



## Alumni Updates



### ► Endowments honor memory of Eric Kumpf

Alexis Brady '96 organized two fundraisers last fall to help memorialize her fiancé, Eric Kumpf '94, who died tragically in June 2003 in a Chicago porch collapse. The first event raised enough money to name the URI Student Alumni Association's office in Eric's honor. Alexis also joined with Eric's employer, Barclays Capital, to plan a bowl-a-thon and silent auction in Manhattan that raised \$149,000 to establish three new URI endowments. [More...](#)

### ► [Runners and walkers, sign up today for the 4th annual Homecoming 5K!](#)



► **Join the Rhody Rally on the Quad!** Be part of the [Homecoming](#) pre-game Alumni and Reunion Rally on the Quad. Starting

**Saturday, October 23**, at 9 a.m., cheer on our 5K runners and walkers, put on your Rhody Blue game face at the face painting table, meet Rhody the Ram, and get in the spirit before heading down to the game along with the URI Marching Band at 11:15!

► **Reunion message boards** There are a variety of [class and affinity reunions](#) coming up soon. Check into our reunion message boards and say hello to fellow classmates. [Message boards](#) are offered through the URI Online Community, so log in is required.

► **Chapter events** Members of the **Rhode Island Chapter** are doing their part for the community by helping to sort food at the R.

## University News & Events



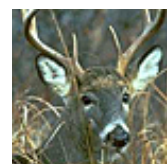
► **Higher education community rallies in support of bond referenda questions 5, 9, 10, and 13** Rhode Island's higher education community held a rally on October 6 in support of the four bond referenda questions on the November ballot that pertain to the state's colleges and university. Frank Caprio, chairman of the Board of Governors for Higher Education, Jack Warner, commissioner of higher education, URI President Carothers, Rhode Island College President Nazarian, and Community College of Rhode Island President Sepe all spoke **in support of questions 5, 9, 10, and 13**. They said that approval of the four questions is vital to meeting the needs of a growing student population and to continue to boost the state's economy. [More...](#)



► **Alumnus Tom Mulligan, *Los Angeles Times* correspondent, to lead online chat on October 19** Students, alumni, faculty, staff, and friends are invited to join URI alumnus and *Los Angeles Times* correspondent Tom Mulligan, who recently has been on assignment in Iraq. He will respond to your questions about Iraq, the economy, and other factors related to the November election. The chat will take place Tuesday, **October 19**, at 1 p.m. If you would like to [submit your questions](#) prior to that time, you can do so and check back at chat time for responses. After the chat, a transcript will be posted. [More...](#)



► **Memorial Union 50th anniversary celebration planned** Dedicated on November 13, 1954, the Memorial Union has been a campus hub for students, faculty, staff, and alumni. Called the "hearthstone" of the campus, the Memorial Union has been a place to eat, to enjoy a movie, to take in a concert, and to work at the student newspaper or serve on the Student Senate. In celebration of the 50th anniversary, the week of **November 15-19** will be filled with special activities. Each day that week will focus on a specific decade. [More...](#)



► **Researchers launch effort to reduce tick populations** In the largest tick control project in the nation, two URI researchers are using a device called a 4-Poster to kill Lyme disease-carrying deer ticks where they concentrate and are most vulnerable--on deer. The pilot project is funded by a \$910,000 grant from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Entomology Professor Thomas Mather and Research Associate Nathan Miller will launch the program in October in Narragansett, which has one of the highest rates of Lyme disease infection in the state. [More...](#)



► **URI senior seeks clues to destruction of snow geese on Arctic tundra** Wildlife biology and conservation major Kristopher Winiarski spent his summer jumping out of helicopters, digging out of 10-foot snow drifts, and coming face to face with polar bears while learning how increasing numbers of snow geese in the Arctic are destroying their nesting habitat. He worked

I. Food Bank on November 17. [Find out more](#) about this and other upcoming chapter events.



▶ Take a look at photo albums from the [Class of 1959's 45th reunion](#) and from a recent [New Hampshire alumni](#)

[reception](#) hosted by Shannon Chandley '83 and Tom Silva '83!

▶ **RIRAA announces new 3-year seating cycle** In fall 2005, all URI men's basketball season ticket-holders will be reseated based on their RIRAA priority point total as of June 30, 2005. Supporters who commit \$600 or more to RIRAA for the next three fiscal years will be permitted to retain their new seats in the Ryan Center through the 2007-08 season. Donors who contribute \$150-\$599 will, each year, be seated before the general public and on the basis of priority points. For more information, contact Trueson Tarinelli at [ttarinelli@advance.uri.edu](mailto:ttarinelli@advance.uri.edu) or [give online to RIRAA today!](#)

for nearly three months at a research camp in Wapusk National Park on the Hudson Bay, 25 miles north of Churchill, Manitoba. [More...](#)

▶ **Oceanographers return from groundbreaking Arctic expedition** An international scientific party that included four URI oceanographers recently returned from the Arctic Ocean on a landmark expedition to recover seafloor sediments to reconstruct the geologic history of the Arctic. The 19 scientists on the team collected 339 meters of sediment, the oldest of which is 80 million years. [More...](#)



▶ **On the calendar** The URI Honors Colloquium [Food & Human Rights, Hunger & Social Policy](#) continues on **October 12** as URI Professors Tom Zorabedian and Judith Swift discuss the portrayal and use of food in the cinema in "[Eating in the Dark: The Meaning of Food in Film.](#)" The URI

Theatre will present [The Grapes of Wrath](#), Frank Galati's Tony award-winning play based on John Steinbeck's Pulitzer prize-winning novel. The play will be performed in the Robert E. Will Theatre, Fine Arts Center **October 14-16, October 20-23**, at 8 p.m., and **October 17** at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$12 and \$10 for students, seniors and children. [Family Fun Day](#) at the URI Feinstein Providence Campus will be held on Sunday, **October 17**. Beginning on **October 20**, the [Rhode Island Geriatric Education Center](#) at the University will once again present its popular "Lunch and Learn" series of informal presentations about current issues and research impacting the care of older adults. Free and open to the public. [More...](#)

▶ **Coming up at the Ryan Center** Tickets are on sale now for the Boston Pops Holiday Concert at the Ryan Center on **December 10**. [More...](#)

▶ **Last chance to participate in our *inAdvance* subscriber survey** If you haven't yet completed our [inAdvance subscriber survey](#), we invite you to do so by **October 15**. Login is required to protect your privacy. Thanks for your participation!

▶ The next issue of *inAdvance* will be sent on **October 21**.

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