services and the Office of the Dean of Students to understand how UR addresses alcohol use on campus.

COLLEGE DEAN'S AND DIRECTORS' RECEPTION

3:45 - 5:15 P.M., HAWKINS-CARLSON AND WELLES

BROWN ROOM, RUSH RHEES LIBRARY

Meet with administration to end your day of parent orientation.

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SA President breaks 15-year gender barrier

BY MELISSA GOLDIN
PUBLISHER

The glass ceiling has been shattered — or at least re-smashed.

UR has seen a succession of male undergraduates pass through the position of Students' Association (SA) president, but SA President and senior Shilpa Topudurti will be the first woman to take office in over 10 years when she starts her term with SA Vice President and senior Greg Corrado this semester.

"I think that it's important to have equal representation when communicating with administrators," Topudurti said. "It's going to be really refreshing for people to see a female in this role."

A woman has not been elected as SA president since Skye Morey '99 took office during the 1998-99 academic year. Morey ran against Dan Berkowitz '99 in April 1998 and won the election by more than 100 votes. Only six female candidates ran for the position before last spring — three in the spring of 1999 and only one in the springs of 2001, 2004, and 2009, excluding write-in candidates.

This lack of female representation may be due in part to a shortage of women on the SA Senate, according to Topudurti. She said that many students run for the top spot after gaining prior experience in the SA, often at the Senate table, and that some female undergraduates may have felt intimidated by such a dominant male presence. The pattern rings true for the coming year — only four out of the current 16 senators are female. Out of those four, however, two hold the positions of speaker and deputy speaker, the top spots on Senate.

Despite this deficit of female peers, Topudurti cites close relationships with Director of Wilson Commons Laura Ballou and Associate Dean of Students Anne-Marie Algier, who both advise the SA, as an impetus to her candidacy. She has worked with Ballou and Algier — both women in top administrative positions at UR — since her freshman year and felt they were supportive when she was considering entering the race last spring.



COURTESY OF GREG CORRADO

Students' Association (SA) President and senior Shilpa Topudurti and SA Vice President and senior Greg Corrado pose for a photo after their election in April. Topudurti is the first female president since the 1998-99 academic year.

The positions of SA president and vice president have been held by a male student and a female student, respectively, for the past four years, starting with Eric Weissmann '10 and Brittany Crowley '10 during the 2009-10 academic year and ending with Take Five Scholar Roshal Patel and Alina Czekai '13 last year. Presidential candidates pick their own running mates.

"It was good campaigning by folks who saw the benefit of having both a male and female ticket," Ballou said.

Women often need more of a push when running for office due to a tendency to underestimate their abilities, according to Director of the Susan B. Anthony Institute for Gender and Women's Studies Honey Meconi. Seeing one of their peers in a position they hope to attain, however, can help encourage them to take the plunge.

"It's much easier to imagine accomplishing something when you see others like you who have done what you hope to do," Meconi said.

Topudurti said she hadn't considered this lack of female representation in the SA until she attended the National Leadership Summit in Washington, D.C. in June and saw that the majority of her fellow attendees were male. The summit is organized by the National Campus Leadership Council, a network of student leaders. She expressed interest in being more proactive about getting women involved in the SA throughout the next year by reaching out to student organizations.

In the meantime, her general presence in the top spot may make some headway, starting with the class of 2017 when she speaks at Convocation on Tuesday.

"Every girl in the audience will

see a woman giving a speech up there," Corrado said. "It leaves a precedent that it's normal. I think gender makes its way into the subconscious of people's minds regardless of how we try to address it."

Topudurti is not concerned about students' reception to her new role and is simply excited about the opportunity to bring a fresh perspective to UR. An effective SA president, male or female, would be able to advocate for any gender-specific issues, according to Ballou, but Topudurti's win still promises greater representation for women at UR.

"It's very important, at all levels of government — student or otherwise — to have both men and women in positions of authority," Meconi said. "History shows quite clearly that it's otherwise easy to ignore those without power."

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Dining introduces new fare, meals-to-go service

BY SARAH TEITELMAN
COPY EDITOR

Dining Services' efforts to improve its offerings will continue this upcoming school year with changes to dining facilities and food options.

Most significantly, changes at The Meliora Restaurant will improve the speed of service and the number of students served.

Instead of the traditional sit-down restaurant, the Mel Express will follow the service style of casual and fast food establishments. Items on the menu will include the Mel Burger, veggie burger, Zwigles chili hot dog, chicken sandwich, and a BLT. All of these meals include a choice of house-cut french fries, house-made onion rings or a side salad, and a medium fountain beverage.

The Mel will also include a new Grab-and-Go program, which will allow students to use Pass Plan meal swipes to grab food on the go. Spearheaded by the Students' Association (SA), Grab-and-Go makes The Mel a viable option for students on both Unlimited and Declining meal plans looking for a quick meal.

Entrées such as a ham and swiss ciabatta, chef's salad, grilled vegetable baguette, turkey and bacon ciabatta, and more will be offered. All menu options include an entrée, a bag of chips or piece of fruit, a fresh baked cookie and a bottled beverage for one pass plan swipe or \$7.50 declining.

The Mel will retain its seating area for students interested in dining in, but both the new service style and Grab-and-Go plan will be great for busy students.

A few other changes at Douglass Dining Center will also be instituted. The expanded kosher station will include house-made kosher pickles and a make-your-own sandwich station, and a new noodle station will offer a light Asian-style option throughout the afternoon.

Another significant change to campus dining is the switch from Coca-Cola to Pepsi products, which were previously offered on campus. Products will now include Gatorade, Mountain Dew, and Naked Juice, among others.

SA Senator and sophomore David Stark said that the changes in the dining program are moving in the right direction.

"Dining Services is really responsive to student feedback, and really worked with us in this process," Stark said. "The goal of student government and, inherently, the University, is to improve upon what we have right now. I am confident that the changes to dining this semester will improve the experience of UR students. We will continue these pushes for improvement into the next year."

Teitelman is a member of the class of 2016.

Communal principle, campus assessment center around academic honesty

BY ANGELA REMUS
NEWS EDITOR

The Communal Principle Project, an initiative led by the Office of the Dean of Students currently in its third year, will focus on the principle of Honesty. The selection was made to coincide with the University's first Campus Academic Honesty Assessment.

This year, instead of returning to the beginning of the alphabet and the principle of Fairness as Dean of Students Matthew Burns intended, the University will focus on Honesty. With the assessment in mind, the chair of the Board on Academic

Honesty and Spanish Professor Beth Jörgensen approached the Office of the Dean of Students and appealed for honesty to be this year's communal principle.

"The Communal Principles Project is a project to reengage the community in the principles that we stand by," Burns said.

The assessment provides one way to do so.

According to Jörgensen, the assessment will review the "climate of academic honesty and student and faculty attitudes and experiences [with academic honesty]," allow a review of the Board on Academic Honesty's "existing policies and proce-

dures," and provide the opportunity to benchmark policies against other institutions.

Jörgensen emphasized, however, that the assessment is not in response to any particular situation on campus.

"This is not a reactive thing, [but] a proactive effort," she said. "It responds to the reality that an institution should, on a periodic basis, review the policies and procedures around such an important issue."

Completing the assessment as a barometer of changing attitudes toward academic honesty is one way to make the year of honesty meaningful for the campus.

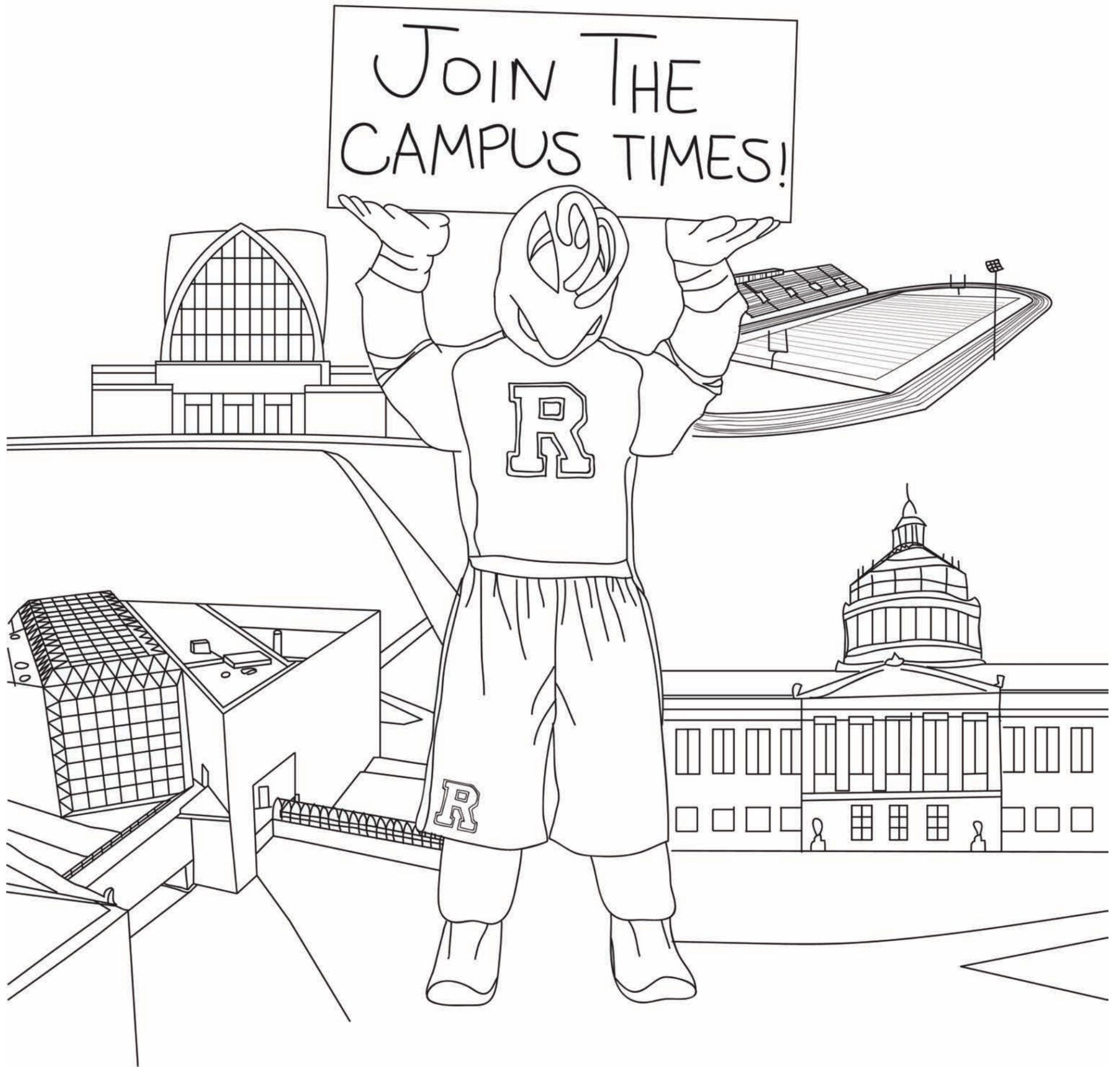
Ultimately, any opportunity to bring the communal principles to the student body is Burns' ideal.

The communal principles, which were adopted by the University in 2002, include fairness, freedom, honesty, inclusion, respect, and responsibility. So far, the principles of responsibility and respect have been featured in yearly initiatives.

"I'm hoping that as freshmen come in and then graduate as seniors four years later, they'll remember not just their class year...but the principles we all learned together," Burns said.

Remus is a member of the class of 2016.

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CARE network expands, assists students in distress

BY DOUG BRADY
FEATURES EDITOR

Something was wrong. “We were just looking out for her,” KEY Scholar Marisa Straub said. “She wasn’t acting like herself and just seemed a little depressed.”

Junior Christina Smiros was similarly called to action in a separate situation.

“We agreed that [the student] needed immediate attention,” Smiros said. “After exploring all of the different options and resources that UR offers, we decided to write a CARE report.”

When these situations reached a certain level of concern, the UR community showed that it cares. Faculty, staff, students, and parents are eligible to contact the CARE network to report about a student.

After finding out about the CARE network at the annual Fall Leadership Conference, Straub knew exactly how to address her friend’s troubles. She was one of four peers who contacted the CARE network on behalf of the student, who wished to remain anonymous.

The University has always made an effort to assist students in distress. In 2011, however, it consolidated all of activity into the CARE network.

Relying entirely upon UR community for submissions, the CARE network endeavors to be



ALEX KURLAND / STAFF ILLUSTRATOR

“as proactive as possible when it comes to getting students the support they need before a crisis occurs,” Assistant Director for Student Support Services and manager of the CARE network Erin Halligan said.

A CARE report — an anonymous, online report detailing the situation to Halligan — is the first step in the process. Topics of these reports include physical and mental health, ranging from illness to severe depression and suicidal ideation. The most common reports disclose a significant change in behavior or

appearance or confirm a student’s own request for support.

Once they receive a report, Halligan and staff assess the level of concern (low, medium, or high) and respond accordingly. Halligan will usually then connect the student with the appropriate student resource and maintain contact until the problem is solved. The CARE network encourages the UR community to talk openly with the distressed student before submitting the report and to have a dialogue with the student continuously throughout the process.

Halligan speaks with 13 different groups during Orientation, from RAs to writing fellows and many in between to spread the word about her office’s services.

“While each group works with students in a little different capacity, my main message is this: Letting a student know that you care about them and want them to know what resources are available through CARE is never a bad idea,” Halligan said. “Your report could literally be the difference between life and death.”

Just this past academic year, Halligan received 927 CARE reports. Over the past two years, there has been a 117 percent increase in CARE reports. Consequently, UR is adding a CARE coordinator this fall to aid Halligan’s efforts.

“You are joining a group of committed, passionate, caring, and responsible UR students,” Halligan said. “[Our] students care about each other’s well-being and know when to ask for help.”

Despite the anonymity of the reports, the student Smiros helped was eventually told of Smiros’ report.

“The person thanked me for what I had done and was happy that I cared,” Smiros said. “I would most definitely repeat my actions for this particular situation.”

As for Straub, the student that she helped may never find out her identity, but that is of no consequence.

“I’m very happy I could help her, even if she may not know that I personally filed a report,” Straub said. “This is a great system to let someone know that you care.”

To fill out a CARE report, go to rochester.edu/care or subscribe to the newly added mobile app.

Brady is a member of the class of 2015.

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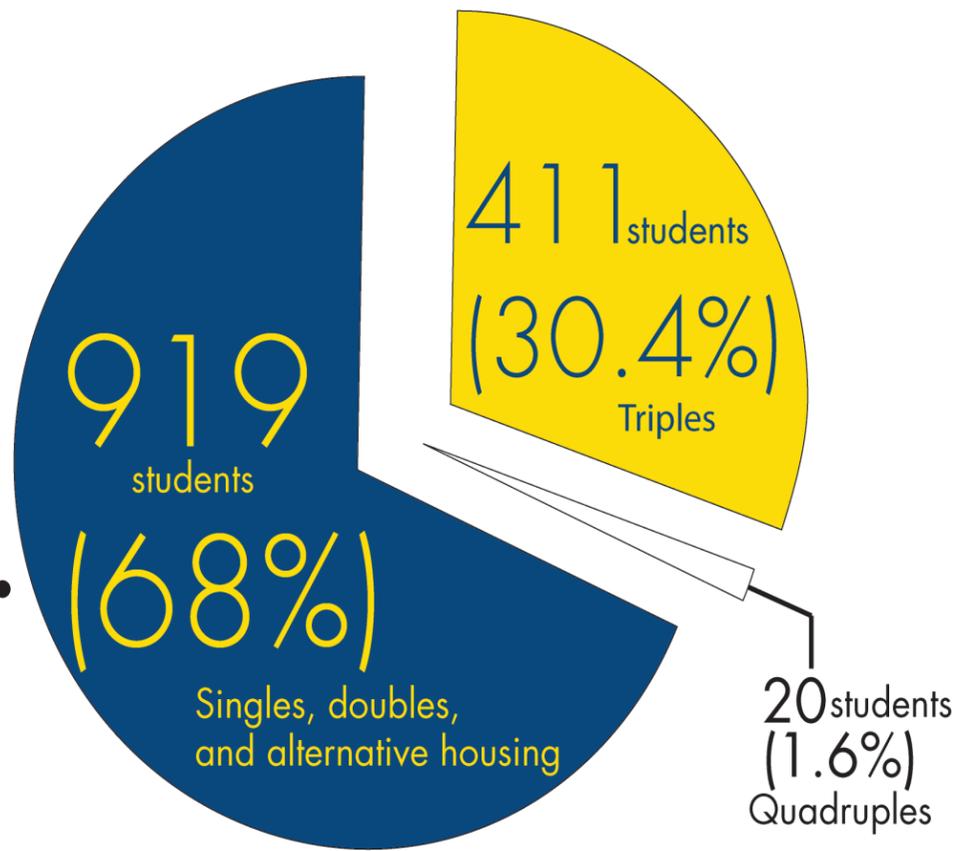
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Topudurti, Corrado to freshmen: 'Embrace discomfort'

EXECUTIVE FROM PAGE 3

Seniors Shilpa Topudurti and Greg Corrado intend to focus on improving community, engagement, and unification during their terms as Students' Association president and vice president, respectively, through projects such as the "5K Challenge," a program in which students will be encouraged to suggest their own campus initiatives, and grants that will incentivize student-faculty interaction. Topudurti, who hails from Champaign, Ill. and Corrado, who calls Boston home, are succeeding Take Five Scholar Roshal Patel and Alina Czekai '13.

The *Campus Times* sat down with Topudurti and Corrado to discuss life at UR.

What's your major?

Shilpa Topudurti: My major is molecular genetics, and my minor is health, behavior, and society.

Greg Corrado: I'm chemical engineering. I'm thinking about [doing a minor in] Italian studies, but it's not declared.

What's your favorite thing about UR?

S.T.: People here care about helping others rather than working against others. I've experienced that academically, but also in the families I've created in my co-curricular groups.

G.C.: The community — the construction of a tight-knit place for people to feel like they can be themselves, grow into themselves, and simultaneously feel like they are supported.

And your least favorite?

S.T.: Having to reroute my path to class because of the amount of construction every single year,

but it's exciting to see so much development around campus.

G.C.: I don't mind the snow, but what I don't like is lack of sunlight. My skin turns into a hot mess when I don't see sunlight.

What was the most important lesson you learned your freshman year?

S.T.: Embracing discomfort — not letting the fear of not knowing how things could turn out keep you from trying new things.

G.C.: I honestly learned freshman year that awkward moments are the best. If you maximize those awkward moments your freshman year, it sets the way for having a fantastic experience here.

What's your biggest goal as SA president/vice president?

S.T.: I'm really looking forward to the "5K Challenge," seeing what sorts of small things can be done with \$5,000 and actually seeing those things happen on campus.

G.C.: My biggest goal is to make sure I'm committed to the initiatives I'm most passionate about and making sure I'm giving them specialized attention.

And not SA-related?

S.T.: Before I graduate, I would like to attend a performance for all of the performing arts groups.

G.C.: I'd say my biggest goal is to balance everything properly and just [make] sure that I'm listening to myself and treating myself well.

What has been your most traumatic academic experience and how did you pull through?

S.T.: One thing that was really tough was sophomore year when I had biochem and orgo exams literally back to back. That was really stressful, but I think what got me through it was a lot of Diet Coke and a lot of study sessions with people in my class.

G.C.: The honors calculus series. I was not expecting to write 10 to 20-page proof problem sets every single weekend, especially because I don't like writing and I love math. And that was not math — that was writing using creepy symbols and math words. Math took on a totally different meaning, but it was also transformative. I TA the course, and I love it.

What's one thing everyone should do before they leave UR?

S.T.: I have two, is that OK? Walk through Mt. Hope Cemetery at night, and go to a show at Eastman.

G.C.: Make a meaningful relationship — at least one person who will change your life and who you know nothing would be the same if you hadn't met. It can happen; it will happen. You just have to be open-minded.

What is your favorite thing about UR President Joel Seligman?

S.T.: He takes time out of his day to teach a class to UR students.

G.C.: He's got this really adorable inability to keep rhythm. [The Midnight Ramblers] sing at a lot of events he's been at, and when he tries to clap along, he never quite gets the rhythm and it gets really funny.

Goldin is a member of the class of 2013.

Joel's Word of the Week

By Aaron Schaffer



THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW THIS WEEK

THIS DAY IN HISTORY: AUGUST 27

1883: Krakatoa, a volcanic island off the coast of Indonesia, erupts, killing 36,000 people and spewing millions of tons of ash into the atmosphere.

1916: Romania declares war on Austria-Hungary in an effort to regain Transylvania and reunite the country.

1953: Audrey Hepburn stars in "Roman Holiday," earning herself the Academy Award for Best Actress.

2007: Michael Vick, the quarterback of the Atlanta Falcons, pleads guilty to a felony charge of dogfighting. The highest paid player in the NFL at the time, he is sentenced to 23 months in prison.

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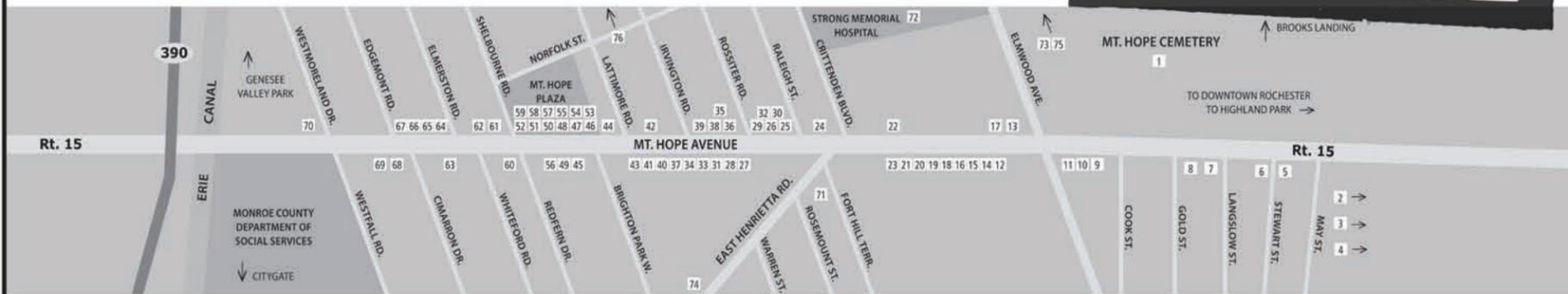
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14 Rochester hot spots to visit this fall

BY RACHAEL SANGUINETTI
A&E EDITOR

Little Theatre

This is a fantastic, small movie theatre in the heart of Rochester. Since it's opening in 1928, it has been dedicated to the presentation of American independent and foreign films. With five screens showing movies every day of the week, there is always something showing that will spark your interest. Tickets are only \$8 for evening tickets and \$6 for Saturday and Sunday Matinees. Show times at thelittle.org.

The Little Café

A great place to grab coffee and dessert and listen to some live music. The café has live groups five nights a week, which include a mix of styles of music. To complete the artsy atmosphere, artists' works are often displayed around the café.

Eastman Concerts

Eastman School of Music, part of UR, is located in the heart of the city. Eastman frequently offers free concerts to the public or concerts free with student ID. Between performances of Eastman's large ensembles, student recitals, faculty performances, and visiting artists, there is music every night of the week. Check out esm.rochester.edu for more information.

Memorial Art Gallery The MAG was founded in 1913 and entrusted to the University. The gallery is quite elaborate and inclusive with American, Asian and European, African,

and Roman and Greek art all on display. Highlights of a trip to the MAG include pieces by Monet and two, 2,000-year-old Egyptian coffins. Admission to the museum is free with student ID.

Spot Coffee

Spot Coffee is a great place to hang out and do homework. A 10% discount is being offered to UR students on anything you order with your ID. Spot is great for dark roasted house coffee and great sandwiches and desserts. For a little extra fun, head down to Spot on Thursdays at 8pm for Open Mic Night on their small stage. Performances range from dramatic poetry readings to crazy trumpet solos with everything in between.

La-Tea-Da and Sugar Mountain Cupcake

Relax in a cozy tea shop with some of the best desserts in Rochester. Visitors are encouraged to try on different fancy hats from their collection while drinking delicious tea. Sugar Mountain has a small cupcake shop and sells gourmet filled cupcakes in fantastic flavors. A huge cupcake is less than \$4.

Park Ave

This is one of the premier restaurant areas in Rochester. From Great Harvest Bread company to Sushi and everything in between, there are enough choices to fill everyone's need. Even President Barack Obama visited Park Ave's Magnolia's on his recent visit to Rochester. Step into Parkleigh to buy fun cards and novelty gifts.

Geva Theatre

Known as Rochester's best professional theatre, Geva offers many fantastic shows throughout the year. Both plays and musicals are presented in the 552 seat main stage. Tickets range in price.

George Eastman House

A museum dedicated to the life of Eastman, a visit here will take you back in time. The museum is dedicated to the preservation of Eastman's estate as well as his work in photography.

Dinosaur BBQ

Famous across the country for its ribs as well as its atmosphere, Dinosaur BBQ is a favorite among visitors and locals of Rochester. Usually filled with tough bikers and loud music, Dinosaur serves up some of the best food in all of Rochester. Make sure to get there early because the line for a table is often out the door.

Garbage Plate at Schaller's

A Garbage Plate, often referred to simply as a 'plate,' is a compilation of fries or home fries, macaroni salad, and two burgers (or hot dogs if you prefer). Enough to fill up even the biggest eater, finishing the plate is often a challenge. Plates can be bought in many places around Rochester, and each place gives it their own spin.

Strong Museum of Play and Butterfly House

Though you might feel a little old upon first walking in the door, the Museum caters to the young and young at heart. Visit

the huge toy museum, play with the large blocks, or take funny photos with super heroes. For a little extra, you can spend 15 minutes in the butterfly house admiring nature and watching butterflies hatch.

Genesee Valley Park

Enjoy the last few rays of summer with a walk in the park. Bring a book or homework and relax under a tree for the afternoon.

Public Market

Every Saturday morning until late fall, the public market will be open for business. One can buy fresh produce for extremely low prices. Also available at the market are loaves of bread, fresh coffee, and large fresh fish. Come smell and taste your way around the booths for a true Rochester experience.

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Eastman orchestras point to revival in classical music

BY RACHAEL SANGUINETTI
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Despite decline in popularity over the last 50 years, classical music is standing strong at UR.

Director of Orchestral Activities David Harman sees no shortage of students to fill out the two orchestras.

UR Symphony Orchestra (URSO) is in its 59th season, and membership has hovered between 95 and 110 players over the past 20 seasons. UR Chamber Orchestra (URCO) is composed solely of River Campus students and includes 35-40 players.

"[URSO] is a great mix of dedicated advanced players from our undergraduate and graduate student bodies, professional staff and community communities in the greater Rochester area," Harman said.

The rehearsal period for concerts is fairly short, and scores are not condensed or shortened for the group. The level of quality is set high, but students rise to meet the challenge.

"Scheduling is sometimes a challenge for our busy students., Harman said. "Lab courses seem to be offered increasingly later in the day. Students sometimes have to take a semester's leave from ensembles."

At a campus with so many activities going on at any given time, one would think there would be concern for the size of the audience. This is not the case for these groups according to Harman. Concerts usually sell several hundred seats at each concert during the year.

This past season, the groups began live streaming parts of their concerts that did not conflict with copyright policies.

"This has been terrific for friends and family of our players from around the globe," Harman said. "We plan to continue to expand our virtual audience."

Both URSO and URCO will perform at least four concerts this season.

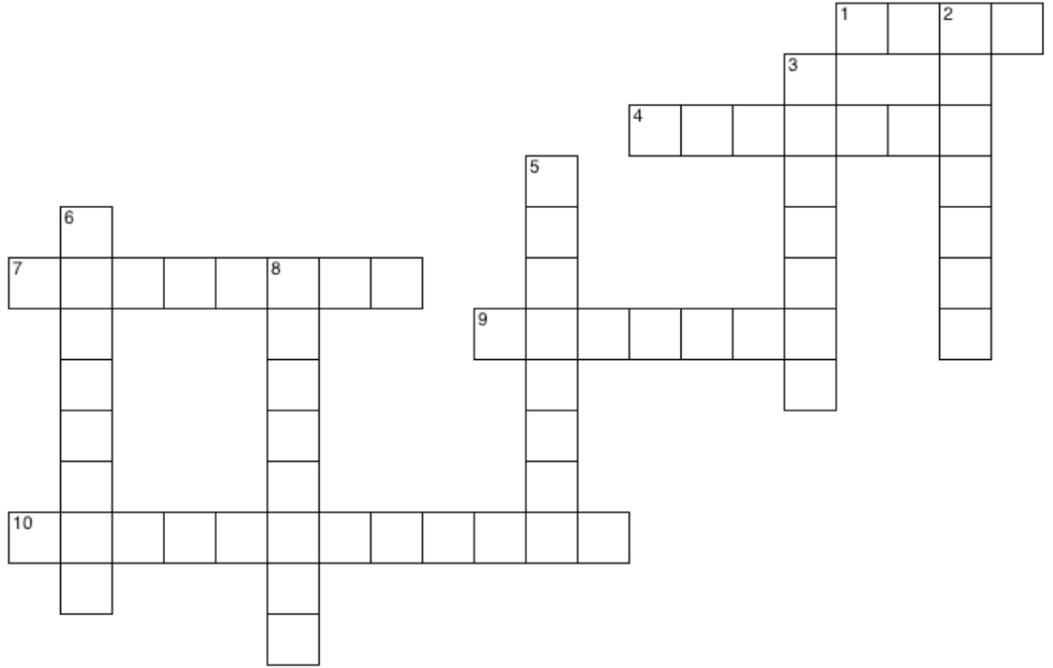
"Our Meliora Weekend concerts will be especially exciting," Harman said. "These concerts will include a fun and very quirky piece featuring a solo bagpipe player."

Also on the agenda for the two ensembles are collaborations with the UR Brass Choir, Tony Caramia of the Eastman piano faculty, and Mark Kellogg, principal trombonist of the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra. Harman also hopes to take the URCO on a full tour sometime during the year. Auditions for both groups will

be held on Sept. 3 and 4. Sign-ups are at the Department of Music in Dewey Hall.

"Orchestra is fabulous music, and bringing it to life is serious fun," Harman said. "For many of our players who are dealing with the academic rigors of pre-med, physics, and other stressful courses, rehearsing and performing great music can be a great way to relax. I find that our most advanced players insist that orchestra playing remains a part of who they are."

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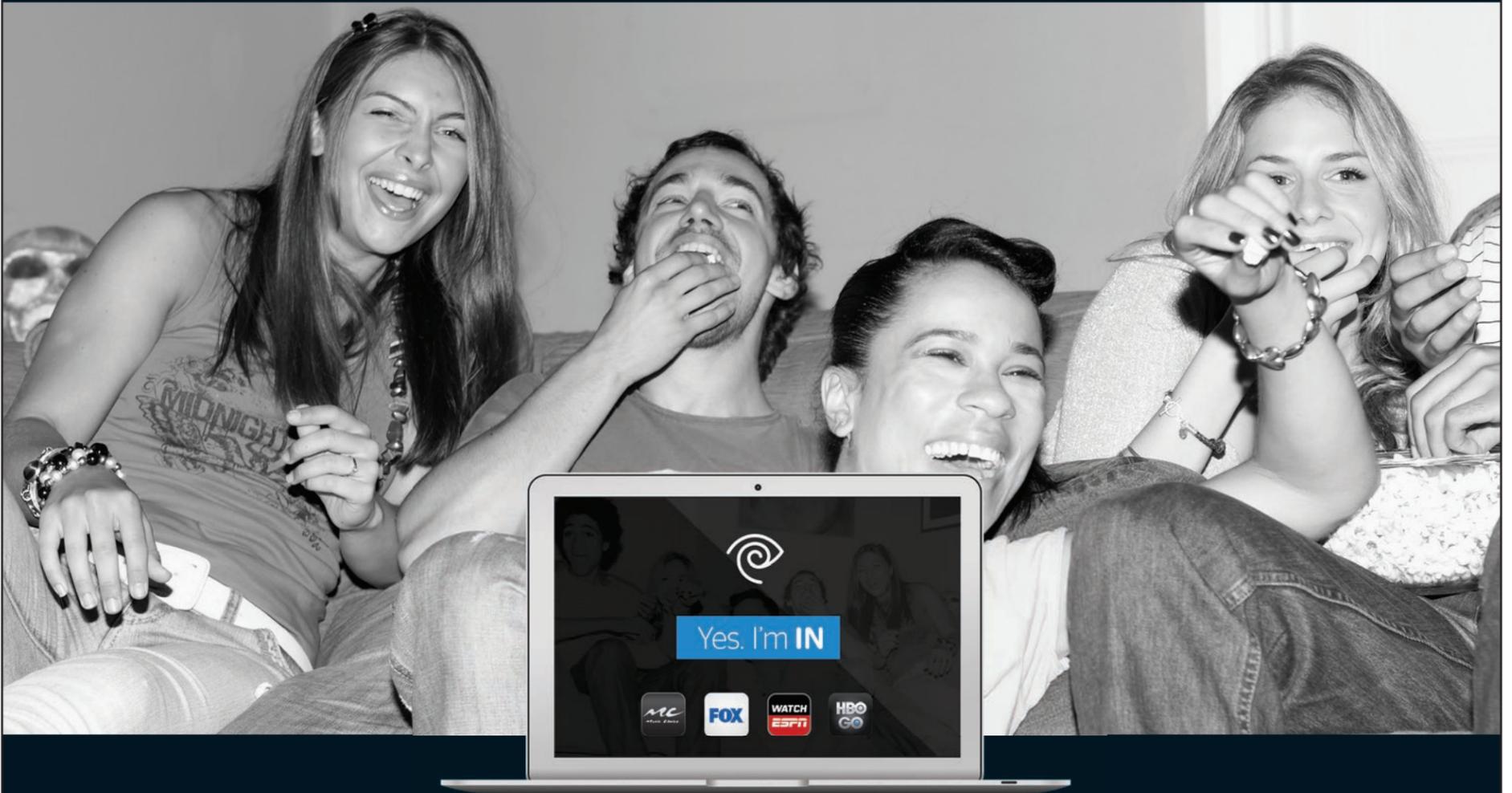
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