Alumni Updates

- **Alumni Center looking good** By fall 2004, URI's 90,000 alumni will have a home away from home on the Kingston campus. Construction on the $4 million, 21,000-square-foot Alumni Center is making great progress. See recent photos!

- **A perfect graduation gift** Order a personalized brick to be placed on the Quad in the URI Century Walk in honor of your favorite graduate. Your $100 tax-deductible contribution will go toward scholarships, student development programs, and alumni programs the Alumni Association supports. Online ordering is now available! If you order by April 1, your brick will be placed on the Century Walk in time for Commencement ceremonies on May 22-23.

- **Alumni scholarships announced** The URI Alumni Association is now accepting applications for the Alumni Children Excellence Scholarships. Any alumni son or daughter currently enrolled at the University is eligible. Application deadline is June 11.

- **Fiftieth reunion coming up** The Class of 1954’s 50th Reunion Celebration will be held May 21-23. There are lots of great activities planned for the weekend, including a brunch at the home of President Carothers on Sunday, May 23, followed by the 118th Commencement March, which the Class of 1954 will lead. Online registration for the

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- **Research shows explosives remain part of human hair** URI researchers have found that chemicals used to make bombs remain in the hair of explosives handlers long after repeated washings. The lead researcher, Professor of Chemistry Jimmie Oxley, one of the co-directors of URI's Forensic Science Partnership, has also found that when the research team members attached ordinary gauze to combs, they had effective collection devices. The team's early findings are the result of a two-year, $320,000 grant awarded by the National Memorial Institute for the Prevention of Terrorism. More...

- **URI empowers physical education teachers in their battle against childhood obesity** Associate Professor Debra Ballinger has engaged scores of teachers statewide to help fight childhood obesity. Physical education teachers from 34 of Rhode Island's 37 school districts are being trained and armed with the tools to track their individual students' activity and fitness levels, and translate this information into personalized fitness plans through goal-setting. More...

- **Student wins coveted Gates Cambridge scholarship** Senior Gregory Hughes has been selected to receive the highly competitive Gates Cambridge Scholarship, awarded annually to 230 scholars, 100 of whom must live in the United States. Gates Scholars are selected on the basis of their intellectual ability, leadership capacity and desire to use their knowledge to improve the lives of others. Hughes will begin his doctoral research on adaptive computer software at Cambridge in the fall. His goal is to make computers more accessible to people with disabilities. More...

- **University community encouraged to participate in mock emergency response clinic** The campus community has an opportunity to help the University prepare for an act of bioterrorism by participating in a mock emergency response clinic on Friday, April 2, at Keaney Gym. Organizers of the mock drug distribution clinic are encouraging students, and those faculty and/or staff members with time in their schedules to volunteer as "patients" to receive simulated medication. More...

- **URI researchers studying sharks** Cheryl Wilga, assistant professor of biological sciences, will attempt to shed some light on how sharks bite or suction by studying their jaws and their feeding mechanisms, thanks to a three-year $395,000 National Science Foundation grant. In addition, the curiosity of one of Wilga's students, senior Jason Ramsay, led to a discovery about sharks that was recently documented in Science magazine. More...
50th Reunion Weekend is now available!

Upcoming alumni events Now that spring has arrived, we can look ahead to some of the fun alumni events coming up.

The Alumni Golf Tournament will be June 4 at Triggs Memorial Golf Course in Providence. The URI Alumni Family Camp is set for July 31-August 1. And on August 18, it's the always popular Pride in URI Night at McCoy Stadium. Mark your calendars now!

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Alumnus arranges close encounters with wildlife Regen Jamieson '97 can arrange for you to spend two weeks helping biologists study carnivores in Argentina, birds in the Baltic archipelago, or crocodiles in Cuba. In her work with Earthwatch Institute, which engages people worldwide in hands-on scientific field research, Jamieson connects volunteers with field biologists all over the world. More...

Newman Club students volunteer during spring break When they could have basked in the Cancun sun, nine URI students and one alumna shoveled gravel in a greenhouse, prepared grounds for planting, and taught inner-city children something about the Ocean State. More...

The legacy of lace is followed by the culture of Amish quilts at URI gallery This spring, the University of Rhode Island's Department of Textiles, Fashion Merchandising and Design (TMD) is featuring an exhibit in celebration of elegant laces followed by one featuring the history and culture of quilts. More...

On the calendar Spring into Motion with URI's Physical Therapy Program by taking part in their 14th annual 5-mile Fun Run and 3.1-mile Walk on Saturday, April 3. The Passport to Employment Job Fair, free and open to students, alumni, and the general public, will be held at the Ryan Center on April 24. On Thursday, April 29, the College of Business Administration will host its sixth annual Hall of Fame Banquet and Induction Ceremony at the Crowne Plaza at the Crossings in Warwick. More...

At the Ryan Center Coming up at the Ryan Center is Michelle Branch in concert on April 29. And on May 8, the world famous Lipizzaner Stallions will perform two shows (discounted seats available for URI alumni). Take a look at these and other upcoming events. More...

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