Frozen yogurt store opens in Emporium

BY NANCY LAVIN
Managing Editor

Brightly-colored orange and green decorations fill the stark white space with fluorescent lights. Music blares from the speakers and University of Rhode Island students crowd into the small space. It may not be your typical fraternity party, but the new Orange Leaf frozen yogurt store brings its own kind of party to the Kingston Emporium.

With more than 60 flavors to choose from and a wide array of toppings, students have been flocking to Orange Leaf in large numbers since its opening on Aug. 17, according to store owner and company partner Jaimi Mehta. Mehta along with three other partners, owns the rights to all the Orange Leaf stores throughout Rhode Island and Massachusetts, but says he is especially excited to bring the frozen yogurt trend to URI.

“Obviously we hope we will be successful,” he said. “I want lines out to Cumberland Farms every day. I want to make Orange Leaf the coolest place to hang out, and I think it already has become that since it’s so bright and lively and no other building looks like us.”

Although the grand opening for the store will not be until later this month, Mehta and his partners are already working to reach out to students and generate more business. Mehta says he plans on offering 10 percent discounts for alloted time periods in conjunction with fundraisers organized by groups on campus, and hopes to sponsor club sports as well.

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Student Senate holds its first meeting of new academic year

BY SHAWN SAIYA
Managing Editor

The University of Rhode Island Student Senate elected a new member to its executive committee in its first meeting of the new school year last night.

Chris Cicero was elected over Brian Sit to fill the cultural affairs chairperson position.

The cultural affairs committee deals with all cultural issues and looks to build and maintain an inclusive and unified environment at URI for all groups. The committee also promotes multiculturalism on campus and creates campus traditions.

Cicero is entering his third year serving on the cultural affairs committee and had been serving as vice chairman. Cicero had previously served as a member of the rules and ethics board and the NCAA athletic advisory board.

“I personally feel that these compiled experiences equip me with the skills required to be in an executive board chair,” Cicero said in his nomination speech.

Cicero said that as vice chairman he had worked with the previous chairperson and had already set goals that he hoped the cultural affairs committee would achieve this year.

Cicero stated that one of his main goals is to strengthen the lines of communication between the multicultural student organizations and senate. He said the main line of communication is currently through a senate liaison to Multicultural Center Director Melvin Wade.

Cicero said he wants to broaden communications directly to the student groups as well by having committee members attend group meetings periodically. Cicero also said he would like to hold group discussions with the multicultural organizations.

—In other news:

- The Student Organization Advisory Review Committee will hold its first Presidents’ Meeting of the school year this Monday, Sept. 10 at 7 p.m. in the Student Senate Chambers in the Memorial Union. All Student Senate-recognized groups on campus, and hopes to sponsor club sports as well.

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Rhody pic of the day

Lauren Trad | Cigar

President Katie Miller and Resident Assistant Christian Mejia of Ellery Hall enjoyed rock painting last night.

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Football team prepares for new season

BY MIKE ARELSON
Sports Editor

The Rhode Island football opens up its 2012 campaign this weekend. The Rams travel to New Jersey to take on Monmouth University in a non-confrence tilt.

Rhode Island football coach Joe Trainer, now entering his fourth year at the helm of the Rams, said he’s excited for the new season.

“We’ve had a great camp,” Joe Trainer said. “We’re very optimistic. I think the chemistry is going to be better than it was a year ago and our leadership is too. We’ve got out of camp healthy and if we can stay healthy I think we have a shot of being competitive.”

After a five-win year in 2010 the Rams were hit hard by the injury bug in 2011 and limped out of the season with three wins. The Rams also lost several of their best linemen including John D可视, Kyle Bogumil, Willie McGinnis, and Matt Rae. Rae and McGinnis combined for over 80 starts in the interior of the defensive line. Junior James Timmins has played significant time since his true freshman season in 2010, and he’ll be expected to step up on the defensive line. Juniors Josh Moody and Ali Muhammad, as well as senior Shamori Watts will also play key snaps on the defensive line.

Redshirt junior Andrew Bellizaire missed all of last year due to injury and Trainer said he expects him to play a key role on the offensive line. Junior Bob Bentsen returns under center for the Rams and will be complemented by the return of Ayo Isijola in the backfield. Isijola missed all of 2011 with a leg injury. He was second on the team in rushing in 2010 with 455 yards. The Rams also return four of their top five receivers from a year ago. Seniors Brandon Johnson, Farrell and Ty Bynum will be the big play threats for the Rams.

While the Rams have a week before they open conference play, Trainer said that the league is the most even it has been top to bottom in his 11 years coaching in the Colonial Athletic Association. He said that Rams have just as a good a team as anybody else, and I think the team that proves the most this season and the team that stays the healthiest is the team that’ll win the championship.

In the last two years the Rams have dominated at Meade Stadium going a combined 7-3 but are 1-11 on the road over the same period. Trainer said the team must improve on the road if it wants to compete for a league title.

“We got to be unbeatable at home, and we got to have a winning record on the road,” Trainer said. “Our home record the last two years is in the top third of the league, but we’ve played poorly on the road.”

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Today's forecast

79°F

Some temporary relief from the humidity today.

Haven't seen the men's basketball schedule yet?

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Daily Grind
@ Library
Too much “research” got you blurry-eyed?
Grab a quick Starbucks pick-me-up!

Ram’s Den
@ Memorial Union
Short on time? Visit our Food Court for a quick meal.

Where can I use my Resident Meal Plan?

Dining Dollars

We still have positions available!
Speak to the location’s manager for more information. A contact list can be found online at: www.wrl.edu/dining.

Ram Escape
@ Memorial Union
Visit our new Union Square Chicken for combination meals, or enjoy a Starbucks coffee while you pick up your snail-mail. Easy & convenient!

Rhody Market
@ Hope Commons
Choose from our Starbucks menu at Common Grounds, a frozen treat from Ice Cream Machine, or a gourmet pizza or calzone from Upper Crust. Relax in the fireplace lounge and watch the flat screen TVs. We’re open late!

Corner Store
@ Hope Commons
Sandwiches & wraps, soup & wings, cereal bars, candy by the pound, Amy’s Frozen Meals, plus way too many convenience items to list here!
On-Campus

- Residence Hall Washers & Dryers
- Residence Hall Soda Machines
- Copiers and Printers in the Library

Food Court at the Ram’s Den
- Ram Escape at Memorial Union
- Jump Asian Express at the Ram’s Den
- Union Square Chicken at Ram Escape

Who accepts my Ram Account?

The Ram Account is a debit account issued by the Campus Access Office designed to provide a convenient, easy, and safe way to make purchases from participating on- and off-campus vendors.

Cash is so old school.

- CVS (Four locations: Emporium, Narragansett, Wakefield and Newport)
- Panera Bread (Wakefield)
- Roch’s (Narragansett)
- Kingston Pizza (Two locations!)
- Dunkin Donuts (Emporium)

Off-Campus

- Breakfast at Butterfield
- Lunch at Butterfield
- Dinner at Butterfield

- Brunch/Lunch at Mainfare
- Dinner at Mainfare

- Albie’s
- ASH Mart Inc.
- Burger Shack
- Beluga Froyo
- Caliente Mexican Grill
- Clam Jammers
- D’Angelo’s
- Empire Tea and Coffee
- International Pizza, Pockets, Steak, & Zone
- Get the Funk Out
- Peking Tokyo
- Picnic Basket
- Rhody Joe’s
- The Rhode House
- Subway
- Quizno’s
- Old Mountain Lanes
- TLC Coffee Roasters
- Woodhouse Fire’N Coal Pizza
Go to class

Welcome, or welcome back, to everyone at the University of Rhode Island. With just one day of classes done, and (hopefully) no homework, you’re probably still getting used to the idea of doing problem sets and essays again after a summer of relaxing in the sun. Don’t be too upset though—summer’s not finished yet, although the weather lately might indicate otherwise. According to reliable sources such as the weather app on your iPhone, the forecast is clear for the next few days, and there will be plenty of time to bask in the remaining rays of summer sun at the beach.

With that being said, the beautiful summer and early fall weather can seem like a great excuse to skip class. Why bother sitting in a 300-person lecture in Edwards Hall for a general education class when you can be sitting on the quad, iced coffee in hand, right?

As tempting as that sounds to everyone, remember, the first few days of class are important. It may seem like a dull exercise in name-games, course expectations and other mundane activities to fill the allotted time. Sometimes, that may be true, but most of the time, the first few classes are key to your success over the semester.

Despite what some people say, first impressions do count, and this is your chance to make an impression on your professor, and for your professor and the course material to make an impression on you. Even in a 300-person lecture, a professor who takes attendance will notice if you are not there for the first class. And if he or she is taking attendance, you don’t want to waste the two or three allowed absences at the beginning, when you may really need them later. More importantly, you could miss out on an important announcement. The change in office hours, a new book you may need or sign-ups for presentation dates.

Don’t forget too that you have until Sept. 18 to add classes, and Sept. 26 to drop them, although you may have to pay an additional fee if you wait until the end of that time period. If you don’t go to class, how will you know if you want to stay in it?

The bottom line is: go to class. It may seem pointless, but it will pay off later in the semester. And as for the beach? Go on the weekend.

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Student emphasizes importance of social media in presidential election

To the Cigar,

Since the start of the election season, it has been rather interesting to see how each major U.S. political party and its presidential candidates, in their respective campaigns, have taken on a new frontier that most presidents have not had to face—the Internet. While the 2008 election—with then-Illinois senator Barack Obama and current Arizona senator John McCain—showed how important social media can be, this election seems to show why it is not only a must, but why it has to be done right.

With Obama’s campaign team already experienced with running (and winning, I might add) a presidential election and keeping up with all of its social media platforms, one would not really doubt that the president has a relative advantage against Romney’s campaign. But with Election Day right around the corner (Nov. 6), one would hope that the gap would have shranken by now.

Last week, the Republican Party held its 2012 national convention (RNC 2012) in Tampa, Fla. This week, as I am writing this, the Democrats are doing the same thing in Charlotte, N.C. If one were to attend or watch both conventions, one would most likely insist that they are similar to each other—not replicas of each other, in fact. The grandiose patriotism covered in red, white, and blue rhetoric. But with the Internet, the feelings for the parties and the candidates does not seem at all replicable.

After the first night of the 2012 Democratic National Convention (DNC 2012), Twitter
Yogurt

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Orange Leaf is open 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Sunday across from CVS Pharmacy in the Emporium.

Senate

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organizations are required to attend in order to seek re-recognition for the new school year.

President Stephanie Segal received a letter from U.S. Senator Sheldon Whitehouse thanking the URI Student Senate for its advocacy for an extension of federal-ly subsidized student loans. The U.S. Senate signed a bipartisan bill in June that kept the interest rate of Stafford loans from doubling from 3.4 percent to 6.8 per-cent until July 1, 2013.

Sports

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offensive categories en route to being named to the First Team of the New England Collegiate Baseball League. Roy set team records in stolen bases (24) and runs scored (46). Roy was the first player to steal more than 20 bases, as well as hit at least 10 doubles.

Junior Joe Landi was named to the Perfect Game Collegiate Baseball League First Team. Landi stole 31 bases and scored 42 runs; both were good for the top three in the league and led his team, the Newark Pilots. He ranked in the top three of his team in five offensive cate-gories including hits (51), runs batted in (35) and batting aver-age (.329).

Football

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After Monmouth the Rams travel to Philadelphia for their CAA opener against Villanova University before opening the home schedule on Sept. 22 against James Madison University.

"People don't realize [red-shirt junior] Andrew Belizaire missed the whole year last year," Trainer said. "He was a starting offensive lineman last year and he sustained an injury.

Election

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released on its blog some of the statistics it was able to gather in just its first night alone, the "#DNC2012" hashtag, along with other related hash-tags, received an impressive 3 million tweets, while the RNC capped at 4 million tweets for the entire three-day convention. What may even be more interesting, however, are the tweets the speakers at the respective conventions received.

According to Twitter, Romney received the three biggest spikes at the convention— with his top two being his con-clusion (14,289 tweets per minute) and his mention of President Putin (13,267 tweets per minute) followed by Marco Rubio and Clint Eastwood: 8,937 and 7,944 tweets per minute, respectively. What Eastwood and RNC 2012 organizers proba-bly did not expect from his chair stunt, however, was the emer-gence of an unknown (and unseen, I might add again) char-acter from the convention. While conservatives at the convention and at home laughed at the stunt, the feelings of the stunt were mixed; with a 45-second timeframe, an account called #InvisibleObama, a parody mocking Eastwood's stunt, appeared, gaining 20,000 users and 10,000 mentions. It also allowed Obama to tweet an image of him sitting in a chair labeled "The President" accompanied with the caption: "this seat's taken." It was the most tweeted tweet of this year's RNC.

Although Ann Romney and other women of the Republican party did not make Twitter's blog, Michelle Obama, and a few other women speakers, cer-tainly did. Michelle Obama's speech saw a peak of 29,003 tweets per minute, nearly dou-bling Mitt Romney's peak of 14,289. What may seem like adding insult to injury and a quick tangent from social media, according to The University of Minnesota's Humphrey School of Public Affairs, Michelle Obama has set the highest grade-level (12th grade) speech-es delivered by the wives of presidential candidates while Ann Romney has set the record for the lowest (5th grade). While Twitter does not mention who the second-most "tweeted per minute" speaker is, it does mention that Julian Castro, mayor of San Antonio, Texas, beat every speaker at the RNC, except for Mitt Romney.

It would not be fair for me to suggest or leave you with that impression that the Romney campaign has not been trying because they have. Twice. According to Salon.com, on Aug. 31, around the time of Eastwood's Invisible Obama act, the campaign spent $120,000 to get #RomneyRyan2012 trending and ran a nearly 10,000 unique tweets, which compro­mised of mainly pro-Obama and anti-Romney tweets. In their latest attempt at utilizing social media, the Romney campaign, during the DNC's first night, trended the hashtag: "#Fareyoubet­teroff," which garnered mixed support on twitter.

Although Mitt Romney and the Republicans appear to be having a hard time with social media, an article by CNBC shows that while Obama has more followers on Twitter and likes on Facebook, the amount of activity (shares, retweets, favorites, etc.) is almost the same on Twitter and may be even leaning toward Mitt Romney on Facebook. So, while social media has become more important than ever for people running for office (especially high-profiled candidates) and must be done right, it's the final vote that determines who becomes presi-dent.

-Pitu Sim
Summer 2012 film releases bring some successes but more disappointments

BY AUGIE KING
Entertainment Editor

Compared to the summer of 2011, which didn’t have many flat-out great movies but was consistently satisfying and had more good movies than most movie summers, the summer of 2012 was a big letdown. It had all the potential to be both better than last year’s blockbuster season and one of the best summers in recent memory. Alas, despite some scattered triumphs, the majority of the films were a mix of could-have-been-better, polarized reactions, and the usual bombs that come with the territory.

Starting out with the great ones should be easy, since there weren’t that many. The unequivocal winner of the summer, in terms of box-office revenues, critic reviews and audience reactions, was “The Avengers.” The movie packed on all fronts, whether it’s the action, humor, memorable scenes or fanboy teasing, although it perhaps seemed to be looking forward to, Pixar had to pick itself back off the ground with “Brave.” It ultimately turned out to be a minor success and another good addition to its resume, even though it didn’t receive the unanimous acclaim that Pixar typically draws out of critics and audiences (“Cars” aside).

Here is where things start to get rocky, especially with the two most polarizing films in recent memory: “The Amazing Spider-Man” and “Prometheus.” Both films have drawn great love and great hate from people in an unfortunate case of comparisons to previous adaptations (“Spider-Man”) and overblown expectations (“Prometheus”). The response to “Spider-Man” has mostly been positive, as many believe it capably stands on its own, though others think it is unnecessary and covers too much similar ground as the previous trilogy. “Prometheus,” on the other hand, is almost entirely considered a disappointment. Even those who like the movie more than most wish that it could have been better, especially with Ridley Scott returning to the “Alien” franchise he started, and those who dislike the movie have been very vocal about it.

Most of the reactions to the other action blockbusters have been those of indifference, as “The Bourne Legacy” flew under-the-radar, “Men in Black 3” simply tried reviving the Will Smith sci-fi series, and “Snow White and the Huntsman” did nothing to stave off critics of Kristen Stewart’s wooden acting. Meanwhile, Sacha Baron Cohen’s “The Dictator” found some fans, but didn’t live up to the talent that he showed in “Borat” or even “Bruno.” At the far end of the spectrum were the occasional bombs that summer inevitably brings some points. “Battleship” is now considered to be one of the biggest fails of the last decade (with good reason), while the “Total Recall” remake failed to connect with an audience that still loves the Arnold Schwarzenegger original. After the abysmal “Jack and Jill,” Adam Sandler had nowhere to go but up, and yet, “That’s My Boy” turned out to be one of the least successful movies of his career.

Thankfully, the victories of the summer weren’t all superheroes and sleeper comedies. Fans of traditional action movies got their fill with “The Expendables 2,” a general improvement over the first film that concluded the summer on a light, fun note. After long months of scattered worthwhile releases, “The Expendables 2” was a nice anecdote to the stream of disappointments this past summer. Of course, now that summer is over, the fall season generally conjures up strong movies, but the sting of the summer’s letdown may remain, and 2013 won’t have a hard time making up for it.
The first "Expendables" movie was perhaps not quite the triumph that everyone had hoped it would be back in 2010. It had some memorable moments and a great final action scene, but, for the most part, it left me wanting more. This is not the case with "The Expendables 2," as the majority of the issues I had with the first one have been fixed, and the film is just plain fun overall.

Seeing the first "Expendables" film isn't necessary to enjoy this improved sequel, although there are some connections. Essentially, we learn that our heroes, even though they succeeded in their own way (which basically means taking out every last villain in sight), didn't carry over the previous mission like their employer, CIA agent Church (Bruce Willis), wanted them to. In order to make up for this misunderstanding, Church wants Barney Ross (Sylvester Stallone) and his crew to locate missing nuclear launch codes and return them without fault. What should have been a simple in-and-out job becomes personal when the codes are stolen by arms dealer Jean Vilain (Jean-Claude Van Damme), forcing the Expendables to track him down before he can use them on hidden Russian missiles.

Just about every actor from the first movie, sans Mickey Rourke, returns for this go-around, and some of them get expanded roles while at the same time making way for new players. Arnold Schwarzenegger and Willis, who previously only made two-minute cameos, finally get in on the action, and the shot of Stallone, Schwarzenegger and Willis standing side-by-side taking out nameless henchman in unison should give '80s action fans the kind of nostalgic wish fulfillment missing from the first movie. Jet Li unfortunately bows out early (not without an incredible display of martial arts skills beforehand, though), making way for newcomers Liam Hemsworth, Chuck Norris and Van Damme to get their due. Even when some actors don't get much attention (more Terry Crews would've been nice, while Randy Couture is practically pointless at this point), everyone gets their moments to shine.

The humor and banter between our heroes gets a nice boost, as they spout off cheesy one-liners and joke about each other even in battle. The dialogue doesn't work most of the time; a lot of it is flat-out bad and painful to listen to, but every now and then someone throws out a line that will get a big laugh (including, yes, a Chuck Norris joke for good measure). This doesn't matter in the grand scheme of things, since the core audience is sure to be watching this one should know that the sequel is a marked improvement, and gives action fans the all-out brawl they were expecting before.

'Expendables' sequel highly entertaining, surpasses its predecessor

The film's motorcycle chase and fight scenes are among the best of the year, and Schwarzenegger and Willis manage to outdo the jokes of their own previous roles.

The opening sequence is a bit of a rocky start, however, as the film struggles to find its footing before settling into its groove. Still, the film is a great source of fun for those looking for a solid action movie.

'Expendables 2' is a great sequel that surpasses its predecessor and delivers a thrilling action experience. The cast is fantastic, and the action sequences are intense and exciting. However, the film does struggle with pacing and some uneven storytelling, which holds it back from being a truly great film.

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Men's basketball team releases non-conference schedule

BY MIKE ABELESON
Sport Editor

Dan Hurley, head coach of the University of Rhode Island men's basketball team, announced the Rams 2012-2013 non-conference schedule via his Twitter.

The highlight of the schedule is the Hall of Fame rollerdome tournament at Mohegan Sun Arena the weekend before Thanksgiving. The Rams will play the Ohio State University Saturday, Nov. 17 and will play either the University of Washington or Seton Hall University the following day in either the championship or consolation game.

The home schedule kicks off Friday, Nov. 2 with an exhibition game against the Coast Guard Academy. It will be the first meeting between the two teams in 63 years. A week later the Rams host the darling of last year's NCAA tournament, Northern State University, in a non-seeded game of the Hall of Fame tournament. Rhody will also host Loyola University of Maryland on Nov. 23 in a non-seeded matchup.

The Rams have two big games against power-six conference teams on the road to close out the bulk of their November slate. They will play at Virginia Tech on Nov. 30 and will play at Auburn University the Sunday after Thanksgiving. It will be the first ever meeting between the Rams and the Tigers.

The teams combined for a whopping 21 against UNH. The Rams came back from a pair of one-point losses to the host Rams by nine. Prediction: Rams by four.

Rhody scores get under way

BY MIKE ABELESON
Sport Editor

The University of Rhode Island and the University of New Hampshire in the second round of the NCAA tournament. Prediction: Rams by nine.

The game at Virginia Tech should keep it close, but I'm not ready to pick the Rams yet in this one. Prediction: Tigers by nine.

George Mason will be a tough out for the Rams. With the CBS Sports Network televising the game nationally it will be a big showcase game for Hurley and the Rams. The Patriots are a guard-based team, which we hope Rams' guard-heavy Rams will like to see, but I think GMU will do enough to pull it out. Prediction: Patriots by seven.

A talented, but unbalanced Vermont team could be a difficult game as the Rams get ready for Providence. The Catamounts return their top scorer and top rebounder, but are all-around the same size as the Rams. I think Hurley will be able to coach up the team and get a big win at a big time. Prediction: Rams by 11.

December 6th is a must-win for the Rams. Most of Providence's roster transferred after last year, and its two top returnees, Ricky Ledo and Kris Dunn, will not be playing (Dunn hurt his shoulder over the summer and Ledo will not be eligible to play games this season). This opens up a big opportunity for the Rams to get a signature win over PC on the road, which the Rams have not done since 2002. In a battle of rebuilding teams I'll give the Rams the edge...but barely. Prediction: Rams by four. SMU is transfer heavy, and any team coached by Larry Brown should be disciplined on the floor. Hurley is a good coach and will have the Rams winning games like this in the near future. Prediction: Rams by nine.

Last year the Rams went down to Atlanta and received a 32-point thrashing at the hands of Georgia State. By the time they meet in December the Rams' season will be more battle-tested and should be ready to take on the Panthers. Hurley should get an easy win here. Prediction present with this one. Prediction: Rams by 11.

The Rams travel to the California for all four games in 11 years when they take on Saint Mary's. Many top-25 teams don't come out of his binue and this year's Rams team won't get another W either. Prediction: Gaels by 21.

The Rams will also host Loyola University on Dec. 1. Prediction: Rams by 17. The Mustangs were coached by former NBA and NCAA championship-winning coach Larry Brown.

Rhody closes out 2012 with a home date against Georgia State University on Nov. 22 before traveling west to take on Saint Mary's College in the second-ever meeting between the Rams and the Gaels. The Rams close out their non-conference schedule when Brown University comes to town for an annual rivalry game on Jan. 4.

With the Rams transitioning both on the bench and on the floor, the non-conference schedule will test a young Rams team early and often. Rhody should be able to defeat a Norfolk State team that lost its two top scorers from last year's team, including big man Kyle O'Quinn, which defeated Missouri in the second URI roller hockey players discuss one of school's lesser known sports teams

BY AUDREY O'NEILL
Newspaper Staff

While some people might only be aware of the ice hockey teams on campus, the University of Rhode Island also has a home to a roller hockey club.

Senior economics major Laurence Cooper has been a member of the roller hockey team since his freshman year and plays forward. Although he only plays roller hockey now, Cooper played both roller and ice hockey in high school.

"Roller hockey is a great club to be a member of because it is more like a family," Cooper said. "Playing for the Rams has definitely made me to become a stronger player."

The team plays in Division-I of the National Collegiate Roller Hockey Association and was established in 1998. The team plays 30 games each year, starting the season in late September and ending it in March.

Senior history and political science major AJ Benning has been the team captain since last year. As captain of the team, Benning has certain duties and responsibilities.

"I complete a lot of paperwork along with my coaches, attend meetings and make sure the communication is kept up within the team," Benning said.

Benning is looking forward to ending the year strong with new coaches Cory Allard and Dan Leonard. The new coaches were members of the inaugural URI roller hockey team.

"The team organizations couple of years have been rough, since losing key seniors who brought us key wins in the past," Benning said. "But we just brought in two new coaches and with their help and the strong senior class we look to be a top competitor in our conference."

Rhody sports get under way

BY MIKE ABELESON
Sport Editor

The women's soccer team split games over the weekend, defeating Bryant University Sunday 1-0 and falling to the College of the Holy Cross Tuesday. The ladies return to the Soccer Complex Sunday at 1 p.m. for a non-conference matchup with Manhattan University.

After falling to Brown University 1-0 in the first round of the Ocean State Soccer Classic on Friday, the Rhode Island men's soccer team took on Bryant in the consolation game in Kingston. In front of an over-flow crowd of 2,244, the Rams and Bulldogs played to a wild and crazy 4-4 draw. The Rams came back from a pair of one-goal deficits to salvage a draw. The teams combined for 36 shots and 38 shots. Sophomore Matt Sykes scored a pair of goals for the Rams and pots Rhody's fourth goal in the second overtime. Prediction: Rams by one.

The women's volleyball team took two of three matches at last weekend's Rutgers Invitational. The Rams defeated both Iona University and the University of New Hampshire in five games and fell to the host Rutgers in four. Sophomore Catie Steffen had 42 kills over the course of the tournament, including a whopping 21 against UNH. Prediction: Rams by two.

The Rams host the Art Carmichael invitational, which starts tomorrow and runs through Sunday. URI will welcome Canisius College, Seton Hall University and the University of Hartford to Kingston to kick off the tournament. All three teams will play three matches. The Rams open the tournament against the Penguins and will face Canisius and Seton Hall Friday and Saturday, respectively.

A trio of Rhode Island baseball players were named prospects in their respective summer leagues. Senior Kevin Stenberg, who was named Most Valuable Player and won the batting title in the Futures Collegiate Baseball League at the SeaCoast Mariners. His .397 batting average was highest among the next three players in five offensive categories.

Junior Jeff Roy led the North Adams Steeple Cats in five