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Wilson Commons Student Activities

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Winterfest Weekend 2009!!

Winterfest Weekend 2009 is packed with events sure to beat the winter blahs and has something for everyone! Events are open to students, faculty, and staff!

On Friday, January 30, have lunch in Danforth between noon and 1:30pm and be part of the Iron Chef Challenge. Emceed by Dean Feldman and Dean Burns, vote for your favorite unique dish, chef and sous chef. Voting will be based on station set up, food quality, taste, customer service, best station, and most creative dish. There will be live entertainment and you can enter the free raffle to win tickets to see comedian B.J. Novak, tickets to hear the editors from the satirical newspaper, *The Onion*, and a Jetblue plane ticket! Cash lunch price is \$7.95 plus tax (cash, credit, or flex.)

On Saturday, Jan 31, is the 6th Annual BSU Step Show Competition "Unity Step Show: Stomp for Change" at 2pm in Strong Auditorium. Tickets are \$5 UR undergrads and \$8 for all others at the Common Market and at the door.

After the step show, walk over to Wilson Commons and experience the 2nd Annual Winter Wonderland, 5-8pm, on Wilson Quad and Wilson Commons. You'll see Wilson Quad in a whole new "light" as it's transformed into a winter wonderland with free hot chocolate, cider, and s'mores on the porch, horse drawn wagon rides along the river, sled dogs, ice skating in The May Room, and a live ice carving demo! Have dinner in Hirst



lounge with a hot dog station, chili bar, bread bowls, tomato basil soup, and beverage for \$7.99 plus tax.

Saturday night Comedian B.J. Novak, from NBC's critically acclaimed sitcom *The Office*, performs at 9pm in Strong Auditorium. Tickets are \$15 at the Common Market in Wilson Commons and online at www.choiceticketing.com/rochester.



Go to <http://www.sa.rochester.edu/sao/ccw/winterfest> for information on all of the weekend's events.



Looking for information on UR student organizations?

Visit Campus Club Connection at www.rochester.edu/living/organizations for officer contacts and organization information!

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Free advertising is available on the plasma screen in Wilson Commons!

Send your powerpoint slides to urtvinfo@gmail.com.

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Have questions, comments, or suggestions regarding this newsletter?

Please contact Laura Ballou at x5-2332 or laura.ballou@rochester.edu

Wilson Commons Student Activities Invites You To Attend

Our Signature Programs!



Wilson Commons Wednesdays

February 11—Feel Fabulous in February

March 18—Tastes of India

April 8—Blues and BBQ

Wilson Commons Wednesdays is a monthly themed celebration in the Hirst lounge of Wilson Commons for students, faculty, and staff. This lunch-time event (11:30am-1:30pm) includes a freshly prepared lunch, live music, and giveaways from local Rochester businesses. Lunch can be purchased on site for \$8. We can also accept a blue req as payment!

Club Rochester

February 13

March 20

April 17

Club Rochester is a monthly happy hour held on campus at The Meliora for faculty, staff, and students on select Friday afternoons. Come join us from 4-6pm in Salon D for free appetizers and low cost alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages.

Wake Up In Wilson

January 28

February 25

March 25



Come join us for our newest program, Wake Up in Wilson, for beverages, books and breakfast...On the last Wednesday of the month, stop by the Hirst Lounge in Wilson Commons between 8:30 and 10:30am for a specially priced breakfast beverage and treat—only \$2! While there you can browse through themed book selections and best sellers available for purchase at a discounted price. Start your morning in our relaxing atrium socializing with friends and colleagues or catching up on the latest read.

Bring back your mug from a previous month's event and be entered into a raffle for gift certificates, event tickets, and T-shirts. Please support our sustainability efforts!

Sponsored by Wilson Commons Student Activities, Dining Services, and River Campus Bookstore.



UR NIGHT AT AMERKS HOCKEY!

Rochester Americans vs. Hershey Bears

Friday, February 20 - Game at 7:35pm

Join Rochester alumni, families, students, and friends as the Yellowjackets "swarm" Blue Cross Arena for some exciting hockey action! The evening includes the national anthem sung by a University cappella group, ceremonial puck drop, intermission musical chairs and broom ball, and great seats to cheer on the Rochester Amerks. Don't forget to wear your Rochester blue and yellow! Tickets are \$5 per person and will be available at the Common Market in Wilson Commons at the beginning of February.

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 23	Martin Luther King Commemorative Address featuring Nikki Giovanni and Pack the Palestra for Basketball
January 28	Wake Up In Wilson <i>UR Unplugged</i>
Jan 30-Feb 1	Winterfest Weekend featuring Comedian B.J. Novak, Winter Wonderland, Fusion, Step Show, Movies, Laser Tag, Food Challenge, Giveaways, and more!
Feb 1-6	Spirit Week Events including Basketball games, Spirit Dinner, and Giveaways!
February 7	China Nite
February 11	Wilson Commons Wednesday <i>Feel Fabulous in February & Etiquette Dinner</i>
February 12	Editors from <i>The Onion</i> come to campus
February 13	Club Rochester
February 14	Yellowjackets Harmony for Hope Benefit Conert and Pack the Palestra for Squash
February 20	UR Night at Amerks Hockey Game
February 25	Wake Up In Wilson <i>Active Minds Feel Fabulous in February</i>
February 27	Vagina Monologues
March 18	Wilson Commons Wednesday <i>Tastes of India</i>
March 20	Club Rochester
March 21	Korea Night
March 25	Wake Up In Wilson
March 27	Radiance Dance Show, ArtAwake, & Fill Fauver for Women's Lacrosse
March 28	Strong Jugglers' show and Fill Fauver for Tennis
April 3	Relay for Life
April 4	Mela and After Hours show
April 6 -8	SA Elections
April 8	Wilson Commons Wednesday <i>BBQ & Blues</i>
April 10	Drag Show, Off Broadway On Campus show, and Fill Fauver for Softball
April 11	Midnight Ramblers Concert and Fill Fauver for Track and Baseball
April 17 – 19	Spring Showtime Weekend featuring Club Rochester, D'Motions, Earth Day, & Vocal Point
April 24	Ballet Performance Group show and Undergraduate Research Exhibition
May 9 - 16	Senior Week
May 17	Commencement



For more information visit the
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New Looks in Wilson Commons

There are have been some changes to Wilson Commons that we hope will benefit clients and events in the building.

First, there are now building directories on every floor to assist in locating office spaces and conference rooms.



In the May Room, there is new lighting that allows for more flexibility in creating different moods for programs and events.

Outside the May Room, in the Bridge Lounge, due to the 2008 Class Gift, there will be new furniture arriving in February. This will allow for more options in creating reception areas outside of the May Room.



In the Hirst Lounge, new lighting has been installed that creates more options for programming and the old "lollipop"

lights have been removed to allow for more open space and less obstacles for event planning. In addition, due to the 2007 Class Gift, there is currently a project underway to install a set of clocks on the wall that represent the different time zones in which many of our students study abroad.



We hope that these changes will make Wilson Commons an easier and more enjoyable location for programs and events!

The Onion

Thursday, Feb 12, 2009: Campus Activities Board speaker series presents "A Hundred Years of Headlines: American History According to *The Onion*", 8pm Strong Auditorium. *The Onion* is a satirical weekly newspaper distributed in cities throughout the country and their editors and staff writers will be on campus! *The New Yorker* dubbed the publication "arguable the most popular humor periodical in world history" per its weekly readership of more than three million people. Faculty, Staff, Grad, and General Public tickets available January 19 and are \$10 at the Common Market in Wilson Commons or online at www.choiceticketing.com/rochester. For more information contact the Common Connection at x55911. www.theonion.com



Good News and Congratulations!

In the spring of 2008 the University of Rochester's College Bowl team won the National College Bowl Tournament in St. Paul, Minn. The five members of the team are Rebekah Greene, captain and graduate student; William Finan, a mechanical engineering major; Eric Keihl, a history major; Laura Nemeth, a biochemistry major; and Benjamin Seitelman, a political science major. After the teams amazing victory they were shortly scouted by Who Wants to be a Millionaire to become the next "Expert Lifeline" for their contestants. In the fall, Millionaire scheduled two tapings with Will, Eric, Laura, Ben, and their host Meredith Vieira. The questions were tough but the team pulled through helping 8 contestants advance to bigger money. The first series of shows featuring University of Rochester students will be airing the week of January 26th through the 30th.

Singer Ben Folds selected the Midnight Ramblers from more that 200 groups that auditioned to perform one of 18 tracks on a CD of a cappella groups he is producing. Folds came to campus to record the Ramblers singing "Army" from a 1999 album.



The Association of College Unions International (ACUI) has awarded several honors to University of Rochester students and programs.

Eric Weissmann and Kirstin Barry received the ACUI Region 2 Duncan MacLellan Outstanding Student Award for their involvement in the region and for their outstanding demonstration of the Role of the College Union through their work on campus. Both Eric and Kirstin are members of the Regional Conference Planning Team when Region 2's conference will be hosted in Rochester in the fall of 2009.



Association of College Unions International

On the international level, the University of Rochester's City Cycles program received the ACUI 2008 Outstanding Student Driven Program of the Year Award.



Flowers... Chocolates... and New Hair Styles!

Wednesdays and Fridays in the months of January and February:

Highlight and Hair Cut for Women, usually \$70, down to \$50
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