



Alumni Updates



► **New Alumni Fund chairs** Thanks go to [Stephen '76 and Laura Cunningham '77](#) of Greenwich, Conn., who

have volunteered to co-chair the University's 2005-2006 Alumni Fund. The [Alumni Fund](#), the largest component of the University's Annual Fund, provides unrestricted support critical for student, faculty, and alumni programs.



► **Make your plans now to attend Homecoming on October 8** Enjoy a great fall weekend in Kingston. At noon, the

Rams will take on Towson University. Other events include the 5th annual [Homecoming 5K Road Race](#) (open to runners and walkers), the [Former URI Football Player Reunion](#), and the [College of Nursing 60th Anniversary Gala](#).



► **Web chat to answer questions about college admissions** Our [Fall 2005 Online Chat Series](#) kicks off on

September 20 with [James Lynch](#), URI Dean of Admissions, whose topic will be "Admissions Tips: What Parents Need to Know." [Submit your question now!](#)



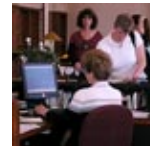
► **Chapter Events** The **Ohio Chapter** is planning a clambake in Fetzer's Woods on **September 24**. The

Rhode Island Chapter is sponsoring a get-together on **October 1** at Brown University's Marvel Field Tailgate area for the Brown vs. URI football game.

University News & Events



► **URI to transform the Kingston Campus north district into health, life sciences hub** University officials gave an overview to members of the state's leading media outlets last week of their plans to transform the north district of the Kingston Campus into a hub for health science, research, and technology. During the next four years, URI expects to link the Center for Biotechnology and Life Sciences to three new buildings that will house academic programs in pharmacy, nursing, and chemistry, and form a health sciences quadrangle adjacent to Flagg Road. [More...](#)



► **University offers emergency admissions to students enrolled in hurricane-affected colleges** URI is offering [emergency admission](#) to qualified Rhode Islanders and out-of-state students whose enrollments at colleges and universities in Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama were derailed by Hurricane Katrina. The University also

announced a plan to build a home for victims of Hurricane Katrina. Members of the entire University family *students, faculty, staff, and alumni* are being asked to contribute to the project, with a goal of raising \$70,000 before March 2006. It is anticipated that members of the URI student chapter of Habitat for Humanity will travel to the Gulf Coast region during spring break to help build the house. [More...](#)



► **Facts about fall 2005** The University of Rhode Island recently welcomed 11,000 undergraduate and 3,000 graduate students for the 2005-2006 academic year. About 2,500 freshmen from 32 states and 18 different countries have enrolled this fall. Approximately 52 percent of the incoming freshman class are Rhode Islanders. After Rhode

Island, the top states represented in the Class of 2009 are Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut. [More...](#)



► **Survey demonstrates firm student support for stricter alcohol control policies and enforcement** University of Rhode Island students want campus and local authorities to increase enforcement efforts and develop new programs to address the problem of drinking and driving, according to a new survey released recently by Common

Ground, a university-based substance abuse prevention program. Alcohol-impaired driving is the leading cause of death among U.S. college students. [More...](#)



► **URI scientist may hold key to cancer treatment** Assistant Professor of Physics Yana Reshetnyak may have discovered a way to stop cancer cell growth without harming the healthy cells that surround them. The Department of Defense recently granted her a three-year \$323,000 New Investigator Award to support her prostate cancer research. Reshetnyak's approach is not restricted to the treatment of prostate cancer, and could provide a new concept for drugs and drug delivery in the treatment of a variety of cancers. [More...](#)



► **Groundbreaking ceremony set for Meade Stadium October 8**

The **Southern California Chapter** is planning a visit to the Los Angeles County Museum of Art for the King Tut exhibit on **October 16**. What does [your chapter](#) have planned?



University officials will break ground on **October 8** for construction of the west stands in Meade Stadium, formally ushering in a nearly \$2 million effort that will dramatically alter the 76-year-old "Home of the Rams," restoring significant seating capacity lost during the construction of the Ryan Center. The west stands will provide fan access to the Ryan Center's concourse for concessions, rest rooms, and other amenities. The new stands will accommodate 2,080 fans in 1,292 chair-back seats, 708 bench seats, 40 wheelchair spaces, and 40 companion seats. [More...](#)

▶ **URI/Leadership RI event** The 2nd annual URI/Leadership RI Alumni Fall Breakfast will be held **September 20**, 8-9:30 a.m. at The Gatehouse Restaurant in Providence. It is hosted by President Carothers, the Alumni Association, and Leadership Rhode Island. Contact Lisa Harrison at lharrison@advance.uri.edu for details.



▶ **On the calendar** Len Elmore, former All-American basketball player at the University of Maryland, NBA player, and current CBS Sports and ESPN commentator, will discuss "[Race and Sport](#)" at the URI [Honors Colloquium](#) on **September 20**. The University will celebrate diversity in the community during its [9th Annual Diversity](#)

▶ **Attention alumni job seekers and employers** URI Career Services has announced its fall schedule of job fairs, including a major event at the Ryan Center on **October 28**. Called "The Ultimate Reality Event," the program will be open to the campus community as well as the general public. [Find out more!](#)

[Week](#), **September 26-30**, on the Kingston Campus. URI and the RI Resource Recovery Corp. launch an 8-week [Master Composter/Recycler program](#) beginning **September 26**. The Providence Bruins will take on the Hartford Wolfpack on **September 27** at the [Boss Arena](#). "[Marx in Soho](#)," a one-man play by Howard Zinn will be performed at Edwards Auditorium on the Kingston Campus on **September 29**. [More...](#)

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