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Alumni Updates

▶ **Homecoming 2003** Take a look at [photos](#) of the day!



▶ **Alumni events** The Alumni Association is sponsoring a [Jazz Brunch in Boston](#) on November 16, featuring the Joe Parillo Trio and the URI Jazz Ensemble. Members of the classes of [1968](#) and [1973](#) will reconnect with old friends and take in the URI vs. PC basketball game on December 6. And the 13th annual [Winter Gala](#) is coming up on Saturday, January 31. Mark your calendars now!

▶ **Learn about student loan consolidation** The Alumni Association's newest partner promotion is a [student loan consolidation](#) program that can help you lock in a fixed interest rate as low as **1.625%** on your student loans to save you hundreds, even thousands, of dollars.



▶ **Rhody rules!** Rhody the Ram is the spirit of URI at home and on the road. Now you can show your Rhody pride by joining the [campaign underway](#) to establish a scholarship endowment for the student volunteers serving as Rhody.



▶ **It's easy to stay in touch** Choose from URI's growing menu of [Eservices](#) in a secure, password-protected environment. You can **update** your mailing address, **change** your preferred email, **check** your esubscriptions, **look up** old friends in the alumni directory, **help us** find lost alumni, or **post** an advertisement for your business in our alumni yellow pages. *Best of all, it's free!*

University News & Events

▶ **URI awarded \$3.5 million National Science Foundation Grant** The National Science Foundation awarded URI a \$3.5 million National Science Foundation ADVANCE grant designed to increase the number of women faculty members in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, and to support existing women scientists with career development and training opportunities. [Read more...](#)

▶ **Students launch hoop season with spirited Midnight Madness** Fanatical fans, cheerleaders, and the men's and women's basketball squads rocked the Ryan Center on October 17, gearing up for this year's basketball season. [Read more...](#)

▶ **Sophomore joins search for new drugs from the sea** Microbiology major Joselynn Wallace spent her summer hoping to find a link between ocean sediments and antibiotics. Wallace worked with Pharmacy Professor David Rowley in his research to find potential sources of antibiotics and other pharmaceutical products in microorganisms living in salt water. [Read more...](#)

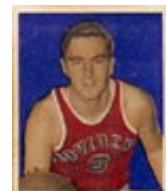


▶ **Alumnus recounts his experience as one of first soldiers to enter Iraq** Army 1st Lt. Mark Padien '01 spoke to a group of Army Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets in September about his first-hand experiences in Iraq. A member of the Army's Third Infantry Division, Padien was among the first American forces to enter Iraq last spring. [Read more...](#)



▶ **Coming up** Enjoy cultural and educational events offered every day at URI. The [Honors Colloquium](#) series continues with award-winning author Amitava Kumar's presentation on [October 28](#). At the URI Providence campus on October 30, you can explore our culture's fascination with [vampires](#) just in time for Halloween. And the [URI Theatre](#) production of *INTO THE WOODS* begins its run on November 13. [More upcoming events...](#)

▶ **URI's new pre-law home** There is a new "home" on campus for students interested in law careers, thanks to a number of generous alumni and friends who donated more than \$125,000 to the project. A section of the second floor of Washburn Hall has been transformed into a pre-law home, providing a resource center and centralized gathering place for students from various majors interested in attending law school. [Read more...](#)



▶ **In memoriam** Ernest Calverley, '46, Rhode Island's first basketball superstar, died on October 20 at the age of 79. The former URI athlete was one of the highest scorers in the history of college basketball. In his 11 years as URI basketball coach, he took the Rams to the NCAA tournament twice and compiled a record of wins surpassed only by that of his own coach, Frank Keaney.

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