THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND

50th REUNION
Class of 1973

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The Class of 1973 dedicates this 50th Reunion commemorative Renaissance to all the veterans who have served our country.
To the Class of 1973

Your Renaissance yearbook began, “…So where are we now? Products of a civilization we inherited, a history we tried to shape, a system that molded our lives…” This reunion edition of the Renaissance again asks, “where are we now?” … 50 years later.

In the following pages, many of you reflect on how your time here at the University of Rhode Island touched your lives and influenced the path of your careers. College years are a time of great change.

URI itself changed while you were here. Several new academic buildings opened: the John H. Chafee Social Science Center, the Biological Science Center, and the expanded Fine Arts Center. In 1971, URI was designated one of the first four Sea Grant Colleges in the U.S. Also in 1971, the Board of Regents for Higher Education assumed direction of URI per the Education Reform Act of 1969.

Residential life also underwent significant changes during your time at URI. Not only did the Fayerweather and Gorman residence halls and the Graduate Village open, but URI made the controversial move to allow co-ed living on campus, converting Heathman and Barlow to co-ed dormitories for the 1972-73 academic year. Your yearbook praised the co-ed experience, saying, “Men and women are finding each other out; they are finding, much to their surprise, that there are many kinds of people living at URI—not just two kinds, male and female.”

At the end of your senior year, Werner A. Baum, URI’s seventh president, resigned to become chancellor at the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee. Fast-forward nearly 50 years, and URI recently held inaugural ceremonies for its twelfth president, Marc B. Parlange. Growth and change still prevail as new facilities, academic programs, and faculty are introduced.

One fact will never change, though: you will always be a cherished part of our alumni community. We are thrilled to welcome the Class of 1973 back home to URI.

Best wishes,

Michele A. Nota ’87, M.S.’06

Vice President,
Alumni Engagement
Pop Culture from 1973


2. The Sears Tower in Chicago, Illinois was completed.

3. The Miami Dolphins were the Super Bowl XLVII Champions.

4. *American Graffiti*, the second film directed by George Lucas, was released.

5. The first handheld cellular phone call was made by Martin Cooper in New York City.

6. President Richard Nixon said, “People have got to know whether or not their President is a crook. Well, I’m not a crook. I’ve earned everything I’ve got.”

7. Pink Floyd’s *Dark Side of the Moon* album was on the Billboard charts for 741 consecutive weeks from 1973 to 1988, and in total has charted for 917 weeks.

8. The “Battle of the Sexes” tennis match between Billie Jean King and Bobby Rigg in which King defeated Rigg was the most watched tennis match in history.

9. Gas cost 40 cents a gallon.

10. Popular songs included “Tie a Yellow Ribbon Round the Ole Oak Tree” by Tony Orlando; “Killing Me Softly with His Song” by Roberta Flack; “Let’s Get It On” by Marvin Gaye; and “Crocodile Rock” by Elton John.

11. “Jennifer” and “Michael” were the most popular baby names.

12. *All In the Family* was the number one rated television show.

13. Elvis Presley was considered the most famous person.

14. *The Exorcist* was released in theaters and became the first horror movie to receive an Oscar nomination.

15. “It ain’t over ‘til it’s over” wasn’t a phrase until Yogi Berra coined it in 1973.
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Fondest URI Memory: Moving the Women’s Physical Education Department from Rodman Hall to Tootell. It took three truckloads to move Miss Mandell’s small office on the third floor to her new office in Tootell. It was nice to be able to play basketball in a new gymnasium in Tootell, but unfortunately, we never got to play in Keaney!

Past 50 Years: I returned to Scituate High School to coach basketball during my senior year at URI. I then became a physical education/health teacher for K-12 in Scituate. I coached basketball for 38 years, taught for 37, coached softball for over 20 years and was athletic director for 24 years. I retired in June 2010. I was the JV coach for girls’ basketball at Moses Brown for eight years after I retired. I have officiated volleyball and am currently the field hockey director in RI for the RI Interscholastic League. Now, I travel, play golf, and ride my e-bike. I also attend Red Sox Fantasy Camp for Women, just completing my seventh year as a player!

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Student Activities: Field hockey; lacrosse

Fondest URI Memory: Despite myself, I did earn a bachelor’s degree. And I am most thankful for that education. My fondest memories all surround the friends I came to know and treasure. I have so many stories that it would take pages and pages to convey. One Friday night when I was a freshman, quite naïve, my friends and I went to the Beachcomber on a very rainy night. We had to wade through water to get to the entrance. Since I was a freshman, I was “underage.” Do not ask me where I obtained a phony ID, but I did have one. Guess who I was? Jackie Onassis. Silly. But it worked.

If you see me at the Reunion, I can entertain you with stories of when my close friend, Sue, and I would hitchhike to all the away football games. Of course, nowadays that would be quite foolish. (It may have been foolish then, too.) But we have some good stories about those adventures.
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**Student Residence:** Weldin Hall, Delta Zeta

**Fondest URI Memory:** I loved every minute of college life and made lasting friendships and memories while at Delta Zeta. Panty raids, Vietnam War protests, football games, and Homecoming festivities; late night food truck.

**Past 50 Years:** I retired from Warwick Public Schools in 2010 after spending 35 years as a library media specialist. My husband, Dan, passed in 2010 after a three-year pancreatic cancer diagnosis. My elderly mom then moved in with me, and I moved our home from Warwick to Narragansett, where I tore down and rebuilt a summer home we had owned since 1984. My two daughters are also URI alumnae and live in the area still. Due to Dan’s employment with American Airlines, we were afforded the opportunity to travel and often spent school vacations in various warm climates, specifically St. John, our favorite island. We shared many vacations there with our lifetime sorority and fraternity friends. I still love living in the URI area and have a “down the line” rental for URI students.

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**Past 50 Years:** Most of my career was in early childhood education. After graduating from URI, I earned my Montessori teacher credential in 1974. I taught in a 3-6-year-old Montessori classroom for 20 years in northern Virginia and Florida before buying a Montessori school in 2000. I was owner/director of Coral Springs Montessori in Florida for 15 years. In 2015, the school was sold and my husband and I relocated to western North Carolina—a most welcome change from south Florida. In semi-retirement in NC, I worked part-time helping a start-up Montessori school. It was the perfect fit for them and for me as they needed help with the Montessori piece of their program, and I got to use my expertise and experience without the responsibility of ownership. I’ve been enjoying full retirement since October of 2021.

In retirement we plan to volunteer, enjoy hiking the mountain trails in western North Carolina, visit the multiple breweries and wineries in the area, travel a bit, but most importantly, spend time with our four grandchildren.

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**Past 50 Years:** I was able to cater my wedding at my home on the Narrow River. Still married. Still there. Still happy. Still cooking!

**Past 50 Years:** I have had the good fortune of having a career that has allowed me to travel extensively around the globe. Favorite places include Hong Kong, Singapore, and Australia. I’ve enjoyed a long-distance running career, not a hobby, for 40 years; trained for and completed 20 marathons. My wife retired from the University and my family has been connected to URI through sports camps, avid Rhody basketball fans, attending special events, and my daughter recently graduated with a BSN.

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**Student Activities:** Freshman soccer and track

**Fondest URI Memory:** Walking the beautiful campus, biking into Peacedale, being near the beaches. I met my husband of 46 years in my junior year at URI. The Good 5 Cent Cigar, some wonderful concerts, a sad memory was the student strike protest of Vietnam War and early cancellation of classes in May of 1970. Part of Nursing program required early bus rides to hospitals in Providence.

**Past 50 Years:** My family and I have traveled a lot—especially to see national parks—Yellowstone, Yosemite, Mt. Rainier, Grand Canyon, Lake Tahoe. I took my two teen kids with me for a tour of Ukraine in 2012. So glad I did—they got to see the beautiful country where their grandparents were born and many cousins live presently, before the horrible destruction by Russian invasion. I have regular contact with my cousins in West Ukraine. I was fortunate to use my nursing degree to practice nursing for almost 40 years—in the ICU at Providence Vets Hospital, in emergency rooms, last 20 years as a school nurse teacher in Warwick Schools.

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**Grandchildren:** 4

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**Student Activities:** Freshman soccer and track

**Fondest URI Memory:** Adams 4th floor was a place of its own. As a matter of personal health and safety, the cleaning lady refused to come to the floor after repeated incidents with the inhabitants. I was food service director in the Memorial Union after I graduated and with the help of my staff, mostly students with whom I am still friends today,
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**Student Activities:** Catholic Center; church folk group

**Fondest URI Memory:** How can I pick just one?

**Past 50 Years:** I fell in love with children’s literature while studying child development at URI and after my third child was born, I began writing for children. I taught at the Institute of Children’s Literature and published magazine articles, then two picture books, then over 20 nonfiction books for kids. I just signed a contract for my debut middle grade novel with Holiday House. *Selkie’s Daughter* will be coming out in spring 2024.

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**Student Activities:** WRIU radio; The Navigators (Christian group)

**Fondest URI Memory:** One sunny afternoon, I rode my bicycle home to Pawtucket taking all the back roads. Halfway home I was having second thoughts, but it was too late to turn back. My dad drove me back to campus after dinner. Professor Jerry Gentile - Surveying (up, over, down). Dr. Vito Nacci - Geotechnical (imagine you are a little cube of soil feeling pressure from above, below, and all around ...)

**Past 50 Years:** I am currently working at PennDOT since 2011 and am responsible for evaluating new products and technologies for use on PennDOT construction projects. Previously, I had worked 30 years as a geotechnical engineer when a layoff necessitated a lateral career move. I became a contract engineer to the Pennsylvania Army National Guard for six years where, in 2010, I was awarded the Pennsylvania Commendation Medal under Section 3701 of the Military Code for exceptional service to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. As I approach retirement, my wife of 47 years, five children, and 13 grandchildren keep me busy.
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Student Activities: Lacrosse

Fondest URI Memory: The amazing friends that I first met after my transfer from The Ohio State University who are still friends today. I was also the first student manager of the Rath Skeller Pub in the Student Union when the drinking age was 18 years old.

Past 50 Years: After my advanced studies at the School of International Service at The American University in Washington, D.C., I joined the Peace Corps and was a volunteer from 1973 to 1976 in Tunisia. After my service I returned to Washington, D.C. and became a program director for the BCIU Institute at American University. After 1 1/2 years I was appointed Middle East director for business development located in Dubai and covered the entire Middle East for a fortune 100 company, then returned to the U.S. and founded two companies in the renewable energy industry. Today I advise these types of companies on expanding their operations through the world.

Richard Damaso

Degree/Major: B.A. (Journalism)

Past 50 Years: Seems like yesterday… Cramming for finals. Overnights to complete term papers, interrupted by games of chance… pitchers of beer and participating in or watching sporting events, all played a hand in my graduating in 1973 with a degree in journalism from URI. I needed to carry 24 credits my last semester (don’t think that’s allowed today) to receive the necessary 120 credits to graduate.

And here I am submitting my experiences and accomplishments on the deadline day… seems like yesterday.

A career in writing/journalism never materialized, but a retail career evolved. Beginning with drug store chains, Adams/Brooks (based in Pawtucket, RI) and Rite Aid, and finishing with 27 years with Ocean State Job Lot (based in North Kingstown, RI). I was employed at the district and regional levels in operations and human resources. Learning most about philanthropy with Ocean State Job Lot.

Married since 1980, my wife Diane calls herself the “luckiest girl in the world,” thanks to our two children, Jill a guidance counselor in San Diego with her husband and our two superhero grandchildren, Reid (8) and Theo (6); and our son, Michael a local counselor as well...

Friends have been our treasures over the years, and my college roommate for four years is still a friend today… along with several high school and college roommates and fraternity brothers from Phi Sigma Delta/ZBT. I learned to love the New York Knicks and Rangers, and eat salmon with bagels and cream cheese from my core frat brothers from Long Island.

Retired now for nearly six years, initially, I wanted to substitute teach for a few months to show my Rhode Island College friends that I could teach, too… then jumped into the world of care giving. I am involved with my wife and many retirees with “Gifts to Give” out of Acushnet, MA, where we have lived for over 30 years… and I drive for the Mattapoisett Council on Aging and am a volunteer “friendly caller” to five octogenarians.

I have “dabbled” in creative writing over the years, as well as reporting high school sports for a local weekly newspaper for over 10 years…I am active on social media with “My Story,” and have a web site, “Memewars.”

My resume is nearly complete.

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Past 50 Years: Served in the U.S. Coast Guard from September 1978 to September 1999 and retired as a Lieutenant Commander. Had expertise in oil and chemical spill cleanups. Worked with Coast Guard R&D Center in Groton, CT and was a key member of In-Situ offshore oil spill burn with Canadian/U.S. Coast Guard and EPA office in St. John’s Newfoundland in 1992, as well as research of benzene exposure to first responders during oil spills and published findings in industrial hygiene professional
journal. Obtained Coast Guard Achievement Award and later congressional recognition for oil spill response to M/V World Prodigy off Newport, RI in 1989. Retired from MA Dept of Labor Standards in 2020 after 25.5 years as industrial health and safety consultant. For the past 12 years have volunteered with Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET), which reviews colleges and universities for their health and safety programs. Am a certified industrial hygienist and certified safety professional involved with New England American Industrial Hygiene Association and Greater Boston American Society of Safety Professionals. Obtained M.S. in environmental management from American University and M.S. in industrial hygiene and M.B.A. from University of Massachusetts-Lowell. Have been to Iceland four times and plan on doing more traveling in retirement.

**John P. DiCarlo**

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Fondest URI Memory: When we moved into the new Heathman Hall in September 1969, construction was not quite complete. Some rooms lacked doors, some brick work was not done, etc. But move in we did!

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Fondest URI Memory: Sledding down Elephant walk on a pilfered dining hall tray (which I still have). Socializing in the Ramskeller in the Student Union and drinking 20 cent beers.  
Past 50 Years: I have been married to Mike for 48 years. I worked as a dental hygienist for 30 years in four different states as we relocated several times with Mike’s job. We have lived in Tennessee for 39 years now. I also had my own interior design business. I have been a very active community volunteer. I was a Girl Scout leader in New Jersey. Here in Tennessee, I organized the 1000 volunteers for a LPGA golf tournament for six years, was chairman of the Culinary Arts and Creative Arts Committee for the Williamson County Fair for 11 years, and taught ESL and reading for the Nashville Adult Literacy Council for 10 years. Now, I enjoy playing golf several days a week and traveling with my husband.

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Grandchildren: 1  
Great Grandchildren: 1  
Fondest URI Memory: Great friends and professors. Playing pool, cards, and bowling at the Student Union. Parties on campus and at the beach.  
Past 50 Years: Worked briefly in the chemistry field. Returned to URI and received Master of Business Administration with a concentration in accounting. Worked at public accounting firm, became a CPA and eventually the managing partner in Goluses & Company, LLP, a Providence certified public accounting firm. Married Megan J. Mihara, who is also a URI graduate, in 1995. Currently
semi-retired and employed as CPA with Feeney Pinkerton, LLC in East Providence, RI. My wife and I play a lot of golf and play bridge in local bridge clubs and in duplicate bridge tournaments throughout the country.

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Student Activities: Entertainment committee; Big Brother/Big Sister  
Fondest URI Memory: I enjoyed being part of the entertainment committee where we had a lot of the acts that were at Woodstock come to the University. I made flyers and designed posters to hang up around campus. Some of the acts were Joe Cocker and Chicago. Also had other things like Jane Goodall come in and speak, and Kreski, a magician. I always felt that the years 69-73 were the best four years at the University there ever was.

Past 50 years: After graduating I was the first woman hired to work at RI Training School for Boys. When we were at four women, we were taken to court by the union to keep women only working with girls and men with boys. This was a big battle that ended in court with representatives from NOW being there. We won the case. After that I moved to the state of Washington, continuing to work with male juveniles first at Naselle youth camp and finishing my 31-year career at Parke Creek Group Home. I retired in 2009 just before my 58th birthday and have been retired since then. My daughter Dalziel graduated from Central Washington University in Ellensburg in 2010 and has traveled to different states working with homeless youth. First in Vancouver, Washington, then Burlington, Vermont and currently in Denver, Colorado. She is the joy of my life and I’m extremely proud of the work she is doing. She also started playing rugby while in college and has continued playing in each state she has lived in, currently playing for Denver.

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Grandchildren: 2  
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Fondest URI Memory: I remember all the great affordable rock concerts, protests against the Vietnam War, the Greek Games, panty raids, the theatre shows, speaker series, living down the line, parties, the Beachcomber, the Willows, winter snowstorms, the first days of spring, and many, many great friends and professors. I received a great education at URI while also forming wonderful friendships and great memories. I can’t believe that it’s been almost 50 years since graduation, like everyone else!

Past 50 Years: After graduation, I moved from being a lifelong RI resident to the Greater Wilmington Delaware/Philadelphia area. I worked for DuPont and Tenneco Polymers and then switched to doing engineering design and construction for the next 35 years with mostly Raytheon Engineers and Constructors, where I rose to vice president of technology for their Biopharmaceutical Division. I retired from another company in June of 2019.

I’ve been married to Dana (a UPenn BA/Villanova BA) for 48 years. She spent 35 years teaching in the Philadelphia school system, retiring 15 years ago. We lived mostly in Merion, PA and have one son, Hal (Martina) and two grandsons, Jesse and Leo.

Dana and I have traveled throughout the U.S., Caribbean, Europe, and China. We have had a shore condo at the Jersey Shore for 20+ years and love the beach, golf, and all things shore related. I’m continuously trying to get my golf handicap back to where it was when I was at URI.

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Fondest URI Memory: Loved the campus and friendships made.

Past 50 Years: I’ve since gone to graduate school (M.S.W.), paralegal school and finally earned a J.D. in
1992. I was married in 1986, divorced and have one son. I have worked and lived in NY, MA, OH, GA, and now live back in Rhode Island.

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Student Activities: Varsity basketball, 70-71 seasons
Fondest URI Memory: Playing varsity basketball. When RA at Adams Hall, would take all the freshman to play full-contact water basketball on Thursday nights. This was followed by beer in the dorm. They would be so tired that they stayed in their rooms and hit the sack early, ensuring quiet Thursday nights! I also enjoyed my classes immensely.
Past 50 Years: Graduated from Brown University Medical School in 1977. Finished five-year residency in orthopaedic surgery at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, MI in 1982. Practiced orthopaedic surgery in Saint Johnsbury, VT from 1982 until I retired in 2021. Have been married for 47 years to Laura, who is a 1975 URI graduate. Have three children, 40, 43, and 45 years. Have two grandchildren, 11 and 9 years old. Have traveled fairly extensively with fellow URI basketball teammates and their wives (all of whom are URI grads).

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**Fondest URI Memory:** Warm spring days on the quadrangle.

**Past 50 Years:** Taught junior high and high school English in West Warwick, RI. Retired to Florida in 2005. Have played golf in 49 states (missing Alaska) but have traveled to all 50 states and many foreign countries. Continue to play golf and travel as much as I can.

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**Student Residence:** Adams Hall and Hopkins (junior and senior years)

**Student Activities:** Honors Colloquium and Seminars

**Fondest URI Memory:** Great concerts at Keaney Gym and Edwards Hall. Alton Jones Campus for limnological study with Dr. S. Cobb. The bubble next to Keaney gym for track and field. URI defeated PC in basketball when they were in top 20 in country. Nixon invaded Cambodia during Vietnam War and URI closed the campus (spring 1970). Nixon’s wartime lottery in 1969 when the first 100 picks had to go to Vietnam against their wishes.

**Past 50 Years:** Received M.S. degree in occupational safety and health. Worked as a chemistry team leader for many years. Backpacked Europe, two days after graduating URI with fellow student for a month for $5 a day. Traveled cross country with URI friends. Traveled to many national parks, across the country with family.

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**Fondest URI Memory:** Neat organization of the administration system. Friendship among students.

**Past 50 Years:** When I moved from Puerto Rico to Rhode Island to pursue a Ph.D. in oceanography, my mind was bustling with new ideas and projects to develop there. Although I was fairly familiar with this promising field of work because I already had completed a master’s in oceanography at Texas A&M College, I felt I needed a wider spectrum of knowledge of the oceans other than the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean. So now I had in front of me the North Atlantic and the gorgeous dynamic tidal basins of the New England coast to do my research to my full satisfaction in whatever subject I chose to work. Venturing into the temperate realm was a unique experience as well as enjoying the grandeur of social and cultural aspects of this blessed land. As part of my training and ambitions for new knowledge, I spent some time at the Marine Biological Laboratory at Woods Hole, Massachusetts, where I worked with top of the nation’s marine scientists and from other countries in Europe. Then I spent time in Bermuda and other marine labs of the nation. Subsequently, I worked as aquatic biologist for the Environmental Protection Agency right across the Graduate School of Oceanography for seven years. They kept me busy learning and offering our services to other groups of the New England region.

The results of my work were published in various journals that took me around the country and Europe giving presentations. The subject of my thesis was related to the problems of thermal pollution, and I successfully defended it prior to my graduation in 1973.

My children became fully bilingual, a fact that helped them complete their education and land excellent jobs in this country. A few years later the University of Puerto Rico insisted that I return to the Island to help them with their marine program. I continue working now at 90, hoping to maintain a clear mind till the end of time.
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Student Residence: Roosevelt Hall, 1969-70; Merrow, 1970-71; Weldin, 1971-72; Barlow, 1972-73. I was a residence advisor for three years.
Student Activities: Cigar reporter and news editor for three years.
Fondest URI Memory: My best memories are the many hours spent putting out The Good 5 Cent Cigar. One highlight of the Cigar was the weekly review of the paper with journalism Professor Jack Thompson. He was a reporter and editor at the Providence Journal before moving to URI. He brought actual field knowledge and professionalism as The Cigar adviser and as a teacher.
Past 50 Years: Alan Green, the Cigar photography editor, and I were married in 1975. We moved around the northeast for a few years before settling in Cumberland, Rhode Island.
I made use of my journalism degree until I retired. I’ve worked for The Beverly (MA) Times, Pawtucket Times, Woonsocket Call and The Providence Journal. I helped start The Valley Breeze in 1996 as its first editor, and stayed for 20 years. I ran the editorial side of the paper as it grew to five editions covering 10 towns in northern RI.

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Children: 2  Grandchildren: 2
Student Residence: Tucker Hall
Fondest URI Memory: At first, URI was overwhelming, and I was apprehensive. But looking back, my best memories are of the people I met. Funny, irreverent, brilliant women who opened up a new world for me. I was in Tucker Hall, three to a room, a single and a bunk bed. I met my husband at URI and was lucky enough to have a wonderful roommate, Denise, who is still my good friend today.
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Student Residence: Heathman Hall first year it opened, then Aldrich

Fondest URI Memory: Hitchhiking to Narragansett to the beach. Getting a fake ID to go to Patsy’s.

Past 50 Years: The glut of teachers in the market in 1973 shifted my career path into journalism and then corporate communications and finally public affairs, speechwriting, and financial presentations for the CEO and executive committee of a Fortune 100 company.

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Past 50 Years: Left a long career in home state of Connecticut (legal work/family law work) to become happy retiree with my husband (retired TN nuclear engineer) on Cape Cod. Currently pursuing a career in the arts…as a juried artist.

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Student Residence: I spent all four years in Weldin Hall.

Fondest URI Memory: I remember the student strike in our freshman year. It was a very interesting time to be a college student. The administration gave us several options in an attempt to stop the protests; one option was to take our grade as it stood at the beginning of the strike. Many students took advantage of being able to go home early, but some of us stayed. In the middle of one night, the fire alarm went off in Weldin and we had to evacuate the building. Our dorm mother commented that it appeared that more boys came out of the building than girls!

Past 50 Years: Steve and I moved to Maryland in 1978, when Steve got a job as a math/analyst working for Bendix on a contract to support NASA. He then went on to earn a graduate degree in engineering from Johns Hopkins. I also worked with Bendix as a technical editor, a job that I never dreamed or even heard of. It was very interesting to learn about the various NASA missions and what is involved in the development and operation of them.

We stayed in touch with some of our URI friends over the years and I’ve continued to visit them whenever I can following Steve’s death in 2012.

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Past 50 Years: Left a long career in home state of Connecticut (legal work/family law work) to become happy retiree with my husband (retired TN nuclear engineer) on Cape Cod. Currently pursuing a career in the arts…as a juried artist.

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Student Residence: Adams - Freshman; Sig Ep - Sophomore; Dairy Farm - Junior; Sig Ep - Senior
Student Activities: Lacrosse, WRIU (AM); ROTC

Fondest URI Memory: I remember URI as a great place to get a college education and experience. Even during the turbulent times of the spring of 1970 and subsequent years, URI somehow managed to provide us with an education.
that was first rate. I am grateful to all my professors who gave me a foundation to “go out and conquer the world.”
I also, somehow remember, my first concert (in Keaney Gymnasium) as a new freshman—it was, I think, Sly & the Family Stone—believe they arrived late due to a snowstorm.
Another highlight was being part of the ROTC color guard at a New England Patriots game, and we got to stay down on the field the whole game. Yes—very neat. And at the year I stayed at the Dairy Farm—free room but you had to milk cows and do other farm chores—the three University “farms” (vegetable, chickens and cows) would trade among ourselves (vegetables, eggs and milk) so we all had our food groups to eat.

Past 50 Years: I am very grateful for URI for providing me the foundation to have a successful 40+ year career as a civilian with the Department of Defense, retiring as an executive while also having a 30-year career in the Army Reserve retiring as a Colonel. While I did not pursue a career in my major, I was able to remember enough for my wife and myself to have an award-winning vegetable garden over the last 10 years. Last year (2022) we garnered five ribbons at the Maryland State Fair including a first-place ribbon in the cherry tomato category.

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Student Residence: Pawtucket, RI

Past 50 Years: I followed a career path from Newark Developmental Center, Newark, New York to chief occupational therapist at MHRH at Ladd Center. I worked collaboratively with many speech pathologists. I spent over 20 years as an occupational therapist for the Pawtucket School Department. My husband John and I owned Cordeiro Auto Service in Pawtucket for over 25 years. We had two daughters who pursued careers in special education and BCBA. My father was a 1940 graduate with a career in accounting.

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Student Residence: Off campus
Student Activities: Sailing

Fondest URI Memory: Working in Dr. Bell’s biochem lab and the sailing team events. Met my husband who was also a sailor.

Past 50 Years: Completed a master’s as family nurse practitioner in 1977 and am still working full time in an internal medicine practice. Taught in an FNP program for 30 years and just retired from that in 2021. Jed and I married in 1976. We still sail and enjoy some travel and spending time with our children and grandchildren. Jed and I are members of Larchmont Yacht Club. Sorry to miss the reunion but we will be in Kauai for our annual trip.
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**Grandchildren:** 2  
**Student Residence:** Hutchinson Hall and Peck Hall  
**Student Activities:** Resident Assistant  
**Past 50 Years:** I have worked at URI in Human Resources for 42 of my 50 years of professional experience.

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**Grandchildren:** 1  
**Student Residence:** Phi Sigma Delta/Zeta Beta Tau fraternity  
**Student Activities:** Intramural wrestling  
**Fondest URI Memory:** I loved the rural feel of the campus and the ability to easily travel to the ocean.

**Past 50 Years:** I moved to California, the Bay Area, in 1974. So glad to make that move! I earned a C.M.A. in 1997, a proud accomplishment given my mediocre college academics! Ha ha. My second wife and I moved to the Central Coast in 2020 shortly before the Covid lockdown. Thrilled to be here and out of the more hectic Bay Area.

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**Grandchildren:** 2  
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**Student Activities:** RA 1970-1972, freshman orientation counselor  
**Fondest URI Memory:** Freshman year 1969-1970: Tucker Hall; adjusting to URI as a profound hearing-impaired student; end of curfew for dorms; cheering at the basketball games; making new friends. Sophomore year 1970-1971: RA at Tucker Hall; meeting my future husband; escorting fraternity boys out of dorm after on non-visiting days; working with the married dorm resident couple (who lived in the apartment) as an RA; helping other dorm students adjust to college life; attending campus concerts by famous bands; cheering at more basketball games; getting a fraternity pin from my future husband. Junior year 1971-1972: Started as an RA in Dorr Hall; one of the Homecoming Queen contestants; moved to be RA in Barlow Hall; got engaged; freshman orientation counselor summer 1972; married same summer 8/19/1972. Senior year 1972-1973: Rented house on Little Rest Road owned by my grandparents (Mary T. Schock, Edson I. Schock); living and studying as new married couple; husband Doug worked part-time in engineering lab; graduation; Doug getting officer commissioned through ROTC; walking across stage to get diploma; looking forward to new adventures.

**Past 50 Years:** Moved to Fort Sill, OK for Doug’s officers basic training. Chose to be in Reserves, move to Boston, Doug’s first engineering job at Badger America in Cambridge, MA. Moved to Houston, TX, 1974-1977. Back to Boston.

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Student Residence: Eastman Hall

Fondest URI Memory: I remember so many fun times—the Greeks, the grinder truck, the concerts. I remember hanging out with Shanana after they performed at a frat house. I also remember Livingston Taylor performing frequently at the student union mess hall. Also the fun times at the beer pub on campus. Also the time we protested the Vietnam War and barricaded the classrooms and the admin building.
Past 50 Years: Went to grad school and became a licensed clinical social worker—working with children (and their families) in outpatient, day treating, and residential facilities. Was married for 25 years and have a wonderful son.
Jonathan Edwards, and Livingston Taylor. And get-togethers became even better when Rhode Island lowered the drinking age to 18 in 1970 and the Memorial Union began serving beer in the Rathskeller sometime later. Of course, it was a tumultuous time on campus, too, as anti-war protests roiled URI and other schools across the U.S. Still, we learned from those events. I certainly did as a reporter, news editor and executive editor of The Good 5 Cent Cigar, itself a creature born of that period. Along the way we were guided by caring professors, like Wilbur Doctor, Jack Thompson and Dave Anderson in the Journalism Department. URI was a wonderful college experience for me, one that set me up for a fabulous career and left me with marvelous memories!

Past 50 Years: I began my full-time journalism career at the Pawtucket Times after graduating in 1973, after having worked at the newspaper during summers following my sophomore and junior years at URI. In 1980, I left Rhode Island for Washington, D.C., where I went to work for McGraw Hill and spent the next 34 years there as an energy reporter, editor, and editorial director for policy as well as the anchor of a weekly TV program on energy. Since leaving McGraw Hill (now S&P Global) in 2014, I worked for a couple of years as an energy columnist for USA Today and continue to co-host a weekly podcast, Columbia Energy Exchange, at Columbia University’s Center on Global Energy Policy. In an effort to pay back a journalism profession that served me so well, I also direct a program at Columbia called the Energy Journalism Fellows, which provides energy reporters with seminars on topics associated with energy, such as policy, science and finance.

MaryEllen (Hartigan) MacDowell

Degree/Major: B.A. (Textiles and Clothing)

Fondest URI Memory: When I think back to my college days, several things stand out. First and foremost, I loved every minute of my time at URI. Initially, I wasn’t sure if I wanted to go away to college. I grew up in Warwick and was the youngest of five siblings. Despite the fact that she would be an ‘empty nester,’ my mother encouraged me to attend URI and live on campus to have the full experience. I’m so grateful that I did. My experience being part of Sigma Kappa is at the top of my list of fond memories. I made friendships that have spanned more than 50 years. I was proud to have been awarded the Mabel Perrin scholarship in my senior year. It was a total surprise to me and it certainly helped pay down my student loan! After graduation, I moved to Boston with a couple of my sorority sisters and keep in touch with them and many others to this day. I was often called ‘bossy’ so the position of Sigma Kappa rush chair was perfect for me. I had great ideas to share and enjoyed stepping up to be a leader. I loved my classes and professors in the textile, merchandising and design (TMD) program and successfully balanced achieving good grades and having fun. In that regard, I was very much my father’s daughter (he was focused) and my mother’s daughter as well (she was the social butterfly).

Past 50 Years: My double major in TMD and marketing served me well in my long and rewarding career in retail. After graduation, I joined the executive training program in the Boston Jordan Marsh department store. My career goals took me to Lord & Taylor, Lane Bryant, and Fashion Bug where I culminated my career as president of the company. I have so many great memories of URI and am glad to be serving on our reunion committee to plan our 50th Reunion!

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Student Residence: First year at URI, lived in Ellery Hall then 3rd Street, Point Judith, which is the best surf break on the eastern seaboard. Next two years on 100 Acre Pond.

Student Activities: Was proud to be on the URI Club Rowing team. Rowed in the 1970 and 1971 Head of the Charles regatta in Boston, MA.

Fondest URI Memory: The people, opportunities, connections and a real feeling of being part of something magical. I was honored to be co-editor and art director of both the 1972 and 1973 Renaissance URI yearbooks. That experience began my career in graphic design.

Past 50 Years: Shortly after graduation I moved to Honolulu, Hawaii where I lived for 43 years. I worked 37 years for Gannett Pacific Corp., publishers of USA Today and The Honolulu Advertiser newspapers as senior graphic designer for advertising.
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Student Residence: Bonnet Shores, house rental

Student Activities: I was both a grad student and teaching assistant in the English Department.

Fondest URI Memory: I remember attending a Graduate Student Association reading and reception for Beat poet Allen Ginsberg in April 1973. You can find a full-page account in the April 6, 1973 edition of The Good 5 Cent Cigar. I actually sat and chatted with Ginsberg during the reception that followed in the Faculty Lounge. He signed a copy of “Howl,” which I later brought to the 2017 Antiques Road Show in Newport (see photo), then I donated the book to the URI library distinctive collections!! You can find full details in the aforementioned 1973 Good 5 Cent Cigar, which features a full-page article/interview and photo of the poet, with his leg in a cast as I recall. Director of Special Collections Karen Walton Morse was thoughtful enough to recently mail me a copy of this article, thank you!

Past 50 Years: Completed M.A. at URI and M.Ed. at Boston University. Taught English at the secondary level in Massachusetts public schools for 36 years. Awarded National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowships for further graduate level study at Harvard, Brown, Smith, Folger Shakespeare Library, Thoreau Institute. Advanced Placement Reader, English Language Examination, College Board. Adjunct professor, English Department, Johnson & Wales University, Providence. RI Historical Society volunteer docent, walking tour guide. RI Lifelong Learning Collaborative literature course coordinator.

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Student Residence: Browning, Ellery, Heathman, Saunderstown

Student Activities: Captain of the URI crew team; first Student Ombudsman

Past 50 Years: I graduated from Boston University Law School in 1976. I earned a master’s degree in taxation from Bryant University in 1987. I have been practicing law since 1976. I concentrate in public utility and energy law.

I previously served as president of the RI Bar Association and I am currently serving my fourth term as president of the RI Bar Foundation, which is the charitable arm of the Bar Association.

In 2022, I received the Ralph P. Semonoff Award for Professionalism from the Bar Association. This award is presented every other year to a Rhode Island attorney who has “exemplified . . . the epitome of professionalism in the law, advancing the calling of professional practice through leadership, high standards of integrity, commitment, and dedication.”
I have been selected as one of The Best Lawyers in America (Tier 1 ranking). In 2015, 2018, 2021, and 2023, I was selected as the Best Lawyers’ Rhode Island Energy Law “Lawyer of the Year.” In 2018 and 2021, I was selected as the New England Energy Law “Lawyer of the Year” as published in the Wall Street Journal.

I have coached youth basketball and baseball teams for both boys and girls. My wife Christine and I have been married since 1976 and we have three children and five grandchildren.

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Children: 1
Student Residence: Heathman Hall and Alpha Xi Delta

Past 50 Years: I taught elementary school in Pawtucket, RI public schools for 32 years and retired in 2005. I lived in Portsmouth, RI where we raised our son. Upon my husband’s retirement, we relocated to St. Augustine, Florida. We spend most of the year in Florida enjoying many rounds of golf. We are fortunate that we are able to spend our summers in Newport. Our son lives in Washington, D.C., so we get to spend many days visiting that wonderful city!

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Student Activities: Student Union Board
Fondest URI Memory: I was a summer orientation leader and enjoyed meeting the new students.

Past 50 Years: I majored in Pharmacy and after grad school I joined the U.S. Public Health Service. My first assignment was on the Navajo Indian Reservation in Tuba City, Arizona. It was a wonderful experience.

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Student Activities: Women’s rights group/events
Fondest URI Memory: My future mother-in-law (the following year) and I graduated on the same day.

Past 50 Years: I spent 30 years full-time teaching undergraduate social work at Plymouth State University and serving as department chair. I was actively involved professionally with the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) (national board) and the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) (national board) and served on numerous state and national committees for both organizations for many years. I co-authored and published two social work textbooks on mental health and health care policy for social work practice and published articles in NASW’s Health & Social Work journal.

My colleague and co-author was also my husband, so we were very fortunate to spend both professional and leisure time together and traveled extensively throughout Europe for over a decade during our summer breaks. We are both retired and have moved back to Rhody to be closer to family, friends, and the ocean. I have been fortunate to become a member of URI’s Women’s Leadership Council.

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Children: 1
Student Residence: Phi Sigma Delta
Student Activities: Band
Fondest URI Memory: Making lifelong friends.

Past 50 Years: I am the senior cost accountant at Denison
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**Grandchildren:** 4  
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**Past 50 Years:** I continue to teach kindergarten in Gloucester, RI, having begun this job shortly after graduation. I earned a M. Ed. from Rhode Island College in 1977.

Susan (Laffey) Oertle

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**Past 50 Years:** I loved dancing with the Ramettes, performing at home games and traveling with the band to perform at professional football games.

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**Grandchildren:** 6  
**Student Residence:** West Warwick, RI
Past 50 Years: After working as a design engineer, consultant, and engineering manager for several companies, I’ve retired in sunny Florida. I had a great career with opportunities to work on projects across the United States and in several foreign countries doing environmental work in the water and wastewater industry. I also worked for about 10 years on-site at an operating nuclear power plant. I further had the opportunity to teach undergraduate engineering courses at a local community college. During all this I was married for almost 50 years and raised two children with my wife and now have six grandchildren.

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Grandchildren: 1
Student Residence: Barlow, Sigma Kappa, Narragansett

Past 50 Years: I’ve seen a good part of the world, but it doesn’t top being with my nearly 5-year-old grandson!

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Student Activities: Skiing
Fondest URI Memory: Skiing with the group from the Catholic Center on semester breaks.

Past 50 years: DVM from Cornell College of Veterinary Medicine in 1977. Practiced small animal medicine and surgery for 40 years.

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Student Residence: Bressler and Burnside


Past 50 Years: After graduating in 1973, I continued on at URI, earning a master’s degree in American history in 1975. Shortly thereafter, I was fortunate to be hired by John Chafee, who kept me busy for eight years, six as a press or legislative aide, plus two years working on successful campaigns for the United States Senate.

In the mid and late 1980s I was vice president with a political and public affairs firm, working on gubernatorial, congressional, and legislative races in a variety of states, primarily in the Midwest. We also did public affairs work for national membership organizations and a variety of employee-owned companies, one of which was Cranston Print Works.

For two years in the early 1990s, I worked at the United States Department of Energy, promoting technologies in the renewable and conservation field. Among other tasks was coordinating a national public service campaign on energy use during the Gulf War/Operation Desert Storm.

In 1992 I started my own political and public affairs company, where clients included GM’s electric vehicle program, national trade associations, and political campaigns for the U.S. Senate, Congress, and state legislatures. My partner and I closed the business in 2018, but we still do occasional freelance public affairs work.

Diane Thompson and I were married in 1991 and we are the parents of two, now-adult, children, Jordan and Alexis. While neither attended URI, they both heard enough stories about my time there to give them several semesters worth of adjunct credits.
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Student Residence: Barlow Hall and Gorham Hall
Student Activities: Inter dorm basketball

Fondest URI Memory: From my freshman year to senior year, there were so many changes. We went from 11:00 curfew in the dorms to 24-hour visitation. We participated in Vietnam protests and grading went from receiving letter grades to pass/fail one semester due to the unrest. I remember watching the Vietnam draft lottery on TV with my boyfriend and his friends while they pulled dates of men’s birthdays who would be drafted as soon as they graduated. His roommate was lucky enough to get a 300 number. Steve got 93 and the lottery ceiling was 95.

Past 50 Years: I graduated June 10th and married June 23rd. My husband, Stephen, was drafted into the army and served at the Coventry Missile site. My first teaching job was at Hope Elementary School, Scituate RI, ironically, only three miles from the missile site. I had a wonderful career teaching physical education to the terrific students in Scituate at Hope, Clayville and North Scituate elementaries from 1973-2005. Steve taught social studies in Warwick until 2002, and coached tennis and football.

Extracurricular activities during these years involved building a vacation house in NH with the help of family and friends, renovating a 1929 home in Coventry, RI and building a contemporary home in Warwick in which we raised our family. We were blessed with three great kids: Mark, who graduated from Springfield College and also became a physical education teacher in Scituate, who married Lisa Barry and they are raising two super children. Lindsay, who achieved a business degree at URI and worked in banking and education, is raising three boys in Reno, NV with her husband Doug Stewart. Thomas, who also achieved a business degree at URI, works for the Police Bureau in Portland OR and is raising three girls with his wife Jennifer Campbell.

As retirees we now winter in Florida and we are avid golfers. We look forward to the URI alumni Red Sox Spring Training game at JetBlue stadium every year. We enjoy the URI football and basketball games. In the photos I included, there are two of my husband Steve and I, then and now. There is a picture of my college roommate, and close friend, Pat Aucoin. Another picture of my dear friend Vicki Turner, a retired science teacher who resides in Salt Lake City, also of the class of ’73, and Kit Laiho, a physical education major and friend from the class of ’72.

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Student Activities: Women’s swim team; Men’s water polo team

Fondest URI Memory: I remember making lifelong friends from all over the country. Many of us are still in touch. I was from Miami, so I was not used to seeing snow. One night, a dorm-mate, Nancy (Newby) Degener and I created a five-foot-tall snow sculpture of a hand, with middle finger raised, outside Merrow Hall. (photo attached)

Past 50 Years: In my senior year at URI, Peace Corps/VISTA recruiters came to campus. I signed up for VISTA and requested an urban area in the Northeast, hoping for an assignment to Boston or New York City. Ironically, I was sent to Manor, TX, a rural area in the Southwest. I’ve been in Texas ever since. After seven years of social work, I worked for the Treasury Dept. for 28 years and retired in 2008. Since then, I’ve returned to my first job—teaching swimming. I work at an Austin area YMCA where I coordinate a program to teach swimming to kids with special needs, one of whom is the subject of an upcoming short documentary titled “TESSA” about a little girl, a triple congenital amputee, who now swims competitively.

Robert “Bob” Reinhold

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Spouse/Partner: Betsy

Fondest URI Memory: Most humorous memory was when several football players including myself called up Professor Overton (CBA-7) at his home the night before our make-up final (we postponed our grade until January 1971 as a result of the student protests in the spring of 1970) and told him we couldn’t study for his final exam since none of us had a complete set of notes. Amazingly, we all passed the final the next day!

Past 50 Years: I retired from Travelers Insurance Company after a great 35-year career in commercial insurance. My first wife Jeanne and I enjoyed 30 wonderful years until the angels called, and now Betsy, my second wife, and I have been happily married for 18 joyous years, most recently restoring an old (1895) 6K square-foot Victorian to historic beauty in St. Joseph, Missouri. Wow, 50 years, can’t be!

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Children: 1

Student Activities: Lacrosse

Fondest URI Memory: When it rained, it rained inside the Fine Arts Building.

Past 50 Years: Publisher of Chatham Living by the Sea magazine, a biannual lifestyle magazine.
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Past 50 Years: Married Carrie Klein in 1983, had two daughters, became ex. VP of Financial News Network, and president of the SCORE sports network. Went back to music full time in 2005 after some success with recordings and touring. Spent a lot of time in professional boxing, mostly in the 90s. Also had two books published, “A Fauxtographer’s Yankee Stadium Memoir” and “Our Last Seder.”

Photos submitted by Arnie Rosenthal

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Student Activities: Basketball

Fondest URI Memory:
The excitement of playing in front of a packed house at Keaney. It was a special place, one of the great college environments in all New England. Looking back, it was an experience that I would not trade for anything. As I worked with my teammates to achieve our goals there certainly was a lot of sacrifice, hard work, and commitment, but it was all worth it. Beating a great Providence at home was a game that stands out, and winning a Yankee Conference title by defeating UMass with Julius Erving in Keaney was also a highlight. I will always remember defeating Manhattan at Madison Square Garden and a road trip that included stops at West Virginia, Pepperdine at the Los Angeles Forum, and Hawaii. Losing to St. John’s in New York, arriving back in Kingston at 1:30 a.m. and then hearing Coach Carmody tell us to hit the practice floor for a couple of hours was also memorable!

Past 50 Years: Upon graduation from URI, I attended the Washington Bullets training camp as a free agent. After being waived and subsequent knee surgery I returned to school to obtain a master’s degree and settled into a career teaching and coaching. First stop was Bentley.
University of Waltham, Mass. as an assistant basketball coach for three years, then I decided to accept an administrative job at Dover, N.H. High School. The next thirty years was spent at my hometown of Rockport, Mass. as athletic director and dean of students. My wife of nearly 50 years, Linda (URI ’76), was a great basketball player and we are proud of the fact that we are both inducted into the URI Athletic Hall of Fame. We have two wonderful children (Melissa and Andrew) and four grandchildren all living within an hour of us in Massachusetts. Upon retirement from education, I have been working in the real estate business in our area.

Paul Saccoccio

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Children: 3  


Photo submitted by Paul Saccoccio

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Grandchildren: 3  
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Student Activities: Greek activities in house and on campus  

Fondest URI Memory: I came to URI as a freshman from a small town with only 100 graduates. Coming to URI was a huge jump in every way. Fortunately, within two days, I moved from the triple dorm room to share a double with a senior. That was a huge positive in so many ways!! My roommate pulled me out of the small-town girl to the world of college and I will forever be grateful for her positive influence. She even encouraged me to go Greek. Best move ever too!!

A funny memory I had was, going out with a few of my sorority sisters in the middle of the night to raid a fraternity to take some trophies. We got caught by the campus police and taken to their station. As a sophomore I was petrified my parents would be called. Of course, nothing happened. We gave up our “loot” and went back to Alpha Chi.

Past 50 Years: My husband, a Phi Kappa Psi alum, and I have been married for 49 years last November. So we’re celebrating our 50th in 2023 too!! We lived in East Hampton, CT for 43 years until recently moving to NH to be closer to one of our two daughters and family. Our other daughter lives in Tiverton, RI. In 1996 we took a family trip out to the Utah area and visited many national parks and were forever hooked. (Arches, Bryce, Zion, Grand Canyon, Yellowstone, Canyonlands, etc. ...and many more.) We have traveled to Alaska, Hawaii, and cruised to the islands of the Caribbean over the years. Never interested in Europe because the U.S. is filled with beautiful scenery to explore. We had a pop-up and camped early on with our daughters and now have a small RV and bring grandkids along on various short trips. I taught high school physical science and chemistry for 30 years. Then went on to teach chem lab at a university and oversee student teachers in science. Up until Covid I was working with adult education high school students online to get their diploma. I have always loved teaching and science and it continues with my grandchildren. Both daughters are also in science fields, but not education. Women in science!!! Our lives have been blessed, many times over, with family, good friends, and memories made.

Photo submitted by Paul Saccoccio
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**Fondest URI Memory:** Some classes, friends, music, going to Washington, D.C.

**Past 50 Years:** Moved to Oregon to earn an M.S.W. and then to Alaska. Collaborated in starting social service programs including becoming founding director of a local women’s shelter agency. Participated in local Sister City and Rotary trips to Japan and Russia. Have enjoyed many other travels, sailing, and dog-sledding. Retired as UAA-KPC director emerita in 2019 after 33 years as Kachemak Bay campus director, overseeing and developing facilities and numerous programs including the nationally recognized Kachemak Bay Writers’ Conference.

**Awards and honors include:**
- UAA Campus Director Emerita  
- Alaska Women’s Hall of Fame  
- YWCA Alaska/BP Women of Achievement Award  
- Governor’s Award for Distinguished Service to the Humanities  
- University of Alaska Meritorious Service Award  
- Homer Woman of Distinction

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**Grandchildren:** 5  
**Student Residence:** Jamestown  

**Fondest URI Memory:** My time at URI was spent as a graduate student 1970-1972 in what was then known as the Graduate Curriculum in Community Planning and Area...
Development—more affectionately known by us students as “Chickapad” —GCCPAD. Our two-year graduate program was in full gear at the time, under the direction of Howard Foster, chair of the program. I don’t know how long before I went there the program had started, or how long after I left it continued to function, but I do know that it is no longer in existence, yet, I hope, not gone from the institutional memory of the University. One thing I recall is that the GCCPAD program was not accredited as a full-fledged graduate program in city planning. It didn’t matter to me then and still doesn’t—it’s just a minor factoid in my personal history.

Our classes took place in what had previously been a two-story elementary school building, somewhere in the northeastern part of the URI campus (memory fails me). Our incoming class of about 30 students was a diverse mix of recent college graduates, young men and women, with various liberal arts degrees plus a few with technical degrees in civil engineering, architecture or other areas. Some had been out in the world with work experience, others, like me, had graduated a year or two earlier and had, somehow, escaped the draft and the horrors of Vietnam.

Some of the more vivid recollections of my two years at URI include the following:

• Friday afternoon beer and pizza events at Iggy’s (is it still there?)
• Playing touch football on our “school” grounds before and after classes
• Recurring puzzlement at what “planning” was all about—as in, all professors felt a need to attempt to explain to us rubes what it was that we were involved with—what is planning? Hummmm. Each teacher had a different way of trying to explain it.
• Driving to and from school on Route 138 from where I was living in a tiny little house near the foot of the Newport bridge, on Jamestown Island.
• Playing pick-up hockey at St. George’s School in Newport.
• Finding my frozen water pipes in the house after Christmas break, January 1971, and having to move out but being invited to move in with William Breazeale and Eileen Donnelly in their rental apartment in Point Judith or somewhere down that way.
• Making lasting friendships with a number of classmates—Ted Green, Scott Hartblay, the late Karen Smith, and William Breazeale and Eileen Donnelly who became man and wife after graduation and remain good friends of mine, to this day, still living in Raleigh, NC.
• Being part of a team of four or five classmates assigned to prepare a long-range community plan for the City of Woonsocket, RI, which, at the time, was in sorely bad shape like so many old industrial New England towns where industry had left long ago.
• Weekend parties at our rental house on Jamestown, which I shared with Ted Green, Michael Meusen and Karen Smith, lamenting the passing of Janis Joplin and getting wild with Hendrix, the Byrds, Beatles, Stones, etc.
• Learning a lot from Prof. Arnold Nadler—I think I was one of only a few who actually enjoyed his nerd-like teaching of statistics and other dry subjects. I recall he was concerned back then at how large a part of the U.S. economy was taken up by the cost of health care—he was absolutely correct if not prescient.
• Loving my time with Prof. Richard Brooks, the Yale-educated attorney who taught planning law and who led us on a tour of the Yale Law Library in New Haven and who finally gave a solid grounding in what “planning” was all about. Phew!

• Getting accepted and certified as a ski instructor along with Ted Green at a ski area somewhere in western RI (I don’t recall the name of the ski area) but it was a small hill, really, and, due to limited snowfall in the winter of 1971-72, I never experienced one day of ski schooling.

• Being scared to death while being driven at an ungodly and recklessly high speed on an unpaved dirt road somewhere in rural RI in a classmate’s 911 Porsche to where he and his girlfriend lived. I reconnected with that guy, whose name I don’t recall now, when I learned he was living in the Oakland Hills, not far from my home in the East Bay.

• Playing guitar and listening to bluegrass music along with classmate John Gowdy and his wife and their two-year-old daughter, smoking something that was kind of illegal, at the time.

• Finishing my master’s thesis in the spring of 1973 after I had been hired by Alan Jacobs to begin my career as a staff “Planner II” at the San Francisco Department of City Planning, where I began work in March 1973. My beginning salary: about $14,000 per year.

• While surprised and deeply pleased at having found a planning job in San Francisco where I would actually learn what “planning” was all about, I was elated when Mark Winogrand showed up, a year later, as another new recruit at the San Francisco Planning Department. Mark was a year behind me at the URI GCCPAD and not someone I knew at the time but who became a good friend while we worked together in San Francisco.

Past 50 Years: My time in California since 1973 has been full. I met the love of my life soon after starting work in March 1973—it was on a skiing trip to the Sugar Bowl ski area at Donner Summit, just off I-80 in the Sierra Nevada’s—we connected as “singles” on the ski lift and got married a year later. We had kids in a four-year cycle coinciding with U.S. presidential elections and Olympics: 1976, 1980, and 1984. Each of our three kids now have families of their own and we are proud grandparents of five healthy grandkids.

I stayed at the Planning Department for about eight years doing a variety of tasks including neighborhood planning (Haight-Ashbury), housing policy initiatives, drafting the city’s rent control and condominium conversion ordinances, running a commercial district revitalization program, and one year working for Mayor Dianne Feinstein’s Community Development Agency. I moved on in 1980 to a project manager position with a local family-owned real estate company as part of the development group. Working under the guidance of a seasoned professional, our small group negotiated to acquire development sites in San Francisco, hire and oversee architects and the design process, get the local approvals from the SF Planning Commission and get buildings actually constructed and successfully marketed. That was a huge amount of fun, with fast-moving activities and a widening circle of colleagues and associations, including a one-year stint teaching a real estate course at Golden Gate University in downtown SF.

Following the S & L downturn in the late 1980s and adoption during the Reagan years of amendments to the IRS code in 1986, development activities where I worked came to a screeching halt and I was let go. Shortly thereafter, in early 1988, I was selected by a SF-based, modest-sized ($150M) charitable foundation as the VP of real estate. The foundation was the successor entity to a former private
company engaged since the 1850s in the production of lime and cement; the foundation was established in the mid-1950s and at the time owned large tracts of land in Northern California. I was hired by the foundation to manage the process of developing plans and getting governmental development approvals for a total of some 12,000 acres of undeveloped land in northern California and then negotiate the sale of the projects to private developers. The goal was to capture the development value of the various properties to enhance the foundation’s grantmaking activities and get the foundation out of the politically sensitive business of land ownership, rising environmental opposition and public outrage against greenfield or sprawl development. The position was a lot of fun, hard work, and ultimately highly successful for the foundation, as by 2001, most of the properties had been sold off, increasing the foundation’s corpus by over $50M. Once again, I found that I had worked my way out of a job.

Throughout the 2000s I spent most of my time as a member of a small boutique environmental planning consulting firm located in Oakland. The business of the firm was preparing environmental assessment and analysis documents for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) on behalf of local Bay Area cities, county governments, private developers, hospitals, public and private schools, water districts and other agencies. While working remotely during the early part of the pandemic in mid-2020, I decided it was time to wind up my professional work and officially retired from the firm. Thus began the latest chapter of my life as a retiree.

Well, that’s about it. GCCPAD is no longer but it lives on in my fuzzy memory as two of the best years of my life. I’m not likely to take part of the 50th Reunion events but wish all the rest of the URI community my best wishes for a memorable weekend.

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Fondest URI Memory: Turbulent times... (See photo submissions from spring 1972.) Funny, I married the brother of my URI freshman roommate 27 years after we first met... and we just celebrated our 25th anniversary!

Past 50 Years: After a few years working for the Rhode Island State Council for the Arts, I went on to earn a master’s degree at RISD in art education. I’ve been fortunate to have had an extensive career in the arts and recently retired from chairing the art department and teaching at a private school in Washington, D.C. As a visual artist (@tharparts on Instagram), one doesn’t retire, but gets to work whenever and wherever one pleases! Thanks, Rhody for setting me on an adventure of a lifetime!
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**Student Activities:** Frat activities  

**Fondest URI Memory:** Shuttling between Kingston and Long Island on weekends to be with my girlfriend (wife). Micky D’s ketchup sandwiches when we were “low on funds” during Kingston weekends. Boone’s Farm wine from the bottle. Elephant walk trudges during fall “monsoon season.”  

**Past 50 Years:** Engineering manager at industrial air pollution control equipment company (AirPol) in NJ for the last 46 years. Arranged for the company to be acquired by a larger firm and relocated to Florida from New York State. Now working from home, acting as a consultant to teach and advise on the details of designing and custom fabricating wet scrubbers and wet electrostatic precipitators.

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**Student Activities:** Student Senate  

**Fondest URI Memory:** Attached is a drawing a friend did of me on the back of the bar menu card while we were drinking wine in the America’s Cup Room in the Union.
Catherine Mary Winters

**Degree/Major:** B.A. (English)  
**Student Residence:** Weldon Hall, then Alpha Xi Delta, and finally off campus  
**Student Activities:** Good 5 Cent Cigar  

**Past 50 Years:** When I look back on my years at URI, I realize how so much of my future life had its beginnings there. As a member of the founding staff of the Good 5 Cent Cigar—we called ourselves the Cigar Band—I developed skills in reporting, editing, and writing that set the stage for my career as a magazine editor and writer in Manhattan and led to lifelong friendships with fellow Cigar staffers. One member of the Cigar Band also ended up as a magazine editor in Manhattan and remains one of my closest friends.  

My stint as a summer orientation leader, preparing incoming freshmen for life at URI, helped me land a position as a resident assistant at Boston University, covering my room and board for my first year of graduate school. And in an “only in Rhode Island” twist, it turned out that the assistant director of my dorm and her husband (a first year law student at BU) had also graduated from URI in 1973. We instantly bonded and remain dear friends.  

The early 70s were a time of political upheaval as students across the country protested the Vietnam War. I joined fellow students and my Cigar colleagues for an all-night bus ride to our nation’s capital in the spring of 1971 to report on a massive anti-war rally. That experience piqued my interest in politics and later led me to work one summer as an intern in the press office of Governor Michael Dukakis and as a volunteer in the press office of Senator Edward Kennedy during his 1976 re-election campaign. And in 2017, I participated in the Women’s March in NYC.  

Then there is theatre. At URI I saw my first live play and was hooked. An English major, I took a theatre class, which fueled my interest in performing, and when I moved to New York City in the fall of 1977 I wasted no time: studying acting at night and joining a theatre group—the St. Bart’s Players. By day I was an editor and writer but come evening, I entered another world. Over the course of 18 years, I appeared in nearly 20 musicals and plays, including The Crucible, Noises Off, The Dining Room, and Steel Magnolias.  

Thank you, URI.

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**Student Residence:** Tucker Hall  

**Fondest URI Memory:** My fondest memories are of the people I met at URI, especially the wonderful women on my floor at Tucker Hall. I left URI with two lifelong friends. First, my husband, John, the love of my life—we’ve been married 51 years and have two grown sons. We’ve lived in several places in RI and MA and now make our home on Cape Cod. And second, my Tucker Hall roommate, Millie. We have been best friends since the day we met and have stayed in touch over the years sharing our lives through thick and thin!  

**Past 50 Years:** I retired in 2003 after working as an art educator for 30 years with the Bristol Warren Regional Schools. During this time, I helped to create the Arts Magnet Program at Reynolds School based on arts integration and higher order thinking skills. I continued to practice my art after retirement and have exhibited my landscape paintings in RI and MA. I currently show my work at Left Bank Gallery in Orleans and Wellfleet, MA.
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Student Activities: Canoeing, international student club, folk dancing, hiking clubs

Fondest URI Memory: I remember a lovely campus punctuated by Gothic stone buildings interspersed with modern buildings. Although it was not considered humorous at the time, I recall when a new, ultra-modern sculpture was presented to URI as a dedication to the new fine arts building, which was to be unveiled at a ceremony in which a number of dignitaries and politicians were invited to be present. Apparently, the night prior to the unveiling, several fine arts students who had taken a peek at the sculpture under its cover and decided they abhorred it, covered the underarms and pubic areas with hair, and re-covered the sculpture.

The next day, during the celebration of the unveiling of the sculpture with students, faculty, dignitaries, including politicians and donors, as well as the Providence Journal reporters and television station personnel present, you can imagine the shock, the dismay, the anger, as well as the snickering that met that naked sculpture! To my knowledge, the identities of the perpetrators were never discovered.

Past 50 Years: When I graduated from URI in 1973, I was confronted with a very difficult job market. I worked in an exercise salon for several months before buying a van with my then boyfriend and together we took a long road trip across the country and wound up living near San Diego. I returned a year later and enrolled at the University of Illinois College of Health Professions where I earned a B.S. in occupational therapy, as I couldn’t find a position in art history. I worked for two hand surgeons for several years prior to starting my own therapy clinics in Indiana, while also investing in rental houses on the side. My clinics did very well and I eventually sold them but still own and manage a number of properties. I married my second husband, Marty, after my first husband passed away. Marty has two sons and two daughters and I have two sons. We live in Mishawaka, IN in the summer and Port Charlotte, FL in the winter. We have travelled across Europe and the Middle East as well as China. We plan to do a lot more traveling in the future.
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