



Alumni Updates



► **Pride in URI Night hits a home run!** More than 350 URI alumni and friends--a record attendance--turned out for Pride in URI Night at McCoy Stadium on August 18. Take a look at our Pride in URI Night [Photo Album!](#)

► **Alumni Center is looking like home** See [latest photos!](#)



► **Interested in re-connecting with URI?** Whether you live in Rhode Island or farther afield, there are many ways to reconnect with the University and with your fellow alumni. [Join a chapter](#), [volunteer for a committee](#), attend a [chapter event](#), or come back to campus for a [reunion!](#)



► **Come back to campus** Make plans to return to Kingston for [Homecoming 2004!](#) Events and reunions are scheduled for Saturday, **October 22**, and Sunday, **October 23**. At noon on Saturday, the Rams take on UMASS, and before the game, runners and walkers won't want to miss the 4th annual Homecoming 5K Road Race. [Register online today for the Homecoming 5K.](#)

► **Class Notes Online** Not only can you submit your own class note online, you can also search class notes by name, class year, and college, and read the latest news about your

University News & Events



► **Pharmacy professor awarded \$16.5 million grant to continue biomedical research** An arm of the National Institutes of Health has awarded URI a \$16.5 million, five-year grant to continue the University's work as a catalyst for biomedical research in the state. Awarded to Zahir Shaikh, professor of biomedical and pharmaceutical sciences in the College of Pharmacy, the grant from NIH's National Center for Research Resources is the second major grant from that agency awarded to URI since 2001. With these two grants, the College of Pharmacy has brought close to \$25 million in federal funding for biomedical research to Rhode Island in the last three years. [More...](#)



► **New study says URI is major economic engine for state** The University of Rhode Island generated about \$518 million in economic activity statewide in 2002, nearly \$5 for every \$1 in state support for the University, according to a new report, *A Partner for Prosperity: The University of Rhode Island's Impact on the Economy of the Ocean State*. [More...](#)



► **2004 Honors Colloquium places hunger on the table** This fall, the URI 2004 Honors Colloquium, *Food and Human Rights: Hunger and Social Policy*, will offer a semester-long series of public lectures and events to explore the paradox of hunger in a society rich with resources. The series, which begins on **September 14**, will provide a backdrop to understanding the complex causes of hunger and food insecurity and the varied societal responses aimed at ending hunger. [More...](#)



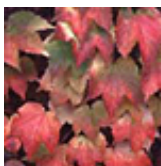
► **URI aims to grow, donate 100,000 pounds of fresh vegetables to food banks** Whitney O'Hanian, a graduate student in plant sciences, is testing the effectiveness of a processed biosolid fertilizer on a variety of agricultural crops and donating the resulting produce to the Rhode Island Community Food Bank. Her project is one of several at the University that, combined, will provide as many as 100,000 pounds of fresh vegetables to needy families in the state this year. [More...](#)



► **Engineering students place 4th in international underwater vehicle competition** A team of five URI engineering students won \$2,000 for placing fourth in the seventh annual International Autonomous Underwater Vehicle Competition organized by the U.S. Office of Naval Research and AUV Systems International. The event challenges student engineers to build a miniature robotic submarine that can self-navigate and independently perform realistic missions. The students competed against 17 other teams July 28-Aug. 1 in San Diego. MIT placed first, Cornell University second, and Ecole de Technologie Superieure of Canada placed third. [More...](#)

fellow alumni on the Web. Take a look at our the [Class Notes Online feature](#) on our Web site.

▶ **Special alumni events coming up!** There will be a special reception for New Hampshire alumni on September 17 in Amherst, N.H. [See details about this and other upcoming special alumni events.](#)



▶ **Facts about Fall 2004 at URI** When the fall semester begins on Wednesday, September 8, the University will open its doors to 11,200 undergraduate and 3,300 graduate students. The incoming freshman class numbers 2,600, and of those about 45 percent are from Rhode Island. This fall, URI freshmen hail from 30 states and 14 countries. [More...](#)

▶ **On the calendar** URI Cooperative Extension will offer its first [Fall Gardening School September 29-November 17](#). This eight-week class in "Gardening Basics for the Home Landscape" will be held Wednesday evenings, 7-9 p.m. [More...](#)

▶ The next issue of *inAdvance* will be sent on **September 9**.

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