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HIGHLIGHTS

About the University

Newsday (May 21)

Eastman School of Music appoints new dean

The **University of Rochester's Eastman School of Music** said Monday it has appointed conductor-composer **Douglas Lowry** as its new dean. He will bring to **Eastman** the leadership, musicality and drive to provide new energy to this nation's leading school of music," said the **University of Rochester's president, Joel Seligman**. Lowry, who is dean of the College-Conservatory of Music at the University of Cincinnati, will take up his new post Aug. 1. (Also reported by *Playbill Arts New York*, *Cincinnati Post*, *New York Times*, *MSN Money*, *Cincinnati Enquirer*, *Akron Beacon Journal*, *WCAX Vermont*, *WSTM Central NY*, *R News*, *WHAM TV ABC*, *WHEC TV NBC*, *Rochester Business Journal*, *Democrat and Chronicle*, *News Record Ohio*, and other publications/broadcast)

New York Times (May 16)

Ivy League Admissions Crunch Brings New Cachet to Next Tier

Supply, however, has remained constant. Most of the sought-after universities have not expanded their freshman classes. The result, said Jonathan Miller, a senior at Mamaroneck High School in suburban Westchester County, N.Y., is that many classmates perceive institutions like Tufts University, Bowdoin, the **University of Rochester** and Lehigh in a new light. "I would say that high school students are looking more and more at these schools," he said, "the way they used to look at the Ivies." "I'm sure part of what we're seeing is people are saying, 'Well, if the Ivies and Duke are inaccessible, where do I go to get a similar academic experience?'" said **Jonathan Burdick**, dean of admissions and financial aid at **Rochester**. (Also reported by *International Herald Tribune France*, *The Ledger Florida*, *Sarasota Herald-Tribune Florida*, *Tuscaloosa News Alabama*)

About Research and Faculty

PhysOrg.com, Virginia (May 22)

Choice is a Key Element for Smokers Who Want to Quit

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NATIONAL COVERAGE

About the University

Seattle Times (May 27)

Beneath famous string sound, an undercurrent of turmoil

And a few weeks ago, the Philadelphia became the first major symphony to transmit a live concert to multiple large-screen venues. (The remaining “Big Five” symphonies are the New York Philharmonic, Boston Symphony Orchestra, Chicago Symphony Orchestra and Cleveland Orchestra.) A live concert by the Philadelphia on April 29 was transmitted (using seven robotic cameras) through a high-speed, high-bandwidth network to venues at six locations, from the **Eastman School of Music** in Rochester, N.Y., to the University of Porto in Portugal, and the University of Copenhagen in Denmark.

Akron Beacon Journal, Ohio (May 24)

Summer festival warms up

Steven Daigle, the company’s artistic director since 1999, will be on leave this summer, reportedly to spend some time with his family and work on academic pursuits, including OLO-related research. Daigle is the head of the opera program at the **Eastman School of Music of the University of Rochester**.

Bloomberg.com (May 24)

Cox Sets Off Alarms Over Investor Rights After Recent SEC Moves

Barney Frank said he feared that review might open the door to replacing shareholder lawsuits with arbitration. “This is like the nuclear bomb issue from Cox,” said **Joel Seligman, president of the University of Rochester** and author of a book on the history of the SEC. “To so radically change the structure of securities-dispute resolution should only occur if Congress weighs in.”

Astrobiology Magazine (May 9)

Hammering a Diamond Anvil

To date, Jeanloz and his colleagues have achieved pressures near 10 million atmospheres using the 30 kilojoule ultraviolet Omega laser at the **University of Rochester’s Laboratory for Laser Energetics** in New York. They hope eventually to use the 2 megajoule laser of LLNL’s National Ignition Facility to achieve more than a billion atmospheres of pressure.

About University-Related Businesses

MSN Money (May 9)

VirtualScopics Reports First 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.

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PhysOrg.com, Virginia (May 22)

Want to Improve Your Relationship? Do the Dishes Because You Really Want To

If you do something positive for your mate, does it matter why? The answer is yes, according to new research from **University of Rochester** research assistant professor **Heather Patrick**. She will unveil a study at a Toronto conference later this month that shows both small sacrifices, like doing the dishes for your partner, and big ones, like moving across the country for a new job he or she really wants, mean more if you do them because you genuinely want to. Patrick will be one of more than 300 researchers from 25 countries at the University of Toronto this weekend sharing their work within Self-Determination Theory, a groundbreaking psychological theory of human motivation developed by Edward Deci and Richard Ryan, **University of Rochester** professors of Psychology. (Also reported by *News-Medical.net Australia, UPI, Earthtimes.org*,

Hindustan Times India, South Asian Women's Forum India, New Kerala.com India, HULIQ North Carolina, Post Chronicle New York, SpiritIndia.com and other publications)

CBS News (May 31)

Doctor Sees Blood Cancers In WTC Program

The researchers from Johns Hopkins University and the **University of Rochester** suggested tracking diseases for at least two decades through a New York City-based health registry that plans to monitor residents' and workers' health for 20 years. (Also reported by *Forbes, MSN Money, Toronto Star Canada, Houston Chronicle, San Francisco Examiner, The Olympian Washington, Tuscaloosa News Alabama* and many other publications/broadcast)

Chronicle of Higher Education (May 31)

What Research Says About Race-Linked Barriers to Achievement

For decades researchers have suggested that participating in campus organizations can help students succeed in college. But **Douglas A. Guiffrida**, an assistant professor of counseling and human development at the **University of Rochester**, has done work showing that not all black students benefit from such involvement. Those who assumed leadership roles without learning to delegate responsibility, and who put campus organizations above their studies, often earned low grade-point averages.

First Science News, United Kingdom (May 30)

Swabs not reliable for detecting lead dust in homes

Researchers found that 64 percent of the locations that LeadCheck Swabs indicated were safe, actually had hazardous concentrations of lead in dust, according to federal standards. **Katrina Korfmacher, Ph.D.**, an expert on lead poisoning at the **University of Rochester Medical Center** and first author of the study, warns that people should be aware of the tool's lack of sensitivity and how it might impact the health of children. (Also reported by *HULIQ North Carolina, PhysOrg.com*)

CBS News (May 30)

Study: Salty Diet Makes Ulcer Bug Bite

Gastroenterologist **Lawrence Saubermann, M.D.**, of the **University of Rochester**, N.Y., notes that *H. pylori* is a common infection. For reasons still not understood, most people infected with the bug never

develop ulcers or *H. pylori*-related cancers. "Nobody can predict whether the organism will cause disease," Saubermann tells WebMD. "There are those who have *H. pylori* all their lives and have no trouble. What causes some people to develop complications from it is not clear."

Canberra Times, Australia (May 29)

Vaccine hope for boys

Professor Robert Rose, of the **University of Rochester**, in New York, whose work also contributed to development of the vaccine, welcomed the results. "Based on these reports, we are optimistic that potential benefits of vaccination may expand to include prevention of other HPV-associated malignancies and precursor lesions, including anal intraepithelial neoplasia and some head and neck cancers, which occur with equal frequency in males and females," Rose said. (Also reported by *Blayney Chronicle Australia, Jindabyne News* and other publications)

UPI (May 26)

Gene therapy may stop arthritis pain

Researchers at the **University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry** used gene therapy to increase the number of opioid receptors expressed on the surfaces of nerve cells that carry pain messages. The treatment made nerve cells drastically more responsive to the naturally occurring painkiller. (Also reported by *New Kerala India, Spirit India, HULIQ North Carolina, News-Medical.net Australia*)

ABC News (May 25)

Is the FDA's Ban on Gay Men Donating Blood Discriminatory?

The chance of getting HIV from a blood transfusion is about one per each two million units of blood transfused, according to the FDA's Web site. Yet, despite this statistic and the increased accuracy of HIV testing options, the FDA declines to reevaluate the now-15-year-old ban on gay men. "This policy reflects public health thinking in 1989, before the availability of excellent laboratory tests for major infectious diseases," says **Dr. Neil Blumberg**, director of transfusion medicine and the blood bank at the **University of Rochester** in New York.

Scientific American (May 25)

Brighter Prospects for Cheap Lasers in Rainbow Colors

Before this result, nanocrystal lasers needed their own superpowerful laser to get them going, says chemist **Todd Krauss** of the **University of Rochester**. He adds that if such two-layer crystals are long lasting and efficient enough to be melded with electronics, “you open up a complete array of applications.” Nanocrystal lasers might be cheaper, more efficient and versatile compared with today’s kind, Krauss says, perhaps leading to chemical sensors or optical communications devices capable of rapidly switching between laser colors. “The potential is there,” he says.

Scientific American (May 25)

Gene therapy helps arthritis pain, damage in mice

“This therapy can simply be injected anywhere in an injured joint, and the treatment will find the nerve endings,” said **Dr. Stephanos Kyrkanides** of the **University of Rochester Medical Center** in New York, who led the study. The researchers used a well-tested method of gene therapy, employing a virus called an adeno-associated virus to carry a new gene into the body. In this case, the new gene was one called the human mu-opioid receptor -- a kind of molecular doorway that the body’s natural painkillers use to get into cells. (Also reported by *Reuters*)

News8Austin, Texas (May 24)

Alzheimer’s: Herpes, diabetes or something else?

New research shows the herpes simplex 1 virus may play a role in Alzheimer’s disease. In a study conducted at the **University of Rochester**, researchers found a gene known to be a major risk factor for Alzheimer’s disease -- apoE4 -- puts out the welcome mat for the virus that causes cold sores, allowing the virus to be more active in the brain when compared to other forms of the gene.

ABC12.com, Michigan (May 24)

HealthFirst-New Breast Scan

Dr. Avice O’Connell, is a radiologist at the **University of Rochester** in New York. “We know that even the best mammographer in the world will miss 10 to 15 percent of breast cancers in certain types of breasts.” Unlike mammograms, the scanner does not compress the breast. Women simply place each breast in a hole as the scanner captures 3-D images. “In certain people with the difficult type of

breast, it may indeed improve the detection of small cancers,” O’Connell said. (Also reported by *WYFF News South Carolina*, *ABC7 News Chicago*, *WFTV.com Florida*, *News 14 Carolina*)

Bloomberg.com (May 24)

More Sex Slows AIDS, Losing Weight Raises Pay: Ask an Economist

If prudish Brits slept around more, they would slow the spread of AIDS, writes **Steven E. Landsburg** in his new book, “*More Sex Is Safer Sex*.” Landsburg, a professor at the **University of Rochester** in New York, draws on a raft of economic studies to explain unexpected truths: Jury verdicts, he writes, improve when you fine jurors for delivering incorrect decisions. Doubling Earth’s population would double the number of geniuses available for combating global warming, he says. (Also reported by *Victoria Times Colonist Canada*)

New Scientist (May 22)

Did a comet wipe out prehistoric Americans?

There is a tendency in this field to label any circular feature a crater,” says geomorphologist Michael Oskin of the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. But **Asish Basu**, a geochemist at the **University of Rochester**, New York, thinks the team’s methods are sound, and finds the case for an extraterrestrial explosion convincing. “I think it is a very straightforward case of an impact.”

ABC News (May 18)

Vegetarian vs. Vegan? Some Sense ‘Holier than Thou’ Condescension

“It is really a matter of great distress,” says **Dr. Stanley Sapon**, professor emeritus of psycholinguistics at the **University of Rochester**. Sapon, a long-time vegetarian crusader, is concerned about the effect of a division among the flock, which he says “would seriously diminish the power to effect social change that a single, large, unified organization can exert.”

PhysOrg.com (May 17)

Soft contacts designed for cone-shaped cornea

Custom-designed contacts improved vision for subjects with keratoconic eyes and offer hope of nonsurgical treatment instead of corneal transplants. **University of Rochester** researchers describe the custom design techniques and results of visual acuity tests in a paper published in April in *Optics Letters*. (Also reported by *Exduco.net Italy*, *Optician Online*)

UK, UPI, *Earthtimes.org*, *EMaxHealth.com* North Carolina)

SpiritIndia (May 17)

Commonly used drug offers promise for premature babies

“Stabilizing the blood vessels right before the baby is born is a tremendous opportunity to save the baby from potentially lifelong complications,” said **Maiken Nedergaard, M.D., Ph.D.**, a neuroscientist at the **University of Rochester Medical Center** who is presenting the results at a neuroscience meeting, Brain ‘07, in Osaka, Japan May 20-23. (Also reported by *New Kerala India*, *News-Medical.net Australia*, *HULIQ North Carolina*, *UPI*, *PhysOrg.com*)

SpiritIndia (May 17)

Children with both autism and ADHD often bully, parents say

It would be helpful for clinicians to be aware that so many parents of children with both autism and ADHD are describing bullying behaviors,” said **Jill Halterman, M.D., M.P.H.**, associate professor of Pediatrics at the **University of Rochester Medical Center** and second author of the paper. “These children may benefit from additional support services, such as from a behavioral or mental health specialist, depending on the severity of symptoms. These services may be available through community based organizations or from the broader health care system.” (Also reported by *New Kerala India*, *News-Medical.net Australia*, *HULIQ North Carolina*, *South Asian Women’s Forum India*)

HULIQ, North Carolina (May 16)

Seattle Symphony Releases American Opera Classic Merry Mount

One of America’s greatest composers of the 20th century, **Howard Hanson** enjoyed a flourishing career as a musician, teacher and composer, directing the **Eastman School of Music at the University of Rochester** for 40 years. Hanson was known for presenting annual festivals of American music at Eastman, including works by more than 700 composers and close to 1,500 compositions. Merry Mount was dedicated to George Eastman, founder of the school. While many of Hanson’s contemporaries were pursuing avant-garde compositional techniques, he stayed true to his unabashedly romantic style. He described the music for Merry Mount as “warm-blooded...essentially a

lyrical work [that] makes use of broad melodic lines as often as possible.”

Economic Times, India (May 14)

India needs a comprehensive infrastructure index

A recent research paper at the Rochester Center for Economic Research in the US finds striking relationship between the growth in manufactured exports and country-specific “service links” such as power and transport. The study, carried out at the **University of Rochester**, which publishes high-impact academic journals like the *Journal of Financial Economics* and the *Journal of Monetary Economics*, emphasises “the crucial importance of the cost of service links” for stepped-up export of manufactures.

Clarion Ledger, Mississippi (May 13)

Ole Miss expects piano camp to be grand week

An inaugural summer piano camp June 10-16 at the University of Mississippi offers students in seventh through 12th grades an opportunity to study piano and make new friends. Guest artists for the camp are **Nelita True**, professor of piano at the **Eastman School of Music** in New York, and Annette Joe, founder of the Music Forum in Jackson and clinician for the International Piano Teacher Foundation.

ScienCentral News, New York (May 10)

Red & Lower Test Scores

Most of us understand seeing red means stop, or warns us of danger. Now **University of Rochester** psychology professor **Andrew Elliot** is warning teachers to be careful with those red pens. His research indicates we associate all that red ink with failure. “So when you’re a student in third grade and you get a paper back and it’s bleeding, right? That means you’ve made a lot of mistakes,” Elliot says. He thinks that’s one explanation for why he and his colleague, **Arlen Moller**, found that seeing even a glimpse of the color red before a test makes test-takers do worse. (Also reported by *7 Online.com New York*)

Scientific American (May 10)

Quetiapine ineffective for dementia with parkinsonism

“Our study indicates that although quetiapine did not worsen movement in demented patients with parkinsonian features, it did not result in improvement of agitation or psychosis any greater than placebo,” lead researcher **Dr. Roger Kurlan** told Reuters

Health. Kurlan of the **University of Rochester**, New York and colleagues conducted a clinical trial involving 23 patients with dementia with Lewy bodies, 9 patients with Parkinson's disease with dementia, and 8 patients with Alzheimer's disease with parkinsonian features. (Also reported by *Reuters*)

Forbes (May 9)

Dutch Euthanasia Rates Steady After Legalization

"One lesson is there's not a big slippery slope in this area, that the practice will be used relatively infrequently and that it's generally a good thing to have an open conversation," said **Dr. Timothy Quill**, director of the Center for Ethics, Humanities and Palliative Care at the **University of Rochester Medical Center** in Rochester, N.Y. He also wrote a related perspective article in the journal. (Also reported by *New England Journal of Medicine*, *CBC News Canada*, *DrKoop.com*, *HealthCentral.com Virginia*)

New York Post (May 9)

SUPER SIBS FROM NYU

"We're fortunate that we've been able to study at NYU," said Angela, who lives with her sister in the East Village. "It was a great learning and research experience, and now both of us are enthusiastic about joining [the **University of Rochester's Simon Graduate School of Business**] as assistant professors of finance." (Also reported by *WROC TV CBS*)

Business Week (May 9)

A Rank Offense to B-Schools?

In a soon-to-be published article, "*What's Really Wrong With U.S. Business Schools*," husband and wife USC B-school profs Harry and Linda DeAngelo and the **University of Rochester's Jerold Zimmerman** lay the blame for B-schools' woes squarely at the doorstep of media rankings -- like those produced by BusinessWeek -- and the B-school deans who pander to them. For the DeAngelos and Zimmerman, though, the media B-school rankings are the tail that wags the dog. The question is: Who's to blame for the problems of B-schools today -- the tail or the dog?

Market-Day.net, Arizona (May 8)

Cranberry Juice for Cavities? Be Careful Of What You're Buying

Researchers at the **University of Rochester** have published information showing that the cranberry may be effective at preventing tooth decay. The

research focuses on the inhibiting effect of some compounds found inside the cranberry against a key bacterium blamed in the formation of cavities.

Nanowerk, Hawaii (May 7)

The potential and the pitfalls of nanomedicine

One of the world's leading experts in nanotoxicology is **Günter Oberdörster**, professor of Toxicology in Environmental Medicine at **University of Rochester**. "There is a lot of hype surrounding the promises of nanomedicine. Indeed many things look very promising, but until now there are only animal studies to show a proof of principle," Oberdörster told Nanowerk. Although he is concerned about safety issues related to nanomedicine, Oberdörster said he has faith in the regulatory process: "I am confident that the FDA will require the appropriate toxicity testing before approving any nanomedicine applications."

Exduco.net, Italy (May 7)

Laser Goes Tubing for Faster Body-Fluid Tests

University of Rochester researchers announce in the current issue of *Applied Optics* a technique that in 60 seconds or less measures multiple chemicals in body fluids, using a laser, white light, and a reflective tube. The technique tests urine and blood serum for common chemicals important to monitoring and treatment of diabetes and cardiovascular, kidney, urinary and other diseases, and lends itself to the development of fast batch testing in hospitals and other clinical settings.

Wall Street Journal (May 5)

Fugue for Man & Machine

Even some experts now find it hard to tell the difference. At the request of a *Wall Street Journal* reporter, **David Liptak**, chair of the composition department at the **Eastman School of Music**, listened to a 30-second passage of a Beethoven symphony created on a computer, as well as three versions recorded by live orchestras. On his first try at identifying the computerized version, Mr. Liptak guessed wrong.

Scientific American (May 4)

Envision This: Mathematicians Design Invisible Tunnel

Call it Harry Potter's invisible sleeve. New calculations show how to make an electromagnetic "wormhole"—a tube that is invisible from the sides but allows light to shine down the center. But the

invisibility cuts both ways. If light does not enter, then whatever is in the cloak cannot see outside, says mathematician **Allan Greenleaf** of the **University of Rochester**. So Greenleaf turned the cloak inside out. In work submitted to a major physics journal, he and colleagues report that the light-warping trick works for an open tube with flared ends. Viewed straight on, light simply zips down the tube. But from the side, light would appear to come out of nowhere, as though sent on a detour to another dimension and back. (Also reported in *Sci-Fi Tech New York*)

MSNBC (May 4)

Doing good can make you feel good

A lot of times we think that happiness comes about because you get things for yourself,” said **Richard Ryan**, a psychologist at the **University of Rochester**, who was not involved in the study. But “it turns out that in a paradoxical way, giving gets you more, and I think that’s an important message in a culture that’s pretty often getting messages to the opposite effect.” (Also reported by *LiveScience.com New York, Times of India*)

CBS News (May 3)

13 States Meet to Combat Heart Disease

Dr. Tom Pearson, chairman of the Department of Community and Prevention Medicine at the **University of Rochester** in New York, says likely factors include the region’s lower economic status and a lack of access to health care. But Pearson also said the traditional rural diet -- high in fat and calories -- has persisted, even as rural labor has become less strenuous because of mechanization. (Also reported by *Central Florida News, Charleston Daily Mail, WV, The Tennessean, Huntington Herald Dispatch, WV, LA Times, Forbes, USA Today, Washington Post, Baltimore Sun, Miami Herald, Houston Chronicle, Denver Post, Fox News, Newsday, Wilmington morning Star* and many other publications/broadcast)

New Kerala.com, India (May 3)

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WYFF News, South Carolina (May 2)

Unlikely Help for Uterine Fibroids

Researchers from the **University of Rochester** in New York are studying a drug that’s typically used for abortions to help women with uterine fibroids. In a study of 42 women with at least moderate uterine fibroid symptoms, researchers have found the drug called Mifeprex (mifepristone or RU-486) can shrink uterine fibroids and significantly improve quality of life. (Also reported by *ABC7 News, Chicago*)

About Alumni

The Peoples Voice, Tennessee (May 20)

Al Gore and the Monolithic and Ruthless Conspiracy – Part I

Richard M. Dolan studied at Alfred University and Oxford University before completing his graduate work in history at the **University of Rochester**, where he was a finalist for a Rhodes scholarship. Dolan studied U.S. Cold War strategy, Soviet history and culture, and international diplomacy. He has written about “conspiracy” in the following way....

Photonics (May 10)

Vision-Correction Pioneer Awarded Land Medal

Charles Munnerlyn was selected to receive the 2007 Land Medal for his “pioneering science, engineering, and entrepreneurship in developing excimer laser surgery for the correction of vision...which created a new industry and has made normal vision without glasses possible for millions of people,” said the award’s sponsors, the Optical Society of America (OSA) and the Society for Imaging Science and Technology (IS&T). After graduating from the Institute of Optics at the **University of Rochester** with an engineering doctorate in 1969, Munnerlyn headed research and development for Tropel (now Corning Tropel Corp.), a designer of prototype custom lenses for copiers, cameras, satellites and semiconductor photolithography based in the Rochester area.

Chicago Sun Times (May 10)

CSO’s Combs to retire after next season

Larry Combs, longtime principal clarinet of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, announced Wednesday that he would retire from the CSO after the 2007-08 season. A native of Charleston, W.Va., and a two-time Grammy Award winner, Combs studied at the prestigious **Eastman School of Music** in Rochester, N.Y., and held posts with the New Orleans

Philharmonic, Montreal Symphony and Santa Fe Opera. (Also reported by *Rochester Business Journal*)

PBS (May 2)

Physicist searches for alternative fuel technology
Nobel Prize-winning physicist **Steven Chu** and his team of scientists received \$500 million in February from energy company BP to develop clean biofuel technologies. As part of a series on climate change, the NewsHour profiles Chu's search for solutions to fuel problems. Chu grew up in New York. An A-minus student in high school, he was denied admission to Ivy League colleges. So he went to the **University of Rochester** and then on to Berkeley in experimental physics. He won his Nobel Prize in 1997 for work on cooling atoms with laser light. Today, he still works in the lab, but his focus now is too big for one researcher.

About Students

LA Times (May 27)

Chinese see piano as key to children's success

It was Zhou who gave a groundbreaking 1978 concert at the Beijing Conservatory at which Schubert and Beethoven were finally heard again. "It opened floodgates," she said. "But with Russia no longer an ally, the next generation of eager Chinese instrumentalists flooded American and European conservatories like **Eastman**, Berlin and Juilliard." The daughter of a local pharmaceutical mogul, 19-year-old **Zuo Zhang** was given a Pearl River piano at 3 and entered Dan's class at the Shenzhen Arts School at 7. Declared one of China's outstanding musical talents at 10, she made her U.S. debut at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., in 2005, at 16. Zuo divides her time between the **Eastman School of Music** in Rochester, N.Y., and her parents' ornate, \$3-million apartment in a leafy Shenzhen suburb.

Miami Herald (May 16)

Daniel Redlich

Daniel has managed hundreds of stocks. For the past two summers, Daniel worked as a stock trader in New York. He decided to teach other high school students around the world the basics of stock trading by creating a website called www.TheBizBasics.com, which includes daily lesson plans and business competition. He plans to attend the **University of Rochester** this fall on a \$24,000 scholarship.

Ithaca Journal, New York (May 8)

Students to participate in farmstead excavation

While the anthropology majors busy themselves with their excavation work, another team, under the direction of **Christine L. Ridarsky**, a doctoral candidate at the **University of Rochester**, will be involved from July 9 to Aug. 4 in a field methods course in community history on national forest sites.

USA Today (May 8)

Rochester golfer stays focused on the links and in the lab

Whether he's in the laboratory or on the green, **Stephen Goodridge's** life often depends on patience. And the **University of Rochester** (N.Y.) junior's patience was tested last year when, in one day, Goodridge took a three-hour optics final and became Rochester's first national champion in golf by shooting 73 and winning the NCAA Division III title. (Also reported by *Democrat and Chronicle*)

LOCAL COVERAGE

About the University

Democrat and Chronicle (May 28)

UR adds media specialist

Larry Arbeiter, a communications professional from the University of Chicago, has been named associate vice president for communications at the **University of Rochester**. Arbeiter will begin in his new position at UR on July 30, the university announced Sunday. UR's vice president for communications, **Bill Murphy**, worked with Arbeiter at the University of Chicago and said he fits perfectly with Rochester's recently revamped communications team, which is striving to gain the university more national recognition.

Democrat and Chronicle (May 25)

UR's library renovations to end this fall

The **University of Rochester's** \$5 million in renovations at **Rush Rhees Library** are slated to wrap up by October. Work started earlier this month on \$5 million in renovations that will extensively revamp 20,000 square feet of space in the iconic building whose pointed top can be seen around much of town.

WROC TV, CBS (May 23)

United Way exceeds 2007 campaign goal

Wednesday, kindergartners from city School Number Twelve helped with the announcement by unveiling a banner that reads: \$33,502,018. The goal was 33 and a half million. These kids benefit from a United Way funded program called “*Strong Start.*” “*Strong Start*” is a partnership between the United Way, the University of Rochester and the City School District. This year’s United Way, Red Cross campaign got a big boost from Bausch and Lomb, Kodak, the **University of Rochester**, Wegmans and Xerox all donated more than one million dollars. (Also reported by *R News*, *Rochester Business Journal*, *Democrat and Chronicle*)

R News (May 22)

New Provost Named at U of R

The **University of Rochester** has chosen a national leader in neurosciences as its next provost. **Dr. Ralph Kuncel**, who’s currently provost at Bryn Mawr College, assumes his duties at the U of R on August 1. He succeeds Dr. Charles Phelps, who’s retiring after 13 years as the university’s chief academic officer. (Also reported by *Inside Higher Education*, *WHAM TV ABC*, *WROC TV CBS*, *Rochester Business Journal*, *Democrat and Chronicle*)

Democrat and Chronicle (May 21)

Golisano gets honorary degree at UR graduation

The graduation ceremony for **University of Rochester’s** undergraduates and many of its graduate students was Sunday. Most of the graduates gathered for a 9 a.m. ceremony on the River Campus for the College of Arts, Sciences and Engineering, with a class of 2007 numbering close to 1,100. The **Eastman School of Music** and **UR’s School of Nursing**, representing about 400 graduating students combined, were to hold separate commencement ceremonies later in the day. **University of Rochester President Joel Seligman**, in his welcoming remarks at the morning ceremony, spoke about the significance of graduation day.

Rochester Business Journal (May 17)

UR beefs up admissions numbers

UR has been reaching farther to recruit new students as part of a growth initiative for its College of Arts, Sciences and Engineering. **President Joel Seligman** has said tuition revenue could be an important source of growth in faculty and programs. “The university is gaining more national interest thanks to increased

exposure, recruitment efforts and, most importantly, word of mouth,” said **Jonathan Burdick**, dean of undergraduate admissions and financial aid. (Also reported by *R News*)

Rochester Business Journal (May 17)

Building to foster fresh collaboration

University of Rochester officials on Thursday dedicated a \$37.7 million building for biomedical engineering and optics programs, saying the facility symbolizes collaboration that will lead to campuswide scientific alliances in the years to come. Goergen Hall brings together the best-known optics program in the country with one of our fastest-growing departments to promote collaboration and discoveries, **President Joel Seligman** said. Its very design grew from faculty and students imagining a superior learning space where people truly interact. The five-story, 101,000-square-foot building is named for **Robert Goergen**, entrepreneur and philanthropist, who gave \$10 million toward the buildings construction. He earned a bachelors degree with honors in physics from UR in 1960 and has served on the board of trustees since 1982 and as chairman from 1991 to 2003. (Also reported by *WHAM TV ABC*, *Democrat and Chronicle*)

Democrat and Chronicle (May 17)

Area teachers to be honored by UR

Four high school teachers will be honored at **University of Rochester’s College of Arts, Sciences and Engineering** commencement on Saturday. The four are the recipients of a new UR award, the Singer Family Prize for Excellence in Secondary School Teaching, intended to recognize influential high school teachers.

R News (May 16)

Trade Show Focuses on Entrepreneurs

The program, through the **University of Rochester**, teaches students all about entrepreneurship and starting a business. They had to secure financial backing and produce their product. “There are 25-students and 11 different businesses and they’ll range from product-based businesses to service-related businesses,” said **Gayle Jagel**, of the **University of Rochester** Office of Special Programs. “There are many different businesses, so it’s going to be a very exciting trade show.”

***Rochester Business Journal* (May 2)**

UR, startup link to market invention

A new biotechnology startup has reached a licensing agreement with the **University of Rochester** for commercialization of an ultra-thin membrane that could hold a key to new medical and industrial processes. SiMPore Inc., a finalist in the Rochester Regional Business Plan Contest, has obtained the rights to commercialize the membrane, invented by university scientists, UR officials said Wednesday. University researchers also have a role in the startup. Financial details of the deal were not disclosed. (Also reported by *Democrat and Chronicle*)

About Research and Faculty

***Democrat and Chronicle* (May 12)**

UR names new head of center

Dr. Mark Taubman, chief of cardiology at the **University of Rochester Medical Center**, has been named the new chairman of medicine at the center. Taubman replaces **Dr. Bradford Berk**, who became the medical center's CEO last year. Taubman joined UR in 2003 after working at the Mt. Sinai School of Medicine in New York City.

About Alumni

***WHAM TV, ABC* (May 24)**

Mangione to Receive Award

Jazz musician **Chuck Mangione** will receive an award from the **Eastman School of Music** this weekend. Mangione will be presented with the Alumni Achievement Award. It will be presented Sunday before the second half of his "Friends and Love" concert. (Also reported by *Democrat and Chronicle*)

***Democrat and Chronicle* (May 24)**

Local collegians named All-Americans in golf

University of Rochester junior **Stephen Goodridge** (Attica) and St. John Fisher junior Scott Harris Jr. (Honeoye) have been named Division III PING All-Americans by the Golf Coaches Association of America. Goodridge, who won the Division III championship last year, was selected to the first team and Harris made the third team.

***WHEC TV, NBC* (May 24)**

Simon MBA Grad Back to War

Most students who get their MBA from the **U of R's Simon School** end up on Wall Street or in Chicago or Los Angeles. But one of the newest grads is taking

his finance skills to one of the most dangerous places in the world. **Lieutenant Jason Deblock** sticks out on campus. The white navy dress among the ivy walls. But Lieutenant Deblock was like any other MBA student. Except now he is heading back to the Iraq War.

***Democrat and Chronicle* (May 17)**

B&L gets \$4.5 billion takeover offer

Mark Zupan, dean of the **William E. Simon**

Graduate School of Business Administration at

the **University of Rochester**, said he thinks Warburg will leave local operations largely untouched. "It's not like (Warburg) is a company with a large network of manufacturing plants." The company has maintained close ties with local institutions, including the **University of Rochester**, where it has invested more than \$30 million in research programs over the last 11 years, said **UR President Joel Seligman**. Seligman called Warburg "an extraordinary group" and said he hoped for a continued close working relationship with the company. (Similar reports by *WHAM TV ABC, WHEC TV NBC, WROC TV CBS*)

***Democrat and Chronicle* (May 10)**

Old-time fiddling fuels band

From the sound of the music, you'd think **Megan Beller** has been fiddling around for decades. But she's only 25, begging the question: How does someone so young write and play music well beyond her years? She met Charley, a **University of Rochester** student, while at **Eastman**. Shared interests like disc golf have gone by the wayside since the birth of their 1-year-old son. But she's teaching violin and fiddle. And they still dance. While Charley's also into martial arts, he has yet to confuse the two. "He hasn't injured me in any way, so far," Beller says. "I guess that's why our marriage is doing so well."

About Students

***Democrat and Chronicle* (May 22)**

Eastman saxophone quartet to perform in D.C.

The **Eastman School of Music** student ensemble the ViM Saxophone Quartet will perform at 6 p.m. Friday at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C. The performance is part of an ongoing concert series at the Kennedy Center.

Democrat and Chronicle (May 22)

UR student is Fulbright Scholar

University of Rochester doctoral candidate in mechanical engineering **Philip Brune** has been named a 2007-08 Fulbright Scholar to Italy. He also has been awarded a National Science Foundation-funded science and engineering fellowship from the Central European Summer Research Institute. Brune's Fulbright will take him to Rome for research as part of his doctoral dissertation.

Democrat and Chronicle (May 20)

College grads deciding to stay or leave

AMALIA MEJIA, giving back to his new community: New York City, my hometown, is a great place to work, live and be with my family and best friends after college. Why would I want to remain in Rochester? Well, for one, New York City will always be there; the opportunity I have been given in Rochester may not. My decision to stay in Rochester lies strongly in my interest in giving back to the community, which has given me so much. Shortly after graduation from the **University of Rochester**, I will begin my role as a UR admissions counselor.

Democrat and Chronicle (May 16)

College Sports

Four **University of Rochester** softball players earned first-team All-Liberty League honors: second baseman **Sam Carr** (Fairport), outfielder **Jessica Sorrentino** and pitchers **Beth Ameno**, and **Carly Hoffend** (Pittsford Mendon). Carr and Sorrentino were named to the *ESPN The Magazine* District I Academic All-District I first team. Head coach Michelle Burrell and assistant coach **Margaret Yerdon** were named the Coaching Staff of the Year. . . . UR baseball coach **Joe Reina** and assistants **Andrew Coble** and **Ben Lanning** (Fairport) were named the Liberty League Coaching Staff of the Year. Pitcher **John Fishback** (Penfield) and shortstop **Ed Kahovec** (Victor) were named to the first team. . . . The UR women's track and field team presented coach **Barbara Hartwig** with a nice gift: Hartwig's image emblazoned on a Wheaties box. **University of Rochester** junior **Stephen Goodridge**, competing at this week's NCAA Division III Golf Championships, has been named a Cleveland Golf All-America Scholar-Athlete, as selected by the Golf Coaches Association of America.

Democrat and Chronicle (May 15)

UR senior named Fulbright Scholar

University of Rochester graduating senior **Michael Potere** has been named a Fulbright Scholar. Potere of Newton, Mass., will spend November 2007 through May 2008 teaching English in the rural Terengganu province of Malaysia. The Fulbright Program, funded by the U.S. State Department, was designed to promote educational and cultural exchanges abroad.

Democrat and Chronicle (May 12)

Lepers inspired noble calling

Pon Athilingam graduated in 1972 and began working with lepers. Later, she received a bachelor's degree in nursing, as well as two master's degrees, one in community health from the University of Liverpool in England and another from the **University of Rochester**. She's now a nurse practitioner and a doctoral degree candidate at the **University of Rochester's School of Nursing**, working on a dissertation that could lead to a better life for people who have had heart failure.