



THEATER ARTS

Directorial Debut

BACKSTAGE PASS: Aishwarya Krishnamoorthy '17 (right), a film and media studies major from Reno, Nevada, talks backstage with Tori Powers '18 (left), a theater major from Woodbridge, Virginia, and Sara Crane '20, an English major from White Plains, New York, during a rehearsal for this spring's International Theatre Program production of Sam Shepard's *Buried Child*. Krishnamoorthy is the first student to direct a major production for the program.

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GO 'JACKETS

National Champion

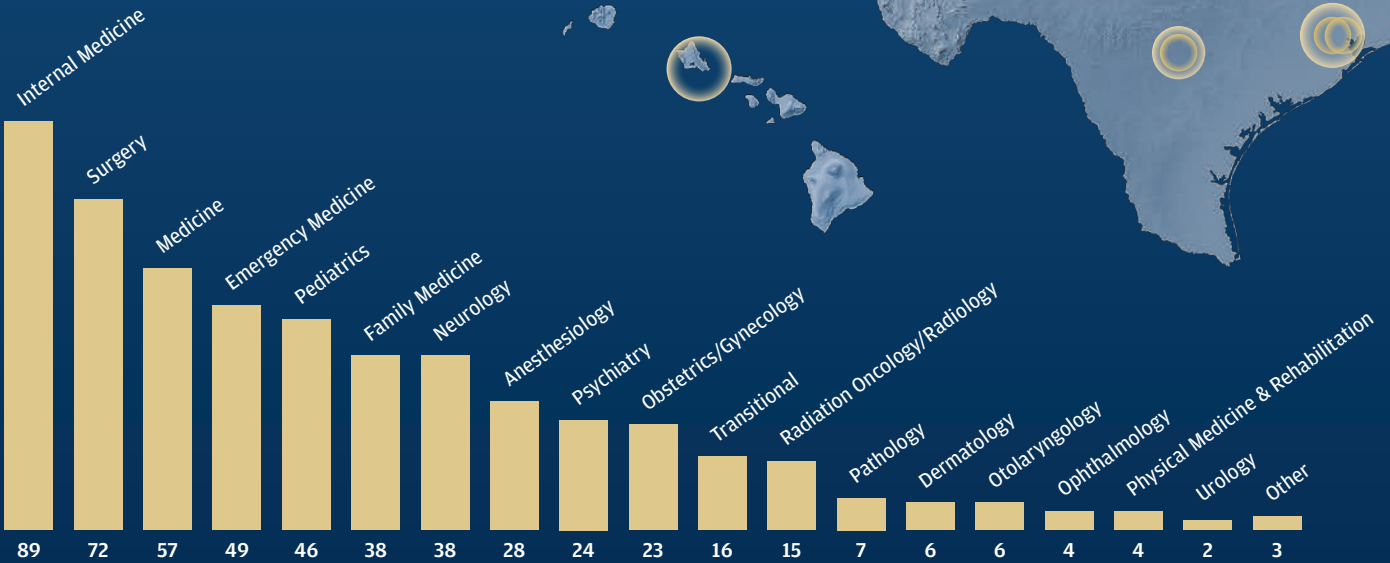
FAST TRACK: Kylee Bartlett '19 became Rochester's first national champion since 2006 late this winter, when she won the pentathlon at the NCAA's Division III indoor track and field national championship. Shown here in an early season invitational at RIT, the brain and cognitive sciences major from Williamstown, New York, set a new Rochester record for the five-event competition. She's the second Rochester woman to win a national championship in a multi-event track and field competition. Renee Schmitt Somerville '86 won the national heptathlon championship as a junior. **PHOTOGRAPH BY ADAM FENSTER**





Residency Program Focuses 2013-2017

As part of the Match Day program, medical students identify the areas in which they want to complete their residency training.



Match Day: Medicine Meets Meliora

A total of 98 medical students found out this spring where they'll be spending the next three to seven years of their medical training.

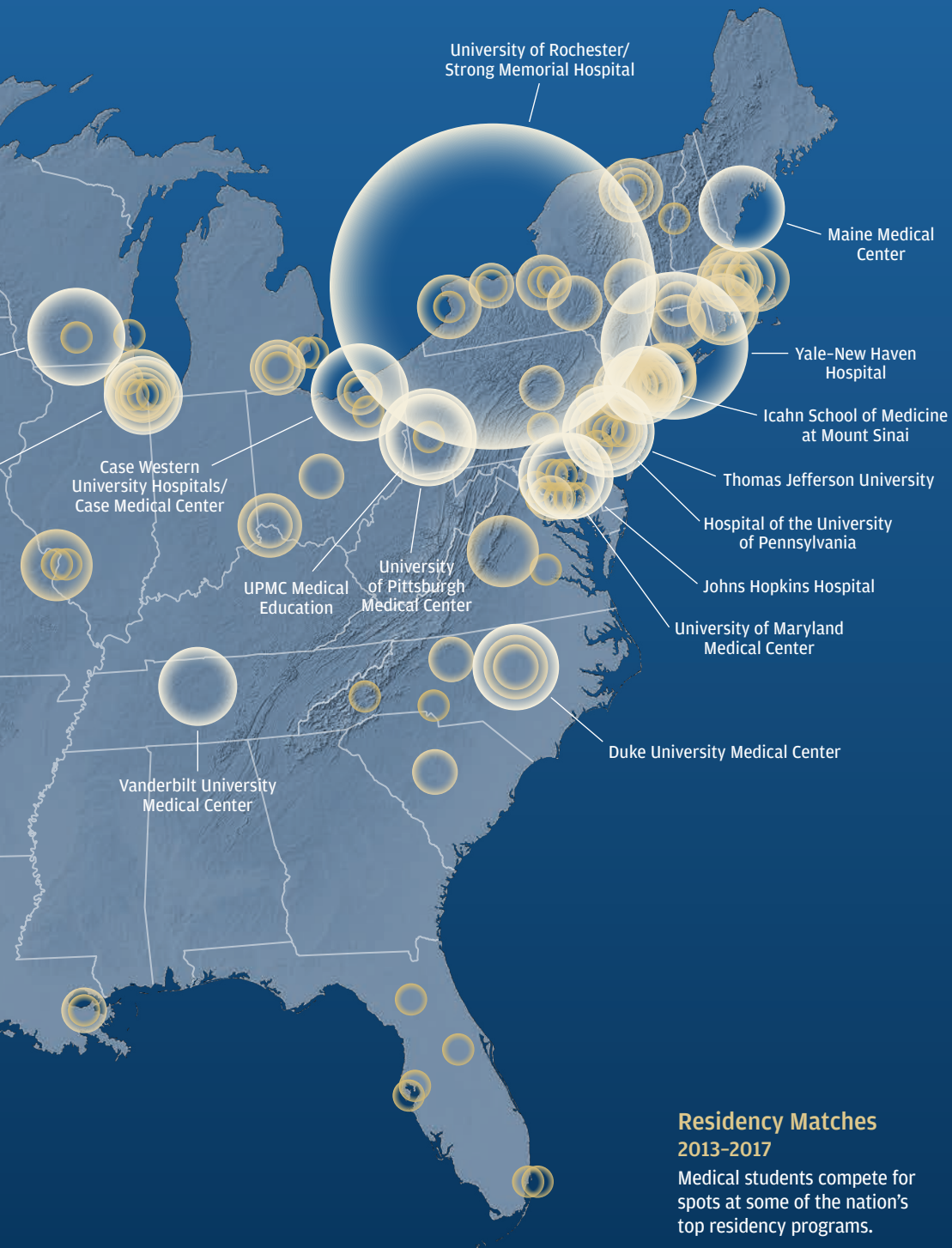
During the annual Match Day, aspiring physicians across the country simultaneously open envelopes that outline where they've been assigned for their residencies, the specialized training that students must complete before they can practice medicine.

As part of the process, students visit and interview at hospitals and medical centers throughout the United States in order to refine a list of preferred programs and places. In turn, each institution creates a list of preferred students.

A computer algorithm compares the lists, crunches the numbers, generates millions of possible combinations, and, finally, produces a single choice for each matched student.

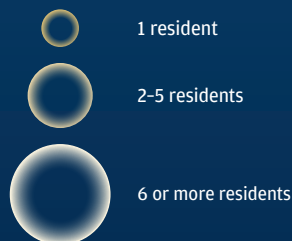
Started in 1952 and operated by the nonprofit National Resident Matching Program, the process has matched Rochester medical students with some of the top programs across the country.

Here's a look at the placements for the past five years.



Residency Matches 2013-2017

Medical students compete for spots at some of the nation's top residency programs.



MELIORA WEEKEND 2017

Good Morning, Rochester!

ABC anchor Robin Roberts joins lineup of Emmy, Pulitzer, and Grammy Award winners for Meliora Weekend.

Robin Roberts, coanchor of ABC's *Good Morning America*, will be the keynote speaker for the 17th Meliora Weekend, headlining a weekend that also features the *Wall Street Journal*'s Peggy Noonan, who won a Pulitzer Prize this spring, as well as 22-time Grammy Award winner Chick Corea.

The weekend kicks off Thursday, October 12, and continues through Sunday, October 15. Roberts will deliver her address at the Palestra on Saturday, October 14.

Under Roberts's leadership, *Good Morning America* has won five Daytime Emmy Awards for Outstanding Morning Program.

She has conducted interviews with a diverse group of newsmakers, including former President Barack Obama and Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg, and has done extensive reporting around the globe on breaking news events such as the 2010 earthquake in Haiti and the AIDS crisis in Africa.

She has also won personal fights against breast cancer and the bone marrow disease myelodysplastic syndrome, experiences that she recounts in her 2014 memoir *Everybody's Got Something*.

Roberts will be part of a cast of special guests who will be featured throughout Meliora Weekend, the annual fall celebration of the University.

GUEST LIST ANCHOR: Robin Roberts, an Emmy Award-winning coanchor of ABC TV's *Good Morning America*, is the keynote guest for this fall's Meliora Weekend, October 12 to 15.

Watch for Registration

Registration and ticketing will be available in late July. For more information or to sign up for all Meliora Weekend event updates, visit Rochester.edu/melioraweekend, email alumni@rochester.edu, or call 877.MELIORA (877.635.4672).

An afternoon of perspective with Peggy Noonan

On Friday, October 13, *Wall Street Journal* columnist and best-selling author Peggy Noonan will bring her analysis of the nation and its leaders to the annual Presidential Symposium hosted by President and CEO Joel Seligman.

The author of books on American politics, history, and culture, as well as essays for *Time* magazine, *Newsweek*, the *Washington Post*, and other publications, Noonan received the Pulitzer Prize for political commentary this spring for her coverage of the 2016 presidential election.


Chick Corea with Steve Gadd's band bring jazz to Kodak Hall

With a new studio album dropping this fall, the Corea/Gadd Band will perform in concert at Kodak Hall at the Eastman Theatre on Friday, October 13.

Keyboardist and composer Chick Corea is a 63-time Grammy Award nominee (fourth-most of all-time) and a 22-time Grammy Award winner. He's also earned three Latin Grammy Awards. Drummer and Rochester native Steve Gadd '68E is among the most well-known and highly regarded session and studio drummers. Coleading a band for the first time, Corea and Gadd have previously produced albums together, including *The Leprechaun* and *My Spanish Heart*. Both have performed to sold-out crowds at Rochester's International Jazz Festival in recent years.

Jeffrey Toobin serves on Miller's Court

Jeffrey Toobin, a staff writer for *The New Yorker* and a senior analyst for CNN, will join noted attorney and broadcaster Arthur Miller '56, '08 (Honorary) to discuss and interpret the law in one of Meliora Weekend's signature events, Miller's Court.

Previously an assistant U.S. attorney, Toobin is one of the most recognized legal journalists in the country, and a noted lecturer and bestselling author. His book *The Run of His Life: The People v. O.J. Simpson* was the basis for the FX Network's acclaimed 10-part limited series *American Crime Story* (2016). Miller's Court takes place on Saturday, October 14. 





STAGE DEBUT: Jazz great Chick Corea and noted session and studio drummer Steve Gadd '68E will lead a band together (above) for the first time when they perform in concert on the stage of Kodak Hall at Eastman Theatre.



HOLDING COURT: Legal analyst Jeffrey Toobin (left) will join noted attorney and broadcaster Arthur Miller '56 for this fall's Miller's Court, a freewheeling discussion of legal issues that Miller has moderated annually during the weekend.



PRIZE COLUMNIST: The *Wall Street Journal's* Peggy Noonan (right), who won a Pulitzer Prize this spring for her coverage of the 2016 presidential election, will offer her take on the state of American politics and political leadership.

FERRARI HUMANITIES SYMPOSIA

A Princely Wish

The author of the original how-to book for political scheming was really after perfection.


Niccolò Machiavelli has kept a strong grip on the collective Western imagination for one reason, says Italian Renaissance history scholar Christopher Celenza: a little volume he penned in 1513, *The Prince*. Unpublished in Machiavelli's lifetime, *The Prince* has become the most famous book of the Italian Renaissance.

Machiavelli wrote, Celenza says, for “people who wanted and needed nothing more than an analysis of how to rule based on concrete examples and stripped of all idealism.”

Essential to leading effectively was imitation, whether leadership examples were taken from life or history. “We have lost this sense somewhat today, in our hyper-individualistic culture, where being original is so prized,” says Celenza.

The world Machiavelli inhabited was defined by the constant threat or experience of war and internal conflict. Running through his work is a profound consciousness of instability—and an unachievable hope for a redeemer, whether a prince or a theoretically ideal set of laws, Celenza argues. While Machiavelli's name has become synonymous with unscrupulous scheming, Celenza catches perhaps an echo of something more lofty in the flinty-eyed realist's writing, too: an unfulfilled longing for perfection.

Celenza explored Machiavelli's political thought as the keynote speaker for this year's Ferrari Humanities Symposia. The author of *Machiavelli: A Portrait* (Harvard University Press, 2015) and *The Lost Italian Renaissance: Humanists, Historians, and Latin's Legacy* (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2005), Celenza writes books that reflect his broad range of interests. He holds appointments in Johns Hopkins's departments of classics, German and Romance languages and literatures, and history. In the summer, he'll move to Georgetown University, as the dean of Georgetown College.

The Ferrari Humanities Symposia is an annual event to highlight the interdisciplinary connections that are fundamental to a liberal arts education. University Trustee Bernard Ferrari '70, '74M (MD) and his wife, Linda Gaddis Ferrari, established the symposia in 2012. Previous speakers have included Jane Tylus, Anthony Grafton, and Stephen Greenblatt. 

—KATHLEEN MCGARVEY



DREAMY SCHEMER? Known for his advocacy of cunningness, Machiavelli may also have been moved by longing for a civic redeemer, argues this year's Ferrari Humanities Symposia scholar.



ON TAP: Selection to senior honor societies unique to Rochester—the Keidaeans (at left, members of the 1935 class) and the Marsiens (members from 1958)—is based on scholastic achievement and participation in cocurricular programs.

Ask the Archivist: What's So Special about Special K(eidaeans)?

A question for Melissa Mead, the John M. and Barbara Keil University Archivist and Rochester Collections Librarian.

Our son was in a group called the Keidaeans. Is there still such an organization and, if not, what was it, who was in it and why, and what did it do? —Janet Heslink, parent of Nathan Heslink '99

“[The] purposes of the Keidaeans shall be: to promote mutual cordial relations among college groups, between students and faculty . . . to serve as a forum of debate, and a clearing house for suggestions for the improvement of activities of the University. . . .”

In 1999, the year your son was a Keidaeans, the group celebrated its 75th anniversary. This unique-to-Rochester senior honorary society was established by five students and two faculty members in 1924, and the group still convenes regularly to meet with University administration and staff and to learn more about the workings of the University.

According to their records in the University Archives, the name is based on the word “Kehte,” meaning “chief” or “greatest” in Algonquian. It was chosen to honor the Native American heritage of the Rochester area, and the Keidaeans frequently went camping in Letchworth Park.

One year after the Keidaeans was founded at the College for Men, the College for Women created its own senior honorary society, the Marsiens. Members could be identified by a small pin: a “K” placed athwart an arrow, or a gold sword representing the Roman god Mars.

The roster and meeting schedules of both groups were published in student newspapers and yearbooks, although the Keidaeans’ original constitution states that the “machinery of its government, its discussions . . . and rites remain within the confidence of its members.” Those rites have been a frequent subject for *Campus-Times* articles that describe envelopes slipped under dorm room doors with instructions to gather at midnight on the Eastman Quadrangle, and the warning, “Show this to no one.”

Selection for the group—known as tapping—is based on participation in cocurricular activities and scholastic achievement. In the early years, there was a point system that was so un-secret that the April 28, 1924, *Campus* newspaper outlined the number of points awarded to

those elected by their peers as editors and writers of student publications, as leaders in a fraternity or club, to student managers of sports teams, to athletes earning varsity letters, etc.

Each May, a ceremony is held at Witmer House, the official residence of the University president, and the new members add their names to the Keidaeans scroll: unrolled, it contains over 40 feet of signatures. Most recently, the group has included both River Campus and Eastman School of Music students; one additional student is selected by the student members as a “Keidaeans’ Keidaeans.” Two honorary Keidaeans from the University’s faculty and staff are selected by the students to act as advisors.

The records of the Keidaeans (sadly, the Archives lack files for the Marsiens) show that the group acted as a sounding board between the administration and undergraduates on a wide variety of topics, including alcohol use, parking, and the academic schedule. As the Students’ Association grew stronger as a governing body, the influence of the Keidaeans appears to have waned.

In the late 1960s, many “establishment-focused” student groups were dissolved. University traditions seemed irrelevant compared to events occurring beyond the Genesee. Membership in Keidaeans and Marsiens dropped significantly, but the scroll shows no complete gap for any year except 1946. With the Class of 1972, the two groups merged.

Membership is intended to honor leadership and dedication to the University and to nurture an ongoing connection to the institution. Since the inception of the two societies, many alumni who chaired the University’s Board of Trustees have been Keidaeans or Marsiens: Joe Wilson ’31, Mercer Brugler ’25, Don Gaudion ’36, Virginia Dwyer ’43, Bob Goergen ’50, Bob Witmer ’59, and Ed Hajim ’58.

Need History?

Do you have a question about University history? Email it to rochrev@rochester.edu. Please put “Ask the Archivist” in the subject line.

Gene May Hold Key to Hearing Recovery

Medical Center researchers have discovered that a protein implicated in human longevity may also play a role in restoring hearing after noise exposure. The findings, published in the journal *Scientific Reports*, could one day provide researchers with new tools to prevent hearing loss.

The study indicates that a gene called *Forkhead Box O3 (Foxo3)* appears to play a role in protecting outer hair cells in the inner ear from damage. The cells act as a biological sound amplifier and are critical to hearing. But exposure to loud noises stresses them.

In some people, the cells are able to recover, but in others the outer hair cells die, permanently impairing hearing. And while hearing aids and other treatments can help recover some range of hearing, there's currently no biological cure for hearing loss.

"While more than 100 genes have been identified as being involved in childhood hearing loss, little is known about the genes that regulate hearing recovery after noise exposure," says Patricia White, a research associate professor in the Department of Neuroscience and

the lead author of the study. "Our study shows that *Foxo3* could play an important role in determining which individuals might be more susceptible to noise-induced hearing loss."

Foxo3 is known to play an important role in how cells respond to stress. In the cardiovascular system, *Foxo3* helps heart cells stay healthy by clearing away debris when the cells are damaged. And people with a genetic mutation that confers higher levels of *Foxo3* protein have been shown to live longer.

—Mark Michaud

'Hawk Traits' Foster Kids' Problem-Solving Skills

How well do standardized cognitive assessments capture children's cognitive abilities?

Maybe not so well. A new study from the Mt. Hope Family Center suggests that such tests—which don't consider children's motivation or environment—may not capture "the specialized repertoire of cognitive skills children in stressful environments have developed as a survival mechanism," says lead author Jennifer Suor, a doctoral candidate in clinical psychology.

Children growing up in poverty with unengaged caregivers are more likely to do poorly on standardized assessments.

But researchers found that children who at age two showed higher levels of "hawk traits"—heightened levels of aggression, boldness, and dominant behavior in toddlerhood—became better at using problem-solving skills to obtain a blocked reward.

The study, which looked at mothers and their children at ages two and four, was published in the *Journal of Child Psychology and Psychiatry*.

While on average the kids performed similarly on problem-solving tasks, the children who'd experienced greater caregiving adversity and had more hawk traits were more likely to do better on the problem-solving tasks that involved a reward.

"They were more persistent, tried more solutions, were more engaged," says study coauthor Melissa Sturge-Apple, an associate professor of psychology and dean of graduate studies in Arts, Sciences & Engineering.

"When kids are faced with poverty and unengaged caregivers, they devote more energy to solving the problem that's more meaningful to them than one that isn't," Sturge-Apple says.

—Sandra Knispel



BETTER BONDS: Children improved across a range of developmental measures when their mothers—like Laianna Baker (above)—participated in a Mt. Hope Family Center therapy program, a new study shows.

Treated Mothers Pass Along Benefits of Therapy

Mothers who receive interpersonal psychotherapy after showing signs of major depression fare significantly better than those who receive referrals to other services.

Not only do the moms become better at parenting, according to a new study by researchers at the University's Mt. Hope Family Center and the University of Minnesota's Institute of Child Development, but their children

also show improvement across a host of important developmental measures. The study was published in the journal *Development and Psychopathology*.

Children of depressed mothers are at greater risk for a variety of developmental problems, and establishing a secure attachment relationship with a parent is a critical developmental milestone.

Researchers found that after

treatment the mothers became better at reading and understanding their toddlers' temperaments, while the toddlers became less fussy and angry, making them easier to parent.

"It's a cascading effect for the family," says lead researcher Elizabeth Handley, a research associate and an assistant professor at the Mt. Hope Family Center.

—Sandra Knispel


Fruit Flies Offer Gut Check on Bacteria

A Rochester study suggests that researchers may want to rethink common assumptions about laboratory fruit flies—the species of *Drosophila melanogaster* that's been a mainstay of biologic and genomic studies.

In the first research to analyze the microbe population found in wild *Drosophila*, scientists report that fruit flies in the lab may bear little resemblance to what's seen in fruit flies in the wild—especially when it comes to the bacteria found in their intestinal tracts.

Vincent Martinson, a postdoctoral research associate, led the study, with John Jaenike, a professor of biology, and a Cornell colleague. The findings, published in *Ecology Letters*, challenge some widely held assumptions about whether an organism's diet determines the bacteria likely to be found in its gut. The findings also run counter to a recent hypothesis about how the bacterial population should vary among different species.

—Bob Marcotte



FOLLOWING ITS GUT: A Rochester study of the intestinal microbiota of fruit flies may have broad implications, given the widespread use of *Drosophila* in biologic and genomic studies.

Retraining the Brain to See after a Stroke

A kind of physical therapy for the visual system is returning sight to patients who have gone partially blind after experiencing a stroke.

Visual training designed by Rochester researchers was the subject of a new study, published in the journal *Neurology*. The research offers the first evidence that rigorous visual training recovers basic vision in some stroke patients.

Damage to the brain's visual cortex prevents visual information from getting to other brain regions that help make sense of

it, causing sight loss for up to a half of a person's normal field of view. Between a quarter of a million and a half of a million people suffer such vision loss each year.

"We are the only people in the U.S. currently using this type of training to recover vision lost after damage to the primary visual cortex," says senior study author Krystal Huxlin, the James V. Aquavella Professor of Ophthalmology at the Flaum Eye Institute, where she is director of research.

Visual deficits have long been believed to stabilize six months

after a visual cortex stroke, and patients are advised to adapt to their vision loss—a marked contrast from treatment for other kinds of strokes. People with stroke damage in areas of the brain that control movement, for example, begin physical therapy as soon as possible and usually recover significant mobility.

Huxlin, who's also a professor in the departments of neuroscience, brain and cognitive sciences, and the Center for Visual Science, has developed a way of rerouting visual information around the dead

areas of the primary visual cortex.

The study also challenges the conventional wisdom that cortically blind patients' visual deficits stabilize in six months. In the study, the visual deficits of five cortically blind patients who didn't do visual training got worse, a finding that the team is now verifying with a larger group.

"It might actually be wrong not to train these patients," says Huxlin. "Our training may be critical for reversing a gradual, very slow, but persistent loss of vision after stroke." —Susanne Pallo

Interim Dean Named for Arts, Sciences & Engineering

Richard (Rick) Waugh, a biomedical engineer with more than 35 years of academic and leadership appointments at Rochester, will serve as interim dean of the faculty of Arts, Sciences & Engineering through June 30, 2018.

As dean, he will lead one of the University's main academic units during a search for a successor to Peter Lennie, who's stepping down this summer as the Robert L. and Mary L. Sproull Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Sciences & Engineering.

Rob Clark, provost and senior vice president for research, made the announcement this spring.

The role of dean of the faculty includes responsibility for the academic, administrative, and financial operation of a unit that's home to more than 350 faculty members, 5,200 undergraduates, and 1,200 graduate students.

Lennie, who also holds a faculty appointment in the Department of Brain and Cognitive Sciences, has served as dean of the faculty since 2006. He announced last fall that he planned to step down as of June 30.

Waugh, who joined the Rochester faculty in 1980, is the founding chair of the Department

of Biomedical Engineering, and is credited with overseeing the launch of what is now one of Rochester's fastest-growing and most popular majors. As a scientist, he has been widely recognized for his study of cell and membrane mechanics and the structural basis for the mechanical behavior of cells and membranes.

Since 2013, he has served in University roles as a leader in efforts to expand research and funding, as well as efforts to raise Rochester's prominence among the nation's top research universities.



LEADING ROLES: The founding chair of biomedical engineering, Waugh will serve as interim dean of Arts, Sciences & Engineering.



MEETING OF THE MECHANICS: Members of the Baja SAE team introduced the 2017 edition of their vehicle this spring.

Baja Team Hits the Road

Members of Rochester's Baja SAE team went on the road this spring to take part in important off-road competitions in California and Kansas.

The team's 2017 vehicle is the culmination of a year-long process to get ready for the four-day Society for Automotive

Engineers Collegiate Design Series. The series features a total of 100 teams from around the world competing in a four-hour endurance race; in hill climb, acceleration, suspension, and maneuverability contests; and "static" events such as an engine check, technical inspection, brake

inspection, sales presentations, and a design competition.

The team draws its members from all the engineering departments and also welcomes students from other disciplines who can help with budgeting and rounding up sponsors—or who simply enjoy working with cars,

says Baja president Kevin Bonko '17, a mechanical engineering major from Painseville, Ohio.

About 25 to 30 students were active on the project this year.

The team finished 14th overall at the Quail Canyon Special Events Area in Gorman, California.

Books with Rochester Ties Win National Recognition

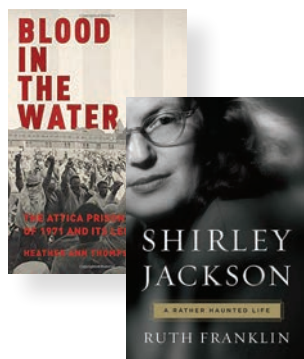
Two nonfiction books with connections to Rochester and the University's archives in Rush Rhees Library were in the national limelight this spring.

A biography of one-time student and noted American author Shirley Jackson '38 won the National Book Critics Circle Award. The book, *Shirley Jackson: A Rather Haunted Life*, by Ruth Franklin, includes a never-before analyzed short piece of fiction that Jackson wrote when she was a student at Rochester.

The work was uncovered in Rush Rhees while Franklin was doing research for the book. Jackson, best known for her short story "The Lottery," left Rochester while an undergraduate and eventually finished her degree at Syracuse.

The collected papers of a Rochester civil rights leader played an important role in the research for this year's Pulitzer Prize-winning book in history. *Blood in the Water: The Attica Prison Uprising and Its Legacy*, by Heather Ann Thompson, is a comprehensive account of the 1971 prison riot at the Attica state prison and its political and social aftermath.

As part of her research, Thompson, a professor at the University of Michigan, consulted the Franklin Florence Papers in the Department of Rare Books, Special Collections, and Preservation.



BRIGHT LIGHTS: Astronomy Club leaders Ryan Rubenzahl '18 and Bo Peng '18 helped organize a campus recognition of Earth Hour.

Lights Out! Students Look to the Sky

Parts of the Wilson Quadrangle went dark for an hour this spring as a way to help people see what they may be missing in the sky.

In an effort organized by Ryan Rubenzahl '18, president of the Astronomy Club, and Bo Peng '18, vice president of the club, the nonessential lights of the Wilson Commons porch, Hirst Lounge, Bridge Lounge, Wilson Quad, and Rettner Atrium were turned off for an hour in late March.

The event was part of the World Wildlife Fund's annual Earth Hour, designed to create awareness of climate change and light pollution. This was the second year that Rochester has participated. As part of the event, the Astronomy Club led a stargazing event on the quad, and other student groups set up posters and organized other presentations in Wilson Commons.

—Danielle Douglas '17

Campuses Go Smoke Free

All University campuses will be tobacco-free—both inside and outside buildings—beginning in August.

University President and CEO Joel Seligman announced the tobacco-free policy last summer, noting that the initiative is consistent with Rochester's stature as an academic and medical institution that promotes health and wellness, and as a welcoming workplace that's comfortable for all faculty, staff, and students.

The University joins nearly 1,500 colleges and universities nationwide that have adopted tobacco-free policies.

Rochester's policy restricts tobacco, e-cigarettes, and vaping on University properties, but provides for a small number of outdoor smoking shelters, in which people can use tobacco on the River Campus. Starting August 15, the shelters will be the only designated areas for smoking and other tobacco use on the River Campus.

Mellon Foundation Grant Recognizes Humanities

The University has received a \$1 million grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to increase undergraduates' engagement with the humanities at a time when enrollments in the humanities are lagging.

Titled "Humanities for Life," the five-year initiative is designed to reach students early in their academic careers, to create opportunities for experiences outside the classroom and to foster community engagement.

Scheduled to begin in the fall, the project will extend beyond that time frame and features several components: support for undergraduate research and mentorship by faculty, development of new humanities curricula, increased community engagement, and the establishment of a shared reading program for incoming students.



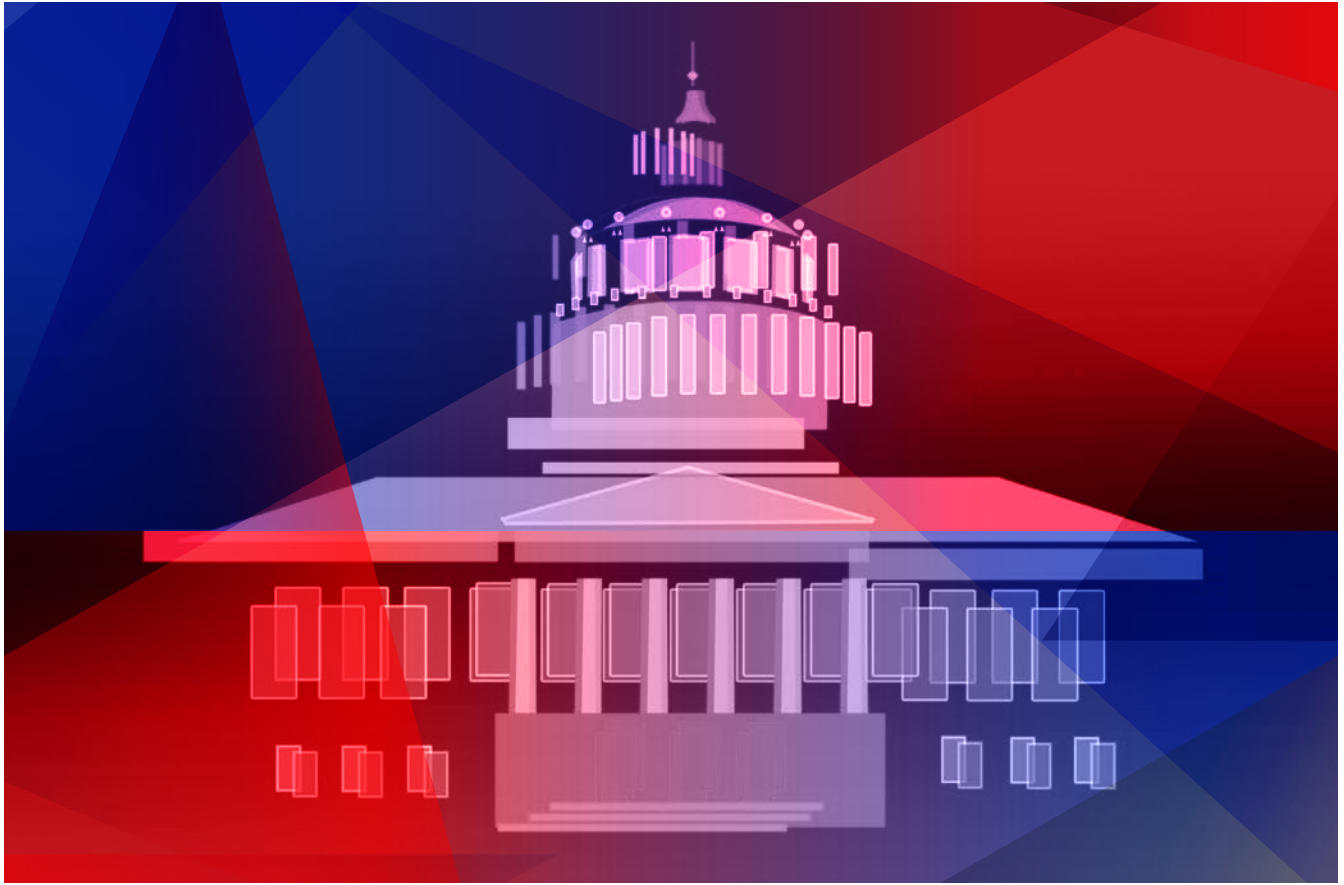
HUMANISTIC TOUCH: A new grant will support initiatives to engage students in research and other activities involving the humanities.

The new grant is the second \$1 million award from the Mellon Foundation to Rochester in the past half-decade. In 2013, the foundation committed that sum to create a fellowship program for graduate students in the humanities to explore new technology.

The foundation has also supported Rochester programs to work with other New York

institutions in expanding the reach of the humanities, as well as to establish the Digital Humanities Institute for Mid-Career Librarians.

And it has awarded Rochester a Public Humanities Fellowship, administered through Humanities New York, to support advanced humanities graduate students in exploring the public application of their scholarly interests.



POLITICAL SCIENCE

Talking Politics in an Age of Division

A professor promotes agreeable disagreement—and says undergraduates have risen to the occasion.

By Karen McCally '02 (PhD)

When Donald Trump won the presidential election last November, David Primo struggled over whether, and how, to discuss the election with his political science students. Emotions were raw. But shouldn't a university be precisely the place to parse through the issues that have generated such stark political divisions?

The emotions elicited by politics are “very genuine,” says Primo, the Ani and Mark Gabrellian Professor and associate professor of political science and business administration. But along with civil society, he adds, comes “the need to separate out emotions and look analytically” at the affairs that divide us.

There's no shortage of forums in American higher education dedicated to discussions about contentious issues. The problem, according to Primo, is that often such forums present a limited spectrum of viewpoints. In turn, they tend to attract

audiences of people who share many of the same assumptions about the issues under examination.

Primo has made freer discussion of controversial political topics something of a personal mission. In 2014, he founded the Politics and Markets Project “to foster education, research, and discussion about the appropriate relationship between business and government in the 21st century.” But the initiative, which receives support from the Paul E. Singer '66 Foundation, serves a second, equally important purpose: to establish a forum in which proponents of diverse viewpoints can share a stage and discuss critical and controversial issues thoughtfully.

Over the past three years, Primo has organized panels of policy experts around such hot-button issues as immigration, financial regulations, health care, and free speech. He's been pleased with the response from students.

“These are really charged issues, and students have risen to the occasion in that

they've asked good questions, they've been courteous, there's been nothing like what we've seen at some other universities,” he says. “I think that's a testament to the fact that if you treat students like adults, if you take them seriously and give them an opportunity to learn, they'll rise to the occasion.”

In April, Primo put together a panel for the project called “The Trump Presidency: Promise or Peril?” He invited a guest each from the liberal Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, the conservative Heritage Foundation, and the libertarian Cato Institute. During an hour-and-a-half discussion moderated by Primo, the guests sparred on occasion, and reached agreement at times, in a wide-ranging conversation touching on trade, immigration, education, economic inequality, and presidential powers. Primo says the purpose of the event, which also included a half-hour period for questions, was “to model for students civil political discourse in the Trump era.”

Students who have worked with Primo

on the project say its format encourages the exploration of ideas. Emily Trapani '14, now a policy analyst at a governmental affairs firm in Washington, D.C., says she found it provided a platform “that’s not directed by one teacher, or one professor, who may disseminate information through their personal lens.” Sharing a stage in a moderated discussion also meant that guests had to “engage in a productive conversation, rather than a shut-down conversation.”

Shalin Nohria '14, now a second-year law student at the University of Virginia, says he found that Politics and Markets Project panels were useful in “getting past the sound bites and into conversations that were more nuanced.”

Notably, those nuanced conversations continue to take place among guests who arrive with well established points of view. There’s a value, Primo says, in listening to experts—including professors—who consider issues through a particular lens.

“There’s this idea that students shouldn’t know anything about our views,” says Primo. “But that sort of treats us like automata. We do have perspectives. And I think it’s useful for students to see how we came to those perspectives, and to see how we evaluate those perspectives.”

In books, journal articles, op-eds, and testimony before the United States Congress, Primo has argued against various forms of regulation and for spending restraint. A consistent theme in his research is the unintended consequences of government regulations in diverse arenas, from transportation to campaign finance.

At a time when the prospect for civil debate on college campuses has become a national issue, there’s renewed appreciation on the River Campus of the need for students across the political spectrum to have their ideas and assumptions challenged. On the day after the Politics and Markets Project panel, Richard Feldman, dean of the College, shared a platform with Primo and guests from Rochester Institute for Technology and the University of Pennsylvania on the current affairs program “Connections,” aired locally on the National Public Radio affiliate, WXXI.

“College campuses should be the home for free speech, investigation of ideas, [and] students should be willing to listen to views that they disagree with and argue back,” Feldman said. In fact, he added in a nod to Primo, there had been an event featuring this kind of exchange just the previous evening. “It was a respectful, intelligent, rational discussion—just the kind of thing we want.”

LITERARY TRANSLATION


Open Letter Novels Win Translated Book Awards

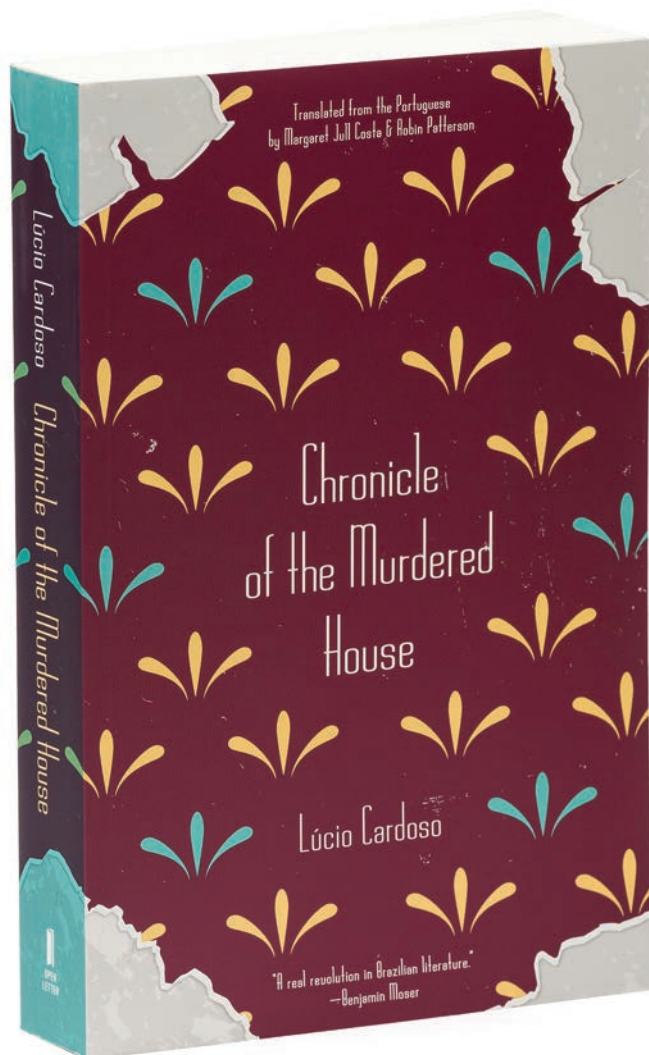
Brazilian novel *Chronicle of the Murdered House*, written by Lúcio Cardoso and translated from the Portuguese by Margaret Jull Costa and Robin Patterson, has earned the 2017 Best Translated Book Award for Fiction.

The book was published by Open Letter, the University’s translation press. The award is the first for Open Letter in the competition founded by Open Letter’s Three Percent online journal to highlight literary excellence from around the world.

In the poetry category, Alejandra Pizarnik’s collection *Extracting the Stone of Madness*, translated from the Spanish

by Yvette Siegert and published by New Directions, won the top award.

And Open Letter’s novel *Bardo or Not Bardo*, by Antoine Volodine and translated from the French by J. T. Mahany '13 (MA), received the inaugural Albertine Prize in May. A reader’s choice award presented by Van Cleef & Arpels and by the Cultural Services of the French Embassy, the prize recognizes American readers’ favorite work of contemporary French fiction. Mahany is a graduate of the University’s program in literary translation, an academic program that works closely with Open Letter. 



WON IN TRANSLATION: The translation of a highly regarded Brazilian novel published by the University’s literary press was selected for the 2017 Best Translated Book Award for Fiction.



FIELD HOUSE: The Fauver field level of the new Genesee Hall will be home to the Boehning Varsity House, featuring facilities for athletics teams.

ATHLETICS & RECREATION

Introducing Boehning Varsity House

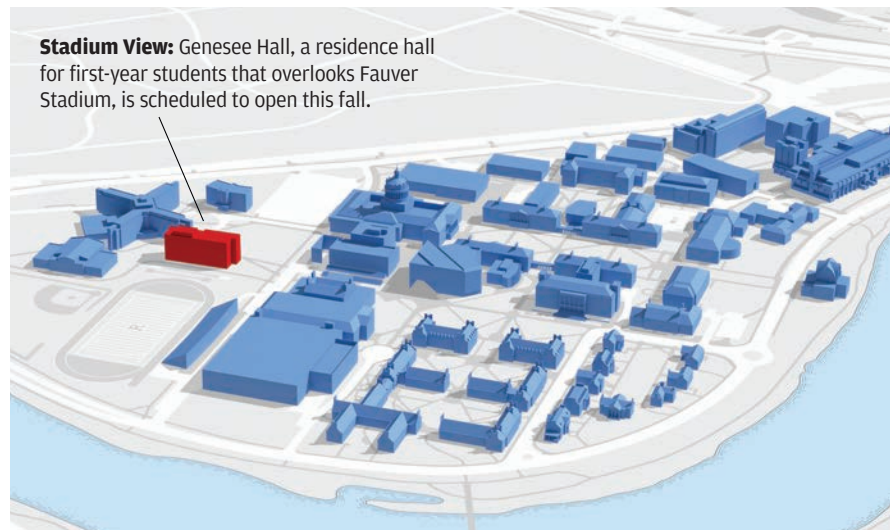
New residence hall will include locker and equipment rooms for outdoor sports teams.

A new facility that includes locker, sports medicine, and equipment rooms for Rochester's outdoor sports teams will be named in recognition of the support of former Yellowjacket soccer standout Christopher Boehning '87, '88 (MS) and his wife, Julie.

The Boehning Varsity House, which will occupy the field level of Genesee Hall, the University's newest residence hall at the south end of Fauver Stadium, will be named in recognition of the couple's support.

The Boehning Varsity House is the latest addition to the Brian F. Prince Athletic Complex, established in 2014 and part of an ongoing effort to improve the University's athletic facilities, which began with a renovation of the Robert B. Goergen Athletic Center in 2000.

A partner at the law firm of Paul Weiss Rifkind Wharton & Garrison LLP in New York City, Boehning chairs both the Athletic Campaign Committee and the Arts, Sciences & Engineering National Council, and is a member of Friends of Rochester




Stadium View: Genesee Hall, a residence hall for first-year students that overlooks Fauver Stadium, is scheduled to open this fall.

Athletics. He and Julie also provide support to Rochester Athletics through the George Eastman Circle, the University's leadership annual giving society.

Genesee Hall is scheduled to be open to

about 150 first-year students when they arrive for the fall 2017 semester.

A dedication ceremony for the Boehning Varsity House is scheduled for Meliora Weekend in October. 

HIGHLIGHTS

Golf, Track Look to NCAAs

Rochester returns to the NCAA Division III golf championships for the first time since 2014 when the Yellowjackets compete in mid-May at Howey-in-the-Hills, Florida.

The Yellowjackets earned the trip to nationals by winning the Liberty League championship at Timber Bank Golf Club near Syracuse at the end of April. Rochester captured the 72-hole event by 11 strokes (team total of 1,233 strokes) over runner-up Skidmore (1,244). The first two rounds were played in September at Timber Banks. Rochester won the fall event by 15 strokes and used that margin to hold off Skidmore in the spring.

This will be Rochester's 23rd appearance as a team. The golf history dates to 1949 in Ames, Iowa. Rochester made 15 consecutive team appearances at the NCAAs from 1982 through 1996 and finished among the top 10 teams eight times, most recently in 1994 in Fayetteville, North Carolina, when the Yellowjackets tied for eighth place out of 23 teams. Rochester's best finish was sixth in 1993 at Torrey Pines near San Diego. Rochester hosted the 1985



NCAA championships at Monroe Golf Club and finished seventh.

Stephen Goodridge '08 and Nick Palladino '14 played in the NCAA championships as individuals. Goodridge won the 2006 NCAA title. Rochester heads into the championships with four golfers averaging below 80. Jack Mulligan '20 averages 75.2 with six top 10 finishes in eight events, four of those in the top five. Jason Paek '18 averages 77.5 with four top 10s. Daniel Luftsprung '17 (78.6) has three top 10s and Jona Scott '17 (78.9) has two. Mulligan was the overall medalist for the Liberty League, shooting a five-over 149 for 36 holes in the fall and a nine-over 153 for 36 holes in the spring.

Forty-two teams and five individuals will converge on the Mission Inn Resort in Florida for the NCAAs. After 36 holes, the field will be trimmed

to 18 teams and six individuals who are not members of an advancing team.

NCAA-bound, Too? The women's outdoor track and field team has individuals ranked in the top 20 in Division III in six events. Kylee Bartlett '19, the defending national champion in the indoor pentathlon, is ranked first in the heptathlon and 14th in the 100-meter hurdles. Anne Peterson '17 is ranked fourth in the 3,000-meter steeplechase. Samantha Kitchen '17 is ninth in the 1,500-meter run and 14th in the 5,000-meter run. Graduate student Catherine Knox '16 is 16th in the 10,000 meters.

The men's track and field team has two individuals in the top 50 in Division III heading into a couple of late-season meets: Brant Crouse '17 (38th in 400 meters, 42nd in 400 hurdles), and Dan Nolte '17 (50th in 10,000 meters).

Spring Shorts: Women's tennis was ranked No. 35 nationally, No. 13 regionally. . . . Men's tennis was ranked No. 18 regionally. . . . Softball finished 21-15 overall, 6-6 in the Liberty League, tied for fourth place. . . . Baseball won five of its last six in the Liberty League and finished in sixth place (9-11). . . . Lacrosse defeated Union, 7-6, on the road to clinch a Liberty League playoff berth and claimed the team's first win in Schenectady since 1989. Rochester finished 9-6. . . . Rowing finished fourth at the Liberty League championships. At the state meet, the Yellowjackets took the first-year students from the first varsity eight and second varsity eight to form a novice eight crew. That boat did well in morning prelims, but heavy winds canceled the grand finals. **R** —DENNIS O'DONNELL



NATIONAL LEAGUE: Liberty League Medalist Jack Mulligan '20 (left) and the golf team and ranked runners Samantha Kitchen '17 (above, right) and Katie Knox '16 (above, background) are among the Yellowjackets headed to NCAA national competitions this spring.