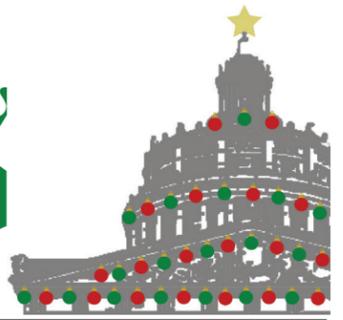


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The Flags are Back!

By MEGHAN BROWNE
INTREPID JOURNALIST

There are two things that the class of '22 and '23 can say they have in common. First, a completely COVID-free semester. Second, seeing the flag display in the Hirst Lounge. Now, undergrads can witness the flag lounge in all its glory.

Despite President Manglesdorf announcing last semester that the flag display would not return to Hirst Lounge against the Flag Advisory Committee's (FAC) recommendation to keep the flags up, students were shocked to find Hirst Lounge once again decorated with flags over the wobbly retired Gleason tables.

John Smith, current SA Campus Life Chair, said that, in typical fashion, no one in the Students' Association or many advisors in Wilson Commons Student Activities had been notified



The Flags as currently displayed in Hirst Lounge.

about this change.

"I was just as shocked as anyone. I was all the way by the vending machines waiting for my Starbucks and I looked over to see all of the flags back." Smith told the Campus Times.

This April will mark the second anniversary of the

super sneaky removal of the flags by administration, despite students on the committee wanting to keep them up.

While the display of the flags might have surprised students, there seems to be a consensus among students that this lack of

communication is all too characteristic of both their first boyfriend and University President Sarah Manglesdorf.

"I mean, she didn't tell us when she was going to take them down, she wasn't going to tell us that she was putting them back

up," Megan Browne, who is famously known for having the SA Presidency stolen from them, said. We at the Campus Times would like to take this time to demand Elections Coordinator Garrett Briggs recount the vote of the 2021 Presidential Election and finally restore power to Browne, who was rightfully and democratically elected by the people.

When we reached out to President Manglesdorf, the CT received an out-of-office message saying that she was busy complaining about her latte not being wet enough.

Sources have also told the CT that there's suspicion that this entire act might be an elaborate April Fools' day prank. But what kind of immature, information-holding entity would ever do such a dubious thing?

Browne is a member of The class of 2023.

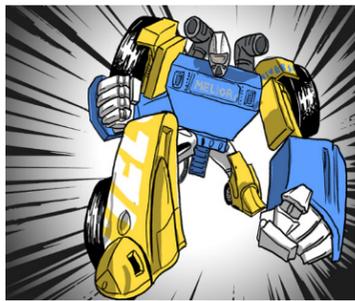
Bumblebee A Yellowjacket

By MELIORA EARLE
A MENACE

No one had thought much of the strange rumblings from one of the Gold Line shuttles before it ran into some engine trouble last Thursday night. It started to shake and spark at the wheel, so the driver pulled to the side of the road and everyone hauled ass out of the shuttle. Passengers were shocked because out of anything they would have guessed to be haunted, it would have been Wilson Commons from the long-lost ghost of people caring about the Student Association. The bus continued to jump and started flashing, until it transformed into a weaponized mechatronic being.

'The bus continued to jump and started flashing, until it transformed into a weaponized mechatronic being.'

The bystanders turned to a red-headed passenger in shock. "Ms. Frizzle?" the bus driver whispered in awe, to which the red-head replied, "What the... no! It's a..." when she was promptly cut off by a passenger shouting, "Kim



RACHEL KAMATA / MANGAKA

Possible?" In frustration, the red-head said "NO! The shuttle is a freaking Transformer!" The bus driver then explained, "Oh. I don't really watch 'Star Wars,' I could never get into it."

'It was revealed that, yes, the Administration was well aware that the shuttle was a sentient robot being.'

Questions arose as to how no one knew that a Gold Line shuttle was actually a Transformer, until it was revealed that, yes, the Administration was well aware that the shuttle was a sentient robot being. The UR President's Office released the statement below to clarify the University's stance on the matter (for once):

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SEE BUS PAGE 2.

Grounds Crew Exposed for Hosting a Groundhog Fight Ring

By SARAH WOODCHUCK
ASPIRING GROUNDHOG

Last week an anonymous whistleblower reached out to the Campus Times with shocking footage of a fight between two groundhogs (or groundbois) — UR's beloved unofficial mascot — in a miniature boxing ring, with several grounds crew members cheering in the background.

The whistleblower told CT that during the summer of 2020, the UR Grounds crew had a lot of extra time on their hands, and thus decided to explore the many groundhog tunnels via a remote controlled car with a GoPro attached. They discovered an intricate series of tunnels filled with more groundhogs (Marmota monax, for the nerds out there) than they ever expected. Grounds crew members became fascinated with the lives of these secretive creatures during that summer where COVID-19

was supposed to disappear, even going so far as to partner with some of the ecology professors to learn how to communicate rudimentarily with their new friends. Quarantine did weird things to people.

The crew noticed that the groundhogs were very aggressive when fighting for dominance over their territory on campus. So, what better way to settle these territorial disputes than through an organized fighting ring? Grounds crew members crafted a groundhog-size appropriate boxing ring for the furry rascals, and invited them to Fauver Stadium to settle the issues among this rowdy generation of groundhogs. Bets were placed among the humans, with some risking their entire stimulus check. Brackets were drafted, as the basketball fans who had been denied their annual March Madness got hyped up for the potential to blame their losses

on something other than the pandemic.

The groundhogs didn't hold back: All were vying for the coveted position of the hill behind Sue B. (or as an art major thinks of it: the hill in front of Sage). After many rounds of fighting, the top spot was claimed by Flopsy. The campus was further divided into separate swaths, including Fauver Stadium, Wilson Quad, Eastman Quad, and the land surrounding the Interfaith Chapel. The loser, Professor Schnookums, ended up with the brick and concrete jungle of the Engineering Quad.

CT reached out to UR Grounds for comments and has not received a response. We have, however, received some comments from the groundhogs themselves. According to one professor who has dubbed themselves "the groundhog whisperer," the majority of the groundhog community is still happy with the results from 2020, but there are whisperings of a groundhog revolution coming from those with less than satisfactory territory. Will there be an all-out war once they all emerge from hibernation?

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Fight Fight Fuck You Up Club

By MELIORA EARLE
A MENACE

The UR Students' Association (SA) has announced a brawl night that will take place this upcoming Friday where students can finally settle their differences with other majors via these hands, so we can all stop hearing their rants on why their majors are better. Thank god.

Students will meet their foes in the abandoned swimming pool in Spurrier, "Pitch Perfect"-style, as a special fuck you to a cappella groups who have been campaigning to have a riff-off there

for years. Keep your Yellow Jackets, Treble-wannabes and Anna Kendricks, this is for every person you have rejected from your somewhat exclusive cults. UR a cappella groups feel like what everyone thinks Greek Life is, and that includes the wild hazing that comes with it.

The best debates are settled through violence, which is why SA decided to host this opportunity for students. One senator commented on the choice saying, "The student body is pretty stressed out by the time April comes around, and passive aggressive comments such as, 'Well,

I spend hours on my complex math homework,' or 'I have 300 pages due by the end of the week' don't help things. But no one is going to listen to the facts, which is that they made a decision to take that class and study that major, and therefore chose to do that work! What is pretty hard to ignore, though, is when these fists of fury clock you in the mouth." Show, don't tell, as the high school English teachers — or mean Campus Times editors who cut down my pieces with a machete — say.

There will only be two rules for these brawls: One,

no knives, and two, to fight, you have to fill out the CCC form for attendance. Students will fight to the death to Rico Nasty, whose music researchers say leads to 65% more people considering jumping a fraternity brother. According to some of the students planning this brawl, the music choice should provide "The 'Smack-a-Bitch' energy needed this D-Day" if Rico Nasty is chosen to perform.

One of the most anticipated bouts is between the Optics and Physics majors, where 'it' will finally be settled. Neither side has chosen to describe what 'it' actually is, but what-

ever it is, I hope Optics wins.

President Sarah Mangelsdorf is scheduled to appear at the event, where she will lead the opening ceremony. The UR President's Office has given the Campus Times a sneak peek at Mangelsdorf's speech.

"Meloria! For those who don't know me, I am your God, Sarah C. Mangelsdorf. Yes, most of you know me from my daily Starbuck trips, but for those of you who don't... Meliora! Let the games begin, and may the odds be ever in your favor!"

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BUS FROM PAGE 2.

"The University of Rochester has been aware that the one of the shuttles our community takes is actually a weapon of mass destruction. Funny enough, we got the bus at a huge discount because it was pretty messed up, which must have been from battle damage, but that was unknown to us at the time. It's kinda cool we got a busted-ass Bumblebee tbh. Once we found out we had a Transformer, we of course decided to conduct research on it because having a Transformer would be a great way to boost application rates. If you're wondering why tuition is 82k this year, most of it is going to the Transformer."

The "busted-ass Bumblebee" is not a Death Eater, but is actually an Avenger. I think that's what the names of the two groups are, but I cannot remember a single detail from the Transformer movies.

I was able to secure a rare interview with busted-ass Bumblebee, and the first thing busted-ass Bumblebee told me was that his name is actually Tommy Turbo. I excitedly replied, "Awesome! Which color of Power Ranger are you?" Busted-ass Bumblebee started being a dick and yelled at me, "You know the name of the fucking Power Ranger team from 1997, but can't remember anything about Transformers?"

I actually do know one thing, and it's that Hailee Steinfeld starred in the "Bumblebee" movie in 2018 and it has a 90% on Rotten Tomatoes. After I said that, busted-ass Bumblebee flipped me off and knocked the coffee I had out of my hand, in true UR Gold line fuck you fashion. For all that money UR has spent on this trumped-up Rocky, they could have at least taught him some manners.

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Lean Output Agreement Reached Between URMC & LPSA

By Hank Litsky
PROPAGANDIST

URMC and the Lean Producing Student Association (LPSA) have reached a price and output agreement, formally ending the price war and formalizing the University-wide cartel. The agreement comes as Ketamine use skyrockets on campus following Pete Davidson's suggestion during Winterfest this February.

'Campus-wide lean reserves vastly outpaced demand.'

The deal between URMC and LPSA will drop the weekly production rate down to 25 gallons per week, from a staggering 80 gallons this past week, with the goal to shore up prices back to roughly \$100 a pint. The Hill Court market saw prices as low as \$10 a pint on Wednesday, an all time market low.

"Nationwide, lean prices have been on the rise and I am very happy about the price situation on campus," sophomore and lean consumer Ronald Chandoo told CT. "Today I paid \$40 for half a gallon of lean, this is like a dream come true."

The price war entered its fourth week as negotiations began this past Thursday. Campus-wide lean reserves vastly outpaced demand and after several economists warned that without a production correction, current market conditions could produce negative prices within the next week.

"If demand were to continue dropping at its present rate and production were to remain stable, the market could collapse next week," analyst and PhD student Brittany Bonita said to a forum on Tuesday. "Producers need to realize that they are in a very dangerous spot and need to work together to avoid collapse."

'Many attribute this temporary switch to Pete Davidson's suggestion that UR students try ketamine instead.'

Lean prices have dropped off steeply over the past month as the LPSA and URMC continued high outputs amid price disagreements while demand rapidly dropped off as consumers fled to ketamine in droves. Many attribute this temporary switch to Pete Davidson's suggestion that UR students try ketamine

instead.

"Pete Davidson is my icon and I basically would do anything he said," first-year student Kelly Act Kedzington told CT. "Honestly it was time to take a break from lean and go to something different, I think Pete made the right call here."

The trend surprised industry leaders as many analysts did not see ketamine and lean as having such a stark inverse relationship. The recent threat of market collapse finally brought URMC and LPSA to the bargaining table in order to protect their mutual interests. "Overall I am quite happy with our deal with URMC; they have finally recognised us as a stakeholder in the market," senior and lead negotiator Kyle Sizzurp for LPSA told CT. "This is a huge milestone and shows the power students have if we stand together under one unified front. Collective action works, folks."

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LPSA was founded in August of 2020, as roughly eight student producers came together in order to try and control market prices. At the time, URMC still controlled 80% of the market, although this has dropped to 40% as of February 2022 due to LPSA's growth in capacity and membership. Negotiations with URMC will help to not only stabilize the market but also serve as a recognition of student power within the market.

'I see confidence over the medium term that the lean market will rebound quite strongly.'

"With the cartel limiting supply and ketamine demand beginning to drop off, it seems that the market will stabilize over the next couple of weeks," Simon School of Business Economics professor Mark Lizzo told the CT. "I see confidence over the medium term that the lean market will rebound quite strongly, the ketamine surge appears to only be temporary."

URMC's lean division declined to comment for this story.

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UR Fraternity Hosts Party Exclusively For Students With COVID-19



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By Hailie Higgins
BANKROLLED RETIREE

The UR chapter of the fraternity Delta Iota Kappa is facing public backlash and potential disciplinary action after hosting an event exclusively for members of the UR community who, at the time of the party, were actively testing positive for COVID-19.

'Screw my reputation of journalistic integrity, and screw you, Dick.'

The event, titled "Staying Positive During the Pandemic," took place last Friday, March 25 and reached about 70 students at its peak.

"After a pledge came to our poker night and infected half of the house, we were kind of screwed," senior and fraternity member Richard Johnson told the Campus Times, under the assumption that he would be able to remain anonymous. However, I'm graduating in a month, and this is the last piece of news I'm ever writing for the CT. Screw my reputation of journalistic integrity, and screw you, Dick.

'After a pledge came to our poker night and infected half of the house, we were kind of screwed.'

(Editor's Note: A previous version of this article stated that Richard Johnson was a member of UR Fraternity Sigma Phi Epsilon. We have no idea where that could have possibly come from, and it's since been removed.)

Johnson also verified

that the students manning the front door of Delta Iota Kappa's house were explicitly instructed to check for both a UR ID and a positive

'It is not yet clear what punishment, if any, Delta Iota Kappa will face.'

COVID-19 test taken in the last 48 hours.

Since the March 4 lift of the mask mandate, positive tests have settled in at around five each day, according to UR's COVID-19 dashboard. At the time of writing, there are exactly 71 students who have tested positive, only 55 of which are from River Campus. This implies that either 98% of eligible students said yes to their invitation, or, alternatively, that the honest and upstanding young members of the UR community have personally lied to the school. Which is more likely? Drop us a line at editor@campustimes.org with your opinion today!

It is not yet clear what punishment, if any, Delta Iota Kappa will face. In a Zoom interview with the Campus Crimes, University Judicial Officer Keith Orzo repeatedly affirmed that the members of Delta Iota Kappa would be subject to the same due process as individuals, and no shortcuts or heavy-handed actions would be taken.

However, before Orzo realized his audio was connected to the call, he said the following to an unknown coworker in the Center for Student Conflict Management:

"I just don't understand why we can't bring back the

zero-tolerance policy for this. We change the rules all the damn time. Don't you remember when they said 'we're going back in person' and then changed their minds less than a day later? [...] And we've been trying to kick these guys off for years, this is the perfect excuse."

'The fate of Delta Iota Kappa will be decided after a series of one-on-one interviews with Orzo and each member of the fraternity.'

Upon realizing that I had joined the Zoom call while he was speaking, Orzo quickly requested that I strike that from the record. But as New York State is a one-party consent state, and as I'm graduating in two months, no <3.

According to Orzo, the fate of Delta Iota Kappa will be decided after a series of one-on-one interviews with Orzo and each member of the fraternity, whether they attended the event or not. Johnson Dix, a junior in the fraternity who is doing a study abroad in Japan this semester, will also have to Zoom in for a 4 a.m. meeting before a decision can be made, even though there is no possible way Dix could have attended the function.

Orzo anticipates having a disciplinary decision out by late April, with the current goal being before D-Day. Any other COVID-19 violations can be reported to snitch@rochester.edu.

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TOO MANY OPINIONS

EDITORIAL OBSERVER

Free Tuition? C'mon, UR is Being too Generous.

By ALLIE TAY
FEELINGS EDITOR

The University released a controversial statement promising free tuition for virtually all undergraduate students on Sunday, March 6. I know what we're all thinking — they really shouldn't have! Before we start celebrating and demanding that they take back our money, let's actually consider what this means.

'Sure, we could eradicate the burden of college debt so our bank accounts aren't crying, but we're too elite for that.'

Now, I've never taken an economics class, but I don't think you need to realize that this isn't really how business works. We all know that the more expensive something is, the more undoubtedly prestigious it is, duh. By eliminating any sort of compensation for our marvelous (and arguably-overpriced education), they're essentially reducing the value of a UR education to less than that of a McDonald's Happy Meal. Or how dare you tell me that my education costs less than what I ordered on Grubhub yesterday? Sure, we could practically eradicate the crippling burden of college debt so our bank accounts aren't crying when we finally graduate, but we're too elite for that. Why would you not pay when you can pay? It's better to assert our status and succumb to the inevitable financial crisis that lies ahead.

'It's better to assert our status and succumb to the inevitable financial crisis that lies ahead.'

Not only is it our duty to

assert our lavish financial capability, but also to give back to the University. I mean, I can't be learning quantum mechanics for nothing — something this difficult has got to be worth at least \$20,000. I would feel sorely indebted if it was priced at any less. You have to give UR what it deserves. Never mind that besides the academics, the dining options at Douglass basically rotate through a cycle of bland, mediocre, and very (but only very) rarely barely-enlightening. Hey, at least it's edible most of the time, and the dorms only have cockroaches occasionally. Besides, they're basically just free emotional support insects.

'Raising tuition fees may restrict the pool of future applicants and reduce accessibility to our education and unparalleled living conditions, which is great news for us.'

In fact, tuition should increase. We owe the University for basically everything we have. Raising tuition fees may restrict the pool of future applicants and reduce accessibility to our education and unparalleled living conditions, which is great news for us. The triples in first-year housing are already a red flag, and Gleason is crowded enough. There are too many controversial things to list about this University, but overcrowding is one of the best ones. Insanely high tuition rates would legitimately solve this problem. If tuition rises by only 50% each year, by 2025, the few of us still trying to finish our degrees here might find ourselves with a private campus!

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The CT Responds to Your Complaints

The Campus Times would like to formally apologize for a CT tradition that the public has recently become aware of and has caused some outrage. The CT tradition reflects poorly on us as an organization, and we offer our sincere apology to those who were offended. One of the Campus Times' goals is to be as transparent as possible with the public, so we wish to take this opportunity to explain the history of the Campus Times' quote wall and reveal some of the material that was of particular interest to the community.

The Campus Times office located in Wilson Commons is the home to not only losers who don't have anything better to do with their Sundays, but a quote wall. The quote wall has been a decades-long fixture of the Campus Times, from pot-heads of the 80s to pot-heads of today.

The quote wall is exactly what it sounds like. If a Campus Times staff member says something particularly

noteworthy, their words will be written on a blank piece of paper and hung on the wall, because we are narcissists. The Campus Times has historically been staffed by the most obnoxious and narcissistic people you have ever met, which checks out because who else thinks their thoughts and contributions are so important that they dedicate 10-20 hours a week to sharing them.

What has caused some to be particularly upset is some of the content on the wall. The Campus Times has chosen to share material from the wall below with the aim of transparency.

"My plans to start a frat war are moving along slowly. A picture of the flag I stole from Psi U and placed in Chi Phi has made it onto Instagram, so I'm expecting someone's window to be broken by a brick soon."

"The engineering quad looks like a Soviet prison — anyway, my father had these wonderfully ROUGH hands..."

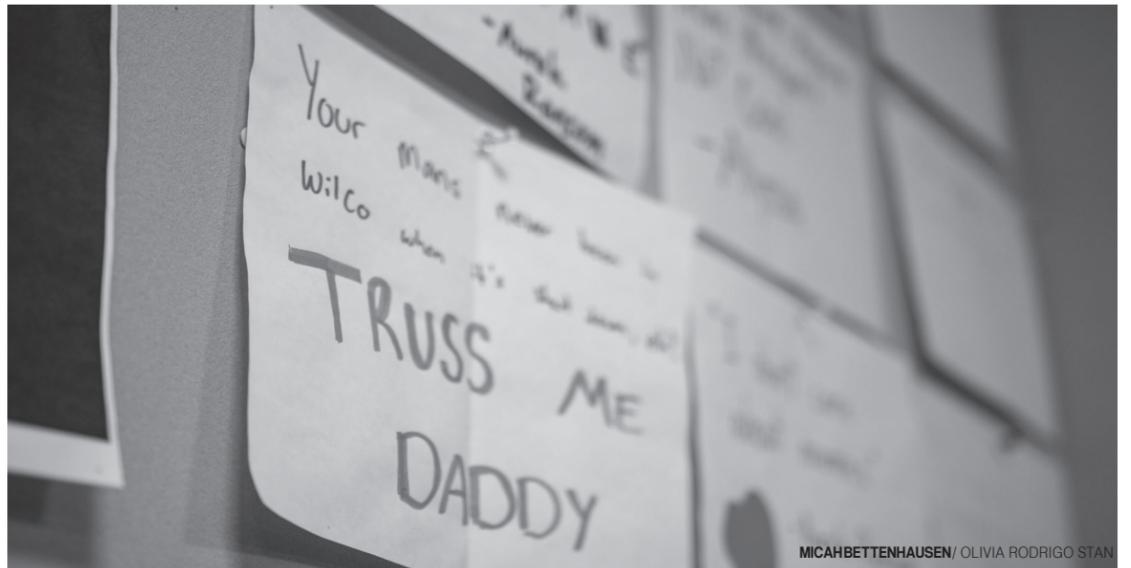
"I sadly lost the office bet on how long it was going for someone to try to argue how Jaeger was actually the victim. My thinking was \$9.4 million dollars meant 9.4 years before someone attempted that."

"There are too many Jews in the Campus Times... we control the media."

"Who doesn't love toxic masculinity? That's why we have our alumni events."

"Is it racism if it's on the moon?"

The Campus Times apologizes for these quotes and will try to be funnier in the future. CT would like to also quickly apologize for another CT scandal that the UR community found out about this week. CT would like to apologize to those who have impacted by a CT hazing ritual, where new writers were forced to write news articles based on their personal sex experiences. CT recognizes this is not the best way to show that we get bitches, and we promise to do better in the future.



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UR Dining is the Epitome of Convenience and Class

By Enana Jacob
STAFF WRITER

There is no better feeling than strolling out of your 2 p.m. lecture after a long morning of classes, ready to eat, knowing that Grab & Go, Douglass, and Danforth are all conveniently closed. Your stomach rumbles with pure joy as you remember that the dining halls don't reopen until 5 p.m., and since you have recitation at 4:50 p.m., you won't even be able to squeeze in a lunch of lukewarm, oil-drenched, clumpy pasta before class. It's an unmatched sense of relief that your precious dining plan dollars are going to good use.

'You won't even be able to squeeze in a lunch of lukewarm, oil-drenched, clumpy pasta before class.'

A close second to this feeling would have to be hanging out late with friends (past 10 p.m. is late, guys!) on a Friday night, getting hungry, and realizing your options are to 1) trek up the hill to the extremely fairly-priced and not-at-all scammy Hillside Market, 2) order off of GrubHub with non-declining Real Person Money, or 3) eat the display-case lemon loaf from Starbucks. If you're lucky, maybe you can snag a soggy McDonald's order that's been sitting on the steps of your dorm building for the past eight hours!

The dining system here at UR is near-perfect. A controversial take, I know, but the only thing I think we could improve would be making the weekend options just a bit more restricted. After all, psychology shows that having too many options causes

distress. UR should make up its mind — either force us to get orange chicken from the Pit for breakfast or eat brunch food at Danforth every meal of the day. Better yet, close them both and make the Starbucks line even more insufferable!

Speaking of Starbucks, **'If you're lucky, maybe you can snag a soggy McDonald's order that's been sitting on the steps of your dorm building for the past eight hours!'**

their unpredictable GrubHub status never fails to make my day. Are they really out of espresso at 10 a.m.? Are they actually closed for some valid reason, or is this their feeble attempt at reducing the influx of caffeine-addicted zombie students sleep-walking their way through the door? Does it say "no line" at 11 a.m. (the peak Starbucks hour) because of a glitch, or did everyone on campus simultaneously drop dead? Egg bites can't really be out of stock, right — I mean, literally, what even are those? What psychopathic Egg Cult got kale and mushroom egg bites sold out? The mysteries never end, and I never want them to!

Overall, our dining system is one of the crown jewels of UR. It only continues to grow Ever Better. What's more Meliora than getting rid of disposable boxes that you can sneak food out with, hoard desserts with, and take meals to a less concerningly-sticky part of campus with? The obvious answer is nothing. UR dining, UR doing great! Keep it up!

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The Ultimate Guide to Being Prepared for Lecture

By Adya Mohapatra
STAFF WRITER

Everyone knows that there is nothing more important than paying attention to early morning lectures. Often teeming with vats of knowledge that your brain is just waiting to soak in, these lectures are crucial to your success as a student. Recordings and uploaded PowerPoints that cover literally everything mentioned in class just don't have the same charm to them, and like every other dedicated student at UR, you open your eyes in the morning for the sole purpose of attending lecture.

But how does one truly prepare for the experience that is — gasp — lecture? It's not something to take lightly, of course, but how do you really get the full experience?

As with many things in life, it's all about being prepared. Even if the lecture hall is a reasonable walk from your housing, you really shouldn't start your journey to class until there are five minutes left until the lecture starts. Leaving right when lecture starts? Even better. There's nothing like fresh adrenaline to start your day and the sense of satisfaction you get noisily walking into a mostly empty auditorium, because you're not like the slackers that don't show up. No, you're better, because you came to class and you give the professor extra time to

prepare.

After making your grand entrance, make sure to select the perfect spot to sit, preferably the middle section in the very back. The immaculate surround-sound system installed in the hall allows you to hear every word being uttered, to the point where you can easily visualize what is being taught by just closing your eyes and resting your head on your very sturdy and spacious makeshift desk.

Once you finish visualizing, it's probably time to pull out the old laptop, iPad, and phone combo. The laptop is perfect for taking notes, while the iPad has the lecture slides pulled up to make sure you don't have to take too many notes. And of course, the phone is always important for replying to any pressing messages that seem to have flooded in as soon as lecture started.

'You're not like the slackers that don't show up.'

You also have not one, not two, but three devices perfect for keeping track of time. You never want to be caught unaware of when class ends, because you need to be the first person running down the steps to ask the professor your pending questions about the lecture. Sometimes your feet lead you up the stairs and out the door instead of towards the professor, but that's okay!

Dedicated students deserve to take breaks every so often... or every single day.

In order to be the model student who exemplifies our dearly-beloved Meliora values, there's honestly only one thing that really matters anyway — showing up. Besides, being the spectacular academic you are, you don't need the lecture as much as it needs you. Without an audience, can a lecture even be called a lecture? So, your gracious appearance is really an act of charity on your part, allowing you to treat the lecture as a break from your rigorous schedule.

Feel free to catch up on that show you haven't seen since last night, or answer important texts that just don't hit the same over the phone. If you're feeling particularly ambitious, try to finish an entire movie. One brave student in the CHEM 132 lecture attempted to begin and finish "The Jungle Book" just a few weeks ago, and there's no reason you shouldn't follow in their footsteps.

At the end of the day, you're the only one who knows not only what kind of student you are, but what kind of person you are. Put in the effort to immerse yourself in your lectures using the guide above, and never ever forget to be ever better.

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InFLUenced

By Muskaan Vasandani
STAFF WRITER

It was a dark week in the history of Riverview G-401. It all started with the downfall of one unsuspecting suitemate, plagued by the sniffles on a seemingly normal Saturday morning. Assuming it's spring allergies, we all (except the sniffles suitemate) moved on in life and attended the spring 'Mela', enjoying ourselves immensely. The next morning was when I myself woke up with an extremely sore throat.

'It all started with the downfall of one unsuspecting suitemate.'

In the span of two days, my boyfriend and suitemates fell like dominos before the mighty flu. We were all negative for COVID-19, but very positive for the influenza virus. A steamer was purchased, and added to the repository of common suitemate items. The house proceeded to smell like Vicks day in and day out, and the kettle was always on, so we had an endless supply to meet the demand for hot tea. The

days passed with all of us under the spell of drowsy flu medicines, staying home and consensually ostracizing ourselves from society. We were like soldiers in the trenches of a raging battle, waiting for the ceasefire to be called.

A very surprising consequence of this big sick was that we became hoarders. We started filling up our fridge as if there were an incoming storm. We stuffed our freezer with ready-to-eat meals, and bought dozens of eggs and tons of oatmeal to get us through our siege. We converted our lounge table to a sick bag, pooling our collective supplies of medicine to help everyone in need. It was just a very long week of constantly trying to feel better and curb the incessant sniffles and coughs.

What I learnt this past week was that even when I was at my worst, having the people I love around me made it a bearable and sometimes even extremely funny experience. Despite the fact that all of us were sick together, we made sure to check in on each other when we had good periods. Keeping spirits up is the best way to get through

flu season, as there is, really, no quick cure to this. You're going to have to stay home and rest, you'll feel like crap and go through a lot, but you'll eventually get to the other side. What helps is having some people around you who binge watch shitty TV with you while you're down (especially if they're sick too).

As boxes of tissues were emptied, we started feeling better and our voices returned. Throats weren't sore anymore and the suite stopped reverberating from the sounds of coughing. We had made it to the ceasefire, and ventured out of our trenches. So if you have the flu, don't lose hope. Take the time you need to rest and recover. I know it's tough to take a break during midterm season, but it's something you need to do if you're sick. As I type this in the Starbucks line, waiting for my medicine ball, I assure you it gets better. The other side of the flu isn't great, either. There's a lot of catching up on extended deadlines involved, but you have to take that break to get better.

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CULTURE

Students Mesmerized by Multicultural Celebration

By Mahnoot Raza
CULTURE EXPERT

On Friday, March 25, the University organized the “Meliora Multicultural Gala,” an hour-long celebration of on-campus cultural diversity. The event took place in Feldman Ballroom. In a University-wide email on Monday, the Office of the Provost welcomed students to “drop by to learn about, experience, and appreciate the myriad cultures represented within the University of Rochester community.” According to inside sources, in the wake of last month’s Lunar New Year controversy, the Office also encouraged instructors to give students a day off to attend the celebration.

Students of all back-

grounds were in attendance, with some feeling that this was the first time they felt represented at a University-sponsored event. “This feels like D-Day, but the D stands for diversity,” visibly-excited sophomore Chad Smith told the Campus Times during a mid-program intermission. “The colors! The sounds! The smells! The sights! My brain is, like, in total overdrive right now.”

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Programming for the evening started off with a moving performance by

the Orange Sweaters, with the setlist featuring a capella renditions of Don’t Stop Believin’ (Journey) and Livin’ on a Prayer (Bon Jovi). This was followed by what was introduced as a “magical” bellydance presentation by the Organization for the Exploration of Exotic Oriental Cultures (OEEOC), set to Genie in a Bottle by Christina Aguilera. The night was brought to a close with a mock Indian wedding, featuring student actors Kayleigh Williams (’23) and Bradley Cooper (’25) as the bride and groom respectively.

‘The night was brought to a close with a mock Indian wedding.’

“I almost teared up for a moment there,” Williams

said after her performance. “It was like all of my dreams were coming true.”

Cooper commented that he was afraid that the wedding would fall through until the last moment. “We just couldn’t find anyone authentic to play my best man,” he said.

The Gala also boasted **“This feels like D-Day, but the D stands for diversity.”**

an extensive dinner menu, complete with spice-less delicacies that could put even Panda Express to shame. Senior Liz Johnson said that she was overjoyed at the opportunity to enjoy food from around the world at the event. “I live off-campus now, so I’m happy I finally got to eat Pit

sushi and Wok chow mein. I think [Meliora Multicultural] was an awesome idea. It gave me the chance to really steep myself in all of these different cultures,” she said.

In a brief conversation with CT, an anonymous representative for Wilson Commons Student Activities expressed hope that the Gala would become an annual occasion. “We are not discouraged by the lack of sign-ups,” he said. “Hopefully, the success of today’s event will set a precedent for even more bonafide multicultural groups and students to participate in Gala festivities in the future.”

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Draft of a Bat Out of Hell

By Meliora Earle
VIGILANTE

I was close to tears during “The Batman’s” final act, and I couldn’t tell if it was the three-to-four hour sleep schedule I had been on for the week finally taking its toll, or if it was because I was emotional from watching what may be my dream Batman depiction. I watched this movie in Toronto, and even though I was surrounded by some of the nicest people in the world, I was totally ready to fuck someone up after watching Robert Pattison beat the living hell out of everyone for three hours.

This movie is bat-tastic, and might be the best Batman film of all time — scratch that, best comic book film. Want to fight me on that fanboy? Have fun getting into a conversation with someone that not only knows the whole fictional history of Batman, but the socio-economic history of Batman. I’m a barrel of fun at parties. This movie is not only Batman, but one of the first comic book films that is generally an actual honest-to-god movie rather than a superhero thrill ride.

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Hop on director Matt Reeves’ bat-ride that is basically all the best Batman stories remixed into a hit



RACHEL KAMATA/ILLUSTRATIONS EDITOR

single. Reeves sticks to the winning bat-formula, where instead of funding education programs, stable low-income housing, and community programming, Bruce Wayne chooses instead to dress as a bat and cripple people in the night instead. Honestly, one political science class would show Batman just how insane he is and the hundreds of non-insane ways he could actually fix Gotham. But that wouldn’t be as fun for us now would it? It’s kind of like how UR loves to talk about how it’s one of the biggest employers in Upstate New York and could do way more for the community, but only

does just enough for the tax credit.

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Robert Pattison’s Batman also demonstrates why therapy is a good investment. Paul Dano’s Riddler is fucking terrfying, and showed me that I watch too many serial killer shows because it’s weird I know what the body language looks like for when a killer is getting off on a crime, right?

While this movie is a lot of talking, it makes sense because it’s a detective noir. At least the plot makes more sense than “Spider-Man: No Way Home.”

‘Three out of four UR students got rejected from Cornell, and we all seem to be doing fine.’

You know what? I’ll say it. While I enjoy that Peter Parker finally becomes Spider-Man and not Iron-Boy at the end of the movie, “Spider-Man: No Way Home” is terribly set up. Peter Parker got his aunt killed over the fact that he didn’t get into MIT! You’re telling me out of all of

the reasons Parker wanted everyone to forget he’s Spider-Man, it’s because he and his friends didn’t get into MIT? Three out of four UR students got rejected from Cornell, and we all seem to be doing fine. I’m sure it helps some of you that your parents describe UR as a “Secret Ivy” to people, but it feels like no one gave Peter the, “it’s okay if you get rejected” talk. But yay, at least the two Spider-guys from your childhood came back for the check! Don’t even talk about the bat-plot and bat-run-time of “The Batman” if you think “Spider-Man: No Way Home” is a good movie instead of a fun Six Flags roller coaster.

‘The bat-thesis at the end of “The Batman” is that what Gotham needs is not a guy dressed as a Bat running around delivering bat-vengeance, but bat-hope.’

Anyways, Zoe Kravtitz can stomp me out on a curb. I mean, uh, did you know that she drank milk like a cat for the film? Wait not that, ummm, she’s a really good Selina Kyle, her acting is raw and beautiful? She steals every scene (get it, like Catwoman?) and she stole my heart. Everyone else was cool too. The Gotham Greg Fraser built in this movie makes me feel like I was going to get murdered in an alleyway, so that was also bat-cool.

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GSWS 397	Finding the Clit	Fall 2022	mutual pleasure	open minded

Schedule: Day: F, Begin: 19:45, End: 19:50, Location: Lovejoy Hall, Start Date: 10/31/22, End Date: 11/24/22

Enrollment: 0/999

Instructors: UR mom

Description: Do you have a partner with a vulva? Do they enjoy your sex life? No, no, I don't want to know how big your dick is. I want to know if you can find the clit. Honestly, you're probably better at this if you don't have a penis.

Pre-requisite courses: GSWS 101 - Tea Drinking

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CSC 190	Ethics in Antimasking	Fall 2022	Pain	Pushy

Schedule: Day: M, Begin: 12:30, End: 15:00, Location: As far away as possible, Start Date: 11/9/19, End Date: ????

Enrollment: Are you really gonna?

Instructors: Ned Collicky

Description: Come listen to a Professor teach very little about the department in which the class is listed and rant extensively on their personal beliefs. Disagree at risk to your own GPA.

Cross Listed GSWS -005, PHIL 115

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CASC 100	Cheating in Physical Classes	Fall 2022	2.0	reported

Schedule: Day: Sun, Begin: 22:00, End: 23:15, Location: A basement... somewhere, Start Date: 9/32/22, End Date: 12/-1/22

Enrollment: 0/12

Instructors: A rotating group of Workshop Leaders

Description: For those students who have spent most of their college career cheating on zoom exams, here is a course designed to help you gain a competitive edge for your in person classes. Projects will include stealing silverware from dining halls, pretending not to be high when you see your RA in the middle of the night, and googling the final exam while in the bathroom.

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AME 210F	Fart Recording	Fall 2022	1.0	single

Schedule: Day: M/T, Begin: 14:00, End: 15:15, Location: Q&i Bathroom, Start Date: Now, End Date: Then

Enrollment: 0/12

Instructors: UR Staff

Description: PFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFT

Cross listed: EESC 107, SART 212, ANTH 115

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EESC 099	Huntin'	Fall 2022	Meat	open

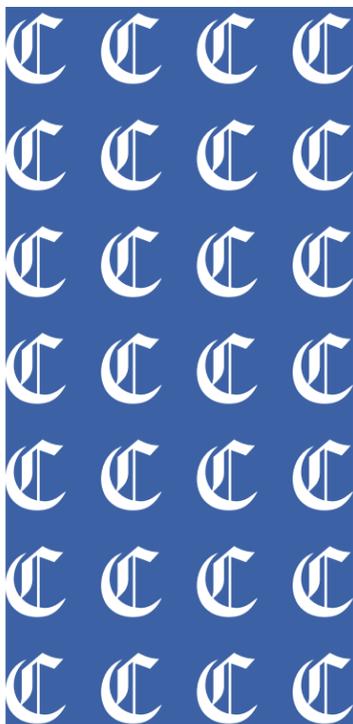
Schedule: Day: Sat, Begin: 6:00, End: The Woods, Start Date: GRRR, End Date: GRRR

Enrollment: 5/5

Instructors: A wolf in the woods

Description: Connect with your inner beast by chasing down deer in the woods. Learn to kill with only your teeth, and acclimate your stomach to raw meat.

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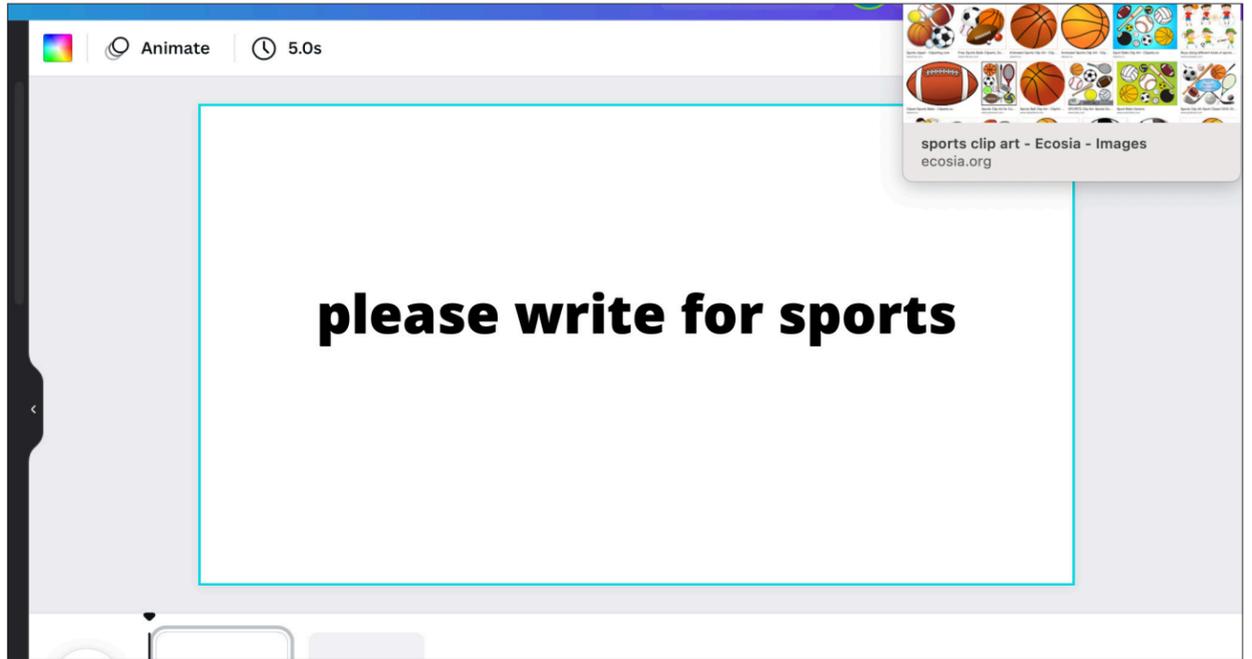
Men's A Cappella Upset in ICCA Semifinals

By NOT ALEX FINALLY
ASPIRING SPORTS EDITOR

UR men's a cappella capped their competitive season with an impressive performance in the ICCA Central Semifinal at the Buffalo Center of the Arts, ultimately losing to Cornell's Class Notes, SUNY Potsdam's Potsdam Pitches, and RIT's Eight Beat Measure (and, potentially, many more).

The YellowJackets ended their regular season with a 1-1 record after earning first place in the Central Quarterfinals. They opened the season with an impressive 411-395 win over RIT; first-year Duc Nguyen and senior Harrison Caplin led all scorers with points for Outstanding Soloist and Outstanding Arrangement, respectively.

Matched up against RIT vocal percussionist Gavriel Miles in the second round, Rochester had trouble with their mic levels and changed choreography alike. The YellowJackets were outscored in the end, ending their season in dramatic fashion. First place finishers Cornell's Class Notes, with nods for Outstanding Soloist and Outstanding Choreography, advance to the ICCA Finals at The Town Hall in NYC on April 23.



Senior Harrison Caplin was given a nod for Outstanding Arrangement once again during semis, and despite losing a strong senior class after their final show of the season on April 9, the team will look to continue their

momentum in the fall.

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