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HIGHLIGHTS

Newsweek (August 20)

25 Hottest Schools

Hottest Music School, Eastman School of Music, Rochester, N.Y.: **Eastman** is heaven for instrumentalists, but students also get to study at the **University of Rochester**, of which it is a part. It's perfect for aspiring musicians who don't want to sacrifice academics. That's why bassist Erin McPeck of Aurora, Colo., chose Eastman; she's now planning a scholarly career in music research while working as a physics teaching intern at Rochester and participating in Eastman's Institute for Music Leadership. Applications were up 10 percent this year, more than the national average. (Also reported by *The Boston Channel*, *NBC4 District of Columbia*, *NBC10 Pennsylvania*, *NBC5 Illinois*, *NBC6 Florida*, *WISC Wisconsin*, *WSOC TV News North Carolina*, *Rochester Business Journal*, *Democrat and Chronicle*, and many other broadcasts)

The Chronicle of Higher Education (August 17)

An Anthropologist in the Library

"If you have been making a bunch of assumptions based on out-of-date information," says **Nancy Fried Foster**, an anthropologist at the **University of Rochester**, "maybe it's time to ask some people some questions." A few years ago, Ms. Foster was hired by Rochester's library to study undergraduates, to help shed light on how they do their research and write papers, and how they spend their days. The results of the study, which will be published in a book due out next month from the Association of College and Research Libraries, helped guide a library renovation, influenced a Web-site redesign, led to changes in the way the library markets itself to students, and, in some cases, completely changed the image of undergraduates in the eyes of Rochester librarians.

About Research and Faculty

Washington Post (August 30)

One Species' Genome Found Within Another

Writing in the Aug. 30 issue of *Science*, the U.S. researchers theorized that including large amounts of genetic code from another species may allow the host species to develop new cellular functions more rapidly."The chance that a chunk of DNA of this magnitude is totally neutral, I think, is pretty small, so the implication is that it has imparted some selective advantage to the host," principal investigator **Jack Werren** said in a prepared statement. (Also reported by *The New York Times*, *Boston Globe*, *Forbes*, *The Scientist*, *LiveScience.com NY*, *CBC News Canada*, *COSMOS Magazine Australia*, *The Guardian Unlimited UK* and other publications)

NATIONAL COVERAGE

About the University

Stanford News Service, Stanford University
(August 22)

School of Medicine extends smoking ban to outdoor zones

As of Sept. 1, the School of Medicine will be declared a tobacco-free zone, with no smoking allowed anywhere on its campus. The ban is part of a growing movement nationwide to limit smoking, which is the leading preventable cause of death in the United States. With the new policy, the medical school joins a few other academic medical centers, including the **University of Rochester Medical Center**, that have implemented a total ban on smoking in and around their campuses.

Inside Higher Education (August 21)

A Ranking That Would Matter

That final weighted analysis showed dramatic ups and downs for some institutions (the top 20 is reproduced at the end of this article). The **University of Rochester** was ranked 11th in the last National Research Council analysis of political science departments, but its per capita record at placing students in top departments is 4th. “**Rochester** is a perfect example,” he said, in that it’s not as well regarded by those filling out surveys but bests most of the competition when it comes to producing Ph.D.’s who get tenure-track jobs at top universities. Chingos said that data like this paper could be most helpful to potential graduate students in flagging a university like **Rochester** as worth considering above better known institutions. **Randall Stone**, director of graduate studies and an associate professor in the department, sees several reasons for the department’s success with placement, as a small program. One reason is that there is a focus in terms of philosophy. “**Rochester** has been known for decades as a program that takes a particular approach to political science, which is very rigorous, very mathematical, emphasizes the decision making by rational agents as being the first cut we take to explain phenomenon,” he said.

About University-Related Businesses

MSN Money (August 8)

VirtualScopics Reports Second Quarter 2007 Results

VirtualScopics, Inc. is a provider of advanced medical image analysis services. The company evolved from research first carried out at the **University of Rochester Medical Center and School of Engineering**. VirtualScopics has created a suite of image analysis tools used in detecting and analyzing specific structures in volumetric medical images, as well as characterizing minute changes in structures over time, providing vital information to support clinical trials and diagnostic applications. (Also reported by *Earthtimes.org*)

About Research and Faculty

Washington Post (August 31)

HHS Toned Down Breast-Feeding Ads

Speaking to the International Lactation Consultant Association in 2005, Haynes, of the HHS women’s health office, said she was “overruled.” Veteran pediatrician and breast-feeding researcher **Ruth A. Lawrence** of the **University of Rochester**, who was on the initial advisory committee brought together by Haynes, said the science undergirding the ads was “entirely convincing. Everyone on the committee had to agree on a finding before it was approved. We were very distressed by what happened.”

Time (August 30)

Sleet Storm in Space

In one such system, known as IRAS 4B, about 1,000 light-years from Earth, astronomers from the **University of Rochester** have detected a disk-shaped knot of material that will one day emerge as a suite of planets orbiting a young star. If the **Rochester** astronomers are right, the idea that comets are pristine remnants of the material from which our solar system originally formed isn’t going to hold up. Indeed, last year, comet-dust particles brought back by NASA’s Stardust mission showed that the particles had been heated to high temperatures sometime in their lives, which implied that at least the dust in comets might not be primordial. And now it looks like the ice in them isn’t either. (Also reported by *Reuters, UPI, NewScientist.com UK, National Geographic News, MonstersandCritics.com UK, Brisbane Times Australia, Scotsman UK, Malaysia Star, Zee*

News India, Vancouver Sun Canada, BBC News, Times of India, Gulf Times Qatar, Astrobiology Magazine and other publications)

ABC News (August 29)

Botox May Beat Cancer Concern in Race to Dermatologist

“Clearly a changing mole is more important than injections of Botox,” said **Dr. Alice Pentland**, chair of the department of dermatology at the **University of Rochester** in Rochester, N.Y., who added that she felt the study was “well executed.”

Wall Street Journal (August 24)

How the ‘Quant’ Playbook Failed

University of Rochester finance professor **William Schwert** has found that after academic papers come out highlighting opportunities to outperform the market, those opportunities tend to diminish or outright disappear. The popularity of quantitative strategies in recent years may mean that the opportunities to make money are getting whittled away more quickly than ever, according to Invesco PLC investment strategist Diane Garnick.

Science Magazine (August 24)

Cancer’s Perpetual Source?

Not everyone is convinced that the stemlike cells found in cancers play such a key role in tumor growth and maintenance. But if that idea is correct, “the ramifications could be huge,” says **Craig Jordan** of the **University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry** in New York state. In that event, therapies that target cancer stem cells may prove more effective than current cancer treatments. Indeed, radiation and many chemotherapeutic drugs wipe out dividing cells, but stem cells may be quiescent most of the time and so may survive these treatments.

MSNBC (August 23)

Study reveals why pneumonia is so deadly

A common cause of pneumonia can kill by causing bleeding in the lungs, researchers said on Thursday in a finding that may explain why antibiotics fail to save many patients. “What we found is a possible mechanism and a possible solution for a very lethal pneumonia,” **Dr. Jian-Dong Li**, a professor of microbiology and immunology at the **University of Rochester Medical Center** in New York who worked on the

study, said in a telephone interview. “The power of understanding this mechanism is that it not only suggests how better to treat this disease, but also that we should think twice about whether standard drug treatments are doing more harm than good.” (Also reported by *Scientific American, Reuters, Zee News India, Alalam News Iran, Canada.com*)

Newsday (August 20)

NJ March of Dimes program aims to ease pregnancy for black women

Expectant moms who are anxious or depressed have a higher risk of having babies who suffer from sleep problems on into their toddler years, according to a recent study run by **University of Rochester** researchers. (Also reported by *Philadelphia Inquirer, Cherry Hill Courier Post New Jersey, WCBSTV New York*)

Newsweek (August 16)

What’s Holding Up the Digital Revolution?

Despite the continued presence of those obstacles, it appears that electronic records are winning supporters. The use of digital systems increased 20 percent from 2005 to 2006, according to a recent report by the Centers for Disease Control. “Now offices are lined up around the corner to get on board,” says **David Krusch**, chief medical-information officer at the **University of Rochester Medical Center**. “They’re fighting over who comes next.”

FirstScience.com, United Kingdom (August 14)

New imaging detectors could take snapshots from deep space

An imaging detector under development by a team of scientists from Rochester Institute of Technology and **University of Rochester** promises to revolutionize future NASA planetary missions with technology that could withstand the harsh radiation environments in space. The team won \$592,000 from the NASA Planetary Instrument Definition and Development Program to design, build and test a detector that should be resilient against radiation damage. The lightweight device will be smaller and consume less power than technology currently in use. The novel readout circuitry design will give the device a radiation tolerance not possible in standard optical detectors. (Also reported by *Space Daily California, Photonics.com, PhysOrg.com, Rochester Business Journal*)

USA Today (August 14)

Hospitals move to phase out chemicals

In another study that year, **Shanna Swan** of the **University of Rochester School of Medicine** found differences in the reproductive organs of boys whose mothers were exposed to higher levels of several phthalates.

U.S. News & World Report (August 13)

'Brain Drain' of Dangerous Protein May Offer Help for Alzheimer's

Is it possible to "flush" away the buildup of dangerous substances in the brain that cause Alzheimer's disease? That's what researchers from the **University of Rochester (N.Y.) Medical Center** have tried on laboratory mice, and the results have indicated that the amyloid protein linked to causing Alzheimer's can be drained away. (Also similar reports by *Forbes*, *CBC News Canada*, *TheHindu India*, *News-Medical.net Australia*, *Health24.com South Africa*)

Washington Post (August 12)

Helping Find Lost Alzheimer's Patients

Among considerations are where the patient lives, added **Henry Kautz** of the **University of Rochester**, who is helping develop next-generation systems. For example, the accuracy of GPS devices depends on access to satellites powering the navigation tool. "You have to have a clear line of sight to the satellite," Kautz said, which can be difficult in a large city. Companies are working to boost signal strength. (Also reported by *Chicago Daily Herald*, *Time*, *CNN*, *Forbes*, *Houston Chronicle*, *Miami Herald*, *Baltimore Sun*, *Philadelphia Inquirer*, *Denver Post*, *Malaysia Star Malaysia*, *Fox News*, *Newsday*, *Democrat and Chronicle* and many other publications/broadcast)

Boston Globe (August 12)

The underworked American

"The amount of stuff that my wife and I do around the house, compared to what my mom and father did around the house, is lower by an order of magnitude of 30 or 40 percent than what they did," says Erik Hurst, an economist at the University of Chicago who coauthored the study. ... The new study is part of a quiet revolution offering an arguably more accurate, and certainly surprising, portrait of how we spend our time. Hurst, along with coauthor **Mark Aguiar**, a **University of Rochester** economist, is among a growing number of scholars who champion

the use of so-called time-diary surveys, which ask people to recount in detail how they spent a specific recent day. (Also reported by *NASDAQ.com*, *Trading-Markets.com California*)

Globe and Mail, Canada (August 11)

It sure is! A healthy way to spend your summer?

Take, for instance, a study released earlier this year by researchers at the **University of Rochester**. They found that those who devoted about an hour of their time one day a week to playing the high-action, first-person shooter game *Unreal Tournament* scored not just all kinds of virtual game points, but also achieved higher scores in vision tests than did a control group of people who played the simpler, puzzle-based video game *Tetris*. Those findings were probably no surprise to the researchers behind a 2002 article in the *British Medical Journal* that listed spatial visualization as well as improved social skills as among the genuine benefits of video games.

American Family Physicians (August 10)

Residents, Students Wrestle With Health System Reform, Other Issues

"When you compare the U.S. health system (to other industrialized nations), by all metrics, we lose," said **Shirish Balachandra, M.D.**, of the **University of Rochester/Highland Hospital** Family Medicine Residency Program, Rochester, N.Y. "Whether the (U.S.) system is ultimately guided by the invisible hand of government, you have to recognize that it's now guided by the invisible hand of profits."

All About Jazz (August 10)

All Through the Night

If this disc is any indication of the caliber of jazz musicians in the Rochester, New York area, then it would seem that the music is in good hands around said environs. So the story goes, guitarist **Bob Sneider** has played an integral part in leading the nightly jam sessions that occur during the duration of each year's Rochester International Jazz Festival, and this studio date is somewhat of a homage to those sets. No stranger to the jazz scene there, Sneider's experience boasts of time spent with Chuck Mangione and a role as educator at the **Eastman School of Music**.

Cherry Creek News, Colorado (August 7)

Economic equity and environmental protection

University of Rochester researchers **Laura Marsiliani** and **Thomas Renstrom** reviewed hundreds of academic studies of linkages between economic equality and environmental protection and found plenty of evidence to suggest that “poorer individuals tend to prefer less stringent environmental policy.” Previous research also supports their hypothesis that greater income inequality causes lower environmental taxes, regulation and spending around the world. (Also reported by *Arizona Republic*, *Richmond.com*, *Political Affairs Magazine New York*)

Philadelphia Inquirer (August 6)

Boys’ birthrate advantage is slipping

“The sex ratio is a great marker - possibly a sentinel of the effects of environmental problems,” says **Shanna Swan**, an epidemiologist at the **University of Rochester**. Swan’s own recent work connected chemical exposures in pregnant women to altered genitalia in their male offspring. Working with samples collected from more than 200 pregnant women by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, she measured blood concentrations of known by-products of several phthalates - chemicals found in everything from shampoo to floor tiling. (Also reported by *ABC News*, *UPI*)

UPI (August 6)

Scientists determine cause of rosacea

The team led by **Dr. Richard Gallo** (1986 graduate of the M.D. Ph.D. Program), a professor of medicine and chief of the division of dermatology at the University of California-San Diego School of Medicine, determined the disease is caused by overproduction of two interactive inflammatory proteins, resulting in excessive levels of a third protein that causes rosacea symptoms. (Also reported by *Newsday*, *Toronto Star*)

Boston Globe (August 5)

Democratic rivals, bloggers meet on real-world turf

Most of those interviewed said they had not picked their candidate yet. “We’re really glad they’re here, but we don’t care that much about what they have to say,” said **Tom Tucker**, a math professor at the **University of Rochester** who maintains a blog called *rochesterturning.com*.

The Chronicle of Higher Education (August 3)

The Tough Road to Better Science Teaching

Only a few research institutions have adopted the new approaches extensively. One is the **University of Rochester**, which adopted “peer-led team learning” in 1995. It emphasizes small groups of students working together to solve problems. Some undergraduates receive special training, concurrent with the course, to help lead the groups. The approach is now used in most of Rochester’s introductory courses in science, enrolling 2,500 students annually across eight departments, says Jack Kampmeier, a professor emeritus of chemistry, who helped lead the effort. “A major force in propagating the model were the students themselves,” he says. “The peer leaders became absolutely invested in the model and became enthusiastic spokespeople for it.”

Vancouver Providence, Canada (August 3)

Depression affects child’s sleep

Researchers at the **University of Rochester Medical Center** surveyed more than 14,000 pregnant women living in Avon County, England, who were due to give birth over a 21-month period. The women answered questions about how depressed or anxious they were at various times throughout and after their pregnancies. The women then reported their children’s sleep habits up to 30 months of age, including how long children slept, how often they woke and if they resisted going to bed.

About Alumni

CNN (August 28)

Katrina Two Years Later

Alex Pearlman ‘07, past president of the Students’ Association who began his first year as a math instructor at Frederick Douglass High School in New Orleans, was featured in a CNN report on the New Orleans educational system scheduled to air Aug. 28 at 10 p.m.

SOLEDAD O’BRIEN, CNN ANCHOR: **Alex Pearlman** is just three months out of college, but already, he’s packing up and heading back into the classroom. His very first real job is teaching in New Orleans’ troubled public schools. **Alex Pearlman** says he sees his move not just as a job, but as a mission.

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel (August 18)

Mastering the Universe

Leonard Parker's work was cited in the memoirs of Soviet physicist Andrei Sakharov and helped British physicist Stephen Hawking discover the creation of particles by black holes - a discovery Parker had hoped to make himself. Now, Parker is examining differences in the density of matter back when the universe was less than a second old. ... Although neither of Parker's parents had received a high school diploma, he graduated from the Bronx High School of Science. Aided by scholarships, he followed his passion for physics to the **University of Rochester**, then to Harvard University for graduate studies.

The Naples Daily News, Florida (August 11)

Sound of dreams

Robert George spends most days in a carpeted, air-conditioned, soundproof room. The walls are 13-inches thick, stuffed with eight sheets of drywall. The floors float atop neoprene rubber to further mute noise. George started developing his ears and his musical skills at an early age. He took up the drums as a 9-year-old in Rochester, New York. The upstate village houses **Eastman School of Music**, which George remembers having a large influence over the town's children. "It was like every kid my age played some instrument. Chuck Mangione was an inspiration for many of us," he says of the famed jazz artist from Rochester who also went to **Eastman**.

LOCAL COVERAGE

About the University

Democrat and Chronicle (August 23)

Seligman's example (editorial)

Joel Seligman didn't have to go public with his diagnosis of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. After all, dealing with cancer is a private matter. And though **Seligman**, as **president of the University of Rochester**, is a public figure, this is one instance in which privacy is understandable, if not expected. Instead, **Seligman** is setting an admirable example of how to respond in the face of uncertainty. He has embraced his role as a public figure: "I'm convinced the key to leadership is mutual trust," he said of his decision.

R News (August 21)

U. of R. President has Lymphoma

U. of R. President Joel Seligman has revealed that he has cancer. In a statement to the University Tuesday, Seligman disclosed his recent diagnosis of Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma. "I'm writing to let you know that within the past few days I have been diagnosed with a treatable and curable form of Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma," he wrote. "Our excellent cancer specialists here tell me that the specific type of Lymphoma that I have should not have significant long term impact on my ability to continue service to the University of Rochester." Seligman went on to write: "The prognosis for this type of lymphoma in an otherwise healthy patient is very favorable. Dr. Richard Fisher, who will be treating me and is the Director of the James P. Wilmot Cancer Center, is a national expert in lymphomas." (Also reported by *R News*, *WHAM TV ABC*, *WHEC TV NBC*, *WROC TV CBS*, *Rochester Business Journal*, *Democrat and Chronicle*, *Democrat and Chronicle*, *Democrat and Chronicle*)

Democrat and Chronicle (August 20)

Albany scandal II (editorial)

Meantime, the **University of Rochester**, which has become the region's biggest employer, is doing its part. Its plans for a Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute could be just the catalyst that this region needs for economic growth. The facility, which could make upstate a hub for biomedical research, is expected to generate 600 new jobs and economic impact of more than \$400 million over a 10-year period. Yet Albany still hasn't acted on a request for \$50 million to build the 150,000-square-foot building. The Legislature must get moving so that UR can leverage its \$40 million award from the National Institutes of Health.

WHEC TV, NBC (August 10)

U of R pumps over \$1 billion into Rochester economy

The county's largest employer is making the Rochester area a lot greener. A new study shows the **University of Rochester** has created thousands of jobs and pumped more than a billion dollars into the economy from wages. From the buses coming to pick people up on campus to the people visiting the school, the U of R is pumping money into the economy. "It demonstrates our growth been steady over last 5 years," said U of R spokesman **Peter Robinson**.

(Also similar reports by *R News, Rochester Business Journal*)

About Research and Faculty

WHAM TV, ABC (August 30)

“Junk Sleep” Can Threaten Health

“They need more sleep than an adult does why? Because they’re still growing...their basic physiological need for sleep is that much,” said **Dr. Heidi Connolly (Pediatric Critical Care)**. Connolly said she sees several cases a week of kids suffering from junk sleep. Teenagers often sleep listening to the buzz of cell phones, text messaging and music from iPods. “Kids that don’t get enough sleep are more likely to become more overweight, are more likely to struggle academically and more likely to have trouble getting up in time for class and paying attention while in school,” Connolly said.

WHEC TV, NBC (August 28)

“Noelle” – the childbirth simulator

Noelle experiences labor and delivery several times a day at **Strong Hospital**. Noelle is the latest tool helping to improve health care for pregnant women. Noelle can be having triplets one minute, or a breach birth the next. She can do it all. This is the newest addition to the **U of R Medical Center’s** simulator teaching tools. Noelle is computer that mimics in detail a wide range of emergency situations in pregnancy and childbirth. The simulator will also be used for medical students as part of their training. Noelle will stay at strong for six months then move to **Highland Hospital** for similar training and teaching. (Also reported by *Democrat and Chronicle*)

WROC TV, CBS (August 27)

Wilmot Cancer Center receives \$1.7 million in research funding

The **University of Rochester** is receiving \$1.7 million dollars in grant funding to find new and better treatments for leukemia. The grants are three separate funds: \$875,000 from the National Institutes of Health, \$600,000 from the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, \$230,000 from the Samuel Waxman Cancer Research Foundation.

WHAM TV, ABC (August 21)

Aab Cardiovascular Research Institute Opens In Henrietta

The **University of Rochester Medical Center** is celebrating the opening of the Aab Cardiovascular Research Institute in Henrietta. It is located at 211 Bailey Road in Henrietta. The **U of R** is moving more than 100 researchers, students and technicians who are currently housed across the medical center campus into this one building. The 15 laboratories that are moving are conducting more than 50 research projects concerning heart disease’s causes and possible cures. (Also reported by *WROC TV CBS, Rochester Business Journal, Democrat and Chronicle*)

Rochester Business Journal (August 20)

Alzheimer’s research team funded

The **University of Rochester Medical Center** has received \$1.37 million from the National Institute on Aging to support research into some of the earliest events that occur at the start of Alzheimer’s disease. The team, led by Williams Bowers, assistant professor of neurology and a scientist at the Center for Aging and Development Biology, is focusing on the role of inflammation in the evolution of the disease.

Democrat and Chronicle (August 18)

UR professor wins national prize

Susan H. McDaniel, a professor of psychiatry and family medicine at the **University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry**, has won the American Psychological Foundation’s Cummings PSYCHE Prize. She will receive the award and the \$50,000 prize at the American Psychological Association convention today in San Francisco.

Rochester Business Journal (August 16)

Simon School’s Barclay dies in seaplane crash

Michael Barclay, a member of the **Simon Graduate School of Business** finance faculty at the **University of Rochester** for more than two decades, died Thursday in a seaplane crash between Empire Boulevard and Irondequoit Bay in Penfield, school officials said. “All of us at the Simon School are deeply saddened to learn of this tragic accident,” said **Dean Mark Zupan** in a statement. “Mike was a world-class scholar and a supremely gifted teacher, having been, among other things, rated among the top business school instructors in the world by *Business Week*. He was also a wonderful human being and friend.”

UR president Joel Seligman said “this is a terribly saddening loss for the university. Mike was a great talent. To lose him at so young an age makes this so much harder for his colleagues and students.” (Also reported by *R News*, *WROC TV CBS*, *WHEC TV NBC*, *WHAM TV ABC*, *Democrat and Chronicle*)

Rochester Business Journal (August 14)

Berk joins stem cell funding panel

University of Rochester Medical Center CEO

Bradford Berk M.D. has been appointed to a state committee that will oversee distribution of \$600 million in funding for stem cell research. **URMC** is highly competitive in stem cell research, with particular strength in neuroscience, spinal cord injury, bone biology and cancer research, Berk said. The medical center likely will serve as host for community meetings to explain its projects around stem cell research, which usually involve adult stem cells rather than embryonic cells, Berk said. (Also reported by *R News*, *Democrat and Chronicle*)

Democrat and Chronicle (August 13)

Couple at UR receive science awards

Two scientists at the **University of Rochester Medical Center** have won prestigious awards. **Ania Majewska** has received an award from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation. Her husband, **Edward Brown**, has been named a Pew Scholar in the Biomedical Sciences.

WHEC TV, NBC (August 9)

U of R Dr. gives blind children the chance to see

Our sight is something we too often take for granted. That’s not the case for a family from Tampa Florida. Their son has never been able to see, until now. But this Florida family didn’t give up on Sam’s sight. They found out on the Internet about **Dr. James Aquavella** of the **U of R Eye Institute at Strong**. He’s had a vision for children with no vision most of his career. He is the first in the world to implant artificial corneas in children.

Democrat and Chronicle (August 9)

Area’s diversity on the upswing

Valeria Sinclair-Chapman, an assistant professor of political science at the **University of Rochester** who studies minority political representation, said the growing minority population means political power — especially in local governments — may begin to

shift. “Numerical strength is a harbinger of political strength, and when the numbers increase, we often see more people of these groups running for office.”

About Students

Democrat and Chronicle (August 30)

Fresh food, vegetables a rarity in city stores

Cynthia Arvizo, a **University of Rochester** senior and 2007 urban fellow, found little fresh produce, skim milk or wheat bread in some 41 southwest Rochester stores she surveyed for a project conducted with the Southwest Area Neighborhood Association. The survey showed that 71 percent of neighborhood stores in Rochester’s Sector 4 sell limited supplies of canned fruits and vegetables and only offer white bread and whole milk. **Dr. Stephen Cook**, a pediatrician at **Golisano Children’s Hospital at Strong** who studies obesity, said researching where fresh food is sold is only one aspect of learning about nutritional problems in urban areas. Researchers must also find out what people are actually eating. But mapping food availability is an emerging weapon in the fight against obesity, he said.

R News (August 28)

U of R Fills Up With Freshmen

The class of 2011 has arrived at the **University of Rochester**. It’s moving-in day at the freshman dorms, and those dorms are packed. College leaders say about a quarter of the incoming class has to live in triples. “And we’ve been worried about that, but last year we had over a third of the class living in triples,” said Dean of Admissions **Jon Burdick**. “And it turned out those students did just as well in the classes academically, and didn’t suffer any bad mistakes in their freshman year and that class came back in record levels too.” “Rochester is really the one school I felt fit what I was looking for in a school,” said Nawa Lanzilotti of Hawaii. “I thought I really liked that it had the **Eastman School of Music** as well as all the academic possibilities on the River Campus, and it also had a sign language program that I’m really interested in taking part in.”