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URI admissions staffer remembered in celebration by friends, family, coworkers

BY JAKE MARROCCO
Contributing News Reporter

The Memorial Union Ballroom was glowing with pink on Thursday night as A Celebration of the Life Sulynnette "Sully" Sanchez, took place from 8 p.m. to 12 a.m. More than 100 people gathered to share stories and memories of Sanchez interspersed with raffles and performances.

Sanchez tragically passed away at the age of 23 on Sept. 28, 2012, from injuries she sustained in a motor vehicle accident. Sanchez had been nine months pregnant and her son, Daryel, who initially survived the accident, passed away on Oct. 16.

Sanchez graduated from the University of Rhode Island in 2011, receiving her bachelor's degree in psychology. Following graduation, she continued working for URI's Admission Department, with which she had been involved since fall 2011. She had also been employed as the building manager in the Memorial Union. In 2010, Sanchez was awarded the Association of College Unions' National Student Employee Award for her accomplishments. "She was a ball of fire," Cheri Pratas, main organizer of the event and friend of Sanchez, said. "(She was) full of energy [and] full of enthusiasm. You would look at her and she was so short at 4-feet 8 and you wouldn't expect all that energy coming out of her.

Student organization pairs with Orange Leaf for fundraising effort

BY KIMBERLY DELANDE
News Reporter

Despite the pouring rain that fell during its event, Jumpstart URI hosted its first fundraiser hosted at Orange Leaf in the Kingston Emporium last Friday from 5 to 11 p.m. Ten percent of the proceeds earned from buying frozen yogurt at Orange Leaf went to Jumpstart URI. The money raised from the event will go towards funding programs to celebrate and reward the work done by the program's team leaders and core members, according to Jumpstart URI site manager Holly Hernandez. The money will also be used to pay for essential materials that the program uses often, Hernandez said.

"Since Jumpstart is a national AmeriCorps program, we don't have a lot of extra funding for things we use on a day to day basis, or for the people that work so hard for us," Hernandez said. "We have to get creative about how to get that money."

The Orange Leaf fundraiser was only one of the events that Jumpstart URI has planned for the upcoming school year. According to Hernandez, one of Jumpstart URI's goals for this year was to plan more fundraisers and events if they "had the time and the manpower to do it."

When planning this event, Hernandez said Orange Leaf was "very accommodating" with helping her and fellow Jumpstart URI site manager Catherine Cutlip coordinate the event.

"We're excited to do this, because it's the beginning of a new year," Hernandez said. "Events like these build camaraderie with our core members. All the little things that we do where people come out and join us help add to that feeling of community."

The decision to host the fundraiser at Orange Leaf was made by both Hernandez and Cutlip was one of members that Jumpstart URI agreed with. According to Nina Morelli, a Jumpstart URI member and Dec. 11 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Rhode Island Public Radio holds political discussion panel

BY CONOR SIAMO
News Reporter

Rhode Island Public Radio's weekly "Political Roundtable" segment came to the University of Rhode Island last Thursday night for a special hour-long panel discussion featuring the program's hosts at Edwards Auditorium.

The event, titled "Political Roundtable Live!" was moderated by political reporter Scott McDonald and included discussion of contemporary events by political analyst Scott MacKay and URI professor of political science, Maureen Moakley. Admission to the show was free and open to the public.

Topics discussed at the event related to local and national politics, specifically those linked to upcoming elections in the area and country. The panelists shared their views on the contentious race between David Cicilline and Brendan Doherty in Rhode Island's 1st congressional district, the problems suppressing the state's Republican Party, and the closeness of the tight presidential race between Republican nominee Mitt Romney and President Barack Obama among other related items.

When the hour of pre-scheduled discussion themes concluded, audience members were allowed to ask questions to the panelists regarding any political issue. These included inquiries regarding the relative absence of third or independent parties on the national and local scenes, specific pieces of federal legislation such as the National Defense Authorization Act, and the persistent voter apathy common among young voters.

This was the Rhode Island Public Radio's latest visit to the URI campus. Last year, the station held a full panel discussion regarding wind turbine projects in the area, which attracted a large crowd at Lippitt Hall. The visit last week was similarly topical, and also managed to bring in several hundred attendees.

URI president David M. Dooley said he was "honored" to welcome the panelists to campus, adding, "We thank the entire Rhode Island Public Radio team for partnering with the state's flagship university. In these most contentious times, it is important to spotlight the important work of public radio and its dedication to accurate and thorough reporting delivered in a compelling and entertaining fashion."

The "Political Roundtable" program airs each Friday on Rhode Island Public Radio at 5:40 a.m., 7:40 a.m. during Morning Edition and again at 5:45 p.m. as a part of All Things Considered.

Rhode Island Public Radio held its political roundtable last Friday evening in Edwards auditorium.

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freshman public relations major, frozen yogurt being "in" this season helped solidify their decision. Morelli also said that Orange Leaf has become near iconic on campus, and that the frozen yogurt store "is fun, like us."
"Orange Leaf always seems quite busy, especially on weekends," Sarah Elges, a team leader in Jumpstart and a senior Psychology major said. "It's definitely a healthier option on campus. We wanted to do it somewhere we knew people would enjoy."
According to Elges, the program's initiatives volunteer their time to work with children on a Pre-K level. The initiatives, Elges said, take the time to help children who have difficulty with learning and give them the attention they need to excel. Their work helps children succeed in class, but also helps them come out of their shells and be more animated, Elges said. According to Elges, the time spent with the children helps them take full advantage of their right to an education.
"I've seen kids grow within the two years I've been with Jumpstart," Elges said. "Some children went from only being able to write a couple of letters to writing full names, full sentences and describing pictures they've drawn."
While it is a national program, the work Jumpstart URI is important to the state, since Rhode Island is such a diverse state, Hernandez said, there are kids in various neighborhoods and communities that may not be getting the attention that they need to succeed.
"Jumpstart is great because we teach all those different communities and kids," Hernandez said. "This program can help with those early literacy skills, and that helps them in the future. We feel good about it."

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is headed this year. Last fall the Rams finished 18th at the Head of the Charles and continued to have a successful year, winning the conference championship and finishing with one of the better seasons in the program's history. With lofty goals this year, the Rams know accomplishing better results are vital. URI will be back in action this weekend in Princeton, N.J.
"Princeton Chase is this coming Sunday and we hope to post a better performance there among all our boats," Johnson said.

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University, both of whom are avid soccer fans, voted to accept the award. "It's a matter of continuing to work hard," Needham said. "It's all about doing the little things right and we're starting to do that."
Despite their upcoming road trip, MacDonald mentioned that she and her fellow seniors have no intention of this being their last home game.
"I realized that we might only have a few more games," MacDonald said. "We have a chance now to get into the A-10 and it's huge. We're putting everything on the line now and going for it."

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Honorary Degree Nominations

The URI Honorary Degree Committee seeks names of individuals who have distinguished themselves through important contributions to the University, to the State of Rhode Island, and/or to the nation — individuals who deserve to be honored by the University and who will bring honor to the University by accepting a URI degree.Nominees must have a demonstrated connection to the University of Rhode Island and/or the State of Rhode Island, and/or the ability to further the mission and values of the University.

You are invited to nominate candidates for honorary degrees to be conferred at the 2013 Commencement Ceremonies. Please note that nominees must not be current University of Rhode Island employees. Previous recipients include Cory Booker, John King, Christiane Amanpour, Robert Ballard, Lincoln D. Chafee, Christopher Hill, Bob Hope, Jesse Jackson, Lyndon B. Johnson, Coretta Scott King, Clarence Page, Margaret Chase Smith and Kurt Vonnegut, Jr. The committee especially invites the nomination of distinguished female and minority candidates.

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

Nominations must include the information requested on the nomination form along with supporting documentation. Nominations must be received via email by Friday, October 26, 2012.

Send all nominations to Donna Williams via email to donna@uri.edu. If you have any questions please call 874-4410.
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Pratas opened the event with a few acknowledgments and a short speech about Sanchez and the impact she had on the lives of those around her.

"You could be having the worst day until you run into her," Pratas said. "She had the power to brighten up anyone's day, [she] will never be forgotten.

Following Pratas' introduction, the first of many guest speakers, director of the Memorial Union Bruce Hamilton, approached the podium. Hamilton joined a list of six other esteemed presenters, including URI Police officer Mark Chearino, Zuleika Toribio, Jose Diaz, Marc Hardge, Joe Berardi, and Dean of Admissions Cynthia Bonn.

Hamilton, who worked closely with Sanchez over the past few years, discussed her incredible work ethic and how widely coveted she was by departments across campus because of it.

"[She was] the most amazing building manager I've ever had," Hamilton said. This woman was the best. I got a call from [Bonn] one day and she said she wanted to run a reference check on [Sanchez], I told her 'you can't have her.'"

In between each of the speakers, entertainment was provided through several different vocal and dance performances from singer and URI senior Roderick Jonas, international African dance group Alima, the Dancin' Spirit Performing Arts Studio and Grupo Ondas, of which Sanchez was a part for all 14 years.

Grupo Ondas is a crew centered on capoeira, a Brazilian martial art focused on combining elements of dance and music to create stunning visual effects. Sanchez's instructor, Jonathan Wallace, gave a few words before the group's performance about her dedication and perseverance even during her pregnancy.

"She became a close family member for me," Wallace said. "Sully was my proudest student so far. She had a baby in her stomach, but she was doing kicks, playing instruments and singing in Portuguese. Every day I walk in [the studio] I still feel her presence.

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Memorable time in Kingston comes to end for women’s soccer seniors

BY MIKE AIELSON
Sports Editor

For Maggie MacDonald, Sunday was the last time she’d be guaranteed to play in the home whitles of the Rhode Island women's soccer team.

Yes; a chance to play at home in the Atlantic-10 tournament for the seniors.

The Rams dominated the Colonials in shot (12-4), but it was also the defense that came to play. The defense shut down George Washington and held the Colonials without a shot on goal. This is the second time this season the Rams have blanked an opponent.

"I didn’t think we were quite physically com-
nitated enough, in terms of just competing. But the game was good," Needham said. "In the second half I felt we did a better job of just competing, and we were definitely on the edge of getting a win." No. 1 Needham said that the priority for the team at this point in the season is to qualify for the Atlantic-10 Conference tournament.

"The No. 1 focus right now is getting points," Needham said. "We want to play on this field in two weeks. The team is 9-7-1 right now, very happy with where we are at, but I am not satisfied yet. We want to be playing our best soccer now and I think we are getting there."

The Rams completed their weekend sweep with a 2-0 shutout against the University of North Carolina at Charlotte 49ers on Senior Day.

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The Rams struck first when junior quarterback Bob Robbins hit wide receiver Robbie Jackson for a six-yard touchdown pass. It was the first catch of Jackson's Rhode Island career. The 7-0 win was Rhode Island's first since they led Villanova 10-7 on Sept. 15.

But Donnelly threw for 238 yards for the Blue Hens. Delaware star Andrew Pierce, whom the Rams were able to contain, threw for 116 yards, won, exploded for 141 yards rushing and a pair of touchdowns. He also caught three balls including a five-yard touchdown just before the half.

Even in defeat Brandon Johnson-Farrell shined and continued to show that he is one of the best players in the Colonial Athletic Association.

The senior from Maryland reeled in a pair of touchdowns late in the game, including a 33 yarder from Fenyak, and racked up 203 all-purpose yards.

The Rams running woes continued as the Blue Hens front seven was able to hold the Rams rushing attack to a paltry 43 yards. Sophomore Jordan Sebastian, who has stepped up well in to the role of the every-down back, led the Rams with 28 yards.

The 17 points the Rams scored after halftime were more points than the Rams have scored in the second half of their six games combined.

The Rams will try to break their nine-game losing streak Saturday afternoon when they welcome the University of New Hampshire to тому. The Wildcats are ranked 12th in the most recent Sports Network poll. It will be the Rams' annual Homecoming game and kick-off is scheduled for noon.

Women’s soccer sweeps weekend series, looks to qualify for A-10s

BY EMILY JACOBS
Contributing Sports Reporter

The University of Rhode Island women’s soccer team (10-7-1) started off its weekend right when it defeated George Washington University 1-0 on Friday night.

"It was a good win," head coach Michael Needham said. "We did well here."

After coming off of a long, rough road stretch, the women got their win at home in the Pink-Out game, earning more points heading into the last couple weeks.

The only goal of the game came in the first half. In the 28th minute, junior Jennifer Barrientos scored the Rams’ second goal on the year. It was crazy," MacDonald said. "In those four years..." when they’re on the road to anybody...we never..." Monday was Merrill’s last game before the start of the conference tournament.

"We set the tone in the first half," Needham said. "It was just an awesome performance [and Charlotte] is a good team. I am very happy with the way we played and we quite frankly, dominated for most of it."

Needham continued on to commend the Rams’ shutdown defense played in both games on the weekend. In their match against Charlotte, they only allowed for four total shots with half of them being on goal.

"I am very happy with the way we defended," Needham said. "I don’t think we gave a good change away to anybody this weekend."

The only goal of the game was in the 80th minute when recently signed player Jennifer Barrientos scored her fifth goal of the season into the back of the net after McHenry lost control of a rebound.

"We were really pleased with his team’s ability to control the game against Charlotte, the third-ranked team in the Atlantic-10," whose only previous loss was to league -leader LaSalle University.

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