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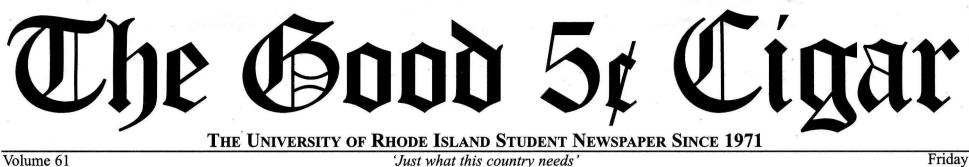
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# Diversity Week's cultural show features talented student performers

#### **BY KIMBERLY DELANDE** Contributing News Reporter

The University of Rhode Island hosted its second show, annual cultural Continental Pulse, last night as part of this year's Diversity Week. Put together by Classy Leaders Achieving Student Services (C.L.A.S.S.), the show aimed to bring awareness of new cultures by showcasing the different dance styles from around the world.

The show opened with dancers from the Native American Student Organization, dressed in traditional clothing and dancing to tribal music. Other styles of dancing, like belly dancing and aboriginal folk tale dancing, were performed in the show as well. URI senior Yung Cam rapped on stage, performing original raps named "Paper Planes" and "Out of My Mind."

There were a few dance groups dancing at the cultural show as well. One group, eXposure set themselves

by including quick skits during their dance. Another group performed Brazilian capoeira, a mixture of martial dance. Alima arts and Dance International Association also made an appearance at the event, executing a modern African dance.

During intermissions, while the dancers were preparing for their parts, a small clip would be shown on the overhead.

This clip displayed a dancer from the cultural show answering a phone and talking to someone while in a different part of the world. The person would then hang up the phone and notice a duffel bag sitting next to them.

The clip would cut off right before the person opened the bag, leaving the audience wondering what was inside.

Near the end of the show, someone finally opened the bag on screen, revealing a

apart from the other dancers small globe of the world. The intermissions clips were meant to represent how everyone is connected, despite the distance everyone may be from one other.

> At the end of the show, four students, sang a rendition of Michael Jackson's "We Are the World."

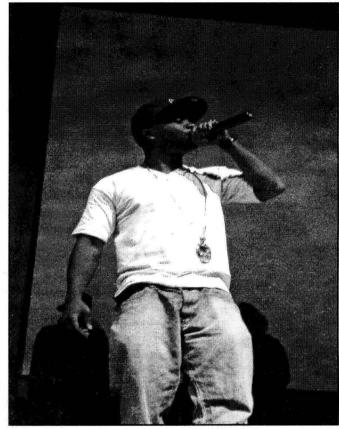
> To close the evening, the dancers perform during the show made a final reappearance on stage and held hands while others threw small, rubbery globes into the audience.

> Geraldine Smith, a freshman psychology major, felt that the show was well puttogether, and helped showcase the diverse cultures of students at URI.

> "Before I watched this show, I had never heard of Brazillian capoeira," she said. "It was really interesting. I've never seen anything like it."

Devinne Rivard, president of C.L.A.S.S., believed the show went well. Rivard

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Lauren Gingerella

October 7, 2011

Edwards Auditorium hosted "Continental Pulse: The Cultural Show" last night, which had a variety of performances by students, including dancing and rapping.

# Study reveals university liquid assets, money to be allocated

BY HILLARY BRADY AND **BROOKE CONSTANCE WHITE** Editor-in-Chief and News Reporter

The University of Rhode Island chapter of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) recently released results of a study conducted last spring that analyzed the university's financial statements from 2004-2009-claiming that the university has nearly \$48.9 million in liquid asset use at its disposal.

The report, conducted by Wright University professor Rudy Fichtenbaum, was comty, but there has been a steady increase in tuition that students are required to pay, both instate students and out-ofstate students," Annuziato said. "So we wanted to know how these two variables were playing out against each other and whether or not there was reason to believe the university was in financial trouble."

Fichtenbaum, who has been commissioned for similar work at multiple universities nationwide, based his reports on audits issued by the university at the end of every fiscal year, Annuziato said.

is in a relatively fine financial situation, it's reserves, the amount of money it has for crises, has increased over the years."

Fichtenbaum's report, a more than 40 page document available for review on the URI AAUP website, concludes by saying "While it may be the case that the State of Rhode Island is in a fiscal crisis, there is no financial crisis at the University of Rhode Island." The report further cites that though state appropriations dropped 32 percent from 2007 to 2010, URI has improved its financial condition and created a surplus fund of liquid assets-assets that are not earmarked for a specific purpose, Annuziato explained. The report claims that this surplus is a result of student tuition, which could potentially be raised again as of next year, said Special Assistant to

# Polo match comes to URI, student recruits for club

**BY GUS CANTWELL** News Reporter

The University of Rhode Island will host an official United States Polo Association match next September and plan to form a club in time to participate.

This will be the first time Rhode Island hosts an official U.S. polo match since 1911, and the event will take place on the field next to Plains Providence-based Road. Cavison Polo, a polo company, is collaborating with the university to help plan the match. Freshman Brendan Murphy hopes the new s of the September match will spark student interest in forming a polo club on campus. Murphy, who works as a model for the Kiel James Patrick company (sponsor for September's polo match), said he is currently looking

for interested people, and will eventually like to be recognized as an official club by the Student Senate. He said money will then be allocated to the club for equipment and training.

Murphy said he plans on forming the club prior to the match, in hopes to participate.

URI alum and Cavison Polo President Steven Courville said he is excited about bringing the event to campus.

He is excited about stu-

missioned by the AAUP in an attempt to see the financial status of the university, as tuition increases and state funding drops, Executive Director Frank Annuziato said.

"We noticed that over the last maybe 20 years, two things have been going on: There has been a decrease in state funding for the universi-

What Fichtenbaum essentially found out was that even though there has been a drastic decrease in state support for the University of Rhode Island, there has been even more dramatic an increase in student tuition," Annuziato said. "The increase in student tuition has more than offset the decrease in state support. The university

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dents getting involved with the preparation of the match next September. He said URI students like Murphy will work on every aspect of the event, from grass and event management to public relations and marketing.

Courville hopes to have

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Enjoy the three-day weekend!

Check out how audiences are reacting to the new '50-50' movie!

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# Polo

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4,000 attendees at the match. There will be a nominal entrance fee, with the money going toward the URI Scholarship Foundation. Courville stressed that security will be present to promote proper etiquette during the match.

With a black-tie event being planned after the match, Courville, added that the polo match will be about the experience more than just the game itself.

Sarah Vickers, who works with Patrick, said that playing the sport is not necessary to appreciate it.

"It's a beautiful experience," she said. "It's very traditional.".

Courville said the first U.S. Polo match was played in Newport. Today, the sport is played at dozens of universities, the closest to URI being the University of Connecticut.

Courville said that 88 countries partake in the sport today, with Argentina being hailed as the best Polo country in the world.

He then explained the basics of the game. Each match consists of two fourplayer teams. Played on horses referred to as "polo ponies," the goal of the game is to hit a ball through an eight-yard wide goal post at Standard matches are broken into six periods, each seven minutes long, known as "chukkers." Since the horses get tired quickly during play, it is common for some players to bring as many as six or eight horses for each game.

either end of the field.

Game play is continuous, much like soccer. The game is only stopped in cases of broken equipment, penalties or injuries.

Despite the speed and intensity of the game, Courville said, "[injuries are] not as common as you think."

One quirk of the game is that all players must hit from the right side of the horse. This, Courville said, is for safety purposes.

"People who are lefthanded have to learn how to play right [handed]," Patrick explained.

Another interesting aspect of the sport is "divot stamping." Courville explained that this occurs during the 10-minute halftime between the third and fourth chukkers. Spectators are allowed to walk on the 300 by 160 yard field and socialize, helping to flatten the ground that was torn up by the horses during game play.

Courville said Polo fields are the largest used in professional sports, nine times larger than a football field. Assets

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the Commissioner of the Board of Governors for Higher Education Mike Trainor.

The proposed tuition increase, which would potentially take place next September, is set to be voted on by the Board of Governors for Higher Education on Nov. 1.

For the fiscal year of 2012, URI has requested a total budget of \$351.8 million, \$57.8 million of which would come from state appropriations, \$256 million of which would come from tuition revenue and \$22.8 million of which would come from other sources, such as research, grants and donations, Trainor said.

The requested tuition increase for instate undergraduate students is 9.8 percent, while the increase for out-of-state students is 2 percent.

"The university is supported overwhelmingly by student tuition, not by the state," Annuziato said.

While the AAUP report contends that these funds are available for other uses—primarily for determining if URI could support faculty salary increases, which Fichtenbaum was commissioned to investigate—Vice President of Administration and Finance Robert Weygand says that this financial breakdown is different than the report suggests.

Weygand explained that the universities' unrestricted net assets from fiscal year 2010 (\$48.9 million) sit in different funds throughout the school such as parking services, the bookstore, dining services, the Ryan Center, health services, along with many others. He went on to explain that the money that sits in each fund is the money that those places made in revenue throughout the year. It's money that can be spent at anytime on whatever is needed for those certain departments, Weygand said.

"Each department's spending goes through the strategic budget and planning committee and then is recommended to the President," Weygand said.

If a department doesn't use all of the money allocated for a certain fiscal year, it can roll over into the next year, he added.

"The amount of money that each fund will have fluctuates throughout the year as money goes back in and then back out; it's like a checkbook in a way," Weygand said. "The figure \$48.9 million is simply the figure that our unrestricted net assets were at on the last day of the 2010 fiscal year; it was a snapshot of that one day and likely changes everyday." bookstore buys more URI attire to sell, their unrestricted net assets go down, but after students begin purchasing from the store, it goes up as revenue flows back into it, Weygand used as an example.

"Some of the money that is in the residential life unrestricted net assets fund will go towards building the new dormitory so that way they won't need as much funding from elsewhere," Weygand said.

Annuziato, however, believes the university has the money to support an increase in salary for professors, after years of receiving wage freezes or increases that do not support an increased cost of living, he said.

"You can tell that, when you see all the changes the university has made, they've spent a lot of money on landscaping, renovating building and building new dorms," Annuzaito said. "We don't dispute the need to keep our campus up to date, but there's more than enough money to do that and also provide decent and reasonable pay."

"You can tell there's money here and they should be grateful for students for providing the money and to the faculty for providing the things students need," Annuzaito added. "Students need to understand that they are the economic motor running this university. It's important [students] recognize the power in that."

When places such as the

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## Culture

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and C.L.A.S.S. worked throughout the summer organizing the dancers, finetuning their choreography, and contacting presidents of organizations at URI to be in their intermission skits.

"It was stressful, but it was a success," Rivard said.

poem she produced entitled "Public Service Announcement," in slam poetry fashion. The last lines of her poem

were what she named the show, Continental Pulse, named after: "Maybe it's a world that can only be dreamt of," Rivard said. "A world built upon one community, one world, one pulse."



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"We had a great turn out. The performances went well, and the performers really brought their own cultures to the stage. Overall, I think we did our job well."

While putting the show together was a lot of work, Rivard felt all of the effort C.L.A.S.S. put into organizing the event was well worth it. "C.L.A.S.S. is something that I'm passionate about. Everything we do, we do to bring cultural awareness to the community" Rivard said. "This show is what we represent as an organization."

Rivard herself performed in the event by reciting a

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Gordon-Levitt's role in new movie `50-50'

touches viewers, brings laughs to big screen

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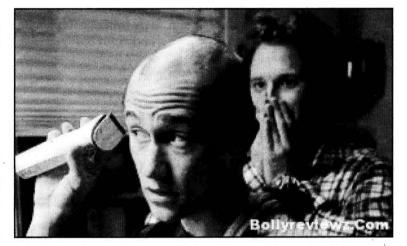
Time and time again, Joseph Gordon-Levitt has proven to be one of the best and most reliable actors of his generation.

After getting his big break on the TV show "3rd Rock from the Sun," Gordon-Levitt steadily began taking supporting roles in movies before taking lead roles in acclaimed independent movies such as "Brick," "The Lookout" and "(500) Days of Summer."

Despite not having much of a role in "Inception," it nonetheless gained him greater exposure to an audience who may not have been aware of him before. Now he's back in the lead for his new movie, "50/50," which has both the low-key honesty of his independent work and enough appeal for mainstream audiences too.

Plot Synopsis: Adam is a rather normal, unassuming writer for a radio station. He doesn't drink, doesn't smoke and his girlfriend Rachel lives with him. He's been having back problems recently, but doesn't think much of it.s. until the doctor reveals that he has a rare form of cancer. The doctor says Adam has a 50 percent chance to live, even with treatment and chemotherapy. While he is pretty down about the reveal, his best friend Kyle thinks he should live it up and have fun in what could be his last days. over-the-top gags to extract laughs from the audience, but rather the kind that flows naturally from each character's quirks and actions. Adam's per-

Cancer is no laughing matter. In fact it can be a really depressing subject, and it would seem to be pretty difficult to mine comedy out of the premise. However, "50/50" juggles its shifting tones with great over-the-top gags to extract laughs from the audience, but rather the kind that flows naturally from each character's quirks and actions. Adam's perplexed reactions to his friend's comments are priceless, and Rogen's funniest line in the film nary one curse word. That's not to say that Will Reiser's script doesn't have some great raunchy moments. It's just nice



Jospeh Gordon-Levitt shaves his head in new hit movie '50-50.'

ease. Adam and Kyle are two completely different kinds of people, and Kyle is the backbone of most of the comedy here. Without him, Adam would have no motivation to do anything and the movie could have ended up being the depressing bore I mentioned earlier.

The humor in "50/50" isn't the kind that uses obvious,

to see that toned down for a movie that doesn't need most of that stuff to be funny.

Rogen's usual acting persona hasn't really been stretched here (Kyle is very similar to most other Rogen characters), however there is a genuine feeling and bond that he has for Adam and his wellbeing, even when using him to pick up girls. At first, we question whether Kyle is working in Adam's best interests, until he comes around in the end like a true friend.

While his understated acting style could not be more contrary to Rogen's brash motor mouth, Joseph Gordon-Levitt even steals many of the movies funniest moments. Because Gordon-Levitt plays the character as calm and reserved, this makes his more emotional cracks hit that much harder. For those who get teary-eyed at movies, it will be hard for them not to feel for Adam's plight and may cry by the end.

"50/50" is not solely a twoman show though; every actor gets his or her moments to shine, too. Anjelica Huston, who plays Adam's mother Diane, seems overbearing at first, until you realize the difficult position she is in. It also could have been easy for Bryce Dallas Howard to play Rachel as unlikable from the start, but she seems fine at first so we understand at least why Adam would want to be with her.

Reiser, a friend of Rogen's, reportedly based his script off of his own personal experience with cancer, which would explain the film's sense of authenticity. Many of the greatest movies come from people who draw from themselves in order to formulate their stories, rather than artificial contrivance. It's that personal touch that vibrates through "50/50" and gives it the edge over most of the other September film releases (except maybe "Warrior" and "Drive," but that's just me). Don't let the subject matter fool or turn you off; "50/50" is a warmhearted movie that will make you laugh and feel good by the end.



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# SPORTS Rhody



**BY JOE HOLLENBECK** Sports Staff Reporter

In the 2007 NFL offseason, the New England Patriots acquired two new receivers in an attempt to create the best passing offense in the league. These two deals helped the Patriots accomplish a 16-0 season.

The first deal made was for future hall of famer Randy Moss, who was traded from Oakland for a fourth round pick. This move generated a lot of buzz and hype, unusual for the Patriots because they normally prefer to stay under the radar.

Many people said the move was the biggest steal in recent NFL history , considering the fact that Moss was traded for a fourth round pick. That season Moss went on to set the NFL record for single season touchdowns with 23. Despite those numbers I still say Moss was not the biggest steal of this century, but rather his 5'9, 185 pound teammate, Wes Welker.

Welker was also picked up in 2007 from the Miami Dolphins after he consistently picked the Patriots secondary apart twice every season. Patriots head coach Bill Belichick has always had an eye for scouting underrated players and Welker was no exception to that.

Since Welker became a Patriot he has caught 472 passes for almost 5,000 yards and 27 touchdowns. He played a big role in the 2007 16-0 regular season record. Even though all the stats are impressive, it's what doesn't show up on the stat sheets that make him one of the best receivers of this era.

Welker is a matchup nightmare for defenses throughout the league. He usually lines up in the slot, and draws coverage from linebackers. In some cases, teams use their top cornerbacks in order to cover Welker. That leaves openings for the other Patriots receivers. Without Welker, Randy Moss would definitely not bee able to catch all of those touchdown passes. The two of them complimented each other perfectly.

Perhaps Welker's best quality is his ability to pile up yards after the catch. He uses his small stature to weave around defenders. He is arguably the toughest player to tackle in the league, even though he is one of the smallest.

The other trait that separates Welker from the rest is his toughness. Welker tore his MCL in week 17 of the 2009 regular season and against all odds, was back on the field by week one of the 2010 season. Most players would not be able to recover that quickly. Not only did he make it back on the field for last season, he finished the year with 86 receptions for 886 yards and seven touchdowns; better than average receiving numbers.

While Moss and other big name Patriot receivers have come and gone, Welker remains an offensive cornerstone for the team. His relationship with quarterback Tom Brady is easily one of the best in the league, especially this season.

Through four games this year Welker has 40 receptions for 616 yards and five touchdowns. He is on track to break all career records and possibly some NFL records. He is Brady's number one target and despite any opposing team's plan to stop him, he always catches about 10 passes a game.

He has become one of the emotional leaders for this team and had more of an impact than any other receiver has in the league except maybe for Calvin Johnson for the Detroit Lions.

And what did the Patriots give up for this future hall of famer? -A second and seventh round pick in the 2008 draft. Based on that, I would consider Welker quite the steal.

# Women's tennis continues undefeated (7-0) record

**BY JOE ROBERTO** Sports Staff Reporter

The University of Rhode Island women's tennis team traveled to New London, Conn. to face Connecticut College last Wednesday and won 7-0 in their afternoon matchup.

The Rams are currently 2-0 on the 2011 season.

"We are constantly trying to work on things," head coach Val Villucci said. "We need to work on the mental part of the game, and get mentally stronger."

URI recorded straight-set wins at all six singles positions.

Senior Pam Emery quickly defeated her opponent Jen Herbert, winning both sets 6-0. Meanwhile, the Leikem twins, seniors Kirsten and Tristany, also dominated their opponents.

Kirsten won her match 6-0 in both sets. Tristany followed in her footsteps, passing senior Brittany Badik 6-0 in the first set and 6-2 in the second.

Freshman Kathleen Uy and Karolina Wojciak, along with senior Michelle Dussol, were all victorious in their single matches. All three defeated their competitor's 6-1 in the first sets.

While sweeping in all of their single sets, the Rams continued the winning trend in their three doubles matches.

In the first doubles match, Emery with Uy smoothly defeated partners Herbert and freshman Maria Pia Sifuentes 8-1. The Leikem sisters handled the second round of doubles, quickly passing Badik and junior Brittney Cangemi 8-1. Dussol playing with Wojciak in the final round of doubles also defeated their opponents without difficulty, 8-1.

The Rams will be back in action this Saturday when they take on Fordham University this Saturday, October 8 for a 1:00 p.m. match at the URI Tennis Complex.

"We definitely need to be at our best against Fordham," Villucci said. "They are a very strong, athletic team. We need to put pressure on them and be able to finish."

Villucci added, "this will be a great test for us."

Rhody takes the court the very next day for a morning matchup against Monmouth University. They begin at 10:00 a.m.

Fordham is currently 2-0 on the season. They have defeated Manhattan College 7-0 and passed New Jersey Institute of Technology last Tuesday 5-2.

Last season, the URI Rams defeated the Fordham Rams in a close 4-3 match. So the intensity will be high for the afternoon matchup.

Monmouth University is currently struggling this season, posting a 0-4 record. They are coming off a 6-1 defeat against Rider University.

The Rams also defeated MU in the 2010-2011 season, winning 6-1.

# Football team prepares for Old Dominion

#### **BY MIKE ABELSON** Sports Staff Reporter

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Coming off a deflating loss against an opponent they know so well in Brown University, the URI football team will be taking on a team for the first time in its history tomorrow.

The Old Dominion University Monarchs, the newest member of the Colonial Athletic Association, visit Meade Stadium for a 1 p.m. kickoff.

Rhody head coach Joe Trainer isn't worried about the lack of familiarity with Sports Network poll and are coming off a 15-point win against the University of Massachusetts.

The Old Dominion offense has been terrific so far this season, averaging 38.2 points a game. Redshirt senior quarterback Thomas DeMarco and sophomore running back Colby Goodwyn are the centerpieces of the Monarch attack.

DeMarco has connected on 62.7 percent of his 157 passes so far this season for 1,034 yards and seven touchdowns.

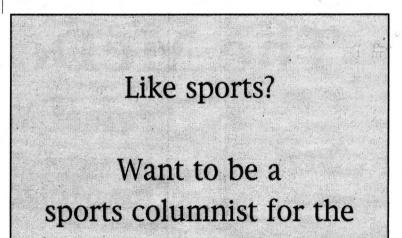
downs.

back on track, and playing in the friendly confines of Meade Stadium should help make that happen. The Rams are 5-1 in its last six games at home, and the lone loss came after an incorrect no-touchdown call.

Even with the home field, the Rams have to stay away from their biggest bugaboo of the season, turnovers.

The Rams are minus-5 in the turnover department this season.

"We're not going to beat anyone turning the ball over five times," Trainer said. "That's going to be an indicator of our success."



the Monarchs.

"We never played Syracuse before [this year]," Trainer said. "There is newness in everything you do, but I'm not worried about a lack of familiarity. We got the same amount of film on them as any other opponent. We're not worried."

The Monarchs come in ranked No. 21 in the FCS

Goodwyn has rushed for 356 yards on 71 touches. He averages five yards a carry.

Trainer talked about the team's preparation for Saturday's game.

"We've got to keep battling," Trainer said. "We had a great week of practice. If we're going to beat Old Dominion we have to beat them every day of the week." Rhody is hoping to get The game begins the bulk of conference play for the Rams, but it doesn't get any easier. All of Rhody's seven remaining opponents are ranked in the most recent Sports Network poll.

"We're just worried about Old Dominion and getting a win," Trainer said.

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