



## Alumni Updates



► **Be there!** It's time to get your tickets for our annual [Pride in URI Night](#) to be 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. More than 450 URI alumni and friends attended last year's event. Don't miss this one!



► **Are you ready for some football?** Join us on **August 31** to watch the URI Rams take on the UCONN Huskies at

Rentschler Field in East Hartford. Before the game, join Rhody the Ram, fellow URI alumni, family, and friends under the tent in the Rhody tailgate area. [Find out more.](#)



► **We'd like your opinion** It's time for us to begin planning **Young Alumni Weekend**, our annual celebration for graduates of the last decade. But first we want to know what activities you would be most interested in. We hope you will take a few minutes with our [Young Alumni online survey](#). Login is required. Thanks for your participation.



► **What's happening on Mars** Read the transcript of our latest Web chat, featuring scientist [John Grant '86](#) of the

Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum, who leads the day-to-day operations of the Mars rovers.



► **At the chapters** On

## University News & Events



► **URI to host international conference on port security, natural disasters, marine transportation** Terrorism in ports, a catastrophic natural disaster striking a center of global trade, and the disruption of oil supplies are among the scenarios to be discussed at the first international conference on port security and marine transportation, which will be held at URI Sept. 25 and 26. The conference will bring together top maritime, port, and transportation security experts from around the world, along with representatives from academia, business, and government, to assess the risks to ports and maritime transportation, examine case studies, and identify emerging issues and research needs. [More...](#)



► **Pharmacy professor uses animated movie to teach about diuretics** Roberta S. King was frustrated three years ago when she tried to explain to her students how diuretic drugs work at a cellular

level in the body. So she decided to create an animated movie using the advanced visual technologies newly available at URI through programs funded by the Champlin Foundations. The grants were used to create a 3D animation facility in the College of Pharmacy and a Digital Production Resource Center with the Information Technology Services Department. [More...](#)



► **New undergraduate minor in oceanography offered** The

University of Rhode Island has a long-standing reputation for excellence in a wide range of academic programs in the marine sciences, with its Graduate School of Oceanography being the most prestigious. But until now, the oceanography program was only open to graduate students. Beginning this fall, undergraduate students will be offered the opportunity to earn a minor in oceanography for the first time. [More...](#)



► **Donors to URI Athletics increase in 2005-2006** Donors to URI

Athletics increased by 3.4 percent in 2005-2006, and we are happy to report that at the end of our fiscal year on June 30, contributions to [URI Athletics](#) reached the \$1.3 million mark. This includes gifts to the [Rhode Island Rams Athletic Association](#), restricted gifts made to specific team and club sports, gifts to athletic endowments and athletic capital projects, gifts-in-kind, and profit from booster special events. We thank you for your generosity and support of URI Athletics!



► **MBA students help non-profit agencies** For the second straight

year, URI Business Professor Deborah Rosen has linked her students to non-profit agencies in Rhode Island through Social Venture Partners, a collaborative of professionals focused on advancing the non-profit sector and social change. The students recently made final presentations to Social Venture Partners and their respective agencies during a meeting in Providence. Several are taking action on the URI graduate students' recommendations. [More...](#)



**August 1, the New Jersey Chapter** will host its annual **Welcome Freshmen Picnic**, and

on **September 16**, the **Northern California Chapter** alumni and their families will get together for their 11th annual clambake in San Mateo. [What's your chapter up to?](#)

▶ **Upcoming reunions** The [Class of 1961](#) is celebrating its 45th Reunion on **September 30**, and members of the [Class of 1966](#) are coming back to Kingston October 13-14 to celebrate their 40th. Hope you'll make plans to attend.



▶ **Warm winter, wet spring leads to abundance of ticks** Tick abundance in Rhode Island is slightly ahead of last year's record numbers, according to early results from the University of Rhode Island's statewide tick survey, and the weather seems to be to blame. URI tick researcher Thomas Mather said that the warm winter allowed ticks to get an early start on the season, and the moist conditions through the spring and early summer are keeping tick activity high. [More...](#)



▶ **On the calendar** Relive the history of a once-thriving village on Narragansett Bay on **July 27**, by taking a [free walking tour](#) of the South Ferry area of Narragansett. The URI Alan Shawn Feinstein College of Continuing Education is holding an [open house](#) for the fall semester on **August 1**. At the [Ryan Center](#): Tickets are still available for the Wiggles on **August 22!** [More...](#)

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