



Alumni Updates

Ram Academy

► Ram Alumni Academy seminar on

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



► [Browse our Homecoming photo album](#) Take a look at our [Homecoming 2005 photo album](#)! Did you know you

can view [photo albums](#) from other alumni events?



► **Explosives expert leads October chat** On **October 18**, renowned explosives expert and URI chemistry professor [Jimmie Oxley](#), who is often called upon to lend her expertise to high profile national and international incidents, will respond to questions about terrorism and explosives detection. [Submit a question now!](#)



► **Alumni Center open house and barbecue for Sigma Chi alumni** The Alumni Association is hosting an [open house](#)

[and barbecue for Sigma Chi](#) alumni, family, and friends on **October 29** at the Alumni Center, once the site of the Sigma Chi fraternity house. The event will be held before the URI vs. Hofstra football game as part of [Family Weekend](#).

University News & Events



► **URI embarks on Semester at Sea** The SSV *Corwith Cramer*, among the most sophisticated research vessels in the United States, recently docked at the URI Narragansett Bay Campus to celebrate a new partnership between the University and the Sea Education Association. This partnership will give URI students the opportunity to spend a semester at sea learning navigational skills, studying oceanography, and conducting marine science research (after a six-week shore component) without jeopardizing their financial aid or needing to transfer the credits from another institution. [More...](#)



► **URI French major expands to one of the largest in the country** During the past six years, the undergraduate program in French at URI has become one of the largest language programs in the country. Ninety-five percent of French majors are majoring in one or two other disciplines, and the majority of them graduate in four years. The most popular dual programs the University offers in French include business administration, political science, pharmacy and the international engineering program. [More...](#)



► **A 1,000-year record of southern New England precipitation suggests increasing variability in future rainfall** Future precipitation rates in southern New England will likely remain similar to those in recent decades, but increasing variability may mean that dry years will be drier and wet years will be wetter. That is the conclusion drawn by graduate student J. Bradford Hubeny, who sampled sediments in the Pettaquamscutt River estuary to determine "moisture budgets" for the last millennium. The Pettaquamscutt River estuary has a deep section where the sediment doesn't get stirred up, resulting in annual sediment layers like tree rings that indicate precipitation rates. [More...](#)



► **URI awarded \$590,000 grant to help special needs teachers teach food safety lessons** The University of Rhode Island Cooperative Extension Food Safety Education Program has been awarded a \$590,000 grant by the U.S. Department of Agriculture to develop educational materials designed to help high school special needs teachers teach their students how to prepare, serve, and store food safely. Once the teaching materials have been created, they will be incorporated into the special needs teacher education curricula at Rhode Island College, the University of Connecticut, and the University of Massachusetts. [More...](#)



► **Grad student earns prestigious NOAA scholarship** Autumn Oczkowski, a doctoral student at the URI Graduate School of Oceanography, has been awarded the prestigious Dr. Nancy Foster Scholarship from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. The scholarship will pay tuition for the next four years along with a \$20,000 annual stipend. Oczkowski is currently launching a research

▶ **ROTC Hall of Fame** The ROTC Chapter will hold its annual Hall of Fame breakfast at the University Club on **November 5** at 8:30 a.m. This year's celebration will honor **Lt. Gen. John R. Blount '50, Col. William P. Babcock '68, and Lt. Col. Richard S. Schott,** posthumous. \$13 per person. For more information, please contact Kristal Cardone '99 at 401 874-4536 or kristal@uri.edu.

▶ **Chapter events** The **Arizona Rhode Runners** are looking forward to their Awful Awful Bash in the desert on **October 23**. On **November 16**, the **Rhode Island Chapter** is sponsoring an evening of community service at the Rhode Island Food Bank. What does [your chapter](#) have planned?

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program to understand how the population boom in the Nile River delta region of Egypt may be affecting the productivity of the offshore fishery. [More...](#)



▶ **Pharmacy professor recalls horror, hope of New Orleans after serving on disaster team** Assistant professor of pharmacy Jeffrey Bratberg was part of the 35-member Rhode Island Disaster Medical Assistance Team deployed to Louisiana on August 29 to assist victims of Hurricane Katrina. An infectious diseases specialist at Rhode Island Hospital and at Brown Medical School, Bratberg remained in Louisiana for two weeks and was re-deployed there September 28-October 17. [More...](#)



▶ **On the calendar** Basketball legend [Bob Cousy](#) and Providence Journal sports columnist Bill Reynolds discuss their collaboration on the book, "Cousy," on **October 18** at the URI [Honors Colloquium](#). Coming up on **October 25** is a panel discussion on sports parenting, led by Rick Wolff. The URI Theatre presents "[Blithe Spirit](#)" **October 13-15 and 19-22** at 7:30 p.m., and **October 16** at 3 p.m. Producer, director, and URI 1987 alumna Cherry Arnold screens her award-winning documentary, "[Buddy](#)," on **October 19**. On **October 22**, The [Great Performances](#) series presents [The Western Wind](#). A [major job fair](#) will be held at the Ryan Center on **October 28**. The 11th annual [URI Athletic Auction](#), sponsored by the Rhode Island Rams Athletic Association will be **November 10** at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Warwick. New this year -- an online component running **October 18-November 9**. The Boston Pops concert at the Ryan Center will be **December 9**. Find out more about this and other [upcoming](#) Ryan Center events. [More...](#)

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