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Alex and Ani gives URI students a glimpse at its business success

BY NANCY LAVIN
News Editor

Two top staff members from Alex and Ani shared the secrets of their business success with University of Rhode Island students yesterday.

Iris Carlomusto, a URI alumna who graduated in 2006 and current director of marketing, was joined by Rachel Rafaelian, director of merchandise control, to discuss the history and mission of the Rhode Island-based jewelry company.

The company was founded by Carolyn Rafaelian, aunt of Rafaelian said that the company emphasizes that to become curious about the environment, many of its students.

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Student Senate funds WRIU technology modernization

BY KIMBERLY DELIANE
News Reporter

Last night, the University of Rhode Island Student Senate granted $7,600 to WRIU. The money will go toward making automation and infrastructure improvements for the organization.

WRIU's current technology is more than 15 years old and, according to Ben Simon, chief engineer of WRIU, it would "be rendered useless" after the URI upgrades its telephone system next year.

"With the university's plans to upgrade its existing infrastructure, it was going to become harder and harder to maintain our own," Simon said. "URI has recently received a $3 million grant to upgrade its optical fiber network. This equipment can work over that and take advantage of it."

Simon, who has worked with WRIU for four years, considers these improvements to be a great opportunity to further expand the radio station. The grant allocated to WRIU will help provide the organization equipment that is more user-friendly for members of WRIU to set up and utilize. Currently, WRIU's technology involves a lot of "button pressing and manual setup," which according to Simon, can prove to be a "potential problem for our members."

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Mercury levels in oceans on the rise

BY DANNY SAVAGE, SANDRA FOGG, AND IANNA LEISHIN
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While Rhode Island boasts some of the greatest seafood in the nation, many of its residents are unaware of the risks that often accompany consumption of fish.

A major issue is mercury poisoning, which stems from pollution of the oceans. The largest contributors of mercury emissions in the U.S. are coal-fired power plants, which account for 35 tons of airborne mercury pollution each year. Coal, as it occurs in nature, is contaminated by mercury. When burned, mercury is then released into the atmosphere as a by-product in the smoke. The airborne particles then make their way into the freshwater sources, such as rivers and lakes, and eventually flow into the ocean.

Here, the water converts the natural mercury particles into methylmercury, which is eaten by small organisms like plankton. Small fish and other animals that consume the tiny organisms allow the methylmercury to accumulate in their tissues. This continues all the way up the food chain in the ocean, and eventually to humans.

The large fish that we eat can have large quantities of reserves of mercury in their tissues. This can lead to serious health complications such as blindness, cerebral palsy, deafness, growth problems and mental retardation. It is especially serious if affected fish are eaten by pregnant women, as their offspring have a high risk of incomplete or complicated neurological development.

In order to combat these potential risks, knowledge about which fish are safe to eat and which should be avoided is essential. Among the most healthful fish to eat are wild Alaskan salmon, Pacific halibut, U.S. farmed tilapia, canned light tuna, Pacific cod, and farmed Arctic char, U.S. mahimahi and rainbow trout. Not only are these fish safer for people to eat, but they are better for the planet.

Swordfish, shark, king mackerel and tilletfish contain the highest levels of mercury and should be avoided for consumption. Canned light tuna is better than other varieties of canned tuna, which come from larger fish that consume higher amounts of mercury. Farmed tilapia from the U.S. is usually low in contaminants. Farmed tilapia from China or Taiwan, on the other hand, is high in

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Have you watched the new 'Avatar: The Last Airbender' sequel? See page 2.
Tenzin, she travels to Republic City, a city that resembles New York City at the turn of the last century. This episode featured a humorous scene in which Korra has a run in with three cocky gangsters and another scene where Korra is chased throughout the city by the police.

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In the third episode we meet Amon, who appears to be the series' main antagonist. He leads the city's radical anti-bending group who wish to offer all four elements. The series' popularity can be attributed to its ability to appeal to all ages. It's a beautifully animated cartoon and it's filled with humor that would appeal to a young audience. It also has lots of action, martial arts fighting and superpower attacks which can appeal to a lot of the older audiences. Also unlike most American cartoons, the series has an engaging plot; this style it particularly popular to Anime fans.

So if you are into this, you should stay tuned to the new episodes Saturday mornings at 11 a.m. on Nickelodeon or find them online.

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The series' job is to keep the world in harmony and order. Their power is the benders. The Avatars is the source of omega 3 fatty acids and other essentials nutrients. It is important for. memories that depend on hurricane levels that were absorbed by the human body to drop over 90 percent. In similar studies of populations that depend largely on fish and drink a lot of tea, scientists found surprisingly low levels of mercury. It is important to drink green tea with fish to further reduce exposure to mercury and other contaminants.

It is important for members of the community to know where sustainable seafood can be bought. Crosby's Seafood shop in Charleston, R.I. is part of the Sustainable Seafood Initiative and works with local fishermen to provide fresh, local seafood for its customers. With businesses like these, the scare of mercury poisoning should not prevent people from enjoying the wonderful seafood that New England has to offer. When purchased carefully and consumed in moderation, fish can be a healthy source of omega 3 fatty acids and other essentials nutrients.

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Fashion Merchandising Society presents the Spring 2012 Fashion Show on Thursday, April 26 in Memorial Union Ballroom - doors open @ 7 p.m., show starts @ 7:30 p.m. Tickets sold in advance at Box Office for $5. Day of $7.00 for students & $10.00 general public.

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"tue the spirit of the university."
"What most of the money will be used for, however, is upgrad­ ing the radio station’s remote broadcast infrastructure. While WRIU already has a following on FM radio and on the Internet, they are hoping to also make their shows available on cell phones as well. According to Simon, while WRIU already has a worldwide reach, with listen­ ers tuning in from places such as Jamaica and China, having the radio reach out to cell phones and mobile connections would help to create an “easily accessi­ ble listening experience."
“Desktop computers are no longer the end all and be all to Internet connections,” Simon said. “We want to have a radio that moves with you, one that will be accommodating to the life of an average college student."

Producing a multitude of new entertainment venues with its radio station, Simon said, will open up non-traditional roles for students who are interested in working with the radio. Instead of just putting on a radio show, students can cover sports, live concerts and other events, whether they’re on campus, in Kingston, or even in Providence. “This is a golden oppor­ tunity to find resources and positions for members, even beyond the traditional role of a DJ,” Simon said. “I think by getting our name out there and making ourselves more accessible, we’ll find more students interested in working with us, and I think this is great.”

In other news:
- Kristen Stewart, Erica Peshdadian and Laura Parente were sworn in last night as the Finance Chair, SOARC Chair and Director of Marketing and Recruitment respectively.

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"jewelry,” she said, recalling that a representative from radio station called the company thinking about the charity. In February, for example, the company partnered with the American Heart Association, and has donated $30,000 back to the charity since then from the profits of the bracelet.
Currently, Alex and Ani has 10 locations nationwide, with four in Rhode Island: Newport, East Greenwich, Cranston and Providence. However, by the end of 2012, the business plans to have 33 stores across the nation, according to Rafaelian.
Rhody SPORTS

Womens track continues to improve
BY JONATHAN SHIDELLER
Sports Staff Reporter

This past weekend, the University of Rhode Island's track and field teams participated in the Larry Ellis Memorial Invitational, a two-day event hosted by Princeton University in Princeton, N.J.

The 4x100 meter relay team set the pace for the weekend. The team consisted of two seniors, Kalyn Sheehan and Chelsea Jubrey, as well as two sophomores Hannah Hanacek and Jennifer Christian. The foursome won their event on their way to setting both school and meet records with a finishing time of 45.81.

"It's very exciting to see that [former] assistant coach John Melnick said. "Not just the relay teams but everyone is working hard right now and contributing as a team."

Sheehan's weekend didn't end with just the first place finish in relays; she also took seventh in the 100 meter and 400 meter hurdles.

In the triple jump it was sophomore Kimberly Ezeama who finished seventh, with a final jump of 11.51 meters. In the 400 meter-dash freshman Lauren Burke placed thirtieth overall with a time of 59.82. Right behind her was senior Najla Singleton who ran her season best time 58.91.

Seniors Tyler Seguin and Christian both ran well in the 200m dash. Capozzi ran a season best time of 23.90, while Ward could run as fast as 24.50. Both of those times were good enough to qualify for the New England championship next month.

"They are both [Capozzi and Christian] significant contributors to our team," Melnick said. "It's good to know that we will have some athletes ready to participate in May."

Junior Genevieve Rybicki topped her season best in the shot put; she had a throw of 13.07m and finished eleventh. Rybicki also finished ninth overall in the discus with a toss of 41.84m.

Junior Emily Moorehead placed twenty-fifth in the hammer throw with a 44.74m throw. Next on tap for track and field is the Penn Relays in Philadelphia, Pa., which is a three-day event starting this Thursday. Then on Sunday the team competes at the Brown Invitational in Providence R.I., at 4 P.M. Improving and remaining strong for the next four meets is the goal at this time of year.

"Proper preparation is required to do well," Moorehead said. "We just need to plan ahead and plan for success, as coaches were happy with the way the team competed and staying focused, which is tough with classes ending and finals approaching."