



Alumni Updates



► **Chat with Coach Baron** On **November 15**, URI men's basketball coach **Jim Baron** will answer your questions about the Rams' upcoming basketball season. The chat will be on November 15 at 1 p.m., but you can [submit your question now](#). In December, our chat will feature James Campbell, director of the URI Counseling Center, and Brian Crawford of the URI Coastal Resource Center. Their topic: The [impact of the December 2004 tsunami](#).



► **Learn something new** Alumni and friends are invited to participate in the Ram Alumni Academy for Lifelong

Learning seminars, led by [Gene Knott](#), a professor in the College of Human Science and Services. The next seminar will be Saturday morning, **November 19**, prior to the URI/Northeastern football game. The topic is "Balancing Work and Home Life," and will include a pre-game picnic lunch. The **December 13** program will focus on "Coping with Loss." [Find out more](#) and [register online](#) today!



► **What's your dream destination?** The Alumni Association is interested in offering travel opportunities to match your interests. We hope you will take a moment to complete a [brief travel survey](#). Please note, log on is required. Thanks for your participation.



► **At the chapters** On **November 29**, the **New Jersey Chapter** will be taking in the the Boston

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► Call for nominations for new distinguished achievement award

The University of Rhode Island has established a [distinguished achievement award program](#). The new program will roll all affinity-based recognition and awards, including the Alumni Association awards and several college hall of fame awards, into one gala event. The inaugural gala, planned for next fall, will honor four to six distinguished URI alumni and/or friends who have brought distinction to themselves and to the University through their professional achievement, outstanding leadership, and/or community service. Deadline for nominations is **November 18, 2005**. [More...](#)



► Former students establish endowment to honor favorite professor

An endowment in honor of Al Killilea, a URI political science professor for the past 36 years, was announced at a recent reception attended by nearly 50 lawyers, judges, and political science alumni. With gifts totaling \$50,000, two of Killilea's former students, Providence attorneys Bill Dolan '81 and Bruce Wolpert '75 are spearheading the effort to honor Killilea for his exceptional teaching and guidance. They will help seek additional contributions from other attorneys, political science alumni, and others to build the fund to a \$500,000 professorship or even a \$2 million chair. [More...](#)



► University research team launches community-wide tick control effort in Narragansett

Thirty tick-killing bait stations were deployed last month throughout Narragansett by URI researchers in what is likely the largest tick control project in the nation. Entomology Professor Thomas Mather and Research Associate Nathan Miller are using the bait stations to kill Lyme disease-carrying deer ticks where they concentrate and are most vulnerable—on deer. They chose Narragansett because it has one of the highest rates of Lyme disease infection in the state. [More...](#)



► URI Master Gardener creates masterful garden for fallen soldiers

The Garden of Heroes was recently dedicated at the Rhode Island Statehouse. The memorial garden was envisioned by Lt. Gov. Charles Fogarty as a way to honor Rhode Islanders who died serving their country during operations in support of the global war on terrorism since September 11, 2001. The lieutenant governor contacted Marion Gold and Roseanne Sherry of the URI Master Gardener Program for assistance. Realizing that the garden's creation was a formidable task, Gold asked Master Gardener Mel Bilezerian to coordinate the project. [More...](#)



► Donors and recipient have historical meeting at URI

History and political science major Travis Roberts, concerned he would be unable to complete his senior year because of financial constraints, was awarded the Stephen M. Kaufman Memorial Scholarship earlier this year. In 2000, Dr. Donald and Anita Kaufman established the scholarship for bright and needy Rhode Island students, naming the endowment after their middle child, Stephen, a college student who died unexpectedly during



Bruins/ New Jersey Devils game. **On December 27**, the **Houston Chapter** is holding a pre-game reception before the URI/Houston basketball game. And on **January 4**, the **North Carolina Chapter** invites alumni and friends to take in the URI/ University of North Carolina men's basketball game at the UNC Charlotte campus and to a pre-game reception. What does [your chapter](#) have planned?

► **SAA celebrates 20 years!** Make plans to attend the [SAA Reunion](#) on Saturday, **December 3**. It will be a great day with special events, including brunch at the UClub, the big URI vs. PC basketball game, and a reunion dinner at the Hyatt Regency-Newport. [Register online today!](#)

► **Alumni Association member event** On **January 7**, enjoy a buffet dinner at 5:30 in the Ryan Center Alumni Room followed by the URI/Fordham men's basketball game. To [find out more](#), contact Lisa Cugini at 401-874-4604 or lcugini@advance.uri.edu to register.

surgery. "The scholarship is a way to honor his memory," says Anita Kaufman. "He loved history and he loved politics." [More...](#)



► **Fundraising goal met for new Meade Stadium stands** Football alumni and supporters reached their goal of raising \$500,000 toward the construction of the West Stands in Meade Stadium. The goal was reached in less than six months when President Robert Carothers and Dean Jayne Richmond announced their personal pledge on October 7 at the Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Dinner. The campaign was spearheaded by volunteer chairmen and former football players, Tom Cataldo and Kurt Wicks. With a University match of the private fundraising, pledges through a seat campaign, and funds from the Ryan Center project, nearly \$2 million has been earmarked for Meade Stadium enhancements. [More...](#)



► **On the calendar** [Martha Burk and Richard Lapchick](#), two leading experts on political protest in sports, will address the [URI Honors Colloquium](#) on **November 15**. [Journalism Day](#) at URI on **November 17**, sponsored by the URI Department of Journalism and the Rhode Island Press Association, is free and open to the public. The nationally renowned theatrical production, "[Nobody Don't Like Yogi](#)," a reflection on the life of the legendary Yogi Berra, will be performed **November 18**, as part of the Honors Colloquium series, and is free and open to the public. The URI Theatre production of "[Romeo and Juliet](#)" will be performed **December 1-3** and **8-10** at 7:30 p.m., **December 4** and **11** at 3 p.m. See upcoming events at the [Ryan Center](#), including the Boston Pops on December 9. [More...](#)

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