

# Selected News Coverage October 2006

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## Highlights

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### About the University

#### *The New York Times* (October 21)

##### **In Debate, Clinton Deflects Questions About 2008**

In a lively but cordial hour of exchanges, Mrs. Clinton steered toward substantive answers about foreign and domestic policy, and was sharply critical of the Bush administration's handling of the war in Iraq. . . . "You know, in the middle of the Civil War, Abraham Lincoln did not hesitate to change generals," Mrs. Clinton said, drawing applause from the audience at the **University of Rochester** auditorium. (Similar reports by *ABC News*, *Washington Post*, *UPI*, *Newsday*, *Capital News 9 [Albany]*, *New York Observer*, *Buffalo News*, *Elmira Star-Gazette*, *Washington Times*, *R News*, and *Democrat and Chronicle*.)

### About Research and Faculty

#### *ABC News* (October 22)

##### **Stem Cells Might Cause Brain Tumors, Study Finds**

Injecting human embryonic stem cells into the brains of Parkinson's disease patients may cause tumors to form, U.S. researchers reported on Sunday. **Steven Goldman, professor of neuromolecular medicine, and colleagues at the University of Rochester Medical Center** in New York said human stem cells injected into rat brains turned into cells that looked like early tumors. (Also reported by *Washington Post*, *MSNBC*, *Seattle Times*, *Reuters*, *Sydney Morning Herald [Australia]*, *Xinhua [China]*, *San Francisco Chronicle*, *Indianapolis Star*, and others.)

#### *Washington Post* (October 17)

##### **Race Gap Persists in Health Screening**

Racial and ethnic differences in getting such potentially lifesaving preventive testing as mammograms, Pap smears and colon cancer screenings appear to be larger than previously thought, according to a new study. . . . "Our sense is that probably the claims data are giving us a better picture of the true disparities here in services than in simply asking people whether they've received a preventive service or not," said **Kevin Fiscella**, the study's lead researcher and **an associate professor of family medicine and community and preventive medicine at the University of Rochester School of Medicine**. (Also reported by *South Bend Tribune [Indiana]*, *Fort Wayne Journal Gazette*, *Medical News Today*, *News-Medical.Net*, and *KaiserNetwork.org*.)

## ***National Coverage***

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### **About the University**

***Business Week* (October 13)**

**The Best B-Schools of 2006**

“Everybody’s wrestling with how do we bring management education in line with the demands of management,” says Yale Dean Joel Podolny. “Everybody recognizes there has to be some changes to the standard curriculum.” Similar efforts are under way at Michigan, the **University of Rochester**, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Notre Dame, and Kellogg.

***The Times* (London) (October 5)**

**Britain and America Dominate List of Best Universities**

[T]he university world rankings, produced by *The Times Higher Education Supplement*, confirm Britain’s position as a centre of global educational importance. . . . Britain has three universities in the top 10. . . . All others in the top 10 are American. . . . *Top 100 Universities in the World: University of Rochester*, United States—2006: 48th; 2005: 73rd.

### **About Research and Faculty**

***Chemistry World* (U.K.) (October 31)**

**Do I Know You, Sugar?**

A molecule that can recognize carbohydrates could further the fight against infections. . . . **Ben Miller, an associate professor of dermatology at the University of Rochester**, New York, U.S., said molecules that selectively bind lipid A could be used to diagnose infection or to treat septic shock.

***Air America* (October 30)**

**Al Franken Show**

**Mark Noble, a professor of genetics at the University of Rochester School of Medicine** [and] one of the pioneers of stem cell research, discussed the topic.

***The New York Times* (October 28)**

**A G.O.P. Redoubt Upstate Suddenly Seems Less Sturdy**

“[The 29th district of New York] is a district of small towns and rural counties tied together with a set of communities where people lead a more cosmopolitan lifestyle,” said **Gerald Gamm, chair of the political science department at the University of Rochester**.

“But for the most part, this is strong Republican territory, where people believe in balanced budgets, in a government that doesn’t meddle in their affairs and uses force responsibly and only if necessary. These days,” Professor Gamm added, “this is a place filled with discontent.”

***Buffalo News* (October 28)**

**Slaughter, Donnelly Split on War, Economy**

Louise Slaughter . . . says she wants to create a partnership between the University at Buffalo and the **University of Rochester** to enhance economic growth, adding that there are only so many federal research dollars for universities.

***PhysOrg.com* (October 26)**

**Qubit Noise Matters More Than Expected**

“What we have noticed,” **J.H. Eberly** tells PhysOrg.com, “is that noise is more important than it appears anyone expected. Widely understood, long-known features of the effect of noise on quantum systems fail to be true as soon as you take into account that a system has two distinguishable parts.” Eberly, a **physicist at the Rochester Theory Center for Optical Science and Engineering at the University of Rochester**, continues: “We’ve been able to introduce to theoretical studies of noise an ‘entanglement lens’ that focuses very sensitively on features that arise only when a second part is identified within a system.”

***The New York Times* (October 25)**

**Searching for the Sex Appeal in a Hybrid**

In the Mustang, moreover, you are noticed. . . . That kind of automotive experience is satisfying on a primal level. As **Richard Ryan, a professor of psychology, psychiatry and education at the University of Rochester**, later explained: “That’s part of the fantasy—you imagine yourself to be stronger or tougher as you drive a muscle car.”

***MSNBC* (October 23)**

**Guys, Eat Fruits and Veggies to Improve Fertility**

“We think that sperm quality is affected by dietary antioxidant intake,” said study author **Vivian Lewis, a professor of obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Rochester Medical Center** in Rochester, N.Y. Antioxidants, like those found in fruits and vegetables, may help prevent damage to sperm that causes them to become sluggish and lose the ability

to fertilize an egg, she said. (Also reported by *Daily Mail [U.K.]*)

**Innovations Report (Germany) (October 23)**  
**Researchers Discover New Gene Responsible for Brittle Bone Disease**

A team of researchers has identified a new genetic mutation responsible for osteogenesis imperfecta, a condition that makes bones much more likely to break, according to a study published today in the journal *Cell*. . . **Brendan Boyce, professor of pathology at the University of Rochester Medical Center**, added expertise to the large, international research team in the analysis of skeletal defects caused by lack of effective function in the newly discovered gene.

**The Wall Street Journal (October 21)**  
**Heart Beat**

**Jean-Philippe Couderc, an assistant professor of medicine and long QT researcher at University of Rochester Medical Center**, Rochester, N.Y., has a head start. He and his colleagues have identified in their own registry of ECGs a pattern in the shape of the long QT interval (as opposed to the length itself) that appears to more precisely predict risk of torsades.

**WFTV-9 (Orlando, Florida) (October 20)**  
**Better Bladder Cancer Detection**

A cystoscopy can sometimes give patients a false-positive result, and it is also invasive and uncomfortable. **Edward Messing, professor of urology at the University of Rochester**, says, “Most patients, after they’ve had it done, will say, ‘Well, I’d rather not go through that again.’” He says people who have had bladder cancer should be monitored forever because the risk for getting another bladder tumor is so high. (Also reported by *KFSN-TV [ABC] [Fresno]* and *News 14 Charlotte [North Carolina]*.)

**MSN Money (October 18)**  
**Market Report—In Play**

DepoMed announces that it has obtained an exclusive sublicense from PharmaNova to a U.S. patent held by the **University of Rochester** covering the use of gabapentin for the treatment of menopausal hot flashes. (Also reported by *ag-IP-news Agency [Jordan]*, *Red Orbit*, and *Trading Markets*.)

**New Scientist (October 17)**

**Two Vaccines Show Promise Against Prion Disease**

Scientists say that two new vaccine therapies have finally produced protective immune responses against prions in mice, and that such therapies could be further developed to work in humans or livestock. The vaccines rely on training the immune system to make defensive antibody molecules. **Howard Federoff, professor of neurology at the University of Rochester Medical Center** in New York, U.S., and colleagues engineered a harmless virus to carry genetic code for antibodies that bind to prion proteins. (Also reported by *People’s Daily Online [China]*.)

**Daily News (New York) (October 15)**

**One Proud Poppy . . . But**

Some allege [George W. Bush] has betrayed his father’s middle-of-the-road philosophy by governing as a divider, not the uniter he promised in the 2000 campaign. Others, like former [Bush Sr.] speechwriter and **senior lecturer in English at the University of Rochester Curt Smith**, argue [George W. Bush] isn’t conservative enough. “Conservatives want limited government, a balanced Middle East approach, a foreign policy that builds, not destroys, and general, not special, interest,” Smith said. “Bush 41 endorsed all of the above. Bush 43 supports none.”

**Forbes (October 13)**

**Combo Human-Bird Antibody May Ward Off Avian Flu**

“Humanized” bird flu antibodies could work as both vaccine and treatment during a major outbreak in people, a new study indicates. . . . Other experts were only cautiously optimistic. Proof of principle is fine, said **John Treanor, a professor of medicine, microbiology and immunology at the University of Rochester**, but lots of different things need to be done to put the findings to practical use. (Also reported by *CBS News*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Chicago Tribune*, *Washington Post*, *USA Today*, *Miami Herald*, and others.)

**News 8 Austin (October 11)**

**Old Drug Tried on Alzheimer’s Disease**

Researchers are testing an old drug to delay the onset of aggression in people with Alzheimer’s disease. The drug, valproate, is already FDA-approved for epilepsy, migraine headaches and bipolar disorder. The study, led by

researchers at the **University of Rochester**, is looking at whether the drug delays the onset the agitation common with Alzheimer's disease. . . . Half of the people with Alzheimer's develop aggression at some point in the disease, **Saleem Ismail, assistant professor of psychiatry at the University of Rochester**, said. (Also reported by *WNDU 16 [NBC] [South Bend, Indiana]*.)

**The New York Times (October 10)**

**The Last Word on the Last Breath**

**Jane Greenlaw, an ethicist at the University of Rochester Medical Center**, said that in New York, if neither a patient nor a representative has consented to a do-not-resuscitate order, medical personnel have to try to resuscitate patients "because you don't have permission not to." But she said: "It's the medical person's decision about when it's time to stop. That person can say after 15 minutes, 'This is over, we've tried.' And to some families, that means everything." (Also reported by *Deseret News [Utah]*, *Spartanburg Herald Journal [South Carolina]*, and *Times Daily [Alabama]*.)

**Smart Money Magazine (October 10)**

**The Power 30**

Few expected Christopher Cox, chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission and a Republican congressman whose nomination was heralded by big business, to play hardball with corporations. Since last year, however, he has pushed through rules requiring more disclosure of executive pay and set up new guidelines for stock options grants. Cox has also managed to reduce internal tension at the agency after a tumultuous few years, says **Joel Seligman, an SEC historian and president of the University of Rochester**.

**Daily Mail (U.K.) (October 10)**

**The Walking Pill**

"Many people with multiple sclerosis experience nerve damage that eventually impairs walking," said **Andrew Goodman, director of the Multiple Sclerosis Center at the University of Rochester** in New York. "This drug could represent a new way to treat people with the illness."

**USA Today (October 8)**

**How to Give Dad a Boost**

Surgery [to treat plantar fasciitis] is an option, too, and fully relieves symptoms 50 percent of the time, says **Benedict DiGiovanni, associate professor of orthopedic surgery at the University of Rochester**, N.Y. (Also reported by *News 10 Now [Syracuse]*.)

**Miami Herald (October 7)**

**Some Republican Seats Shaky Since Foley Scandal**

A poll Thursday by the Buffalo, N.Y., television station WGRZ showed Reynolds in a statistical tie with his Democratic opponent, and analysts say the Foley case is affecting his campaign. "The main thing that we're seeing here is it's distracting him from paying attention to the district issues he wanted to focus on," said **Gerald Gamm, chairman of the University of Rochester's political science department**. "Instead, all the attention this week is on his role in a scandal in Washington, D.C. He has to account for what he did and when he did it." (Also reported by *Monterey County Herald [California]*, *The State [South Carolina]*, *Central Daily Times [Pennsylvania]*, *Macon Telegraph [Georgia]*, *Kentucky.com*, *Kansas City Star [Missouri]*, and others.)

**NPR (October 6)**

**NYSE Pay Trial Finally Going to Court**

**Joel Seligman is president of the University of Rochester** and a well regarded expert on securities law. He says given the size of [Richard] Grasso's pay package [\$130 million], it was reasonable for Spitzer to bring a case against him. . . . "On the other hand, this is an area where very few cases of this type have succeeded. The general philosophy of the courts has been that, by and large, when you're running a major enterprise, you're allowed to be paid well."

**China Post (October 6)**

**Taiwan Needs Suicide Prevention Plan: Caine**

"Suicide prevention is possible, but it's also challenging. A suicide prevention program cannot be exported (to another country)," said **Eric Caine, a psychology professor at the University of Rochester**, New York, in a symposium titled "Suicide is Preventable." Suicide is the outcome of multiple risk factors and events, Caine said, adding that cultural forces play a critical role but that it's not clear how to "use" culture to modify suicide rates.

**CBS News (October 3)**  
**NIH Launches University Network to Speed Medical Research**

The government gave a dozen top universities about \$100 million Tuesday to set up a network to speed scientific discoveries into better health care—and try to transform how medical research is done. . . . The first 12 network participants will be funded for five years, for a total of about \$700 million. . . . Other participants: Columbia University; Rockefeller University; . . . **University of Rochester**. (Also reported by *Forbes*, *Washington Post*, *Los Angeles Times*, *USA Today*, *Newsday*, *MSNBC*, and others.)

**ABC News (October 2)**  
**Experts Test Drugs that Fight NeuroAIDS**  
[S]cientists are beginning to test drugs that may protect against the memory loss and other symptoms of so-called neuroAIDS, which afflicts at least one in five people with HIV and is becoming more common as patients live longer. . . . “Despite the best efforts of (anti-HIV) therapy, brain is failing,” says **Harris Gelbard, a neurologist at the University of Rochester Medical Center**. He is part of a major new effort funded by the National Institutes of Health to find the first brain-protecting treatments. (Also reported by *CBS News*, *MSNBC*, *CTV [Canada]*, *Forbes*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Newsday*, *Philadelphia Inquirer*, and others.)

**Philadelphia Inquirer (October 2)**  
**In Senate Race, War Solutions Differ**  
[A]nalysts say there are limits to how much a senator, or a Senate candidate, should be expected to say about a complex, overseas military/political operation. . . . “It’s not their job to draw up a plan, not on something this large,” said **Richard Fenno, an expert on Congress and a professor of political science at the University of Rochester**. “Their job is to give a sense of the direction they’d like to go.” (Also reported by *Central Daily Times [Pennsylvania]*.)

**News 10 Now (Syracuse) (October 2)**  
**Bio-Chip Could Save Lives**  
**University of Rochester Medical Center cardiologist Spencer Rosero** has come up with the implantable biosensor. Placed under the skin, a patient’s own cells will grow around this disc. It can then detect physiologic and chemical changes in the body.

**Jackson Clarion Ledger (Mississippi) (October 1)**  
**Generational Attitudes Affecting Parenting Styles**  
[J]ust as the parents’ generational influences help mold parental beliefs, parenting styles also depend on factors such as the parents’ ethnicity, social class and whether they are new immigrants, says **Judith Smetana, a psychology professor at the University of Rochester** in New York. (Also reported by *Indianapolis Star*.)

**About Alumni**  
**Washington Post (October 30)**  
**Brain on Fire**

“We’ve never advertised or marketed, but people keep calling—from Australia, Spain, Italy, other parts of the world,” says **Joel Huizenga**, the founder of No Lie MRI, whose résumé includes . . . an M.B.A. from the **University of Rochester**.

**Contra Costa Times (California) (October 26)**  
**Artist Sets Stories to Music**  
Since the release of his stellar 1998 debut on Blue Note, *A Cloud of Red Dust*, **Stefon Harris**, a conservatory-trained vibraphone and marimba master, has established himself as a bandleader and composer whose ambition is matched by his oversize talent. . . . He first became fascinated by jazz during his freshman year at the **Eastman School of Music**, where he was on scholarship studying orchestral percussion.

**Orlando Sentinel (Florida) (October 25)**  
**Florida Lakes Symphony Kicks Off Its Second Year**  
“Slavic Spirit,” the first of five concerts in the second season of the Florida Lakes Symphony Orchestra, will be performed at 7:30 p.m. today. . . . The new conductor, **Michael Garasi**, a graduate of the **Eastman School of Music** and of the Cleveland Institute of Music, will lead the 60-piece orchestra.

**ABC News (October 4)**  
**American Wins Nobel Prize in Chemistry**  
American Roger D. Kornberg, whose father won a Nobel Prize a half-century ago, was awarded the prize in chemistry Wednesday for his studies of how cells take information from genes to produce proteins. . . . Kornberg’s father, **Arthur Kornberg ’41**, won a Nobel Prize in medicine in 1959, also for work in genetics. (Similar stories reported by *WCAX-TV 3 [Vermont]*, *WSTM-TV 3 [NBC] [Syracuse]*, *13WHAM-TV [ABC]*, and *Democrat and Chronicle*.)

*The New York Times* (October 1)

### **Growing Up and Then Starting Over**

Driving home drunk, he took a corner too fast and crashed into a utility pole. . . . The crash left **Paul Averill** a quadriplegic, with limited movement in his arms. . . . After nearly four months of rehabilitation at the Shepherd Center in Atlanta, he got his high school diploma and then graduated last May from the **University of Rochester** with a degree in mathematics and accounting.

### **About Students**

*Bangkok Post* (Thailand) (October 27)

#### **Royal Celebration Concert**

To celebrate the 60th anniversary of His Majesty the King's accession to the throne and His Majesty's birthday, the Bangkok Symphony Foundation presents the "Royal Celebration Concert" at the Thailand Cultural Centre on Nov. 7 starting at 8 p.m. . . . Joining this royal celebration concert is pianist **Pornphan**, a scholarship graduate pursuing a doctorate of music arts degree at the **Eastman School of Music** under the tutelage of **professor of piano Rebecca Penneys**.

*Innovations Report* (Germany) (October 25)

#### **Undergraduate Helps Discover Beautiful Quark Combinations**

**University of Rochester physics undergraduate Scott Field** participated in the search for two subatomic particles whose existence was announced today by scientists at the Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory (Fermilab) in Illinois. Field's research focused on the extremely rare quark of the "bottom" or "beauty" variety.

### **About University-Related Businesses**

*The Scotsman* (U.K.) (October 25)

#### **Optos Seals Commercial Telescope Deal**

The Dunfermline-based company has signed a license agreement with the New York-based **University of Rochester** to allow it to commercialize "adaptive optics" technology. First used to improve the clarity of advanced telescopes for space watching, the technology is now being used to observe images as small as individual human cells. (Also reported by *Lifestyle Extra* [U.K.]

## **Local Coverage**

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### **About the University**

*Democrat and Chronicle* (October 31)

#### **UR Won't Invest in Sudan**

**University of Rochester** will no longer invest in companies that support the Sudanese government's activities in the Darfur region. UR's board of trustees investment committee agreed earlier this month "to prohibit direct investments in companies identified as supporting the Sudanese government's activities in Darfur."

*Democrat and Chronicle* (October 25)

#### **Arts & Cultural Council Honors Eight Artists, Groups**

The Arts & Cultural Council for Greater Rochester announced eight annual Arts Awards in a ceremony at Rochester Riverside Convention Center. . . .

**Memorial Art Gallery:** cultural organization award. This **University of Rochester** museum is one of the mainstays of the city's art scene.

*R News* (October 24)

#### **U of R Hosts AAU Conference**

The pacesetters of higher learning picked each other's brains for the past three days at the **University of Rochester**. The presidents of about 50 universities, including Harvard, Yale, and Princeton were in Rochester for the Association of American Universities (AAU) conference. They shared the challenges and visions for academia. "It's a great honor and it's really a pleasure. These are outstanding academic leaders throughout the country," **U of R President Joel Seligman** said.

*WHEC-TV* (NBC) (October 24)

#### **U of R Gets Financial Boost**

The **University of Rochester** is expanding thanks to a boost in state funding. Three million dollars in aid will help create a new building for optics and biomedical engineering at the U of R. State Senator Joe Robach announced the funding Tuesday. **U of R's president, Joel Seligman**, says he's excited about the expansion, which will also help create new jobs. (Similar reports by *Rochester Business Journal* and *Democrat and Chronicle*.)

***Rochester Business Journal* (October 17)**

**UR Aims to Boost Faculty Diversity**

The **University of Rochester** is undertaking a major initiative to recruit and retain ethnically diverse faculty members. **President Joel Seligman** said Tuesday he would adopt all 31 recommendations of his Task Force on Faculty and Diversity, a group of University professors and administrators that has studied diversity programs at UR for the last seven months. (Also reported by *Democrat and Chronicle*.)

***Democrat and Chronicle* (October 13)**

**Simon School's Ranking Rises**

The **University of Rochester's William E. Simon Graduate School of Business Administration** advanced one notch in *BusinessWeek's* ranking of the nation's best business schools. The Simon School is now No. 28 on the elite list.

***R News* (October 12)**

**Eastman Celebrates Computer Music**

The computer music center at the **Eastman School of Music** is celebrating 25 years with a free concert Thursday. Computer music is big these days and the Eastman School has been training students for a quarter of a century on how to use technology and specialized computer programs in making music. (Also reported by *13WHAM-TV [ABC]*.)

***Democrat and Chronicle* (October 8)**

**U.S. Confronts Defiant World**

The United States for 50 years has pushed for free, open markets worldwide. The payoff has been a rising standard of living in former economic basket cases. But the result also is a growing wave of confident nations defying America. That was the message that journalist and commentator Fareed Zakaria brought Saturday to a crowd of 1,500 at the **University of Rochester**. . . . The editor of *Newsweek International* and host of PBS's *Foreign Exchange* spoke at UR as part of the university's sixth annual Meliora Weekend.

***Democrat and Chronicle* (October 7)**

**Feminism Seeks to Redefine Itself**

Feminism in the 21st century can claim some good news, including many women believing in its tenets, and yet faces such quandaries as the fact that many view "feminist" as a dirty or divisive word. That was the topic of discussion Friday at **University of Rochester** as author and *ABC News* correspondent Lynn Sherr led

a panel discussion of young feminists on the future of feminism in the 2006 Stanton/Anthony Conversations. The panel talk was before a crowd of close to 150 in UR's Wilson Commons and came as part of the first day of the University's Meliora Weekend activities. (Also reported by *13WHAM-TV [ABC]*.)

***Rochester Business Journal* (October 6)**

**Optics Pros Will Meet in Rochester**

Rochester, known as the birthplace of modern optics, will be the site of the conference. . . . [T]he first chapter of the Optical Society of America was formed in Rochester 75 years ago. In addition, 55 percent of all the Ph.D.s working in the optics field received their degrees from the **University of Rochester's Institute of Optics**. (Also reported by *Democrat and Chronicle*.)

***Rochester Business Journal* (October 4)**

**UR, Kodak to Bring Top Researcher Here**

A collaboration between the **University of Rochester** and Eastman Kodak Co. will bring a national leader in artificial intelligence research to Rochester, UR officials said Wednesday. **UR alumnus Henry Kautz**, a professor at the University of Washington who has led research into sensor-based ubiquitous computing and automated reasoning, has agreed to help UR establish a new center for artificial intelligence. (Also reported by *Democrat and Chronicle*.)

**About Research and Faculty**

***13WHAM-TV (ABC)* (October 27)**

**A Home-Schooling Grandpa**

Teaching five days a week six hours a day isn't easy and some grandparents fear they are not capable and smart enough to teach their grandkids. **Robert McCann, a geriatrician at Highland Hospital**, said most people in their 60s and 70s are excellent candidates for teachers.

***WROC-TV (CBS)* (October 9)**

**Each Year, College Drinking Is Linked to at Least 1,400 Student Deaths**

**Andrew Wall is an assistant professor at the Margaret Warner Graduate School of Education and Human Development at the University of Rochester**. For the past several years he has been studying alcohol abuse prevention. He helped develop the "Alcohol 101" CD program and is now studying the effectiveness of one of the latest teaching tools. It's an online course called "AlcoholEdu."

**WROC-TV (CBS) (October 8)**

**Bloggers Fuel Foley Scandal**

“To have blogging as we have it today means there is a different media environment and media is the context in which we make political decisions always have been,” said **University of Rochester political scientist professor Peter Regenstreif**.

**Rochester Business Journal (October 2)**

**Businesswomen to Be Honored**

The Rochester Women’s Network is honoring area women for their innovation, creative thinking and professional accomplishments. . . . This year’s recipients include **Donna Tortoretti, CEO, Center for Nursing Entrepreneurship, University of Rochester School of Nursing**.

**About Students**

**Democrat and Chronicle (October 31)**

**College Students Treat the Community on Halloween**

At the **University of Rochester** fraternity and sorority houses will open their doors [on Halloween] to sixth-graders from School 19, as well as their parents and siblings.

**Democrat and Chronicle (October 17)**

**UR Linebacker Is a Real Leader**

When **Jason Goeller** decided to rejoin the **University of Rochester** football team this summer after a two-year absence, some people probably thought he was in over his head. They would have been right—but for all the wrong reasons. . . . This past summer, he was in over his head all right—spending two weeks in a submarine off Alaska, where he observed Navy officers as part of his active duty.

**R News (October 14)**

**Students Reach Out to Voters**

Election Day is four weeks away now. With that in mind, some students at the **University of Rochester** are reaching out beyond their campus to get people involved. Students from the U of R’s Black Students’ Union spent their Saturday morning at the Public Market encouraging people to vote on November 7.

**About University-Related Businesses**

**Rochester Business Journal (October 18)**

**Pharmanova Inks Multimillion-Dollar Deal**

Located in the Lennox Technology Center in Henrietta, PharmaNova in 2004 signed an exclusive license deal for this technology from **University of Rochester**. An undisclosed portion of its revenues from this deal will go to the University, Brown said. (Also reported by *Democrat and Chronicle*.)

**Rochester Business Journal (October 10)**

**VirtualScopics Secures Contracts**

VirtualScopics Inc. has signed two 24-month contracts totaling \$1.4 million for a couple of cancer studies with California’s MediciNova Inc. VirtualScopics employs some 60 people at its offices in Linden Oaks. A **University of Rochester** spinoff, the firm has technology that extracts complex information from ordinary CT and MRI scans. (Also reported by *Democrat and Chronicle*.)