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WROC TV CBS 8 Rochester (February 2)

U of R sets aside more financial aid

College is expensive. Especially when money is hard to come by. “The good news is no student should have to worry about being able to come here or being able to stay here based on the economy,” said **Jon Burdick**, **University of Rochester** Dean Of Admissions and Financial Aid.

ABC News (February 16)

Hodgkin’s Survivors Prone to Breast Cancer Later

Often treatment for Hodgkin’s involves radiation to the breast area, so some amount of breast tissue receives some amount of radiation, explained study leader **Dr. Louis S. Constine**, a professor of radiation oncology at the **James P. Wilmot Cancer Center, University of Rochester Medical Center**. (Also Reported in: *Business Week*, *MSNBC*, *Forbes*, *U.S. News & World Report*, *Yahoo! News*)

New York Daily News (February 24)

Latin lit shines at first translation awards

Presented at Melville House Publishing in Brooklyn, the 2009 Best Translated Book Awards are the brainchild of Three Percent, an online literary blog and review source of **University of Rochester** press **Open Letter**. Three Percent takes its name from the fact that only 3% of books published in the U.S. are translations — and of those, only .7% are literary fiction or poetry. (Also Reported in: *CBC News Canada*)

Local

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The Nation (February 17)

Back Talk: Adam Frank

Adam Frank is an astrophysicist at the **University of Rochester**. In “The Constant Fire: Beyond the Science vs. Religion Debate” (California; \$24.95), he attempts to move past the antagonisms between religious fundamentalists and the New Atheists. Instead of debating the Bible or arguing about the existence of evil, he turns to thinkers like William James, Rudolf Otto, and Mircea Eliade for ideas about experience, the sacred, the sublime and hierophanies, manifestations of the sacred in the physical world. (Also Reported in: *Rochester Democrat and Chronicle*)

New York Times (February 21)

Father in Chief

So it’s not surprising that President Obama’s time in the White House looks like some kind of public experiment in child-rearing. “A good parent doesn’t try to be their child’s friend,” says **Dr. Hannah Solky**, an associate professor of psychiatry at the **University of Rochester School of Medicine**.

ABC News (February 10)

Researchers Link Obesity to Birth Defects

“Obesity increases the risk of many pregnancy complications, and this article further clarifies that obesity impacts the risk of birth defects, especially neural tube defects and congenital heart defects,” said **Loralei Thornburg** of the **University of Rochester Medical Center** in New York, who was not involved in the study. (Also Reported in: *Yahoo! News*, *MSNBC*, *China Daily*, *WPBA-TV Atlanta*, *WBFO Buffalo FM 88.7*)

Rochester Business Journal (February 5)

URMC gets \$3.8M grant for asthma study

The National Institutes of Health have awarded a \$3.8 million grant to a **University of Rochester Medical Center** physician-researcher to fund a locally conducted asthma study.

New Scientist (February 23)

Milky Way Recovering from Ancient Collision

Some groups of stars near our solar system move with unusually high velocities compared with others in the galactic disc. Ivan Minchev of the University of Strasbourg, France, says their pattern and velocity can be explained if they were thrown by the shock of a past smash. Minchev developed a computer simulation of the distribution of velocities of billions of stars. This is far more than have been modeled previously, says co-author **Alice Quillen** of the **University of Rochester** in New York. (Also Reported in: *Softpedia*)

ABC News (February 19)

FAA, NTSB Feud Over Icing Safety

“One criticism of the FAA is that they move at a glacial pace at everything they do, from modernizing air traffic control to giving due consideration to the NTSB’s recommendations,” said **David Primo**, a political science professor at the **University of Rochester** in New York who co-authored “The Plane Truth: Airline Crashes, the Media and Transportation Policy.” “We would be much better served as a country in terms of regulations if the FAA would simply make decisions.” (Also Reported in: *CBS News*, *Chicago Tribune*, *Forbes*, *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Boston Globe*, *New York Post*, *San Francisco Gate*, *Business Week*)

Science News (February 14)

Gamers crave control and competence, not carnage

Blood, guts, and gore aren’t what thrill avid gamers when they slaughter zombies in *The House of the Dead III* video game, a new study suggests. Instead, feelings of control and competence are what the players crave. The new research, led by psychologist **Richard Ryan** at the **University of Rochester** in New York, appears online January 16 in *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*.

Financial Times (February 13)

SEC flaws exposed by Madoff scandal

Much of the blame for missing Bernard Madoff’s alleged \$50 billion “Ponzi” scheme has been attached to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission’s enforcement division — and, in particular, to Linda Thomsen, its director, who announced her departure this week. However, much of the responsibility might belong elsewhere in the organization. “The responsibility for enforcement should ultimately be placed on the chairman and the commissioners,” said **Joel Seligman**, president of the **University of Rochester** and a SEC historian.

Wall Street Journal (February 13)

Friday the 13th Phobia? For Investors, It’s Usually a Good Day (columnist blog)

I asked **G. William Schwert**, an eminent finance professor at the **Simon Graduate School of Business** at the **University of Rochester**, if he could send me his massive dataset of stock-market returns for every day all the way back to 1885. ... We found that, in the very long run, the market has gone up by an average of 0.02% per day. Since 2000, it’s gone down by about the same amount, but Friday the 13th has actually generated unusually high returns — an average of 0.28%.

MSNBC (February 12)

World’s largest Civil War collection now online

At the very same hour on that night, an accomplice of John Wilkes Booth attempted to assassinate Secretary of State William Seward. That brazen attempt by a man wielding a pistol in one hand and a knife in the other was unsuccessful. Seward’s daughter Fanny was an eyewitness. She documented the dramatic events in her diary, whose pages are now at the **University of Rochester’s** Web site, “Lincoln and His Circle.” (Also Reported in: *CBC News Canada*)

Yahoo! News (February 2)

Tropical turtle fossil found in arctic

“We’ve known there’s been an interchange of animals between Asia and North America in the late Cretaceous period, but this is the first example we have of a fossil in the High Arctic region showing how this migration may have taken place,” said **John Tarduno**, professor of geophysics at the **University of Rochester**. (Also Reported in: *Science Daily, PhysOrg.com, Malaysian Sun, Yorkshirt Post, Telegraph.co.uk, Science Now, USA Today, UPI, Montreal Gazette, Global TV, Times Colonist, Times Colonist, Vancouver Sun, Tehran Times*)

R News (February 11)

Eastman Grad Takes Home Two Grammys

An **Eastman School of Music** graduate earned two Grammys Sunday. Tenor **Anthony Dean Griffey** took home two awards for the Los Angeles Opera’s production of Kurt Weill’s “Rise and Fall of the City of Mahagonny.” Griffey graduated from the Eastman School in 2001. (Also Reported in: *The Daily News Genesee, Wyoming, and Orleans counties, Rochester Democrat and Chronicle*)

Bloomberg (February 12)

Gregg Withdraws as Cabinet Pick, Cites Policy Clashes

David Primo, a political science professor at the **University of Rochester** in New York, said that while Obama needs Republican support to pass major legislation, “placing them in his cabinet may not be the best way to accomplish this.”

Science Daily (February 7)

Rapidly Evolving Gene Contributes To Origin Of Species

“When we cross two species of fruit fly, which had split from one another 3 million years ago, some of the hybrid offspring die,” says **Daven Presgraves**, professor of biology at the **University of Rochester** and Grass Fellow at the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard University. (Also Reported in: *New York Times*)

Christian Science Monitor (February 20)

L.A. comes of age with opera giant

“It is nearly impossible to overestimate the impact of Wagner’s operas on Western culture,” says **Ralph Locke**, professor of musicology at the **University of Rochester’s Eastman School of Music**.

Newsweek (February 20)

SEC names Robert Khuzami new enforcement chief

Before becoming a government prosecutor, [**Robert Khuzami**] was a law clerk for U.S. Appeals Court Judge John R. Gibson in Kansas City, Mo. He received a law degree from Boston University School of Law, and graduated from the **University of Rochester**. (Also Reported in: *Business Week, ABC News, Los Angeles Times, Forbes, Chicago Tribune, Newsday, Wall Street Journal, Washington Post, Rochester Democrat and Chronicle, Boston Herald*)

Washington Post (February 3)

Veterans Affairs Deputy Secretary Named

During Obama’s campaign, **W. Scott Gould** co-chaired the National Veterans Policy Team, and worked on Obama’s transition team as a member of the Veterans Agency Review Team. Gould received a bachelor of arts degree from Cornell University and a master’s in business administration and doctorate in education from the **University of Rochester**.

Rochester Business Journal (February 20)

Awards honor area’s top achievers in health care

This year’s honorees are the seventh group to receive the Health Care Achievement Awards. They are: Innovation: **Robert McCann**, chief of medicine at **Highland Hospital**; **Benjamin Miller**, associate professor of dermatology at the **University of Rochester Medical Center**; and the Carestream DRX-1 System at Carestream Health.

U.S. News and World Report (February 16)

Ageing Brain May Contribute to Some Hearing Loss

Robert D. Frisina, a professor of otolaryngology, biomedical engineering, and neurobiology and anatomy at the **University of Rochester** in New York, called the new research “a very promising and pioneering study.” “The idea that the brain plays a role in hearing loss as we age is not new,” he said. “There are past indications of that. But this is the first study I’ve heard of to explore this idea in a new way by use imaging in humans, and that’s exciting and provides this finding with some sizzle.”

(Also Reported in: *ABC News, Forbes, Yahoo! News, Business Week, Greensboro Daily Reflector*)

UPI (February 12)

Physicists show how stellar jets develop

“The predominant theory says that jets are essentially fire hoses that shoot out matter in a steady stream, and the stream breaks up as it collides with gas and dust in space, but that doesn’t appear to be so after all,” said **University of Rochester** Professor **Adam Frank**, co-author of the research, who said experiments strongly suggest the jets are fired out more like bullets or buckshot. (Also Reported in: *New Scientist*)

WHEC TV NBC 10 Rochester (February 6)

Doctor talks about saving officer’s life

Dr. Paul Maurer is currently a professor of neurosurgery at the **University of Rochester**, where he graduated and did his residency. Just to give you a sense of just how humble he is, one of his colleagues came up to him and said congratulations after the operation. He said, that’s not necessary; you could’ve done the same thing. (Also Reported in: *WROC TV CBS 8 Rochester*)

U.S. News and World Report (February 6)

Teens more helpful than parents know

“There certainly are situations where kids say, ‘I don’t want to do that; it’s my choice; it’s up to me.’ But I think we overestimate that,” said study researcher **Judith Smetana** of the **University of Rochester** in New York. (Also Reported in: *Science Daily, NetIndia123, Daily India, MedIndia, UPI*)

WHEC TV NBC 10 Rochester (February 6)

Squashing the competition

A city that’s known for its snow is now getting respect in the game of squash. The **U of R’s** men team is ranked sixth in the nation and they take on number-one ranked Trinity tomorrow.

Rochester Business Journal (February 13)

Best of the Web awarded

The definition of excellence at the annual Best of the Web competition has evolved with technology. The sophistication of this year’s finalists is obvious, said Rochester Business Journal publisher Susan Holliday. The **University of Rochester’s** Web site, www.rochester.edu, topped finalists RIT University News (www.rit.edu/news) and Schoolworld (www.schoolworld.com).