



## Alumni Updates



► **Chat news** Read the transcript of our recent chat with meteorologist [Steve Cascione '77](#), who answered questions

about the upcoming hurricane season. On **July 18**, our chat will feature [John Grant '86](#), a member of the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum Science Team, whose topic is the Mars Rover Mission.



► **Show your Rhody pride** It's not too early to get your tickets for our annual [Pride in URI Night](#), held **August 16** at

Pawtucket's McCoy Stadium. Gates open at 5 p.m. for an all-you-can-eat barbecue, followed by the PawSox vs. Scranton Red Barons game at 7:05 p.m. Don't miss this great summer tradition. You can [register online](#) today!



► **Rhody Scholarship Endowment** The third annual [Rhody the Ram Charity Yard Sale](#), held on June 11, raised more

than \$1,500 for the [Rhody the Ram Endowment](#). The Rhody Endowment now stands at more than \$20,000, and the Alumni Association hopes to award its first Rhody the Ram scholarship in July. Thanks to all who participated in this year's event.



► **Winter Gala alumni committee** Would you like to work with fellow URI alums in helping to plan our 2007 Winter

Gala? Although the 16th annual Gala will be held on January 27, the committee's first meeting will be later this summer. Let us know if you would

## University News & Events



► **URI researchers make hurricane predictions more accurate** The hurricane forecasting model developed by URI and NOAA scientists—the most accurate model used by the National Hurricane Center over the last three years—has been improved for the 2006 hurricane season to incorporate the phenomenon responsible for intensifying Hurricanes Katrina and Rita last year. According to URI Oceanography Professor Isaac Ginis, the northward extension of the Loop Current, which separates the waters of the Gulf of Mexico from the Caribbean Sea, was the most likely reason Katrina and Rita intensified to category 5. [More...](#)



► **Metcalf Fellowship winner to help street children in India** A

University of Rhode Island student is combining her talent, her desire to experience different cultures, and her need to give back to the world, thanks to a \$4,500 Metcalf Fellowship. The fellowship, supported by the Michael P. Metcalf Memorial Fund at the Rhode Island Foundation, is allowing Bethany Vaccaro the opportunity to spend eight weeks in India, helping educate orphaned children who have been rescued from the streets. [More...](#)



► **New program provides non-traditional route to nurture aspiring teachers** In response to the need for math and science high school

teachers in the state's urban school districts, there's now an alternative route for prospective teachers to gain certification in these areas. Applications are being accepted for the first class of non-traditional teachers to enroll in the Aspiring Teachers Program, part of the Rhode Island Teacher Education Renewal project based at URI. The program is supported by a \$7.5 million U.S. Department of Education Teacher Quality Enhancement grant awarded to URI in 2004 to reform teacher education and strengthen the preparation of the state's next generation of teachers. Program applicants must hold a bachelor's degree with a major in mathematics, physics, chemistry, or equivalent areas. [More...](#)



► **Your annual gift matters** When you make an [online gift](#) to the Annual Fund or the Rhode Island Rams Athletic Association, your contribution creates a world of possibilities for our students. As the end of our fiscal year approaches on **June 30**, we encourage you to lend your support, and we extend our sincere thanks to those of you who have already made a contribution. [More...](#)



► **Rhody baseball player Steve Holmes drafted by the New York**

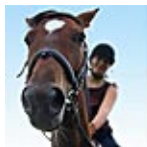
**Mets** Steve Holmes was recently selected by the New York Mets in the fifth round of the Major League Baseball Draft. The highest drafted player in URI baseball history, he is the fifth to be drafted in the last four years. Holmes finished the 2006 season leading the nation with a 1.30 ERA. He set URI records for career strikeouts (255) and wins in a season (10), and tied for first in URI history for career wins (22) in his three seasons with the Rams. Holmes and his teammates finished 2006 by winning their third straight

like to learn more about the Winter Gala group or any of our other [committees](#). It's a great way to stay connected!

▶ **Chapter news** On **July 16, San Diego alumni** are planning to take in the Padres-Braves game, and on **July 21, New Hampshire Chapter** members are heading to Manchester to watch the New Hampshire Fisher Cats play the Trenton Thunder. Coming up on **August 1** is the annual **Welcome Freshmen** picnic hosted by the **New Jersey Chapter**. Learn about these and other [upcoming chapter events](#).

▶ **45th reunion events** Members of the Class of 1961, mark your calendars for Saturday, **September 30**. Your [45th reunion](#) activities will include a tour and continental breakfast at the Alumni Center, the URI-Brown football game, and a reception at the University Club.

regular season Atlantic 10 Baseball championship. [More...](#)



▶ **URI's Doctor Doolittle interprets horse vocalizations to better understand stress** If injured racehorse Barbaro could talk, the doctors treating him could understand the stress he is undergoing as he recovers. That's the idea behind the Equine Vocalization Project, an acoustical analysis of horse vocalizations by two former Navy acousticians interested in improving the lives of horses by interpreting how they communicate stress. The results of the first two years of scientific analysis by David Browning, a URI adjunct professor, and Peter Scheifele, a research associate at the University of Connecticut, were recently reported at a meeting of the Acoustical Society of America. [More...](#)



▶ **On the calendar** The 2006 [World Scholar-Athlete Games](#) will be held on the Kingston Campus **June 24 to July 2**. The keynote address will be delivered by former President [Bill Clinton](#) on **June 26**. URI tick experts are hosting a demonstration on the [use of tick repellents](#) on **June 28** at the Peace Dale Library in South Kingstown, and on **June 29** at the Exeter Public Library in Exeter. From **July 5 to July 25**, the URI Center for Nonviolence and Peace Studies is offering its [2006 Summer Institute on the Principles and Practices of Nonviolence](#), a three-week program that prepares practitioners in the art of nonviolent conflict reconciliation. [More...](#)

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