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Los Angeles Times (June 19)

Exercise Lifts Cancer Patients

A new study has found that women and men undergoing radiation for breast and prostate cancer felt less fatigued, had improved quality of life and missed fewer treatment sessions when they engaged in a six-week routine of moderate exercise. "To have their fatigue dissipate was really great," says **Karen Mustian, assistant professor of radiation oncology at the University of Rochester School of Medicine**, who presented the 2005 study this month at the annual meeting of the American Society of Clinical Oncology. (Also reported by *UPI*, *Baltimore Sun*, *Medical News Today*, *News-Medical.net [Australia]*, *Sun Sentinel [Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.]*, *Detroit News*, *Haber Sağlık [Turkey]*, *InsideBayArea.com [California]*, *South Bend Tribune [Indiana]*, and *Fort Wayne Journal Gazette [Indiana]*.)

ABC News (June 8)

'Major Breakthrough': FDA Approves Cancer Vaccine

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration announced today that it has approved Gardasil, a vaccine that prevents infection by some strains of the human papillomavirus, which can cause cervical cancer if left untreated. . . . "It will be the first vaccine licensed by the FDA that can prevent a cancer that kills a large number of women each year," said **Michael Keefer, an associate professor in the infectious disease division at the University of Rochester School of Medicine** in New York. "If that's not a breakthrough, I don't know what is." (Related stories reported by *Wall Street Journal*, *Baltimore Sun*, *Xinhua [China]*, *Toronto Star*, *Medical News Today*, *News-Medical.net [Australia]*, *FoodConsumer.org*, *R News*, *WHEC-TV [NBC]*, *13WHAM-TV [ABC]*, and *Democrat and Chronicle*.) (Related stories citing faculty and staff members Cynthia Rand in *Baltimore Sun*, *TIME*, and others; Robert Rose in *Baltimore Sun*; and Marjorie Hunter in *Boston Globe*.)

About Students

NCAA News (June 19)

Keeping His Eye on the Ball

Going into this year's NCAA Division III Men's Golf Championships, the **University of Rochester's Stephen Goodridge** felt good about his chances of winning the individual title. . . . Along the way to becoming Rochester's first national champion in golf, Goodridge did more than show off his talent on the links. He demonstrated his skill in the classroom as well. (Related stories reported by *Sports Illustrated* and *Democrat and Chronicle*.)

National Coverage

About Research and Faculty

UPI (June 29)

Cranberries May Prevent Tooth Decay

Cranberries harbor a plethora of biological compounds such as flavonoids including quercetin and myricetin, phenolic acids such as benzoic acid, anthocyanins and condensed tannins, which can inhibit enzymes associated with the formation of the plaque, according to researchers at the **University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry**. (Also reported by *WebMD.com*, *Science Daily*, *FoodConsumer.org*, *Medical Page Today*, and *Ivanhoe.com [Florida]*.)

Journal of the American Medical Association (June 28)

Rare Disease Research Gets Boost

While convincing companies to design new drugs for rare diseases may be difficult, asking them to provide currently available drugs for new indications to be studied through the Rare Diseases Clinical Research Network is less of a challenge. **Robert Griggs, of the Department of Neurology at the University of Rochester**, in New York, is testing such drugs for the treatment of a group of diseases called channelopathies, conditions caused by abnormal cell channels that regulate the levels of chemicals such as sodium, calcium, and potassium.

Cincinnati Enquirer (June 27)

Colleges Coping with a Medicated Student Body

This generation of college students does not have more mental health problems than previous ones, but they are more willing to use medications, said **Allan Schwartz, an associate professor of psychiatry at the University of Rochester**. (Also reported by *Canton Repository*, *WCPO-TV [ABC] [Cincinnati]*, *WTVG-TV [ABC] [Toledo]*, and *Akron Beacon*.)

USA Today (June 26)

Public Shouldn't Pay

Jeffrey Milyo, of the University of Missouri at Columbia, and **David Primo, assistant professor of political science at the University of Rochester**, studied gubernatorial races and found public financing was associated with lower trust in government. (Also reported by *Yahoo! News* and *Cato Institute*.)

Indianapolis Star (June 26)

Muddy Waters

For 15 years, **Gary Myers, professor of neurology and pediatrics, and colleagues at the University of Rochester Medical Center** have studied 700 children in the Seychelles islands, where fish is the primary protein source and women have mercury levels about 10 times those of American women. . . . "Our view is that the scientific evidence at the moment does not support a significant danger at the levels of exposure that we're studying," said Myers.

Cleveland Plain Dealer (June 24)

Lots of Luting at Case This Week

Lutenists Ronn McFarlane and **Paul O'Dette** . . . will perform solo concerts as part of the Lute Society of America's Lute Festival 2006. O'Dette, a world-renowned performing artist and **faculty member at the Eastman School of Music** in Rochester, N.Y., sold his Gibson Les Paul a couple of years after he switched from rock to Renaissance music.

Forbes (June 22)

Do-It-Yourself Medicine Makes Inroads

Home-health tests have to be fairly simple to perform, easy to interpret and used with some frequency to be useful to people, said **Paul Frame, a clinical professor in the Department of Family Medicine at the University of Rochester School of Medicine** in Rochester, N.Y. (Also reported by *CBC News [Canada]*, *Shreveport Times*, and *Lansing State Journal*.)

The Independent (Minnesota) (June 19)

Jazz Pianist Performing Harold Arlen Classics in Marshall on June 26

The Southwest Minnesota State University music department and the Southwest Music Teachers Association are cosponsoring a concert featuring jazz pianist **Tony Caramia, a professor of piano at the Eastman School of Music** in Rochester, N.Y.

The Virginia Pilot (June 17)

Students, Researchers Debate the "Acting White" Stigma for Blacks

The "acting white" theory originated 20 years ago with the doctoral dissertation of **Signithia Fordham**, who studied teens at a Washington high school. Now the **Susan B. Anthony Professor of Gender and**

Women's Studies at the University of Rochester, she has complained that her work has been wrenched from its context and oversimplified.

Investor's Business Daily (June 16)

NYSE–Euronext Deal Likely Won't Upset National Market Rules

Rather than ensnaring European firms, a NYSE–Euronext deal could be a regulatory exit ramp for U.S. companies, Morici said. “It could become a superhighway for companies trying to escape Sarbanes–Oxley,” he said. But **Joel Seligman**, a legal scholar, doubts U.S. companies would change their listings in a flight from regulatory oversight. “You can already do that,” he said. “The question is, can you create a market if you do that?”

Congressional Quarterly (June 16)

Reynolds Is Working to Buck a Wave From the Ground Up

With a rising-star quality that has fueled talk that he could be Speaker someday, Reynolds might seem to have a lot at risk if House Republicans lose their majority on his watch. In reality, though, the risk to his own reputation isn't great, because expectations for the GOP this fall are so low, according to **Gerald Gamm**, chairman of the political science department at the University of Rochester. “If they lose control of the House, no one will blame Tom Reynolds. Everyone will blame Bush,” said Gamm. But if Republicans hold their majority, he added, “then they'll ask, ‘Who was able to pull off this miracle?’”

Roll Call (June 15)

The High Court, Hoodwinked on Finance Data (Article by David Primo and Jeffrey Milyo)

The imminent Supreme Court decision in *Randall v. Sorrell*—the closely watched dispute over the permissibility of highly restrictive campaign spending and contribution limits in Vermont—presents an opportunity to address the disconnect between scholarly research and the conventional wisdom about campaign finance reform. (David Primo is an assistant professor of political science at the University of Rochester.)

CBC News (Canada) (June 15)

Experts Watch with Interest Promising Trials of Live-Virus Bird Flu Vaccine

John Treanor, an influenza vaccine expert at the University of Rochester, N.Y., agreed an H5N1 live-virus vaccine may have fundamental problems. It's believed H5N1's hemagglutinin—the protein flu viruses use to invade cells and start infection—needs a type of receptor generally found in the cells of the lungs, not the respiratory tract where flu infections generally take root. (Also reported by *Canada.com*.)

Science (June 15)

New Nano-headache?

A study of ultrafine particles of titanium dioxide—used in manufacturing, personal care and food products, and as drug carriers—indicates that even low concentrations can produce harmful “free radicals” in brain cells. . . . **Environmental toxicologist Günter Oberdörster** of the University of Rochester in New York says the research is a “good proof of principle,” but without further studies it would be premature to conclude that TiO₂ damages the brain. “The general message is that we should take these results seriously and be very careful with nanoparticles,” he says.

Times of London (June 14)

Baby's Eye Surgery 'a Success'

A seven-week-old British baby has become the second youngest child in the world to receive an artificial cornea after a successful operation, doctors in New York State confirmed yesterday. **James Aquavella**, professor of ophthalmology at the University of Rochester Eye Institute, said that there were no complications. (Also reported by *BBC News*. Related story by *British Medical Journal*.)

Journal of the American Medical Association (June 13)

Signaling Proteins Boost Drug Activity

Alan Smrcka, associate professor of pharmacology and physiology at the University of Rochester Medical Center in New York, and his team think smaller molecules that modulate the interactions of G proteins within cells could likewise be powerful and might provide more selectivity. “Thirty to 60 of the drugs on the market are drugs that target G protein-coupled receptors,” said Smrcka, the study's principal investigator. “So by tickling the G proteins, you have the potential to modify the action of many agents.”

Forbes (June 12)

Defibrillator Recipients Face Increased Heart-Failure Risk

People who've had a heart attack and receive an implanted defibrillator may be at increased risk of heart failure that often ends in death, a new study found. "What we do is increase the quantity of life, but maybe the quality of life is not so good," said study lead author **Ilan Goldenberg, a research assistant professor at the University of Rochester Medical Center**, in New York. (Also reported by *Reuters*, *Science Daily*, *CBC News Canada*, *Medical News Today*, *Independent Online [South Africa]*, *TheHeart.org*, *HealthCentral.com*, *SeniorJournal.com*, *Boca Raton News*, and other publications.)

Cleveland Plain Dealer (June 12)

Busy Season in Wooster Now Habit for Baritone

Versatility is a fellow named **Ted Christopher**. How versatile? Ohio Light Opera audiences at the College of Wooster this summer will experience the gifted Shaker Heights native in no fewer than five of the company's seven productions, whether he's onstage or not. Christopher is applying similar honesty, and undoubtedly far more tact, as **assistant professor of opera at the Eastman School of Music** in Rochester, N.Y., where he'll direct Ravel's *L'enfant et les Sortilèges* next year. In the adjacent office at Eastman is **Steven Daigle, head of the school's opera program** and artistic director of Ohio Light Opera.

Daily Mail (U.K.) (June 12)

Sorry Chaps, Your Biological Clock Is Ticking Too!

Foresight uses supplements and minerals, as well as other dietary and lifestyle changes, to improve male and female fertility. . . . **Jeanne O'Brien, associate professor of urology and male infertility at the University of Rochester Medical Center** in New York, puts many of her patients on a multivitamin containing antioxidants, folic acid and minerals such as selenium and zinc.

WCCO-TV (CBS) (Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minn.) (June 11)

Seizure Medication May Help Relieve Hot Flashes

"Gabapentin is a drug originally approved for use just for seizures," said **Kishan Pandya, professor of hematology and oncology at the University of Rochester**. Gabapentin is a medication to treat epileptic seizures. But a recent study found two-thirds of all Gabapentin prescriptions are now for unapproved or off-label uses.

Nature.com (June 8)

Photonics: Transparency on an Optical Chip (Article by Robert Boyd and Daniel Gauthier)

A two-laser trick that renders opaque media transparent can be achieved in systems of tiny optical resonators—with potentially profound consequences for optical communication and information processing. . . . **Robert Boyd is the M. Parker Givens Professor of Optics at the University of Rochester**. . . . Daniel J. Gauthier is in the Department of Physics, Duke University.

Forbes (June 8)

Baltimore Symphony Has Uncertain Future Ramon Ricker, associate dean at the Eastman School of Music

and editor of Polyphonic.org, an online forum for orchestral musicians, said there's no easy solution for orchestras that need to increase revenue. "If this was a for-profit thing, if we were Kodak or General Motors, if we're not meeting our numbers, you lay off people," Ricker said. "You can't do that in an orchestra, because you need a certain number of people just to make the sound."

ABC News (June 6)

Econ Professor Plosser to Take Reins at Philly Fed

The Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia on Tuesday said that it had named **Charles Plosser** as president, effective Aug 1, bringing another advocate of inflation targeting to the Bernanke Fed. **Plosser is economics professor and former dean at the University of Rochester** in New York. (Related reports by *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Washington Post*, *USA Today*, *Philadelphia Inquirer*, *13WHAM-TV [ABC]*, *Rochester Business Journal*, *Democrat and Chronicle*, and many other publications.)

BusinessWeek (June 3)

Behind the Big Board's Big Bet

In the long term, the U.S. may be following Europe's lead in transitioning beyond national securities exchanges. "Are we moving to a day where there will be the equivalent to a world market, or world markets, in a blue-chip list of securities traceable throughout the globe under common standards?" asks **Joel Seligman, president of the University of Rochester** and author of a book on securities regulation. "This is a step in that direction. But it's only a first step."

Wall Street Journal (June 2)

NYSE, Euronext Set Plan to Form a Markets Giant
Joel Seligman, president of the University of Rochester and author of a book on securities regulation and the SEC, noted that NYSE Euronext “will trade securities from several countries throughout the world and will be potentially subject to a new form of international regulation. We may be moving to a new type of exchange that is extra-territorial, a world stock exchange.”

Computerworld (June 1)

The User’s View: Customer-Centric Innovation
David Lindahl, a computer scientist who co-manages the digital initiative unit for the University of Rochester’s River Campus Library, hired **Nancy Fried Foster** two and a half years ago as lead anthropologist and co-manager of the seven-member group. He says Foster helps her co-workers see problems and solutions that they might otherwise miss. “The values that her profession brings raise the quality of the work,” Lindahl says.

NewKerala.com (India) (June 1)

Mental Health Disaster Training Announced
U.S. mental health professionals and spiritual advisers are being trained in New York to counsel victims of natural disasters and terrorist attacks. **University of Rochester Medical Center** researchers announced Wednesday the receipt of the final portion of a \$610,000 New York State grant to conduct such training. (Also reported by *UPI*, *Post Chronicle*, *DailyIndia.com*, and *International News Service [Australia]*.)

Whole Life Times (June issue)

Prostate Protection
“In addition to inhibiting cancer growth and slowing cancer progression, vitamin D has been suggested to prevent prostate cancer,” says **Yi-Fen Lee, assistant professor of urology at the University of Rochester Medical Center**.

Orlando Sentinel (May 31)

University of Rochester Honors Nurse-Practitioner Pioneer Ford

At 16, **Loretta Ford** was a nurse’s aide, helping those in need. She became a registered nurse and then spent three years in the Air Force as a head nurse in the United States for a group of corpsmen. From that start, Ford, a Wildwood resident since 1994, would go on

to co-found the nurse-practitioner movement in 1965. Her trailblazing status was recognized when an education wing was named in her honor at the **University of Rochester Medical Center** in New York.

Genetic Engineering News (May 31)

Arrhythmia Research Technology Announces Research Agreement

Arrhythmia Research Technology Inc. is pleased to announce that it has entered into a research agreement with the **University of Rochester**, Rochester, New York, to participate in a National Institutes for Health-funded investigation into “Risk Stratification in MADITT II Type Patients.” The principal investigator for the NIH study, **Wojciech Zareba, associate professor of medicine at the University of Rochester**, plans to enroll approximately 800 patients at over 20 medical research centers over the next 24 months. (Also reported by *BusinessWire* and *Red Orbit*.)

WebMD.com (May 31)

Schizophrenia Drugs May Up Tumor Risk

Expensive MRI scans are the only way to detect a pituitary tumor. It may be that these tumors are seen in patients taking Risperdal because that is where doctors are looking, says **Glenn Currier, medical director for psychiatry at the University of Rochester, N.Y.**

About Alumni

St. Louis Post-Dispatch (June 28)

Pipe Organ Camp Gives 25 Kids a Chance to Support Each Other’s Passion

Zach Hemenway, an intensely gifted young St. Louisan who just graduated from the **Eastman School of Music** and is heading to Yale for his master’s, says, “They call me the [American Guild of Organists] chapter’s mascot, because I’m the youngest member they’ve had in a long time.”

Aberdeen News (South Dakota) (June 26)

Organ Concert July 4 in Wessington Springs

On July 4, the Springs Area Council of the Arts in Wessington Springs will present organist **Chris Lane** in a program of patriotic favorites and other music by American composers. Prior to this appointment, Lane was a student of **David Higgs at the Eastman School of Music** in Rochester, N.Y.

St. Petersburg Times (Russia) (June 23)

A Soprano's Song

Valery Gergiev and his Mariinsky Theater company are spearheading a revival of Russian opera in the West, according to one of the world's greatest singers, the U.S. soprano **Renée Fleming**. . . . Born in 1959 in Pennsylvania, Fleming had a wealth of vocal training, and studied at the State University of New York (SUNY), the **Eastman School of Music** in Rochester, New York, and the prestigious Juilliard School's American Opera Center, which she attended from 1983 to 1987.

Kansas City Star (June 22)

Here's How Greg Owsley Entertains by Tossing up (Almost) Everything

(**Greg Owsley** will start juggling at 6:30 tonight before the Heart of America Shakespeare Festival's production of *King Henry V* at Southmoreland Park, 47th and Oak.) *How did you start juggling?* "I went to the **University of Rochester** in upstate New York. And there happened to be a juggling club, and I basically showed up one day and became addicted."

Newswise (June 20)

Community Health Nurse to Lead Hopkins Nursing Clinic

The Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing has appointed **Helen Scannell Thomas**, a certified pediatric nurse practitioner, to serve as director of the Lillian D. Wald Community Nursing Center. . . . Thomas holds a bachelor of science in nursing from the **University of Rochester** and a master of science in community health nursing from the University of Maryland.

Business Wire (June 14)

Zetera Augments Executive Management Team

Tomlinson Rauscher has joined Zetera as vice president of engineering. Rauscher earned his B.S. at Yale University, his Ph.D. in computer science at the University of Maryland, and his M.B.A. at the **University of Rochester William E. Simon School of Business Administration**. Rauscher is the author/coauthor of two books, over 25 technical publications, and five patents.

Houston Chronicle (June 13)

Marketing Executive Michael Hruby Launches VentureMethods

Michael Hruby, a leading marketing and business-development consultant, today announced the launch

of VentureMethods, Inc., a business process outsourcing firm that specializes in starting up and running new-business ventures for mid-size technical product and service companies. . . . Hruby has an undergraduate degree from the **University of Rochester** and a master's degree in Operations Research from the University of New Hampshire. (Also reported by *Business Wire*.)

New Zealand News (June 5)

Big Honor for Versatile Wellington Composer

Wellington composer **Gareth Farr** says he was pleasantly surprised and a bit miffed to learn a Queen's Birthday honour was on his way. He graduated from the **Eastman School of Music** in New York a Master of Music. At the age of 25 he became Chamber Music New Zealand's youngest composer-in-residence.

About Students

WSYR-TV (ABC) (Syracuse) (June 21)

Twins at Top of Their Class Make History

They're top of their class at Nottingham High School and they're making history because of it. Gus and Annie Hargrave are the first set of twins who will have the honor of becoming the school's valedictorian and salutatorian. Annie will be going to the **University of Rochester** to prepare for medical school.

The Ledger (Florida) (June 20)

Making the Official Grade

Soccer players and referees Kyle Mahlan, Heather Johnson, and Clif White earned \$500 scholarships from the Central Florida Ridge Soccer Officials Association for their efforts on the field working in local recreation leagues. White earned captain's status for two years as a defender with the Lakeland Dreadnaughts. He's also captain of the U-17 Lakeland Lazars. White will major in economics at the **University of Rochester**, where he will also play soccer.

Tampa Tribune (June 9)

Ex-Middleton Star Johnson Climbing Royals' Ladder

Tampa's **Megan Winn**, starting catcher for the **University of Rochester** softball team, was third on her team in batting (.312) and threw out 10 of 18 attempted base stealers. She was named honorable mention All-Liberty League.

Buffalo News (June 3)

Falls Student Awarded Gates Scholarship

Marlin Harper said he opted to go to the **University of Rochester** because he also was offered an internship in the radiology department of Rochester's Strong Memorial Hospital, beginning in his freshman year. . . . He said he wants to go into radiology as a doctor because . . . "it incorporates my two main loves: medicine and technology."

About University-Related Businesses

Business Wire (June 13)

Investment Banking Agreement for Ingestible Diagnostic Pill

Infotonics Technology Center and Mediscience Technology Corp. are jointly developing the "Compact Photonic Explorer," or "pill camera," for medical applications. . . . The proof-of-concept research for the CPE was led by Robert Alfano and his team at City University of New York, SUNY Binghamton, RPI, Rochester Institute of Technology, the **University of Rochester**, and Boston University. (Also reported by *Genetic Engineering News* and *RedOrbit.com*.)

Local Coverage

About the University

13WHAM-TV (ABC) (June 28)

Strong Leads Fight to Protect Kids from Second-hand Smoke

Now Rochester is leading the fight with the creation of a new, \$8 Million National Center of Excellence at Strong dedicated to fighting secondhand smoke exposure among children. **Jonathan Klein, associate professor of pediatric and adolescent medicine at the Golisano Children's Hospital at Strong** will lead the center which will include researchers from across the country.

Democrat and Chronicle (June 28)

FIRST Program, Competitions Develop Young Scientists (Essay by Ursula Burns, president of business group operations for Xerox Corp. and Ronald Zarrella, chairman and CEO of Bausch & Lomb, national board members of FIRST, and signed by Joel Seligman and Al Simone, president of RIT.)

Local participation in this year's Finger Lakes Regional Robotics Competition at Rochester Institute

of Technology included about 500 students from 17 local high schools. In December 2005 about 150 local students from 15 teams participated in the inaugural Finger Lakes FIRST LEGO League Tournament at **University of Rochester**.

Democrat and Chronicle (June 21)

\$75M Earmarked for Area: UR Laser Lab Would Get Biggest Chunk

The Rochester area would get more than \$75 million in federal funds for a variety of projects under spending bills before Congress, according to local lawmakers. . . . The largest funding piece, according to Syracuse-based Rep. James Walsh, R-Onondaga, would be \$54 million for the **University of Rochester Laser Lab**, which has received similar federal funding amounts in recent years. Rep. Louise Slaughter, D-Fairport, said the University also would get \$5 million for a Cancer Innovation Center and \$4 million for nanotechnology research. In addition, Republicans secured \$2.5 million for **UR's James P. Wilmot Cancer Center**.

R News (June 19)

Rochester's Healthy Home

A grant from the **University of Rochester Medical Center** has turned this house on West Main Street, into a place where landlords, tenants, parents and contractors can learn easy and inexpensive ways to make affordable housing lead-safe. **Mac Evarts, CEO of the University of Rochester Medical Center**, says, "We want to take a look at ways to prevent problems not to treat them. It's much better to prevent something than to treat it." (Also reported by *13WHAM-TV [ABC]*, *WROC-TV [CBS]*, and *Democrat and Chronicle*.)

Democrat and Chronicle (June 12)

Work on Brooks Landing Nears

On Thursday, Miller joined Mayor Robert Duffy, **University of Rochester President Joel Seligman**, and others on a trip to Philadelphia to study the campus-neighborhood relationship in that city.

About Research and Faculty

Democrat and Chronicle (June 26)

Lead's Societal Toll May Be High

Lead affects everyone differently, and high blood lead levels can't foreshadow the future for any individual, said **Michael McCabe, associate professor of**

environmental medicine at the University of Rochester Medical School, who teaches a course about environmental diseases.

Democrat and Chronicle (June 25)

Walsh May Find His '06 Race More of a Battle

Rep. James Walsh may not be used to this. For most of his 18 years in Congress, the Republican House member has cruised to re-election. But Walsh, like other upstate congressional Republicans, is finding the landscape different this year amid President Bush's low approval rating, the ongoing struggles with the war in Iraq and the slumping regional economy. "This is an election season where the Republicans are playing defense in upstate New York," said **Gerald Gamm, head of the political science department at the University of Rochester.**

Rochester Business Journal (June 21)

UR's Evarts Receives National Award

C. McCollister Evarts is the 2006 recipient of the American Orthopaedic Association's AOA-Zimmer Award for Distinguished Contributions to Orthopaedics. **Evarts is CEO of the University of Rochester Medical Center and Strong Health.** The prize comes with \$50,000 in cash, which Evarts plans to donate to a UR medical scholarship fund established in his name. (Also reported by *Democrat and Chronicle*.)

Democrat and Chronicle (June 19)

UR Aims to Help At-Risk Kids

Associate professor Peter Wyman and assistant professor Wendi Cross in the University of Rochester's psychiatry department know behavioral problems in children can have a devastating effect on how they progress in school. Using a \$2.4 million grant from the National Institute of Mental Health, Wyman and Cross are leading The Resilience Project, a five-year study of children in Rochester elementary schools aimed at providing at-risk children in grades 1-3 with coping skills.

Democrat and Chronicle (June 18)

Guns, Knives and Grade School

Psychologists and education specialists say violent and disruptive behavior in young children can be a predictor of academic success or failure, and steering children away from such behavior is critical. "Children, by third grade, can really be firmly established on a trajectory of resilience and positive development

or they can really be already on a trajectory that . . . can be strongly tilted toward school disengagement," said **Peter Wyman of the University of Rochester's department of psychiatry.** "I wouldn't say they are without the opportunity to recover, but with a lack of emotional and behavioral competence, the likelihood of recovering and regaining a positive trajectory can become small."

Democrat and Chronicle (June 13)

Review: Allison Teaches Delta-Inflected Piano Skill

Every year, the **Eastman School of Music** takes over the Eastman Theatre for one day of the Jazz Fest to showcase its stuff. And if your tastes happened to run more along the lines of traditional jazz, then Eastman was the place to be. . . . The Eastman Youth Jazz Orchestra, which is made up of local high school students and is a feeder to the Eastman conservatory, opened the concert with such standards as Ellington's "Tootie for Cootie." Led by **conductor Howard Potter**, the ensemble played this piece with remarkable finish and an unfailing sense of rhythmic swing. It was hard to believe these musicians were just kids. It was even harder to believe that the next group, the prestigious Eastman Jazz Ensemble, was mostly made up of college musicians (with a few pros sitting in for students away for the summer). **Bill Dobbins, the ensemble's music director**, conducted these players with style and flair.

Democrat and Chronicle (June 8)

Local Jazz Tradition Is White Hot

The connection is plugged straight into the fifth annual Rochester International Jazz Festival, which opens Friday in the East End. Joe Locke, now an internationally renowned vibraphonist, is one of more than two dozen acts with local connections. [His father,] **Fred Locke**, who died a decade ago, was a **classic-literature professor at the University of Rochester.** . . . **Bill Dobbins, professor of jazz studies and contemporary media and conductor of the Eastman Jazz Ensemble and Eastman Studio Orchestra**, also plays the festival. **Professor and conductor Ray Wright '43E** [is] credited with establishing Eastman as one of the best jazz schools in the country. (Related stories reported in *All About Jazz* and *City Newspaper*.)

Democrat and Chronicle (June 4)
Offshoring Loses Some of Its Luster

Harry Groenevelt, an associate professor of operations management at the University of Rochester's William E. Simon Graduate School of Business Administration, said he's not surprised to see companies bringing some work back home. "The advantages are easy to see," he said. "The costs are not that visible and some people tend to overestimate the savings."

About Students

13WHAM-TV (ABC) (June 20)

LPGA's Non-English Speakers Get Help

Hyeyoung Tak came to the United States from Korea in October to study finance at the **University of Rochester Simon School of Business**. "It's different from Korea, not just the language, but the culture too." Tak is among two dozen students helping Asian golfers register, get around the city, and talk to the press. They are taking part in an LPGA pilot program. If it's successful, it will be used as a model for tour stops in other cities.

About University-Related Businesses

Rochester Business Journal (June 27)

VirtualScopics Scheduled to Join Russell Index

VirtualScopics Inc. on June 30 is slated to join the Russell Microcap Index when the Russell Investment Group reconstitutes its family of U.S. indexes, according to a June 16 preliminary membership list. . . . A **University of Rochester** spinoff, the firm's technology extracts complex information from ordinary computerized tomography and magnetic resonance imaging scans. (Also reported by *PR Newswire* and *Drug Newswire*.)

Democrat and Chronicle (June 23)

Laget Is Closer to Validation

A study conducted by **Edward Schwarz, professor at the Center for Musculoskeletal Research and his colleagues at the University of Rochester Medical Center** revealed that using ultraviolet light and a tissue-restoring gene to target an area of damaged cartilage can safely help restore the cartilage without damaging surrounding tissue. Their study was published recently in the *Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery*. Laget—a startup company in Brighton based on technology developed by Schwarz at UR, the area's largest employer—is trying to market the patented non-

invasive gene therapy method as a substitute for other invasive or expensive treatments for repairing cartilage.

Democrat and Chronicle (June 22)

Research Team Sheds New Light

ITT's space systems division, headquartered in Rochester, is working with the **University of Rochester** and Rochester Institute of Technology to transfer and develop new technologies for space telescopes and aerial imaging. The infrared technologies come from UR, which has developed a system for reading and interpreting data captured by infrared light detectors. Researchers from the company and universities are working to adapt the system to ITT's electronics and other ways of doing business, said **Judith Pipher, professor emeritus of physics** and principal investigator on the project.