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‘Walking Dead’ star Norman Reedus shows different side than in film, television roles

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In a style that belies the nature of Daryl Dixon, the character he portrays on the critically acclaimed TV series “The Walking Dead,” Norman Reedus stepped onto the stage of Edwards Auditorium at the University of Rhode Island with an impossibly broad smile on his face. The dude was plainly stoked. It is a long way off from the zombie-killing crossbow man that audiences have come to know and love. For almost two decades, Reedus has been slipping into the skin of hardened killers like “Boondock Saints” Murphy MacManus and weapons dealer Scud in “Blade II,” which makes witnessing the actor in such a jovial state a jarring experience to say the least. Within moments of appearing, the actor whipped out his iPhone and gleefully initiated the now-ubiquitous panorama

“A Walking Dead” star Norman Reedus mimics holding a crossbow, his character’s weapon of choice on the television series.

crowd photo. Reedus began the show by regaling the audience with the dramatic tale of how his acting career began, including the star-crossed endeavor of how his acting

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Students finds unique way to raise money for local Alzheimer’s charity

BY AUDREY O’NEIL
News Editor

A student at the University of Rhode Island has used her personal experiences to help raise money for Alzheimer’s.

Senior public relations and communications studies double major, Jacqueline Atkins, created the Scavenger Hunt for Cure for Alzheimer’s event. This event is a zero-budget charity event. Atkins wanted to create an event for her last year at URI so that she could make a difference.

“I created this event because I wanted a chance to test out my skills in the event planning field. Last spring, I took an event management class and learned about zero-budget events and thought what better way to test out my skills than to plan one of my own,” Atkins said. She and her friends decided that a scavenger hunt would be a unique charity event that would also cost-benefit.

Atkins is also a member of Sigma Kappa sorority and Student Senate. She decided to focus on donating money to the Rhode Island Chapter Alzheimer’s Association because she wanted to choose something that was relatable to her life. The money from this event is going toward the Alzheimer’s Association, but the event is being presented through the Student Event Advising Office. The Rhode Island Chapter of Alzheimer’s Association executive director will be speaking at the conclusion of the scavenger hunt.

Alzheimer’s research is one of my sorority’s national philanthropies, so as a senior I thought it would be nice to do an event that benefits my sorority,” Atkins said.

“My great grandmother also had Alzheimer’s so it is something that hits close to home. This event is a team photo scavenger hunt and will be held on Sunday, April 21 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Teams may consist of up to four players, and each member is asked to make a $5 donation. Every team is given a list of pictures they need to take. Atkins said an example of one of the items on the list is a photo of one of the members under a bed. Each picture contains a point value, so a more difficult photo will be worth more points. Some local businesses and restaurants have donated the prizes that the winners will receive.

Anyone interested in participating in the event can create their own team or join an existing one. Students can register online at scavengerhuntforacure.eventbrite.com. If students are interested in helping with the event, Atkins is looking for volunteers to run check-in and tallying at the end of the event. Students who volunteer are also able to participate in the event and can

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Trio of URI graduates starts Providence-based law firm

BY ALLISON FARRELLY
News Reporter

Eight months ago, three University of Rhode Island graduates made the decision to start their own business and open a law firm upon graduation from Roger Williams University law school this May 2012.

Jonathan Whaley, Lisa Bowie, and James Bagley started Whaley, Bowie, and Bagley Legal, a Providence based legal company, in hopes of jumping the corporate rat race by starting a business and working for themselves.

“It seems like to do what I wanted to do with the job market,“ Bowie said. “We were all near the top of our class in law school, and when we got to the last year and started looking for jobs there wasn’t much around and it got frustrating.”

The original idea for the firm was introduced by Whaley, who was close friends with Bagley from their work on RWU’s mock trial team. Whaley added Bowie to the equation and after a few beers, WBB Legal was born.

“We’re all almost a year later and we’re going strong,” Whaley said. “It’s stressful, challenging and scary, but its rewarding at the same time.”

Despite the unanimous consent in their decision to start a small business, the partners will readily admit that this has been a learning experience.

“Its tough because you’re learning how to be a lawyer and a business person at the same time, and none of us really had any experience with handling this,” Whaley said. “We’re learning how to be our own bosses, partners in business, and how to talk to customers and conduct ourselves in a court room at the same time."

Though WBB Legal is equipped with the skills to deal with many different types of law, the main types of cases they’ve seen so far are family, criminal defense, DUI, and landlord/tenant.

Despite the challenges, the partners at WBB Legal are starting to see the “light at the end of the tunnel,” Whaley said.

In addition to being business associates, Whaley, Bagley, and Bowie all have a deep amount of respect for the work the others are doing.

“We’re all very intelligent in our own way,” Whaley said. “Jim [Bagley] definitely brings a sense of humor and a personality to keep things light even when we go through stressful times. He’s very passionate and a hard worker.”

“John [Whaley] is the workhorse of the group,” Bowie said. “He’s the one who at the beginning, even when we had one or two cases, came in every day at nine and stayed the whole day.”

“She’s one of the smartest people I’ve ever met,” Bagley said. “She has an ability to dissect problems and offer insightful analysis on how to deal with them.”

The trio did not attend URI at the same time, with Bagley graduating in 2005, Bowie in 2006, and Whaley in 2009. However, the partners all feel that they use the skills they got from their undergraduate education on a daily basis.

Bowie and Whaley graduated with degrees in wildlife and conservation biology and business administration, respectively, while Bagley graduated with a degree in theatre.

“I think that my theatre background have definitely helped me with law,” Bagley said. “From the start I was comfortable getting up and talking in front of people, which is something not many of my peers were able to do.”

Despite the versatility their undergraduate majors have given them, law school was not where any of the
Hello URI!

My name is Gina Conti and I am running for on-campus representative. I am a sophomore accounting major with a double minor in Leadership and Italian. I am a very outgoing person and I feel that I would be the best advocate for the campus because I think it is crucial to have a strong voice for the student body. Feel free to introduce yourself and say hello!

Peter Natowich

Hello URI! My name is Peter Natowich and I am running for the On-Campus Housing Representative of the Student Senate. Currently living in Tucker Hall, I know that on campus living is not the homiest lifestyle, but if you vote for me, I will make sure your housing is as comfortable as possible. If you have any issues or ideas about living, I am more than willing to listen and voice your thoughts. Thank you!

Caitie Runyon

Hey everyone! My name is Caitie Runyon, I am a freshman running for one of the On-Campus Representatives! My involvement at URI started at the Leadership Institute; 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 Random Acts of Kindness. I am ecstatic to be more involved by becoming your On-Campus Senate Representative!

Barrett Jourdan

Hey everybody, my name is Barrett Jourdan and I believe that I am an ideal candidate for an on-campus representative on URI's Student Senate, and I really hope you will agree with me. As a student I am involved in many wonderful organizations on campus including the URI TV Network, Pep Band, and Student Alumni Association. I intend to represent the diverse group of students throughout the University of Rhode Island.

Tyler Pavlik

Hey everyone, my name is Tyler Pavlik. I am a sophomore Political Science major; I’m the Vice President and one of the founders of the URI Student Advocacy Organization. I want to join Senate to work with the University to rewrite the student handbook. I want the handbook to give students more rights and freedoms on campus and work to make sure students know their rights given to them from the handbook. Please vote for me!

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Off-Campus Representatives

Brent Barrows

"I am more than qualified to serve as a Student Senate Representative for off-campus housing students. As a former Senator on the Suffolk University Student Senate, I am a hardworking, determined leader who will be focused on representing the commuter students at URI. I have commuted to URI for two semesters; in the fall from Smithfield and from Narragansett in the spring, I will be your voice to address the concerns of the commuter students."

Martin Lannan

I am running for the position of off campus representative for the area of Pt. Judith. 3 years experience living off campus in Pt. Judith. Seeing as how Pt. Judith is far from campus, I am making transportation my priority. As rep, I will work for a "beach bus" providing trips from campus to the Narragansett Town Beach in spring and early fall. I will also champion a weekend shuttle service from campus to nightspots.

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Deadline for all applications is June 7, 2013

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21 and Over' well worth cost of admission at theaters
BY BILLY BOWDEN
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For those who found themselves watching both "Hangover" films multiple times after the release, get in your car now and head to the theater. This past weekend, "21 and Over" was released to tremendous public. The film portrays a combination of alcohol-induced events similar to those found in "Project X." It’s the same creative team. Coincidentally, the writers of "21 and Over" were also responsible for the "Hangover" films. Jon Lucas and Scott Moore wrote the screenplays for these films, and it seems they stepped into the director's positions too. Not only was the film hilarious, but it also had an interesting plot to support it. Walking into the theater, one could expect the traditional party film full of red solo cups and naked college girls. While you wouldn't be wrong in that assumption, there is a story behind the film that involves more than a little satire.

Three friends from high school have cut their ties with each other while pursuing their adulthood. There is the laid-back, alcohol-abusing Miller played by Miles Teller. Then there's the prominent financial student, Casey, played by Skylar Austin, and the hilarious yet unpredictable Jeff Chang, played by Justin Chon. The boys discover that Chang's father is a reserved doctor who expects his son to thrive in medical school. However, a conflict arises when Chang's medical school interview is scheduled at 8 a.m. on the morning after his 21st birthday. While some people could wake up, drink some coffee and be on their way, Chang's friends Miller and Casey will not let that happen. The two friends surprise Chang at his apartment while he prepares for one of the biggest interviews of his life.

While he does not think it is a great decision at first, his pals are able to encourage an impromptu plot and from there the night begins. Knowing what our culture associates with the average 21st birthday celebration, one could expect what follows. Yet, this is Hollywood, and it is assured that the film is even more than you expected. Not only does "21 and Over" include a night of havoc and binge-drinking, but the plot runs through the lives of these three young men as they learn more about each other than they had thought they knew.

The film is consistent in providing laughs, bouts of awe, and an urge to crack a Pabst Blue Ribbon (in moderation of course). Lucas and Moore showed us a way to incorporate the excitement found in "Project X" and "The Hangover" while including a plot to rediscovrer the meaning of friendship. I give the film a B+, and strongly encourage the general public to cruise on this vision of one hectic night.

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lowing a girl to Los Angeles and getting too drunk at a fancy Hollywood

On the subject of "The Walking Dead" itself, Reedus had remarkably insightful answers to all of the questions that ravenous fans hurled at him. On the subject of the possible romance brewing between another character, and Daryl, Reedus expressively, rebuffed, "If it happened I wouldn't be mad, but I like the idea that these two damaged individuals sort of gravitate toward each other for reasons other than, you know, the" By far the most fascinating behind-the-scenes fact that Reedus revealed to the crowd was the seasonal rival of what he called "The Death Dinner." "If your character is gonna get killed off, they always tell you first, "he explained, "and we always have a big dinner when someone goes, there's always a lot of drinking, a lot of crying, a lot of reminiscing." The speech invoked a heartwarming image of the "Dead" cast gathered around a grandiose table, providing old friends like Dale or T-Dog with a proper send off. Reedus also talked about the choice to use real film stock as opposed to digital, "The Walking Dead" lamp, a copy of Daryl's ear necklace and dozens of zombie dolls) to either give to Reedus or have the actor autograph, some of the craziest fans were present in the URI auditorium on Sunday. The second the hall light came on, a tsunami of overzealous nerds surged forth over Edwards' seats and onto Reedus in a stunningly zombi- esque occurrence. Unlike Daryl, Reedus reacted with highly visible anxiety as he snatched and scribbled on fliers, took photo after photo, shouted back answers to shouted questions and graciously hugged the occasional female fan.

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partners saw themselves heading with URI. "If I had someone told me while I was at URI that I was going to go to law school I would have told them they drank too much," Bowie said.

Whaley has stayed involved with URI since graduation through his spot on Sigma Pi fraternity's housing corporation. Whaley is a brother of Sigma Pi from his time at URI. "If anyone considers going to law school and wants to chin-chat and get some don'ts and don'ts, feel free to give us a call," Whaley said.

WBB Legal hopes to keep ties with URI and help students with their legal troubles in the future. "We hope to relate to kids at URI a little more because we've been there and anything they can get themselves into, we hope to be able to get them out of it," Their information can be found on their website www.wbblegal.com.

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contact Atkins at scavenger-huntforacure@gmail.com. Also "I started working on this event over the summer so it would be a lot to me to see people actually come and make the Brohers of Sigma Pi successful," Atkins said. "I would love to show what URI students can do when they want to make a difference." Atkins hopes to get at least one team from every group on campus to participate. She said this would equate to about 400 people, with the possibility of others joining from off campus or the general public. Although she is graduating in May, Atkins hopes to promote the play/charity events in the future. "My dream job would be to be a corporate event planner and plan these events and benefits for companies."
Softball team still winless after sweep in S.C.

BY JACOB MARROCCO
Sports Staff Reporter

The University of Rhode Island women’s softball team extended its losing streak to six games after dropping three games at the Winthrop University Combat Invitational in Rock Hill, S.C. last weekend.

The Rams were shut out 4-0 against Furman University and lost to the University of Virginia 4-2 on Friday. Rhode Island also fell to Virginia Commonwealth University with a height of 6 feet 11 inches in nine innings on Saturday. Though they were scheduled to play Winthrop University and University of North Carolina – Greensboro as well, both games were canceleld because of inclement weather.

Furman started off the scoring in the first game with a two-run home run off the bat of Cheyenne Sneefer, a freshman shortstop, Taylor Jenkins. The Paladins added their lead in the fifth inning when freshman leftfielder Allison Ebeling hit a two-run double down the left field line.

Furman’s catcher Caitlin Kennedy took her second loss on the season, going six innings and giving up four runs in eight hits with one strikeout.

“Offensively, I like our approach,” Rhode Island head coach Erin Layton said. “We have kids who are starting to make quality contact and they’re starting to really drive the ball. Our timing is better.”

Rhode Island took an early advantage later in the day against Virginia. Redshirt senior shortstop Courtney Pendergast opened the game with a walk, advanced to second on a bunt, stole third and scored on the throw home after freshman third baseman Lauren Klepchick stole second base. Freshman leftfielder Emily Hendricks added to the lead in the top of the second inning on an RBI single that drove in junior catcher Stacey Fox.

The Cavaliers chipped away at the deficit in the bottom of the inning after an RBI double from senior catcher Kristin Hawkins. Senior shortstop Alex Skiniss tied the game after she drilled a solo shot in the bottom of the fifth inning. Virginia sealed their victory after back-to-back home runs from junior Mary Broadway and sophomore right fielder Megan Harris.

“We’re making contact, now we just need to make quality contact,” Layton said. “We need to hit behind runners, hit in power situations and execute in first-pitch-bunt situations.”

Junior pitcher Sam Bedore suffered her first loss of the season for URI, allowing six runs and gave up four runs on five hits and had two strikeouts.

Rhode Island started their final game of the weekend down early, after Hartford senior designated player Taylor Haines blasted a three-run home run in the top of the first inning.

The Rams shortened the lead in the third inning after an RBI single from Klepchick.

Rhode Island was able to tie the score on a two-RBI double from sophomore leftfielder Megan Congro in the sixth inning.

The Hawks jumped back out in front in the eighth inning after a Haines double drove in senior shortstop Kate Wacyk. Hartford added to their lead later in the inning when graduate centerfielder Erica Phelps brought in Haines on an RBI single.

The Rams evened the score once more in the bottom of the inning when Congro scored on a fielder’s choice and Pendergast hammered a solo shot to center field. However, an RBI single from Wacyk in the top of the ninth put the Hawks on top for good.

Rhode Island gets back on the diamond this weekend when they travel to the University of Maryland – Baltimore County Dawg Pound Invitational.

“The Rams were scheduled to compete in the meet last year but were unable to do so due to weather,” Layton said. “We need to work on hitting the low-end pitch offensively,” Layton said. “Defensively, we’re going to have to make some position changes. We’re going to bring our leftfielder in to play third base, our third baseman to catcher and out catcher into the outfield and I think that’s going to be a very good second line-up to go to.”

The Rams closed out the season with a 1-13 record in Atlantic 10 play.

“I was very pleased with how the team played, they were more consistent in the game, and that is something we have been struggling with,” Inglessie said. “I am so proud of how hard this team played and the effort they always gave.”

Softball team still winless after sweep in S.C.

Rhode Island head coach John Copeland said, “That’s always a nice thing to look at.” The Rams want guys who obviously want to achieve at their highest level every time.

On the second day of competition, senior Thaddues Kusiak grabbed seventh place in the 400-meter dash at a distance of 18.21 meters.

Senior Ronald Woodley took the top spot in the triple jump with a height of 15.51 meters. Woodley claimed the crown by just less than one half-meter over Bucknell University junior Ray Holmes.

Baltzell finished third in the heptathlon at the end of Saturday’s competition. He took seventh place in the pole vault, launching himself over the bar at a height of 4.15 meters. Baltzell also finished ninth in the 60-meter hurdles with a time of 8.83 seconds and was victorious in the 1,000-meter run at 2:39.46.

Rhode Island sat in second place behind the University of Connecticut by the end of the first day of competition with 18 points. On the final day of events, junior Anthony Davidson finished third in the 400-meter dash with a time of 46.98 seconds.

Davidson broke the Rhode Island school record in the event. “What impressed me was the 400-meter dash,” Copeland said. “Davidson ran really, really well. I think Woodley had one of the best congratulations I’ve seen him have in three years. Baltzell had his third weekend in a row doing seven events and he was pretty impressive. It was a good weekend for us.”

Woodley grabbed fourth place in the long jump with a distance of 22.4. Seniors Jonanth Bartlett and Andrew Piscitelli took tenth place in the pole vault and shot put, respectively.

Rhode Island begins their outdoor season in a few weeks at the University of Connecticut Invitational on March 30, in Storrs, Conn. The Rams were scheduled to compete in the meet last year as well, but the event was cancelled.

“Basically we’re trying to get back to our basic training,” Copeland said. “[We’re also] getting used to the outdoor conditions and those kind of things. We’ve got a lot of work to do in three weeks.”

Rhody lost VCU from the floor, hitting 37 percent of its field goal attempts. VCU shot 34 percent. Rhode island’s defense of its points from the paint, 11 of them coming from freshmen Samantha Tabakman.

Tabakman reached double digits in each of the last four games for the Rams. She also pulled down eight rebounds.

“Samantha has been playing tough,” Inglessie said. “She has been big down low and getting points for us in the paint. Being a freshman, I look forward to watching her improve.”

The Rams finished the season 13-11, good for a 1-13 record in Atlantic 10 play.

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Men’s track and field finishes 9th at IC4As

BY JAKE MARROCCO
Sports Staff Reporter

The University of Rhode Island men’s track and field team finished tied for ninth place at the Intercollegiate Association of Amateur Athletics of America (IC4A) Indoor Track and Field Championships last weekend.

The meet closed out the Rams’ indoor season, and their 29 points were more than they scored last season at the IC4A Championships.

Junior Trent Baltzell took part in the heptathlon and won the high jump event on the first day of competition with a height of 6 feet 11 inches. Baltzell was also able to record a personal best in the 60-meter dash with a time of 10.37 seconds, taking 12th place overall. His 45-foot 3.5-inch throw in the shot put earned him second place in the event.

“I didn’t see that anyone underperformed at the