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Miss URI uses title to promote exercise, health awareness with dodgeball tourney

BY AUDREY O'NEIL
News Reporter

Miss University of Rhode Island 2012, Kirsten Cacal, is joining URI students to spread awareness on the importance of exercise. The “Dodging Our Risk—Think F.A.S.T.” dodgeball tournament is an event to raise public awareness, and specifically the college-age population, the importance of exercise. Located at the Keane Gymnasium, the tournament will take place Oct. 14, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., and costs five dollars per player. Students that participate in the tournament will become eligible to win prizes such as a gift certificate to RI Book Company and two tickets to the Dallas Cowboys vs. New York Giants football game.

Creator of the event and senior nursing major, Kirsten Cacal, has used her title as Miss University of Rhode Island to help promote exercise.

“Lack of exercise when young is one of the many risk factors of a stroke later on in life. My goal is to promote exercise among this population in order to prevent the occurrences of stroke later on in life,” Cacal said. “This intervention through primary prevention is a strong passion of mine and was my platform as Miss University of Rhode Island and a Miss Rhode Island of America contestant.”

Cacal is a URI 101 mentor, team captain of the gymnastics team and has been involved with pageants since her first pageant for the 2010 Miss University of Rhode Island title. Although it started out as an experiment, pageants have enabled Cacal to become a role model.

“I originally thought pageants were superficial and served to domesticate females, but I wanted to see for myself. After doing my first pageant I realized that these types of competitions were true tests of eloquence, grace and humanitarianism,” Cacal said. “Participating in pageants proved my initial assumptions wrong and I learned the importance of being an active role model within the community while meeting so many amazing people through the process.”

Cacal is participating in the tournament because of her passion for raising stroke awareness and prevention. Cacal is also working towards making students aware of the health risks they could suffer in the future.

“I’m forming this event because stroke awareness and prevention is something I am passionate about,” Cacal said. “Being proactive and conscious of your health as a college student in the midst of the stereotypical, ‘party heavy’ lifestyle can prevent the tragedy of a stroke later on in life.”

All of the proceeds from the tournament will become eligible to Miss University of Rhode Island early next year.

Harrington School holds inaugural ‘Ignite’ lecture

BY CONOR SIAMO
News Reporter

The University of Rhode Island’s Harrington School of Communication and Media hosted its inaugural Ignite: Harrington” event last night at the Memorial Union Ballroom to commemorate the establishment of the school and its most recent advancements.

The event, referred to as Harrington’s “coming out party,” made use of the popular “Ignite” format, by a series of global events in which speakers give five-minute speeches accompanied by 20 slides, each displayed for exactly 15 seconds.

Preceding the traditional “Ignite” challenge, speeches were given by various high-ranking Harrington School staff, including professor and founding director Renee Hobbs, who kicked off the event and honored the school’s namesake benefactor Dick Harrington.

“IGNITE” contenders, whose names were kept secret until the challenge officially began, included faculty, students and distinguished alums. They each delivered 5-minute speeches in the “Ignite” format regarding different subjects, each making a unique point or commentary.

A student voice was found in Kari Lukovics, who acts as the Public Relations Chair at URI’s Habitat for Humanity chapter. She reflected on her own experiences with proactivitry to put forward the general suggestion that young adults “keep a prepared mind” to ready themselves for opportunity. Following her was John Brady, who kicked off the event and honored the school’s namesake benefactor Dick Harrington.

New pharmacy building receives positive reviews from students

BY RYAN SPONER
Contributing News Reporter

The grand opening of the new pharmacy building at the University of Rhode Island earlier this month was a glorious occasion for many. The Sept. 4 ceremony was a monumental moment in the lives of a select group of pharmacy students who received their white lab coats and entered their first official semester as declared pharmacy majors. It also cemented the conclusion of an extensive project 12 years in the making.

Preliminary talks for the new pharmacy building started back as early as 2001 and were kept alive until 2006. It was then that voters—overwhelmingly approved the proposed plan for the brand new building. At the time of the vote, the proposed plan was for an estimated $75 million comprising private donations and University funds.

The project does a number of different things for URI and its pharmacy students. For starters, the new building is designed to comfortably hold as many as 820 students, a far cry from the mere 255 students Fogarty Hall could hold. As a result, one of the many classrooms, a biotechnology industries in the world, gave him the knowledge he needed to start a business as a biotech supplier. His internship took place in Amsen's branch in West Greenwich, R.I., where he not only was able to receive hands-on experience with working in a biotech company, but was able to network with other businesses as well. While interning with Amsen, Imran said he was able to gain the people skills needed to become a business owner, as the courses he's taken at URI focus on the "technical" side of engineering.

"With Amsen, I learned how to get a brand out there and make contacts and meet companies that would want to order from me," Imran said. "Meeting new people is a great way to get ideas for your own business. Without those networking experiences, you can't get too far as a company."
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Pantalone, Assistant Professor and Chair of the URI Journalism department. He conveyed the importance of looking up the dictionary definitions. He particularly buzzwords being used in the news, and led a critique on the television media's tendency to overlook the important process of accurately defining key terms.

Audience members also heard from Judith Swift, director of URI's Coastal Institute, who defended scientists against climate change skeptics and highlighted the importance of natural science in fixing global issues.

Other speakers included Joannah Portman-Daley, a recent graduate and writing instructor, Dan Riordan, URI alum and partner in Gnarly Dinet, and Fred Joyal, another URI graduate and co-founder of 1-800-DENTIST.

The event was free and open to all who attended, with a free raffle for a chance to win either a $10 Dunkin Donuts gift certificate, a $100 gift certificate to the URI bookstore, or a brand new Apple iPad.

The event was a coming-out party for the Harrington School that expresses a sense of hope, optimism and possibility for the future,” said Renee Hobbs, professor and founding director of the Harrington School, in a press release for the event. “It shows us what’s possible when we work together.”

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Even though Imam is a successful business owner, he has never taken a business course. His interest in business stemmed from a young age, where he worked as a bookkeeper at the age of 13. At that point, he knew he wanted to start his own business, but was not sure what kind of business he’d want to start. When Imam took a three-year biotech program at his high school, Exeter-West Greenwich Senior High, it became clear to him that he wanted to start a business focused around said industry. Before starting his business, Imam had to educate himself on business management, without taking any formal courses on the subject.

“My interest in business was always a passion of mine, but this isn’t just a hobby anymore. This is a work I’m committed to. I had to learn everything on my own, but it was fun.”

In the future, Imam wants to expand his business so that it no longer just supplies parts, but works to create a more efficient method to manufacturing medicine. According to Imam, it takes 15 years for medicine to be sold commercially. Once his business takes off and is no longer in its starting stages, Imam said he hopes to be able to research a way to cut down that production time.

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the event will be donated to the American Stroke Association. Cacal encourages students to become involved with URI and spread the importance of exercise.

“I have seen too many people suffer from a stroke and I have seen so many families cry and watch their loved ones suffer from this condition and I have had personal experiences in my own family who have suffered from a stroke,” Cacal said. “My goal with this tournament is to show one way that my fellow students can prevent this tragedy because no one should ever have to suffer from something that can be avoided and I am honestly so proud of the participants so far who have decided to take control of their health while becoming involved at URI.”

For the Record:

Corrections & Clarifications

In the September 27, 2012 article “Mayor Taveras gives job to former student” by Gilda Ceteno, the article incorrectly states the name of “College Leadership Rhode Island” as “the College of Leadership Rhode Island.” The article also incorrectly states that “CLRI” was responsible for Meaghan McCabe’s interest in politics. There were also two paraphrased statements in the article that were incorrectly put in quotation marks.

The Cigar gladly corrects all verifiable mistakes. To report a mistake please e-mail uricigar@gmail.com.
Steve Aoki rocks Ryan Center

BY: TAYLOR NICHOLSON
Contributing Entertainment Writer

The Thomas M. Ryan Center was flooded with pulse-pounding beats and strobe lights last night. Outside, the music could still be heard long after the concert was over, however the stage was brightly colored with smoke and the beats of the bass could be felt bumping through your body.

"POLY," "RACE" and "LET'S GET WEIRD" had apparel in as much abundance as was the sweat. Anything adorned with jewels, crazy patterns, or vibrant neon colors were a must wear, as were tight spandex pants and bright-colored sunglasses. Disco Lemonade and DJ Scootwave were the opening acts, and although they played enough electrifying music to last until Steve Aoki took the stage, they could not compare to Aoki's demeanor upon his entrance.

Donning his number 12 custom, "Aoki" jersey, Steve Aoki took over the DJ booth at exactly 10:20. Aoki brought his A-game and livened up the Ryan Center simply by waving his arms and jumping around a bit. As he sprayed champagne into the crowd and danced along the very edge of the stage, there was no denying the one of a kind experience that is a Steve Aoki concert. His charisma drew the crowd in and left everyone in attendance under his spell.

Utilizing a raft to lift concert goers above the sea of people jumping below, Aoki brought a whole new level to the Ryan Center that fans are sure to recall for a time to come. He also premiered several new tracks that are bound to become instant classics once they are released. One of these tracks was performed as the first song when he took the stage and other tracks played later during on the concert.

Entitled, "Thought Problems," Aoki's latest track is sure to be hit at all the clubs this fall and winter. Ending the concert on a high note, as Steve ran back and forth across the stage, he let loose an array of smoke machines and confetti multiple times. This filled the venue and left concert-goers flat-pumping out the doors and down the pathways leading away from the Ryan Center. Coming from a first-time DJ concert-goer, I had to say this was a blast and I could not have expected something greater from Aoki or any other DJ out there. I cannot wait to see what else Aoki has in store for his next album. Hopefully he will be returning to Rhode-Nation soon!

New South Park season brings more of the same

BY CONOR FAGAN
Contributing Entertainment Writer

Matt Parker and Trey Stone have cultivated a joint expertise for pushing the production and editing of their Emmy-winning animated TV series South Park to maturity before Comedy Central network deadlines. It's no secret that the comedic team's expert-level production has resulted in some of the most topical, timely and clever satire of the last few decades, not to mention the immense popularity of a perpetually-stoned towel.

But does the dynamic duo behind the infamous group of foul-mouthed young boys still have the magic touch? The fourth wall breaking plots points of unmerciful self-awareness episodes such as "You're Getting Old" and "Faith Hilling" of season 15 and 16 see the Parker and Stone their signature question with their trade-marked brand of absurdity. Last Wednesday's episode, entitled "Sarcastic Ball," mocked not only the public figures surrounding the NFL but the heated attitudes of fans, once again playing into the famous for pushing the envelope.

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Student Senate Fall 2012 Election Results

"Names in bold were elected on the Student Senate"
URI women’s soccer star player makes comeback, has successful season so far

BY MIKE ABELSON
Sports Editor

Ashley Evangelista has flow. Whether it’s the way she glides with the ball or the way her long brown hair flows in the wind as she sprints for goal, Evangelista is always on the move.

The fact that she’s been playing the piano for 15 years just adds another dimension to the dynamic striker for the University of Rhode Island women’s soccer team.

“Her story’s been great,” Rhode Island coach Michael Needham said. “Ashley’s had a good career here, but this is the year that she’s deserved. She’s working her butt off. She’s an emotional leader on the team; she does everything for us.”

Evangelista leads the Rams in goals, points and shots on goal with five, 12 and 16 respectively. She has scored seven of 11 games so far this season.

“Her career just took a few hits including her last season,” Evangelista said.

“With the Atlantic-10 season being shortened, the Atlantic-10 and the Rams already have more wins than all of last season and are primed to add more teams to their list of victims. “We’ve surprised a lot of people I think,” Evangelista said. “We’ve been grinding out results. We’re getting addicted to winning; it’s a good feeling.”

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Island tennis loses to Bryant after win against Conn. College

BY TIM LIMA
Sports Staff Reporter

The University of Rhode Island tennis team earned its first victory of the year last Wednesday, but then fell to Bryant University 4-3 on Tuesday.

Rhody won against Connecticut College Sept. 19. The win came at just the right time for the Rams, who were looking for something to be proud of. Each player tallied an individual win for the team, who would ultimately win 7-0.

Freshman Galina Chemkh and Elizabetha Sadovnikova earned wins by the scores of 6-2, 6-2 and 6-3, 6-0, respectively.

Sophomore Nikhila Asokaraj defeated Connecticut College’s Charlotte Marcoux 6-3, 6-4. Freshman Kristen Bertsch also joined in on the fun, winning 6-1, 6-1.

“It was an incredibly young team, we had a slow start at our first tournament,” Asokaraj said.

“We had great energy though, and are now focused on doing the best we can in future competitions.”

The winning ways for Rhode Island didn’t last, though, as it fell to Bryant University 4-3 on Sept. 25. While Chemkh (6-1, 6-0) and Asokaraj (6-3, 7-4) continued with their winning ways, Sophomore Karolina Wojcik and Bertsch and Freshman Donovan fell to their opponents.

Sophomore Kathleen Yy also tidied a win for Rhody.

Splitting the singles points, the doubles competitions were very important, and Rhode Island fell short. Chemkh and Bertsch (8-5) teamed together and picked up a win against their doubles opponents, but the pair of Asokaraj and Wojcik (5-8), as well as Bertsch and Sadovnikova (3-8), fell short.

Bryant got its revenge against Rhode Island for last year when Rhody walked away with a 4-3 victory. This was the only similar result to last year; the Rams also beat Connecticut College by a score of 7-0 last year and certainly have the Rams’ number. If this trend continues, the Rams will escape with a win against Providence College, who will be their next competition.

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