Young Alumni Weekend coming up
Graduates of the past decade are invited to Young Alumni Weekend, February 27-28. Among the events planned for the weekend are a cocktail reception at the Coast Guard House, brunch with Coach Jim Baron, some great men's basketball, and the 3rd annual Blue & White Ball. Take a look at who's coming and register online today!

Calling all former URI basketball players
Former URI men's and women's basketball players are invited to a reunion, February 20-22, 2004, sponsored by the URI Alumni Association, the Rhode Island Rams Athletic Association (RIRAA), and the Fast Break Club. The Former URI Basketball Players Reunion will feature men's and women's basketball and a reception at the University Club. Online registration available!

Seeking nominations for Human Development and Family Studies Awards
The Department of Human Development and Family Studies (HDF) is seeking nominations for outstanding HDF alumni. Deadline for nominations is February 13. Recipients of the HDF Alumni Awards will be honored on April 24 at a special evening at the Hyatt Regency-Newport.

 Theta Chi alumni show their support
Alumni from Theta Chi Fraternity recently donated $10,000 to the University. They

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Alumnus makes $1 million commitment to URI
Richard Beaufre ’62 recently donated the first $500,000 of a $1 million pledge to the University. A longtime supporter of URI, Beaufre is founder and chief executive officer of ChemArt, a multi-million dollar company located in Lincoln, R. I. His gift will establish an endowment for students in the College of Arts and Sciences. It also signals the start of the University's upcoming capital campaign, which is in its early planning phase and will focus primarily on contributions to build the URI endowment.

From the College of Nursing
Professor Hesook Suzie Kim recently raised $20,000 for an endowment in her name. Kim, who will retire next spring, has been an international researcher and leader in nursing theory development with an emphasis on the nature of nursing practice. Also at the College of the Nursing, a student pursuing a master's degree as a family-nurse practitioner is is benefiting from another endowment—one established by the family of alumna Sharon Dubois-Hall to memorialize her life and her dedication to nursing.

CSI at URI
A semester-long forensic science lecture series, open to the public, is offered by the University of Rhode Island Forensic Science Partnership this spring. Experts from the region will address topics from fingerprint analysis to cold case investigations.

URI planetarium offers heavenly views to community groups
Groups interested in learning more about the mysteries of the heavens may arrange for visits to the URI planetarium on Upper College Road.

Cooking with Rhody
Now you can enjoy Rhody’s favorite recipes and help support the Rhody Scholarship Endowment! Cooking with Rhody—a new cookbook from the Division of University Advancement featuring Rhody’s special favorites—can be yours for only $10. All proceeds go to the Rhody the Ram Scholarship Endowment to help support the student volunteers who serve as Rhody.

Undergraduates are giving preschoolers a jumpstart
URI was selected in the fall as one of 13 institutions to participate in Jumpstart, a national early childhood program pairing college students with preschool children struggling in Head Start or other early education classrooms. Thirty students—members of the URI Jumpstart Corps recruited and trained at URI's Feinstein Center for Service Learning—are
also dedicated a plaque in Newman Hall honoring Theta Chi members who died in World War II.

Help us find your missing classmates We are searching for URI alumni with whom we've lost contact over the years--and you can help! A convenient look-up table lets you search for lost alumni by class year or college through the Eservices feature on our Web site.

The next issue of inAdvance will be sent on February 12.

New musical kicks off Black History Month URI's Feinstein Providence Campus will premier "Waiting for Bessie Smith," an original musical by Ricardo Pitts-Wiley featuring a rich depression-era story spun with several traditional spirituals and blues songs. The production will be held on Saturday, Jan. 31-Sunday, Feb. 1, at the Providence campus. To coincide with the premiere, the Providence Campus Gallery hosts "The Strains of Black in Rhode Island," an exhibit running through Feb. 27.

One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest at URI Make plans now to take in the URI production of One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest, which runs from February 19 to 28.

At the Ryan Center Coming soon--the South County Boat Show on February 14-15 and the Harlem Globetrotters on March 1.