Alumni Updates

"Ask the Master Gardener" chat If you are a gardener, you won't want to miss our upcoming Web chat, featuring Rosanne Sherry '77, coordinator of the URI Master Gardener program. The chat will be held on Tuesday, April 15, at 1 p.m. but you may submit your question at any time.

Call for nominations The Alumni Association is seeking nominations for the 2008 Ram Award and the Honorary Alumnus Award. The Ram Award recognizes an individual who has unselfishly dedicated his or her efforts toward the betterment of the Alumni Association and/or the University as a whole, for a minimum of 25 years. The Honorary Alumnus Award recognizes a non-alumnus who has made extraordinary efforts to advance the goals of the University and the Alumni Association. Deadline for nominations is May 30.

MBA networking reception On April 23, the College of Business Administration is sponsoring a Kingston and Providence MBA Program Networking Reception at the Renaissance Providence Hotel, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Guest speakers are URI President Carothers and Al Verrecchia '67, MBA '72, Hon. '04. RSVP mannii@uri.edu by April 18.

Alumni Golf Tournament Calling all golfers! Online registration is now open.

University News & Events

Family of leading alumnus donates $1 million to the URI Hillel Foundation The campaign to build and support a new center for Jewish campus life at the University of Rhode Island received a tremendous boost from the family of Rhode Island business leader and philanthropist, the late Norman M. Fain. Fain's wife, Rosalie, and other family members, came to the University on April 9 to announce the $1 million gift to URI Hillel from the Norman and Rosalie Fain Family Foundation in memory of Norman, who received his undergraduate degree from URI in 1936 and an Honorary Doctor of Business degree in 1967.

URI bridging GAP for students for 20 years At the Feinstein Providence Campus last month, 147 high school students (sophomores and juniors) from seven urban schools signed a contract with the University’s Guaranteed Admissions Program/Talent Development (GAP/TD). It was the largest group of students to sign the contract since the program began 20 years ago. GAP/TD provides URI with a way to recruit and encourage students of color and students from disadvantaged backgrounds. Some of the students come from families newly arrived in the country. Most are the first in their families to consider college as an option.

President Carothers receives lifetime achievement award The New England Board of Higher Education honored President Robert L. Carothers with the 2008 Eleanor M. McMahon Award for Lifetime Achievement. The award is named for the late Rhode Island higher education commissioner, scholar and educator. NEBHE Interim President and CEO Michael K. Thomas said: "President Carothers is one of New England's most respected higher education leaders. He has overseen the transformation of the University of Rhode Island, expanding its physical infrastructure, re-energizing the curriculum, increasing student and faculty diversity and attracting top students."

Journalism professor's book focuses on FDR's press secretary Linda Lotridge Levin of Providence, professor and chair of the Journalism Department, takes an unobstructed view of the man behind the president in The Making of FDR: The Story of Stephen T. Early, America's First Modern Press Secretary, recently published by Prometheus Books. Early was one of the most influential men in the mid-20th century. As press secretary for President Franklin D. Roosevelt, he was responsible for getting FDR's messages out to the press, employing print journalism, newsreels and radio broadcasts. He helped the Harvard-educated, wealthy president communicate a robust strength and confidence in a language his fellow countrymen and women could not only understand but embrace.

URI receives national recognition for community service The University of Rhode Island has been named to the "President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll with Distinction" by
available for the
Alumni Golf Tournament,
which will be held on Monday, June 2,
at Valley County Club in Warwick. Enjoy
your favorite game with fellow alumni
and friends, and help support student
scholarships!

Student Alumni Association hosts
regional conference
The University of Rhode Island Student Alumni
Association (SAA) recently hosted the
Association of Advancement Programs (ASAP) District 1 Conference,
welcoming 150 attendees from colleges
and universities in Massachusetts,
Connecticut, and Rhode Island. The URI Student Alumni
Association was founded in 1985. SAA members act as
ambassadors for the Alumni Association
on campus.

At the chapters You are invited to
join the URI Alumni team for the annual
Revlon Run/Walk for Women on May 3
in New York City. This will be the sixth
year URI alumni have formed a team in
this event. Coming up on June 15, the
Ohio Chapter is planning a picnic and
afternoon at the ballpark. Find out more.

Nutrition Club spreading the word about healthy eating
With obesity nearly at epidemic proportions in the U.S. and video games
turning children into couch potatoes, URI’s Nutrition Club is taking an
active role in creating visibility for those working as nutritionists while
educating students and the public about the importance of a
balanced diet. Earlier this month the club focused its message on URI students with
a series of activities and educational displays in Hope Dining Hall, and on April 12,
club members will serve as volunteers at the annual "Nutrition Fuels Fitness" road
race at Goddard Park, Warwick, sponsored by the Rhode Island Dietetic Association
to raise funds for their nutrition education programs. More...

On the calendar Author Chris Cleave's talk, "Better Make 'Em
Laugh If You Want To Change Their Minds," will be held April 14 at 7
p.m. in Independence Hall Auditorium. On April 17 at 7 p.m., the
author will read from his forthcoming book at Paff Auditorium, URI
Feinstein Providence Campus. The 4th annual Spring Splash,
sponsored by the Textile, Fashion Merchandising and Design Department, will be
held on April 17. The URI Theatre Department production of The Prime of Miss Jean
Brodie begins its run on April 17. The URI Student Entertainment Committee
presents Akon at the Ryan Center on April 28. More...

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