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Student, entrepreneur launches new line

BY ALLISON FARR ELL
News Editor

A young entrepreneur at the University of Rhode Island has recently added to the music brand he has created by launching a clothing line.

Ivan Brooks, a sixth year communications student launched a clothing line last year to add to the music brand the singer/songwriter has been creating for himself throughout his time at URI. "It [the clothing line] branched off of me," Brooks said. "Ivan Brooks Music is a brand and the brand represents chasing dreams. I’m a dream chaser."

Brooks, a Providence-based artist, knew he had to find a way to make a mark on the industry other than simply by his music.

"Music today, people don’t want to buy, they want to download," Brooks said. "So I had to think of how to bring money in. I took the skills from my musical brand and put it in fashion."

The line, which Brooks launched on his birthday, Oct. 25, represents his motto of chasing his dream. The apparel consists of hoodies, track suits and beanies representing a large, shield-like crest that Brooks created for himself.

Along with a power symbol, the clothing also has Brooks’ logo, IBMC. "The IB stands from Ivan Brooks," he said. "The M stands for music, and we’re still working on the ‘C.’ It’s a work in progress. We don’t know yet if we want it to represent music clothing or music crest."


Organization promotes comfortable, safe, supportive community for women at URI

BY AUDREY O’NEIL
News Editor

An organization at the University of Rhode Island is focused on creating a safe, supportive environment for freshmen women through mentoring.

The organization, We’re Offering Women Wisdom (W.O.W.W) contributes to URI by providing a comfortable, safe and supportive community for freshmen women. W.O.W.W was founded in September 2005 by Kristen Motel and Lisa Marie Carroll. Members of W.O.W.W reach out to students during events such as First Night, Open Houses and Welcome Days.

Senior and Gender and Women’s Studies Major, Alyssa Mroz, is a peer advocate and mentor for W.O.W.W. Mroz joined her freshman year after a fellow classmate introduced her to the group and she has been involved with W.O.W.W ever since.

"We are a group of young women at the University of Rhode Island who strive to establish not only a sense of a community, but an actual community where upperclassmen peers will be a constant, non-judging community to incoming freshmen women in hopes to mentor them in a way which provides a cycle of organizational transition from mentee to mentor," Mroz said.

Mroz often works through the organization with vice president of the group and senior biotechnology major, Alyssse Quiterio.

"She is amazing, and we find ourselves working side by side with each other’s input and support," Mroz said. "We also have a hard-working executive board who works hard to create social events, philanthropy events and make sure that all of the women who are mentees are happy and welcomed."

The group consists of upper-classment mentors and freshmen mentees who are able to become future mentors. Although mentees are usually freshmen, any student interested is welcomed to join. When students enter W.O.W.W, each new member becomes a "little" and gets an upperclassman as a "big."

Once the year is over, each "little" makes the transition to becoming a mentor for the upcoming fall semester. Each year, the organization has a ceremony to induct the newest members.

"We much more than just what this country needs,

Students announce plans to run for URI Senate presidency

BY JAKE MARROCCO
Sports Staff Reporter

Sophomore Chief Information Officer Matt Kilduff and junior Cultural Committee Chairman Chris Cicero announced their candidacy for vice president at the University of Rhode Island Student Senate’s meeting last night.

Kilduff said the duo would like to focus on improving Senate connections with various departments and groups on campus, as well as helping the organization smoothly transition into the next year. Kilduff assured the Senate that he and Cicero are going to be a team in this.

The candidates released their plans for each of the committees within Senate and how they intend on improving them.

For the Academic Affairs and External Affairs Committees, Kilduff said he would like to see liaisons become closer with their deans and cultivate more connections with them. They would also like to see members of External Affairs attend town council meetings for areas such as Narragansett, a region that is rampant with URI students.

In matters of the Campus Affairs, the candidates want to tackle university accountability. The recent handling of the displacement of students because of Blizzard Nemo and the $400 increase of materials included in the standard meal plan were two issues the two cited.

"A lot of students were displaced," Kilduff said. "They were put in the Ryan Center where they had no sheets, no mattresses and they had to sleep in a room where their stuff could easily be stolen from them, and we haven’t done anything about it. Every single one of you [in Senate] needs to step up and have a bigger voice on campus."

Kilduff said that he and his running mate would like to improve the system that classifies groups and clubs on campus, which is the major change they want to see for the Student Organization Advisory and Review Committee.

The final area of the organization that will see alteration is the Finance Committee, where Kilduff and Cicero want to make groups more accountable if their events fail after being allotted Senate funds. Kilduff says that this would give incentive for groups to become better and focus more on creating successful events.

No one else has declared their candidacy for the positions.

IN OTHER NEWS

The Senate approved a contingency grant for the Slam Poetry Club to bring spoken word poet, Rudy Francisco, to the campus for a performance. Francisco was the 2009 National Undergraduate Poetry Slam Champion, the 2010 San Francisco Slam Champion, the 2010 San Diego Grand Slam Champion and the 2010 Individual World Poetry Slam Champion. The event will be held on April 2 in the Hardge Forum Room at the Multicultural Center. Tickets are $5 and the group is expecting more than 100 people to attend.

The Senate will vote next week on the recognition of Collegiate SMILE and Compost URI. Collegiate SMILE would provide mentoring and assist members in discovering opportunities and possibilities. Compost URI primarily focuses on improving the environment on campus by the implementation of composting, which is using decaying matter as soil.

The Senate will vote next week on a co-sponsorship request for the Graduate Student Association. GSA is asking for $450 to help run their 5K Road Race.

Sophomore Jacob Lanois beat freshman Aristides Kappatos in the internal election for URI Athlete Representative. The vote served as a tiebreaker between the two.
A listing of this weekend's local happenings

Movies - Friday 2/22/13

Escape from Planet Earth - PG
1:20pm | 7:00pm
Escape from Planet Earth 3D - PG
4:05pm | 9:00pm

Beautiful Creatures - PG13
1:25pm | 4:05pm | 6:45pm | 9:25pm

A Good Day To Die Hard - R
1:45pm | 4:30pm | 7:25pm | 9:30pm

Safe Haven - PG13
1:05pm | 4:20pm | 7:00pm | 9:35pm

Identity Thief - R
1:30pm | 4:15pm | 7:10pm | 9:35pm

Side Effects - R
1:10pm | 4:05pm | 6:50pm | 9:25pm

Silver Linings Playbook - R
1:00pm | 4:00pm | 6:45pm | 9:20pm

The URI Foundation

The 2013 Excellence Awards

Nominations are now being accepted.

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Awards are presented in four categories: Administrative, Scholarly, Staff and Teaching. Winners are honored at an event hosted by the URI and URIF presidents. They also receive a framed citation and a cash award.

The award is very competitive, so repeat nominations of worthy candidates are strongly encouraged!

All it takes is a letter or email.

We must receive your nomination by Friday, March 1st at 4:00 p.m.

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Student

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said. "My music is about how men forget how to be men and how we forget how to treat women, and that's music you want to listen to forever."

In addition to the motto of "Forever Music," Brooks hopes to use his success to inspire people everywhere. "I started with a budget of zero dollars," Brooks said. "Some people are lazy, but when they see you doing it, when they see you chasing your dream, it motivates them."

Currently, Brooks is working on promoting his brand through social media sites, putting the finishing touches on his website which he plans on launching in March, and getting his clothing into both retail stores and fashion shows.

"We're hoping to get in fashion week next year," Brooks said. "We have the resources, we just need to make sure sales are good so we can fund it."

Brooks has found that the best way to interact with his fans and promote his new line is through social media sites. He posts pictures on social network sites, such as Instagram and Facebook and asks for input from his fans.

IBMC does not create clothing directed towards a specific demographic, it creates clothing for "dream chasers."

"I represent class and elegance," Brooks said. "I'm urban, but I can cross over and still be preppy. And I'm a dream chaser."

Though Brooks is unsure of where his future will take him, he plans to keep investing in himself. "I hate when people [on social media sites] say they're bored," Brooks said. "How can you be bored if you're making an opportunity of your life?"

Women

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a community, though," Mroz said. "We see ourselves as a family and a lot of the women who are in W.O.W.W say that what made them stay is that they feel so welcomed entering a room full of women who are friendly, non-judging and so eager to meet them."

Previously this year, W.O.W.W presented the annual date auction with the fraternity Sigma Chi, in honor of Aura Diaz, a high school friend of founder Lisa Marie Carroll and other victims of domestic violence. Other events of the organization include the date auction social and the event in which they cosponsored, 1 Billion Rising.

"As of right now we are preparing for Relay for Life in spring," Mroz said. "We have the resources, we just need to make sure sales are good so we can fund it."

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Hope to always be in the position to help people in the future," Mroz said. "I think something that makes W.O.W.W so amazing is how unique our group of women is. We bring something different to the group, and that is what brings us together."

W.O.W.W meets every Thursday at 6 p.m., in the Women's Center library.

Tennis

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The team will return to the court on Sunday, March 3rd, when they will travel to SUNY-Albany. Rhode Island will return to the URI Tennis Complex for its first home match of the spring season on March 18 against Holy Cross.

Basketball

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to set up good looks that the shooters weren't able to finish.

We had 10 assists and eight turnovers; they had seven assists and 14 turnovers," Hurley said. "We probably got 22 or 23 good looks at it. We had to make shots tonight and we didn't. They outrebounded us by 16, but a lot of that was because we had more shots from Wisconsin than we did."

On Sunday the Rams will entertain La Salle University, a team that is projected to make the NCAA Tournament. The Explorers are led by the duo of Ramon Galloway and Tyreek Duren, who average 17.3 and 14.5 points per game respectively.

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Die Hard

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retracting the time of good cheer! It is no wonder what "Die Hard" has done for some people. The question of if the new fifth movie, "A Good Day to Die Hard," lives up to them remains to be seen, but whether it is McGiernan, Renly Harlin or Len Wiseman calling the shots, you can at least count on the first four "Die Hard" movies to keep you entertain­ed more than most in the action genre.
High expectations for new 'Die Hard' film

BY ALEX MCDEVITT
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Bruce Willis launched one of the most successful action franchises of the past two decades with one simple line of dialogue: "Yippee-ki-yay mother..." You can fill in the rest. But in any state of the word, the "Die Hard" franchise has brought us some of the best sense of thrill, disbelief and, at times, "Are you serious?" moments in action film memory.

Starting off in the late 80s with international terrorists taking over a skyscraper, they've led up to a plot of cyber terrorists to think of shutting down the United States government in retaliation to prior events. While the plots themselves aren't the most connected, best written, or maybe the best enhanced with all-star caliber story-telling ability (you are, of course, going into a movie called "Die Hard"). No matter where you are swept off to, John McClane will always be there to save the day...with maybe a few scratches and bloody limbs. If you haven't seen any "Die Hard" movies, do yourself a favor and get introduced into the love and passion that Willis puts into every single time he suits up as America's most heroic cop.

The thing I always get with the "Die Hard" movies is an endless amount of suspenseful entertainment. No matter how good the quality of the film may be, the "Die Hard" franchise (so far) has allowed audiences of classic action movies to enjoy spectacular set pieces and great teamwork. McClane, who is originally set as an NYPD cop that is constantly having trouble with his wife (at least in the first four films), makes you sympathize the minute we meet him in the first feature film from 1988.

At that time, "Die Hard" broke so many people's expectations outside the conventional action film. It was bloody, well written and acted and featured great action scenes that showed the great talent director John McTiernan had for the camera. No matter what situation McClane found himself in, it always seems like he could pull through it. No matter the obstacle in his path, he can let loose a witty line of dialogue and make everything seem all right. He can even have multiple gunshot wounds, experience car crashes, near-death explosions, glass in all parts of his torso and/or defy possible laws of physics. If John McClane can see a way to end a problem, he will do so with his fists, guns and mind.

To me, "Die Hard" best exemplifies what makes McClane the true "Captain America." No matter what the man does, either in fighting some of the worlds most organized and enjoyable bad guys, he seems to be embalming the best of American action heroes in all the best ways. He always questions all of his decisions, and it is clear that it seems like he can improvise on the spot in dire situations. The very first "Die Hard" had McClane jump off the roof of the skyscraper as it exploded thanks to Hans Gruber (played by the British legend Alan Rickmann). In the first sequel, McClane almost get his life burned away when Col. Stuart (William Sadler) and his defec ting military men fill a plane cockpit with grenades, only for our hero to hastily find the ejector seat. It is really in the last two films that this ideal is really brought to new levels.

In "Die Hard With A Vengeance," John has his surfer moment, as a truck magically floats while a tunnel system fills up with thousands of gallons of water from the ever-cynical Jeremy Irons as Simon Gruber. And of course, who can forget the time when a fighter jet almost took John to another planet of terrible, especially when that same jet blows up and throws McClane onto the asphalt at more than 40 mph. Somehow, some way, he walks away totally fine from that circum-

Cigar writer talks experience with Humans vs. Zombies game

BY JULIO ALCAREZ
Contributing Entertainment Writer

I enlisted to join a select group of people who were the last line of defense against a zombie invasion. I, as a human, armed only with my wits and my socks, was to survive a week on campus and avoid being caught by the increasing amount of zombies. That was because I was playing Humans vs. Zombies. Humans Versus Zombies has been sweeping the college campuses all over the nation. You have probably already seen players around campus recognizable by their orange bandanas and Nerf guns. The rules are simple if a zombie tags a human, the human is stung by them. Humans can fight back by using Nerf guns or throwing socks or marshmallows at the zombies to stun them. Unfortunately, swords are no longer allowed. The only safe zones around campus are inside any buildings.

There are many different reasons people would want to play this fun game. Perhaps you are bored with your mundane life and want some excitement, or maybe you are an adrenaline junky and you just love the thrill. This, you want to make some new friends and just want to play the game to show off your awesome orange bandana.

I remember for years walking around campus and seeing this group of people with orange bandanas chasing each other and shooting Nerf guns. I thought to myself, "Man, these are some really cool people. Look at those nifty bandanas. They sure know how to live. I wish I could be as cool as them some day." So last semester, I finally decided to play the game. I was aiming to win the game on my first try, despite the odds of people rarely winning at all. I was so full of life, ready to take on the world. Sadly all of that came to a tragic end on my second day playing. I was tagged from behind by a zombie and did not see that coming. Before I knew it I was dead... or undead. Though I was disappoint ed that I had died without even putting up a fight, I found a new purpose in the afterlife: to see how many humans I could turn into zombies.

During the week, there were recommended daily missions that I missed, but the best and most important mission was on the last day. It was the evacuation mission for the surviving humans. I, along with my zombie brethren, was determined to stop the humans from escaping...

Now this semester, a new HVZ game is starting and this time I am determined to win it as a born-again human. It seems a new game is starting next week and the HVZ people are recruiting. Come join if you think you can make it.
RhODY

SPORTS

Women's tennis shut out in seven at New Jersey

BY EMILY JACOBS
Sports Staff Reporter

The University of Rhode Island tennis team was shut down Saturday afternoon against the New Jersey Institute of Technology. Rhode Island fell 7-0 as they struggled to keep up with the Highlanders.

It didn't take long for the Highlanders to capture that match's first point. Freshman and sophomore partners Galina Chernyky and Kathleen Uy were first to compete for Rhode Island as they fell 6-4. Following them were sophomore teammates Nikiha Asokaraj and Karolina Wojcik who fell early 8-3. The freshman pair of Elizabethi Sadovnikova and Kristin Bertsch finished up the doubles match, losing 8-2.

"It was a tough match for us, we fell short in every matchup," head coach Vic Villucci said. "But, I am proud of our team and we did play some good tennis."

As the team took to the single matches, the Highlanders kept the pedal down. They went on to capture all six singles matches. Chernykh, Asokaraj, Wojcik, Sadovnikova and Bertsch all fell after two sets, struggling to keep up with NJIT.

Despite the tough loss, Uy was able to force a third tiebreaker. After falling 6-1 in the first set, Uy came back to win the second set 6-4 and force the tiebreaker. Unfortunately she was defeated 6-3 by NJIT's Jana Luste who also defeated her in doubles. Uy has been having success this season, overall being 3-2.

"We are constantly trying to work on things," Villucci said. "We definitely need to be at our best in this next upcoming match."

With a young team, consisting of only freshman and sophomores, Rhode island will continue to look ahead. As they have two weeks off to recover, they will look to improve.

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BY BRANDON MAXWELL
Sports Staff Reporter

The University of Rhode Island men's hockey team fell to 19-13-4 after losing to Stony Brook 4-2 at the Fred Rust Ice Arena at the University of Delaware on Saturday.

The Rams struck first with a power play goal just 2:51 into the contest by junior forward Justin Bishop. The lead didn't last too long, however, as SBU followed up with two unanswered goals of their own and didn't look back. The Seawolves first scored on a five-on-three power play and followed with another goal two minutes later.

URI made a comeback after tying the game in the form of sophomore forward AJ Chu as he scored his 10th goal of the year, unassisted, 12:32 into the second period. The short-lived rally was put to rest for good after another set of SBU goals came from another power play goal at 15:39 and 18:48 to finish off the second period. The Rams had opportunities in the third period but could not capitalize by the final horn.

"We had some chances there in the third period," Rhode Island coach Joe Augustine said. "We just weren't putting the puck in so we just have to bear down a little bit more when we get those chances because we created more opportunities within. We probably had more strong chances in the third than the rest of the game. We just didn't put it in the net."

Despite the loss to Stony Brook, Saturday's game marked the third time the Rams have played the Seawolves close this season. URI lost its first two meetings to the Seawolves back in November by scores of 5-4.

"We're just going to have to learn from our other three losses and probably take advantage of some of our strengths," Augustine said. "Our speed and kill penalties better when we take penalties because they scored three power play goals against us last game."

Although the Rams did lose, the team will have a chance to redeem itself, as both URI and SBU will square off once again in the first round of the ACHA Division I National Tournament on March 1.

"I thought we played good five on five," Augustine said. "Defensively, we played very well. I think we've been doing that really well the past couple of weeks. We put a new system in and the guys seem to be grasping it. We've got to just keep working hard and taking advantage of some opportunities."

URI men's basketball goes cold in the second half after leading at end of first, fall to Xavier 55-42

BY MIKE ASELSON
Staff Editor

With two minutes left in the game Rhode Island junior Xavier Munford clanged a three-point attempt off the glass, and Xavier's Travis Taylor finished on the other end with an emphatic dunk to put the Musketeers up 14 and send the fans to the exits.

That was last night's Pinkout in microcosm as the Musketeers cruised to a 55-42 win last night at the Ryan Center.

"I'm not demoralized; I'm disappointed," Rhode Island coach Dan Hurley said. "We wanted to have a moment tonight. We felt it would have been great for everyone in that arena, especially for those players who have worked hard."

The dunk capped a phenomenal night from Taylor who finished with 13 points and 17 rebounds. The Musketeers were able to control the glass, outrebounding Rhode Island 45-29.

"The difference in the game was we didn't make shots and they had guys they could dump the ball to down by the basket who could physically overpower the young kids that we have playing," Hurley said. "In the second half they pounded us inside."

The game started well for the Rams, who were able to go into the half up 23-22 after an ugly first half that saw the teams shoot a combined 14-48.

Munford scored 12 of his team-high 15 points in the first 20 minutes. "He was 4-10 in the first half, which isn't a great percentage," Hurley said. "I thought for the most part he had some good looks. He had a few go in and out. It was one of those games where offensively nothing went right for us."

It was the worst offensive for the Rams all showing. Only five Rams were able to find the score sheet and Munford was the only one to make double figures. As the game went on it was as if the net was as small as a jellybean for the Rams; Rhody converted less than a quarter of its shots (10-13).

Senior Nikola Malesevic, who had one of the most complete games of his career last week, was cold as ice finishing 0-8 with five rebounds. Hurley said that it was just one of those games for Malesevic, and the rest of the team.

"Nik's been playing great the last couple of games; these things happen," Hurley said. "On a team that's really good where a guy's struggling, and only plays 22 minutes, somebody from your bench normally would come in and pick you up. His lack of scoring tonight gets magnified because we don't have a guy to come off the bench when he struggles. I think he had just a bad night and he desperately wanted to play great."

Despite only making 13 shots, the Rams guards were able to facilitate the entire game. Rhode Island racked up assists on 77 percent of their field goals (10-13) and was able to