



## Alumni Updates



► **Online chat update** Read the transcript of our [recent online chat](#) with President Carothers. The Division of University Advancement is sponsoring a series of monthly online chats with distinguished URI alumni, faculty, and senior officers. All are invited to participate. [See our fall schedule!](#)



► **Alumni Fund kicks off 2004-2005 Campaign**

The Alumni Fund, the largest component of the University's Annual Fund, provides unrestricted support critical for student, faculty, and alumni programs. Jones Apparel executive [Wes Card '70 and his wife, Dianne Kenny Card '69](#), have volunteered to chair the Alumni Fund this year. If you would like to learn more about giving to the Alumni Fund, contact Sarah Howard, Annual Fund interim director, at [showard@advance.uri.edu](mailto:showard@advance.uri.edu).

► **Upcoming reunions** This fall there are a number of [class and affinity reunions](#). Here's your chance to reconnect with old friends and visit your alma mater!



► **If it's October 22 and 23, it's time for Homecoming** Make plans to return to Kingston for [Homecoming 2004!](#) The weekend will feature the [4th annual Homecoming 5K](#), URI vs. UMass, and a number of other special events and reunions. Be there!

## University News & Events



► **URI celebrates opening of biotech manufacturing training lab at Feinstein Providence Campus** The University officially opened its biotechnology manufacturing training laboratory at the Feinstein Providence Campus on September 20 with a ribbon-cutting ceremony to thank the legislators and biotech companies that funded and equipped the facility. The lab is a key element in an economic development strategy aimed at providing trained workers to the state's growing biotechnology industry. It is the first visible sign of the University's biotechnology initiative, which was launched in 2003 and which will include a \$50 million Center for Biotechnology and Life Sciences on the Kingston Campus, pending voter approval of bond referendum 13 on November 2. [More...](#)



► **Oceanographers to build laboratory to study seafloor life** In 2002, URI scientists were the first to lead an ocean drilling expedition dedicated to the exploration of life beneath the seafloor. They discovered an enormous community of microorganisms whose biomass is estimated to dwarf the total biomass of the ocean above it. Now, to further study life beneath the bottom of the sea, the National Science Foundation has awarded URI scientists \$345,000 to build a portable field laboratory for research. [More...](#)



► **Forensic Science Seminar Series begins fifth year** The URI Forensic Science Seminar Series for the fall semester will feature a best-selling author, as well as discussions on computer crime, terrorism and the federal secret service. The series, which provides free public lectures through URI's Forensic Science Partnership, is in its fifth year. All lectures will be held on Fridays, 4 to 5:30 p.m. in Pastore Hall, Room 124. [More...](#)



► **Reading acquisition expert launches program to help Connecticut first-grade teachers** Susan Brady, URI professor of school psychology, has researched reading acquisition for three decades and is principal investigator on a \$2.9 million Department of Education Teacher Quality grant designed to help 120 Connecticut first-grade teachers. "After all these years of research, we know a great deal about reading acquisition," she says. "Now the challenge is to bring those best practices into the classroom." [More...](#)



► **University holding public forums as part of NCAA certification process** As part of the process to gain re-certification for its athletic programs from the NCAA, URI will hold public forums September 30, from 3 to 4:30 p.m., and October 4, from noon to 1:30 p.m. The process began last year and is designed to involve all segments of the University community. The forums will provide the community with basic information about the NCAA certification process as well as an opportunity to offer input about the athletics programs under review in this self-study. [More...](#)



► **Date change for Rhode Island chapter event**

Members of the **Rhode Island Chapter** are heading to IKEA for some shopping on October 16. The trip was originally scheduled for September 26. Take a look at [all the details](#) about this fun excursion and about other upcoming chapter events near and far.

► **Special *inAdvance* subscriber survey**

Thanks to all who have replied to our *inAdvance* subscriber survey. If you haven't already responded, we hope you will take a moment to share your thoughts about *inAdvance* with us. Please note that this [short online survey](#) will be up until October 15, and that login is required to protect your privacy.

► **Seeking hall of fame nominees** URI's College of Business Administration is [seeking nominees](#) for its seventh annual hall of fame. Deadline for nominations is November 1.

► The next issue of *inAdvance* will be sent on **October 7**.



► **Annual Diversity Week coming up** The University will celebrate the importance of diversity and identity in higher education, the workplace, the community, and the world during its 8th annual Diversity Week, September 27 through October 1, on the Kingston Campus. The week is brimming with arts, music, dance, film, and other activities. It features such favorites as the Diversity Video and Film Festival, the Poetry Slam, the Pangaea Roots Music Series, and dozens of workshops. Most events are free and open to the public. [More...](#)



► **On the calendar** The [Great Performances Series](#) begins its fall season on **September 27** with the Snappy Dance Company. The Honors Colloquium series [Food & Human Rights, Hunger & Social Policy](#) continues on **September 28** with Anuradha Mittal speaking on economic human rights. [Excess: Food as a Metaphor and Other Strategies of Consumption](#), a photography [exhibit](#) complementing the Honors Colloquium, runs now **through October 28**, in the Fine Arts Center Photography Gallery. The URI Theatre opens its 2004-2005 season with [The Grapes of Wrath](#), performed in the Will Theatre **October 14-16** and **October 20-23**, at 8 p.m. and **October 17** at 5 p.m. A panel discussion will be held on Sunday, **October 17** at 7:30 p.m., immediately following the play. [More...](#)

► **Coming up at the Ryan Center and Boss Arena** Tickets are on sale now for the following events: The Providence Bruins vs. the Portland Pirates on **October 6** at the Boss Arena and the Boston Pops Holiday Concert at the Ryan Center on **December 10**. [More...](#)

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