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BY AUDREY O'NEIL
News Reporter

Students at the University of Rhode Island are joining together to help end poverty housing in the world.

Habitat for Humanity seeks to eliminate poverty housing from the world and to make decent shelters a matter of conscience and action. The University of Rhode Island chapter of the organization works with the local affiliate, South County Habitat for Humanity, to help with this.

The organization involves both students and staff members who are interested in volunteering to make a difference. The URI chapter not only focuses on building, but they also are involved with on-campus events, such as Homecoming Weekend.

This Homecoming Weekend, the organization along with representatives from South County Habitat, the Panhellenic Association, and the Interfraternity Council plan on breaking a world record. The members hope to break the Guinness World Record for the number of high fives by an individual in one hour. The goal is to high five Rhody the Ram 2,500 times in one hour Saturday before the Homecoming football game.

Communicative disorders major, Julia Garrick, is the president of the URI student chapter of Habitat for Humanity.

"We are hosting this event to raise money for South County Habitat but also to raise awareness about the importance of what we do and make it fun and engaging at the same time," Garrick said. "This is the first ever attempt we've made at breaking a world record and also the first time using the high five idea. It is open to everyone in the community and we are very excited."

The event will be held in Kehoe Gymnasium on Saturday, Oct. 27, at 10 a.m., and will be open to all students. Students who are interested in participating can register online at https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/URIHightFivesForHabitat. Limited edition foam fingers will be sold around campus for $5 in the next coming weeks and all of the money made goes towards SCH and the building homes campaign.

"What will be most important is for students to show up the day of the event so we can ensure we have [more than] 2,500 people high fiving Rhody the Ram," Garrick said. "Buy some and tell your friends, family, (foam fingers) and professors. Bring your foam fingers to the event and the game and show your spirit on homecoming weekend."

Students are also encouraged by Habitat for Humanity to get involved with the URI Chapter, sign up for weekend builds on Old North Road, located at the top of the URI campus, and to volunteer at SCH ReStore.

"This event would not be possible without the efforts of PANHEL and IFC, especially Steve Simo the coordinator of Student Life and Greek Affairs, and Gina Matrelia the Habitat PR Intern, women's volleyball head coach Bob Schneck, Lynn Baker-Dooley and Jerry Sidio and Sarah Miller," Garrick said.

Garrick hopes to continue

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BY CONOR SIAMO
News Reporter

Sen. Jack Reed along with the University of Rhode Island announced earlier this month, the dispersal of $3.8 million in federal grants to the university's College of Nursing.

Two of the grants derive from the nation's Affordable Care Act and address workforce development, investing money into the school in order to better train advanced practice nurses at the master's and doctoral level. The other grant will help extend collaborative research between URI, Brown University and Women & Infants Hospital on issues relating to infant health concerns.

Projects resulting from the grant are to include the establishment of two new programs, the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) and the Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (ACNP), both of which will prepare graduates for advanced and specialized work in the medical field. Corps will help expand the diversity of students in the college and assist minorities and students from disadvantaged backgrounds in their pursuit of advanced nursing degrees. Lastly, a major research grant will allow for sophisticated study of how the timing of umbilical cord clamping can affect blood iron levels in newborns and infants.

Joining Reed at the announcement was Peter Alfonso, URI's vice president for Research and Economic Development, and Interim dean of the College of Nursing, Mary Sullivan. Others in attendance included school faculty, students, and representatives.

"With the federal Affordable Health Care Act's emphasis on primary care providers and the Acute Care Nurse Practitioner degree, this grant will allow the nursing college to further expand its mission to recruit minority populations to the profession," Alfonso said.

"The College of Nursing's emphasis on primary care nursing is an attempt to improve access to health care, especially for those inner city and rural communities." Sullivan highlighted the importance of job creation in the health care sector.

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Sullivan highlighted the College of Nursing's pride in receiving these federal grants.

"The 3 grants we celebrate today represent our joint commitment to excellence for nursing at the high-

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Wayne Brady uses improv to entertain at Ryan Center

BY AUGIE KING
Editorial Entertainer

This past weekend, the University of Rhode Island once again welcomed its students' parents for the annual parents weekend.

On Saturday, students and parents (as well as the general public too) were treated to a show by Emmy-award-winning comedian and "Whose Line is It Anyway?" host Wayne Brady after losing the football game against Georgia State earlier in the day.

Brady would eventually come out to the crowd at the show, but taking the stage before him was comedienne Iliza Shlesinger, host of the syndicated dating show "Excused" and winner of "Last Comic Standing."

Iliza did a fine job of warming up the audience for the main act, even though she laid on the fart humor a little thick for a show's taste. Her's was, in fact, the most remarkable thing about the entire show. Brady would make the scene into a full on audience-participation case. Things started off interestingly enough where the audience would put words on a giant notepad stand, and Brady would have to improvise a rap on the spot and incorporate the words.

That was, in fact, the most remarkable thing about the show. Since around 60-70 percent of the show relied on the interaction of the audience members, the majority of Brady's act relied on his impressive improvisation skills and his ability rapidly change up his routine on the fly. The level of participation varied depending on the people involved, as some were willing to do as much as possibly while others were less comfortable being on stage in front of hundreds of people. One mother in particular certainly wasn't shy about her actions when she smashed Brady's behind. In the larger picture, this only provided him with even more material and running jokes to entertain with.

Whether he was having people act as inanimate objects and having one of them perform a constantly changing job interview on him, there were certainly a variety of skits and sketches to keep the pace moving.

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When the funniest part of the show, Brady singing a rendition of a song he made up entitled "50 Shades of Shut the **** Up" felt like an oddly appropriate way to go out in the end for his last act before congratulating everyone for coming out to the Ryan Center.

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3. Sykes and Temeh for took a game-high five shots each for their respective teams.

Spenzer recorded six saves, while Saint Joseph's Andrew D'Ottavi saved eight out of 10 shots. URI also had three shots that knocked off the post throughout the game. The Rams were unable to find the back of the net as Spenzer made seven saves, and Ribbens amassed a game-high seven shots.

"They're two different teams and we're playing two different games," O'Connor said. "The game changes a lot."

URI hits the road this weekend to play George Washington University and Charlotte. Rhode Island currently sits at tenth place in the Atlantic-10 standings out of 16 teams.

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Nomination forms and additional information are available at www.uri.edu/commencement/honorary

Email

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them to cash their checks, and then request they send over the excess payment. The check would eventually bounce, however, and the scamming party would be unable to get their money back once wired overseas.

Unfortunately, once these losses are incurred, there is not much anyone can do to seek retribution. These operations are generally quartered overseas, and elude most law enforcement jurisdictions. The best way to counter these scammers, Baker suggested, is to take preventative measures. He advises students not to wire money to parties based on emails alone, and to remain skeptical about offers that seem unrealistically generous.

The University, for its part, has also tried to limit the spread of these scams by blocking certain email addresses from being able to contact students. This, however, has a limited benefit, as senders have learned to create new email accounts to evade such measures.

Record

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to help and live by the URI chapter's mission.

"My goals for URI Habitat for Humanity is that we can continue our mission and truly understand what it means and how we are to live by it. I want our group to stay as active and engaged as possible," Garrick said. "We have many ideas for this year, just a few being on campus clean up, visiting soup kitchens and collaborating with homeless shelters. I hope that every student feels welcome to join our group, ask questions, or simply stop by our office room 316 [in the Memorial Union] and our email is URIHabitat@gmail.com."

The organization meets every Monday at 6 p.m. in Room 316 of Memorial Union.

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Athletes dazzle, excite at rally, writer hopeful for great seasons

BY BRANDON MAXWELL
Contributing Sports Reporter

The University of Rhode Island men’s and women’s basketball teams tipped off the 2012-13 season with Rhody Madness this past Friday in Kozy Gym. The event included scrimmages from both basketball teams, games for fans, a dunk contest from the men’s team and an autograph session to cap off the night.

As a freshman, it was very surreal to finally be a part of the best atmosphere URI has to offer. I have been waiting for this for a long time. I was one of the first taste of what it’ll be like to watch URI basketball. I immediately felt this when the ads for the two teams appeared as the players were introduced. The video for the women’s team featured various clips of senior class’s highlights followed by a tagline that read “Rhody Rising” as the women walked toward the camera slow motion. The men’s advertisement included clips of some of the players doing fancy dribbles in fast and slow motion followed by practice footage and other plays from the team’s highlight reel.

As for the scrimmages, it seemed as though the players were basically practicing shots back and forth for the duration of the game. There was nothing too flashy or extravagant, it was nice to see the players play the game so effortlessly. The dunk contest was when the show really started. The participating players were senior Andre Malone, junior Xavier Munford, freshman Jordan Hare, and junior Gilyvdas Biruta. After acrobatic dunks from all four including a behind the back dunk from Hare Biruta took home the gold after completing a dunk thrown off the back of the backboard by assistant head coach, and NCAA all-time assists leader, Bobby Hurley.

In addition to the dunk contest, there were also several events involving fans including shot contests, blindfolded free throws and a special musical chairs game where the participants were required to make a layup before rushing back to their seats. It was very entertaining to see how many missed two foot shots there were, but in the end, there was a winner who took home a $100 Dunkin’ Donuts gift card.

All in all, this year’s Rhody Madness proved to be very eventful and entertaining. There were events that captivated everyone in attendance and those who weren’t there to watch basketball were satisfied with routines from the URI cheerleading squad, the Ramettes dance team, the school band and the Rhody Mob’s roaring cheers. Now that the opening festivities are done and over with, I’ll be counting down the days until I can finally watch Rhody basketball in The Ryan Center, when the games really count.

Volleyball coach remains optimistic after two losses

BY JONATHAN SHIDELER
Sports Staff Reporter

Although the University of Rhode Island women’s volleyball team dropped their third and fourth straight matches over the weekend, head coach Bob Schneck made adjustments to his lineup that should help the team in the long run. A 1-0-1 record to open the season dropping the

Schneck said, “But the scores don’t indicate how we played as a team. I’m encouraged moving forward.”

Rhode Island was swept by both Xavier University and the University of Dayton this weekend. The Musketeers finished the Rams quick 25-13, 25-12 and 25-13. Dayton won all three games 25-12, 25-20 and 25-21.

Kelly Rosenberg was one of the few bright spots for the Rams as she amassed a combined 43 assists over the weekend.

Xavier and Dayton are both in the top three of the Atlantic-10 standings this year. Xavier is in 1-0-1 record and is tied in third place with a conference record of 5-2. Dayton is ranked No. 18 in the country and is the top team in the conference with a record of 7-0 and 15-4 overall.

After dropping the first match on Friday to Xavier, Schneck felt it was time for changes to the lineup before Saturday’s matchup against the best team in the conference.

Schneck did just that. He moved Rosenberg to center, sophomore Cattie Steffen to the right side, and moved junior Britta Baarstad and freshman Franki Darnold both played on the outside. Schneck also inserted freshman Christina Palavra to center for her first career start.

Even though the Rams were also swept by Dayton, the new lineup scored with but didn’t play clean enough to win. Two of the lineup changes made significant contributions; Rosenberg had 27 assists in the match while Darnold led the Ramettes with 10 kills and three digs.

Schneck said he was pleased with the way his team played on Saturday despite losing the match. “Both of the teams we played are very good,” Schneck said. “I get [the scores] don’t look good but this weekend was a good time to create chemistry, and I feel like we did that, especially on Saturday.”

The Rams were outscored 75-36 over the weekend, however if the team expects to make a push towards the A-10 championship they will have to win out. A lofty goal but Schneck said he is anxious to see what this lineup can do.

“I’m excited to see what the team can do from here on out,” said Schneck. “This lineup gives us a better opportunity, it will be tough to [win out] but if we can play good at home this weekend that’s a good start.”

Rhody has two home games this weekend, the first on Friday at 7 p.m., against LaSalle University and the second on Sunday at 1 p.m., against Temple University.

Men’s soccer ties one, loses one in weekend matches

BY COLIN HOWARTH
Contributing Sports Reporter

The University of Rhode Island men’s soccer team was only able to grab one point over the weekend as it drew with Temple University before falling to Saint Joseph’s University this past Sunday 3-2 in overtime.

This overtime loss marks Rhode Island’s first home loss this season dropping the Rams to 2-7-3 (1-1-1 in Atlantic-10 play).

Rhody struck first on Sunday. In the 11th minute sophomore Matt Sykes assisted senior Matt Ribbens who found the back of the net for his second goal of the season. Saint Josephs’ Emmanuel Temeh was able to tie it up near the end of the first half with the first goal of his college career.

The Hawks came out of the break strong. Tim Lazorko scored early in the second half to give the Hawks the lead, but Rhody fought back and tied it up in the 99th minute when sophomore Ross Morison netted his first goal of the season. The game stayed-aggressive and eventually led to overtime.

Early in the overtime Temeh was able to sneak a ball past URI’s freshman goalkeeper Thomas Spensner to give Saint Joseph’s the victory. “I’m happy in pieces,” Rhode Island coach John O’Connor said. “I’m happy that we fought back and we kept fighting back throughout the game. My thing was about digging in and I think we didn’t fall asleep for a minute. We can’t blame one guy, it’s the whole team.”

URI was forced to play a man down after senior Robby Gargaro was red-carded in the 68th minute for aggressive play.

“Playing with 10 men is difficult, I don’t care who you play,” O’Connor said. “We played really well to come out with ten men.”

Rhode Island out shot Saint Joseph’s 24-17, including a 10-1 advantage on goal. Rhody also held an advantage in corner kicks, 5 to 2

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