

# Selected News Coverage April 2006

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## Local

Democrat and Chronicle  
Rochester Business Journal

## Highlights

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### About the University

#### *Democrat and Chronicle* (April 28)

#### **Nursing School Thriving**

Seven years ago, the **University of Rochester's School of Nursing** had shaky vital signs. . . . The nursing school has a decidedly different prognosis now. Enrollment is growing; it is launching new academic programs and attracting substantial federal research dollars. Today, the school will dedicate a new wing as part of an \$8.1 million expansion and renovation. "We've really come a long way in the last few years," said **nursing school Dean Patricia Chiverton**.

### About Research and Faculty

#### *Science Daily* (April 20)

#### **New Chip Delivers Better Performance, Longer Battery Life for Cell Phones, WiFi, Wireless**

Anyone who uses a cell phone or a WiFi laptop knows the irritation of a dead-battery surprise. But now researchers at the **University of Rochester** have broken a barrier in wireless chip design that uses a tenth as much battery power as current designs and, better yet, will use much less in emerging wireless devices of the future. (Also reported by *UPI*, *MonstersandCritics.com*, *CCNmag.com*, *E4 Engineering*, *PhysOrg.com*, *Computing (UK)*, *Heise Online (Germany)*, *Inquirer (UK)*, and *Post Chronicle*.)

### About Students

#### *Democrat and Chronicle* (April 28)

#### **UR Students Aid 'Books for Baghdad' Effort**

Nearly every backpack at the **University of Rochester** is bulging with textbooks—most of which will be sold back to a bookstore next month or shoved into a milk crate, never to be thought of again. But a group of UR students is hoping to divert some of those books to the war-torn capital of Iraq.

### Local Issues

#### *Democrat and Chronicle* (April 26)

#### **Robert Wegman Taught Civic Spirit (Essay by Joel Seligman and G. Robert Witmer Jr.)**

Mr. Wegman didn't measure his achievements in terms of money and markets, but in the way that he helped transform the lives of the people who worked for his company and inspire those who lived in the community that he called home. As president of one of the nation's most outstanding private companies, he was not simply a business leader and executive but also a person who spent his life creating opportunities for others.

## ***Print and Web Publications***

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### **About the University**

*U.S. News & World Report* (April 17)

#### **Don't Call It Negotiating**

But whatever you do, don't call it negotiating. That rubs financial aid officers the wrong way. "It's not a negotiating process. It's a matter of making sure that the school has all the information about the family's financial situation to help them determine what amount of aid can be provided," says **Charles Puls, director of financial aid at the University of Rochester** in New York.

*Wall Street Journal* (April 12)

#### **Colleges Impose Restrictions on Study-Abroad Programs**

This school year, Smith College set a minimum grade point average of 3.0 for students going on programs not run by the school, and the **University of Rochester** started charging at-home tuition and room fees to students in affiliated study-abroad programs. Next fall, Boston University will start charging students who go on outside programs a \$500 administrative fee.

### **About Research and Faculty**

*Los Angeles Times* (April 28)

#### **Pentecostal Enthusiasm Is Spreading**

"Pentecostalism has come in vogue," said **Anthea Butler, assistant professor of religion at the University of Rochester** in New York, a Roman Catholic who is an expert on Pentecostalism, believed to be the fastest growing branch of Christianity worldwide.

*The Record* (Washington University at St. Louis) (April 28)

#### **Chancellor's Concert April 30 to Honor Mozart**

The program will conclude with Howard Hanson's *Second Symphony*, which the composer wrote in 1930 and subtitled "Romantic" for its lush harmonies and large orchestral forces, which recall the symphonic repertoire of the late 19th century. As director of the **Eastman School of Music** in Rochester, N.Y., for 40 years, Hanson exerted considerable influence on American composers and the direction of American music in the middle of the 20th century. *Second Symphony* has remained his most popular composition.

*The Shreveport Times* (Louisiana) (April 28)

#### **Milk or No Milk Advice Has Some Experts Upset**

"I think it's sending the wrong message," **J. Edward Puzas, a research scientist and director of the Osteoporosis Center at the University of Rochester**, says of the anti-milk messages. It's fine to get calcium from dairy or nondairy sources, including supplements, he says, but the reality is most Americans don't get enough.

*MyDNA.com* (April 27)

#### **Alcohol, Personality Linked to Suicide**

In the May issue of the journal *Alcoholism: Clinical and Experimental Research*, researchers found that those with co-occurring alcoholism and borderline personality disorders have the highest risk. . . . **Kenneth R. Conner, an associate professor of psychiatry at the University of Rochester Medical Center**, concurred. "There are meager data on the contribution of most personality disorders to attempted suicide among individuals treated intensively for alcohol dependence, a high-risk population," he said. (Also reported by *News-Medical.Net*.)

*MonstersandCritics.com* (April 27)

#### **Stem-Cell Tech Improves Spinal-Cord Injury**

Lead researcher Stephen Davies and colleagues wondered if they could fine-tune a specific type of embryonic astrocyte—a type of cell known for its amazing ability to repair itself—to prevent scarring and encourage nerve growth. To do this, scientists cultured astrocytes from glial-restricted precursors, or GRPs, a group of cells similar to stem cells discovered by **geneticist Margot Mayer-Proschel of the University of Rochester Medical Center**. (Also reported by *Innovations Report* (Germany).)

*Long Beach Press Telegram* (California) (April 26)

#### **A Burden on Business**

Nobody knows yet the true burdens or likely outcomes of the [Sarbanes-Oxley] law, but, as the *Economist* magazine points out, nearly everyone, except the Big Four accountants, seems to agree that costs outweigh the benefits. One study at the **University of Rochester** concluded that net costs to stock-market values were an almost unbelievable \$1 trillion.

*MSNBC* (April 25)

#### **FDA Drug Panels Rife with Conflicts of Interest**

**Karl Kiebertz, professor of neurology at the University of Rochester** and chair of the FDA's Periph-

eral and Central Nervous System advisory committee, said conflicts of interest can modify behavior in both conscious and unconscious ways. (Also reported by *Los Angeles Times*, *CBS5.com (California)*, *ABC7 (Chicago)*, *Ocala.com (Florida)*, *Newsday*, and many other publications.)

**UPI (April 24)**

#### **Light-Activated Gene Therapy Possible**

A U.S. study has shown for the first time laser light can target gene therapy to the edge of damaged cartilage, while leaving healthy tissue untouched. The researchers at the **University of Rochester Medical Center** say repair of injuries to articular cartilage would enable millions of patients, currently consigned to worsening arthritis and joint replacement, to return to athletic exercise. (Also reported by *NewKerala.com (India)* and *Post Chronicle*.)

**Wall Street Journal (April 24)**

#### **Paradox of a Heart Business**

The evidence is powerful that such devices save lives in patients with congestive heart failure, or with previous heart attacks and diminished cardiac pumping power. For instance, a 2002 study conducted by researcher **Arthur J. Moss, professor of medicine at the University of Rochester**, and colleagues found that defibrillators reduced deaths by 31 percent in patients with previous heart attacks and an “ejection fraction”—the amount of blood actually pumped out of the left ventricle with each beat—of 30 or less.

**San Bernardino County Sun (April 24)**

#### **Conflict’s Impact on Kids**

Researchers at the **University of Rochester** in New York and the University of Notre Dame report in the January/February issue of *Child Development* that when children witness their parents’ fighting, the experience can cause fears of family dissolution up to a year later.

**Pittsburgh Post Gazette (April 23)**

#### **How to Use Sports as a Ticket to College**

Sam Gioia, a 2004 graduate of Bishop Canevin High School and a former client of Mr. Rock’s, had never heard of the **University of Rochester** when he started his search for a place to play college baseball. His family paid Mr. Rock \$1,100 to make a videotape and mail profiles of his athletic and academic accomplishments to nearly every college in the nation. His

GPA, above 4.0 when bonus points for honors classes were included, stood out when Rochester’s baseball coach was perusing profiles on the College Prospects Web site. By January of Mr. Gioia’s senior year, the Rochester coach had arranged for him to receive an academic scholarship of about \$24,000 a year.

**Times Online (UK) (April 21)**

#### **Boosting Cells Could Lead to Enhanced Pain Relief**

“We believe we have discovered a new class of drugs that could make current drugs more effective, but that also represents a completely new, independent way of treating the same diseases,” said **Alan Smrcka, associate professor pharmacology and physiology and of oncology at the University of Rochester Medical Center**, who led the research. “Early, preclinical experiments, for example, have found that one of our compounds can make morphine 11 times more potent.” (Also reported by *Science Daily* and *MedicalNewsToday.com*.)

**Forbes (April 20)**

#### **Molecular Finding Could Enhance Drug Development**

The researchers at the **University of Rochester Medical Center** in New York said they’ve delved to the core of what are called G-protein coupled receptors, which are complex molecules that transmit signals through cell membranes. These GPCRs are the targets of 12 of the best-selling drugs for conditions including heart failure, high blood pressure, breast cancer and schizophrenia, the scientists said.

**MSNBC (April 20)**

#### **Oceans Merged Earlier Than Thought**

“The Antarctic Circumpolar Current is the largest current in the world,” said study team member **Howie Scher, visiting assistant professor of environmental geology at the University of Rochester**. “Its inception was surely felt worldwide.” Past estimates of the opening of Drake Passage have ranged from 49 million years ago to 17 million years ago. (Also reported by *LifeSciences.com*, *Guardian Unlimited (UK)*, *BBC News*, and *Fox News*.)

**Wisconsin State Journal (April 19)**

#### **Progress Slow in Stem Cells for Brains**

**Steven Goldman, professor of neurology, neurosurgery, and pediatrics at the University of Rochester Medical Center**, is studying brain cells called oligodendrocytes. They produce myelin, a protective

coating around nerves that is depleted in people with multiple sclerosis and other conditions.

*Washington Post* (April 17)

#### **Experts Say Elderly Need Better Flu Shot**

Some earlier research suggests that giving four to six times the normal dose of a flu vaccine component could double the elderly's immune response, says **John Treanor, a University of Rochester vaccine specialist**. "Until recently there was a lot of reluctance to do anything that would make the vaccine more expensive," Treanor says, speculating that cost might be a key reason that Chiron debuted its Fluad shot in Europe. (Also reported by *CBS News*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Newsday*, *MSNBC*, *Miami Herald*, *San Francisco Chronicle*, and many other publications.)

*Daily Journal* (New Jersey) (April 17)

#### **Time's Up, But Politicians Refuse to Leave**

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled in 1995 that it was unconstitutional for states to set term limits for members of Congress. Despite the court's ruling, term limits remain a part of politics. Legislators in 15 states and governors in 36 states, including New Jersey, are limited in how long they can serve, according to **Richard Niemi, a University of Rochester political scientist** who studies the issue. (Also reported by *USA Today*.)

#### *Chronicle of Higher Education* (April 14) **Virtual Round Table: Campus Officials Discuss Online Music Services**

*The Chronicle* asked a panel of campus officials who had signed deals with legal downloading services to weigh in on their own experiences during a moderated Web chat last month. The group included **Charles E. Phelps, provost of the University of Rochester**, which has signed deals with both Napster and Cdigix. "The implied threats from Congress to 'fix the problem if we don't' scare the wits out of me. That's why I'm working on this topic so much," Phelps said.

*BioX* (China) (April 14)

#### **Biodegradable Nanoparticle Drug Delivery**

Murthy and collaborator **Robert Pierce, assistant professor of pathology and laboratory medicine at the University of Rochester**, U.S., are investigating two drugs—ebselen and catalase—that mop up antioxidants and could be used to treat acute liver

failure. They have incorporated catalase—an endogenous enzyme that catalyses the decomposition of  $H_2O_2$  to  $H_2O$  and  $O_2$ —into polyketal nanoparticles, and shown that the enzyme does not have to leave the particle to become active.

*Science Daily* (April 12)

#### **Study Shows More Than Half of Esophageal Cancer Patients Now Survive**

Researchers at the **University of Rochester Medical Center** contend that earlier diagnoses, more widespread screening and individualized care have made surgery by far the best way to combat esophageal cancer as it is most often diagnosed today. (Also reported by *DG News*, *Red Orbit News*, *EMaxHealth.com*, *WebMD.com*, *MyDNA.com*, and *MedicalNewsToday.com*.)

*New York Teacher* (April 11)

#### **Solidarity on Social Security Schemes**

"The Catholic community is concerned about the privatization of Social Security predominantly because we would be concerned about how the disadvantaged, disenfranchised, and the poor would be treated," said the **Rev. Brian C. Cool, chaplain at the Newman Center, University of Rochester**. He chairs the Public Policy Committee for the Catholic Diocese of Rochester.

*News-Medical.Net* (April 11)

#### **Depression Is an Often Undiagnosed Source of Suffering for Elderly**

"Our study makes the point that the lines drawn between major and minor depression, while useful in some ways, are arbitrary, and may need to be redrawn to put an end to a great deal of suffering in this country," said **Jeffrey M. Lyness, director of the Program in Geriatrics and Neuropsychiatry at the University of Rochester Medical Center**, and lead author of the article. "The less severe the depression, the less it has been studied, regardless of how significant its impact might be." (Also reported by *SeniorJournal.com*, *Innovations Report (Germany)*, and *IrishHealth.com*.)

*NationalReviewOnline.com* (April 7)

#### **Sarbox Has Decreased Investor Confidence**

The staggering costs of Sarbox [Sarbanes-Oxley] bear repeating. An analysis by **Ivy Xiying Zhang, a former postdoctoral fellow at the University of Rochester**, measured the total stock market impact of the law, and found that it has cost over \$1 trillion, with a "T."

About a third of that cost can be attributed to direct compliance costs, while the remainder is the result of the economic inefficiencies created by the law.

***Saanich News (Canada) (April 7)***

**Herbal Tea and Heroin**

The study, published in the April issue of the *Journal of Adolescent Health*, was written by **Susan Yussman, a doctor and assistant professor of pediatrics at the University of Rochester's Golisano Children's Hospital**. Yussman told the *Saanich News* that she came up with the idea for her study after reading a study showing an association between food supplements and high risk behaviours in young military recruits.

***Charlotte Observer (April 7)***

**Unsteady as She Goes**

Some high wedges also have curved soles, which can make it easy to lose your balance. "You're already on a pretty high pedestal . . . walking on your tiptoes, and then you put a rocker underneath it—I don't think that's a very stable construct," says **Judith Baumhauer, chief of foot and ankle surgery at the University of Rochester**. (Also reported by *Democrat and Chronicle*.)

***CBS News (April 6)***

**SEC Chief Walks Fine Line, Surprising Some Joel Seligman, the president of the University of Rochester** and an expert on SEC matters, said Cox had "gotten off to a good start in part because he hasn't tried to unwind anything." (AP story also reported by *Forbes*, *Business Week*, *Miami Herald*, *MSN Money*, *Houston Chronicle*, and many other publications.)

***Bloomberg (April 6)***

**Senate May Block Efforts to Limit Large U.S. Campaign Donations**

"It's much easier to get a bill through the House than the Senate," said **David Primo, assistant professor of political science at the University of Rochester** in New York. Senate Republicans don't necessarily need to convince Democrats to support the measure, Primo said, merely "not to filibuster it."

***Northwest Indiana Times (April 5)***

**Get Out and Get Active Locally**

In fact, to make increased physical activity something you keep on doing, "You need to appreciate activity for the sake of the activity itself," says **Richard M. Ryan, a professor of psychology at the University**

**of Rochester**. The idea is to focus on the enjoyment of being active, the feelings of competence and the social interactions that come from the experience.

***Canada Free Press (April 4)***

**Fishy Mercury Scare Based on Study of Whale-Heavy Diets, Says Ad in U.S. News & World Report**

The latest findings from the ongoing Seychelles study were presented at the February 18 meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. After tracking the same 770 children for nearly 16 years, scientists from the **University of Rochester** found that higher mercury exposure produced no negative effects at all, and appeared to benefit some children's development.

***The Ledger (Florida) (April 4)***

**Chance Find Puts End to Hot Flashes**

The researchers, led by **Kishan J. Pandya, professor of medicine and oncology at the James P. Wilmot Cancer Center at the University of Rochester Medical Center**, found that "only the higher dose of gabapentin was associated with significant decreases in hot flash frequency and severity." They recommended that the drug "be considered for treatment of hot flashes in women with breast cancer."

***ABC News (April 1)***

**In Bird Flu Vaccine Hunt, 1976 Tragedy Looms**

For nearly nine years, infectious disease specialists at the **University of Rochester Medical Center** in Rochester, N.Y., have been conducting tests as part of a broad national effort to develop a bird flu vaccine. Beginning in late 1997, the human trials have tested 30 different vaccines, all pegged to the H5N1 virus. The testing is funded by National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases at Rochester and six other centers around the country. (Also reported by *Haber Saglik (Turkey)*.)

***Washington Post (April 1)***

**The Night Shift**

Take Neil Porter Shull, the part-time law student at George Washington University. At 30, he has a Ph.D. in biochemistry from the **University of Rochester**. In his final year of graduate school, he interned in the university's technology transfer office, where he became interested in patent law. To pursue that career, though, he needed a law degree. He believes the science background will eventually serve him well as a patent attorney. "I didn't want to work in a lab for the rest of my life," he says, "so it's another way to use my Ph.D."

## Broadcast Media

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### About the University

**13WHAM-TV ABC (Rochester) (April 25)**

#### **The Halo Lofts—Heavenly For Musicians**

An old church in downtown Rochester is being transformed into loft apartments for students at the **Eastman School of Music**. What once was Emmanuel Baptist Church will soon be the new “Halo Lofts.” There will be 12 two-story apartments. Each three-bedroom loft will be equipped with upscale amenities.

### About Research and Faculty

**WHEC-TV, NBC (Rochester) (April 28)**

#### **Gas Prices Frustrating Drivers**

Sen. Chuck Schumer says he’s asked the Federal Trade Commission to look into breaking the oil companies up. In the meantime, experts say there’s not much politicians can do. **Mark Zupan, dean of the Simon School at the University of Rochester** and an expert on the oil industry, says gas prices reflect a stable supply and growing demand.

**49ABC News (Kansas) (April 23)**

#### **Researchers Work to Find Alternative Drug to Prevent Stroke Damage**

Scientists at the **University of Rochester** are studying a drug that may prevent stroke damage in a different way. It’s called Activated Protein C, or APC, and is a form of a natural protein that dissolves blood clots.

**13WHAM-TV ABC (Rochester) (April 18)**

#### **Surgery Helps Rochester Girl See**

At the **University of Rochester Eye Institute**, doctors are always coming up with new technology to help people see better. Destiny Diaz, 11, is a perfect example. The Rochester girl was born blind, but after growing up living in the dark, she now can see.

### About Students

**WROC-TV CBS (Rochester) (April 9)**

#### **Red Cross Prepares for the Next Hurricane Season**

Some **University of Rochester** college students didn’t go on the typical spring break. There wasn’t any fun in the sun or trips to Cancun. Instead, they went to Mississippi, the nation’s poorest state, to help the residents recover from Hurricane Katrina.

## Local

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### About the University

**Rochester Business Journal (April 26)**

#### **Trust Gives \$2.5 Million to UR Nursing**

The **University of Rochester School of Nursing** is getting \$2.5 million to fund scholarships. The money comes in a grant from Helene Fuld Health Trust, which two years ago gave the school \$2.2 million.

**Rochester Business Journal (April 25)**

#### **UR Dean Green Exiting for Miami**

**William Scott Green, dean of the College at the University of Rochester**, has resigned his post to become senior vice provost and dean of undergraduate education at the University of Miami. “Bill Green is a great innovator and national leader in undergraduate education,” said **University President Joel Seligman** in a statement. “His achievements in those endeavors have strengthened our college as he shaped the Rochester Curriculum and developed the Renaissance Plan. (Also reported by *Democrat and Chronicle*.)

**Democrat and Chronicle (April 18)**

#### **Arts Programs Here Get Boost**

The National Endowment for the Arts has awarded federal grants to four Rochester organizations for local arts programs. Rep. Louise M. Slaughter, D-Fairport, cochair of the Congressional Arts Caucus, announced the funding Monday. The **University of Rochester** received two grants totaling \$25,000 to support the Memorial Art Gallery’s permanent collection.

**Democrat and Chronicle (April 15)**

#### **Thumbs Up, Thumbs Down**

Thumbs up: For the **University of Rochester’s School of Nursing** for winning Empire Gold certification, a recognition of innovation and growth. The certification was given by Empire State Advantage Inc., a public-private partnership formed to build economic competitiveness and improve the quality of life in New York. The University of Rochester was the only nursing school in the state to receive the Gold certification.

**Democrat and Chronicle (April 10)**

#### **Palm Sunday Is Time of Reflection for Many**

Earlier Sunday morning, a decades-old tradition of giving took place at the Presbyterian Home on Thurston Road in the neighboring 19th Ward. With

the collaborative support of three area churches—Westminster Presbyterian, St. Stephen's Episcopal and the Roman Catholic Community of the 19th Ward—and the Presbyterian Home, more than 100 people gathered at the home for a fundraising breakfast to benefit the Southwest Branch of the YMCA. The event annually draws some of the city's top business, educational and political leaders. The keynote speaker, **University of Rochester President Joel Seligman**, pledged to make the university more active in the surrounding community.

*Rochester Business Journal* (April 7)

**Funding on Track for New UR Building**

Nearly two-thirds of funding has been secured for the \$37.7 million biomedical engineering–optics building at the **University of Rochester**, which is expected to open in spring 2007. . . . The project received a financial boost this month from a \$10 million donation by UR alum and former trustee Robert Goergen. The building will be named after Goergen, who received his bachelor's degree in physics from the university in 1960.

*Democrat and Chronicle* (April 5)

**Prime the Pump (Editorial)**

Mayor Robert Duffy could help jump-start housing development by getting the presidents of MCC, the **University of Rochester** and SUNY Brockport around a table. Form a consortium on downtown housing and get private developers involved. Help persuade developers, who already are starting to see potential in downtown housing, to become even more excited about prospects.

*Democrat and Chronicle* (April 1)

**Anthony Conference Opens Eyes**

More than 140 students, professors and historians celebrated the life and legacy of Susan B. Anthony on Friday, two weeks after the 100th anniversary of her death. They gathered at the **University of Rochester** for the second day of a three-day conference focused on the work of the Rochester suffragist.

**About Research and Faculty**

*Democrat and Chronicle* (April 26)

**UR Golfers Capture Second Straight UAA Crown**

The **University of Rochester** pulled out a three-stroke victory in the UAA golf championships on Tuesday at Pomona, Rockland County.

*Democrat and Chronicle* (April 25)

**Macedon Youngster Offers Profound Lesson in Courage**

Last December, Sara Kelly's abdominal pain, at first thought to be appendicitis, turned out to be caused by a tumor. After surgery to remove it, she has endured intensive chemotherapy treatments and is doing so well that she returned to her fourth-grade class about two months ago. "She never complained, always had a smile," said her doctor, **David Korones of the Golisano Children's Hospital at Strong Memorial**. "Her bravery, her resilience are absolutely inspirational."

*Democrat and Chronicle* (April 23)

**Preventing Injury Through Exercise**

When spring rolls around, people think they're in better shape than they are," says **Andrew Duncan, chief physical therapist at University Sports Medicine's** Sports Rehabilitation program in Brighton. "People ramp up too quickly. They don't let their bodies adjust."

*Democrat and Chronicle* (April 23)

**Who We Are: Feasting on Mix of Cultures, Religions, Languages**

Both the Rochester Institute of Technology and the **University of Rochester** have a vibrant Indian-American student body. Other local colleges also have students of Indian heritage.

*Democrat and Chronicle* (April 21)

**Eastman School Dean to Leave**

James Undercoffer is arguably one of the most important figures in Rochester's rich cultural scene. But Thursday, barely a month after accepting a new five-year appointment as dean of the Eastman School of Music, he surprised many at the school with the announcement that he's leaving to become president of the Philadelphia Orchestra. **Joel Seligman, president of the University of Rochester**, of which Eastman is a part, wasted no time finding a temporary replacement, naming **Jamal Rossi as interim dean**. Rossi was hired just last year as Eastman's senior associate dean of academic affairs. (Also reported by *WHEC-TV NBC (Rochester)* and *Rochester Business Journal*.)

*Democrat and Chronicle* (April 20)

**Ex-B&L Exec to Lead MBA Unit**

The **University of Rochester William E. Simon Graduate School of Business Administration** has

named **George J. Andrews III** as **executive director of its executive MBA program**. Andrews, a 2003 graduate of the program, held several senior-level sales and marketing jobs at Bausch & Lomb Inc. The Simon school offers its executive MBA program in Rochester and a separate program in conjunction with the University of Bern in Bern, Switzerland.

#### *Democrat and Chronicle* (April 17)

##### **Health Groups Plan Dreams**

**Peter Robinson**, chief operating officer of the **University of Rochester Medical Center**, recalled a talk he had with Rochester Area Health Foundation president John Urban two months ago in which they discussed needs in community health—which could range from health disparities to immunizations. “He was looking for ways the university could connect and intersect with those (community health) needs,” said Robinson, adding that he’s looking forward to working with the foundation.

#### *Democrat and Chronicle* (April 13)

##### **UR Scientist Shares Ideas with Japanese Firm**

As the Biotechnology Industry Organization’s bonanza in Chicago wound down, attendees from the Rochester area tied up loose ends. **University of Rochester Medical Center’s Richard Phipps**, professor of environmental medicine, microbiology and immunology, oncology, and pediatrics, whose research has resulted in three patents, said in an interview that his encounter with a representative of a Japanese company on Monday could someday lead to a deal, as long as he can stay in touch. Though business cards and handshakes abound at the biotech industry’s annual extravaganza, bringing those business encounters to fruition is a challenge in itself. “He’s interested in coming up to Rochester,” Phipps said of the Japanese company representative. “I’m passing this on to the tech transfer office.”

#### *Democrat and Chronicle* (April 5)

##### **Three Doctors Cited as Inventors**

**Richard Reichman**, professor of medicine and microbiology and immunology; **William Boncez**, associate professor of medicine; and **Robert Rose**, associate professor of medicine and microbiology and immunology, of the **University of Rochester Medical Center** won the Rochester Intellectual Property Law Association’s 2006 Distinguished Inventor of the Year Award for their role in developing a cervical cancer vaccine that could hit the market later this year.

Merck and Co. and GlaxoSmithKline are in the final stages of testing their respective vaccines, whose technology they licensed from the UR Medical Center.

#### *Democrat and Chronicle* (April 1)

##### **Thumbs Up, Thumbs Down**

Thumbs Up: For librarians and staff at **University of Rochester’s Rush Rhees Library** for raising \$4,600 to help Southern University of New Orleans replace books and materials lost to Hurricane Katrina. Their Feb. 20–24 “JambaLibrary!” included book sales, lectures, a jazz performance and raffles as part of the American Library Association’s Adopt-a-Library Program.

#### **About Students**

#### *Democrat and Chronicle* (April 22)

##### **Big Kids Use Little Wheels in Fundraiser**

The world generally is not made for short people. Friday, all 4 feet 11 inches of **University of Rochester freshman Leah Dougherty** got some payback. She wore a wide smile Friday as she straddled a 16-inch girl’s bicycle on a patch of grass outside the River Campus’ Wilson Commons. A couple of dozen University of Rochester bicyclers took part Friday in Bike Day 2006—a series of bicycling events to raise money for disaster relief for the 2004 tsunami.

#### *Democrat and Chronicle* (April 16)

##### **UR Jumper Leaps to Prominence**

**University of Rochester graduate student Victoria Rybalko** long jumped 22 feet at Roberts Wesleyan College on Saturday to record the third-best reported jump in the world this outdoor season. This was also a personal best for Rybalko, trumping her previous best of 21-5 1/2.

#### *Democrat and Chronicle* (April 5)

##### **UR Med Students Learn to Observe at Art Gallery**

A group of **University of Rochester** medical students stares at her with curiosity. She has no pulse and isn’t breathing, but they aren’t worried. This is a weepy image in a **Memorial Art Gallery** portrait that they’re analyzing with a clinical eye. The eight students are participating in a little-known program designed to sharpen their powers of observation. Run by the museum and the **UR School of Medicine**, it teaches them to explore narrative paintings as a way to gain new insights into their patients.