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► **Celebrating excellence** [Meet the winners](#) of the 2004 URI Alumni Achievement Awards, which were presented at ceremonies during Winter Homecoming on January

31.



► **Winter Gala raises \$96,000** More than 480 alumni and friends attended the [13th annual Winter Gala](#), raising \$96,000 for student

scholarships. Take a look at our [Winter Gala photo gallery!](#)



► **There's still time!** Don't miss [Young Alumni Weekend, February 27-28](#).

Take a look at [who's coming](#) and [register online today!](#)



► **Attention, business owners** Did you know that as a **member of the URI Online Community** you can create your own *free* Yellow Page listing? That's right--if you own a business or offer a service, you can [include an free online Yellow Pages listing today](#). If have not yet signed on with the **URI Online Community**, [it's easy to register!](#)



► **Golfers, save the date** Mark your calendars now for the [URI Alumni Golf Tournament](#), which will take place on **Friday, June 4**, at Triggs Memorial Golf Course in Providence.



► **Where does Rhody get all that energy?** Take a look at Rhody's favorite chocolate chip cookie recipe in [Cooking with Rhody](#), a new cookbook from the Division of University Advancement.

► The next issue of *inAdvance* will be sent on February 26.

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different types of volcanic settings. [More...](#)

► **URI geological oceanographers share their exploration of volcanic environments** Graduate School of Oceanography volcanologists Steven Carey and Haraldur Sigurdsson have been awarded a \$73,000 National Science Foundation grant to develop Internet and CD-based virtual field trips (VFTs) dealing with



► **Accounting professor to be honored** After 34 years at the University, Richard Vangermeersch will be retiring this spring. Known for being an inspiring teacher, a prolific writer and researcher, and the ultimate URI supporter, Vangermeersch will be honored at a banquet on June 11. The event will benefit the Richard Vangermeersch Accounting Endowment to support faculty and students in the College of Business. [More...](#)



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► **Group puts its talents online** The Web Development Group (WDG) is a new URI Service Center from the University's Office of Information Services that provides dynamic, database-driven web design services for businesses and offices throughout the state. Congressman Jim Langevin is the latest to benefit from their



► **Global warming may cause songbirds to avoid certain foods** A senior wildlife conservation and biology major at URI has found evidence that suggests some songbirds may avoid eating insects that consume leaves exposed to high levels of carbon dioxide. [More...](#)



► **Writing Program pens a new academic chapter** The URI College Writing Program has separated from the Department of English to become an independent academic unit. The University is in the forefront of a growing national trend of colleges and universities that recognize writing and English as distinct disciplines. [More...](#)

► **URI announces annual Women's Studies Spring Colloquium** The University of Rhode Island announces its annual Dana Shugar Women's Studies Spring Colloquium, a series of presentations by various URI scholars on their work about women's and men's lives. [More...](#)



► **Online giving is a convenient and secure way to give to the University** Donors may make online gifts to the [Alumni Fund](#), the [Parents Fund](#), the [College of Human Sciences and Services Graduate Student Fund](#), the [Community Planning Program Fund](#), the [Graduate School of Library and Information Studies Fund](#), the [MBA Alumni Fund](#), and the [Rhode Island Rams Athletic Association\(RIRAA\)](#).

► **A question for Rhode Island residents** The University, in partnership with the state, is proposing a **permanent URI license plate** with revenue generated going toward scholarships for in-state students. **If you haven't already completed our [brief online survey](#)**, we hope you'll take a moment now to let us know if you would be interested in purchasing a permanent URI license plate. Survey deadline is February 29. To protect your privacy, log on is required. Thank you for taking the time to participate!



► **Upcoming performances** Don't miss the the URI production of [One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest](#), which runs from **February 19 to 28**. And on **February 27**, the [Great Performances Series](#) welcomes the special sounds of the [Meridian Arts Ensemble](#).

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