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Baseball team steals 11 bases, picks up shut out at home over UMass-Lowell

BY JACOB MARROCCO
Sports Staff Reporter

The University of Rhode Island baseball team defeated the Division II University of Massachusetts - Lowell River Hawks, 10-0, at Bill Beck Field yesterday afternoon.

The Rams improved their record to 10-12. The team was able to use power and agility to its advantage, racking up 16 hits and stealing 11 bases.

Rhode Island jumped ahead in the bottom of the third inning after an RBI infield single from sophomore shortstop Tim Caputo drove in junior centerfielder Jeff Roy. The Rams added on another run in the bottom of the fourth when redshirt senior second baseman Pat Fortunato scored on a throw-

Mantle was able to keep the River Hawks off the scoreboard, yielding only two hits en route to picking up his second win on the season. Mantle went six innings with three strikeouts and no walks, and lowered his ERA to 5.28.

"I was happy with the pitchers," Foster said. "It was good to get Mantle, Doonan and Bowditch some work. We're trying to come together as a team as much as we can before conference play starts. I was telling the guys we couldn't be more prepared than we are."

Rhode Island secured its victory in the seventh inning after Fortunato scored on a fielder's choice and Caputo grabbed his second RBI of the afternoon on a single that plated freshman pinch hitter Ryan Olmo. Foreman scored

LGBTIQQ Symposium speaker discusses memoir, gay rights

BY ALLISON FARRELLY
News Reporter

On Thursday, prominent writer and lesbian Barrie Jean Borich presented a reading of her new memoir, *Body Geographic*, in the Harge Forum of the Multicultural Center, hosted by the gender and women's studies department.

Borich's visit both promoted her new memoir and was the final event of the opening day of the University of Rhode Island's 19th annual Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Intersex Queer and Questioning (LGBTIQQ) Symposium this year entitled *Pioneers of Pride*.

The reading was well attended and opened to a Q&A where Borich answered URI students and faculty

questions on everything from stylistic choices in her non-linear memoir to what it is to be a lesbian today as opposed to 15 years ago.

Borich's presentation was a well-chosen one to launch this year's LGBTIQQ symposium. Both her novel and her speech offered undertones of both gay activism and pride with comments on what an exciting time it is for gay rights today.

Borich's novel follows her life geographically, linking her physical location to emotions and events including her relationship with her partner Linnea Stenson. In her novel, Borich addresses issues such as rape, love, and sexuality. At a time when marriage equality is being discussed by the Supreme Court, Borich's reading and

words of wisdom resonated with students at the university.

"I thought Borich's book reading and talk was very powerful," freshman Sarah Smith said. "As a heterosexual supporter of marriage equality it was really interesting to gain perspective into the mind of a gay rights activist and lesbian."

Borich, who holds an MFA from the Rainier Writers Workshop at Pacific Lutheran University is known for other works such as *My Lesbian Husband* and various essays and poems.

The author currently splits her time between Chicago and Minneapolis and teaches creative writing in the English Department at Chicago's DePaul University.

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