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Shooter scare reopens debate on arming campus police

BY NANCY LAVIN
Contributing News Reporter

This article will be running as a special two-part series, divided between two issues of the Cigar.

Sandy Hook. Virginia Tech. Columbine. These are three names of schools in the United States. To most Americans, they are more than just places of learning. These are the locations of three of the worst school shootings in American history. They are names associated with death, tragedy and horrific mass gun violence that have sharply increased in recent years.

University of Rhode Island students, faculty and staff all know these names. Two weeks ago, a gun scare in Chafee Hall had some thinking that URI would be the next on this list. Fortunately, it was a false alarm. But the thoughts of "what could have been" linger in the air, and with them, the ongoing debate about whether campus police should be armed has resurfaced.

In their more than 30-year existence, the campus police have never been allowed to carry guns. Police officers have



Hensley Carrasco | Cigar

University of Rhode Island President David M. Dooley and URI police Maj. Stephen Baker walk toward the microphone stand for the press conference held on April 4. Dooley said, during the press conference, that he is an advocate for arming campus police.

long voiced their strong belief in the need to be armed, petitioning the state legislature and the recently formed Rhode Island Board of Education – the only groups with the power to change the policy—multiple

times. Faculty members, particularly those on the URI Faculty Senate, have opposed this idea with equal strength. Until now, the deciding powers have kept the status quo. With the memory of the Chafee incident still

fresh, they may reevaluate.

"URI is like its own town," Officer Michael Flanagan, who has been with the campus police force for a little more than a year, said. He previously served 20 years with the

Coventry Police Department as a lieutenant.

"Same as any other town, there are large numbers of people attending and visiting the campus, both students and not. There's no way to control who's on campus, so we deal with the same people as local police officers," he said.

Unlike local police officers, campus police officers, who attend the same training through the state police academy, are allowed nothing beyond pepper spray and a baton.

"[A gun] is a tool of the trade," officer Mark Chearino, who has served 15 years with the campus police said. "You don't give a carpenter a rock to build a house; you give him a hammer. Without our tools, we can't adequately protect people."

Guns are necessary not only to protect the campus community from harm, but also for officers to protect themselves.

"Without guns, we become a liability," captain and 35-year campus police veteran John Carey said.

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Panel offers business advice for entrepreneur hopefuls

BY CHELSEA DODGE
Contributing News Reporter

On April 11, the Student Alumni Association and the Entrepreneurship Club presented its first Entrepreneurship Panel in the Robert L. Carothers Library's Galanti lounge.

"The average person has a million dollar idea," Hungry Rhody creator Devin Sheehan said. Hungry Rhody is a popular website that students who live both on and off campus use to order food from various local restaurants on campus and in South Kingstown. Sheehan was just one of five University of Rhode Island alumni who were selected to be on the panel. The other four panelists were C.J. Bordeleau, founder of Arsenal Social, Kurt Harrington, founder of Something Fishy Inc., Eddie

Omar, creator of Power Hour healthy energy shots and Bob Cerio, owner of Ocean State Energy Resources. The members shared words of wisdom with the attendees about their journey into entrepreneurship.

"If you're not failing, you're not trying hard enough," Harrington said. "Keep knocking on those doors until they say yes."

The beginning of the creation process is the hardest for many budding entrepreneurs. Hopefuls need to have genuine passion for their idea and not be in it for the salary.

Sheehan warned that one mistake many entrepreneurs make is drawing a salary too soon, rather than putting that back into the business. They all

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Rhody pic of the day



Melissa Lichtman | Cigar

Companies set up tables inside the pharmacy building to meet students and offer potential career opportunities.

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Nickel Brief:

Check out tomorrow's issue to learn about some upcoming URI events.

Thinking of seeing the new movie about Jackie Robinson?

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

'42': feel-good and inspirational in the right doses

BY AUGIE KING
Entertainment Editor

Everyone has seen at least one inspirational sports movie in their lifetime. I mean, this entire last generation practically has "Remember the Titans" engrained in their heads from the numerous times they've seen it on TV (additionally in my case for all three years my middle school played it in the auditorium).

Sometimes with these movies, there is also a theme of racial prejudice that serves as the backbone of the story, such as "Glory Road" and the aforementioned "Titans." With that in mind, it's odd that it took this long for a biopic about Jackie Robinson, one of baseball's most famous and important players, to come along, but it's here at last with "42."

Rather than take the birth-to-death route that many biopics do, "42" instead zeroes in on the start of Robinson's career with the Brooklyn Dodgers thanks to executive Branch Rickey's insistence on breaking the barrier for non-white baseball players in the MLB.

Being the first African-American to play in the major leagues excites Robinson, even to the point of proposing to his girlfriend once he signs the contract, although the road to being accepted isn't without its obstacles. Even without taking into account the opposing teams trying to rile up his short temper during games, Robinson has to deal with prejudice from his own teammates despite his skills on the diamond.

Truth be told, "42" doesn't break any new ground in regards to the sports movie

genre, yet the movie has just the right amount of earnest sentimentality and intense drama to make it work. There are certainly times where it threatens to overstep itself in the emotional manipulation, such as randomly switching a few times to the perspectives of young boys who look up to Robinson, but don't have any bearing on the plot itself.

In a similar vein, sports-writer Wendell Smith, who seemed as though he would be used as a framing device as he follows Robinson on this journey, is mostly window dressing in the grand scheme of things and isn't developed beyond sidekick tag-along. He felt like a part that writer/director Brian Helgeland saw more as a historical checkbox than an integral part of the story being told aside from his initial actions that get it all started.

With that said, it's hard not to be swept up in the events that categorized this year in Robinson's life. When Philadelphia Phillies manager Ben Chapman (played against type by the usually affable Alan Tudyk) berates him non-stop during a game, we really feel the anger and frustration bubbling within Robinson. When he goes back into the dugout and releases it all in a fit of bat-breaking rage, it's an emotionally powerful moment to witness, all the more impressive given this is Chadwick Boseman's first major acting role. An episode of "Law and Order" and "C.S.I." isn't exactly the calling card for undertaking a part as daunting as Jackie Robinson, but the decision paid off greatly as Boseman steals the movie from his more experienced costars with inner turmoil and charisma to spare.

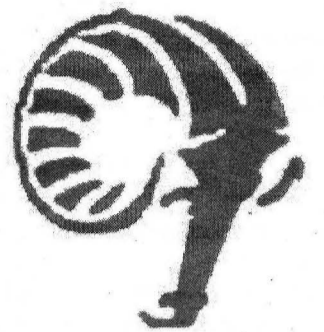
It can understandably take a few minutes to get used to Harrison Ford's heightened performance as Branch Rickey. With the rest of the movie and actors being played with earnest seriousness, he might seem like a caricature. As time goes on and the relationship between Rickey and Robinson is given some screen time, the character settles into a groove and shows some of Ford's more inspired acting after recent years of phoning it in for a paycheck.

Big star Ford aside, Helgeland was wise to fill out the rest of the roles with recognizable character actors. While he isn't in the movie for too long, Christopher Meloni gets one of the more memorable parts as trainer Leo Durocher, who satisfyingly puts the rest of the team in its place when they create a petition to stop playing as long as Robinson is there. John C. McGinley gets an amusing bit as broadcaster Red Barber and Lucas Black has a nice part as Pee Wee Reese, one of the few team players who openly sticks up for Robinson. One of the neat and more fulfilling things about the movie is that although Robinson is certainly the central focus, the supporting characters get enough dimension and definition to make them stand out and the movie

feel more complete.

That's why "42" works as well as it does. On the outside, it looks and unfolds like many other inspirational sports movies, hitting the right audience pleasing notes of rousing excitement without really taking risks with the material. If this can be overlooked, the movie yields very gratifying results and the breakout performance from Boseman will most likely win you over, even if the rest of the movie doesn't. In this age of darkly cynical movies, having one come along that is unabashedly feel-good and made so well is quite refreshing.

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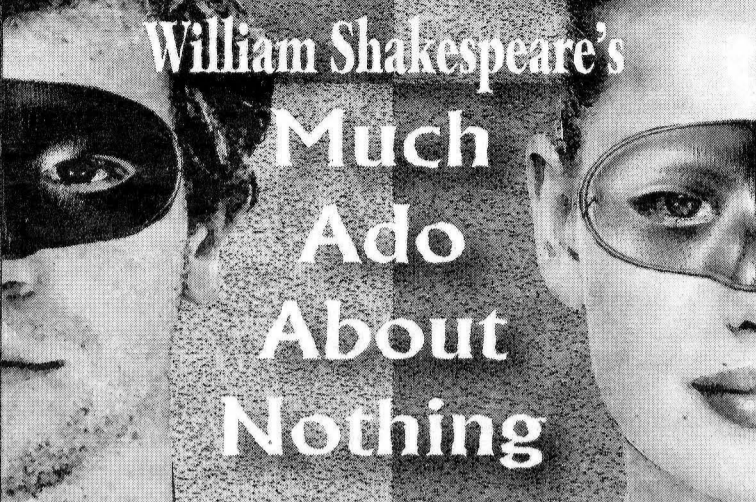
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Panel

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agreed that it is important to find a niche and develop a strength that is other peoples' weakness. Finding a mentor in the field is an instrumental tool many of the panelists wish they had when they began. For Cerio, it seemed as though it was just yesterday he was walking the URI campus.

"Time flies, so if you have an idea go for it," Cerio said.

Sheehan agreed and added, "a lot of people don't react on the ideas they have."

Of course, the panelists faced their share of adversity while growing their businesses. "The only thing certain is uncertainty," Omar said about his struggle to get his company off the ground. He announced he had just completed his Ph.D. in natural product chemistry that day. Naturally, he must have used some of those Power Hour energy shots to get him through his studying.

"I'll sleep when I'm dead," Omar said. "I have better things to do now."

He lamented how there were individuals who kept saying he couldn't do it, but that is what fueled him.

Sheehan prepared a list of five business killers and five business boosters to share with the attendees. He said making lists was one of the tools that got him to where he is today. Some of his business killers were sitting in front of the television and a lack of organization, while his boosters were having faith and surrounding yourself with successful people.

The night was both engaging and insightful and there is sure to have been more than one person who walked out of the lounge ready to take on a new idea.

"This is what I'm about," Cerio said. "Exchanging knowledge."

Police

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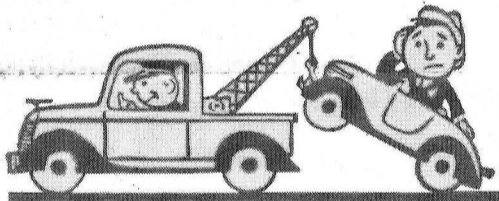
Flanagan explained that this can be especially dangerous in an active shooter situation.

"The first officers that get there deal with the situation," he said. "If you're not armed, you become another potential victim."

In almost all campus situations requiring a police response, it is the URI police who are the first responders, according to Chearino, who recalled a shooting incident in 1997 near Bressler Hall in which he was one of the first on the scene but had no weapon.

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Rhody SPORTS



URI men's golf team places second at Century Intercollegiate tournament

BY COLIN HOWARTH
Contributing Sports Reporter

The University of Rhode Island golf team earned a second place finish at the Century Intercollegiate this past weekend to end its regular season.

Rhode Island finished three strokes behind hosting Yale University for the title. The team has finished in the top two in all four of its events in 2013.

Senior Jeffrey Ray led the Rams with a third place tie, his best finish of his collegiate career. Junior Andrew Fiorenzano also equaled his season-low round on Sunday.

Ray and Fiorenzano were tied for 20th place after shooting a pair of 78s on Saturday. With team stroke average leader Brandon Chicorka struggling on Sunday, shooting a year-high 80, someone had to step up. Ray shot a final round of 71, his lowest collegiate round, and Fiorenzano finished with a 73, earning him a tie for sixth

place.

"[Ray] played the best tourney of his career," head coach Gregg Burke said. "Knowing we needed to score, he came up big. He played up to the initial expectation we had for him."

In his first five events of the year, Fiorenzano's best finish was a tie for 17th place. In the last three events, however, the junior's lowest finish was eighth, including a fifth place finish at the New England Division-I Championship.

"When he puts it all together, he can be one of the best players in the league," Burke said.

Chicorka ended the tournament tied for 10th place after opening the tournament with a 73 on Saturday, which tied him for third place. His 10th place finish marked his eighth top 10 finish in nine starts this year.

Junior Jared Adams and freshman Nick Fairweather tied for 17th place in the tournament. Fairweather fired a season-best 74 on Saturday,

which tied him for sixth place heading into the final round.

The Rams will head to the Atlantic-10 Championship on Thursday in Coral Springs, Fla., where they finished fifth last year and haven't won since 2004. Fiorenzano tied for fifth place last year, three strokes back from first, and Chicorka finished seven strokes back in a tie for 18th.

Burke said both players have a good chance of winning the tournament.

"The par is king," he said. "They need to get pars."

Rhode Island is projected to finish eighth in the league, but, the Rams certainly hope to finish better. Burke said the three southern schools in the league have different priorities because they're able to play year round.

"We come in thinking that if we play our best we can win the tourney," Burke said. "I just hope it rewards our hard work throughout the season, and obviously we hope to do better than eighth."

Rhody sports notebook

BY MIKE ABELSON
Sports Editor

The football and softball teams are co-sponsoring a bone marrow donor registry drive Thursday in the Memorial Union. The drive will run from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the America's Cup room.

The football team will be playing its annual spring game Saturday afternoon at Meade Stadium. The game will kick off at 1 p.m. and will be full speed and full contact. It will be formatted in an offense versus defense format with a scoring system as opposed to a traditional game. The Rams return eight starters on both sides of the ball. Tickets are \$5.

Brad Applin was named Atlantic-10 rookie of week for baseball. Applin earned the award after a sterling four-inning relief performance in Saturday's 3-1 win against

Temple University. Applin struck out five Owls to pick up the first save of his career. Through more than 16 innings of relief this season, the Malden, Mass. native has held batters to hit a paltry .146 batting average.

The women's tennis team was swept by North Carolina-Charlotte at the Atlantic-10 championships last weekend. The 12th-seeded Rams lost 4-0 to the 5th-seeded 49ers.

The Rhode Island Swimming & Diving Team will host the 2013 Ed and Judy Golden Humanitarian Golf Outing May 18 at the Richmond Country Club. Golfers will tee off at 1:30 p.m., and the price of \$110 covers 18 holes of golf, a buffet dinner and a boxed lunch.

Cigar reporter reflects on first year of Rhody sports

BY JACOB MARROCCO
Sports Staff Reporter

I recall sitting in the gymnasium of Pilgrim High School in Warwick, R.I., as one of the four or so fans who arrived for a basketball game. The same was the case for essentially all of the sports my high school had to offer. One of my first thoughts about college was that this dynamic had to change. More people had to care about the athletics and those who dedicated their lives to them.

My time at the University of Rhode Island thus far has both affirmed and hurt this belief. The first sporting event I attended was a men's soccer game versus Bryant University in the early days of September. The game ended in a tie, but hundreds of students poured into the stands to chant and cheer for their team. This was the romanticized scenario I had imagined in high school. It had finally come true, and I had hoped to witness more of it.

As I began regularly going to the football games, I experienced another common feeling associated with sports: frustration. Our football squad cannot be victorious in every game, but just seeing one win would have been sufficient. However, I eventually became impervious to the agony of defeat, and I look forward to next season regardless.

My last column about URI sports ended during the winter season, which turned out to be my favorite of them all. While the women's hockey team was not able to claim another Eastern Collegiate Women's Hockey League title, they won a slew of games and won't lose a single player from their roster heading into next year.

Also, the men's hockey squad showed promise with freshmen stars like Robbie Buehrer developing their prowess on the ice. The women's basketball team, despite their lackluster performance this year, continued to evolve their underclassmen and can undoubtedly secure a few more Atlantic-10 wins next season as Samantha Tabakman and Tayra Melendez improve.

However, I would be remiss to forget the men's basketball squad, which is powered by Dan Hurley's contract extension and recruits like

Ifeanyi Onyekaba eligible to play in the winter. The energy at the Thomas M. Ryan Center last season was electrifying and nothing like I had witnessed before. I look forward to it increasing next year, especially in their search for revenge against Providence College for this season's double-digit loss.

As the men's team finished their season against the University of Massachusetts and women's hockey fell in the ECWHL tournament, it was weeks before spring sports got into action. The sport I was most anticipating next to basketball at URI was baseball. I heard about their perennial success in the A-10 and had to witness it myself. Approximately 40 games into the season, they have not disappointed, as their conference record has climbed to 9-3, good for second place.

Additionally, the women's rowing team, which has been one of my spring beats for the Cigar, continues to be victorious against the top competitors in the A-10 as they attempt to defend their title on May 4 in Camden, N.J. Softball continues to improve and the track and cross country teams are perhaps the most consistent winners at the university. If one year at this school has revealed anything to me, it is that I severely underestimated the athletic programs at URI.

As I look backward and forward at the events I have seen in two semesters of sports, I am fortunate to report that I am satisfied. Yes, there have been disappointments, such as the missed buzzer-beater against George Washington University and the Family Weekend blowout against Georgia State University, but the offseason improvements and experience gained make Rhode Island sports promising for future seasons.

I may have had the intention of attending Northeastern University or Syracuse University, if they had accepted me, but I seem to have found my niche here at URI, especially with my greatest love: sports. As one patron at Welcome Day, who stopped by the Cigar's table put it, "it seems to have worked out for you in the end." They were right.

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