



Alumni Updates



► **Rams give Rhody faithful memorable hoop season** Thanks to their commitment to each other and to a

shared vision of success, the men's basketball team presented a huge gift to the extended URI family--one of the most exciting seasons in recent memory. It was a run that put URI on ESPN for a nationally televised battle in the [Atlantic 10 Conference tourney](#) championship and brought many URI alumni and friends to Atlantic City to cheer them on!



► **Women's Council for Development takes next step** The [Women's Council for Development](#)

held a recent event at the Alumni Center to help current female junior and senior students prepare to "take the next step" and enter the workforce. Established in 2005, the Council works to increase and enhance the influence of women at the University, and has [established a scholarship](#) for female undergraduates, raising \$15,000 in less than a year.



► **Upcoming Web chat on Internet Safety** Our next chat features Internet Safety Specialist [Jessica Stratton '99](#) on

April 10. Her topic: Do You Know How to be Safe Online?

► **At the chapters** The **Southwest Florida Gators** will hold their popular Steak Out on **March 24**. On **April 20**, the **Boston Chapter** will enjoy a performance of the Big Apple Circus, and invite you to join them. **Ohio Chapter** members, mark your



University News & Events



► **URI Greeks win leadership awards** University of Rhode Island Greeks have proven to be role models for other Greek communities in the region. URI's fraternity and sorority leaders won 11 awards at the annual Northeast Greek Leadership Association Conference. Held in Pittsburgh last month, the conference hosted more than 800 participants representing 79 institutions and 141 Greek associations from across the Northeast. URI won awards in academic achievement, council management, leadership and educational development, membership recruitment, and public relations. [More...](#)



► **Students promote early education on Capitol Hill** Students Hillary Frank and Meggin Stone are in Washington D.C. this week to meet with Congressional representatives to raise awareness of the early education crisis in America. They are two of 10 college students from across the country representing Jumpstart, a national early education nonprofit organization. Through Jumpstart, more than 3,100 college students work one-to-one with at-risk children each week, assisting in the classrooms of low-income preschool centers to build the vital language, literacy, and social skills children need to succeed in school and in life. [More...](#)



► **Watershed Watch celebrates 20th season; seeks volunteers to monitor lakes, ponds, streams** Water quality in Rhode Island's lakes, ponds, streams and estuaries was affected negatively in the last two years by increasing temperatures and more intense rainstorms, according to data from the University of Rhode Island's

Watershed Watch program. These findings are based on data collected by Watershed Watch volunteers, and are used by watershed organizations, policy makers, regulators and state and local officials to make decisions that affect the environmental health of the state and its residents. The program has 350 volunteers and 220 sites on 100 different water bodies throughout the state. [More...](#)



► **University offers second annual non-traditional spring break**

URI's Alternative Spring Break is partnering with Habitat for Humanity for the second year to offer students an opportunity to volunteer over spring break. This year, 21 students and two faculty members program coordinator Gail Faris and Dean of Pharmacy Donald Letendre will travel to Slidell, La., to help rebuild a home destroyed by Hurricane Katrina. The group will also be joined by two community members. Last year, the build was held in Albany, Ga., and was a tremendous success. [More...](#)



► **Professor's book receives Book of the Year award** Nursing Professor Patricia Burbank, a national expert on gerontological nursing and coordinator of the URI Gerontological Clinical Nurse Specialist Program, has received a major award for her book, *Vulnerable Adults: Health Care Needs and Interventions*. It was named Book of the Year for 2006 in the field of gerontological nursing



calendars for the **July 24** Cleveland Indians-Boston Red Sox game and a pre-game barbecue. Find out more about [these and other chapter events](#).

▶ **Opening night at PPAC** Join alumni, family and friends at the Providence Performing Arts Center for the musical play *Michelangelo* by URI alumnus Enrico Garzilli on opening night, **April 27**, and for a pre-show reception. The reception, which includes a cash bar and light hors d'oeuvres is free, and main floor tickets are discounted at \$45.25 per person. [Register online](#) or contact Gina Dei at 401-874-5808 or gmdai@advance.uri.edu.

▶ **Buy a brick in time for graduation** By ordering a personalized brick to be placed on the Quad in the [URI Century Walk](#), you can give a gift written in stone. Order a specially fired 4" x 8" brick with a name or message that will forever be part of URI. Bricks ordered by **April 4** will be placed in The Century Walk in time for May Commencement ceremonies.

by The American Journal of Nursing. Burbank said reviewers were impressed with the book because it offers an optimistic perspective and specific strategies that health professionals and others can use to improve care, provide comfort and serve as supporters of the families. [More...](#)



▶ **Wesley Snipes movie filmed at URI's Alton Jones campus released on DVD** *Hard Luck*, a movie filmed in 2005 at W. Alton Jones campus, was recently released on DVD. Wesley Snipes, Cybill Shepherd, and Mario Van Peebles star in the thriller that was filmed almost entirely in Rhode Island, with four days of filming taking place at the Alton Jones campus in West Greenwich. "Anyone who is familiar with Rhode Island will enjoy watching the movie," said Thomas H. Mitchell, director of URI's Alton Jones campus. The 2,300-acre campus is being kept in mind for future movie projects. [More...](#)



▶ **On the calendar "All That's Jazz,"** an exhibit featuring the work of artists Kevin T. Cox and Daniel Kelley will run **now through March 29** at the URI Library. A party celebrating the 40-year teaching career of English Professor [R. B. Reaves](#) will be held on **March 18** at the UClub. An all-day [seminar on sustainable gardening](#) will be held on **March 24**. The Music Department, in a special agreement with M. Steinert & Sons of Boston, will host its third piano sale on **March 22-24**. Registration is open for the [8-week Gardening School](#) and the [6-week Master Composter & Recycler](#) training program held at Roger Williams Park Botanical Center. Both programs begin **April 2**. URI's biggest [job and career fair](#) will be held at the Ryan Center on **April 4**. Take a look and see what else is coming up at the [Ryan Center](#). [More...](#)

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