



Alumni Updates



► **Homecoming 2005**
Return to campus on **October 8** for a great day! In addition to the game at noon,

[Homecoming events](#) and activities include the [Rhody 5K Road Race](#), the Homecoming Family Tent, where there will be crafts for the kids and plenty of giveaways, the [former URI Football Player Reunion](#), the [historic Watson House](#) exhibit, and more!



► **Browse our Alumni Center grand opening photo album** Take a look at the [photo album](#) from our Alumni Center grand opening on September 17!

Coming up on **October 29** is a [barbecue for Sigma Chi alumni](#) at the Alumni Center, once the site of the Sigma Chi fraternity house.



► **Join the celebration** You are invited to join the College of Nursing on **October 8** for its [60th anniversary gala](#),

a great evening of fun, food, music, dancing, and a silent auction. All proceeds go to the College of Nursing.



► **Chat update** Our next Web chat will be on **October 18**, with [Jimmie Oxley](#), URI chemistry professor and leading

explosives expert. Her topic: Terrorism and the detection of explosives. Read the transcript of our recent chat with URI Dean of Admissions [James Lynch](#). Our [Online Chat Series](#) is sponsored by the Division of University Advancement.

University News & Events



► **New fishing gear targets abundant haddock without hurting over-fished species** URI researchers have successfully tested a new fishing net configuration that will selectively catch the plentiful haddock without affecting

declining stocks of cod and flounder. "The new gear catches just as much haddock as the existing gear, but without catching the species of critical concern," said URI fisheries researcher David Beutel. After further tests and review by fishery managers, the net may allow fishermen to extend the number of days they are permitted to be at sea. [More...](#)



► **Global Spectrum announces spectacular lineup for Ryan Center's fourth season**

The doors are wide open at The Ryan Center for a new fall and winter season of top entertainment and sporting events, including rapper Kanye West, the legendary Chicago, the Boston Pops, and the Business to Business Statewide Expo 2005. While continuing to be the home of URI basketball, The Ryan Center offers the University community, South County, and the state of Rhode Island a lineup filled with exciting concerts, trade shows, and other events. [More...](#)



► **URI's Metcalf Institute awarded \$856,000 grant for diversity fellowships for environmental reporting** The Metcalf Institute for Marine and Environmental Reporting at the University of Rhode Island has been awarded an \$856,000 grant by the National Science Foundation to expand its environmental reporting fellowship program

for minority journalists. For five years beginning in 2006, the institute will offer six working journalists -- up from two in each of the previous three years -- a 42-week fellowship to learn basic science, connect science to public policy issues, and work as an environmental reporter to apply their new knowledge. [More...](#)



► **Concert to salute American musical theatre, raise funds for URI music scholarships**

The URI Music Department University Artist Series will salute American musical theatre on October 14, in the Fine Arts Center Concert Hall on the Kingston Campus. The concert, which will benefit the URI Music Scholarship Program, will feature the music of URI 1966 alumnus Enrico Garzilli, Cole Porter, and Rodgers and Hammerstein, among others. Talk show host Arlene Violet will serve as master of ceremonies at the event, which will also feature the URI Symphony Orchestra and the URI Concert Choir. [More...](#)



► **Alumnus establishes endowment to fund geology field trips**

As a URI geology student in the early 1980s, John Sullivan joined his classmates and professors on trips to upstate New York to learn about mountain building and continental collisions, to western Massachusetts to study Triassic fossils, and to North Carolina and Nova Scotia to learn about coastal geology. Sullivan, a manager of oil and gas investments, and one of his companies recently donated \$25,000 to the Department



► **Ram Academy announces fall programs**

Coming up on **October 18** is the first in the series of Ram Alumni Academy fall programs hosted by Dr. Gene Knott at the Alumni Center. The evening's topic: "Being More Creative and Innovative". Seminars will also be held on **November 19**, "Balancing Work and Home Life", and **December 13**, "Coping with Loss". [Find out more!](#)

► **Chapter events** The **Southern California Chapter** is planning a visit to the Los Angeles County Museum of Art for the King Tut exhibit on **October 16**. On **October 20**, the **Philadelphia Chapter** will travel to the infamous Eastern State Penitentiary to take in the Terror Behind the Walls Tour. What does [your chapter](#) have planned?

► **Your generosity makes a difference to our student-athletes** Thanks to the generosity of our alumni and friends, the [Rhode Island Rams Athletic Association](#) raised more than \$1.7 million during the 2004-05 fiscal year. Take a look at the achievements of our [student-athletes](#).

of Geosciences to fund field trips or other related activities. [More...](#)



► **Student's research aids in development of heat-sensitive materials** Imagine a milk carton that changes color when the milk has been at room temperature for too long or a cooking pot that changes color to indicate it's too hot to touch. A polymer that can potentially do these things was developed by URI researcher Brett Lucht and his colleagues in 2002, and for the last two years, chemistry major Ashley Mills has been helping the professors learn more about it. "By altering the polymer," said the URI junior, "we're trying to discern why it changes color, how to make it change at certain temperatures, and how to get it to change to particular colors." [More...](#)



► **On the calendar** Award-winning sports journalist, author, and NPR commentator [Frank Deford](#) will speak about "Sport: The Hype and the Hoopla," at the URI [Honors Colloquium](#), on **October 4**. Coming up on **October 11** is UConn men's basketball coach Jim Calhoun. The URI Library Gallery presents a theatrical exhibit by artist [Kate Sullivan](#),

October 3-28. The URI Theatre opens its fall season with the Noel Coward comedy [Blithe Spirit](#), which runs **October 13-15** and **19-22** at 7:30 p.m., and **October 16** at 3 p.m. On **October 14**, the [URI Forensic Science Partnership](#) lecture series features best-selling author Mary Jane Behrends Clark '76, speaking on "Forensics and Fiction." The fall [URI Community Planning and Landscape Architecture](#) lecture series continues on **October 20** with landscape architect Scheri Fultineer. [More...](#)

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