Alumni Updates

Warm up with a cool new weekend We hope you are saving the date for our Big Chill Weekend, coming up February 13-15! There's something for everyone—from a beer tasting at the Mews to an elegant dinner and wine pairing at Newport's Rosecliff and much more. Online registration for our Big Chill activities will be available soon. Take a look at special Big Chill Weekend hotel rates at the Hyatt Regency Newport and the Hampton Inn at South County Commons.

Calling all politicos Take a look at the transcript for our lively post-election Web chat with Professor of Political Science Maureen Moakley. Mark your calendars for our next chat on December 16, which will feature Professor of Economics Len Lardaro answering your questions on the state of the economy.

Cheer on the Rams The URI-PC men's basketball game is on December 6 at the Dunkin Donuts Center. Alumni wishing to purchase game tickets can still do so by calling the Providence College Athletic Ticket Office at 401-865-4672. Not going to the game? Watch it on TV with fellow Rhody fans at Casey's Grill and Bar in Wakefield for food and drink specials and plenty of URI pride.

Vermont winter weekend getaway Enjoy a URI sailing team wins 11th Kennedy Cup The University of Rhode Island sailing club team continued its national dominance in the sport, winning the 2008 Kennedy Cup, hosted by the U.S. Naval Academy in Maryland Nov. 7 through 9. By winning the Kennedy Cup – the equivalent of a national championship for collegiate sailing – for the 11th time in school history, URI will represent the United States at the 2009 Student Yachting World Cup in France. In the team's most recent trip to the World Cup in 2007, URI finished seventh overall. More...

Physical therapy students go HD The physical therapy department has installed a video teleconferencing system that includes cameras, three 50-inch high definition TV monitors, and additional software. The equipment was made possible through a $96,790 grant from the Champlin Foundations. Before the new equipment was installed, students had to crowd together to observe an instructor demonstrating proper treatment techniques. Now, students can watch from a separate room with a greatly improved view. The new system also creates a more comfortable setting for the clients receiving treatment. More...

Business school named one of 296 best in world for the second year in a row The University of Rhode Island's College of Business Administration has been named one of the "Best 296 Business Schools" by The Princeton Review for the second straight year. The Princeton Review released the 2009 edition of its business school guidebook earlier this month. Over a three-year span, the publication conducts a survey of 19,000 students at more than 296 of the best master of business administration programs in the world. More...

Faculty mentors recognized at URI Winifred Brownell, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and Roger LeBrun, professor of plant sciences, are the first recipients of the University's Faculty Mentor Award. The award is an important element of a comprehensive University Faculty Mentoring Program created by the ADVANCE Program, which was originally funded by a National Science Foundation grant to recruit and retain women in science and engineering. The ADVANCE Program's efforts have expanded to include faculty development initiatives for all faculty, and to promote work policies and practices that benefit everyone at the University. More...

Student working to showcase talents on campus and raise awareness for the Alzheimer's CURE Foundation Senior Gessie Belizaire is a soft-spoken and determined young woman, a resident assistant, and an R&B singer who loves to take the stage and perform. She knows there are other students on campus with their own hidden talents, and she wants to shine the spotlight on those individuals. With that in mind, she has organized "A Tribute to the Memories... A Race for the Cure,"
Rhode Island Chapter for a Rhody Rush-Hour in Westerly on January 22. Get together with fellow URI alumni from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Venice Restaurant for appetizers and a cash bar. This event is $5 for pre-registration (or $10 at the door).

At the chapters On December 6, the Southwest Florida “Gators” will host Associate Dean Kate Moran of the URI Graduate School of Oceanography and Vice President of University Advancement Bob Beagle, and on December 12, the Ohio Alumni Chapter will enjoy a presentation by oceanographer and author Stewart Nelson ’74 at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History. Find out more about these and other chapter events.

2006 Honors Colloquium Songs of Social Justice CD on sale In 2006, the URI Honors Colloquium “Songs of Social Justice” explored the role of music in shaping the American political and social experience. Such accomplished musicians as Buffy Sainte-Marie, Tom Paxton, and the late Utah Phillips participated by sharing their thoughts and their music live in Edwards Auditorium. All of the series was recorded and is captured in a just released two-disc compilation CD. “Songs of Social Justice” is available for a $25 contribution to the URI Stephen Myles Social Justice Scholarship.

On the calendar Get your men's and women's basketball game tickets today! The URI Theatre Department's production of Oklahoma! runs through November 22 at the Will Theatre. "HYBRID," an exhibition presented by the Department of Art and Art History, runs through November 25 at the Fine Arts Center's Main Gallery. Our URI Big Thinkers Miami event will be held on December 4. Ryan Center events: Stephen Lynch on December 4; Sesame Street Live: When Elmo Grows Up on January 22-25 (tickets go on sale December 4); and the Harlem Globetrotters on March 26.

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