Celebrating our 100th Today's issue of inAdvance@URI is our 100th! Since its launch on December 4, 2003, this popular e-newsletter has been keeping you in the loop with the latest University news, events, and links of interest. inAdvance readership has grown from 18,000 subscribers to more than 54,000 alumni and friends in 50 states and 44 countries, reaching alumni from the Classes of 1926 to 2007!

Your opinion counts Over 60 programs and services for students, alumni, and for the University itself are provided by the Alumni Association. In order to keep improving, we need your feedback. Please tell us what you think. It will take no more than five minutes, be strictly confidential, and, ultimately, help us meet your needs.

Ram Alumni Academy The 4 Roles of Leadership, conducted by Dr. Gene Knott, will be offered through the Ram Alumni Academy for Lifelong Learning at the Alumni Center, Saturday, October 27 & Sunday, October 28, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Join us for this unique opportunity to learn how effective leaders navigate change, deliver results, and define the future.

2nd annual Legacy Reception All legacies (students or alumni with a parent, grandparent, or sibling who is a URI graduate) and their families are invited to

URI to launch public phase of its Making A Difference Campaign The University of Rhode Island will celebrate the success of the leadership gift segment of its Making A Difference fundraising campaign and kick off the public gift phase at a gala black-tie event Saturday, October 13 at the Westin Hotel in Providence. During the ceremonies, the University will also recognize the recipients of the 2007 President's Distinguished Achievement Awards and the colleges' Dean's List honorees. With a $100 million goal, URI's campaign is one of the largest currently being undertaken by a non-profit entity in Rhode Island. More than $50 million in commitments has been raised during the leadership or "silent" phase of the campaign.

International Engineering Program opens new home, celebrates 20th anniversary URI's International Engineering Program (IEP) recently celebrated its 20th anniversary with the grand opening of a renovated building to house IEP students and program offices. The program was formerly housed in the adjacent IEP House, where an additional 40 students in the program will continue to live. The side-by-side buildings, connected by new walkways and a beautiful patio, will be known as the Heidi Kirk Duffy Center for International Engineering Education, named for the chair of the program's advisory board and a longtime supporter of international education at URI. The IEP program requires students to complete simultaneous degrees in a foreign language (German, French, Spanish, or Chinese) and an engineering discipline, and to spend a year working and studying abroad.

October 16 Web chat features CNN correspondent Christiane Amanpour '83 Christiane Amanpour, chief international correspondent for CNN and a 1983 alumna of the University of Rhode Island, will answer questions about her experiences as a broadcast journalist during a Web chat on Tuesday, October 16 at 11 a.m. Amanpour, who has conducted exclusive interviews with world leaders, reported from war zones, and covered the human consequences of natural disasters, has earned a reputation as one of the world's most recognized and respected television journalists. The online chat is a service of the URI Division of University Advancement's electronic communications program. Chat participants may submit questions in advance, but the chat will not begin until the scheduled date and time.

Chi Phi Fraternity chapter house opens Chi Phi, the University of Rhode Island's oldest fraternity, has a snazzy, new, 13,000-foot chapter house on campus, complete with 20 bedrooms, a commercial kitchen, social area, meeting space, air conditioning, and Internet access. Last month's ribbon-cutting ceremony was attended by Chi Phi alumni and their family members, URI officials, and members of the campus community. "The completion of our new chapter house is the first step in our fraternity's return to campus," said URI 1977 alumnus Doug Bennet, president of...
attend a special dessert buffet on November 3 prior to the Bill Cosby show at the Ryan Center during URI Family Weekend. The Legacy Reception is hosted by the Alumni Association. Register now by contacting Gina Dei Simonelli at 401-874-5808.

Save the date for the 2008 Winter Gala Mark your calendars today for our 17th annual Winter Gala, which will be held on February 9 at the newly renovated Hyatt Regency Newport. The Winter Gala is an elegant, festive evening of dining, dancing, and silent auction held each year to benefit URI Alumni Association scholarships and programs. Further details will be available soon.

At the chapters On October 21, the Arizona Rhode Runners are getting together for their Awful Awful bash in the desert. The Rhode Island Chapter is holding a drop-in event at Kartabar in Providence on October 24, and on October 27, the Southwest Florida Gators are gathering at the Port Charlotte Elks Club for Oktoberfest. Find out more and see what your chapter has planned!

Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources provides $150,000 to URI The Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources awarded the University of Rhode Island’s Division of Research and Economic Development a $150,000 grant for use in energy-related research and analysis. The URI Research Division will provide $50,000 to the URI Partnership for Energy to establish a rapid-response center to assist the state in analyzing emerging energy issues in a timely fashion. The remaining $100,000 will go to the Graduate School of Oceanography to develop plans for a center for offshore energy technology research and development.

Historic Chinese textile exhibit on display at URI The Department of Textiles, Fashion Merchandising, and Design is presenting an exhibition showcasing the incredible woven and embroidered designs in Chinese textiles. The Power of Design: Chinese Textiles from the Historic Textile and Costume Collection, complements the ongoing, semester-long URI Honors Colloquium, China Rising. The exhibit shows how textiles and garments reflect much of pre-1912 life and thought in China. The exhibit will be on display until February 1, and is free and open to the public, Monday through Friday at Quinn Hall.

On the calendar The URI Theatre production of Stuff Happens by David Hare runs October 11-14 and October 18-21. The China Rising series continues with “How Should We Look at China?” featuring Orville Schell, University of California at Berkeley and Asia Society, on October 16. Author, philosopher Kwame Anthony Appiah will deliver a public presentation on October 18 at Edwards Auditorium. At the Ryan Center: Playhouse Disney on October 28; An Evening of Comedy with Bill Cosby on November 3, part of this year’s URI Family Weekend; and the Boston Pops Holiday Concert on December 7.

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