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w paintings by URI professor exhibited at Main Gallery

ERYN BARRALL - Reporter

An exhibit by the University of Rhode Island's Bob Dilworth, entitled "Revisited and Restored," is running through March 10 at the URI Main Gallery. This exhibit marks the 28th time that this group of paintings is being shown. All of the paintings are representative of artists' friends and family, and are themed around memory and journey.

According to Dilworth, these paintings represent, in some ways, memory, time and space.

"It has to do with personalities; the journey of personalities, personality changes," he said. "The idea, too, is to create this layering of personalities. They're kind of the same personality layered over another." 

Having an intimate and personal connection to your work is important in Dilworth's opinion.

"I really have to feel some kind of strong kinship with that person or that personality," he said. "There's got to be a sense of intimacy, a sense of knowing the person."

For instance, his painting 'Venus' depicts a friend who he has known for many years.

"It really comes from not just knowing her, but really being very close to her," he said. "What do I want to sand? What do I want to add?"

Dilworth brings in many different elements, such as rhinestones and fabric. He cuts materials up and glues them onto the canvas. For example, he includes flowers..."
New student group talks issues about race, gender

BY LINDSAY ROSS
Copy Editor

SHADES is a fairly new group on campus that provides a forum for discussing issues related to race, ethnicity, gender and sexuality. SHADES stands for Students Honoring, Advocating and Delivering Ethnic Self-Worth. Members of this group meet weekly to discuss topics surrounding race and gender.

SHADES is the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Center's diversity program. Discussion topics often include race and sexuality. Recent discussions included topics such as stereotypes and offensive jokes and words and offer ways to reclaim them. Discussion topics often relate to upcoming holidays as well.

While each meeting features a discussion group co-leader Marque! Wright tries to include fun and mature activities for members to enjoy as well.

“We try to make it fun and interactive,” Wright said. “It is a group that you can be relaxed and have a good time.”

The group is open to everyone and welcomes new members to participate in the discussion and activities each Monday at 6 p.m. Wright hopes to increase the group’s membership and create a greater discussion each week.

“I would like a lot of different groups joining the discussion because I can see that making a really nice discussion,” Wright said.

Seeker’s meditation club provides calm sounds with gong bath, meditations

BY CONOR FAGAN
Contributing News Reporter

The Gong Bath and Guided Meditation seminar held by the Seeker’s Meditation Club provided a serene atmosphere with calming sounds provided by a gong bath.

Other musicians joined Doyle at the front of the room, playing guitar, chimes and other assorted percussions intermittently. The primary choral piece was performed by 6 p.m. and Doyle and other musicians joined Doyle at the front of the room, playing guitar, chimes and other assorted percussions intermittently. The primary choral piece was performed by the Seeker’s Meditation Club, which provided a calming experience for attendees.