Alumni Updates

Think Big. We Do. You are invited to our Summer 2009 Big Thinkers event on June 25 in Stamford, Conn. Our featured speaker will be Richard J. Harrington '73, former president and CEO of The Thomson Corporation. This special event will be held at the Hilton Stamford Hotel.

Rhody Yard Sale Our annual Rhody the Ram Charity Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, June 6 (rain date: June 7), 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Keaney Parking Lot, Kingston Campus. Find out more and support the Rhody Endowment!

Member-exclusive events Are you a dues-paying member of the Alumni Association? If so, you'll want to know about two upcoming events just for members— a Narragansett Bay Cruise on June 6 and a Red Sox game and pre-game event on August 29 (tickets to go on sale June 12). You must be a member to register for these events. Join the Alumni Association today!

Great family weekend Online registration is now available for our July 17-19 Alumni Family Camp, two days of family activities for adults and children of all ages! Stay overnight in one of our newest residence halls or come for day camp, and enjoy great activities on the Kingston and Narragansett Bay Campuses.

Alumni gathering in Germany

University News & Events

URI receives $18 million grant to strengthen biomedical research capacity in Rhode Island The University of Rhode Island has been awarded a five-year, $18 million grant by a branch of the National Institutes of Health. One of the largest grants in the University's history, the grant is the third in a series of multi-million dollar awards the agency has given URI for this purpose since 2001, for a total of $42 million. The research focus of the new grant, awarded to the College of Pharmacy, will be on molecular toxicology, cell biology, and behavioral science. More...

Dean of the College of Engineering named Raymond Wright, a respected URI environmental engineering professor who has served as interim dean of the College of Engineering since 2007, has been appointed dean of the College on a permanent basis, effective May 17. Wright, who has served as associate dean of the College of Engineering and chair of the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in hydraulic engineering and stream and estuarine analysis. More...

Journalism students profile prominent World War II Veterans As part of their introductory news-writing class, students recently interviewed World War II veterans at the Rhode Island Veterans Home in Bristol. To document the veterans' personal stories of the war, students met with men and women with a variety of firsthand accounts, ranging from nurses who witnessed the front lines of battle in Japan to men who fired the first shots at Normandy Beach during the invasion. More...

Electrode helps interpret thoughts, deliver stimulus to aid paralyzed, epileptic patients A unique electrode developed by Assistant Professor of Biomedical Engineering Walter Besio is showing promising results in helping to interpret brain signals so paralyzed patients may control their environment. It is also being studied as a means of delivering a stimulus to control epileptic seizures. Besio has been awarded a $397,000 grant from the National Institutes of Health to expand his research. More...

College of Pharmacy honors alumni, faculty This spring, the URI College of Pharmacy presented the following awards: the Dr. Norman A. Campbell Award for Ethics and Excellence in Healthcare to alumnus John Grossomanides; the Advanced Pharmacy Practice Preceptor of the Year to Clinical Assistant Professor Erica Estus; and the Introductory Pharmacy Preceptor of the Year to alumna Linda Carver.

URI's Feinstein Center for a Hunger Free America helps put food stamps on the table Combating hunger has been on the University's front burner ever since the Feinstein Center for a Hunger Free America was established in 2001. With the state's current high unemployment rate, that need is even more critical. Kathleen Gorman, director of the
special alumni event will be held in Braunschweig, Germany for alumni living in the area. The event will be held on June 13 at the Technische Universität Braunschweig. Information on accommodations in Braunschweig is available for those interested in attending this event.

At the chapters New Hampshire alumni are heading to the ballpark in Manchester on June 6. On July 11, the Rhode Island Chapter is going to Boston for a Red Sox game. What's your chapter up to?

hunger center, heads an extensive outreach project that assists the state's Department of Human Services to improve access to and participation in the Food Stamp Program.

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ON THE CALENDAR

June 1 Ocean Science and Exploration Center and Pell Marine Science Library Ribbon Cutting and Open House
June 18 URI Hillel to break ground on new student center for Jewish life on campus
June 18-20 Ocean State Summer Writing Conference
June 25 Summer 2009 Big Thinkers event in Stamford, Conn.
July 14-17 URI Youth Nonviolence Leadership Academy

More upcoming events at URI...

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