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## Sig Chi keeps house despite sanctions

BY ANGELA REMUS  
NEWS EDITOR

Per the findings at a May hearing regarding hazing allegations against Sigma Chi, the fraternity is on censured status until Nov. 15 and will remain on probationary status until 2015.

The incident began on April 19 when Security officers raided the Sigma Chi house and interrogated both candidates and brothers over a period of several hours.

According to Sigma Chi Treasurer Jacob Bohannon, each interview grew “more and more thorough” as officers learned new pieces of information. The university then issued an Active Avoidance Order, preventing brothers from speaking with candidates during the investigation.

“It didn’t seem like the information they had gotten from the investigation was enough to really screw us to the wall,” Sigma Chi President Josh Bronstein said. “We’ve seen in the past what has happened to other organizations that have gone through similar problems, and that seemed to be what their goal was... but it didn’t seem like they had enough information to meet that end.”

After Security’s initial investigation, charges were delivered to the fraternity. Neither Director of the Center for Student Conflict Management Kyle Orton nor Acting Director of Fraternity and Sorority Affairs John DiSarro commented on the specific sanctions.

“We do not share the results of a conduct hearing publicly due to the privacy of the individuals involved,” DiSarro said.

According to Bronstein and Bohannon, however, the initial charges were an alcohol violation that happened three months prior, a sexual harassment charge that was dropped

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## BOMB THREAT SHUTS DOWN WALLIS HALL

Early afternoon on Friday, Sept. 6, UR President Joel Seligman received a bomb threat at his office in Wallis Hall. Rochester Police cleared the building and blocked traffic on Wilson Boulevard. *Campus Times* was not provided with further information.

## Rettner Hall almost complete

BY FRANCIS HINSON  
MANAGING EDITOR

Alongside the newly-arrived class of 2017, various campus construction projects are making their debut. The Ronald Rettner Hall for Media Arts and Innovation is being completed as well as a substation distribution project and several minor infrastructure improvements.

Rettner Hall will house new programs in digital media studies and audio and music engineering, a move UR hopes will be the intersection of the arts, sciences, and engineering on campus. With it comes the induction of the digital media studies major, a field devoted to providing a fundamental understanding of digital technology.

The building is named after UR trustee and philanthropist Ronald Rettner, who hopes his gift will advance UR to the

forefront of the digital media world.

This contemporary, three-story, 18,900-square-foot facility will feature a fabrication lab, sound and video recording studios, advanced computers, and 3-D printers.

Beyond Rettner, small infrastructure improvements were put in place.

The new electrical substation distribution project spans parking lots 1 and 11 along Kendrick Road.

Wallis Hall is getting a new women’s bathroom, Psi Upsilon’s concrete sidewalk is being replaced, the University Towne House is being demolished, and the plot of grass in front of LeChase Hall has been replanted.

Fraternities have also seen an enhancement in living due to efforts by Residential Life. Fraternities like Delta Kappa Epsilon, Sigma Alpha Mu, Sigma

Chi, Psi Upsilon, Alpha Delta Phi, and Theta Chi are all being renovated. The Sigma Chi house will also receive a new porch.

The University has taken over financial responsibility for the houses, helping the chapters with the task of maintaining finances and the house, leaving their residents to focus on the philanthropic and academic aspects of Greek life.

In addition, long-term projects are in the works, including the new \$145 million Golisano Children’s Hospital tower, featuring private rooms and a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and scheduled to arrive in 2015, and College Town, the \$100 million project to provide destination dining and shopping near Mt. Hope Avenue and Elmwood Avenue.

*Hinson is a member of the class of 2016.*

## Peace officers to deploy next month

BY JARED SMITH  
NEWS EDITOR

In October, UR will hold a formal introduction of its newly revamped security force, which includes a mix of sworn peace officers and regular officers. Security, under its new name of Public Safety, mandated that its officers undergo an additional 380 hours of training since their induction as peace officers in March.

Non-sworn Public Safety officers are required to undergo up to 500 hours of training prior to becoming a fully recognized member of the University’s security force. Both trainings spanned five months and offered officers enhanced abilities and tools to deal with campus safety.

The peace officers will be equipped with strictly defensive tools such as pepper gel and batons, but they will not be authorized to carry firearms. However, they are licensed to handle firearms and have the power to take safe custody of firearms should the need arise.

Additionally, the peace officers will also be able to make mental hygiene arrests.

“Right now, the powers that the Public Safety officers have are the powers that any citizen has,” senior vice director of administration and finance Ron Paprocki said. “It’s a citizen’s arrest.”

Legally, the Public Safety non-sworn officers are on par with a regular citizen.

Previously, in a situation where an individual is being disruptive and creating a tense situation, Public Safety officers would have to wait with the individual for the Rochester Police Department to respond, which, since the situation isn’t necessarily life threatening,

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Despite the University’s AlertUR system, students remain in the dark about Friday’s scare.

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Join us Sunday and learn how you can become part of the oldest student group on campus.

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### CHAMBER BOYS GO VIRAL

Five seniors prank a freshman chemistry class — and become an overnight Internet sensation.

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# FIVE-DAY FORECAST

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FRIDAY



Showers  
Chance of precipitation: 60%  
High 55, Low 47

SATURDAY



Partly Cloudy  
Chance of precipitation: 10%  
High 63, Low 46

SUNDAY



Partly Cloudy  
Chance of precipitation: 10%  
High 71, Low 48

MONDAY



Mostly Cloudy  
Chance of precipitation: 10%  
High 57, Low 42

TUESDAY



Partly Cloudy  
Chance of precipitation: 20%  
High 73, Low 56



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## STUDENTS SLIP AND SLIDE DOWN WILSON QUAD

Junior Cordero Martinez rides the slip-n-slide on Wilson Quadrangle during Yellowjacket Weekend. The event, titled “Wet ‘n Wild,” was co-sponsored by the classes of 2014, 2015, and 2016.

## IN ROCHESTER

In the midst of Rochester’s efforts to improve the city’s high school graduation rates, Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) and the organization Uncommon Schools have partnered to sponsor a new charter school for the city’s youth. The new school, slated to open fall 2014, would serve approximately 60 students grades 9 to 12 for the first year. The goal is to increase enrollment to 500 students by 2018.

The partnership is made possible through funding from RIT Trustee Ronald Zerrella.

Uncommon Schools is an umbrella organization under which the True North Rochester Prep Charter School operates. Uncommon Schools operates in five different cities and oversees a total of 38 charter schools.

RIT’s sponsorship of the school is unprecedented in the experience of Uncommon Schools, which has never developed a charter school through collaboration with a university.

Charter schools receive money from the public education fund but operate independently from the local school district. They frequently have higher graduation rates than public schools and tend draw a higher caliber of students.

Managing Director of Uncommon Schools Rochester Josh Phillips is hopeful that the new school will increase students’ likelihood to enter college and graduate with Bachelors degrees.

*Angela Remus is member of the class of 2016.*

## THIS WEEK ON CAMPUS

THURSDAY

SEPTEMBER 12

### STUDY ABROAD INFORMATION MEETING

12 - 1 P.M., GOWEN ROOM, WILSON COMMONS  
Students interested in studying abroad may receive information regarding application deadlines and requirements. Attendance at the meeting is recommended prior to contacting a study abroad counselor.

### PANEL DISCUSSION: BLOCK THAT METAPHOR

6:30 - 8:30 P.M., GOERGEN HALL, ROOM 101  
This panel brings together professors from four different universities, including UR, to discuss whether corporations should continue to be treated by the law as individuals.

### HIP HOP MASTER CLASS WITH NICOLE KAPLAN

2 - 3 P.M., SPURRIER DANCE STUDIO  
This free master class will give participants to learn from Kaplan in an informal, intensive, and engaging experience.

### SEMINAR: SEX, FLIES, AND VIDEO TAPE

3 - 4 P.M., HUTCHISON HALL, ROOM 316  
Professor of biological and geological sciences at University of Western Ontario Amanda Moehrnig will give a presentation on the genetics of female mating choice in flies.

SATURDAY

SEPTEMBER 14

### EASTMAN SHOWCASE FOR ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGE MUSIC PROGRAMS

11 A.M. - 12 P.M., EASTMAN SCHOOL OF MUSIC, HATCH RECITAL HALL  
The free recital is presented for the New York State Association of College Music Programs and will feature performances on the guitar, piano, trumpet, bass, and drums in a variety of styles.

MONDAY

SEPTEMBER 16

### BIOLOGY DONUT TALK

12 P.M., HUTCHISON HALL, ROOM 473  
Enjoy donuts while University of Wisconsin professor John Doebley gives a presentation titled, “The Genetic Architecture of Maize Domestication: Low Hanging Fruit and Dark Matter.”

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

On Saturday, Sept. 15 at 1 p.m. the River Campus Medical Emergency Response Team (MERT) will conduct a mass casualty drill. The drill will simulate a bus and car accident with multiple victims. The Brighton Fire Department and Emergency Response Team will be involved. It will occur at the intersection of Intercampus Drive and the access road to Susan B. Anthony Residence Halls and may affect traffic until 5 p.m.

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WANT TO LEAVE A LEGACY?

## CAMPUS TIMES GENERAL INTEREST MEETING

SUNDAY, SEPT. 15 AT 2:30 P.M.  
RUTH MERRILL CENTER, WILSON COMMONS





# Rochester Promise renewed, extends tuition to local acceptants

**BY KARLI COZEN**  
SENIOR STAFF

The Rochester Promise, a tuition assistance program for students who graduate from a Rochester city high school, has been renewed and expanded for those graduating in 2014 and beyond.

“This is a program that offers some hope, a goal, and (for those few City school-goers who can prepare themselves to take advantage of it each year) reliable access to a higher education opportunity that thousands from all over the world long to experience,” Dean of Financial Aid and Admissions at the UR Jonathan Burdick said.

Those who qualify for the Rochester Promise were formerly guaranteed at least \$100,000

in tuition scholarship for graduating from a Rochester city high school, attended the high school for two years prior, gaining admittance to the UR on their own merit.

Changes to the scholarship now mean that, with additional government and University funding, it will equal full tuition for up to four years, a value estimated between \$145,000 and \$192,000.

Additionally, an income cap will be instated, making only those students whose families make less than \$137,400 a year, twice the area average, eligible to receive this scholarship.

According to Burdick, these changes are a result of evaluating the needs of a specific city school student and realizing that \$100,000 was no longer enough to make attending UR feasible.

“When I reviewed the situation, I realized that the original value of the Promise was no longer combining with the Federal Pell grant program and New York State Tuition Assistance Program dollars to approximate our tuition costs,” he said. “We made the adjustment and enrolled the student in this case, but those calculations were a wake-up call.”

Burdick said that families with students exceeding the income cap are still eligible and encouraged to apply for merit scholarships and other need-based financial aid packages. However, families with higher incomes do not need to have the automatic assurance of such a large award.

“I want students and families who can use the help to know that the Promise is real, but I

don’t need to ensure that families with privileges get even more privileges, nor is that ever one of the University’s deliberate goals,” Burdick said.

Since the program’s launch in 2007, over 70 individuals have enrolled at UR through the Rochester Promise as freshmen and transfer students. Those who graduated from the Rochester City School District may start their college education elsewhere to gain more preparation for their studies here and transfer afterward.

Tanya May, a junior first-generation college student, and a recipient of the Rochester Promise scholarship, entered UR as a freshman after graduating as valedictorian from Charlotte High School.

“I knew I wanted to apply [to UR], but I wasn’t sure I could

get in and I wasn’t sure I could afford it.”

May learned about the possibility of the Rochester Promise scholarship through her guidance counselor during her senior year. She was accepted to UR later that year.

Nahoma Presberg, a junior and graduate of the School of the Arts, an arts magnet school in Rochester, is another recipient of the Rochester Promise Scholarship.

“I think it’s really important to give city school kids the opportunity to attend four-year schools,” Presberg said. “It also brings a new perspective to campus, and it’s a different group of students and makes the student body more diverse.”

*Cozen is a member of the class of 2015.*

# ResLife scrambles to provide freshman housing

**BY ELLEN KIM**  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The class of 2017 is the largest freshman class to ever set foot in UR. With the mass of students coming to live on campus, the Office of Residential Life (ResLife) made unconventional preparations to accommodate them.

According to Associate Director for ResLife Karen Ely, 132 triples were set up in the Residential Quadrangle while five lounges in Susan B. Anthony Residence Halls were re-purposed as quadruples.

“Approximately 30 percent of the freshman class is directly impacted by living in a triple or a quad,” Ely said. “The rest of the class is accommodated in doubles or single rooms in Susan B. Anthony, Gilbert, Tiernan, Hoeing, and Lovejoy Two.”

For residents considering a room change, it should be known that priority for these requests will go to students in quads and triples because ResLife hopes to return the lounges to their original function.

“Assignment changes are made whenever and wherever a space exists—meaning that if a student lives in the Quad and wants to live in Susan B. Anthony when a space exists, [ResLife] will offer that change to the student,” Ely

said. “Typically, students get to accept or pass on a room change offer. With the students in the lounges, however, they will be reassigned to spaces as space is available.”

Although quads may sound undesirable, not all residents agree. Freshman Phyllis Imade, who lives in a lounge-turned quad, finds it acceptable.

“My first reaction when I found out that I would be living in a quad room was shock,” Imade said. “[It] was definitely a surprise.”

Still, Imade does not wish to move because she has become great friends with her roommates and does not mind sharing a room with them. Similarly, one of Imade’s roommates, freshman Pauline Mabie, said that she “enjoy[s] living in a quad” and would not mind being placed in a quad again.

They did acknowledge the downsides as well such as “fitting everything in one room” and having “limited privacy.”

In contrast, the occupants of triples are not so content with their housing situation. A major complaint that freshman Dan Kim and his roommates, occupants of a triple in Hoeing Hall, voiced was that the triple had little space.

“I applied to be in a triple



ALYSSA ARRE / PHOTO EDITOR

Due to the influx of freshmen, five lounges in Susan B. Anthony Residence Halls were converted into a quadruple, pictured above. Students in quadruples will be the first to move if alternate spaces are available in other dorms.

because I wanted the discount in housing,” Kim said. “If not for financial reasons, I would want to be placed in a traditional double.”

However, Kim also said that “part of college is experiencing new things and learning to live under new circumstances,” and living in a triple seems to accomplish this.

“It is hard to predict what campus growth plans may mean for freshman housing,” Ely said. “Conversations will continue about how best to house — and support — current freshmen in subsequent years [because] freshman and upper class housing are interconnected.”

According to Ely, adjustments and allocation of spaces can be

made differently when the sizes of each of the classes and housing retention rates are known.

UR “continues to review residence hall occupancy and on-campus housing demand to determine if additional residences may be needed in the future,” Ely said.

*Kim is a member of the class of 2017.*

# Public Safety a ‘mixed force’

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could mean up to 30 minutes.

With the peace officers, Paprocki says that they would be authorized to deal with situation themselves, offering an immediate response.

In 2010, university President Joel Seligman connected a security commission to evaluate UR security forces and their effectiveness in maintaining safety as well as what actions could be taken to improve the situation. Ron Paprocki, who chaired the commission, says that the pro-

cess took many months of research.

“In 2010, we were receiving strong signals from the officers that they were concerned that they didn’t have sufficient tools to deal with the changing environment [of public safety],” Paprocki said. “We recommended a mixed force, and that was accepted by the president. We wanted to move the security department up to the next level for ensuring a safe campus environment.”

*Smith is a member of the class of 2014.*

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## GRAND OPENING NEARS FOR RIVER CAMPUS' NEW DIGITAL MEDIA BUILDING

Ronald Rettner Hall for Media Arts and Innovation, the future home to the digital media studies and audio and music engineering departments, is expected to open early next month. The 18,900-square-foot facility will be open 24 hours and house several computer labs and study spaces. The building, which is named after UR trustee and philanthropist Ronald Rettner, is located next to Wilson Commons and Morey Hall.

# Sig Chi under censured status until Nov. 15

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prior to the hearing, and the charge of hazing.  
The hearing, held on May 10, followed the proceedings stipulated by the Center for Student Conflict Management (CSCM), which include witness testimony and a board of three faculty and staff members to review the evidence.  
Orton did not share the identities of those on the board, but Bohannon said that Sigma Chi was represented at the hearing by himself, Bronstein, and Sigma Chi Magister and Awards Chair Adam Kane.  
During the trial, Sigma Chi brought forward witnesses that included brothers and individuals from the new member class to testify on their behalf. UR used one telephone witness to speak about the alcohol policy violation but used no members of the pledge class.  
“Most of our questions are typically directed at the respondents (in this case, Sigma Chi) as we believe they are the ones who should have the most information behind the case,” Orton said.  
Orton was satisfied with the hearing’s procedure and resulting sanctions.  
“I believe it stuck to our mission, which is an educational process and not to just punitively punish students,” Orton said. “[Sigma Chi] was sanctioned with the belief from UR that we want them to continue... we feel that they should be part of this

community in some capacity because we want them to be successful.”  
Bronstein and Bohannon, however, were frustrated by the charges brought against their fraternity.  
Bronstein said that UR’s hazing definition left “a lot of gray area” and that “many things could be considered to cause physical or mental anguish.”  
The alcohol violation was a part of the hearing despite having occurred much earlier.  
“No matter how well the hazing could be explained, they

needed something [to catch us] that was black and white,” Bohannon said.  
At the conclusion of the hearing, the board recommended a set of sanctions to Orton, who accepted them.  
The fraternity is on censured status until Nov. 15, which means it is temporarily not recognized as a UR fraternity. Its house is considered an “academic living house,” but Sigma Chi brothers and pending members of last spring’s pledge class still live there.  
The house must be free of alco-

hol for the remainder of the year.  
Sigma Chi will also remain on probation for a duration of two years, and any violation of the Code of Conduct will result in immediate referral to Orton.  
The chapter will also complete a series of educational programs “connected to their values and structuring the leadership of the organization to make them more successful in the future,” DiSarro said.  
Such programs center on recruitment practices, alcohol and drug awareness, and a “strategic revisioning” of the brotherhood

as an organization.  
“They’re working very hard towards regaining full status,” Orton said. “I believe in Sigma Chi to turn things around. If that wasn’t the case, I don’t think I would have sanctioned the way I did. I’m quite confident they will be successful.”  
Although Orton and DiSarro are pleased with the progress of Sigma Chi since last spring, Bronstein and Bohannon were less enthusiastic about the expectations.  
“We’re kind of just doing what we have to do right now,” Bronstein said. “We want to get back to the place that we were a year ago, and obviously we’ll never be 100 percent back there with all the things we’re going to have to change to appease the school.”  
Sigma Chi will be allowed to initiate last spring’s pledge class as soon as its censured status is lifted. They will also be allowed an eight-person pledge class this upcoming spring, a revision that was made to the sanctions following an appeal. All pledging events, however, are now required to be open to the UR and alumni community.  
“The pledge process is going to be entirely different than it was when I pledged a few years ago,” Bronstein said. “We’re going to have to figure out how to create the same kind of brothers in a different way.”  
*Remus is a member of the class of 2016.*  
*Additional reporting by Casey Gould, class of 2014.*



ALYSSA ARRE / PHOTO EDITOR

Sigma Chi brothers pose outside their fraternity house. The chapter, which is on censured status until Nov. 15, has been allowed to retain their house on the Fraternity Quadrangle but will remain on probation until 2015.



# OPINIONS

EDITORIAL CARTOON



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EDITORIAL OBSERVER

## Let entrepreneurship guide your college years



BY FRANCIS HINSON  
MANAGING EDITOR

Dear class of 2017,  
Welcome to the college years, a period when you'll rediscover yourself, meet new influencers, and ask powerful questions. During this time, arguably the most vibrant years of your life, you'll almost certainly be swept into the tumult of a student's life. You'll also face some amazing experiences that you will cherish for years to come. But most importantly, you'll devote yourself to something — be it in academia, sports, or the arts.  
Your college major often serves as the compass for this enterprise, and your courses guide the direction of your journey. Amidst these endeavors, however, it's important to recall the power of creativity — the same creativity you harnessed as a child, building your favorite Lego creation, or finding a way to make your lemonade stand business a whopping success. As we focus more and more on our major and job opportunities, we so easily forget the power of an idea and the disruptive impact it can have on not just you, but everyone around you.  
I'm speaking of entrepreneurship — a tool to open your mind to creativity in any industry or pursuit. Simply put, it's one's ability to turn an idea into a creation, and it's exploding in college campuses around the world.  
Entrepreneurship offers creative freedom, something powerful that can not easily be acquired at school. Creative freedom allows you to work on an endeavor that demonstrates your deepest interests, values, and aspirations.  
There are a wide variety of benefits to pursuing an entrepreneurial endeavor: you can promote important social ideas,

attract funds through a product, or make something that can truly revolutionize mankind.  
Based on the above description, entrepreneurship surely sounds like a tall order. However, you can work your way to creating something meaningful and successful from just a few resources. For one, UR offers several entrepreneurial courses, undergraduate programs, and an incubator to help students develop their ideas. However, to get started with entrepreneurship, all you need is an idea and a sufficient amount of passion to pursue it.  
Take a look at Venmo, founded by Andrew Kortina and Iqram Magdon-Ismail. The two were originally randomly paired as freshman roommates at the University of Pennsylvania and together came up with several entrepreneurial ideas during their stay, such as a classified ad service for Penn students and an online iTunes competitor. Their idea for Venmo, one of the most popular mobile apps today, stemmed from a rather serendipitous occasion: Magdon-Ismail had forgotten his wallet, and so he paid back Kortina with a check to cover his expenses for the weekend. The two then realized that there should be a web service used to pay each other back. This need bore Venmo, a mobile app allowing friends to exchange money and make easy payments. With a little creativity and tenacity, the two college roommates have disrupted the mobile payment industry, all stemming from some initial brainstorming in their dorm room as undergrads.  
So as you begin to dive into your college ambitions, class of 2017, don't forget to keep your creative engines revving. At any point in your next four years, you may come across an idea that has the potential to effect change onto the entire world. Don't drown in the sea of academics; rather, stay afloat with innovation. Find the entrepreneur within you.  
*Hinson is a member of the class of 2016.*

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## Dining changes: a mixed bag

Dining Services has unveiled a slew of changes to its offerings this year, both welcome and dubious. The inclusion of microwaves at Pura Vida, the added option of "Grab-and-Go" meals at the Meliora, and extended hours at Starbucks are all improvements that will provide students with more options and greater convenience. Some of these changes, however, have come at quite the expense.  
Take, for instance, The Mel, formerly UR's only sit-down eatery, which has been scuttled in favor of the Mel Express. Its once extensive menu and restaurant-style service have been seriously diminished, the entire experience cheapened for the sake of convenience. "Grab-and-Go" meals and a sit-down experience are not mutually exclusive and should be offered together. Some things are worth the wait.  
Or consider Hillside Market, which has eliminated hot food altogether. While pre-packaged penne alfredo was not necessarily the most popular commodity, their absence is still sorely missed.  
"Whenever you make changes, it is important to watch and listen to customer reaction and make adjustments," Schauf said. "We spent a lot of time working through these changes, but there are always things that you can do better. We learn by putting things into action."

While we respect Dining Services for its commitment to fresh, novel ideas as well as its consideration of student feedback, too much change can be unwanted, overwhelming, and ultimately, hard to swallow.

## Bomb threat demands greater transparency

Despite last Friday's bomb threat in Wallis Hall, the University chose to withhold all information both during and after the incident. Despite the option of sending an AlertUR, the University kept students in the dark, a fact that disturbs us on several levels.  
"There is a step-by-step analysis that occurs very quickly to determine a threat's credibility," Deputy Director of Operations for Public Safety Mark Fischer said "The University chose not to publicize the incident at the time to avoid student panic."  
Still, if the administration believes that such a notification would pose a safety risk, it should at the very least release a statement shortly after the incident. The University's failure to communicate information about such a threat to student safety is cause for serious concern.  
We should follow the example of other institutions, such as Texas A&M, which sent a school-wide electronic alert with precise details about a bomb threat that occurred this past year. Incidentally, the school also implemented a campus-wide evacuation. UR should follow its lead.  
Although it is important to minimize panic and maintain order during such crises, it is equally crucial that we stay fully informed, lest our safety be compromised.

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# Military strike not the answer in Syria

BY ROBERT L. HOLMES

The storms clouds of a major Middle Eastern war have been gathering for years. A U.S. attack on Syria would bring that war closer, further destabilizing a region already reeling from violence.

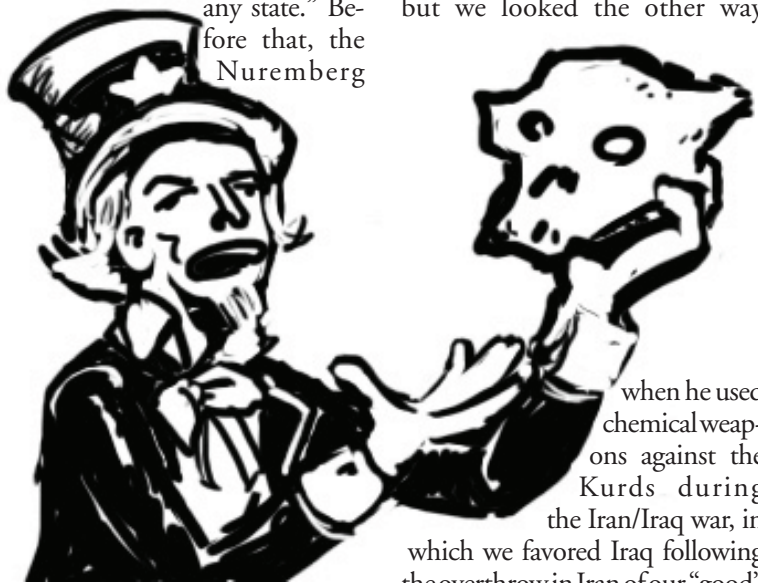
It would also have global consequences. Central to the world order that emerged with the evolution of the modern nation state is the idea of sovereignty, the right of states to noninterference in their internal affairs. That concept has been at the heart of international law since World War I and is central to the UN Charter. That world order is now crumbling. An attack on Syria could finalize its downfall.

The idea has gained ground recently that states lose their legitimacy — and sovereignty — if they violate the human rights of their citizens. Other states can then intervene to prevent such violations. But as there is no grand moral tribunal to make these judgments, it is left to governments to make them. Kosovo provided the model and so-called “humanitarian intervention” the rationale. As human rights violations abound in the world, the door is open for nations to pursue their own interests behind the fig leaf of humanitarian intervention.

The U.S. clearly seeks not only to punish the gassing of the Syrian people but also to bring about the downfall of the Assad regime. Its ally, Israel, reportedly supports an attack that will contribute to

a stalemate in the war, thereby weakening Syria’s ally, Iran. Both are national interest concerns, not humanitarian.

Whatever resolutions Congress may pass, the UN Charter (Article 2.4) mandates that “All Members shall refrain in their international relations from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any state.” Before that, the Nuremberg



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Charter (Article 6) defines crimes against peace as “planning, preparation, initiation, or waging of a war of aggression, or a war in violation of international treaties...or participation in a common plan or conspiracy for the accomplishment of any of the foregoing.”

An attack would be an act of war and seen as such in the Muslim world. Whether it would lead to a larger war is unpredictable. But

historically, heads of state have a dismal record of foreseeing the long-term consequences of their military ventures. There is little reason to think that today’s leaders can do any better.

The Syrian regime is a dictatorship, to be sure. But dictatorships are not illegal, and they rarely bother us when they serve our interests. Saddam Hussein was a dictator, but we looked the other way

when he used chemical weapons against the Kurds during the Iran/Iraq war, in which we favored Iraq following the overthrow in Iran of our “good” dictator, the Shah.

But we should remember that Iraq also represented a relatively progressive and secular Arab regime that was a bulwark against Islamic extremism. We seem to have forgotten that Osama bin Laden initially condemned Saddam Hussein as well as the autocracy of his own Saudi Arabia. Given our commitment to combating terrorism, this makes almost incomprehensible our 2003 attack on Iraq as well as the proposed attack on Syria. For

the Syrian rebels include not only freedom fighters, but also jihadists and criminals (in what proportions is a matter of dispute) of precisely the sort who would likely thwart any attempt to create a free and democratic Syria.

But the central issue is the moral one. The deaths of Syrian citizens by chemical weapons is tragic, as is the deaths of the 100,000 who have already been killed and the plight of the 6 million refugees and displaced persons created by the war. Both sides have committed atrocities; whether on the same scale, no one knows for certain. What is certain is that our killing still more people and possibly igniting a regional conflagration is not the solution.

Perhaps the Russian proposal will be accepted, and Syria will transfer control of its chemical weapons. But even if an immediate attack is averted, Bashar al-Assad would still remain in power, and the U.S. would still back the rebels. Accordingly, the U.S. seems bent on maintaining its military threat, as though Cruise missiles and B-52 bombers were rational devices by which to try to send a message to anyone.

We could be supporting the Syrian Non-Violence Movement rather than supplying the rebels in their quest for a violent takeover. That could send a message that we have a genuine regard for all the Syrian people and would be a form of humanitarian intervention worth supporting.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

We are writing to you today to express our concern for the full-color, full-page advertisement from the Glass Lab that ran in the orientation edition of the *Campus Times* on Tuesday, Aug. 27, 2013.

As administrators and professional staff at the University Health Service (UHS), we spend our time providing direct medical services to students as well as much time educating our students about making safe, responsible decisions related to their health and well-being, including one’s use of substances. We also support our campus’ zero-tolerance policy for illegal drug use.

The ad that ran not only displays a water bong, but also references blunt wrappers and other items needed for smoking. While all of these items can be used for smoking tobacco, it is also common practice to use these items to smoke marijuana.

We feel strongly that an ad such as this one does not reflect the values and behaviors of a UR student. It also saddens us to know that our class of 2017 parents saw this ad when they brought their students to campus. We cannot help but believe that as a community, we can do better.

According to the 2011 ACHA-NCHA II survey results from our campus, only 14 percent of our undergraduate students reported using marijuana in the past 30 days. An even smaller percentage, 6 percent, reported smoking a cigarette within the past 30 days.

An advertisement such as this, placed so prominently in our paper, not only supports and encourages commonly held misconceptions that everyone is participating in these activities, but it also lays a foundation for incoming students that reflects poorly on the campus as a whole.

Over the years, we have enjoyed reading the *Campus Times* and getting a student perspective on many issues that have come up within our community. We have a great level of respect for our student reporters and have been a part of several stories over the years. We have had student reporters as students in our classes, patients in the UHS, and employed as student workers. It would be our hope that as a community newspaper, the *Campus Times* would choose to select advertisements, regardless of the amount of income it may generate, that reflect the values and culture of our campus.

*Ralph Manchester is Vice Provost & Director of UHS.*

*Linda Dudman is Associate Director of Health Promotion at UHS.*

*Melissa Kelley is a Health Educator at UHS.*

# The case for bombing Syria

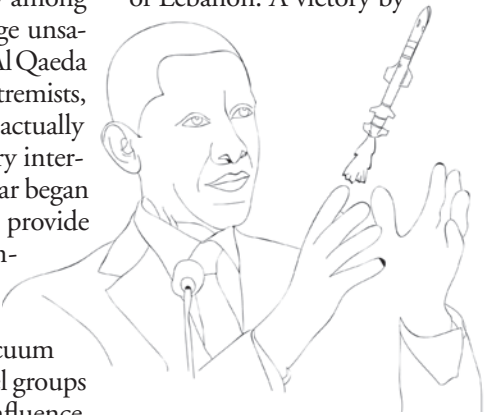
BY ZACHARY TAYLOR

If there’s one thing everyone agrees on, it’s this: Syria is a mess. Yet most of Syria’s possible futures are even scarier than the present, and the highest chance of avoiding them comes from encouraging the swiftest rebel victory possible. The costs of inaction far outweigh the costs of action.

Critics of an intervention often point to the lack of unity among the Syrian rebels and large unsavory elements including Al Qaeda sympathizers and other extremists, but these dynamics are actually key to justifying a military intervention. Since the civil war began and the U.S. refused to provide anything beyond “non-lethal aid,” Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and other donors have filled the power vacuum by arming particular rebel groups in a bid for postwar influence. Qatar in particular has been less than picky about arming groups with extremist ties. Syrian rebel groups cannot be easily divided into extremist and non-extremist — there’s a continuum — but the subset of rebels with sympathies for anti-American terrorism has grown over time and will continue to do so. As of now, the Free Syrian Army and other mainstream rebel groups are predominantly moderate, but if the war drags on, they may be marginalized. Many

non-interventionists worry about our rebel allies turning their guns on the U.S. after the war, but isn’t that risk better than extending the flow of arms to groups that don’t even claim to be our allies?

Let the extremists among the rebels tempt one to support Assad, it’s important to remember his alliance with Hezbollah, a terrorist organization that has arguably wrought even more havoc than Al Qaeda and controls large parts of Lebanon. A victory by



Assad would undoubtedly increase his violence against civilians, worsening the already unsustainable refugee crisis. It’s highly unlikely this scenario would lead to lasting peace as rebel groups would continue fighting Assad from refugee camps or Sunni areas in Lebanon. Lebanon has already been subject to spillover, and there’s a long historical precedent for this rebel tactic.

The scariest possibility of all is that no faction will attain clear victory, and Syria will become a failed

state. When Lebanon went through its civil war in the 70s, Palestinian terrorists used the power vacuum to establish a base of operations against Israel. Lebanon never recovered from the ensuing ground wars with Israel, and hundreds of Americans died in the process.

And I have yet to mention chemical weapons. It’s unlikely Assad can credibly commit to destroying his entire arsenal nor would he have a reason to if Congress votes against military action. If the rebels gain the upper hand and Assad fears them more than any international actors, he would likely unleash his entire arsenal. If not, and if some arms or precursor chemicals remain



AARON SCHAEFFER / PHOTO EDITOR

intact, an active U.S. role would make it easier to keep those arms out of the hands of extremists.


Putting Syria together after an American intervention will be a nightmare, but less of one than any alternative. The Syrian rebels are fractured and the Free Syrian Army disorganized, but at least it has a chance of putting Syria back together after the war, a chance that can only diminish with time.

Critics point to the mixed record of air power alone in humanitarian interventions, but they miss the point. Bombing a country alone usually fails to compel it to change its policies, but air power is good at changing the balance between existing ground forces. Due to political constraints, President Obama has denied seeking Libya-style regime change. However, he almost promised air strikes would seriously deter and punish Assad, and the only way to do that is to hurt Assad’s war effort

by an amount greater than chemical weapons could possibly help it. Syrian air defenses are weak and have been successfully penetrated by Israel several times. Americans are worried about the material costs of war, but an air-only campaign has a negligible cost. Bombing Libya, which involved more fighting than the President’s proposal, cost \$1 billion compared to the total U.S. defense budget (\$683 billion per year), or ground wars like Afghanistan and Iraq, or even to the economic sanctions already in place on Syria (\$1.5 billion per year in lost trade). The monetary costs of dealing with a failed or hostile Syrian state are huge, yet the human costs are even more so.

*Taylor is a member of the class of 2015.*





# 2013 Fall Elections Senate Platforms

Vote for your Senate, Class Council, Hall Council candidates Monday Sept. 16th  
10am - Tuesday Sept. 17th 10pm at [sa.rochester.edu/vote](http://sa.rochester.edu/vote)

ARHAM PASHA

“You cease to be a leader when you manipulate with your egos instead of convincing by your inspirations.” - Israelmore Ayivor  
This is exactly how our Senate should function. This is exactly how I will function. I do not intend to let my bias and ego get in the way of what my fellow University of Rochester students want and need. I will pursue what is right for the University based on you. I will make your issues, concerns and inspiration my own. I will work toward achieving our goals as a student body by convincing fellow senate members through the same inspiration which inspired our goals. Don’t underestimate the power of the common University of Rochester Student. We have the power to inspire change in our University. We have the power to make innovative decisions for our University. We have the power to initiate what is right for our University. The power has been given to us, as a student body, to inspire, innovate and initiate. It is up to us to select our leaders. Together we will inspire, innovate and initiate. Vote for Inspiration, Innovation and Initiation. Vote Arham Pasha for Class of 2017 Senate.

ADAM ROMAN

My name is Adam Roman and I am running for a position on the school Senate. Senate seemed like the perfect opportunity for me when I realized that I could actually improve everyone's life at this school. I want to see the University of Rochester undergo positive change, from the students’ point of view. Most importantly, my priority would be to connect the student body to the faculty and give everyone a voice. I’m excited for the opportunity to change the school. Please vote Adam Roman for your next senator.

BENJAMIN GERSTNER

Class of 2017, it is my honor to request your votes in my running for a position on the Student's Association Senate. I would assert that with my prior experiences, I would be able to fulfill the demands of being on the Senate. My leadership role on the Student Council and subsequently my membership on the Board of Education helped me develop communication skills. I feel that I am an approachable person who once I have been made aware of or notice an issue, will not rest until a solution is found. As of now I have little knowledge of current issues because along with most everyone else I have been on campus for only two weeks. However, I plan on immersing myself in campus activities and being a noticeable and friendly face around campus. If you see me, come up, introduce yourself and we can have a discussion about whatever is on your mind. Some might ask, “Why do you want to be on Senate, Ben?” The best answer I can give is, “Because the people who are crazy enough to think they can change the world, are the ones who do” (Steve Jobs). Now I do not think that I will be creating a new world order on campus, but I am not afraid to try something in a quest of ‘Meliora’.

BRIAN LEU

Hello fellow freshman at the glorious University of Rochester. My name is Brian Leu, and no, I am not Asian. What makes me qualified to lead the largest collection of world changing prodigies this university has ever seen? I am social enough to meet people and find out the needs of the class, but hard working enough to sit down and resolve issues in a timely manner. I am going to operate on two principles: communication and representation. A key component of any leader will be their ability to communicate effectively with a large student body. I love having my views challenged and I know you, the Rochester freshman who will shape the future of our society, have excellent suggestions and ideas. My room, Hoehling 225, is always open and I am an approachable person on every matter, no matter how trivial. It goes without saying that I intend to improve the opportunities and overall quality of life of the people I serve to the best of my abilities because if you are not happy, I am not happy. Trust me, Brian Leu, to lead you and I will fight day and night for you, the center of the University of Rochester, and email me at [bleu@u.rochester.edu](mailto:bleu@u.rochester.edu) or stop by to talk at any time.

COREY RETELL

Hello Class of 2017! My name is Corey Retell and I'd like to represent you on the Student's Association Senate. It is fitting that our school's motto is “Meliora”, because my goal if I become a senator would be to constantly better the university in all its aspects for the entire student body. If elected, I wouldn’t take that goal lightly. I would make sure that I was in constant communication and contact with each class (especially the Class of 2017) paying special attention to everyone's opinions and ideas on how to make Rochester a better school and a better place to live. I hope that if you believe in my simple goal you will vote for me and join me in my mission to make this already great university even better. Thank you for your consideration.

DARBY MCCALL

Hey class of 2017! My name is Darby McCall and I’m running for Senate. We’ve only been here a couple of weeks, so I know most of you don’t know me yet, but I hope to meet as many of you as possible within our first semester here at Rochester. One interesting fact about me is that I’m a triplet. I believe that experience makes me a natural choice for a leadership role on student government. Why? Because as a triplet I’ve learned that there are times you need to share things, times you need to sit back and listen, and times you need to step up and take charge. As a senate member I promise to share thoughts and ideas that will help the student body. I promise to sit back and listen to your suggestions and concerns. And I promise to step up and make our voices heard on the campus. My sisters and I have always been one for all and all for one. I can’t think of a better motto for a student senate candidate. So please, vote Darby McCall for senate! :)

(HECTOR) ANTONIO CARDENAS

Don’t walk in front of me; I may not follow. Don’t walk behind me; I may not lead. Just walk beside me and be my friend. My name is Hector Antonio Cardenas Marcos. I am a Mexican international student from Monterrey, who has been involved in politics since junior year of high school. I have extensive experience working with other politicians, as I was the youth coordinator of my city’s leading political party: PAN. My loyalty is and will always be with the people whom I represent. If elected to the senate, I will focus solely in improving my peers’ academic and social standards. I am not afraid to stand up for what my constituents want and need; your interests, your desires. I will relentlessly pursue what I believe is necessary for the community. And I’ll not permit a single act of self-benefit. Every community has a social contract. A contract in which every individual should benefit from and also contribute to, resulting in a vibrant campus community. I am here to facilitate this communal interaction and to represent you, my fellow Freshman. Vote for experience and integrity. Vote Antonio Cardenas!

JASON ALTABET

My name is Jason Altabet, NOT Alphabet (I CANNOT imagine who has been defacing all my posters), and I am running for SA Senate. First, I would like to congratulate you all for being part of the biggest class in the University’s history. However, such an honor also leaves our class at a disadvantage. We are already experiencing some of the issues that this extra population brings: only triples and quads can get lofting changes, room-mates are stuck together no matter the trouble, classes filling up even quicker and more regularly than usual, and all the other problems several HUNDRED more students than expected bring. In Student Senate I would fight to help alleviate these problems by working to; include greater access in the future to dorms typically reserved for other grades, allocate extra funding for clubs and organizations as they struggle to accommodate the excess members now flooding into their introductory meetings, and much more. As treasurer of 6 clubs in High School and President of 2 clubs, I have the experience to get these problems fixed. Overall if elected to Class Council I would bring my fiscal expertise, my experience running large clubs, my can-do spirit, and MUCH MUCH MORE! So vote Jason Altabet- AHem Jason ALTABET for Student Senate!

JOSH ANES

WHAT’S UP CLASS OF 2017!? It has been great meeting many of you during Orientation; we have an extremely DIVERSE class with many different talents and abilities. No wonder we are so highly regarded by the faculty and administration! So, since we are the “greatest class in UoR history,” we need STRONG leadership that will allow our class to reach its fullest potential. We need someone who will REPRESENT the will of the student body, the voice of the freshmen, the sentiments of what the students of our class want. We need someone who will make our class EVER BETTER. That is why I humbly ask for your vote. I will create proposals that will call for more student intervention in the daily affairs at the UoR. As freshmen, we should have a large say in all changes made by our University, whether these changes be made by the students or the administration. This is essential to the well-being of the University; THE FACULTY AND ADMINISTRATION MUST UNDERSTAND THE CONCERNS AND OPINIONS OF THE STUDENTS (especially our class!) BEFORE ENFORCING LEGISLATION. As past Treasurer and VP of my high school’s student government, I have the experience of working with other students and the administration. Therefore, be sure to vote for JOSH ANES FOR SENATE, so the rest of the University “Remembers oUR name!”

JENNY JUEHRING

Hello fellow classmates! To those of you who already know me, thank you for making the first few weeks on campus unforgettable, you have truly shown me the meaning of friendship. To those of you who do not know me, my name is Jenny Juehring. I would love to be able to meet you, because you are the reason that I am running to be your Senator. I am not running for Senate to have my own opinions and viewpoints be heard, I am running because I want to represent you and your viewpoints and opinions. Whether your concerns include campus safety, dining hall services, internet connection, or the overall atmosphere of campus, I am here to represent you and let your voice be heard. If you ever see me around campus, please do not hesitate to come up and talk to me (I am one of the few red heads on campus so I will be easy to spot). I care about your opinions and I want to hear what YOU have to say about campus life and what I can do about it. I am here for you and I am looking forward to meeting you and hearing what you have to say!

JOSHUA WOLFGANG

Hello, my name is Joshua Wolfgang and I’m majoring in Business and Economics at the UR. In the next four years we will embrace new experiences, acquire new knowledge and face new challenges. I am the person to help you overcome any of those challenges that may arise, as well as introduce cutting edge ideas. I would be acting as a liaison between our class and the University, addressing and voicing every one of the student body’s concerns. I will help bridge the gap between the students and administration by using my past experience as President of my class, student council, and student leadership board. Using my exposure in these capacities, I promise to always strive to embody what it means to be a student Senator. Going forward I have three goals for our class: 1) To continue to enhance the student life and ensure that every student can find a group with similar interests and passions as their own. 2) To find ways for my peers to discover the unique traits and experiences each of us possesses. Creating a diverse, open environment. 3) To help my class be the most active one yet: a class where everyone can voice their opinions, be heard, and see tangible results. Thank you for your time and for considering me for this position. Make a BANG, vote WOLFGANG!

KLEMENS GOWIN

Greetings, Class of 2017. My name is Klemens Gowin and I’m running for Senate because I want to make a difference. A good leader has to be well attuned to the student body and passionate about his or her work. Having encountered a wide variety of people and experiences, I believe that I am able to understand many perspectives, a trait which makes me a strong representative for the Class of 2017. Also, since becoming involved with student government in high school, I’ve enjoyed solving problems and bettering my environment, and I wish to do the same here at the U of R. I am willing to listen to whatever concern you may have. I am hard-working, experienced, and dedicated to being your representative on the Senate. Vote Klemens for 2017 Senate! You win with Gowin.

Class Council Candidates

**CRISTIAN PAGAN, COREY RETELL, DESTINY MAITLAND, DARBY MCCALL, DEAN SMIROS, ELIZABETH BESON, EVAN KEEGAN, ANTONIO CARDENAS (HECTOR), JASON ALTABET, JOSEPH MAJESKY, LING HE (KELLY), LIANGWEI HUANG (JERRY), IRENE WHITE, MATTHEW HOCHBERG, NICK WACHTER, PALAK PATEL, SAM LAWYER, STEPHEN WEGMAN, ZEQUING ZHENG**

KARA MICHELLE D. RUBIO

Hello Class of 2017! My name is Kara Rubio and I am running to represent YOU as a Freshman Senator. As senator, I have the opportunity to voice your thoughts, suggestions and opinions in student government, serving you as a liaison between our class and the administration. I am dedicated, hard working and responsible and, trust me, I will ALWAYS have your best interests at heart. I have had numerous experience being a leader in the past, including being captain of both my Mock Trial and Cross-Country teams, president of my local chapter of the National Honor Society and my school’s representative to Guam’s Youth Congress. Vote for someone who is dedicated to making your next 4 years on campus ever better! Vote for someone with “Kara-cter”! Vote for Kara Rubio!

IRENE WHITE

Rochester is a place where we feel at home. People from around the globe gather and form a family, and for those who don’t feel at home at UoR yet-- I assure you you will by voting for me. I am a proponent of inclusion. It is my dream to be one of the influential participants in this vibrant community. My main goal is to prosper in making the students of Rochester a closely knit group. I’ll achieve this by devoting my time as a member of the senate to come up with innovative ideas that appeal to the diverse interests of my peers. We are quirky people. Embrace it. Each individual has something stellar to add that will make this a more exciting place to belong to--irrelevant of what your main interests. My role as a leader in the senate will be to hone in all the brilliant talent UoR offers and combine it to make us a productive and creative undergraduate group. My primordial goal if I get elected is to ensure that everyone that has a concern is able to voice it. Striving for improvement is what makes us “Meliora”, ever better, and that is what I wish to enhance during my tenure. Understanding and consideration are essential for success. Please contact me at [mblanco4@u.rochester.edu](mailto:mblanco4@u.rochester.edu) for questions.

MICHAEL JUNG

Greetings Class of 2017! My name is Michael Jung and I will be running for the Class of 2017 Senate. I have had the pleasure of meeting a portion of the diverse study body of the Class of 2017. Despite being such a diverse student body, I found that we as a class have certain desirable traits. I want to focus on one of these traits during my tenure as a senator. Competition. In one form or another, students of the Class of 2017 strive to attain achievements through constant competition. We push ourselves to the limit and I would like to be able to create some fun amidst the competition. Whether it be organizing a math competition or a soccer tournament, I am willing to dedicate my time and energy so that we as a class can have a more enjoyable college experience. I am an ASIAN NERD who can bring a unique voice to the Senate. VOTE JUNG FOR SENATE!

NOAH BENDER

Hi, my name is Noah Bender, and I’m from Cleveland (Go Browns!). Over the last few weeks I have had the privilege of meeting many of the lovely people in the class of 2017. I recognize the diversity of our class and our school and with this in mind I will address the many viewpoints that are expressed here, because no voice is too small to be heard. I want to maximize the power of students to effect change in our school by being an advocate. Needed improvements in the restrooms, and dorms with poor wireless coverage have both been brought to my attention, simple issues that should have been dealt with long ago. I will always be just an email away, ensuring that even the smallest concerns will result in feedback and follow-up. Running a historical center in the Cleveland Metroparks, and heading up several organizations in high school has given me a strong background in leadership and community involvement. I was trusted with these posts because I was known to be a driven guy who got things done. As a Class of 2017 senator I will continue to get things done for the better, so vote Noah Bender!

NICHOLAS CONTENTO

Hello fellow University of Rochester freshmen! My name is Nicholas Contento and I am running for the position of Senator on the Class of 2017 Senate. I believe that I would make a great candidate for this position because I am very compassionate about student government, as well as the needs of our student body. I spent a great deal of time in high school being actively involved in student government. Since my sophomore year I was a member of my Student Council, and I served as president of the club in my final two years. During this term as president, I coordinated several school events such as pep rallies and fundraisers. Additionally, I sat as a member of my city’s School Board as a Student Representative. This position required me to deliver a monthly report to the Board expressing the achievements and needs of my school. These two positions required me to think critically while maintaining a strong sense of organization and time management. This past experience in student government strongly influenced my decision to run for a Senatorial position. I am well prepared to devote a significant amount of time attempting to fulfill the needs of my peers, whatever they may entail. I’m very excited to run as Senator, so I hope you all vote for me and let me represent our class!

(JEFFERY) OLASUNKANMI

Hi Fellow members of the class of 2017. My name is Jeffrey and I am asking YOU to entrust me with your voice and vote. .Why would I even dare to ask to represent you when I have barely interacted with a significant number of you to know what means the most to such a diverse class? I have dared because I have chosen to harness the beauty in our diversity to help fulfill the common dream of becoming ever better. New to the system at Rochester I would like to have you vote for me because of what I bring to the table, having spent two years at the African Leadership Academy in South Africa where I helped found a student organization and represented Nigerian youths at the UN Rio+20 conference on sustainable development I believe that I am equipped with the experience of soliciting your ideas towards making your college experience great and interesting. My mandate is a promise, a promise to ensure that your voice is heard, a promise of improvement. I promise to push the already enjoyable status quo to improve on the dinning, school spirit, academic situation of our school. Vote for me because I made you a promise, a promise of leadership.

SARAH PISANIELLO

Hey Class of 2017! I am an International Relations major from a small town a few hours north. I spent my last year of high school at a college, where I had the chance to see firsthand the astounding impact a student government can have on campus. The senate can work with the student body to change what we find inadequate, and amp up anything that can be improved. In the past few years I’ve been News Editor of the Clarkson University student newspaper, president and treasurer of my high school Drama Club, and an exchange student. I’ve also participated in clubs and activities from Scouting to Eco Club and Ballroom Dance. I’ve learned that there is no limit to what can be done when someone jumps in with determination and passion. I’m ready to help make our college experience the best years yet. Let’s go ‘17!

SAAD USMANI

What is the ideal to strive for? As a kid, I believed that a man with a red cape would pick me up if I fell. But that belief doesn’t cut it anymore. You realize that if anyone is going to save you – it is yourself. You realize that it’s ridiculous to depend on your right hand side because it’s just not worth it. And with the constant struggles of our generation, who’s to prove you wrong? But here’s the thing: it shouldn’t be that way. There should not be a shortage of dependability. There should not be a closed box surrounding you – and with the knowledge of how to open the box, there should be no reason for suffocation. Can’t we create policy that strives for our students to be balanced in all sections of the University spectrum? Can’t we create policy that satisfies everyone and extinguishes the premise of compromise? With these policies, I want to encourage active involvement of students in administration and the creation of a convenient system for students to voice their ideas. All it takes is complete unification, and if we stand to unify against those problems that we will face as freshmen, then there will not be a need for those superheroes we needed as kids. Saad for Senate.

STEPHAN WEGMAN

Hello Class of 2017! I am Stephen Wegman (Before you ask... I may or may not be related to THE Wegmans, continue reading to find out) and I am running for Class Council and Senate. My interest in student government here directly stems from my early connections with the University of Rochester. As a Rochester native and sibling of two UR students, I have an extensive background with the school. Despite this previous experience, I was taken aback by the openness and amicability I received from students and faculty here in these past few weeks. The close-knit community paired with the bountiful opportunities that this University offers is a wonderful combination. Each member of our Class has talents, talents that they brought to the University to develop and perfect. I want to make this as accessible as possible for you. As part of Senate, I would try to make everything about student life more manageable and enjoyable; I am motivated to improve everything from finances to food services. I will make it my job and my personal responsibility to make the University of Rochester “ever better.” Vote Stephen Wegman for Senate. PS. I’m not related to the founder of the mind-blowingly awesome Wegmans grocery store chain. I’d like to think I’m still a pretty swell guy though.

TRISTAN FORD

Hey Class of 2017! My name is Tristan and I'd be honored to represent you in the Senate. It's only been two short weeks since we met but the diversity, passion, and intelligence of our class is clear. As your Senator, I will bring your ideas to the table and make them a reality. Let's start with the most important issues at hand: money and food . (1) Last year, the Senate approved a \$1,154,250 budget for the 2013-2014 school year - in just 45 minutes . Most of this discussion was centered around the funding of a single group. As Senator I will push for adequate time for everyone to understand the budget and ensure that every student group receives its fair share. (2) Being successful your freshman year involves not only studying, but a damn good meal. Long lines and small portions are not efficient for a student running on a tight schedule. Let's eliminate the dinner rush pandemonium and add a little more spice to that pesto. To find out more about me and my platform, please visit [www.tristanford.org](http://www.tristanford.org) or contact me at [tristan.ford@rochester.edu](mailto:tristan.ford@rochester.edu)

TATE RICHARDS

Hi I'm "Tasty" Tate Richards. If elected I promise to provide students with access to wireless internet regardless of location on the River Campus. Also, I will get Dyson Airblades in campus restrooms to reduce our environmental impact (and let's be honest, running out of paper towels is awful). I have experience in roles such as this: I was an officer in the Mississippi Youth Senate and the Chairman of the Southaven Mayor's Youth Council. So, please vote for me and have a great first year.

VICTOR MA

My name is Victor Ma and I am running for a position on the Class of 2017 Senate! I came from Beijing China and am planning on major in International Relations and Economics. As a International freshman, I would love to represent the student body to improve the U of R as community and bring everyone closer as a family. I was a proctor and a student government official at my high school, so I have some experiences on how to contribute to the U of R community as a student leader. I do not want to make any empty promises, but the first thing I will try to accomplish is to create more integrations between the international students and the local students through variety of activities to really enhance our advantage of having such a international and diverse community. I am also going to serve as a window of the student body to try to represent your interests and turn your wishes in to realities. Weather I am elected or not I will still want to have to chance to meet all of you and work with all of you to make U of R a better place! I am really proud to be part of such an amazing family! Please vote for me! Victor Ma, Class of 2017 Senate!

YIHAN JIN

Our time at Rochester is going to be the most memorable time in our life while it will have a life-long impact on us. Hey dear class of 2017, my name is Yihan Jin, a girl who is full of energy and creativity, and who is wishing to make our freshmen year the best you could ever imagine. I am from China but I ain't a Communist, so no worries, I am going to treat your support with my highest honor and an open mind. I spent the past two years in American high school, one year in New Hampshire and one year in California. Moreover, I have served in student government throughout my high school career as a representative and later a vice president. With your vote and my experience in different diverse communities, I will honor the great diversity here at Rochester and try to enrich all students' college life. I will work to shorten the distance between students, Student's Association, and the school administration. Let students' voices be heard, let SA and administrators well informed, and let our school year be “ever better.”



# FEATURES



DEVIN EMBIL / CONTRIBUTING PHOTOGRAPHER

Protesters express disapproval with the authoritarian regime in Turkey. The protests, which began at the end of May, continued through the summer. The situation remains unresolved, and protests persist.

## KEY Scholar recounts summer protests in Turkey

BY DEVIN EMBIL  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

I woke up on May 31 in Istanbul, Turkey. I have lived there my entire life. Though I was home for a few days, I knew this summer was going to be different. As usual, my day began by checking Facebook. A friend was posting photos of people amassing in Gezi Park, located in Istanbul's historic city center. Captions read, "police attack innocent people... tear gas... water cannons." I wasn't sure what was going on, so I turned on the TV to check our local (and until then, completely reliable) news channels. I found nothing related to the protests. Was this all a joke? What was actually happening?

The more statuses and updates I saw posted by friends around the city, the more I realized that something unprecedented was occurring. My friends were posting history in the making in real time.

After I dug deeper into the situation, primarily with social media, I realized that my friends were among a large group of environmental activists protesting the demolition of Gezi Park. As one of the last green spaces within this busy and constantly expanding city of nearly 15 million people, it was appalling to discover it was

being destroyed to build a mall. That morning, the Turkish police were ordered to clear out the protestors from the park. They did so by launching an aggressive assault on with tear gas, pepper spray, and water cannon vehicles. Many were arrested and taken in for questioning; many others wounded after being shot with tear gas canisters; more stood their ground, refusing to give into the violence.

It was shocking to know what was going on despite the situation's absence from the news. They did not broadcast the police brutality. Our revolution would not be televised.

In the following days, more and more people learned of the news and heard about what had been going on through direct communication and social media. Videos showing police brutality against protestors quickly went viral, infuriating the masses. You could hear the anger in the streets as people resorted to banging pots and pans in protest. People even travelled from Asia by crossing the Bosphorus Bridge to support the Gezi Park protestors. Fans from the three major rival soccer teams in Istanbul were united arm-in-arm, marching together for a common goal. Within a couple of days, tens of thousands gathered in Gezi Park and Taksim

Square, forcing the police to withdraw.

This was not just about the destruction of trees, greenery, or even a well-known landmark. This was about ignoring the people. This was about the abuse of state power and acts of violence against the people. This was about media cen-

“It was shocking to know what was going on despite the situation's absence from the news... Our revolution would not be televised.”

ship and suspended freedom of speech. The people would no longer tolerate these injustices; we wanted a true democracy.

The Turkish government is currently led by the Justice and Development Party. Throughout its 10-year term, its authoritarian control has steadily grown with each arrest or legal proceeding against artists, journalists, and elected officials.

Before the protests, the prime minister had proposed changes to

the sale and regulation of alcohol in Turkey. People were concerned that their personal freedoms were at risk.

As the Gezi Park protestors grew in number, the prime minister denounced them, calling them "çapulcu," meaning marauder or vandal in Turkish. This didn't stop protestors. In fact, they embraced the phrase. More began gathering in the Turkish capital of Ankara and were met by police opposition within weeks. The protests spread to over 70 cities across Turkey.

I first joined protests on June 2. At first, I was hesitant about becoming involved, but I wanted to be part of history. More importantly, I felt it was my duty to stand up for my rights as a Turkish and American dual citizen.

My mom was especially worried about me going to the park when she saw that I had marked my blood type on my arm in case I was injured. However, I told her I would be home for dinner, and I was. I drove as far into the city with a friend as I could, but I couldn't get anywhere near Taksim Square or Gezi Park. I decided to take a taxi for the rest of the trek.

The driver, noticing my painter's mask and goggles (my makeshift teargas protection), asked if I was part of the resis-

tance. He told me that he wasn't going to charge me for the cab fare after I replied, "Yes."

My free cab ride was a basic but illustrative example of how people went out of their way to help each other during the protests. An impromptu community had formed in Gezi Park. They accepted and handed out food and water, as well as set up a working infirmary and library. People wrote poems, drew, painted, and performed musical acts including the "Gezi Park Philharmonic Orchestra."

People in the park were excited to be united, but they were also very much on edge. If someone in the crowd turned too quickly, everyone reacted and turned to see.

I was invited by a friend to a mass-texting group of about 75 people who would communicate news and updates on police positions throughout the city. Because the news channels weren't showing what was really going on, we had to do our own reporting and news sharing. Throughout the course of the protests, people started getting smart. They started coming up with methods to avoid the tear gas that was fired upon them by teargas canister launchers, or dropped from helicopters into the park. Combinations of lemon, milk,



# Textbooks rentals up

BY MELISSA GOLDIN  
PUBLISHER

Textbooks can be quite costly, and undergraduates are increasingly taking advantage of the UR bookstore's textbook rental program.

The number of students who choose to rent has increased by 14 percent over the last three semesters. The bookstore first offered this program in the spring of 2010.

"Textbook rentals have become very popular with UR students," UR bookstore manager Maria Ferrante said.

In fall 2011, 33 percent of students chose to rent when purchasing their books. The number of students renting increased to 40 percent in fall 2012 and inched higher to 47 percent last semester. This increase coincides with expanded options; last fall, only half of the textbooks available in the bookstore were rentable compared to 80 percent this semester.

Despite the growing popularity of the rental program, many students still choose to buy textbooks from websites such as Half.com, which is run by eBay, and Amazon, where they are typically more affordable. For example, the required textbook for Introduction to Psychology costs nearly \$130 to rent at the bookstore, yet it is less than half that on Amazon.

"There's really no point in ever getting them in person," junior Lucian Copeland, who usually buys his books from Amazon or tries to find free digital versions, said.

However, some students are willing to pay the higher prices as the purchase and delivery is instantaneous. Senior Emily Kopp usually buys her books online but will go to the bookstore if she needs them immediately. When this happens, she prefers to rent as she feels that she won't use them when the semester ends. Renting then becomes a better choice because she isn't satisfied with the money she is offered to sell them back.

"I don't mind renting, but I don't usually buy the books," she said. "I feel like I'm never going to use them again."

*Goldin is a member of the class of 2013.*



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From left to right, the Chamber Boys and seniors Sharath Koorathota, Joseph Prosack, Ben Levy, Nick LeClaire, and Patrick Adelman convene in the WRUR Studio.

# Chamber Boys prank goes viral

BY DOUG BRADY  
FEATURES EDITOR

Around midnight on Thursday, Sept. 5, five seniors — Patrick Adelman, Sharath Koorathota, Ben Levy, Joseph Prosack, and Nick LeClaire — posted a video of one of their pranks. Little did they know that the video would reach over 8 million YouTube views.

The Chamber Boys convene weekly to create what they call a "synergistic media platform" or, in other words, a talk radio show with supplementary video content.

The whole point of the prank as well as Chamber Boys' other video content is to promote their radio station, which airs every Friday from 4 to 6 p.m. on WRUR, UR's student-run radio show. On their show, they banter about campus events, discuss their personal lives, and interview guests.

Adelman, who impersonated chemistry lecturer Benjamin

Hafensteiner, wanted to pull a prank specifically on freshmen.

"I wanted to capitalize on their naivety, specifically that of the pre-meds and people with dreams," Adelman said.

Despite appearing on the show previously, Hafensteiner was initially hesitant. He later decided to offer the first five minutes of class for the prank.

"I thought that it would start the class out at a high energy level and use it as an icebreaker to get the students on the same page," Hafensteiner said. "I also thought that I could show our class that I am not the stereotypical, tweed jacket-wearing, fear-instilling professor, which Pat played perfectly."

On the first day of Hafensteiner's Chemistry 131 class, Koorathota, Prosack, and LeClaire set up their cameras throughout Hubbell Auditorium and awaited Adelman's arrival. The team planned a script weeks in advance and rehearsed it extensively. A laugh from a camera or Adelman breaking character would have deflated the entire joke.

Adelman entered five minutes early and wrote his alias on the board. "I expected the room to get silent after that," he said. And it did.

In the video, Adelman begins by saying that 55 percent of the last year's class failed the course. Next, he asked that all students

considering a pre-med career stand up. He then tells the left and middle sections to sit down, indicating that only a third of prospective medical students will become successful.

Freshman Anne Peterson was among those in the class.

"I thought he was joking, so I laughed, but when I realized that no one else was laughing, I actually got kind of scared," Peterson said. "It was unnerving."

Feeding off of the collective panic, Adelman ordered everyone to close all laptops and put away their cell phones. The Chamber Boys later playfully edited the video to include the subsequent "laptop kill count."

"I was more than a little freaked out by the fake professor," freshman Taylor Page said.

Both Page and Peterson were convinced, as was the entire class, that Adelman was the actual Dr. H. until the real Hafensteiner confronted his imposter. Adelman

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"I wanted to capitalize on their naivety, specifically that of the pre-meds and people with dreams."

- Senior Patrick Adelman

# UR OPINION

BY AARON SCHAFFER  
PHOTO EDITOR

"WHAT SONG ALWAYS CHEERS YOU UP?"



CAROLN GERACI '16

"Die Young by Kesha."



RACHEL KONOWITCH '15

"Love on Top by Beyoncé."



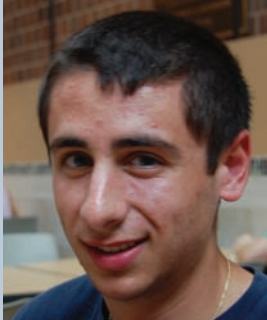
AKIRA WONG '14

"Applause by Lady Gaga."



JAMES RUTLEDGE '15

"Alone with You by Deadmau5."



TREVOR IVANOV '15

"For a Dancer by Jackson Brown."



SARA KOWALSKI '17

"Banana Phone by Raffi."



# Student joins ‘historic revolution’

PROTEST FROM PAGE 8

news channels weren’t showing what was really going on, we had to do our own reporting and news sharing. Throughout the course of the protests, people started getting smart. They started coming up with methods to avoid the tear gas that was fired upon them by teargas canister launchers, or dropped from helicopters onto the park. Combinations of lemon, milk, vinegar, and various antacids seemed to actually help neutralize the burn from the clouds of teargas that protesters were exposed to. The more courageous few went as far as using gloves to catch and defuse the tear gas canisters individually by placing and sealing them in barrels filled with water.

One of my favorite signs that I saw while I was in the park translated to “Turkey, you become beautiful when you are angry!”

During another visit to the park, I walked up a road with many barricades along it. In order to keep the police out of the park, the protestors used whatever they could find (sidewalk slabs, scaffolding, vehicles, etc.) to block the roads. I had never seen a real barricade before, and I never thought I would experience Les Misérables in my own backyard. Seeing how a country was able to grow stronger together regardless of the government’s decisions and



DEVIN EMBIL / CONTRIBUTING PHOTOGRAPHER

Embil, above, was among this summer’s protestors in Istanbul’s Gezi Park.

continuing police brutality was truly a once in a lifetime experience. The use of tear ..gas and water cannons continued throughout most of June, but lessened once the Turkish courts halted the decision on the demolition of the park.

The revolutionary summer really put life into perspective for me. The Turkish government might want to continue business as usual,

but the citizens’ continued belief in true democracy will remain strong. Even though things have calmed down, I am anxious to see what will unfold back at home, and I hope our efforts, the people’s efforts, will not be forgotten.

Her yer Taksim, her yer direni. Everywhere is Taksim, everywhere is resistance.

*Embil is a KEY Scholar.*

# YouTube video trends

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sprinted out of the auditorium to the nervous excitement of the class.

Koorathota, one of the three Chamber Boys filming the prank, is a pre-med student himself.

“I would be terrified if I was in their situation,” Koorathota said.

The Chamber Boys spent the next 48 hours crafting the footage into a three-minute-and-nine-second video.

Around midnight on Thursday, Sept. 5, they, posted the video onto the videos subreddit and waited. Within a couple of hours, it was number one on the front page, where it would remain through the morning. Soon after, the Chamber Boys were also interviewed by the local news: YNN, 13WHAM, and the Democrat & Chronicle. The story was picked up shortly thereafter by The Huffington Post, Gawker, BuzzFeed, and Fox News.

The video currently has more than 8 million views. The new

traffic to their YouTube channel has increased the number of views on their other videos from a couple hundred hits to tens of thousands.

They will continue to focus on making entertaining segments.

In the past, the Chamber Boys talked with Professor of Economics Stephen Landsburg about his controversial blog post, and brought New York Senator Joe Robach into the studio. Other guests have included male strippers and drag queens talking about their boobs. There was a live waxing on air once. Nothing is off-limits.

Adelman’s performance has brought him newfound attention.

“I have been approached,” he said. “There is a lot of staring and pointing.”

As for Hafensteiner, he remains unfazed.

“Being Internet famous is like turning 26,” he said. “You feel exactly the same.”

*Brady is a member of the class of 2015.*

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# HUMOR

## Channel your inner Miley Cyrus

BY DAVID WEINBERG  
STAFF WRITER

Tired of yourself? Need a little change in your life? Have a strong desire for random strangers to tweet about you? Have no fear; the solution to your problems is right in front of you. Thanks to Miley Cyrus’ epic image change, a guide to changing your lifestyle has been created. Follow these five steps to spice up your life.

Go nude. Tear up your Feel the String shirt, and wear as little clothes as possible. What’s the point of a great image change if you don’t have the confidence to back it up? Your bare ass is sure to turn a few heads. Pro tip for men — and those bear-like woman — don’t be afraid to bring a razor to your bum for a clean, fresh look.

Get a haircut. Let’s be honest. Your shaggy, hipster “I don’t care look” is out of style. You’re not fooling anyone when you say, “I woke up like this.” Miley’s hair is uneven, and it looks great. It’s a haircut that should keep people guessing (on what your sexuality might be).

Grind on married, older people — on the street, during class, at the VMAs. Nothing’s cooler than being a home-wrecker.

Lick everything around you. Preferably, lick things that shouldn’t be licked. Options include your desk lamp, your newly acquired syllabuses, and students who work at the Common Market.

Give zero fucks. Bad press? Death threats on twitter? Upper-class moms mad at you for breaking down race barriers through dance? Who cares? This is your moment

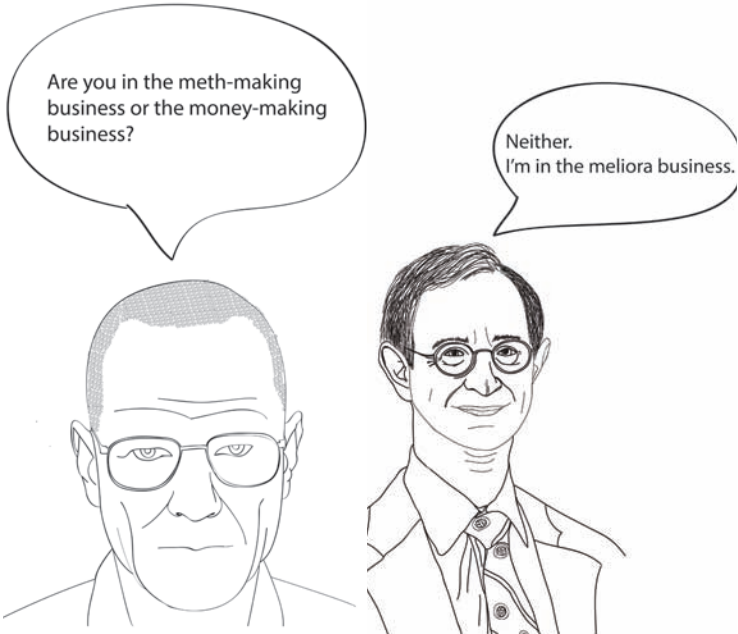
of change, and you should ride it as long as you can. Hopefully you’re friends with rappers like Juicy-J and Snoop Dogg (oh sorry, Snoop Lion), and they’ll back you up. You do you, and everything will turn out right.

Good luck on your newfound life change. Side effects may include shaking your small-but-in-shape-from-months-of-Pilates butt constantly, strong desires to do Molly with your bi-curious roommate who is looking for new sexual partners, and doing lines of coke in Wilson Commons. Updating your persona may also provoke the pneumonia (for when winter hits, and you still choose to be nude), the desire to make out with a doll version of yourself, and both dizziness and diarrhea.

*Weinberg is a member of the class of 2015.*

### Dialogue with Joel

By Aaron Schaffer



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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



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Local comedian Dan Viola and Saturday Night Live regulars Jay Pharoah and Vanessa Bayer (left to right) performed in a packed Strong Auditorium as a part of this year's Yellowjacket Weekend.

## SNL's Pharoah, Bayer headline Yellowjacket Weekend

**BY MICHAELA KEREM**  
ONLINE EDITOR

In light of Yellowjacket Weekend, the Campus Activities Board hosted Saturday Night Live (SNL) comedians Vanessa Bayer and Jay Pharoah for a Saturday night complete with

impersonations, racist jokes, and bursts of raucous laughter from a full house.

Before Bayer and Pharoah made their way to the stage, local comedian Dan Viola opened the show with a few attempted jokes, ranging from the unkeptness of Strong

Auditorium (for example, "Is this dust from World War I?") and a breakdown of wooing and serenading his wife in different languages.

Since his skit only managed a few chuckles here and there, anyone who arrived to the show late did not miss much.

SNL has a deep-rooted history in discovering and developing hilarious artists, and Bayer and Pharoah are no exceptions. Both three-year veterans, Bayer is well known for her Miley Cyrus impersonation, and Pharoah is known for his uncanny

depiction of President Barack Obama.

Naturally, both comedians performed their respective spoof to the audience's expectations.

Yet between Bayer and Pharoah, it was immediately

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## Husband-wife multi-instrumentalists win over audience with intimate, heartfelt performance

**BY JULIANNE MCADAMS**  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Amidst rainfall and carnival rides, Mates of State performed this past Saturday in Dandelion Square as a part of Yellowjacket Weekend.

Before this show, I had never heard of Mates of States, an indie-pop group composed of husband-wife duo Jason Hammel and Kori Gardner, multi-instrumentalists who have performed together in the U.S., Canada, Europe, Japan, and Australia. I really had no idea what to expect, but as a lover of music and having little else to do, I decided to stop by and take a chance.

Once they started, with only three or four people standing around, Gardner and Hammel instantly won me over. The upbeat drums and keyboard made it hard not to dance along, and the energy was infectious.

The indie-pop duo maintained a cheery disposition for the full hour, even making a special birthday shout-out to someone in the audience.

During their set, they invited spectators to challenge them to a game of carnival-booth bowling;

that, paired with their casual attire and the occasional, "How is everybody doin' out there in the rain?" made the environment more intimate and the artists more accessible.

Performing songs such as "Palomino," most recently featured in an Ice Breakers commercial, "Parachute," a special audience request, "Get Better," and "You Are Free," Mates of State presented the perfect rainy-day atmosphere comprising nothing more than a small, cozy group of people listening to music and taking a break from their day.

That said, by the end of the show, a reputable crowd had formed in front of the stage, witnesses to the band's grooving rhythms and entrancing melodies.

The pair's energetic stage presence made for an all around enjoyable hour and left me with the nagging desire to buy their music.

Throughout their set, there was constant eye contact and smiling while the duo sang and played their instruments. This on-stage presence added further charm to their performance, and made it obvious how much these two enjoy what they do.



AARON SCHAFFER / PHOTO EDITOR

Husband-and-wife duo, "Mates of State," performed an indie-pop set in Dandelion Square on Saturday, Sept. 7.

As concert-goers know, watching a live performance changes the way an artist's music feels and sounds.

It creates an almost personal connection between listener and performer. Such a connection was

present on Saturday, and despite the fact I had never before heard of Mates of State, is a testament to the band's overall passion and charisma.

At first glance, the small turnout and rainy weather may not seem

like a big success for Mates of State, but in retrospect, these very things become part of what made the band's performance such a unique privilege to experience.

*McAdams is a member of the class of 2017.*



# Rochester anticipates bigger, better Fringe

BY RACHAEL SANGUINETTI  
A&E EDITOR

Last fall, the first-ever Niagara Rochester Fringe Festival hit the local art scene, and it was quite the spectacle.

A giant stage had been erected in the middle of the street practically overnight. Live music provided a near-continuous backdrop that lasted from first thing in the morning to late into the night. Thirty-two thousand people of all races, social classes, and walks of life descended onto downtown Rochester, bringing with them incredible energy. Twenty venues opened their doors for over 100 shows, making last year’s Fringe one of the strongest premieres of any festival in the Rochester area.

This year promises to be even bigger and better than last year. The festival has been expanded to 10 days and has twice the number of shows in the lineup. A spiegeltent, a 20th-century traveling music and dance hall, will be erected in the middle of the city and host many events including a circus. This, according to festival producer Erica Fee, is “no small feat.”

Rochester is known for its festivals, which bring art in many forms, music of all sorts, incredible minds, and money to the city. But according to Fee, it brings much more than that.

“What doesn’t it bring?” she said. “It allows us, as a community, to ask questions for which we don’t know the answers.”

Planning has now become a year-round operation. Fee moved to Rochester from London to head the project. University President Joel Seligman and other UR administrators helped orchestrate the festival’s inception as early as 2008.

Shows ranging from headline hits like Dave Berry to up-and-coming artists, many of whom are Eastman graduates, will be performing.

Some of the shows are geared toward children, but the young at heart are always welcome.

When asked what she is looking to most this year, Fee said, “If I said that, the other shows would have my head on a platter. There is something for everyone.”

University students need only to hop on the Red Line bus (Monday to Friday) or the Orange Line (Weekends) and hop off at Eastman to find themselves in the middle of the action. The festival is slated to run Sept. 19-28.

Show and ticket information is available on the festival’s website, [rochesterfringe.com](http://rochesterfringe.com). It’s definitely a festival not to be missed.

*Sanguinetti is a member of the class of 2015.*



ALYSSA ARRE / PHOTO EDITOR

## BATTLE ON THE QUAD KICKS OFF YELLOWJACKET WEEKEND

Senior Dan Gorman Jr. performs with “No Jackets Required” in Friday’s Battle of the Bands. Despite soaring temperatures and record humidity, the show was among the highlights of this year’s Yellowjacket Weekend, inflecting the evening with high energy, vigorous musicianship, and an air of friendly competition.

# Carell shines in ‘The Way Way Back’

BY JULIANNE MCADAMS  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Despite the incongruity of watching Steve Carell play an all around bad guy, “The Way Way Back” was worth the trip to the Little Theatre. Nat Faxon and Jim Rash (writers of the Oscar-winning film, “The Descendants”) brilliantly paint a picture of an awkward teenage boy struggling with his family’s problems as well as his own.

Duncan (Liam James) is able to find refuge from his mother’s antagonistic boyfriend (Carell) at a water park, run by the hilarious, kid-at-heart adult, Owen (Sam Rockwell). Duncan comes into his own in this beautiful beach-town, a world which he describes as “the only place I feel happy.”

That the movie is comedic goes without saying, but perhaps its most impressive aspect is the

endearing relationship between a lonely, friendless boy and a man who just wants life to be a good time.

It’s a deeply felt and convincing relationship, a quality the movie shares thanks in large part to the film’s deft casting. Maya Rudolph, recognized for her roles on Saturday Night Live and “Bridesmaids,” plays Owen’s sassy romantic interest and fellow Whiz World employee. Child-star AnaSophia Robb portrays an edgy yet down-to-earth girl-next-door named Susanna. But perhaps the most impressive performance is given by Carell himself.

Whether an awkward but lovable Michael Scott, Tina Fey’s hilarious partner-in-crime, a 40-year-old Virgin, a madcap anchorman, or a despicable super-villain, Carell has built his career predominantly on silly,

humorous, and lovable roles.

In “The Way Way Back,” however, Carell’s first line, though funny, has a cold, hard edge that induces a double-take. Did Steve Carell really just say that?

When asked about the casting choice in an interview with The Huffington Post, Jim Rash explained that Carell, as an actor, clearly understood what it would take to play a “tragic male character...stuck in this vicious cycle where he knows... he’s making a mistake.” It’s the kind of role that demands the dramatic chops we never

knew Carell possessed, and he comes through powerfully in this film.

And he is just one part of a phenomenal ensemble dedicated to a movie that navigates the joys and trials of life and growing up. On their influences, writers Rash and Faxon admitted to being inspired by the works of John Hughes. One can certainly see the similarities. But ultimately, “The Way Way Back” is its own film, one that will connect with you in its own goofy, awkward, sad, and lovely way.

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# Paris Hilton discovers DJing, unfortunately

BY FRANCIS HINSON  
MANAGING EDITOR

Paris Hilton, heiress to the renowned Hilton legacy, is switching music industries. The 32-year-old, controversial celebrity has begun to DJ and produce electronic dance music, much to the dismay of EDM fans worldwide.

Hilton made her DJ debut at the Pop Music Festival in Brazil, where she showcased her new single, “Last Night.” She received incredibly harsh criticism and stark negative reviews on her YouTube videos, not only from the public, but renowned DJs such as Deadmau5, Samantha Ronson, and Afrojack. Despite this, her performance at the event in Brazil gained positive reviews from DJ Poet as well the crowd at the festival. In fact, in the aftermath of her performance, she even trended on Twitter.

Her positive reviews were short-lived, however, and today, Paris Hilton’s DJ career remains a topic of disgust and a point of antipathy to the EDM community. Deadmau5, arguably one of the biggest and most important DJs and producers in EDM, dismissed Hilton’s debut as “faux” and part of the abominable “massively marketed cruise ship” that the industry has become.

Truthfully, Deadmau5 recognizes Paris Hilton as a small part of a bigger problem: “Reality stars and famous for nothing celebrities turn into overnight DJ’s and preexisting pop artists and markets dabbling in the ‘EDM’ market to switch up the style using the same old pop business/marketing models.”

Famous Dutch DJ Afrojack, who is incidentally Hilton’s ex-boyfriend, recently produced a series of tracks for her. In a series of radio interviews, he has since expressed his frustration and disapproval of her DJing saying that he was “pissed off” that she had started her career and hinted that her set was pre-recorded, a point of extreme condemnation in the electronic music world.

Afrojack himself has received negative feedback for producing for her in the first place. In the past, he has been subject to criticism for collaborating with mainstream artists such as Chris Brown.

Moreover, the outrage extends beyond just celebrity dissent; EDM fans have taken to the Internet, creating petitions to ban Paris Hilton from the entire industry and beckoning others to pledge to never play one of her tracks in a set or promote any piece of hers.

Hilton appears to be disregarding the staunchly negative feedback, indicated by the recent announcement of her Ibiza residency this past

July. Ibiza is well known as a summer vacation spot for the world’s greatest DJs and producers, and Hilton’s nightly performances, titled “Foam & Diamonds hosted by Paris Hilton,” were naturally met with abhorrence.

The star has since returned from her escapades in Europe and month-long stay at the iconic nightclub Amnesia and was sighted with over a dozen tightly-packed bags. Much to the world of dance music’s disappointment, Amnesia has apparently re-signed Hilton for 2014, demonstrating that her DJ streak has yet to meet its end.

*Hinson is a member of the class of 2016.*

# SNL comedians provide night of big laughs, thoughtful insight

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clear who was more lively, proficient, and effective at stand-up.

For her skit, Bayer essentially led the audience through her college years up until the crucial point of her SNL audition. She concluded her long story with the day she found out she was accepted into the show.

According to Bayer, a woman from SNL called her a few days after her audition to tell her she was on the show.

The woman casually asked how she was doing that day.

After Bayer responded, “I’m really tired,” the woman said, “Well, I hope you’re not too tired to come back to New York City.”

Bayer said that she almost shot the offer down.

Retrospectively, she wondered what would have happened if she had responded that she was “just too tired.”

Pharoah, on the other hand, brilliantly executed a continuous stream of jokes that felt threaded together yet disparate.

His impressions of Eddie Murphy, Eminem, Trey Songz, and Lil Wayne was natural and spot on.

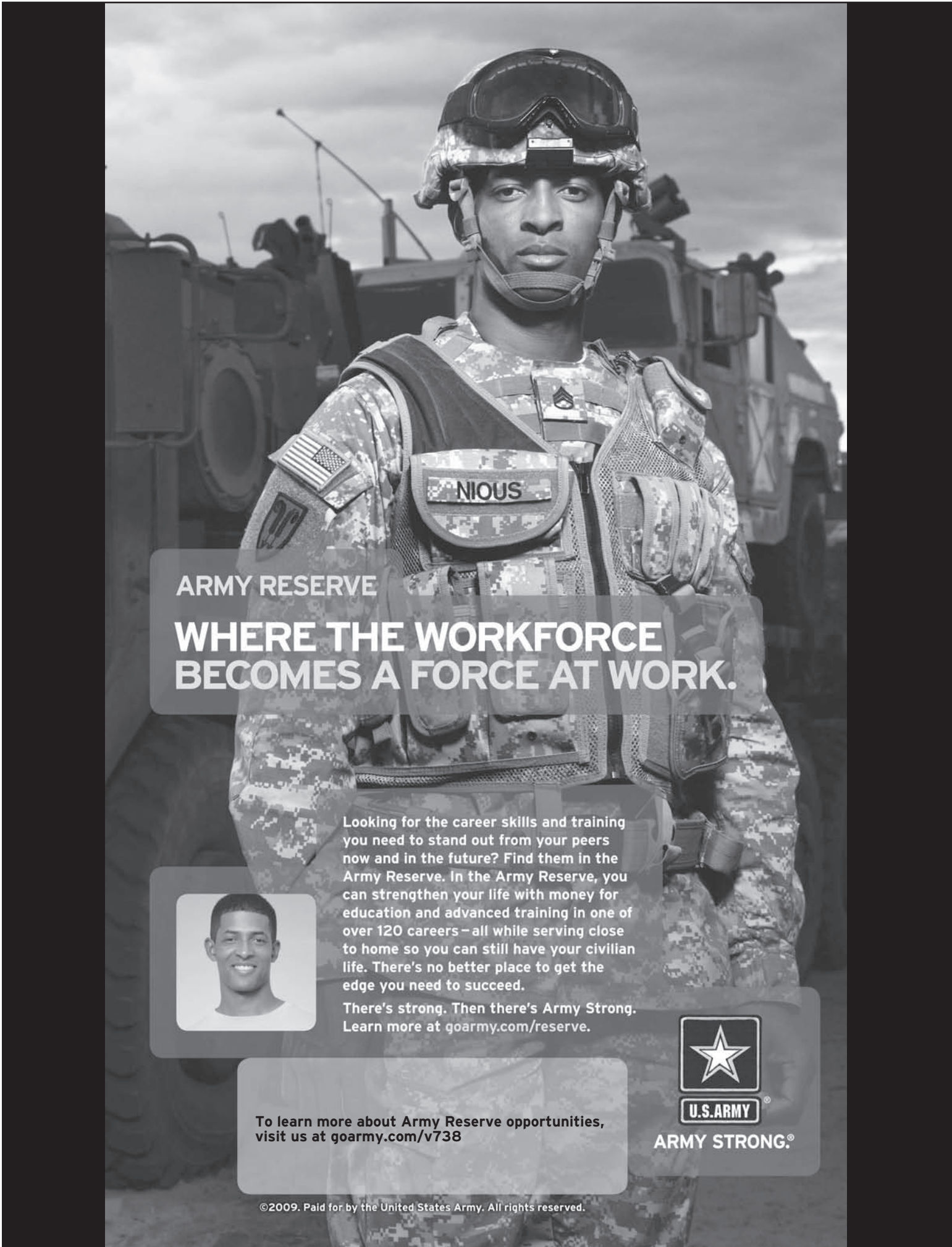
He mentioned how, on one occasion, Will Smith said to him, “Yo Jay, I don’t think you sound like me,” and Pharoah looked at him, grabbed his ears with his hands, and responded, in Smith’s voice, “Yo, Will, stop playin’.”

Best of all, Pharoah masterfully blended sincerity and hilarity into the entirety of his set to the audible enjoyment of the audience.

He concluded the show with a special tribute to a family friend who had passed away earlier that week. He reminded the audience to live life to the fullest and appreciate everyday.

Though hardly a novel piece of advice, the message struck home, and as students and other attendees slowly shuffled out of the auditorium after the night’s performance, their undeniable energy and sense of excitement reflected this sentiment precisely.

*Kerem is a member of the class of 2015.*




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COURTESY OF UR ATHLETICS  
Junior Alex Swanger scored one of seven goals against Clarkson University.

# UR recovers from Clarkson

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Dobles broke away from the defense and had only the goalkeeper to beat, ultimately having his shot stopped in what would be one of the critical plays of the day.

Any disappointment the ‘Jackets may have felt from Friday’s loss was clearly gone within 24 hours. UR dominated Clarkson University right from the start on Saturday, scoring only four minutes into the game when junior Keith Grafmeyer knocked a shot past the goalkeeper to give his team an early lead. The YellowJackets would add to their lead three more times in the first half with sophomore Jeffrey Fa-

finski and juniors Alex Swanger and Jarvis D’Souza scoring in the 20th, 21st, and 25th minutes, respectively. In the second half, freshman Michael Cross added a pair of goals in the 46th and 50th minutes, followed by fellow freshman Zachary Kanaley whose 65th minute goal rounded out the scoring for the ‘Jackets.

UR’s season continues Saturday, Sept. 14, when the team will travel to Geneva to take on Hobart College, which defeated the ‘Jackets 1-0 at Fauver Stadium last season.

*Shapiro is a member of the class of 2016.*

## LAST WEEK’S SCORES

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

- Women’s Volleyball v. Oswego State (25-20, 25-15, 29-27) W
- Women’s Volleyball v. Hamilton College (25-21, 25-14, 17-25, 25-9) W
- Women’s Soccer at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (1-2) L
- Men’s Soccer at St. Lawrence University (0-1) L

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

- Women’s Volleyball v. Skidmore College (19-25, 22-25, 23-25) L
- Women’s Volleyball v. SUNY New Paltz (25-19, 11-25, 23-25, 25-10) L
  - Women’s Field Hockey at Oneonta State (3-4) L
  - Men’s Soccer at Clarkson University (7-0) W
- Men’s Tennis v. Rochester Institute of Technology (9-0) W
- Men’s Cross Country at Oswego State Invitational - 3rd of 13
- Women’s Cross Country at Oswego State Invitational 3rd of 12
- Women’s Tennis at William Smith College Mary Hosking Invitational, Day 1 - Complete

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

- Men’s Tennis v. Hobart College (8-1) W
- Women’s Field Hockey at Utica College (3-0) W
- Women’s Tennis at William Smith College Mary Hosking Invitational, Day 2 - Complete

## THIS WEEK’S SCHEDULE

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

- Women’s Tennis at Nazareth College, 4 p.m.

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

- Women’s Volleyball v. St. John Fisher College at RIT, 3 p.m.
- Women’s Volleyball v. SUNY Potsdam at RIT, 5 p.m.

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

- Men’s Tennis at St. Lawrence University Fall Classic Day 1, 8 a.m.
- Men’s and Women’s Cross Country at UR YellowJacket Invitational, 11 a.m.\*
  - Women’s Soccer at William Smith College, 11 a.m.
- Women’s Volleyball v. Fredonia State University at RIT, 11 a.m.
  - Women’s Volleyball v. Keuka College, 1 p.m.
  - Men’s Football and Thiel College, 1:30 p.m.
  - Men’s Soccer at Hobart College, 2 p.m.
- Women’s Field Hockey at Union College, 2 p.m.

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

- Men’s Tennis at St. Lawrence University Fall Classic Day 2, 8 a.m.
- Women’s Soccer Championship/Consolation Match, 1:30 p.m./5 p.m.

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

- Women’s Field Hockey at Hartwick College, 4 p.m.
- Men’s Soccer v. SUNY Geneseo, 7 p.m.\*

\*denotes home competition

## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

# Boris Borovcanin - Men’s Tennis

BY BEN SHAPIRO  
SPORTS EDITOR



Senior Boris Borovcanin has been a solid contributor to the UR men’s tennis team since he first arrived in Rochester in 2010. He has frequently competed at first singles for the ‘Jackets and has notched wins over players ranked both regionally and nationally. The Buffalo native played a big role in the team’s victory at last weekend’s Flower City tournament, winning two doubles match and one singles match as the YellowJackets cruised to the championship.

### Why did you attend UR?

Because it is one of the top schools in the country and has good research opportunities. I also wanted to contribute to the tennis team’s legacy.

**You just helped the team win the Flower City Invitational. How important is it to start the season on such a positive note?**

I’m happy that we won the tournament for the second year in a row, especially since we host it. We won it convincingly this year, which shows our team’s improvement over the years, and it sets the precedent for a strong spring season.

**When did you first know you wanted to play college tennis?**

I think when I was a junior in high school. I never really thought about college tennis before that, but I started looking at tennis teams at the same time as when I started looking at colleges.

**Do you have any tennis superstitions?**

Not really — I just try to focus on my game and not worry about walking on cracks on the court, for example.

**Who is your favorite professional player?**

Novak Djokovic because he is one of the best movers and one of the most athletic players on tour. He is also Serbian, like me.

**What is your favorite pre-match meal?**

I don’t really care. Anything high in calories that tastes good and is not beef or pork.

**How has coach Nielsen helped you improve as a player through your time at UR?**

We usually talk about my matches after I’m done, and he tells me what I did well and didn’t do well. I try to work on those things during practice, and I improve over time.

**What advice would you give to new freshman athletes at UR?**

I guess figuring out how to balance athletics and academics, but that shouldn’t be news to high school athletes either.

**What is your favorite moment from your career as a UR athlete?**

It’s tough to say because I enjoy every match I win. Winning the St. Lawrence Invitational A Flight singles and doubles felt great as well as winning home matches in front of a crowd. I also enjoy traveling with the team.

**Besides tennis, what is your favorite part about being a student at UR?**

Expanding my academic knowledge and spending time with friends.

**Do you lift?**

Yes.

*Shapiro is a member of the class of 2016.*



AARON SCHAFFER / PHOTO EDITOR

Senior Boris Borovcanin helped the ‘Jackets claim their second consecutive Flower City Invitational Title last weekend, winning both his doubles matches.

# Jets outshine Bills in openers

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anywhere from 60 to 80 percent of his passes each day. Moreover, a good number of his incomple- tions result from drops, which is the fault of his receivers.

In last Sunday’s game on Sept. 8, Manuel was able to lead his team down field and score just before the half. He also had a few other good plays, including one in which he escaped a sack and completed a pass to receiver Stevie Johnson. Despite all of his heroics, Manuel couldn’t make up for his team’s penalties. It should be noted that Manuel also didn’t run as much as he will be able to once he fully recovers from his lingering meniscus injury.

Overall, what should be taken away from last week’s game is this: Manuel keeps cool when he plays,

is very methodical, and under- stands his own limitations.

Smith is not as developed as Manuel, but he definitely has the potential to improve significantly. Last week, he threw for 256 yards, one touchdown, and one inter- ception, completing 63 percent of his passes. In addition to throwing an interception, Smith also made the mistake of not knowing when to throw the ball away, which re- sulted in huge losses of yards.

Another rookie mistake was try- ing to call a time out before the two-minute warning. He was, however, able to get downfield before the half ended. Smith also made some very accurate throws, including several on the run. The most impressive part of Smith’s day came with 40 seconds left in the game. He was able to get the

Jets within field goal range by pass- ing and running out of bounds and drawing a 15-yard penalty on linebacker Lavonte David. The Jets were able to eke out a one- point win against the Buccaneers because of Smith’s smart play.

The reason that Smith is a better deal is that the Jets used a second round pick on him in this year’s NFL draft and the Bills used their first round pick, the sixteenth overall, to get Manuel. This also means that Smith has a smaller contract; Smith is only receiving \$5 million over four years, while Manuel is set to receive \$8.9 mil- lion over the same period. In other words, Manuel is performing as expected, while Smith looks to be a steal for the Jets.

*Ondo is a member of the class of 2014.*







# SPORTS

## Men’s soccer goes 1-1 on road

BY BEN SHAPIRO  
SPORTS EDITOR

Men’s soccer split a pair of matches last weekend in the North Country of New York State, falling to the St. Lawrence University Saints 1-0 on Friday, Sept. 6 before rebounding to crush Clarkson University 7-0 on Saturday, Sept. 7. The matches were the first time this season that the YellowJackets had left Fauver Stadium, where they played and won their first two games of the season.

Against St. Lawrence, the twelfth-ranked ‘Jackets played to a scoreless draw for the first 71 minutes, allowing 10 shots, including one on goal. Despite the relative lack of offense from the Saints, it only took one shot in the 72nd minute for the home team to get the goal it needed to top the YellowJackets, who were only able to produce nine total shots, three of which were on goal. UR’s only real scoring chance of the day came in the 21st minute, when junior Shane

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AARON SCHAFER / PHOTO EDITOR

## MEN’S TENNIS CRUISES TO SECOND STRAIGHT FLOWER CITY CHAMPIONSHIP

Junior Julian Danko serves in his warm-up against Hobart College. Danko and partner, senior Boris Borovcanin, won 8-2.

FROM THE PRESSBOX

## Rookie quarterbacks pivotal for Jets, Bills

BY ADAM ONDO  
SENIOR STAFF

Two rookie quarterbacks started in the AFC East in the NFL’s Week One this past weekend. Geno Smith led the New York Jets to victory in his first start over the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. E.J. Manuel tried to rally the Buffalo Bills but wasn’t able to make up for his team’s mistakes. From what I have observed, Manuel is the better quarterback; however, because he was harder to acquire and cost more than Smith, the Jets got the better value. Each quarterback has a number of pros and cons, some of which I break down here.

Manuel had a fantastic first game, throwing for 150 yards and two touchdowns on 66.7 percent passing. He also scrambled for 23 yards on three attempts. I wasn’t at all surprised as I had observed him at the Bills training camp at St. John Fisher College over the summer. He was very accurate during the offseason, completing

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## Women’s volleyball scores 2-2 at home tournament

BY BEN SHAPIRO  
SPORTS EDITOR

The women’s volleyball team competed on their home court at the Louis Alexander Palestra this weekend, taking on four different schools in the UR Volleyball Invitational, finishing 2-2. The tournament, which took place on Friday, Sept. 6 and Saturday, Sept. 7, was ultimately won by the SUNY New Paltz Hawks, which went 4-0 on the weekend.

The YellowJackets started their campaign against SUNY Oswego in a match where the home team started strong and never let up, winning in three sets 25-19, 25-15, and 29-27. Senior Savannah Benton led the way for the ‘Jackets with 14 kills and four blocks, while junior Xiaoyi Li also had a strong performance of 24 assists and 13 digs. Unlike a normal match, however, UR had no time to celebrate as their next match against Hamilton College was only a few hours away.

Despite the quick turnaround, the YellowJackets picked up right where they had left off, downing Hamilton three sets to one, 25-21, 25-14,

17-25, and 25-9. The match was a true team effort as several starters from the day’s earlier match did not play, forcing some of the ‘Jackets’ less experienced players, including several freshmen, to step up. Sophomore Jennie Ford had a strong performance with 16 kills and four aces, while fellow sophomores Emma Gira and Anna MacDonald, along with freshman Nina Baek, had eight kills of their own.

On Saturday, UR faced Skidmore College, which was coming off a four-set loss to SUNY New Paltz the previous day. The Thoroughbreds were out to avenge their loss, however, and defeated the ‘Jackets in three sets, 25-19, 25-22, and 25-23.

To wrap up the weekend, the YellowJackets took on SUNY New Paltz in a match with major implications as to the tournament winner. Had the ‘Jackets won, New Paltz, UR, and Skidmore all would have had identical 3-1 records, making a tournament winner unclear.

This possibility was not to be thought as New Paltz came out victorious in an exciting four sets, 19-25, 25-11, 25-23, and



ALYSSA ARRE / PHOTO EDITOR

Sophomore Jennie Ford jumps for a shot against the SUNY New Paltz Hawks. The ‘Jackets scored 2-2 over the weekend.

25-10. Team leaders for the ‘Jackets included Benton, who had 13 kills, Li, who had 25 assists, and senior Paige Idziur, whose 14 digs brought her season total to 89.

Despite the pair of losses on day two of the invitational, the weekend was undoubtedly positive for UR, as they notched their first wins of the

season. The ‘Jackets will still be looking to improve their performance moving forward, especially at the two upcoming tournaments the team will attend.

On Friday, Sept. 13 and Saturday, Sept. 14, the ‘Jackets will compete at the RIT Tournament in Henrietta, where they will open up play against

local rival St. John Fisher College. The following weekend, the team will head to Pennsylvania for the Elizabethtown Tournament, where they will again play four matches in two days before returning home to face Allegheny College and Alfred University on Sept. 28.

*Shapiro is a member of the class of 2016.*