



## Alumni Updates



### ▶ Take a "hard hat" tour of the Alumni Center!

Half-hour "hard hat" tours of the new Alumni Center will be conducted on

**Saturday, October 23**, beginning at 9:30 a.m. before the Homecoming game. Follow the signs and meet at the trailer in the parking lot behind the Alumni Center. Last tour will be at 11:30 a.m.

### ▶ Alumni survey finds great pride in URI

The findings of a recent survey of URI alumni show that nearly 85 percent hold the opinion that URI is good and improving, 96 percent have great pride in their URI degree, and more than 86 percent believe their degree is helping them achieve their goals. The Center for Research & Public Policy of Trumbull, Conn., conducted a comprehensive telephone survey of 501 alumni designed to obtain feedback from them in a number of areas. [More...](#)

### ▶ Homecoming 2004 is this weekend--October 22-23--be there!

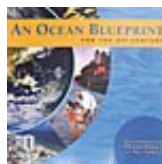


### ▶ Most recent online chat

Read the transcript of our October 19 online chat with [Los Angeles Times](#) correspondent Tom

[Mulligan MBA '88](#), who recently returned from assignment in Iraq. His discussion topic was The Iraq Factor: A View from the Streets of Baghdad.

## University News & Events



### ▶ Marine explorer Ballard announces initiatives to make URI the global headquarters for ocean exploration

The University of Rhode Island and marine explorer Robert Ballard recently announced several major initiatives to make URI the global headquarters for exploring the world's oceans. Ballard reported that he has secured more than \$2 million in new federal and private funds for the technology to operate the Inner Space Center, which he describes as the ocean equivalent of the NASA command center for space exploration. The **Inner Space Center** is a component of the Undersea Exploration Center that will be voted on in the [bond referendum](#) on Election Day. Working with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Office of Ocean Exploration, this center will be linked to several research vessels using the latest in telecommunications technology. [More...](#)



### ▶ Rhode Island voters asked to invest in higher education

Support higher education on November 2 and ensure that our students--and the State--are poised to meet tomorrow's challenges. The four higher education bond referenda on the November 2 ballot are vital to ensuring that the University of Rhode Island has the necessary facilities to prosper and increase its contribution to the state's economy. [Ballot questions 5, 9, 10 and 13](#) will fund major capital projects affecting every aspect of campus life. [More...](#)



### ▶ URI scientist awarded \$499,863 in federal grants to examine lead exposure link to Alzheimer's disease

A University of Rhode Island biomedical scientist has found in a preliminary study a link between infant exposure to lead and precursors to Alzheimer's disease. Intrigued by the findings, the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, a branch of the National Institutes of Health, has awarded Nasser Zawia, associate professor of biomedical sciences in the College of Pharmacy, \$499,863 in grants to expand his research. "We want to examine the fetal basis for adult disease," said Zawia. "If you are exposed in-utero to a toxin while your brain is developing, could that lead to a compromised system that leads to later disease?" [More...](#)



### ▶ Associate pharmacy dean does work that could help crews stay healthy on Mars mission

E. Paul Larrat, associate dean of the URI College of Pharmacy, spent much of the summer as a National Aeronautics and Space Administration Faculty Fellow at the Advanced Life Support Center at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida. He was one of 100 fellows chosen from a field of 700 nominees to work at various NASA research centers across the country. His work focused on 20 plant species that NASA believes could be grown during a flight to Mars and after landing there. [More...](#)



▶ **Class of 1974 30th Reunion** Reconnect with old friends and make this reunion one to remember! The [Class of 1974 Reunion](#) will be held November 19-21, 2004. Don't miss it! [Online registration is now available.](#)



▶ **URI's Zeta Beta Tau named best chapter in the nation** Zeta Beta Tau Fraternity at URI took home four awards at their 2004 national convention in Indianapolis, Ind., including the prestigious Brummer Cup, the award given to the top chapter in the nation. The Supreme Council of Zeta Beta Tau bestowed the honor on the URI chapter because it best represents the ideals upon which the fraternity is based. These include philanthropy, fundraising, brotherhood programming, and alumni relations. [More...](#)

▶ **At the chapters** The **Southwest Florida Gators** will hold their Oktoberfest celebration on October 30 at Manni's German Restaurant in Fort Myers, and on December 5 they'll celebrate "Christmas in Florida" at Stony Brook. Members of the **Rhode Island Chapter** are doing their part for the community by helping to sort food at the R.I. Food Bank on November 17. [Find out more](#) about these and other upcoming chapter events.



▶ **Parents Fund kicks off 2004-2005 campaign** Joyce and Charles Salvo are the new co-chairs of the 2004-2005 Parents Fund. The goal of the Parents Fund is to enrich the college experience for URI students by helping to support student programs that are not otherwise funded by tuition. The Salvos, whose daughter Marissa '09 is a pharmacy major, have been active members of the [Parents Council](#) since 2003. To learn more about the Parents Fund, contact Erin O'Gara, Assistant Director of the Annual Fund, at [eogara@advance.uri.edu](mailto:eogara@advance.uri.edu) or [Give Online to the Parents Fund today!](#)

▶ **Save the Date** Mark your calendars for these popular alumni events coming up in the new year. The [Winter Gala](#) and Alumni Achievement Awards Brunch will be on Saturday, **January 29**. [Young Alumni Weekend](#) will be **February 25-26**, which includes the [Blue & White Ball](#) on Saturday, **February 26**.



▶ **On the calendar** A lecture on our cultural fascination with [vampires](#) will be held **October 27** at the URI Providence Campus. The URI Honors Colloquium [Food & Human Rights, Hunger & Social Policy](#) continues on **October 26** as William Quigley presents "[A Living Wage: Working to End Poverty](#)." Poets Anna Rabinowitz and Matthea Harvey will read at URI on **October 27** as part of the [READ/WRITE poetry and fiction](#) series sponsored by the URI Writer's Collective. The URI Library Gallery presents a timely exhibit on "[Voting and the Spirit of Democracy](#)," curated by Daniel Schofield of Westerly, a collector of 18th and 19th century political artifacts. The exhibit is on display **now through November 2**. [More...](#)

▶ **Thanks to all those who participated in our inAdvance subscriber survey** Congratulations to subscriber Rebecca Pingree '90 of Marblehead, Mass., who will receive an assortment of "Rhody" goods, compliments of the Division of University Advancement for her participation in the survey. Survey results will be posted soon!

▶ **Coming up at the Ryan Center** Tickets are on sale now for Bob Dylan, who will be performing with his band at the Ryan Center on **November 17**. [More...](#)

▶ The next issue of *inAdvance* will be sent on **November 4**.

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