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This Fall

BY MAYA BROSNICK
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Sections of River Campus’ pedestrian tunnel system will be closed this fall as the University continues repair work on its underground utility tunnels.

This closure will include the tunnel between both sides of Eastman Quad, which is typically used for Welcome Week event “Make UR Mark” where incoming students paint the tunnel walls, and is later used by clubs to promote events via both paintings and flyers. The tunnels connecting Bausch and Lomb Hall, Dewey Hall, and Hoyt Hall will also be closed.

Sections of River Campus’ pedestrian tunnel system will be closed this fall.

Beyond showcasing artwork and advertising events, students also use the tunnels to display social commentary, as well as escape freezing temperatures and snow.

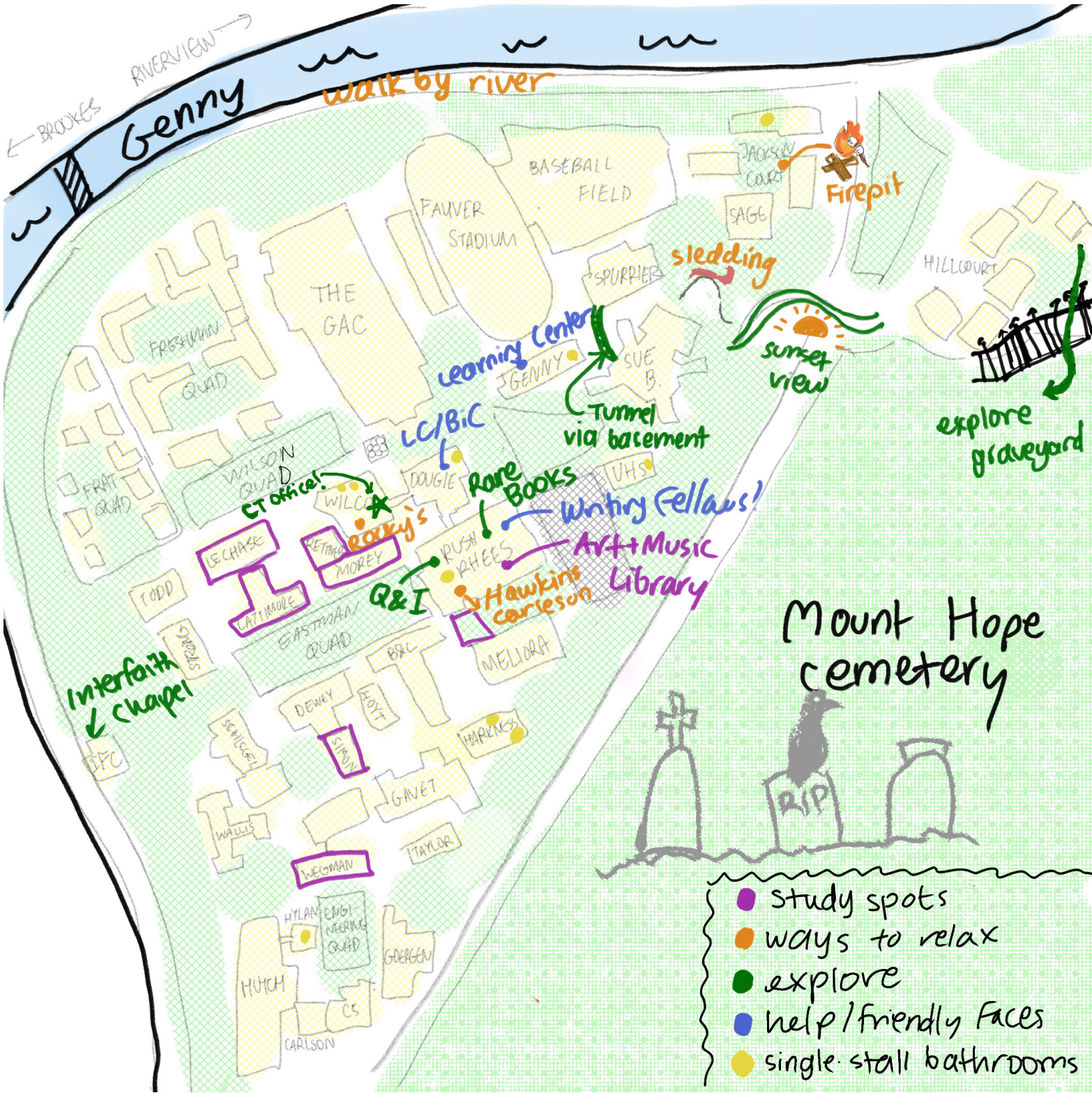
The tunnels are expected to reopen for use before the end of the fall semester.

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Introducing the New and
Improved CT

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Welcome, or welcome back, to campus! While you were out enjoying your summer vacation, your humble Presentations Chief has been hard at work updating and standardizing the page templates for the print editions of the *Campus Times*. Although the pages look largely the same, our most eagle-eyed readers may notice a few key differences!

As Presentations Chief, I spend what can be upwards of 12 straight hours on print nights making sure our pages are just right: every text box within the right line, every line the right width, every

word in the correct font and format. Now, as I approach the beginning of my senior year, I’m aware more than ever of the importance of consistency and legacy in the *CT*.

In addition to correcting small mistakes in our page templates, such as inconsistencies in text box alignments, my biggest priority for this update was preserving the characteristic look of the *CT*. The new page templates are heavily inspired by older editions of the *CT* (circa 2015), particularly the designs of key elements like bylines and pull quotes. Another main goal of this project was standardization. Now, for the first time in recent *CT* history, we have a standard layout for

subheadings within articles. Additionally, I designed a resource page that our Presentations Staff can use to more easily access our most common page elements, making the layout process more efficient for our team. Our photo captions have also been redesigned to use space more efficiently — shoutout to *CT* alum Micah Bettenhausen ’25 and his endless supply of *Chicago Tribunes* mailed to my Campus Mail Center address for professional inspiration!

The new page templates make their debut in this Orientation edition of the *CT*.

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Bausch and Lomb Hall through the trees
on Eastman Quad.

Guide to the Campus Times

NEWS AND FEATURES

URochester is a busy place. So is Rochester as a whole. If you’re ever wondering what’s going on, the news and features sections are the place to get answers. From in-depth discussions on a professor’s research to breaking news on students’ political demonstrations, the News and Features sections will have it all. In the physical edition of the paper, these two sections are grouped together, however on our website you can sort articles by “News” for shorter, urgent stories or “Features” for long-form, detailed ones.

OPINIONS

Looking for a place to share your best and hottest takes? Look no further than the *CT*’s Opinions section — a place to share anything and everything your heart desires, whether it be on culture, politics, or simply your niche personal gripe.

CULTURE

With the Culture section, the world is your oyster — the section provides a space to run coverage of campus and city arts events, share personal explorations of travel, shopping, and museum visits, and publish reviews of recent movies, albums, or whatever artistic work fits your fancy. Occupying the middle space between hard news and artistically crafted opinion, culture welcomes articles and writers of all backgrounds; it’s simply about finding what brings you passion.

HUMOR

Put your funny bone to the test in the *CT*’s Humor section — a place to share your jokes with an audience who’s more than just your roommate. From satire to wordplay to nonsense, the humor section is more than broad enough to fit your jokes, and there’s bound to be someone who finds them funny.

SPORTS

Looking to stay up to date with URochester’s 23 varsity sports teams, or just itching to find your next athletic obsession? With the *CT*, you’re in luck. The Sports section provides fast-paced coverage of many of our teams’ tournaments and competitions, following along for the season with play-by-play insights. Along with game coverage, the Sports section is a welcome spot for industry analysis and player interviews, fostering a great place to learn a little bit more about URochester’s athletes and college sports as a whole.

PHOTO AND ILLUSTRATIONS

Whether you’re a genius with a camera or can hardly draw anything more than stick figures, the Photo and Illustration sections have a place for you. These sections both provide the *CT* images, excluding comics, to be published alongside articles on a wide range of topics — sometimes even metaphysical ones that don’t have a tangible noun associated with them.

PRESENTATIONS

Every stroke of ink on the paper is in place because of the Presentations team. Using Adobe InDesign, Presentations molds the aesthetics of the newspaper to become the beautifully organized combination of ink and blank paper that makes its way first to the printer, and then to your hands.

COPY

Some people love correcting mistakes. In the *CT*, they often find a home in the Copy section, where they are free (and encouraged!) to get nitpicky about the use of semicolons, scrutinize the use of every en- and em-dash, and demonstrate impeccable knowledge of the most recent Associated Press Stylebook.

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Your Welcome Week Horoscope



BY ALEX HOLLY
ENGAGEMENT COORDINATOR

Aquarius (Jan. 20–Feb. 18)
Wilson Day of Engagement

To be real, the Wilson Day of Engagement is the classiest way to begin your time at URochester — and the best way to involve yourself in the local community. As an Aquarius, your problem-solving and boots-on-the-ground nature will allow you to go with the flow of whatever the day brings you. Whether you end up helping out at a school, hanging out in the woods, or somewhere in between, be sure to cherish the day spent doing good and getting quality time in with your new URochester friends. Likewise, enjoy having the day off campus.

Date: Friday, Aug. 28
Time: Noon–6 p.m.
Location: Goergen Athletic Center, Palestra

Pisces (Feb. 19–March 20)
Plant Sale

Starting college can honestly be quite stressful, particularly when you're walking into a white-walled plain-floored dorm room and starting things anew. However, as a Pisces, you know exactly how to make the world your comfy cozy oyster — starting with your home base in your dorm room. Hence, the resonance to the plant sale. Bring some gorgeous green oxygen into your space and get a beautiful monstera. Or perhaps a cactus if you're feeling low maintenance. You can give it a name too if that's up your alley; just remember to water your new leafy friend.

Date: Monday, Aug. 24
Time: 10 a.m.–4 p.m.
Location: Wilson Quad

Aries (March 21–April 19)
Celebrate Rochester

It's almost the end of Welcome Week and you're still looking for something energetic to do? Aries — I promise you're going to have plenty of busy weekends where you can go ram to the walls. For now, enjoy the biggest party (and student gathering) you're going to find for a hot second: Celebrate Rochester. And trust, there's a lot to celebrate. It's vibrant, it's quite exciting, and I promise you're going to be singing and dancing all the rest of the night long. But, while you're there, enjoy the comfy seats and a break from being on your feet.

Date: Saturday, Aug. 29
Time: 7:30–9:30 p.m.
Location: Kodak Hall at Eastman Theatre

Taurus (April 20–May 20)
Campus Tour

There's a really old story about a bull (the Taurine symbol) having a lot of trouble getting out of a maze. You, my friend, will not let mythology repeat itself. As a headstrong and practical individual, mapping out campus is a priority for you — and it honestly should be for everyone. Imagine showing up late for the first day of class because you hadn't figured out where the room was yet — it's a terrifying concept. That happens, but won't happen to you. Enjoy the natural (and man-made) wonders of the URochester campus throughout your tour — and good luck with the tunnels.

Date: Varying
Time: Varying
Location: Departs from the west end of Eastman Quad

Gemini (May 21–June 20)
Speed Friending

Look at you go social butterfly! Although college begins as a fairly individual process, speed

friending will be the perfect opportunity for you to find your true new twin. Perhaps they'll be another Gemini — wouldn't that be so dazzling? Anyways, your charming nature and orientation toward social life will make this event a wonderful way to acquaint yourself with the soon-to-be familiar faces of URochester. If you end up forgetting the name of all of your speed friending matches and run into them again, just say that your experience really reminded you of something you read in the *Campus Times*. It'll be a beautiful way to start a conversation.

Date: Monday, Aug. 24; Tuesday, Aug. 25
Time: 8–10 p.m.; 8–9 p.m.
Location: Douglass Commons, Feldman Ballroom (Aug. 24), Interfaith Chapel, River Level (Aug. 25)

Cancer (June 21–July 22)
Spirit R Group Photo

Everybody say cheese! Or — everybody say crab! The Spirit R group photo is a beautiful and sentimental piece of Welcome Week tradition — just as you are a sentimental person. While lining up with 1,000 of your peers for an aerial photo may not be a current high priority, you're thinking forward. A few years from now, perhaps even a few decades, you're going to come back to URochester, see your class photo and say "Awwwww. That was actually really sweet. I'm glad that we did that." A tear will trickle from your cheek with the budding flower of nostalgia close behind. But let's not get sentimental yet. For now, just enjoy the photo.

Date: Friday, Aug. 29
Time: 9–10a.m.
Location: Wilson Quad

Leo (July 23–Aug. 22)
Mr. 585 Disco

Okay, I hate to say that you won the horoscope but you kind of won the horoscope this time. Sorry to everybody else. Technically, the Pitbull-themed disco party falls at the beginning of Virgo season, but "Fireball" can kind of correlate with one sign and one sign only: Leo. You all just had your birthdays, you're riding off the Welcome Week high, and the one thing that's going to blow this week off the rooftops of Rush Rhees is the damn Pitbull-themed disco. So make sure to go, but just don't pregame with real booze because that'll make the Orientation Leaders

sad and probably stressed.

Date: Friday, Aug. 28
Time: 9–11:59 p.m.
Location: Douglass Commons, Feldman Ballroom

Virgo (Aug. 23–Sept. 22)
Hive and Seek

You're one curious Cathy, aren't you? People sometimes say that Virgos are uptight and really only care about rules, but I know you care about something more. Like love. Like exploration. Like finding hidden Rockys hidden throughout the River Campus for the sake of curiosity and getting a fun little keepsake. But really, your attention to detail and keen eye for your surroundings will really aid you on this quest — and be a fun pastime while you ring in the most important happening of the start of college: your birthday. Wishing you a beautiful one, by the way.

Date: Monday, Aug. 24–Friday, Aug. 29
Time: All Day
Location: River Campus

Libra (Sept. 23–Oct. 22)
Convocation & Class Roll Signing

For you, Welcome Week can't be all play or all business. It has to have some of both. The campus roll signing and convocation allows you to have your cake and eat it too, or at least get your perfect signature on a legacy collegiate document. While convocation is one of the more mellow Welcome Week events, it's what officially marks the beginning of your college career — tapping into your desire for balance. I know you have good handwriting, and now's your time to show it off.

Date: Wednesday, Aug. 26
Time: 4–5 p.m.
Location: Meliora Plaza, Eastman Quad

Scorpio (Oct. 23–Nov. 21)
Creative Crafting

Between us, all the moving around during Welcome Week is so tiring. I get it. Going from event to event all day can be a lot, particularly at the late hours — but that's where the creative crafting sessions come in. As a Scorpio, you're passionate about what you do, but you might be looking for something a bit calmer to wrap up your Welcome Week. So, why not make a duct tape rose or craft a canvas with your new collegiate friends? Use your mysterious and creative nature to make the

next Mona Lisa — or maybe just something to give to one of your new friends in dedication to your recent connection.

Date: Monday, Aug. 24; Tuesday, Aug. 25; Thursday, Aug. 27; Saturday, Aug. 29
Time: Varying
Location: Varying

Sagittarius (Nov. 22–Dec. 21)
Candlelight Ceremony

The Candlelight Ceremony is an absolute classic when it comes to Welcome Week festivities, and one that caters to the fiery side of your Sagittarius sign. Likewise, it's a sentimental moment of the week — one which you'll take to look toward your beautiful future as a URochester student. As an optimist, it's the perfect place for you. Just be sure to practice "The Genssee"'s melody if you want to impress your friends. On the other side of the coin, the Jersey Release Party (which I'm kind of jealous of, by the way) is the prime time to unleash your inner beast before reining it in for the school year. Enjoy the party, and certainly do your best to remember its joys.

Date: Wednesday, Aug. 26
Time: 7:45–9:45 p.m.
Location: Eastman Quad

Capricorn (Dec. 22–Jan. 19)
Student Employment Job Fair

If you're reading this and thinking "Ugh! Why did I get the boring one?" you might just be reading the wrong blurb. According to WikiHow, Capricorns are the most successful zodiac sign and I really want you to sit with that. Thus, as an Earth sign with a ram's intuition and wit, you just gotta go to the job fair to get that ball rolling. Studies are going to be your main commitment, obvi, but \$100 a week from an on-campus job can really dig you out of university debt and be the first sparkling star on your new college resume. You got this, just remember why your new position is going to help you support Meliora values — you'll need it for your job application.

Date: Thursday, Aug. 27
Time: 11 a.m.–1 p.m.
Location: Wilson Commons, May Room

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The Apps You Need To Survive URochester

BY MAYA BROSNIK
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

If you somehow managed to make it through Welcome Week with fewer than 100 pieces of paper, under 30 new stickers, and fewer than three new apps, you might not know what I'm talking about. But if you're like me — your new desk filled with leaflets and your phone storage on its last legs — then you might be in the market for something to let you know which of those papers, apps, and websites are actually important. Look no further Class of 2030, as here is a list breaking down exactly what you need to smoothly navigate your first months on campus.

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Important for joining and managing clubs, and learning about campus events, the CCC app is an essential download for any URochester student. The website works well too, allowing you to group the clubs you participate in on a sidebar, and easily search for and find events across campus,

but the app allows you to easily pull up your personal QR code to scan, which many events and giveaways use to check you in. Without that QR code you might not get the beanie you've been waiting half an hour for, or get to see your friends star in some of the many free performances clubs put on around campus.

Similarly, the University of Rochester Events Calendar is a website all students should mark down if they're ever looking for anything to do. The calendar lists University-wide events for the year, including at the Memorial Art Gallery and Strong Memorial Hospital. These events can range from talks by professors and professionals to art displays and therapy dog visits. Through the Events Calendar, students are sure to find something that catches their interest. You can also filter the listed events by time period and type of event, making the website easy to use for anyone looking for something to do.

Switching tracks a little, the next app I'm recommending that everyone download is TripShot, our shuttle tracker. TripShot, though it can be buggy, is a helpful tool in trying to plan off-campus excursions. Depending on what shuttle line you're using,

the shuttle schedule might offer a more accurate outlook on timing than TripShot, and is always useful for planning ahead, but TripShot offers important features as well. It allows users to see both a live view of where shuttles are located, and a live estimation for when they will reach your stop. It also lets you see how shuttle paths cross, and makes it easy to find stops near you.

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You may already have it downloaded, but if you don't have the GrubHub app yet, it is a must-have for campus dining. Not only does it allow you to order for pickup, essential for places like Starbucks that sometimes have an hour-long wait, but it also lets you keep track of how many Dining Dollars you have left, saving you from the rookie mistake of spending it all in the first six weeks. Perhaps a smaller benefit, but I appreciate that the GrubHub app shows all campus dining options in one place. It helps my indecisive self (and my indecisive friends) decide where to eat. Also helpful with this is UR Mobile, which you can use to see the menus at different

dining halls in advance.

Turning to a more academic side, if you don't already have Blackboard bookmarked it's time to get on that right away. Blackboard is the homepage for all of your classes (think Google Classroom if you used that in high school) and where many of them will have you submit assignments. If you have readings, Blackboard is also likely where they will be posted, and it's where professors post any announcements as well. The app is handy to have downloaded for the times you find yourself out of the house at 11:45 p.m. with something due at 11:59 that night, but it doesn't offer any features that the website doesn't, so it isn't necessary to have both.

In a similar vein, Workday, which is the site you used to register for classes, should also be bookmarked now if it isn't already. Workday is where you'll find your grades, tax forms, new classes, and much more (though check out melcourses if you're looking for a more intuitive site to find next semester's classes). Workday is also helpful if you're planning to work an on-campus job, as it offers some of the necessary information for that as well.

Last of what I'll include

in this article (I have to stop somewhere) is the Duo Mobile app. I cannot explain to those who have not experienced it how much better it is to receive a Duo Push when I'm trying to sign into one of many sites than it is to wait for a code and type it in, or Rocky-forbid receive a call. Sure, it's only saving 30 seconds, but I think it's added up to a solid hour over my three years at this institution, and I swear time slows down waiting to receive a code. I 100% recommend downloading the Duo app; it is extremely worth it.

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That concludes my list of app and website recommendations, though I will add one last recommendation: checking out the department website for your major/minor. There's usually pretty helpful information there. I wish you all the best of luck in your upcoming venture into the app store and beyond — I hope your phone storage can keep up.

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Fall Activities Fair

Friday, September 4
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Wilson Quad

Open House

Sunday, September 6
12:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Graphic Arts Suite (WilCo 103)

GIM

Tuesday, September 8
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Graphic Arts Suite (WilCo 103)

Make-up GIM

Wednesday, September 9
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Graphic Arts Suite (WilCo 103)

Interested but can't make it? Contact CT_Editor@u.rochester.edu

COMMUNITY

The ABCs of (Off-Campus) Groceries

BY ALEX HOLLY
ENGAGEMENT COORDINATOR

Take it from a rising Take Five: URochester’s dining plans have improved plenty over the past couple of years. But that doesn’t mean they encompass all student needs — whether that be allergen restrictions, finding internationally sourced ingredients, or accommodating general preferences. So, when you eventually get tired of Douglass, Danforth, and the Pit, here’s a list of locally-based grocery stores to try, all within walking or shuttle distance.

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Hikari Foods and Grocery

Hikari is an East Asian grocery market located a few blocks away from College Town in Mount Hope Plaza. While Joy Mart, another Asian grocery option located a bit closer to campus, is also worth noting, Hikari takes the cake when it comes to selection size and affordability, hence their feature in this article (side note: Joy Mart does accept Rocky Bucks, so if you have any, spend that money before you spend your real money for grocery items). Hikari carries an excellent selection of frozen goods (fish, meat, prepared items), basics such as rice and noodles, sauces and seasonings, and even fresh produce and snacks. It’s probably one of the closest places to campus that you can consistently get fruits and vegetables, so it’s particularly noteworthy for that alone.

Address: 1667 Mt Hope Avenue

How to get there: Blue Line to Behind Goler House, walk 10 minutes

SNAP/EBT accepted: Yes

It’s probably one of the closest places to campus that you can consistently get fruits and vegetables, so it’s particularly noteworthy for that alone.

Marilla’s Mindful Supplies

If I’m being honest, Marilla’s isn’t exactly a



The outside of the Rochester Public Market on an off-season day. ALEXHOLLY/ENGAGEMENT COORDINATOR

grocery store. However, it still makes the cut — and it’s part of the main inspiration for this article. While Marilla’s won’t meet the bulk of your grocery needs, it meets most other needs ... that is, for bulk items. The small storefront has a pretty strong array of high-quality spices for pretty cheap, as well as other basics like oats, flour, oils, and hand-ground peanut butter. Just make sure to bring your own jar to avoid the fee that comes with purchasing one on-site. Along with food options, the shop carries a variety of eco-friendly home (primarily kitchen and bath) items such as soaps, towels, and cookware — the specifics of which can be found on their website. I’d recommend Marilla’s for specific needs, particularly their array of spices.

Address: 661 South Ave Suite D

How to get there: Orange Line to Gregory & South, walk one minute

SNAP/EBT accepted: No

Abundance Food Co-op

Just down the block from Marilla’s you’ll find Abundance Food Co-op: a community-focused grocery store with a wide selection of local products. Their product array is comparable to a Whole Foods, and

sports primarily non-GMO, organic, and environmentally conscious brands — as well as a strong selection of bulk goods (e.g. nuts, grains, candy) and prepackaged to-go items. The store also offers a strong variety of vegetarian, vegan, and allergen-friendly options. Abundance leans on the more expensive side, particularly for a college budget, but justifies its price points through high-quality products and community investment. You can also become a lifelong store shareholder for \$100, which gives you some regular discounts (and a say in the store’s board of directors, if that’s your thing). I’d recommend looking into it if you plan on being a frequent shopper (especially for their bulked goods discounts), but otherwise suggest Abundance for specific pricier needs or finding something in a pinch.

Address: 571 South Ave

How to get there: Orange Line to Gregory & South, walk four minutes

SNAP/EBT accepted: Yes

Caribbean Groceries

Caribbean Groceries is a small grocery mart that packs a sizable punch in their stock of Caribbean and Jamaican items, including snacks, spices, mixes (for items like fufu

and festival bread), canned goods, and fruits and vegetables. Their prices are also quite agreeable, and the store is a great option for grocery access close to the Eastman campus.

Address: 521 E Main Street

How to get there: Red Line to Eastman Living Center, walk three minutes

SNAP/EBT accepted: Yes

The Public Market

The Public Market is kind of the Fertile Crescent of Rochester.

The Public Market is kind of the Fertile Crescent of Rochester — and a firm reminder that you hit farmland in basically any direction that you travel from the city. Held every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, the market sports dozens of vendors that cover all of your produce needs, along with plenty of butchers, bakers, baristas, spice vendors — you get the drift. I’d recommend stopping by with a \$10 or \$20 bill and a hankering for some cheap seasonal produce. If you’re in the mood for a meal, they’ve got a good range as well, including empanadas, Polish breakfast items, and classic American diner food. It’s worth noting that

the market cools down a bit during the winter months, but you can still find a decent array of vendors inside.

Address: 280 Union St N

How to get there: Green Line to Public Market (Saturdays only, seasonal from Aug. 29–Nov. 7)

SNAP/EBT accepted: Yes

Additional Resources and Options

The Green Line stops at larger food retailers such as the International Food Market, Wegmans, Target, Tops, Walmart, and Whole Foods on weekends. The shuttle schedule can be found on their website at <https://adminfinance.rochester.edu/resources/green-line-shuttle-schedule/>.

Additionally, the International Services Office offers a broad list of grocery options in the Rochester area, many of which are within driving and public transport-supported distances. This information can be found on their website at <https://www.rochester.edu/iso/living/shopping/>.

Happy shopping!

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Yellowjacket Weekend September 2-7

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Wednesday, September 2

- 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Poster Sale
Hirst Lounge, Wilson Commons
- 4:30 - 6 p.m. LGBTQ Life Meet & Greet
Feldman Ballroom, Douglass Commons

Thursday, September 3

- 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Poster Sale
Hirst Lounge, Wilson Commons
- 3:30 p.m. Club Eastman
Gibbs St., Eastman Campus
- 3:30 p.m. Eastman Resource Fair
Gibbs St., Eastman Campus
- 4 - 6 p.m. Fraternity & Sorority Fest
Wilson Quad, River Campus
- 6 p.m. URochester Traditions 101
Gowen Room, Wilson Commons
- 6 p.m. 2027 Senior Class Picnic
Wilson Quad, River Campus
- 10 p.m. Trivia Night with Quiz Bowl
Rocky's Sub Shop & Lounge, Wilson Commons

Friday, September 4

- 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Last Day of Poster Sale
Hirst Lounge, Wilson Commons
- All Day Start of Free Pool & Games - All Weekend
Rocky's Sub Shop & Lounge, Wilson Commons
- 3 - 5 p.m. Activities Fair
Wilson Quad, River Campus
- 3 - 5 p.m. Sensory Space
Havens Lounge, Wilson Commons
- 6 - 8 p.m. Blue & Gold Tailgate
The Grove by Genesee Hall, River Campus
- 7 p.m. Football vs Case Western Reserve University
Fauver Stadium, River Campus
- 10 p.m. Late Night & SAB: Outdoor Movie
Super Mario Galaxy
Wilson Quad, River Campus

Saturday, September 5

- 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Food Truck Ticket Sales
Shops @ Wilco, Wilson Commons
- 1 - 5 p.m. Yellowjacket Weekend Carnival
Wilson Quad, River Campus
- 1 p.m. Powder Fete with SOCA
Fraternity Quad, River Campus
- 4 - 7 p.m. Back to School BBQ Bash
Hirst Lounge & Dandelion Square, River Campus
- 7 p.m. Men's Soccer vs SUNY Brockport
Fauver Stadium, River Campus
- 9 p.m. Late Night Beach Party
Hirst Lounge, Wilson Commons
- 9 - 11 p.m. Glow Foam Party
Wilson Quad, River Campus

Sunday, September 6

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Albums To Start College With



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Hello to all of the nervous, homesick, and anxious first-years out there! I write this to you now as a graduate student at URochester, but I vividly remember my first year here and how rough of a transition it was. Don't worry — soon the initial nerves and sadness will dispel and you'll find your niche here. But what about that uneasy period between? You've just left home for good, you're faced with the daunting prospect of starting over friends-wise, and you need something to keep you grounded through these tribulations. Now you need look no further — here are five albums that I've hand-picked to help you through this adjustment period. I recommend these albums to anyone, not just first-years, as they're all great records, but I think they will strike a certain chord with you first-years especially. Enjoy!

5. "Nurture" by Porter Robinson

Porter Robinson is famous in the electronic music community for his classic EDM album "Worlds," but fear not if you're not a basshead, it still has something for you. This album deftly weaves together his synthetic sensibilities with sugary pop and winsome singer-songwriter music to make a uniquely life-affirming album. Beyond the ear candy of the

rock concoctions. "Teenage Daydream" is an essential indie/college rock song, and the band's wry and timeless songwriting can help you through those awkward first few weeks of finding your footing.

2. "Somewhere City" by Origami Angel

No genres feel quite as nostalgic and summery as pop punk and emo music. Origami Angel is a modern band embracing these styles, and one of the best. This album is summery, bittersweet nostalgia held together by charming narratives and dynamic, empowering instrumentation. If you're in the market for some feel-good music that still feels just a little reflective, look no further than "Somewhere City."

1. "Melodrama" by Lorde

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Perhaps the quintessential album for the pains of growing up, Lorde's first album, "Pure Heroine," features her massive hit "Royals," where she took on her role as the voice of the discontented youth. "Melodrama" ups the ante in terms of songwriting, production, and, fittingly, drama. From opener "Green Light" and its pulsating club beat that feels like a welling tear, to closer "Perfect Places" which feels like a true send-off to childhood, Lorde captured a snarky snapshot of growing up and feeling all too aware of the process. It's pop music, but it's not just music to dance to — it's music to help you realize who you are.

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How to Survive College Watchlist

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College is idealized in many pieces of media. One could tune into the radio station and easily find a song describing the emotions and experiences associated with these four years. If you turn on the TV and scroll through some streaming platforms, there may even be a separate category for "College-years." But not all of the movies listed are either worth the watch or depict college in an accurate light. If you are waiting on classes to start and are hankering for a movie that will help you romanticize an ever-changing and stressful period, here are some movie recommendations for you.

If you are trying to leave behind your life of adolescence and hope to find footing in adulthood, watch "Good Will Hunting." It is not necessarily the most realistic college experience, given the genius janitor-turned-mathematician arc is not as easy in real life as it is for Will Hunting, but the emotional ferocity of the film, and the true exploration of the strange in-between adult and child phase of life, is something that any senior would tell you is undeniably true to life. Everyone enters college believing they are mature, and everyone leaves knowing there is much more to learn. Will shows us exactly how that experience feels.

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Something you may not expect is the absolute intense force of a cappella on campus. Whether or not this is just a URochester phenomenon is unbeknownst to me, but either way, "Pitch Perfect" is incredibly accurate for the

importance of joining clubs and extracurriculars in your freshman year. Getting involved is the number one sure-fire way to ensure that your current lackluster social life blooms into something much more exciting. "Pitch Perfect" depicts the intense relationships that form due to joining a space that grows such shared interests, which is true for any club you will join. Friendship is the most important thing in college, no matter what grade-obsessed people may tell you. Friendship is what keeps you sane when you suddenly have five 20-page papers to write. It is what you will remember once the four years pass, not what grade you got on your second Biochemistry exam your first semester. So join a club, make friends, and have a network of people to make surviving college less daunting.

For Eastman kids, or those considering a double degree, watch "Whiplash." This film is undoubtedly one of the most iconic "perfectionist" and "obsessive artist" depictions, and for good reason. This movie, although intense in nature, may have some hard hitting qualities that ring true to the hours of committed practice, the desire for flawlessness, and doing anything to achieve perfection.

Here are some movies that I myself have not watched, but know deep in my soul for some unknown reason, have worthwhile qualities that make them worth the watch: "Dear White People," "Monsters University," "Loser," and "Prozac Nation." Whether you watch these as a hall movie night, on the floor with friends, or curled up with a laptop, I hope you enjoy, and hey, we're always willing to accept movie reviews to publish.

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