Alumni Updates

Southwestern Ball coming up on February 26. Graduates of the last decade are invited to the Southwestern Ball on Saturday, February 26. This great evening of dining and dancing will be held at the Hotel Viking in Newport, with proceeds going toward the Rhody the Ram Endowment Fund. The Blue & White Ball is part of the second annual Young Alumni Weekend held February 25-27 and sponsored by the URI Alumni Association. See old friends and dance the night away—register online today!

University News & Events

Alumnus nominated for Academy Award in documentary category. New York film editor and producer Ross Kauffman, a 1989 URI graduate, and his collaborator, still photographer Zana Briski, have been nominated for a 2005 Academy Award in the documentary category. Their film, "Born Into Brothels," features the children of prostitutes in the red light district of Calcutta, India. The awards program will be aired Sunday, February 27 on ABC. More...

URI ROTC graduate writes letter from Iraq reporting on recent elections. Nathan Seidell, a 2002 URI ROTC graduate now serving in Mosul, Iraq, witnessed firsthand the recent Iraqi elections and emailed this letter to Army Lt. Col. Paul C. Krajeski, professor of military science and head of the Army Reserve Officers Training Program at URI. Our thanks go to Nathan, who has agreed to share his letter with the larger University community. More...

New television ad features the contributions of the URI College of Nursing. In recognition of the 60th anniversary of the College of Nursing, the University has developed a new TV ad about the contributions the College has made in the health care arena. The spot will air for three weeks on the Cox cable channel (Feb. 21, Feb. 28 and March 7) and includes buys on CNN, TNT, Spike, Fox News, Discovery, ABCFamily, FX, MSNBC, The History Channel, Lifetime, USA, RI News Channel, Food Channel and others. More...

Cranston Print Works imprints its support for the University of Rhode Island. The oldest textile printing company in the nation, Cranston Print Works, has made a New Year's resolution that will affect URI students for years to come. Last month, the Cranston Print Works Foundation pledged $25,000 to establish an endowed scholarship fund for students enrolled in the University's Textiles, Fashion Merchandising and Design (TMD) department. Currently, there are just two scholarships designated exclusively for TMD students. More...

Would you like to help plan your class reunion? Reunions for the classes of 1960, 1965, 1970, 1975, and 1980 are now being planned. If you are interested in joining your reunion committee, let us know. We would like to hear from you!

Students to become beneficiaries of longtime educator. A new endowment has just been established to provide scholarships for students who demonstrate a mastery of English in either their fictional or non-fictional work. The Spencer Award is named after the late Gertrude Spencer, a longtime teacher of English, who created a charitable trust to take effect after her death. The endowment was established with...
Coach Tom Garrick, part of our spring chat series, sponsored by the Division of University Advancement.

Take a look at the transcript of our recent chat with URI Women's Basketball Coach Tom Garrick. The first scholarship is expected to be awarded this spring. More...

At the chapters Members of the Southwest Florida Gators Chapter are getting together for their annual Steakout on March 19. The Phi Kappa Psi Alumni Chapter is holding its annual Founder's Day celebration on March 25, and the Arizona Rhode Runners are looking forward to their Steakout in the desert on April 17. Take a look at the details about these and other upcoming chapter events.

On the calendar The URI Feinstein Providence Campus hosts a symposium on rebuilding Liberia on February 19. URI Great Performances presents the Jacques Thibaud String Trio on Friday, February 25 at 8 p.m. at the Fine Arts Center. For information call 401-874-ARTS. The Main Gallery at the Fine Arts Center Galleries is currently showing two intriguing and complementary exhibitions. The Theatre Department concludes its production of Les Liaisons Dangereuses with performances February 23-26 at 8 p.m. and February 20 at 5 p.m. Call 401-874-5843 for reservations. Tickets are on sale now at the Ryan Center for the Harlem Globetrotters on March 25. Tickets go on sale February 19 for the April 16 performance of Alison Krauss and Union Station. More...

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