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University of Rhode Island nursing professor, nurse-scientist and scholar Mary Sullivan has been named interim Dean of the College of Nursing. She succeeded Dayle Joseph, who retired from the dean’s position in the spring.

As interim dean, Sullivan said she wants to “help the college move toward accomplishing its goals and initiatives.” While a national search is being conducted for a permanent dean, Sullivan said that the URI has been assisting the college in responding to changes happening nationally to the nursing profession and education due to a report issued by the Institute of Medicine (IOM). The report, “The Future of Nursing,” highlights the importance of educating nurses to their highest potential, in order to help realize the health advantages in our society.

According to Sullivan, this report has been the driving force in the search for the interim dean of the College of Nursing. “At URI and [Rhode Island], we’re making steady progress,” Sullivan said. “We’re responding to the IOM’s report by looking at our curriculum and working to increase the number of nurses with bachelor degrees and graduate degrees.”

Responding to the IOM’s report would mean that there were nurses able to give quality care to more patients, Sullivan said. To illustrate this point, Sullivan said that hospitals, nursing homes and community facilities have more nurses that have bachelor and graduate degrees have lower mortality rates and shorter stay periods for patients. “This is because processes like diagnosing a patient and using certain instruments are changing due to technological advances. For nurses, educational and practical knowledge, Sullivan said, goes hand in hand.”

“The information age adds complexity to patient care,” Sullivan said. “Health care providers need to be on top of this in order to work at their highest level.”

In order to help nurses reach their potential, Sullivan said the College of Nursing has made it their initiative to not just teach the students, but to ensure that they are getting experience out on the field. Nursing students currently gain these skills by learning community health centers, which helps nurses with bachelor degrees practice at a higher level, according to Sullivan.

“Nurses who graduate with bachelor degrees are expected to practice at a high level,” Sullivan said. “They are expected to make judgments about their practices and they are leaders in their communities and nursing environments.”

This fall, the College of Nursing has accepted a diverse class, which consists of 17 percent minority students and 92 percent women. According to Sullivan, having women students is “especially important,” since nursing is generally seen as a “white profession.” Sullivan said that the College is glad to have representation from all races, backgrounds and sexual orientations.

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Political science professor Shanna Pearson-Merkowitz challenged to University of Rhode Island students in her upper-level course. The course’s main objective is to focus on the in-depth analysis of election campaigns. There is also specific focus on voter turnouts and reasons for electoral campaigns.

With prior experience in professional management of electoral campaign for a major Maryland candidate, Pearson has close familiarity with the subject of discussion in this case, strongly encouraging students to understand more intimately the purpose of campaigning.

With an objective standpoint that leaves out the current political campaigns, Pearson engages students on the importance of voter turnout, explicitly stating a surprising detail, that this country’s ranking in the world is three for voter turnout in democracies.

“We hope students walk away with a very nuanced understanding of exactly how the system works,” Pearson said.

An interesting fact in the sphere of political science is the difficulties that are in place when voting in the United States. She said the current process is one that is time consuming, with time limitations during Election Day; this is without taking into account the constraints that hinder voters from current location or register status.

Merkowitz described a scenario of URI student, an example of restriction to vote. She said not being able to vote on national Election Day at URI, but having to travel to Connecticut in order to vote is a clear case of constraint in voter turnout.

“The United States makes it harder than any other country in the world to vote,” Pearson said, in describing the true nature of voting in the United States.

With a culminating exit poll project as part of the course, she has plans for students to achieve greater skill sets, that can potentially be

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Students in the Rhode Island Community College are coming together to find sustainable, affordable and effective solutions to global engineering problems. Formed in September 2010, the URI Chapter of Engineers for a Sustainable World provides assistance to developing communities. The organization addresses local and global sustainability problems.

Civil Engineering student Matthew Vig1:1ant formed the URI Chapter of Engineers for a Sustainable World and is the president of the organization. Vig1:1ant became interested in finding an organization his sophomore year, when his friend introduced him to the organization at University of Connecticut, Engineers Without Borders.

“It sparked my interest, so I looked on the URI Website and there wasn’t any chapter at URI, so I emailed one of my professors about starting that and we started meeting and got some students together and we started talking,” Vig1:1ant said. “We got denied from Engineers Without Borders because of the group limit so we started out with Students for Global Sustainability and became recognized and made our first trip. Then we found out about Engineers for a Sustainable World and applied and have been working with them.”

ESW recently traveled to Guatemala for an assessment trip in 2011 to survey and choose the next project for the organization to focus on. The organization selected a school in which the community had recently received flushing toilets, but the waste was being drained into the local river, which was causing pollution. “They just received the toilets but they have no infrastructure to deal with the wastewater that it produces, so they just drained the waste to the local river and the river is completely polluted,” Vig1:1ant said. “We decided to install a septic tank and we went back to install the actual tank in August of this year and it is the first tank that their community has ever had and they were really open to it.”

The organization also focuses on educating communities about the benefits of developing environmentally sensitive designs.

“One of our biggest focuses is to not only bring a solution there because that doesn’t really help them in the long run. Our purpose is to educate them and implement the solution in their way of living so that they can reproduce it and take ownership of it and maintain it and see the importance of it,” Vig1:1ant said.

Vig1:1ant also believes that educating the children of the community will help.

“This is also why the school is a really good place to do that because the kids will grow up learning about it,” Vig1:1ant said. “Right now we are working on building some posters to put around the tank so that the kids can kind of see what the tank is, they can look at the posters, and understand why this big concrete block is right there and was built.”

Although ESW has installed a septic tank for the community, they are still working on finding a solution for the project.

“Currently, we are focusing on this project; it is not one hundred percent complete yet. We just put in the tank and we are working with a professional engineer and he estimated that this would solve eighty percent of the problem because it is collecting the solids but it doesn’t really treat the water that is still going out so the liquid is

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Couldn't make it to the Big Sean concert last night?

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still passing through, so there is still bacteria and it is not completely clean," Vigeant said. "We are trying to come up with a solution to either disinfect that water or use it as like a drip irrigation for crops because they grow a lot of corn there."

The organization is interested in helping other communities in the future but is committed to maintain a long-term relationship with the communities they assist.

"We are open to working with other countries and a big part of it is maintaining a relationship with the community so that if there is a problem with it we can help out," Vigeant said. "I think if we went to all different countries all of the time, we would be able to bring solutions but I think that is has a bigger impact in the long run if we stick with one and build our relationship continously rather than just bring something and leave because that’s basically was has happened to them, they get introduced to something and are not taught how to maintain it."

Vigeant is looking forward to continue working with the community in the future and is appreciative towards the students in the organization.

"The group of students that I have been working with have been absolutely amazing and it has been fortunate to work with a group of kids who have been extremely hard workers and extremely helpful and I am so grateful for that," he said.

Class

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determinant in future employment as professional campaigners. She provides the basics of this important skill in the course, with having students create an in-depth analysis of their own exit polls. Pearson said, designing their own exit poll and collecting their own data are some of the key skills to be gained in the exit poll project.

"The point of the exit poll project, is actually for them to get experience in what people who analyze elections, actually do," Pearson said.

With an overall consensus by the students in the course, that voting should be readily easier to perform, Pearson points to the course as being important in understanding what the United States means when defining its government as a democratic.

"A lot of people think the United States is a perfect democracy, that’s just far from true," she said.

Nursing

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al orientations. Recently, faculty of the College of Nursing have been attending workshops that will certify the College as a “safe zone” for people of all races and sexual orientations.

"Increased diversity in nursing faculty isn’t just a challenge for Rhode Island, but for the country," Sullivan said. "Nurses work with people of all backgrounds, so it’s only fitting that people of all backgrounds take up the profession."

For Sullivan, who has been a professor at URI since 1997, the most rewarding part of her profession is seeing students grow as they understand new concepts and ideas. Sullivan also said seeing what students who have graduated from the College are accomplishing with their lives is also satisfying, which is an experience that won’t go away as she takes on her new responsibilities as the interim dean.

"It’s been really neat meeting people I’ve never met before on campus, and working with them on different committees as the interim dean," Sullivan said, "but seeing students blossom is the most rewarding part of my job."

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Big Sean, Pusha T rule the Ryan Center last night

BY MARTIN LANNAN
Contributing Entertainment Writer

Tonight's performance featured a little of everything: star Power, lights, fog, beats and a dazzling big screen made for a superb concert. The first opener, local artist and URI student, Bobby Colombi aka BoCo, set the stage for the evening. It's refreshing to see a URI student up on the stage soon to be occupied by world stars Pusha T and Big Sean. For more on BoCo, check out his track "Groovy" on Youtube. If you want some good, local hip-hop to blast out of your windows, "Groovy" is your track.

At about 8:30 p.m., Pusha T took the stage. Pusha Ton, of Clipse fame, ran through a set of new, as well as classic, tracks. Early in his set, he played old Clipse favorites "Grindin" and "Popular Demand." Although probably lost on the relatively younger crowd, the tracks served their purpose in getting the crowd into the show. Moving on to more recent tracks such as "Money on My Mind (Pt. Tyler, the Creator), "Toosucks 23," "Don't Like" and "New God Flow," Pusha T laid the foundation for what was to be a solid concert.

After a high energy set by DJ Mo Beats, Sean Anderson was set to take the stage. Coming out to his monster hit, "My Last," Big Sean set the pace for a highly energetic performance. As his set continued, he smoothly touched on fan favorites such as "Too Faced" and as "High," both featuring the duo Chiddy Bang, "Marvin Gaye" and "Chadonna" and "Memories" were solid tracks that I'm glad he ran through. Both Pusha T and Big Sean were able to enjoy tracks from his older "Finally Famous" mixtape series as well as tracks from his first studio album, by the same name. An intense rendition of "A**," featuring a big screen visual performance from Nicki Minaj, kept the pace going.

The highlight of the night came when Big Sean summoned Pusha T back onto the stage to share the microphone duties for "Cruel Summer" tracks "Mercy" and "Clique." These popular tracks made the concert feel less like a Big Sean concert and more like a G.O.O.D Music, G.O.O.D Music mini tour, to no one's disappointment. The best part about "Mercy" was that DJ Mo Beats played both Kanye West and 2 Chainz' verses, giving fans the full effect of the powerful track. If you are a fan of G.O.O.D Music's recent "Cruel Summer" album, then "Mercy" and "Clique" would have made your night. The same can be said about "Clique" with Jay-Z verse.

In the end, Pusha T and Big Sean wowed the crowd of over 4,800 strong. The energy was most evident during Sean's encore. Big Sean actually left the building and then came back for an awesome "Lemonade (Remix)" ending track. The hard bass, coupled with the cheers of the crowd, kept the crowd buzzing into the parking lots. A friendly staff and only a handful of ejections contributed to a positive concert experience. This reviewer had a great time.

‘End of Watch’ a homage to good cops

BY AOGIE KING
Entertainment Editor

Cop movies, in general, especially the highly acclaimed ones, are much more predomi­nantly about corruption in the police force. While there is, of course, the major pres­ence of corrupt officers, there aren't so, and do the job because they believe in the ideals it stands for. Buddy cop movies aside, the subgenre is notable more for the likes of "Serpico," "The Departed" and most notably "L.A. Confidential" than for movies such as the new "End of Watch." Although our heroes in this movie aren't portrayed as saints, it's refreshing to be able to enjoy a cop movie where I don't have to knock it down for not presenting the seedier side of them, particularly for the LAPD. Improv must surely have been used on fan favorites such as the new "L.A. Confidential" than for The heart of the movie movie aren't it's refreshing to be 'ablido From the first scenes together, the film immediately conveys chemistry together. It's refreshing to be 'ablido - -From the first scenes together, the film immediately conveys chemistry together. The film would have attained a chemistry together. The film would have attained a chemistry together. It's refreshing to be 'ablido - -From the first scenes together, the film immediately conveys chemistry together. The film would have attained a chemistry together. Although our heroes in Gyllenhaal and Taylor (played by girlfriends, played by Anna Winifred Brownell, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, will pick a second place winner.

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Women's volleyball team falls to Brown

BY JONATHAN SHIDELER
Sports Staff Reporter

The University of Rhode Island women's volleyball team was defeated by non-conference opponent Brown University in four sets Wednesday night. It is the first time the Rams have lost to the Bears in five years. Rhodey's record overall now stands at 6-11 with a 2-2 record in the Atlantic-10 Conference.

The Rams jumped out to an early 22-15 lead in the first set but failed to close the door as Brown rallied back with seven straight points and eventually stole the first set 26-24.

"It's tough to drop a first set," said head coach Bob Schneck. "I think losing that set really made the team play tentative throughout the match, which is a tough way to play." Rhody seemed like they were ready to bounce back in the second set, which they won 25-20. Sophomore Catie Steffen and junior Britta Baarstad helped win the set as they combined for 11 of the 16 kills.

Brown then won to on the third set 25-22 and the final set 25-17. Steffen got her team high sixth double-double of the season as she finished with 11 kills and 12 digs. Baarstad finished with 11 kills and two digs. Unfortunately both players accounted for 21 of the team's 32 total errors in the match.

![Rhody SPORTS](Rhody SPORTS)

The majority of attention is given to Rhody's big-money sports teams such as basketball and football, leaving the talented University of Rhode Island rowing team relatively unknown.

Defending Atlantic-10 Conference champions, the Rams have lofty goals of beginning this season as they ended last. Hannah Johnson, a senior rower on the team, explained the team's accomplishments last year. "It was a great year for the team," Johnson said. "We raced against some big-time programs and performed well, putting little Rhodey in the same boat as many other teams."

This competition included traveling overseas to Henley, England, where the Rams partook in the famed Women's Henley Regatta.

The team is made up of 43 athletes, of whom seven are seniors. Unlike many sports, though, they are comprised of both recruited rowers, and those that learned the sport. In a nutshell, rowing is perhaps the only team sport that everyone is interested in the big picture," Schneck said. "We have a big game against Fordham that we need to win, I think we have to execute better and maybe change some parts around [in the lineup]."

Saturday's battle of the Rams will start at 5 p.m. in Keaney Gymnasium.

The State of Rhody Sports: news and notes from men's basketball, football, women's volleyball, hockey teams

BY MIKE ABELOSON
Sports Editor

The Atlantic-10 Conference released its pre-season awards list for men's basketball and University of Rhode Island freshman Jordan Hare was named to the Rivals.com top All-Rookie team. The 6-foot-10 forward from Saginaw, Mich., who was ranked in the University's Melvin Johnson, University's Kellen Dunham, Temple University's Joe Cremo, Virginia Commonwealth University's Melvin Johnson, and highly-touted Xavier University guard Semaj Christon.

...The Rams were picked to finish 15th out of 16 teams in the league this year. The only team that garnered fewer votes was Duquesne University. St. Joseph's University was named pre-season number-one. Saint Louis University and VCU rounded out the top three.

...It's becoming clockwork for the Rhode Island athletics family.

For the third time a member of URI athletics has donated bone marrow that has helped to save a life. Defensive backs coach Ryan Mattison went under the knife at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston to donate the marrow which went on to save the life of a young child.

"It's always there was so gracious, and they kept saying, 'Thank you,'" Mattison said. "These doctors and nurses also work with the recipients, so they understand the need that exists. They see the families who are hoping for help. Seeing their response to what was happening really made it clear that this was the right thing to do."

Mattison is the third member of the URI football family in the last 18 months to donate marrow. He was found to be an exact match through the football team's annual bone marrow registration drive on behalf of Be the Match and the National Marrow Donor Program. Mattison join's the senior center Matt Greenhalgh, who successfully donated marrow to an adult man in 2011 and former women's rowing captain Grace Rignanese who was a match for an 18-year-old girl last January.

"I had no reservations about going through with the donation," Mattison said. "I'm happy to be able to give the opportunity at life for a child. Knowing that within hours of them taking my marrow sample, the recipient would get was pretty exciting to hear."

The Rhode Island women's ice hockey team will be on the ice for a game Saturday afternoon at 2 p.m. at the Bradford R. Boss Ice Arena. The game will be the first time in school history that the rowing team qualifies for it. Our team has a lot of pride, and we hope that it will be a banner year for our team, our athletic department, and our school community," Lotte Sherman, also a senior on the team, expressed much of the same sentiment. "This year our team looks good," Sherman said. "Our team worked hard over the summer and came back fit, strong, and ready to go."

The Rams are currently preparing for their first competition that will occur on October 21 at Head of the Charles in Boston. While their first real test is still a few weeks away, the team practices six days a week to prepare.

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