Women's Council for Development event On April 9, the Women's Council for Development hosts Career and Life Coach Dr. Adele Scheele, whose presentation will take place at 7 p.m. in Independence Auditorium. At 5 p.m., a book signing and reception will be held at the University Club. Online registration is now available.

"Ask the Master Gardener" chat Attention, gardeners. Here's your chance to ask an expert how to make your garden grow! Our upcoming online chat features Rosanne Sherry '77, coordinator of the URI Master Gardener program. The chat will be held on Tuesday, April 15, at 1 p.m. EST.

SoloBoomers afternoon event at Whispering Pines The URI SoloBoomers group is planning an afternoon gathering on Sunday, April 13, at the W. Alton Jones Campus. Get together with fellow "solo" alumni for a wine tasting and walking tour of the URI Whispering Pines Conference Center grounds. Online registration available.

URI Football Blue vs. White game Get your first look at the 2008 Rams at the URI Football Blue vs. White game on Saturday, April 26 at Meade Field. Kickoff is at noon, and tickets are not required. Before the game, there will be a meeting of the Football Alumni Reunion Committee. All football alums

Federal government backs expanded URI research on benefits of delayed umbilical cord clamping The National Institute for Nursing Research, a division of the National Institutes of Health, has awarded Judith Mercer, a URI clinical professor of nursing and certified nurse-midwife, a $2 million, 5-year grant to continue her investigation into the benefits of delaying umbilical cord clamping for pre-term infants. The nursing research agency provided $392,000 for a smaller, earlier project which showed that a brief delay in clamping the umbilical cords of babies born before 32 weeks prevents bleeding in the brain and infections. The project will be conducted at Women & Infants Hospital in Providence. More...

U.S. Army's best instructor teaches at URI Major Robert Edwards of Wakefield has been selected for the U.S. Army's most prestigious teaching award, the Col. Leo A. Codd Memorial Award, in a national competition of all ROTC programs. The award is presented each year to the most outstanding ROTC instructor from the Army, Navy, and Air Force services across the country. Edwards, an instructor in the URI ROTC program for the past three years, was the Army's top choice. A native of Fairfax Va., Edwards earned a bachelor's degree in business, a master's degree in education, and an MBA, all from Virginia Tech. More...

Behavior change couple donates $250,000 to maintain excellence at URI's Cancer Prevention Research Center James and Janice Prochaska have spent their careers helping people change. Jim, a professor of clinical and health psychology and the director of the URI Cancer Prevention Research Center, developed the Transtheoretical Model of Behavior Change, which is the most cited model in health behavior change. Jan is president and CEO of Pro-Change Behavior Systems, Inc., a research and product development company located on campus that expands the stage change model. The Prochkas have pledged $250,000 to URI's Making A Difference campaign to establish the Prochaska Cancer Prevention Research Center Leadership Endowment. Their gift is a challenge grant, which means they will match other donations to the endowment dollar-for-dollar. More...

A Message from URI President Robert L. Carothers This week, University of Rhode Island President Robert L. Carothers sent a letter to the URI community addressing the challenges faced by the University in light of the state's budget crisis. Read his message.

London's Chris Cleave to be writer-in-residence Chris Cleave, a British writer committed to the political relevance of art and to the potential of novels to do political and ethical work, will be a writer-in-residence at the University of Rhode Island next month. Cleave is the author of Incendiary, an international bestseller published in 20 countries. His visit is the result of his participation in
are invited to attend. For more information about the Football Alumni Reunion, contact Jessie Kenyon at jkenyon@advance.uri.edu. After the game, there will be a Fifth Quarter Club Cookout. For details, contact the Football Office at 401-874-2406.

**Walk, run for a cause in New York City**
Join URI alumni and friends for the 11th annual Revlon 5K Run/Walk for Women on Saturday, May 3 in New York City. This will be the sixth year that a URI Alumni Association team has participated in the Revlon 5K Run/Walk. Find out more and join your fellow URI alumni in this special event that raises funds for women's cancer research.

**At the chapters**
Join the members of the Arizona Chapter on April 20 as they host their annual New England Surf & Turf Picnic. Members of the Massachusetts Chapter invite you to join them in Boston on April 26 for the 30th anniversary production of the Big Apple Circus. Chicago Alumni Chapter members are looking ahead to a Chicago White Sox-Boston Red Sox game and a pre-game Alumni Association patio party on August 11. Find out more.

**URI School of Education awarded $5.6 million to boost role of technology in teaching science, math**
Because of laptop computers, cell phones, and MP3 players, today's students are able to learn anywhere, anytime. In short, their learning style is nomadic. The University of Rhode Island's School of Education is determined to keep its education majors and beginning teachers in the race by developing New Order, Multi-Modal, Advanced-Design (NOMAD) Learning Spaces. Through a $5.6 million state grant, the School of Education is providing its teacher education students with access to current hardware, software, and models of effective use of technology for instruction. More...

**On the calendar**
In the second year of its partnership with the City of Providence, URI has expanded its offering of gardening classes and related programs at the Roger Williams Park Botanical Center this spring. The University will host an Associated Press "Breaking News" exhibit for the month of April at the URI Library in Kingston. Career Services will sponsor a Career Fair at the Ryan Center on April 2. The URI Energy Lecture Series continues on April 2 with a presentation on the role of energy in the Rhode Island economy. In the inaugural Amanpour Lecture on April 3, Journalist Jimmie Briggs will speak on the global challenges facing youth in the 21st century. On April 3, URI lecturer Jody Lisberger will read from her new short story collection Remember Love, as part of the URI Read/Write Series. On April 10, the College of Business Administration will host the first Vangemeersch Endowed Lecture. "Climate Change Today and Tomorrow" will be the topic of the annual oceanography lecture at URI on April 11. The Office of Marine Programs will conduct several student oceanography programs and teacher workshops during school vacation week, April 14-18. At the Ryan Center: the Doodlebops Live on April 12. More...

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