By Conor Simao

News Reporter

The Rhode Island Board of Governors for Higher Education’s finance committee, in its effort to make college education more widely accessible, has approved a budget for the 2013-2014 fiscal year that freezes tuition at the state’s three main public colleges, including the University of Rhode Island. However, Governor Chafee and the rest of the General Assembly still have to approve the plan, and Chafee insists that all state agency budgets be cut by seven percent next year.

The measure is designed to keep tuition rates at their current levels for students at the university, but, in light of Chafee’s promised austerity, some are expressing concern regarding the ensuing fiscal dilemma. For instance, absent increased allocation to cover the tuition freeze, the schools may have to cut budgets and services, affecting students in various ways.

This is the possible, but unfortunate, future scenario envisioned by URI Provost Donald H. DeHayes. Noting that university operating budgets are only funded via two sources, tuition and state appropriation, he worries that, should the state reduce both, the university will suffer as a result.

This concern is echoed by the National Science Board’s most recent report, which found that Rhode Island’s per-student financing of URI, its only flagship university, has declined by 49 percent, adjusted for inflation, since 2002. That leaves the investment at $3,692 per student, resulting from the second highest comparable education cut in the country over that time period.

The study, titled “Diminishing Funding and Rising Expectations: Trends and Challenges for Public Research Universities,” addresses this central disparity. With more pressure being put on research universities in the new knowledge economy, it declares, these cuts to public funding of higher education are consistent with the “rising expectations” and pressure being applied to these organizations.

As far as Provost DeHayes is concerned, a tuition freeze is possible so long as state appropriation increases.

“All of us at URI want to keep tuition as low as we can, but every year expenses go up. Our hope is that the state of Rhode Island will make an investment in higher education at URI so we can continue to provide courses and services to students.”

But with a budget-cutting mentality prevalent at the State House, he’ll have to make his case; otherwise the state’s public higher education institutions will have to ready themselves for some tough decisions of their own. If the tuition freeze goes into effect, the three schools will require another $14 million from the state. It’s unclear whether this money will be there or not, but DeHayes said he strongly believes it should be, stressing that education is a public investment into a better-educated workforce and enhanced quality of life state-wide. Touting these societal gains provided from schools like URI, he also said, “One hopes that the legislature sees these advantages and keeps funding these important investments.”

The full board, which will vote on the measure later this month, along with the state General Assembly, which reconvenes in January. If they pass this legislation without covering the difference, DeHayes promised the university will take a very careful look at our programs and see how we’re going to trim,” adding that “URI is a very high-efficiency university. Our enrollment is higher in all of our history, despite major cuts. This highlights what an efficient university we are. There’s not much left to cut and we hope we don’t have to go down that road.”

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Colloquium speaker addresses global care

By Shawn Saiya

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The University of Rhode Island Multicultural Center, in conjunction with the Fall 2012 Honors Colloquium, hosted Dr. Joia Mukherjee as Diversity Week keynote speaker last night in Edwards Auditorium. Dr. Mukherjee’s lecture followed the theme of this year’s colloquium: “Healthcare Change? Health, Politics, & Money.”

Mukherjee has been focused on health care access and human rights issues since 1989.

She has worked in the United States, Africa, Latin America, the Caribbean and the countries of the former Soviet Union.

It occurred to me that [Mukherjee] is the perfect person to express this message of multiculturalism in the health field this evening,” Multicultural Center director Melvin Wade said.

“Some of you might ask, ‘why is diversity so important at this juncture and time? One of the reasons is that we are in a world with incredible change,” Wade said.

Mukherjee, who was recognized by URI with an honorsdoctorate in 2007, talked about her work and the changes in the global health landscape in the past three decades in her hour-long lecture. Mukherjee also sighted in the global health education and the youth on how to change the world.

“I have a degree in public health, I like public health, but public health only gets us so far,” Mukherjee said. “Because if we don’t address the overall disparity — the living conditions, the slow of determinants of health — it is very difficult for one single public health intervention to work.”

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Mukherjee called PIH a “social justice organization.” She cited a specific example in Lima, Peru, where, PIH located and treated people in slums who were infected with multi-drug-resistant: tuberculosis (MDR-TB). The World Health Organization (WHO) and Peruvian government had previously said that there was no MDR-TB in Peru, according to Mukherjee. She said the WHO and Peruvian government refused to help the infected people because they refused to believe there was an infection until after PIH had performed treatment.

The cost of treatment for MDR-TB at the time was about $30,000, according to Mukherjee. She said the feeling of the international community was that, “Poor people are just going to have to die because this is just too expensive.”

But Mukherjee and PIH were not deterred because, “You’ll never hear ‘I’m not cost effective,’ from the poor who are in need.”

Mukherjee also sighted the organization’s work in sub-Saharan Africa since the development of the HIV epidemic. At first, PIH worked to educate the youth on how to avoid the virus, Mukherjee said, but then realized that poverty was too big a risk factor, as children would be forced into sex work and other work with a high risk factor for rape.

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BY JULIE DAWSON

Contributing News Reporter

A University of Rhode Island student had the opportunity to work with a law enforcement organization for his internship.

Harrison Northup, a senior criminal justice and political science major, interned this past summer with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF). Northup said it was an experience like no other.

“I have learned and experienced aspects of the law enforcement industry that can’t be taught in a classroom and can only be learned with real cases and real evidence,” Northup said.

While at the ATF, Northup was able to work with special agents within the bureau, such as the Secret Service and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). He said his responsibilities ranged from gathering facts to analyzing situations and evidence for several cases.

“Everything I do has relevance to an ultimate goal and has benefited the ATF in their criminal cases,” Northup said.

He said the best day of his internship was being able to assist a special agent with analyzing several recordings he collected that were inadmissible.

“I was able to identify several parts and words that were used that were extremely incriminating for the target,” Northup said.

This kind of work may sound like something out of a movie, but Northup said it’s the perfect person to express this message of multiculturalism in the health field this evening,” Multicultural Center director Melvin Wade said.

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son. Sophomore Bailey Dowd would be the only Ram to reach the double-digit kill mark as she finished the day with 10. Senior Annie Nelson, who averages 8.83 assists per set, stayed consistent as she totaled 28 assists in the match.

This week the Rams have a non-conference match against in-state rival Brown University. Former Rhody volleyball player Diane Short coaches the Bears. Schneck says that he love nothing more than to beat his old coach and mentor. The game will be played on Wednesday, Oct. 3 at 7 p.m. at the Pizzitola Center in Providence.

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Today, FIH has about 14,000 workers worldwide, and only about 100 are American, Mukherjee said. She estimated that about 80 percent of the workers are the local poor from the countries the organization operates in.

Mukherjee’s work has gained her recognition with the World Health Organization. She has served as a consultant on the treatment of HIV and MDR-TB.

Mukherjee finished off her lecture by hammering home the point that healthcare should be a basic right, and even though it is not a right in this country, it should be our job as a member of the international community to guarantee it for poorer countries.

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James Bond film, but it isn’t. Northup said that working for the ATF is his dream job. He said if the opportunity were to present itself, he would immediately take a full-time position.

“I cannot see myself being in any other field in the future,” Northup said.

Even if a student’s current internship isn’t something they would like to do as a career, Northup said having some kind of experience is better than no experience. The best advice he gave to students is to never stop looking for an internship.

“If a student has yet to get an internship, they are behind the 8-ball in regards to every single student who has gotten one,” Northup said. “A college degree will only take you so far in the industry or your career you wish to go into. You must actually put in time with professionals that perform the job in order to see portions of it that you would not see in any classroom setting.”

Invitational
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course) that day, so the conditions were tough. The race did not go out fast, but we were up there at the first mile. We didn’t have a lot of traction.

Rhode Island returns to action on Saturday, Oct. 13 when it will compete at the Princeton Invitational in Princeton, N.J. Feit-Melnick expressed that these were promising results, but there are always improvements to be made.

“We just need to get everyone completely healthy,” Feit-Melnick said. “Going into Princeton, we can hopefully run a little tighter. I know we can, and we talk about pack-running, and if our top-five can get even tighter. We just want to keep working hard and set goals to keep our times down...Hopefully it’s good weather, but in cross-country you never know what’s going to happen.”

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'Looper' proves creative among trite plotlines of 2012

BY ALEX MCDEVITT
Contributing Entertainment Writer

I wouldn't call 2012 a phenomenal year for movies. While I don't see 2012 to be a disappointing year, there aren't many movies I can call "original" or something truly "out of the box." Sure, even though we got to see the end of Batman, Liam Neeson surviving the Alaskan wilderness, and a cabin in the woods, 2012 didn't wow me. However, "Looper" by writer/director Rian Johnson, director of "Brick," is spiraling to the top of my most anticipated list of 2012.

The reception at the Toronto International Film Festival was nothing but great. While I don't see that original dialogue and company, with the star power of Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Bruce Willis, and Emily Blunt, Johnson creates an original concept full of twists, turns, and action-packed sequences and puts in an unexpected amount of depth.

What "Looper" does so well is that it builds up its story without feeling rushed or contrived. We see our main character, Joe, played by the competent Joseph Gordon-Levitt, go through major changes in his life under the span of two hours. His past, present, and future selves are all explored, and it's in this that Johnson pulls at our emotional chords throughout the movie. The addition of a contact killer knocking off targets from the future mob gives this movie some tough scenes to sit through.

Johnson doesn't hold back the blood, but the same can be said about his attention to details of the characters. No one is ever glossed over or overexposed. Johnson creates perfect tension and a perfect sense of terror-a world where everything seems fine, but under the layers and layers of filth and lies, the top of the chain of inhabitants are just as lonely as the serfs below them.

I loved "Looper," plain and simple. Johnson's smart screenplay carries the movie beyond the usual action-type cast that this could have easily become. With a very strong first-half setting up the world of the future 2044, and then short glimpses of 2074, "Looper" is both visually amazing and impressive story-telling that the cast carries out to almost-perfection.

Accompanied with an electronic score by Johnson's brother, Nathan, that the great John Carpenter would appreciate, commanding performances (especially by Willis, who damn near steals the movie) and perhaps the most-inspired movie idea in the past few years, along with two possibly classic scenes involving a farm and a diner, "Looper" is a guaranteed winner.
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**Sports**  

**Women's volleyball team splits Atlantic-10 matches this weekend**

**Bynathan Shideler**  

Sports Staff Reporter

The University of Rhode Island women's volleyball team split its matches over the weekend. Rhody lost its first game to Atlantic-10 conference newcomer Virginia Commonwealth University on Friday, and had an important bounce back win against the University of North Carolina at Charlotte on Sunday. The Rams now have a record of 6-10 overall and are an even 2-1 in A-10 play.

VCU swept Rhody in three straight sets in their Friday night matchup. Rhody was the first team to the 20-pointmark in the opening game and seemed in control up until 21st place. A few seconds later was junior Frankie Ethier, who crossed 10 seconds later at 23:18 in 55th place.

"The last race for the top five was Sept. 8," Feit-Melnick stated. "I think they did well. Then they had about three weeks to train for [the Paul Short Invitational]. I think it was to their benefit to be able to train. A few of the women who ended up running at the Central Connecticut State University Ted Owen Invitational were actually a little tired going into [the Paul Short Invitational] because they were going back-to-back."

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**Football team’s upcoming game against Brown Saturday could revive its season**

**By Mike Abelison**

Sports Editor

The last time the University of Rhode Island and Brown University football teams met in Kingston in 2010, the result was a 38-24 win by the Bears. The Rams performed extremely well despite still being without their top runner from last season, Senior Niamba Ryan, and racing during inclement weather.

"In our race we did very well," Feit-Melnick said. "The course was very muddy and it started to pour. It was probably the sixth race on the Beach."

"The Rams will play for the 97th time in the annual Governor's Cup game, and nothing can revive a season like winning a trophy. It is a cliché, but the Rams need to look at Saturday as it if were their first game. A win over Brown will give the team a reason to smile ear-to-ear. On paper, though, it will be a steep mountain to climb."

The Bears come into the game averaging 389 yards of offense per game and are averaging just under 31 points a contest. Senior Pat Donnelly has replaced former All-Ivy quarterback Kyle Newhall-Caballero quite well thus far. The 6-foot-3 Donnelly is averaging 241 yards a game through the air, and has already thrown for seven touchdowns.

Defensively, Brown has reigning Ivy League Defensive Player of the Week, junior end Michael Yules, keying a front seven that has held opposing rushers to less than 100 yards a game.

"I've said it since the start of the season, and I still believe it now when I say the Rams have the talent to compete every Saturday, this weekend included. The problem almost every game, and especially in the home opener against James Madison University, is that the defense falters late because it doesn't have time to rest."

"Against the Dukes, Rhody ran only 14 snaps in the second half, and a defense that had kept the Rams in the game in the first half faded from fatigue. If Rhody wants any chance of beating the Bears and bringing the Governor’s Cup down south, the offense will have to find a way to consistently move the ball and keep Yules and the Bears' defense thinking."

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**Women's cross country finishes strong in Paul Short Invitational Friday**

**By Jake Marrocco**

Contributing Sports Reporter

The University of Rhode Island women's cross-country team placed second out of 39 teams at the Paul Short Invitational at Lehigh University this past Friday.

The Rams were led by freshman Paige Ethier, who earned a time of 22:19, which resulted in a 12-placefinish overall. She was awarded Atlantic-10 Conference Rookie of the Week status for her performance, the second time she has received the honor this season.

That was her first 6,000-meter cross-country race," head coach Laurie Feit-Melnick said. "Paige is running well. I think for a freshman to be in the top 20 in that race is a huge accomplishment."

Not far behind Ethier was senior Hayley Madsen, who clocked in at 22:39 and finished in 21st place. A few seconds later was junior Frankie Jowell, who ended in 30th place with a time of 22:49.

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