Alumni Updates

Pre-game festivities
Rhody men's basketball fans will have a chance to get together before cheering on their favorite team, both at home and away. On February 2, URI takes on Dayton at home and the Alumni Association and RIRAA are hosting a pre-game event at the Ryan Center. On February 10, the Rams are heading to Fordham, and there will be a gathering before the game at the McGinley Center. Learn more.

Speed networking event
Join alumnae, faculty, and staff on February 11 to share your career knowledge with URI undergraduate women in a speed networking event sponsored by the Women's Council for Development. To get involved or learn more, contact Sarah Howard at showard@advance.uri.edu.

University News & Events

New study makes strong case for link between childhood lead exposure, Alzheimer's disease
Nasser Zawia, professor of biomedical sciences at the College of Pharmacy, has found for the first time evidence of Alzheimer's-like disease in monkeys that were exposed to lead as infants. Zawia led the three-year study, which involved four institutions. The findings were published in the January issue of The Journal of Neuroscience. "This is the first evidence of promotion of Alzheimer's disease-like pathology in a primate by an environmental agent," Zawia said. "It is relevant because monkeys have identical genes to humans." More...

Student evaluates abundance of invasive crab in Narragansett Bay
In collaboration with scientists at the Narragansett Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve on Prudence Island, junior Kristen Morito conducted Rhode Island's first assessment of Asian shore crabs, an invasive species from Japan and the east coast of China that found its way to Narragansett Bay in the mid-1990s. "They're omnivorous, so they'll eat almost anything they can get," said Morito. "And they're very aggressive and competitive, which is part of the reason why they are able to take over so quickly. They outcompete our native crabs by pushing them out spatially and eliminating their food sources." More...

Mark your calendars for the Atlantic 10 Championship Series
The Atlantic 10 Men's Basketball Championship Series will be held in Atlantic City from Wednesday, March 12 - Sunday, March 16, 2008. Contact Donvan Travel at 800-252-2660 or 401-885-3500 to purchase hotel-ticket packages. Deadline is January 24, so call today! Information about pre- and post-game Rhody events in Atlantic City will be available soon.

It's almost Winter Gala time
Honorary Winter Gala co-chairs Shannon Chandley '83 and Tom Silvia '83 extend an invitation to you to attend the 17th annual Winter Gala.

College of Pharmacy plans 50th anniversary celebration
Leonard Worthen was one of the College of Pharmacy's 10 original faculty members. Today, as the College celebrates its 50th anniversary, he is convinced of a bright future. "Students today gain a much broader, more sophisticated education, which encompasses patient care, cross-disciplinary education with other health professions, and exposure to a much wider range of opportunities. There is no reason why the College can't maintain its prominence for many years to come, especially as the College is about to break ground on a new $75 million home." On March 8 at the Newport Marriott, Worthen will join current faculty, students, alumni, and former professors to celebrate the College's achievements. More...

Student examines variety of harmful marine species
Most invasive marine species arrive by ship, taking on ballast water in one part of the world and discharging it in another. Senior Rebecca Allen...
Gala on February 9, 2008, at the Hyatt Regency Newport. The Winter Gala is an elegant, festive evening of dining and dancing, featuring both a silent and live auction. Gala proceeds benefit URI Alumni Association scholarships. Register online today!

Calling all golfers
Mark your calendars for the 2008 Alumni Golf Tournament. This year's event will be held on June 9 at the Valley Country Club in Warwick. Further details and registration information will be available soon.

At the chapters
On January 25, Los Angeles area alumni are getting together for a special event at The Derby in Hollywood. On January 26, the Southwest Florida Gators are holding their January luncheon at the Fort Myers Yacht Club, and on January 27, the Louisiana-Mississippi Chapter is hosting its annual Mardi Gras party. Find out more and see what your chapter has planned.

On the calendar
Activities in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. will be held January 28-February 1. "Close Encounters," an exhibit of Central European Video Art, runs from January 24-February 10 at the Fine Arts Center Main Gallery. "The Girl of My Dreams," an exhibit at the Fine Arts Center Photography Gallery, runs from January 30-March 16. Toumani Diabaté will perform with the Symmetric Orchestra on February 1 at a free concert as part of Pangaea: The URI Roots Music Series. At the Ryan Center: John McEnroe vs. Jim Courier on February 10 and Will Ferrell's Funny or Die Comedy Tour on February 12. More...

URI, Pakistan researchers collaborate on tick research and vaccine development
Researchers from the University's Center for Vector-Borne Disease are joining with colleagues from Pakistan to help the south Asian nation address its growing tick problem. "Unlike in Rhode Island where abundant deer tick populations cause alarming numbers of Lyme disease cases in humans, one of the major tick-related problems in Pakistan is the impact of tick-transmitted diseases on livestock," said URI Entomology Professor Thomas Mather, director of the Center. "In Pakistan, ticks also transmit a virus to humans known as CCHF, sometimes called the Asian Ebola virus because of its contagious and deadly similarity to African Ebola." More...

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