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New restaurant opens in Emporium, serves up cheese

BY ALLISON FARRELLY
News Reporter

The Kingston Emporium has a new restaurant whose only goal is to make gourmet grilled cheese “so good Umelt.”

Located next to the Burger Shack in the Emporium, Umelt opened Jan. 21and was created by Fire and Water, the restaurant group owned by Jonathan Kaufman and Ben Wood that owns both Caliente and the Burger Shack, both located in the emporium.

Current University of Rhode Island Junior and business and marketing major Nic Padula played an integral role as graphic designer in creating Umelt and is currently both the manager and social media coordinator.

“There’s a stigma with grilled cheese where people think its just bread and cheese, but as you can see from the menu there’s a lot of other stuff in there as well,” Padula said.

Featuring sandwiches with names like “The Vermontonster,” “The Dessert,” and “The White Trash,” (which contains both pulled pork and macaroni and cheese) Umelt is not one for playing safe. “It’s been a trend in other parts of the county so we thought why not bring it to Rhode Island,” Padula said. “And a college campus is a great place to start.”

Padula has been involved with Umelt since the naming. “I actually got a text, the owner texted me, and said hey what do you think of Umelt?” Padula said. Given the color scheme for the restaurant, Padula designed the stickers, logo, and wall decals.

Though the name was originally intended to stand for “University Melt,” according to Padula people often misinterpret the name. “They see the name and they’re like ‘Oh you melt it!’ Padula said. “It’s all good though.”

And so far, according to Wood, Kaufman and Padula, it’s working out. “We do really well for lunch, less so for dinner but we’re getting there,” Padula said.

In order to attract college students, Umelt knows they have to not only be interactive, but have a large social media footprint. “We leave comment cards on the tables,” Padula said. “We’re trying to get ideas when we’re still young.”

In regards to social media, Umelt has a Twitter, an Instagram and a Facebook. Padula has recently implemented an Instagram promotion that allows any student who Instagrams a picture while at Umelt, hashtags Umelt, and follows Umelt on Instagram to be entered into a lottery which draws every Monday and rewards the winner with a free sandwich.

One of Wood and Kaufman’s goals was to create a restaurant that could one day be turned into a chain. “We’re planning to head towards Providence or Warwick if this works out,” Padula said.

The physical design of the restaurant was intended to make the potential future transition to becoming a chain restaurant an easy one. With bright wall colors, cool furniture, a counter made out of shed tile, and pop-art logos with saying such as “Cheesier than your mom’s,” and “Grilled dankness,” Umelt has a young, streamline feeling.

“Some people complain that its too bright in here,” Padula said. “They’re like ‘I’m going to go over to the Burger Shack where its nice and dark.”

Despite the occasional complaint of bright lights, so far the unique gourmet creations have kept students and faculty alike coming back for more. “Umelt is a novelty,” Padula said. “People want to try the new thing that’s here.”

The Nutella new sandwich is one of many creations served up at Umelt in the Kingston Emporium.

Men’s basketball spoils lead, loses to St. Bonaventure 67-61

BY MIKE ABELOM
Sports Editor

Another game, another single-digit loss. The University of Rhode Island men’s basketball team as it faded late and lost to St. Bonaventure University 67-61 on Saturday night. It was the Rams’ 10th single-digit loss of the season.

“Tough to take, they’re all tough to take,” Rhode Island head coach Dan Hurley said. “It’s like watching a movie with too many sequels.”

Like most of Rhode Island’s games this season the Rams came out strong early. Paced by 13 points from junior Xavier Munford, Rhode was able to lead for the majority of the half and lead by six points at the break. Munford finished with a team-high 18 points.

As has been the case for the Rams this season, a quality first half was ruined by an opposing run to start the second. On Saturday the Bonnies opened the second half with a 7-0 run to take the lead.

“We’re not a good team,” Hurley said, “I was thrilled that we were winning at halftime based on where we’re at. We’re trying some psychological things and trying to get the guys out earlier to warm up sooner. I think we’re still

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Rhody pic of the day

Students commuting to the University of Rhode Island find parking in between snow banks as snow remains piled up following the blizzard this past weekend.

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Platforms: Representative At-Large & College Representatives Spring 2013

Joe Korzef

Fellow Students, My name is Joe Korzef, and I am a five-year student at URI. I am running for an At-Large bid to the Student Senate. I am a political science major in Political Science and Spanish, from Ellington, CT. If elected, I will bring honesty and accountability to the Student Senate. I believe that I share common goals and interests with most of the student body. I humbly ask you to please vote for me on February 13th and 14th. Thank you!

Tyler Meehan

Looking for that new fresh look to the student senate? Well, my name is Tyler Meehan and a freshmen here at URI. I am running as an At-Large for URI. I am ready to make an impact in our university's community. I was a peer leader and worked closely with student council back in high school. I'm ready to represent our students in a positive manner and help bridge the gap between the students and administration. I believe that I am someone that can get things done and is fun to be around. If elected, I am sure that you will enjoy my presence and have a great time.

Aristides Kappatos

My name is Aristides Kappatos. I am running for an At-Large Representative for the College Senate. My goal is to be involved in making helpful decisions that benefit the students as well as the university as a whole. I want to represent the students and ensure our voices are heard throughout the URI community. I hope to serve you, the students, well as a future URI student. Feel free to contact me at akappatos@my.uri.edu.

Joe Maynard

My name is Joe Maynard and I am currently running to be an At-Large Representative in the Student Senate. I would consider myself to be a valid candidate because I am dedicated and passionate about the responsibility and duties of the Student Senate. While also having a year of experience on Senate. With an open mind, I plan on incorporating new ideas and opportunities to better the University experience. Thank you.

Luke Stabile

My name is Luke Stabile and I am a sophomore here at URI. I am running for an At-Large Representative. This time I am running as an At-Large Representative. I believe that my experience and my knowledge of students help students and student organizations move in a positive direction.

Jenna Solomon

Hi, my name is Jenna Solomon and I am running for Senate. I have been a part of the Student Senate family for a semester now, and I have realized why I decided to run for this position. Last semester I was a member of the Cultural Committee, which was responsible for putting on events for the College of Business as well as various campus events. Please vote for me so that I can continue being a part of this great organization!

Carla LoBianco

I’m Carla LoBianco and I’m a dedicated and committed sophomore studying Kinesiology and Nutrition. If I get elected to join Senate I work at 110% effort into advocating for students to make this university an even better place to learn. My studies are going toward helping people in the future and I’d like to start now as a member of Student Senate.

Rachel McAtee

I’m Rachel, How ya doin’?! With a semester of Senate behind me already I’m hoping to re-elected as an At-Large Rep. I won’t bore you with ‘credentials’ because we’re all shining stars, but I will say that I have genuinely enjoyed my time as an At-Large rep AND would do nothing more than to hold one of those seats again. Sooo I would LOVE your vote! You stay classy San Diego… I mean URI.

Lucy Gildein

Hello URI! My name is Lucy Gildein and I am running for an At-Large seat on the College Senate. As a representative, I will do everything in my power to make this campus better and improve the overall student experience.

Tom Walker

I am currently on Student Senate as the University College Representative. I would like to represent you and the College of Business now that I am in the College for Supply Chain Management. I am the kind of person who will listen carefully to you and take your recommendations and concerns to Dean Boyd. I want to make the College of Business the best it can possibly be!

Alva Poulos

Hello, I am Alva Poulos and I am running to become an At-Large representative for URI. I am currently a freshman tour guide as well as a member of the best buddies organization on campus. As a member of the Student Senate, I will do my very best to get other students involved in campus activities and make decisions that transform the University of Rhode Island into a superior place to learn.

Kristen Knoph

My name is Kristen Knoph and I am running for reelection for College of Pharmacy Representative. I served in this position for the past year and I am looking forward to another successful term. As the college liaison, I have built a strong relationship with Dean Jordon and was able to establish an open line of communication between the COP and Student Senate. If elected, I plan to continue to represent and advocate for pharmacy students.

Emma Van Loon

I believe I am well equipped to hold this position. I have attended the URI Leadership Institute that URI offers and have recently been invited to Phi Eta Sigma National Honors Society. I am dedicated to making this university a better place so that the student population at URI can feel that someone has their best interests in mind. I am ready to serve URI. Please Vote Emma Van Loon.

Catie Ryunon

Hey everyone! My name is Catie Ryunon, I am a freshmen running for the URI College Senate Representative! My involvement at URI started at the Leadership Institute the weekend before move-in. Since then, I’ve been a Leadership Ambassador and have begun pursuing the Leadership Minor here at URI. I am also involved in Student Admissions Representatives and Habitat for Humanity. I am ecstatic to be more involved by becoming your Senate Rep for University College!

Brittany Siter

My name is Brittany Siter and I am a freshmen here at URI. I was treasurer of my senior class in high school as well as the representative of my school on an exchange program to Egypt in 2009. I am a great team player and a great people person. If elected for URI College Representative, I will do everything in my power to give the underclassmen (especially freshmen) a voice. Vote for me!
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Rhody SPORTS

Women’s hockey to host ECWL Playoffs this weekend, look to recapture league title after two-year drought

BY JAKE MARROCCO
Sports Staff Reporter

The University of Rhode Island women’s ice hockey team has flirted countless times with the No. 1 spot in the American Collegiate Hockey Association’s (ACHA) national rankings, opening the season on an 11-game winning streak and managing to score six or more goals on eight occasions this year.

The Rams seek to keep their season alive this week-end when they host the Eastern Collegiate Women’s Hockey League (ECWHL) playoffs.

The squad has dominated the league in recent years, pulling in seven straight championships from 2003-10, with their dominance finally being brought to a halt by Northeastern University in 2011. In 2012, the Rams reclaimed their place atop the league in nine attempts.

Northeastern University is No. 9 isn’t on the floor.

Island women’s Hockey League (ECWHL) title the Rams are to revel in. Even in the ECWHL’s first 11 games, if the Rams are to revel in ECWHL glory once more, Collins will have to show her division rivals that she is ready to play with the same tenacity and fervor with which she played with the first half of the season.

Column: Celtics resilient, but not better without Rondo

BY BRANDON MAXWELL
Sports Staff Reporter

It’s been 18 days since Boston Celtics star Rajon Rondo went down with a season-ending knee injury. If you’re a Boston fan who thought this would be a blessing in disguise, think again.

Although the Celtics had a seven-game winning streak after the all-star guard went down, like their loss to the 11-30 Charlotte Bobcats on Monday night reinforces the notion that this team isn’t the same if No. 9 isn’t on the floor.

The C’s began 7-0 without Rondo and beat some very good teams. A win is a win, but the Celtics barely outlasted a Los Angeles Clippers team without Chris Paul and snuck away with wins against Miami and Denver in overtime. That required some great performances from the likes of Paul Pierce, among others, but Rondo is simply a unique talent. If you expect the Celtics to currently ranked fourth in the country with an 18-6 record, has managed to go 10-3 against ECWHL competition.

However, The Rams have struggled with the ECWHL’s other two tenants: Northeastern and the University of Massachusetts. Rhode Island split the season series with Northeastern 2-2.

Top-seeded UMass came out on top, 2-0, in their only game against the Rams this year. While the Minutewomen controlled every facet of the game and became one only of two teams to shut out Rhode Island, they were not facing the Rams’ defense this time. Keyla DiLorenzo nor were they tasked with working around sophomore Sydney Collins’ vicious defense.

If Rhode Island is to snatch another ECWHL title, there are four players who must be the top of their game: DiLorenzo, Collins, sophomore Cassondra Catlow and junior Alisha DiFilippo.

DiLorenzo leads the ACHA in minutes this season with 1276. DiLorenzo has also posted a 16-5 record with three shutouts, all while turning away 93 percent of the shots she has faced. Her 1.69 goals-against average is also good for one of the best in the league.

DiLorenzo has been a symbol of consistency in net and often rebounds well from losses. She will have to demonstrate this resiliency once more in the playoffs.

Collins was sidelined for several games through December and January because of a concussion. Her persistent and unrelenting defense has been solid since senior captain Lauren Hillberg, playing a role in Rhody winning its first 11 games. If the Rams are to revel in ECWHL glory once more, Collins will have to show her division rivals that she is ready to play with the same tenacity and fervor with which she played with the first half of the season.

If you’re a fan of Rondo and his outbursts or not, you can’t deny he is an amazing player. Sure, he’s been known to ever so slightly graze league officials and even kick in the head, but he did tell off league officials and shove Kris Humphries in the stands, but wouldn’t we all do if we had the chance? He’s still the NBA’s third-best guard, only behind the likes of the aforementioned Paul Pierce and Chicago’s Derrick Rose.

Just pull it over for a second. Although the Celtics have been playing well as of late, I can’t expect too much from them until they win against good competition consistently. If the Celtics’ chances of winning the championship were low already, they’re nearly non-existent at this point. But if there’s one thing we’ve all learned as Boston fans, it’s to never say never.

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