



Alumni Updates

▶ **Winner in the Alumni Association drawing announced** Congratulations to Dr. Robert Horrocks of Kingston, winner in our recent Alumni Association membership drawing. Dr. Horrocks was one of the 1,000 alumni who joined or renewed [membership in the Alumni Association](#) by June 30, 2004.



▶ **Alumni Family Camp a hit!** Family Camp 2004, held July 31 and August 1, was a great success! This sold-out event welcomed

70 campers--some from as far away as California and Florida--who gathered for a busy weekend in South County. Tentative dates for Family Camp 2005 are July 29-31. [Take a look at our Family Camp photo album!](#)



▶ **Pride in URI Night coming up soon** Some tickets are still available for [Pride in URI Night on August 18!](#) [Sign up today!](#)

▶ **Welcome to new Alumni Fund co-chairs** Sarah Howard, Interim Director of the URI Annual Fund, recently announced that **Wesley '70 and Dianne '69 Card** are the Annual Fund co-chairs for 2004-2005.



▶ **Class of 1959 reunion to be held September 10-11** Members of the Class of 1959, don't miss the chance to celebrate your [45th reunion](#) and reconnect with old friends!

[Register online today!](#)

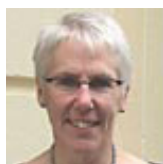
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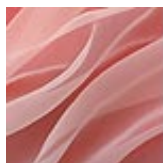
▶ **Tom Garrick named head coach of the URI women's basketball team** West Warwick, R.I., native Tom Garrick, one of the greatest players in URI basketball history, has been named head coach of the Rhode Island women's basketball team. Garrick served as interim women's head coach for most of the 2003-2004 campaign, leading the Rams to a 16-13 overall record and an 8-8 conference mark. [More...](#)



▶ **It's beginning to look like home** With its windows installed, cedar shingles in place, and a completed roof, the Alumni Center is looking like the "home away from home" that alumni leaders had envisioned. "We are very excited now that the building is taking on the characteristics of a finished product," said Michele Nota, executive director of Alumni Relations. "People who pass by the center on Upper College Road and those who view [online photos](#) of the building's progress remark on what a beautiful building it is. We wanted a center that would be warm and welcoming, and clearly we are in the process of achieving our goal." [More...](#)



▶ **Polar scientists will reveal 50 million years of climate history** Scientists from the Graduate School of Oceanography are part of an international team traveling to the Arctic Ocean to study its geological history. The primary objective of the Arctic Coring Expedition is to drill several hundred meters into the sediments of the Lomonosov Ridge, an underwater mountain chain. Follow their progress in the expedition's [online logbook](#). This operation is the most ambitious of its kind ever attempted in such a hostile environment. [More...](#)



▶ **Researchers develop corrosion-resistant polymer** Professor of Chemistry Sze Yang and Richard Brown, a professor of chemical engineering, have developed a new group of non-toxic, corrosion-resistant polymers designed to replace chromates in paints and other coating systems. Chromates, which have been used commercially to protect metal from corrosion for 50 years, have recently been declared hazardous. "There is now a worldwide push on to remove chromates because they are carcinogens," said Yang, one of URI's most prolific inventors. [More...](#)

▶ **URI awards three new interdisciplinary partnerships** Faculty and students from different disciplines are teaming up to find novel ways to tackle hunger and nutrition, gain interactive visualization expertise, and devise new ways to observe and manage ocean resources, thanks to \$450,000 in seed money recently awarded by the President's Partnership Program. The program is designed to increase interaction among faculty, undergraduates and graduate students, and off-campus organizations and businesses. [More...](#)

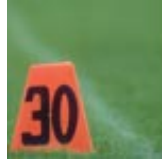


▶ **Alumni Association and RIRAA sponsor Baltimore event**

It will be time for [tailgating and touchdowns](#) on Saturday,

October 9, in Baltimore, Maryland, as URI takes on Towson University. The event, which includes a pre-game reception, is sponsored by URI Alumni Association and the Rhode Island Rams Athletic Association. [Online registration is available!](#)

▶ **Football tickets now on sale** Season tickets for the 2004 URI football season are on sale! The Rams begin their six-game home schedule on September 11 against Central Connecticut State. Season tickets offer six games for the price of five! [More...](#)



▶ **On the calendar** The Summer Gardening School will conclude with "[Landscaping for Butterflies](#)" on **August 16**. If you are obsessed with growing and maintaining the perfect lawn, then URI's 73rd annual [Turfgrass Field Day](#), held on **August 18**, is for you. Designed primarily for turf industry professionals, the event offers the latest on products, equipment, and research into lawn maintenance, and is open to the public. [More...](#)

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