Alumni Updates

- It's Blue & White time The highlight of the upcoming Young Alumni Weekend is the Blue and White Ball held at the Canochoet Club on Narragansett Beach, on Saturday, February 17. See photos from last year's event and register today!

- Winter Gala photo album The 2007 Winter Gala was a big success, with 445 guests dancing the night away, raising more than $90,000 for URI Alumni Association scholarships and programs. Take a look at photos from this great evening!

- Web chat update You can read the transcripts from our recent chats with Tom Cerio '76, Executive VP of Program Distribution at HBO, and U.S. Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations/Low Intensity Conflict Thomas O'Connell '68. Coming up on February 28 is our chat with Marine Explorer and URI Professor of Oceanography Bob Ballard Ph.D. '75.

University News & Events

- Routhier Foundation donates $500,000 to URI The University's College of Nursing recently announced a new faculty chair established through a $500,000 gift from the E.J. and V.M. Routhier Foundation. The gift is part of the University's Making a Difference Campaign. URI Nursing Dean Dayle Joseph also announced during ceremonies this week at White Hall that Lynne M. Dunphy, a renowned professor, researcher, and practitioner, is the first holder of the Routhier Chair of Practice. Dunphy is focusing on primary care and workforce issues as part of the College's leadership role in addressing the multi-faceted nursing crisis.

- URI graduates, Miriam Hospital nurses in Iraq URI graduates Lisa Geary and Leigh Eddy, longtime nurses at The Miriam Hospital, were strangers until they met as members of the Air National Guard's 143rd Medical Group at Quonset. They were each deployed to Iraq, serving with the 332nd Air Expeditionary Medical Group, which operates the Air Force Theater Hospital, the equivalent of a Level 1 trauma center, and sees more than 650 patients per month. Lt. Eddy earned her master's degree as a nurse practitioner from URI in December, and Major Geary is in the first year of the program.

- URI president elected chair of Global U8 Consortium URI President Robert L. Carothers has been elected chairman of the Council of Presidents of the Global U8 Consortium, a group of eight universities from around the world formed to address emerging issues confronting the global community. His three-year term begins in April 2007. "I am pleased and honored to have the opportunity to serve as chairman of the GU8 Consortium. URI's international reputation allows us to be at the table, and my selection provides us with an opportunity to continue to build on that reputation," Carothers said.

- Chi Phi breaks ground for new chapter house Rho Iota Kappa, the University of Rhode Island's first fraternity, now known as Chi Phi, recently broke ground for a new chapter house at 11 Fraternity Circle. "Today, with the construction of this new house, we pass the torch to the next generation of Chi Phi," said Douglas Bennet '77, president of the Rho Iota Kappa Alumni Association of the Chi Phi fraternity and treasurer of its holding company. Chi Phi plans to return to campus in the fall of 2008 through a recolonization effort, the first step in rebuilding and reactivating a chapter.

- URI Center for Vector Borne Disease to receive over $350,000 for Tick Borne Disease Research In an effort to help prevent and better understand the transmission of diseases caused by ticks, U.S. Senator Jack Reed announced last week that the University's Center for Vector Borne Disease will receive $357,000 from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. This funding will be used for research into how pathogens are transmitted from ticks to hosts to better understand how this transmission can be...
Globetrotter event
Enjoy the Harlem Globetrotters-Washington Generals game at the Ryan Center on March 23, and great pre-game activities, including dinner, meet-and-greet with the players, raffles, and Globetrotter U. Pre-game events at 5 p.m., followed by the game at 7 p.m. $30 per person. Register online or contact Gina Dei at 401-874-5808 or gmdei@advance.uri.edu.

Rams in the pink as students raise, donate nearly $10,000 for breast cancer research
Rhody fans were in the pink last week as the Rams faced, then defeated, the University of Massachusetts, 75-72, at the Ryan Center. With a record-setting attendance of 2,657 students and a nearly sold-out arena, the fans did far more than boost the team on the court. Prior to the game, students from the URI Athletics Department had been hard at work selling T-shirts for their first "Pink Out." The project raised nearly $10,000, and at halftime a presentation was made to the Gloria Gemma Breast Cancer Resource Foundation.

On the calendar
Spring lectures and programs that begin this month include the READ/WRITE Reading Series, Dana Shugar Spring Colloquium Series, the Landscape Architecture Lecture Series, and the Forensic Science Seminar Series. The URI Feinstein Providence Campus presents Strange Fruit, an exhibit on lynching and hate crimes. The exhibit runs through February 23, with performances by the Everett Dance Company on February 2, 7, and 20. During public school vacation week, February 20-23, URI's W. Alton Jones Campus will host a sleep-away Winter Camp for children 9-13. URI hosts an "Evening of Conversation" about civil rights with Amelia Boynton-Robinson and Bernard LaFayette Jr. on February 13. See what's happening at the Ryan Center.

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