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 College game. Find out more and register online.

University News & Events

► 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.

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