Happy Birthday, Rhody! Mark your calendars for Rhody’s birthday on March 8. Yes, it was on March 8, 1923, that the Ram was adopted as our mascot. Rhody may be almost 85, but he’s never looked better. Join us at the URI men’s basketball game on Saturday, March 8, and help us celebrate Rhody’s big birthday. Bring your children and grandchildren and have your picture taken with Rhody at a booth sponsored by the Alumni Association. URI Athletics will also recognize Rhody’s birthday during the halftime celebration.

"Ask the Pharmacist" chat Our upcoming Web chat on Tuesday, March 11, at 1 p.m., will feature Dr. Kristina Ward ’94 of URI-ABC6’s "Ask the Pharmacist" feature. Dr. Ward, who is also director of the College of Pharmacy’s Drug Information Services, will be on hand to respond to your medication questions.

Young alumni enjoy a great weekend More than 140 alumni participated in Young Alumni Weekend, held February 22-24. The weekend events included a gathering at the Mews Tavern, a campus tour, lunch at the new Hope Dining Hall, ice skating in Newport, dancing at the Blue and White Ball, and taking in the men's basketball game. Take a look at our 2008 Young Alumni Weekend photo album!

Rhody pre- and post-game events at the A-
The Atlantic 10 Men's Basketball Championship Series will be held in Atlantic City from **Wednesday, March 12** – **Saturday, March 15, 2008.** [Find out how](#) you can obtain A-10 tickets and get together with other Rhody fans at pre-and post-game events.

**Alumni Association Executive Board call for nominations** The URI Alumni Association is seeking nominations for persons to serve as members of its Executive Board. The deadline for nominations has been extended to **Monday, March 3.**

**At the Chapters** The Theta Chi Chapter is holding its quarterly dinner at Chianti's Restaurant on **March 4.** On **March 7,** the Phi Kappa Psi Chapter will celebrate its annual Founders' Day Dinner in Providence, and on **March 8,** the Southwest Florida Gators are holding their popular annual Steakout in Port Charlotte. [Find out more.](#)

**On the calendar** The URI Energy Lecture Series continues **March 5** with a discussion of energy and ethics. A community [conversation on hunger](#), sponsored by the URI Feinstein Center for a Hunger Free America and the Jonnycake Center, will be held on **March 5.** On **March 6,** the [English Department's Read/Write Series](#) features readings by Professor of English Karen Stein and Rhode Island Poet Laureate Lisa Starr. On **March 6,** the Women's Studies Program will host a series of presentations and activities in honor of [International Women's Day](#). The URI Theatre production of [Amadeus](#) continues through **March 9.** The eight-week [Spring Gardening School](#), sponsored by the URI Cooperative Extension, will run from **March 24-May 12.** The University will hold its [2008 Interdisciplinary Graduate Student Conference](#) on **March 29.** At the [Ryan Center](#): The [Harlem Globetrotters](#) on March 22, and the ' [Doodlebops Live](#) on April 12. [More...](#)

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**Hope Commons cooks with Chef Bob** A sizzling skillet of butter, shrimp, penne, peppers, and mushrooms looked good to the students who lined up on February 18 at Hope Commons dining hall. But they were very surprised when they recognized the cook. President Robert L. Carothers, decked out in a white chef's hat and jacket emblazoned with "Chef Bob," cooked his favorite dish for the students, a shrimp and penne stir fry known as "Presidential Penne," during lunchtime on Presidents' Day. [More...](#)