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HIGHLIGHTS

About the University

Forbes (April 2)

Grants to Fund Bird Flu Battle

The government's work to prevent an influenza pandemic took on a more academic look Monday when it selected six universities and medical centers to help lead research efforts. . . . The six new centers are: St Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, the University of California at Los Angeles, the University of Minnesota, Emory University, Mt. Sinai School of Medicine in New York City, and the University of Rochester in Rochester, N.Y. (Also reported by *LA Times*, *Washington Post*, *Seattle Post Intelligencer*, *San Francisco Chronicle*, *Houston Chronicle*, *Newsday*, *Fox News* and others)

About Research and Faculty

MSNBC (April 9)

Asthma care shifts goal to life without limits

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About Students

Pittsburgh Tribune Review (April 19)

Pianast, famed concerto close WSO season

The concerto is the featured work in its display of **Daria Rabotkina** . . . She also regularly performs Prokofiev's first concerto, four of his etudes and one of his sonatas. While she is going to be starting work on her doctorate next year, she says she "will never turn down the chance to perform." She will be moving from Philadelphia to Rochester, N.Y., where she will attend the **Eastman School of Music**.

NATIONAL COVERAGE

About the University

Nanotechwire.com, Philadelphia (April 16)

Nanotechnology: \$1.8 million to start research center at University of Rochester

Congresswoman Louise Slaughter and **University of Rochester President Joel Seligman** today announce \$1.8 million in funding to start the Nanosystems Initiative, a new multi-million dollar nanotechnology research center. The initiative will focus on developing fuel cells and biosensors—two areas that are expected to see tremendous growth in the near future, and in which the University is already notably strong.

***The Chronicle of Higher Education (April 13)* New York State Approves \$600-Million for Stem-Cell Research**

Joel Seligman, president of the **University of Rochester**, says the bill sends “a very fundamental message from state government” and that the money “will provide the institutional glue to keep great scientists in the State of New York.”

***Photonics.com, Massachusetts (April 11)* URochester Awarded \$1.8M for Nanotech Initiative**

The **University of Rochester** will receive \$1.8 million in federal funding to begin its Nanosystems Initiative, a nanotechnology research center that will develop fuel cells and optical biosensors, university and government officials announced on Tuesday. “With the creation of the Nanosystems Initiative, the **University of Rochester** has an unprecedented opportunity to be one of the dominant players in the future of fuel cells and biosensor technology,” said **University of Rochester President Joel Seligman**, who made the announcement with US Rep. Louise Slaughter. (Also reported by H2 Daily.com Nevada)

***New York Times (April 4)* Increasingly in the West, the Players Are From the East**

Music schools are sending administrators on recruitment trips to China or holding auditions there. Online applications from China to the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston have doubled in the last three years. The **Eastman School of Music** in Rochester sent its admissions director on a scouting

mission in October, and the school has about 100 Chinese applicants for next year, twice what it had a decade ago. “One goes where the talent is,” said **Jamal Rossi**, **Eastman’s interim dean**.

About Research and Faculty

MSNBC (April 29)

Migraines may be tied to brain damage

The research, which was done in mice, also suggests giving oxygen may help reduce the damage, said Takahiro Takano, Maiken Nedergaard and colleagues at the **University of Rochester** in New York, working with a team at the Danish pharmaceutical group Novo Nordisk. (Also reported by *CTV Canada, HULIQ North Carolina, PhysOrg.com, MaconDaily.com Georgia, Times of India, SpiritIndia.com, Scientific American, ABC Online Australia, New Zealand Herald, Malaysia Star, Antara Indonesia, Independent Online South Africa, Reuters* and other publications/broadcasts)

Forbes (April 25)

Good Sleep Wakes Up Memory

Proper sleep may have other benefits, too, added **Michael Perlis**, director of the Sleep Research Laboratory at the **University of Rochester** in Rochester, NY. Research has shown that in addition to memory, sleep may be related to physical functioning, good immune function, physical and cognitive performance, and mood regulation, he said. (Also reported by *CBC News Canada, Atlanta Journal Constitution Georgia, Austin American Statesman Texas, China Daily*)

Newsday (April 24)

Honoring administrative staff with a kind note, better software

“Most people outside of our profession only see us as secretaries. It’s an old term, not as all-encompassing as the jobs we do,” said **Marilyn Nickerson**, 55, an assistant in the Office of Evaluation at the **University of Rochester School of Nursing**. ... “Some people will tell you this career is going to go out of favor, and yet the jobs still have to be done, no matter what they call us,” Nickerson said. “The computer makes us more valuable, and we’re doing more work at a higher level. We’re still going to be here for a long time.” (Also reported by *AM New York*)

The Globe and Mail, Canada (April 24)

Mom, you're making me sick

A new study suggests there might have been something else to blame for Matthew's frequent colds: his parents' stress. A research project by the **University of Rochester** published last month in the Archives of Pediatrics & Adolescent Medicine showed that parents with more worries also had children who were sick more often.

India Daily (April 23)

Scientists discover reason why bladder cancer more common in men

U.S. scientists have discovered one of the reasons why bladder cancer is so much more prevalent in men than women, according to a new study. Researchers at the **University of Rochester Medical Center** pointed to a molecular receptor or protein that is much more active in men than women. This protein plays a role in the development of the disease. (Also reported by *Science Live United Kingdom, Xinhua China, Peoples Daily Online China, Playfuls.com Romania, The Hindu, New Kerala India, HULIQ North Carolina*)

LA Times (April 22)

Justice Kennedy at center of abortion debate

Several physicians who perform second-term abortions said they were troubled by the tone of the court's opinion. "It is patronizing. And for them to tell us how to practice medicine is dangerous," said **Dr. Nancy Stanwood**, an obstetrics professor at the **University of Rochester**, who delivers babies and does abortions. "If I have a patient with a placental abruption, there can be life-threatening bleeding. The fastest way to deal with that is to empty the uterus. But I will have to stop and think: Could I go to jail for trying to stop this bleeding?" (Also reported by *NPR, California Catholic Daily*)

Science Magazine (April 20)

Astrocytes Secrete Substance That Kills Motor Neurons in ALS

Steven Goldman, a stem cell researcher at the **University of Rochester Medical Center** in New York, says the research provides a "very valuable model" for this particular type of ALS. "These are potentially quite exciting papers for introducing new avenues for research," says Goldman. He says identifying the agents being released by astrocytes, and ultimately

seeing "whether this type of mechanism is limited to the SOD1 model," may help unlock the mysteries of sporadic types of ALS as well.

Forbes (April 16)

Insomnia Hits 'Night Owls' Harder

Another sleep expert agreed more research is needed. "To me this study underscores the urgent need for researchers to take more seriously the kinds of insomnia that people present with," said **Michael L. Perlis**, director of the **University of Rochester's** Sleep Research Laboratory. He noted that while some patients have trouble falling asleep, others have trouble staying asleep or waking up too early, or any combination thereof. (Also reported by *LiveScience.com, CBC News Canada, LEX 18 TV Kentucky, WFIE TV Indiana, KOLD News Tucson*)

Chicago Daily Herald (April 16)

Why don't kids have asthma under control?

Too often, physicians don't realize how severe symptoms are, says **Dr. Jill Halterman**, a pediatric asthma specialist at the **University of Rochester**. With children, their own parents may underestimate symptoms. It's more complicated than denial: When wheezing while running or waking up at night coughing has been routine for years, people may not know to complain. "It may be part of what they view as normal," says Halterman, who is studying the control gap. "We're hoping we can change that so the goal can really be for the child to have no symptoms and no limitations on activities." (Also reported by *Post-Bulletin Minnesota, Napa Valley Register California*)

Johns Hopkins Gazette (April 16)

Fellowships Aim to Stimulate Young Theoretical Physicists

"How do particles acquire mass?" asks LHC Theory Initiative member **Lynne Orr** of the **University of Rochester**. "Can dark matter be created in a laboratory environment? Do new symmetries of nature link matter, energy, space and time? How did matter behave a fraction of a second after the Big Bang? Those are just some of the questions that we believe will be answered through the LHC. The ultimate goal of particle physics is to identify the fundamental principles that govern matter, energy, space and time. The LHC will allow us to explore this new terrain."

New York Times (April 15)

Walter Hendl, Dies at 90; Led Eastman School of Music, former director of the **Eastman School of Music** and a well-known conductor, died Tuesday at his home in Erie, Pa.. He was 90. Mr. Hendl headed the **Eastman School** in Rochester from 1964 to 1972. The school historian, **Vince Lenti**, a former colleague, said that though Mr. Hendl's great talent was conducting, he had solid accomplishments at Eastman, including starting Eastman's FM radio concerts, sending the **Eastman Wind Ensemble and Jazz Ensemble** on far-flung tours and organizing the school's 50th anniversary festival in 1971 and 1972. (Also reported by *WSTM TV Central New York*, *WHAM TV ABC*)

New York Times (April 15)

Baby on Board, and a Photography Business, Too Many women try to fit photography around full-time jobs and full-time parenting. "Lots of mom-with-a-camera businesses fail because they try to do it around the edges," said Mrs. Brophy, who has a preschool-age daughter and two teenagers and works as director of external relations at the **Warner School of the University of Rochester** in addition to running her weekend photography business. "Plus, women face a business dilemma when they have to ask their husbands if they can buy a new camera." (Also reported by *Taipei Times Taiwan*, *Tuscaloosa News Alabama*)

The Times Online, United Kingdom (April 15)
Don't See Red

Colour affects psychological functioning, according to research at the **University of Rochester**. According to the researchers seeing the colour red can impair exam performance. "Red is associated with the danger of failure in achievement contexts and evokes avoidance motivation," they say. "The results show that colour can act as a subtle environmental cue that has important influences on behaviour."

Fort Wayne Journal Gazette, Indiana (April 15)
Give up bad habits? Most Americans give up trying Which should not deter individuals from taking on their own resolutions, says **Rick Botelho**, professor of family medicine at the **University of Rochester** and author of books on motivation and behavioral change. "The good thing about New Year's resolutions is that people who make them are twice as likely to succeed as people who don't," he says. "The bad thing is very few people change spontaneously."

There's no question the more you try, the more likelihood you are going to achieve success."

USA Today (April 12)

In the early solar system

Astronomer **Adam Frank** of the **University of Rochester** (N.Y.) notes that collisions between planets are being inferred from evidence around other stars as well. In 2005, NASA's Spitzer space telescope spotted the remains of a collision between Pluto-sized planets in the dust disk surrounding the star Vega, about 25 light-years away (one light year is about 5.9 trillion miles). So, figuring out how collisions occurred in our own solar system can also tell us how planets form (and deform) around other stars as well.

CBS News (April 12)

New Bug-Virus Flu Vaccine Works

University of Rochester flu researcher **John Treanor, M.D.**, is a researcher for the study in which 306 healthy adults got a single injection of the bug-cell flu vaccine. "Even though the study was small, the results are very promising," Treanor said in a news release. "We've shown that the vaccine does work in the real world." (Also reported by *ABC News*, *Boston Globe*, *San Francisco Chronicle*, *Innovations-Report Germany*, *Xinhua China*, *Zee News India*, *Newsday*, *Reuters*, *CNN*, *Discovery Channel*, *Forbes*, *LA Times*, *Scientific American*, *Wall Street Journal*, *USA Today*, *Washington Post*, *BBC News*, *Fox News*, *Voice of America*, *Newsday*, *China Post China*, *Playfuls.com Romania*, *Independent Online South Africa*, *DrKoop.com* and other publications/broadcast)

Chicago Tribune (April 10)

Study: Pregnant women need not avoid fish

These results highlight the importance of including fish in the maternal diet during pregnancy and lend support to the popular opinion that fish is brain food," wrote **Gary Myers**, a professor of neurology and pediatrics at the **University of Rochester Medical Center**, in an editorial accompanying the study in the British medical journal *The Lancet*.

Washington Post (April 8)

The HPV Debate Needs an Injection of Reality

Sadly, as long as the HPV vaccine is not required, the people who need it most probably won't get it. "Those who are well-informed with good families, parents involved with their children, will go ahead," said **Caroline**

Breese Hall, who is with the **University of Rochester Medical Center** in New York. “Those who are not as well informed or involved in the care of their children will not get the vaccine. (Also reported by *Houston Chronicle*)

***Astrobiology Magazine* (April 8)**

Earth’s Magnetic Cocoon

Geophysicists at the **University of Rochester** announced in the journal *Nature* that the Earth’s magnetic field was nearly as strong 3.2 billion years ago as it is today. The findings, which are contrary to previous studies, suggest that even in its earliest stages the Earth was already well protected from the solar wind, which can strip away a planet’s atmosphere and bathe its surface in lethal radiation. (Also reported by *UPI, MonstersandCritics.com United Kingdom, Innovations-Report Germany, Playfuls.com Romania, Democrat and Chronicle, New Scientist, South Asian Women’s Forum India, LiveScience.com NY, Red Orbit News, Southwest Nebraska News, HULIQ.com North Carolina, PhysOrg.com Malaysia Sun*)

***CBS News* (April 5)**

Want To Quit Smoking?

Another surprise: Menthol-cigarette smokers were very likely to say that their cigarettes tasted the same no matter what kind of foods and beverages they consumed. Nearly 90 percent of the black study participants smoked menthol cigarettes. This means that black smokers may have a particularly hard time quitting cigarettes, suggests **Scott McIntosh, Ph.D.**, associate professor of medicine at the **University of Rochester in New York** and director of the greater Rochester area tobacco cessation center.

***New York Post* (April 1)**

Understanding Mel Allen

Curt Smith, senior lecturer in the Department of English, is arguably baseball’s leading radio/TV historian, speechwriter to former President George H.W. Bush, and longtime friend of late Yankees announcer Mel Allen. His new book, “The Voice: Mel Allen’s Untold Story,” to be released this week by The Lyons Press, tells the poignant rise, ruin, and recovery of baseball’s ultimate broadcast celebrity. “I hadn’t known the real reason for Mel’s 1964 Yankees ouster until researching this book,” Smith says. “It explains

for the first time sportscasting’s most mysterious-ever firing.” The book also etches Allen’s heroic comeback on TV’s “This Week In Baseball”- a man who had all, lost all, and incredibly, came back.

UPI (April 3)

Body fluid chemical measuring is improved

U.S. scientists have developed a technique in which multiple chemicals in body fluids can be identified and measured in less than 60 seconds. **University of Rochester** researchers said the technique -- involving a laser, white light and a reflective tube -- tests urine and blood serum for common chemicals important to the monitoring and treatment of diabetes and cardiovascular, kidney, urinary and other diseases. (Also reported by *Playfuls.com Romania, Engineer On-line UK, RedOrbit.com, Earthtimes.org, HULIQ North Carolina, PhysOrg.com*)

***Boston Globe* (April 1)**

Disease trackers report 2d mild flu season

The years when H1N1 viruses are the predominant strain tend to be years with relatively less impact, particularly in terms of hospitalizations and mortality,” said **Dr. John Treanor**, an infectious disease specialist at the **University of Rochester**. “That is a major explanation for why this has been a relatively mild flu year.”

About Alumni

***The Observer, Dunkirk New York* (April 3)**

WCA president Betsy Wright earns top healthcare management credential

Betsy T. Wright, WCA Hospital, president/chief executive officer, recently achieved status as a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives, the nation’s leading professional society for healthcare leaders. Wright received a master of business administration degree with honors from the **William E. Simon Graduate School of Business Administration of the University of Rochester**.

About Students

Indianapolis Star (April 27)

Two-night, five-pianist jazz competition starts tonight

The finalists, chosen from 40 pianists who sent audition CDs include:

Jeremy Siskind, 20, of Irvine, Calif., has a double major in jazz performance and music theory at the **Eastman School** in Rochester, N.Y., where he also teaches “Jazz Piano for Keyboard Majors.” He has been a guest on public radio’s “Marian McPartland’s Piano Jazz.”

Chicago Sun Times (April 26)

Her place is behind the plate

Mari Topel is in a league of her own. The University of Chicago Lab School senior is the only female player on one of the state’s 665 varsity baseball teams. College softball coaches took notice of Topel’s double-duty skills, and it has resulted in Topel agreeing to play at the **University of Rochester**.

Baltimore Sun (April 20)

County’s Rising Star finalists to perform

The Howard County Arts Council will hold its fifth Rising Star Emerging Performing Artists Award competition tomorrow night as part of its gala Celebration of the Arts. The following finalists will perform tomorrow night includes: **Jason Shafer**, an Atholton High School graduate, is studying clarinet performance at the **Eastman School of Music** in Rochester. He studied clarinet with Kyle Coughlin at Howard Community College and would like one day to join a professional orchestra.

Annapolis Capital, Maryland (April 12)

Crownsville workers share memories

University of Rochester student **Karen Culley** is focusing on the hospital’s story as a way to show the treatment disparity between blacks and whites in mental health. The Crownsville facility, which once was called the Hospital for the Negro Insane of Maryland, was long overcrowded. Patients were used to help build some of the buildings and they buried their own dead in numbered graves.

LOCAL COVERAGE

About the University

Democrat and Chronicle (April 30)

Cancer center gets \$5 million gift

Dr. John Wallis “Jack” Rowe, an alumnus of the **University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry**, has donated \$5 million to the **James P. Wilmot Cancer Center**’s campaign to expand cancer care and research. It is the largest single gift from a living alumnus of the **School of Medicine and Dentistry** and one of the largest private donations to a Medical Center program in its 86-year history, the university said in a news release on Sunday. Rowe, a 1970 graduate of the **UR medical school**, was president and CEO of Aetna Inc. from 2000 to 2006. (Also reported by *R News*)

WHEC TV, NBC (April 26)

Strong and Highland hospitals receive critical care award

Both **Strong and Highland** hospitals have earned the “Beacon Award for Critical Care Excellence.” The award recognizes the nation’s top hospital intensive care units.

Rochester Business Journal (April 23)

UR receives \$5 million pledge

University of Rochester has been pledged \$5 million over 10 years to create full-tuition scholarships for outstanding students from underprivileged backgrounds, officials said. Beneficiaries of the scholarships will be called the Alan and Jane Handler Scholars. The program supports undergraduate students in the **College of Arts, Sciences and Engineering** and the **Eastman School of Music**. We are profoundly grateful to Martha and Rich Handler for their generosity in establishing this extraordinary new scholarship in honor of Rich’s parents,” **President Joel Seligman** said in a statement.

Democrat and Chronicle (April 21)

Simon School receives gift

Pittsford residents **Michael and Diane Jones** have pledged to donate \$1.5 million toward creation of an endowed professorship at **University of Rochester’s Simon Graduate School of Business**. The Simon School announced the gift Friday. Michael Jones is president and CEO of Pittsford-based Clover Capi-

tal Management Inc., an investment advisory firm. He is a UR trustee and graduated in 1976 with dual bachelor's degrees in biology and psychology.

Democrat and Chronicle (April 17)

Emergency plans in place at colleges here

University of Rochester spokeswoman **Sharon Dickman** said there were "many methods to secure our buildings," but specifics were not offered "for obvious reasons. We can say that the security service covers all **University of Rochester** campuses," including the medical center, **Eastman School of Music** and the **Memorial Art Gallery**. Dickman said each emergency is different and requires a tailored response. The university has a good relationship with the Rochester Police Department and other law enforcement agencies in the area. "Our procedures are practiced by teams of people who are assigned to specific work areas, such as security, facilities and residential life. Role-playing exercises and tabletop sessions are held regularly among different university groups."

Rochester Business Journal (April 16)

Simon School to receive flags

A ceremony at the **Simon Graduate School of Business** on Friday will mark the donation of a flag collection of the late William Simon, for whom the school is named. The ceremony will be followed by a lecture on leadership, by finance scholar and former Simon professor Michael Jensen. The flag ceremony begins at 8 a.m. outside Gleason Hall, featuring members of the **University of Rochester** Naval ROTC unit. Four flags, donated by the William E. Simon Foundation, represent Simon's government service, including his term as U.S. Treasury secretary during the Nixon and Ford administrations. In addition to his American flag, the flags bear the emblems of the Treasury, the secretary of the Treasury and the assistant secretary of the Treasury. "We are deeply grateful to the Simon Foundation for this gracious and meaningful gift to the Simon School," **UR president Joel Seligman** said. (Also reported by *R News*)

Democrat and Chronicle (April 15)

UR's new clinical institute means jobs

Center needs several hundred support workers with various skills and may have more openings later
News of the **University of Rochester's** new Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute might have been shrugged off by many job hunters last month, as

they assumed a high-level sheepskin was necessary to land a job there. Yes, **UR** will hire some M.D.s and Ph.D.s, hopefully some of the grant-grabbing, national-headline-making type. But university officials say for each of the approximately 60 biomedical experts they hire, they'll need four or five support workers. "We start hiring now," said **Peter G. Robinson**, chief operations officer at the **UR Medical Center**.

WHAM TV, ABC (April 10)

UR President: Lift Ban on Stem Cell Research Funding

The **University of Rochester** has been conducting research using embryonic stem cells for the last decade. Officials at the university would like the ban lifted that prohibits federal funding for such research. **U of R President Joel Seligman** said, "To not be able to use stem cell lines for purpose of research means our scientists and other scientists are not going to be able to do research of the quality of 20 countries abroad where there is major funding available right now."

Rochester Business Journal (April 9)

UR to get \$1.8 million for nanotech research

The **University of Rochester's** nanosystems initiative in fuel cells and optical biosensors is slated to receive \$1.8 million in funding, Rep. Louise Slaughter's office said Monday. Slaughter, D-Perinton, chairwoman of the House Rules Committee, is to hold a press conference Tuesday, with **UR president Joel Seligman**, to announce the funding. **Kevin Parker**, dean of the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, and **Nick Bigelow**, a senior scientist at the **Laboratory for Laser Energetics** and **Lee A. DuBridg**e Professor of Physics and professor of optics will be present as well. (Also reported by *WHAM TV ABC, Democrat and Chronicle WHEC TV NBC, R News*)

WHAM TV, ABC (April 2)

U of R President Sees Great Future for Stem Cell Research

In the coming years, a cure for cancer could be discovered right here in Rochester. Money just approved from the state allows **University of Rochester** researchers to move forward with stem cell research. **U of R President Joel Seligman** has been waiting for this day. He called the grant "significant" and said it could mean Rochester will become an international leader in the stem cell field. (Also reported in *Elmira Star Gazette*)

Rochester Business Journal (April 2)

UR lands grant to study influenza

A research team at the **University of Rochester Medical Center** has been awarded a seven-year, \$26 million grant from the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases to create the New York Influenza Center of Excellence, officials said Monday.

“The **University of Rochester** is playing a pivotal role in international efforts to develop an effective response to the most threatening forms of flu by taking part in studies that address everything from vaccine safety to the effectiveness of booster shots and additives,” said **Joel Seligman, UR president**. “We are very proud of the fact that more people in Rochester have been immunized against bird flu than in nearly any other community in the world.” (Also reported by *RNews, WHAM TV ABC, WHEC TV NBC, WROC TV CBS, Democrat and Chronicle*)

Democrat and Chronicle (April 2)

Environmentally friendly building projects are on the rise

Goergen Hall is **UR**'s first building for which environmental issues such as sustainability were taken into consideration, said university architect **Paul Tankel**. The trigger was Grassroots, the student environmental group, which suggested in early 2004 that the new building meet enough environmental criteria to be certified by the U.S. Green Building Council in its Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design building rating system. That LEED certification has become an increasingly common yardstick in building design and construction. While **UR** is not going through the paperwork to get Goergen LEED-certified, it would qualify, **Tankel** said.

About Research and Faculty

Brighton Pittsford Post (April 27)

U of R to host M.K. Gandhi Institute

Within weeks, the **University of Rochester** will be the new home for the M.K. Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence, founded in 1987 by Brighton resident Arun Gandhi. Gandhi is one of the grandsons of revered pacifist leader Mahatma K. Gandhi. Just 13 years old when his grandfather was assassinated, Arun Gandhi nonetheless took his teachings to heart.

Democrat and Chronicle (April 12)

Former music school leader dies

Walter Hendl, former director of the **Eastman School of Music**, died Tuesday at his home in Erie, Pa. He was 90 years old and suffered from heart and lung disease. Mr. Hendl headed the **Eastman School** from 1964 to 1972, spearheading many new programs and championing contemporary music. But his strongest legacy was as a conductor—one of the foremost of the mid-20th century. He performed around the world with leading soloists such as Vladimir Horowitz, Jascha Heifetz and Kirsten Flagstad.

About Students

Democrat and Chronicle (April 26)

UR reaches out to Va. Tech

At the **University of Rochester** on Wednesday, messages of sympathy and condolences for Virginia Tech steadily filled the white paper banner stretched across a long table in Wilson Commons. **UR**'s Golden Key honors club this week is collecting signatures for the banner from students, employees and alumni. Then it will be sent to Virginia Tech, where it will join paper doves from Toronto's Ryerson University, a banner from Colorado State University and other tributes and signs of sympathy from colleges across the continent. The banner was planned as a way for **UR** students to show solidarity with Virginia Tech, where a gunman last week killed 32 people and himself.

Democrat and Chronicle (April 17)

Student group protesting war

The **University of Rochester**'s Students for Social Justice campus group has planned a week of events and performance art to protest the war in Iraq and U.S. foreign policy. From noon to 3 p.m. today there will be a series of checkpoints on **UR**'s Eastman and Wilson quadrangles with students acting as soldiers and civilians.

WXXI (March 30)

U of R Senior Wins Fulbright

A **University of Rochester** senior has been selected for a Fulbright scholarship. **Michael Potere** received the prestigious grant. His program will take him to Terengganu Province in Malaysia, where he'll teach conversational English.