

Renaissance







Renaissance Yearbook 2003



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And the Story Continues...



As students moved back "down the line" and on to campus from the summer staff break, the toiled to compile a collection of memories worthy enough to represent everything that seniors had done and accomplished throughout their time spent at URI. The year started out on the same exciting note as the previous years with the hustle of trying to find classes in new buildings and figuring out how to pay for the ever so expensive books required for classes















More Memories to Come....

Not to the delight of most students the new parking passes came with a \$100 or \$175 price tag to commuters and residents (respectively). Freshmen were banished to the Mayfield Lot while Fine Arts was commuter only, and Flagg Road mainly residents. The spring semester brought about the split of Fine Arts, with faculty and commuters sharing a third of the lot. Mayfield mud pit was closed, sending freshmen to the other two-thirds of the Fine Arts Lot. Green Hall finally reopened after extensive interior remodeling. Construction continued on Ballentine Hall leaving the College of Arts and Sciences to fend for themselves in Chaffee for a bit longer. Midnight Madness was canceled. President Carothers' contract was renewed for another three years. The Ryan Center brought large crowds to Men's and Women's Basketball as well as other events.

In world events, the year was filled with sorrow. On February 1, the space shuttle Columbia disintegrated minutes before its return landing, killing all seven aboard. On, February 20, a fire in the Station nightclub in Warwick, killed 100 people and left many more injured. The US declared war on Iraq on March 19, and the war on terrorism continued on the homefront. But through it all, the American spirit prevailed; we moved on with our lives and learned to make the most of each day. On a happier note, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers won the Super Bowl. Elizabeth Smart, a kidnapping victim was found and returned to her family, alive. In April construction on the new I-195 started closing the last exit of I-195 West into Downcity Providence. The "Big Dig" in Boston finished the North bound lanes of Rt. 93. Rhode Island got new licences and the new Mr. Potato Head licence plates were revealed. Through the snow that fell until mid-April, URI proved to be a patriotic place.

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