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## Core of URI's Kingston campus listed on National Register of Historic Places

by Carol McCarthy

The U.S. Department of the Interior's National Park Service has recognized the core of the University of Rhode Island's main campus in Kingston as a historic district, adding it to the National Register of Historic Places.

This federal distinction recognizes the University of Rhode Island Historic District for its contributions to the history of education, architecture and landscape architecture, Jeffrey Emidy, acting executive director of the Rhode Island Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission, said in announcing the designation.

The National Register is the federal government's official list of properties throughout the United States whose historical and architectural significance makes them worthy of preservation. The campus is significant for its illustration of the history of public higher education in Rhode Island and for its fine collection of academic buildings designed by locally prominent architects.

"These first-line public institutions often have great historic architecture worthy of preservation," said Paul R. Lusignan, historian, National Register of Historic Places, National Park Service. "I will say that while many schools have buildings that share a common architectural vo-



*Green Hall: Green Hall was the University library at one time and now houses the president's and provost's offices as well as enrollment services. URI photo by Shelbey Galliher*

cabulary, few have maintained those common forms, styles and materials over time to the degree found on the URI campus. The architecture of the buildings was quite striking."

The University of Rhode Island Historic District includes approximately 29 acres on or around the grassy, tree-lined quadrangle of the Kingston campus. The oldest structure in the district is the Oliver Watson Farmhouse (ca. 1796), part of the farmland purchased in 1888 to establish the agricultural school that would one day become URI.

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The district is bound roughly by Upper College Road on the east, Campus Avenue on the south, Lower College Road and Farmhouse Road on the west, and the eastern portion of Alumni Avenue on the north. Most of the buildings in the district, particularly those that were built for academic use, are a few stories tall and are constructed of quarry-faced granite ashlar, resulting in a unified campus character. Some of that stone was harvested from now-defunct quarries on campus.

“The historic core of the URI campus has been appreciated by generations of students, faculty, staff, and administration of the University. The formal recognition of these important buildings and the landscape that contains them enhances our understanding

of the important role that the University has played in the educations and careers of many from Rhode Island and beyond,” Emidy said.

“I am pleased to see our beautiful campus gain recognition and protection through this significant designation,” said URI President David M. Dooley. “We at URI have long cherished the buildings and landscape that comprises an important part of our unique identity and stature in higher education. It is gratifying to see our contributions recognized, and for that recognition to come, fittingly, at the close of our year-long 125th Anniversary celebrations.”

The National Register nomination for URI was prepared by Rhode Island Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission architectural historian Joanna Doherty, who worked closely with J. Vernon Wyman, assistant vice president of business services at URI.

“This reinforces the important obligation we have to be preservationists and to be mindful and respectful when making improvements and modifications to these historically significant structures,” Wyman said.

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# R.I. Police Chiefs Present First Individual Community Policing Award to URI Officer

*North Kingstown resident's hard work, upbeat approach lead to strong connections with faculty, staff, students*

by Dave Lavallee

Whether organizing dodgeball and corn hole tournaments, coffee with a cop, serving free hot dogs and popcorn from a food truck during URI events, running an annual holiday toy drive for area children or serving as an instructor in the URI Citizens Police Academy, University of Rhode Island Police Officer Paul Hanrahan makes URI a better place.

The Rhode Island Police Chiefs Association recognized that in presenting the North Kingstown resident its first individual Community Policing Award during ceremonies last month. The association honored the entire Central Falls Police Department for its overall community policing excellence.

Hanrahan's award cited his "efforts to engage in significant problem-solving activities, the creation of productive community partnerships and implementing community policing programs and initiatives that have built and enhanced trust within the community he serves."

URI Police Maj. Michael Jagoda said when the department launched its community policing program about 18 months ago, Hanrahan bought in immediately.

"He has also taken it to a new level because he sits down with community members, listens to their concerns and responds with strong programs.

In his nomination letter, Jagoda said Hanrahan has made "a substantial impact on our community and in the communities of South County because of his efforts and his community policing philosophy.

"The programs Officer Hanrahan has developed are making a positive difference, have built a partnership with our diverse community and have reduced crime."

Jagoda saw the need for a community policing approach after witnessing violent confrontations between police and citizens nationwide, many of which ended in death. He named Hanrahan the department's first community liaison officer



**COMMUNITY SERVANT:** URI Police Maj. Michael Jagoda, left, congratulates URI Police Officer Paul Hanrahan for being named the first individual recipient of the Rhode Island Police Chiefs Association's Community Policing Award. URI photo by Randy Osga.

in 2015. In that role, he helped Jagoda put in place a new community policing policy for the department.

One of Hanrahan's first initiatives was the acquisition of an old box truck, which was converted into a food truck with help from Prison Industries and URI Dining and Catering Services. In 2017, Hanrahan attended nearly 70 campus events and distributed 14,000 hot dogs, 300 pounds of popcorn, 600 hot fudge sundaes, 300 pounds of coffee, 200 dozen doughnuts and 100 cases of water.

Hanrahan also revitalized the URI Police Bicycle Patrol, which allows officers to engage more directly with community members. He has increased participation and expanded the program to include motorized bicycles, which make it easier for officers to travel up the steep hills of the Kingston Campus.

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**List of structures in the University of Rhode Island Historic District**

- Watson Farmhouse (ca. 1796)
- Taft Hall (1889)
- College Hall/Davis Hall (1890/1895)
- “Old Ben Butler” Civil War cannon (1861, brought to campus in 1892)
- Lippitt Hall (1897)
- East Hall (1909)
- Ranger Hall (1914)
- Washburn Hall (1921)
- Bliss Hall (1928)
- Edwards Hall (1928)
- Rodman Hall (1928)
- World War I Memorial Gateway (1922 and 1928)
- President’s House (1931)
- Green Hall (1937)
- Quinn Hall (1937)
- Eleanor Roosevelt Hall (1937)
- Robert L. Carothers Library and Learning Commons (1964, ’75, ’92-’93)

**Historical highlights of the Kingston campus**

In 1888, Rhode Island purchased the 140-acre Oliver Watson Farm in South Kingstown as the location for its R.I. State Agricultural School and Experiment Station. The Federal-style, wood-frame Watson Farmhouse (ca. 1796) survives as a relic of the property’s early agricultural history. In 1892, the institution’s name was changed to the R.I. College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, and two years later it was designated the state’s “land-grant” college (a status initially given to Brown).

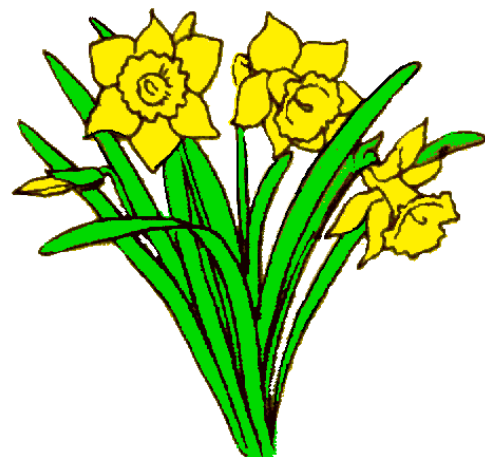
The first phase of campus construction, dating from 1888 to 1909, reflects an emphasis on training in agriculture and applied science. Three Late Victorian-style buildings—the Agricultural Experiment Station, now known as Taft Hall (1889), College Hall/Davis Hall (1890/1895), and Lippitt Hall (1897) — were built of granite from a campus quarry. They stand on the western and northern edges of the main quadrangle (1894-97). The rectangular, open green with a double-row of trees at its perimeter was designed by Olmsted, Olmsted & Eliot, the leading American landscape architecture firm at the turn of the 20th century. A cast-iron cannon

known as “Old Ben Butler” (1861) was brought to campus on May 19, 1892, the day that the state legislature passed a bill establishing the young institution’s new name: the Rhode Island College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts.

The next phase of development, 1909 to 1941, occurred as academic programs expanded and enrollment increased at the school, which was re-named the Rhode Island State College to reflect a move toward more generalized education. Between 1909 and 1921, three buildings were erected: East Hall (1909), Ranger Hall (1914), and Washburn Hall (1921). Two more, Bliss Hall and Edwards Hall, were constructed in 1928. The interior of Edwards Hall is notable for its murals by Gino Conti, created in the mid-1930s and 1940-1941 with support from the Federal Art Project, a part of the Works Progress Administration. Covered with drywall during a 1965 renovation, three of the murals were revealed and restored as part of an interior renovation in 2010.

Other new buildings on campus included Rodman Hall (1928), originally used as an armory and gymnasium, and the President’s House, a wood-frame, Colonial Revival-style residence constructed in 1931. Three more buildings were completed in 1937 with funds from the Public Works Administration: the red brick Eleanor Roosevelt Hall (a women’s dormitory), Quinn Hall and Green Hall. The College erected two memorials to those who served in World War I, both located near the intersection of Upper College Road and Campus Avenue: a granite boulder with a bronze plaque, erected in 1922, and a granite gateway to the campus, constructed in 1928.

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# AN EVENING OF GRAPES & GRAIN

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Apart from Federal funding, the College's financial resources during the Great Depression were severely limited. The State budget was cut, and voters rejected a 1938 State bond referendum that would have provided over \$1 million for building and infrastructure projects. Following the end of World War II, students whose educations had been disrupted by the war returned to campus, and veterans subsidized by the G.I. Bill enrolled in record numbers. By 1951, a new wave of construction was already underway when the General Assembly passed a bill to reorganize the State College as the University of Rhode Island. Even as changes occurred, such as the construction of the University Library (now Robert L. Carothers Library and Learning Commons), the historic core of the campus remained intact, embodying the university's origins as a land-grant school and its growth in the first half of the 20th century.

## **Invitation to the Pets Corner**

**We know how much people like their pets. It's up to you to show us just how much.**

**Please send us your favorite photo of you and your pet.**

**We need a high resolution jpg.**

**Your name and department.**

**Your pet's name, breed**

**One or two sentences about your pet. Maybe the photo will tell us all we need to know.**

**The deadline for the next issue is May 1.**

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He is the police liaison with Student Affairs, fraternities and sororities, Housing and Residential Life and Athletics, as well as the National Guard and local police departments. He recently attended an active shooter instructor program sponsored by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and oversees active shooter training for URI officers.

His efforts extend well beyond the campus. In September 2016, he worked closely with the South Kingstown and North Kingstown school districts to collect school supplies for the Kids, Cops & Classroom program. In November of that year, he organized a local food drive, which collected more than 2,000 canned goods. And in December, he oversaw the department's third annual Stuff A Cruiser program, which has resulted in close to 15,000 toys, clothing and cash gifts being donated to South County social service agencies and Hasbro Children's Hospital.

"It's a job that I love to do," Hanrahan said. "I get tremendous support from Public Safety Director (Stephen) Baker, Maj. Jagoda, Capt. Michael Chalek and my family."

He is very proud of a picnic table he and his son built that now sits outside the Police Department's Barlow Hall Substation. "We equipped it with an umbrella, and when the good weather is here, students and staff members stop by for lunch or coffee. It's nice because they know me by name,

"But you can't just do these things once. Every fall, we get 3,000 new students and that's a whole new group that has to be introduced to the URI community."



# Personnel Script

## Job Opportunities

The classified and non-classified application process is now automated so that you can apply on-line for positions here at the University. You will also be able to review the status of your application during the recruitment process, update your on-line application, and apply for positions that become available in the future. For the job opportunities visit:

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## We Welcome the Following People to our Community...

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Mary Leveillee (Dean Nursing); Danielle MacGregor (Pharmacy Practice); Elisabetta Mariotti (Languages); Gilberto Marquez Illescas (CBA Instruction); Martha McConnell (GSO Dean); Devin McKnight (Dining Central Operations); Laural McLaughlin (Communications & Marketing); James Medeiros (State Crime Lab); John Miner (Ryan Convocation Center); Jihan Minikon (Student Services); Frankie Minor (VP Student Affairs); Jeffrey Munoz (HRL Security); Linda Murray (AHC Finance & Administration); Paul Neri (Landscape & Grounds Maintenance); Donna Neville-DeAngelis (Undergraduate Admissions); Marco Notarangelo (CELS Academic Unit 3); Stephenie Paine (Dining Central Operations); Shelley-Ann Palmer (AHC Finance & Administration); Carlos Prada Montoya (CELS Academic Unit 2); Amy Princiotta (CELS Academic Unit 3); Wendy Riordan (Dining Central Operations); John Robinson (Psychology); Michael Scaramozza (Dining Central Operations); Jennifer Souza (Custodial Services); Jessica Taylor (Dining Central Operations); Lynn Taylor (Pharmacy Practice); Patricia Testa (Athletics Administration); Carla Vaccaro (Health Services); Edward Vazquez (Public Safety: Commun & Techn); Jessica Vescera (General Accounting); Carmine Vita Jr. (Business Services Other); Simon Vojta (GSO Research); John Walsh (GSO Coastal Resources Center); Kathryn Weenig (Pharmacy Practice); Carolyn White (Faculty Affairs).

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ences); Craig Haas (CBA Instruction); Russell Hayes (Police); Arnop Hualchareonthon (DataSpark); Christopher Humulock (Pharmacy Practice); Rosaleen Keefe (Writing & Rhetoric); Mohamed Keita (Women's Soccer); Richard Kubica (Info Tech Services); Stephen Lavallee, Jr. (Maintenance & Repair); Nathalie Lavoie (CELS Academic Unit 3); Jeffrey Loffredo (Business Services Other); Robert Marshall (Univ Coll for Academic Success); John Martin (Dining Central Operations); Odile Mattiauda (Languages); William McFarland (Dining Central Operations); Teresa Messier (Dining Central Operations); Carla Molina (Enrollment Services); Karen Morisseau (Biomedical & Pharmaceutical Sc); Danielle Parsons (Communication Studies); Alyssa Pettinato (EEC Summer Residential Camps); Victoria Randall (Custodial Services); Clara Smart (GSO Research); Erin Tallman (Enrollment Services); Linda Tierney (Health Services); Stella Vlahakis (Undergraduate Admissions); Jennifer Winpenny (Dean Nursing); Christopher Wroblewski (GSO Marine Office).

## **... and Best Wishes To Those Who Retired**

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## **63 Percent of Survey Respondents Want URI to be Tobacco-Free**

*by Dave Lavallee*

There is strong support among students, faculty and staff for a University of Rhode Island free of tobacco and electronic nicotine product use, according to a survey conducted last semester.

Distributed and analyzed by URI's Tobacco-Free Committee, the survey generated 2,274 responses, with 72 percent of those in the 18- to 24-year-old age group. Sixty-three percent of respondents said they support a tobacco-free campus, with 14 percent saying they are neutral on the topic.

Sixty percent of those who took the survey said they were exposed to secondhand smoke one or more times per week, with 17 percent reporting they were exposed daily. Eighty-seven percent of the total said exposure to secondhand smoke is a health issue.

Regarding tobacco use at URI, 33 percent of the respondents said they had used a tobacco product in the last 30 days (cigarette, electronic cigarette, snuff, cigar, cigarillo, pipe, vape, JUUL or hookah. And of the total, 26 percent of tobacco users said they started after arriving at URI.

Seventy-five percent of those who took the survey said litter caused by smoking detracts from the appearance of the campus.

Work toward a tobacco-free campus began in September after the University was awarded a \$20,000 grant from the American Cancer Society's Tobacco-Free Generation Campus Initiative, which is funded by the CVS Health Foundation. The goal of the Tobacco-Free Generation initiative is to deliver the first tobacco-free generation by accelerating and expanding the number of campuses across the country that prohibit smoking and tobacco use.

The American Cancer Society said tobacco is the single largest preventable causes of disease and premature death in the United States.

URI's Tobacco-Free Committee, which has representation from all University sectors, has been meeting since last fall. It developed the survey and is in the process of finaliz-

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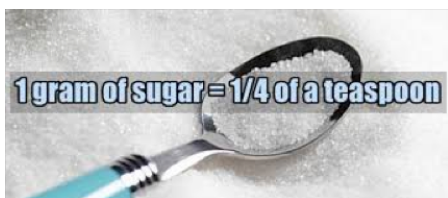
# Cook's Corner

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## Welcome to Cook's Corner!

My name is **Bonnie Jacob** and I would like to start you on a journey of healthier eating choices. Like most of you with every year I find staying fit to be a challenge.

We all have a down fall; Lucky me I have two. Mine are by far CHOCOLATE and BREAD! Thanks to my boss I have tried to make myself believe I like DARK CHOCOLATE. In reality, I will eat dark chocolate just to have CHOCOLATE. For many SUGAR is the drug of choice. In my journey to slim down and eat healthy I have decided to give up as much Sugar as I can. This has me reading labels and trying to remember just how much a gram of sugar is.



One gram of sugar has 3.87 calories. If you think that does not sound like a lot!



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# Monkey Shake

This shake helps you get your Chocolate fix! Without all the sugar.

## Ingredients:

- 1 Banana
- 8 oz. Almond milk unsweetened
- 1 tsp Unsweetened cocoa powder
- 2 tbsp. Peanut butter powder
- ½ cup Ice

## Directions:

Add all ingredients to a blender and blend. Put in a to go cup and start a perfect morning.

**Substitutes:** Replace peanut butter powder for vanilla protein powder.

Replace Almond milk for soy milk.

Replace unsweetened cocoa powder for vanilla extract.



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ing a Tobacco-Free Campus Policy, which will address tobacco cessation assistance, exceptions to the policy and enforcement. The policy should be completed this semester.

The group is also running a contest that asks students to come up with a tagline to promote a tobacco-free campus. Finalists will be entered in a drawing to win a Fitbit Blaze.

The Tobacco-Free initiative will lead to a prohibition of cigarettes, cigars, electronic devices and all smokeless tobacco products at URI. The University has joined more than 1,900 schools to become tobacco free.

Students may visit URI Health Services to receive cessation counseling and products. Faculty and staff have access to a number of programs through their health plan provider.

In addition, the College of Pharmacy is joining efforts to help members of the community quit. It seeks participants through May 2019 for a smoking cessation study. The email for the study is [URIquit@gmail.com](mailto:URIquit@gmail.com).

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