



Alumni Updates



► **A great fall weekend in Kingston** Don't miss [Homecoming 2006](#) on **October 13 and 14!** The weekend includes the

sixth annual [Rhody the Ram Homecoming 5K](#), the URI-Richmond football game, the fourth annual [Football Player Reunion](#), the Class of 1966 [40th Reunion](#), and much more!

► **URI Legacy Dinner on October 28** If you are a URI graduate with a parent, grandparent, or sibling who is also a University of Rhode Island alum, you are part of a special tradition. As a URI legacy, you are invited to be part of our new [Legacy Program](#). All legacies and their families are cordially invited to our first Legacy Dinner on October 28 (Family Weekend) at the University Club. [Online registration is available](#). For more information, contact Gina Dei at gmdei@advance.uri.edu.



► **Airline security chat** On **October 4**, noted airline industry expert [Bob Crandall '57](#) will lead a Web chat,

responding to your questions about [airline security today](#), the impact of recent terrorist plots on airline travel, and related air travel security issues. You can also read the transcript of our recent chat with [Bob Beagle](#) on current trends in philanthropy.



► **CBA Young Alumni Networking Event** On **October 13**, the University of Rhode Island College of Business Administration will hold the

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► **You're invited to join the celebration** The inaugural University of Rhode Island Distinguished Achievement Awards celebration will be held Saturday, **October 14**, at the Rhode Island Convention Center. We invite you to be a part of this very special evening and join other University alumni and friends in honoring [four exceptional individuals](#) who personify the University's tradition of excellence in professional achievement, leadership contributions, and community service. Dean's List recipients from each college will also be recognized. The evening includes college receptions, dinner, and the presentation of awards in the Rhode Island Convention Center Ballroom. We hope you will be part of this special inaugural event. [More...](#)



► **Students help build Katrina house** In the immediate aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, the URI Clearinghouse for Volunteers swung into action to coordinate a fundraising effort. To date, more than \$35,000 has been raised by the University community toward the purchase of a Habitat for Humanity International "House in a Box." Last week students gathered on the URI Quad to frame windows, doors, corner pieces, and other framing elements. On October 7 in Providence, exterior and interior wall components will be constructed and assembled. The house will have to be partly disassembled to be shipped to the Gulf, where it will be rebuilt on site. [More...](#)



► **URI researchers assess disaster preparedness of state's transportation system** When a natural or human-caused disaster strikes Rhode Island, the managers of the state's transportation system are responsible for rerouting traffic to evacuate residents and visitors, directing them to shelters and other resources, and ensuring that emergency personnel can reach the affected area. Are they ready for the job? "Yes and no," said Valerie Maier-Speredelozzi, assistant professor of industrial engineering, who along with several URI colleagues is conducting a study to assess the system and determine how best to respond to disasters. The researchers reported on their work at the recent international conference on transportation security and natural disasters held at URI. [More...](#)



► **Vote "Yes" on Question 4** On Election Day, November 7, a "Yes" vote on Question 4 will approve \$65 million for the construction of a new state-of-the-art building for the URI College of Pharmacy, as well as \$7.7 million for needed improvements to facilities at Rhode Island College. "Yes" on Question 4 is a vote for educating Rhode Island's future health care workforce; improving the health of Rhode Island's economy; improving the health of our communities; and helping disabled Rhode Islanders. A "Yes" vote on Question 4 is a vote for higher education and for a healthy Rhode Island. [More...](#)



► **URI Theatre kicks off its 2006-2007 season** The University of Rhode Island's Theatre Department kicks off the 2006-2007 season with "Fat Pig" by Neil LaBute. With such an off-putting title, you may

Fall 2006 Business After Hours [Young Alumni Networking Event](#) at the International Scholar-Athlete Hall of Fame in Kingston. The program provides an opportunity for all College of Business Administration graduates from the past 10 years to meet and network.



▶ **Let it snow** Make your plans now to head for the slopes **January 5-7, 2007**, for the Alumni Association's 3rd annual

Alumni Ski Weekend at Mount Snow, Vermont. Enjoy great skiing, slopeside lodging at the Grand Summit Hotel, full use of the hotel pool, fitness center, and spa, and more. [Register online today](#), or contact Kristal Cardone at kristal@uri.edu for more information.



▶ **Phi Sigma Kappa reunion** The Brothers of Phi Sigma Kappa are getting together in Kingston! Enjoy a tour of

the Alumni Center followed by lunch at the University Club. Family and friends are welcome to attend and share Rhody pride and Phi Sigma Kappa spirit. [Register online today](#) or contact Kristal Cardone at kristal@uri.edu or 401-874-4536.



wonder what the play is about. "It's fast, witty, sometimes cruel and tender," says theatre professor and director Bryna Wortman. "While it's entertaining, it's also thought-provoking." The story line follows two men and two women in their late 20's to early 30's who struggle with the pull between who they actually are and who they are forced to be by peer pressure and media influence. The play runs from October 12-14 and 19-21 at 7:30 p.m. and October 15 and 22 at 3 p.m. [More...](#)



▶ **URI's Common Ground hosts first summit for Narragansett and South Kingstown alcohol retailers** South County alcohol retailers want the Rhode Island General Assembly to take legislative action to punish underage drinkers who use fake IDs, according to business owners who attended the recent South County Alcohol Retailers' Summit. The meeting was sponsored by URI's Common Ground, a five-year university-based prevention program funded by the National Institutes of Health.

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▶ **On the calendar** URI Feinstein Providence Campus celebrates Italian Heritage Month with [Abbondanza!](#), **October 2-31**. Musicians [Utah Phillips and Faith Petric](#) will speak and perform **October 3** as part of the the 2006 [Honors Colloquium](#) series. Coming up on

October 10 are Augustin Lira and the acoustic musical ensemble Alma. A photography exhibit, "[Orchards in the Ocean State](#)," will be on display in the URI Library from **October 2-26**. On **October 6**, [NCIS Special Agent Jeffrey Norwitz](#) will discuss terrorism as part of URI's [Forensic Seminar Series](#). Career Services is sponsoring a [Technology and Engineering Job Fair](#) on October 11. The acclaimed string sextet, [Concertante](#), will perform on **October 13**, as a part of the University's [Great Performances series](#). Take a look at the schedule of upcoming [Ryan Center](#) events, including the New England Basketball Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony on **October 6**. [More..](#)

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