

THE RHODY REVIEW

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For New Readers...

The Rhody Review was created this year to help inform and connect student groups and Student Senate with the entire URI campus. The newsletter will be published once a month and feature groups, tips, upcoming events, Senate and the University.

HELPFUL LINKS

Student Senate's Website:
<http://www.uristudentsenate.org>

Full Calendar of Events:
<http://www.mu.uri.edu/calendar/index.html>

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Thinking Outside of the Box

Tips from SPO on advertising on campus

There are many different ways to spread the word about an event held by a student organization.

Yes, there are always flyers and handouts, but why not try something a little more unique?

Below is a list of various techniques and ideas that could help your group get noticed on campus.

The majority of these ideas can be cost effective, and could greatly benefit your organization!

Before going forth with any of these ideas, please check with the lands and grounds department, and/or building manager. Also, remember, no flyers are allowed to be placed on blue-lights, trees, or cars. Good luck and get creative!

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">* Placemats/Cafeteria Tray Liners* Campus TV, Radio, Newspaper* Table Tents (except in dining halls)* Community TV, Radio, Newspaper* Posters/Fliers* Sidewalk chalk (Need prior approval by lands & grounds)* Footprints* Stickers* Free Give Away* Teasers* Clothing* Co-Sponsorships* Write on Blackboards* Post Cards* Balloons* Email with Catchy Subject Line* Screensavers* Website* Universal Voice Mail* Food Drive* Ticket Give Away* Banners* Sheets Out a Window* Door knob Hangers* Monthly Calendar* Public Address System* Free Food at Event* Sell Cups as Tickets, then Give* Refill at event* Make a Snowman with Sign* Body Paint* Put Information on Ping Pong Balls* Signs Taped on Steps | <ul style="list-style-type: none">* Place a Toothpick in Sign in Café Food* Give RA's a Free Ticket to Promote on Floor* 3D Ads (Beach balls etc.)* Loud Speaker* Raffle* Shave Head with Ad Information* Write on Mirror with Dry Erase Marker* Laminate Signs to Hang in Showers* Mail Ads in Odd Shapes/Bright Colors* Guess Amount in the Jar* Personal Appearances* Candy with Message Attached* Fortune Cookies with Message Inside* Logo Contest* Bulletin Boards* Frisbees* Flyers Attached to Pizza Boxes* Matchbooks, Pencils, Bookmarks, Buttons, Cups* Hats* Bumper Stickers* Video* Costumes* Little Paper Umbrellas* Hand Stamps* Old Holiday Decorations* Make a Comic Strip* Paper Bags* Write the Sign Backwards* Mobiles* Fake Dollar Bills with Information on the Back* Series of Posters, Different One Each Day* Newsletters* Display Cases |
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Simply Student Senate



The purpose of the University of Rhode Island Student Senate is to...

Provide an official and representative student government, to investigate student problems and take appropriate action, to provide the official voice through which student opinion may be expressed, to encourage the development of responsible student participation in the overall policy and decision making process of the university community, to foster an awareness of the student's role in the academic community, to enhance the quality and scope of education at the University, to participate in University and Faculty committees, and to provide means for responsible and affective participation in the organization of student affairs.

Student Senate Final Elections

Elections will be held on Wednesday, February 25, 2009 and Thursday, February 26, 2009 from 9AM until 5PM in the MU.

Debate is on Tuesday, February 24, 2009 at 7PM in Atrium One in the Memorial Union.

Come vote and/or run for:



President/Vice President

On Campus Representatives

Off Campus Representatives

Q&A with the candidates sponsored by Multicultural Greek Council Thursday, February 19, 2009 at 7PM in Atrium One in the Memorial Union.

Would you like to be the Student Speaker at Commencement?



The Student Senate is currently accepting applications from students that wish to speak at the Commencement on May 17th.

You must be a graduating senior.

In your application packet, please submit your speech, the reason why you would like to be the Student Speaker, and a resume.

Applications are available on our website, www.uristudentsenate.org

**Applications are due no later than
4pm on Monday, March 2nd.**



Standing Committees

Finance

The annual budgeting meeting is on February 25, 2009 at 6:30 PM in the senate chambers. A representative from all Level One and Level Two groups must be present at the meeting in case there are any questions from the full Senate. This applies even if you are happy with your budget.

If you or your organization has any further questions pertaining to finances, please stop in the Senate Office, located in room 201 in the Memorial Union.

Campus Affairs

Campus Affairs is currently working on the Ellery Pond Restoration Project. They are looking for URI artists/landscape architects to submit renderings of the project. One piece will be chosen by the committee to be displayed in the Senate Office.

The committee meets on Mondays at 2PM in RM 301 of the Memorial Union. Any inquiries or campus complaints can be directed to Chairwoman Amanda LaRocca at amandaglarocca@gmail.com

Academic Affairs

Look over your course syllabus for each class; read them thoroughly and ask questions to the professor if there is any confusion. Remember that the syllabus is a contract between the professor and yourself, and you must abide by it.

Students are encouraged to participate in the Readership Program at URI. It's free courtesy of *USA Today* that provides students with *USA Today*, *New York Times*, and *Financial Times* newspapers. All you have to do is have your Student ID Card and find one of the six kiosks around campus (University Library, Hope Commons, Ballentine, Chafee, Washburn, Fine Arts, and Swan).

SOARC

The SOARC committee is very excited to see all of the different projects and events all of the different student organizations have been planning all year. If you need help from senate please don't hesitate to contact Chairwoman Clarke.

Please check out the new student senate website, which has its very own student organization page, which allows you to put in information about your group, such as contact information, meeting times and so on.

For students not already in a senate recognized organization, please check out our website and get involved.

Cultural Affairs

Cultural Affairs is back and stronger than ever. The plans for this semester are brewing. If you have any ideas or questions pertaining to Cultural Affairs, please stop into the Senate office, write in, or come to the weekly meetings on Mondays at 4 PM in the Senate office.

External Affairs

The External Affairs committee is creating a comprehensive off campus involvement binder to show off all of URI's great off campus accomplishments.

And from External Affairs Chairman O'Brien, "Get ready for more off campus awesomeness!"

If you are interested in becoming the Spotlited Group for next month, please stop into the Senate Office in room 201 in the Memorial Union to find out more information.

For future newsletters, the back page will be designated for ads for different events being put on by Student Senate recognized organizations.

If you would like to advertise an event, please contact the Director of Communications, Juelia Simon.

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STUDENT ORG. SPOTLIGHT PRESENTS...

THE URI SNOWBOARDING CLUB!



Snowboard Club Presents

URI

Thursday Feb 19th

QUAD Rail Jam

3-4th Board Tuning
5:00PM
Finals @ 8PM

Bloodshot Hooligans The Swagger Jackers and Vaughn Guess

Help Support RI Food Bank
Two Food Item Reg. Fee

Registration Forms Online @ www.urisnowboardclub.com

Raffle Ticket For each non-perishable food

Jam Format Helmets required

Red Bull, blvd, ENEMY, Yawgoo Valley

This year, the URI Snowboarding Club has over 100 members. The fall semester included an annual discount night at a local shop (to get gear for the upcoming season), a day trip to Mount Snow, and their very first URI Snowboarding Club t-shirts! They hold monthly meetings where members could meet, and hear important announcements (like cheap student season passes, or local events of snowboarding interest). They even had pizza and snowboarding videos at their last meeting of the semester. If people thought last semester was exciting, they are going to really love what is planned for Spring 2009...more trips, more members, and new events.

Coming up for the Snowboarding Club...

This organization is sponsoring a very unique food drive on February 19, 2009. They're putting on the first ever campus *rail jam* in New England, and rather than charging an entry fee, they're requiring a donation of two canned foods that will be donated to the RI Foodbank. They are encouraging not only competitors to bring canned goods, but also spectators.

They have been hard at work planning this event. They are bringing in snow, a drop-in, and two features that will be used in a jam format competition that is open to both snowboarders and skiers. The best part is the location, right on the **URI Quad**.

The rail jam, "Jam the Ram: tailBLOCK hunger," will begin with a tuning clinic from 3-4:30, and then will open for registration at 5pm. The actual riding will go down from 6-7:30pm, with finals from 8-9pm. There will be live music, which will be followed by a DJ. The event is supported by local shops including: Civil, blvd, Warm Winds, and also sponsors such as Smith Optics, Red Bull, Enemy, Yawgoo valley.

With the event only a little over a week away, things are looking good. There has been a general buzz of excitement around the campus, because people are excited an event like this is coming to RI. The Snowboarding Club is excited because all of the hard work in learning how to plan an event like this is paying off. The entire thing is shaping up to be such a positive event, and they couldn't be more excited.

Please show your support for fellow students, and try to come out to different events. If you are interested in joining the URI Snowboarding Club, check out their website at: <http://urisnowboardclub.com/>