Alumni Updates

Rhody's new look to be unveiled at annual Pink Out game Mark your calendars for February 25. At the URI-Dayton men's basketball game that evening, the URI Alumni Relations Office and Department of Athletics will unveil Rhody's brand new look. It's top secret, so you don't want to miss this special game, which is also URI's third annual Pink Out to raise money for the Gloria Gemma Breast Cancer Resource Foundation.

Browse the Big Chill photo album The URI Alumni Association's first Big Chill Weekend was a big success from beginning to end. Photos coming soon!

ACC Forum coming up The Alumni of Color Coalition Forum will be held on February 26 in the Ryan Center Alumni Room. Join us for a panel discussion, career Q&A, and light supper, which will be followed by the URI-Dayton women's basketball game. The event is free, but registration is required.

Vote for Jimmy Baron today! Rhode Island's Jimmy Baron has been named one of 10 men's basketball national finalists for the Lowe's Senior Class Award. Show your support and cast your vote for Jimmy Baron today! Lowe's, an official NCAA corporate partner, will present the winner with the

University News & Events

University to hold events honoring President Carothers To mark the accomplishments and service of President Robert L. Carothers, 1991-2009, the University of Rhode Island is holding events on April 30 and May 1 in his honor. Further information about these special events, which are paid for through private funding, will be available soon. More...

Research partnership creates "smart packaging" If you have wondered whether the milk in your grocer's refrigerator might have gone bad or if pre-packaged meats have been left out too long, then a partnership between two URI chemistry professors and a food safety company will soon put you at ease. Special barcodes created by SIRA Technologies for use on refrigerated foods will incorporate an ink that will turn red when conditions indicative of contamination exist. More...

URI Providence Biotechnology Center expands with research initiative led by expert in immunology research The development of vaccines against AIDS, malaria, TB, and other diseases ravaging the developing world is the focus of a research initiative at the URI Providence Biotechnology Center. The Institute for Immunology and Informatics will apply cutting edge bioinformatics tools to accelerate the development of treatments and cures for diseases identified as "neglected" by the research community. It is led by Annie De Groot, M.D., CEO of EpiVax, Inc. More...

Documentaries to air on RI PBS Two new documentaries with URI roots will soon be featured on Rhode Island PBS. A one-hour film documenting the 2006 URI Honors Colloquium, "Songs of Social Justice: The Rhetoric of Music," featuring musicians Tom Paxton and Buffy Saint Marie among others, will be shown February 22. In addition, the latest work of filmmaker David Bettencourt '97, the award-winning director of the 2007 regional hit "You Must Be This Tall: The Story of Rocky Point Park" will be featured on March 25. Bettencourt's new film "On the Lake: Life and Love in a Distant Place" is an absorbing hour-long documentary on tuberculosis.

Ballard discusses oceans, giant worms on Colbert Report Comedy Central's Stephen Colbert chatted with University of Rhode Island professor of Oceanography Robert Ballard on "The Colbert Report" last week. Ballard is the world-renowned oceanographer credited with the discovery of the remains of the Titanic in 1985. Though the Titanic was briefly mentioned, Ballard and Colbert spent more time discussing the ecosystem the oceanographer discovered off the Galapagos Islands. More...

High-tech wind speed devices installed at URI Bay Campus to aid hurricane, weather, wind energy research Two high-tech
Lowe’s Senior CLASS Award trophy during the CBS telecast of the NCAA Men’s Final Four in Detroit.

**Distinguished Achievement Award Call for Nominations** The University is seeking nominations for its 2009 Distinguished Achievement Awards. Nomination deadline is March 9. Award winners will be honored at the 4th annual DAA Celebration, held at the Providence Westin on October 17, 2009.

**At the chapters** The Ohio Alumni Chapter is heading to Pittsburgh for the URI-Duquesne men's basketball game on March 1, and on April 3, the Massachusetts Chapter is getting together at Boston’s Daisy Buchanan’s. See what your chapter has planned!

**On the calendar**

- Devices that measure wind speeds in different ways are being installed at the University of Rhode Island's Bay Campus in Narragansett to demonstrate their capabilities and collect data for research on hurricane forecasting, assessing the state’s wind energy resources, and other uses. More...
- The four-week Master Energy Program, which trains residents in energy efficiency, begins February 23. Filmmaker, photographer, and animation artist Sandro Del Rosario will speak on February 23. The Art Faculty exhibition, "Hybrid II," runs through February 24. The 14th annual Lecture on Multiculturalism: Dark Days, Bright Nights: From Black Power to Barack Obama will be on February 24. The URI Big Thinkers Boston event will be held on February 26. The URI Center for the Humanities public lecture series continues on February 26. The URI Theatre production of "The Foreigner" begins its run on February 26. URI Library Gallery features the "Gulls Gone Wild" exhibit through March 27. At the Ryan Center: the Southern New England Home Show on February 28 and the Harlem Globetrotters on March 26. More...

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