Chat with coordinator of Master Gardener Program Calling all gardeners! Here’s your chance to ask an expert how to make your garden grow. Our upcoming online chat is 1 p.m. EST on Tuesday, April 19, with Rosanne Sherry, coordinator of the URI Master Gardener program. Our online chat series is sponsored by the Division of University Advancement. Coming up in May will be a chat with 2005 Academy Award winner Ross Kauffman ’89.

It’s election time Review the nominees and cast your vote online by May 31 for Alumni Association Executive Board committee members. You may either vote for the nominee or write in the name of the candidate of your choice. To protect your privacy, log in is required. Thank you for taking the time to vote! Please note that only alumni may participate.

Fiftieth Reunion coming up The Class of 1955’s 50th Reunion Celebration will be held May 20-22, with great activities planned for the weekend, including a brunch at the home of President Carothers on Sunday, May 22, followed by the 119th Commencement march, led by the Class of 1955. Register online today.

URI students among Rhode Island's Emerging Leader University of Rhode Island students recently engaged in a vigorous debate on the merits of casino gambling at the Rhode Island Statehouse as part of the Emerging Leaders Program, a part of Leadership Rhode Island. Senators for a day Nathaniel Nelson, David Hathaway Jr., and Krystle Nowak joined 26 other students from Rhode Island's colleges in a variety of experiences in this program designed to help students make the transition from college to civic life.

Tour guides know their way around Three times daily you see them walking across the quadrangle backwards or waving their arms while standing on benches in front of a swarm of visitors. These enthusiastic URI ambassadors with a wealth of knowledge about the Kingston Campus are the University's 65 tour guides, who introduce thousands of prospective students and their families to the campus during the University's fall and spring Welcome Days.

Granddaughter of URI's legendary Coach Tootell plays for women's basketball team Student-athlete Justine Boisvert trains hard to excel, but athletic excellence can also be found in her family tree. Justine is the granddaughter of Fred Tootell, legendary coach and athletic director here at URI. “Growing up, I knew that my grandfather was the athletic director here and that he coached track and won a gold medal in the Olympics,” said Justine, a sophomore member of the Rhody women's basketball team.

Professor co-edits new book on 20th century American fashion Ever wondered how and why U.S. fashions have gone from hoop skirts to hot pants, from zoot suits to sweat suits? A new book, Twentieth-Century American Fashion (Berg Publishers), co-edited by Professor Linda Welters, chair of the University’s Textiles, Fashion Merchandising and Design Department, and Ohio State University Associate Professor Patricia Cunningham, traces the socio-political, cultural, and economic changes that have shaped American fashion over the last century.

URI leads local and national coalition-building efforts to tackle student alcohol problems Leaders in the effort to reduce student alcohol problems on college campuses nationwide are meeting this week in Newport. The University's Alcohol Team will lead the conference with researchers and community teams from seven other
Golden grads to celebrate in June
Graduates of 1954 and earlier will gather June 3 and 4 to reconnect with old friends. Take a look at what's planned for the 2005 Golden Grad Weekend.

At the chapters
Phi Kappa Psi alumni are invited to the fraternity's Grand Chapter Rose Formal on April 29. Baseball's on the program for the New Jersey Chapter on June 4, the Ohio Chapter on June 20, and the Southern California Chapter on July 20. See the details and find out what your chapter has planned.

Register now for the Alumni Golf Tournament
Join fellow alumni and friends on the links and support student scholarships! The 2005 Alumni Golf Tournament will be held June 17 at Triggs Memorial Golf Course in Providence. Register online today.

Mark your calendars
Pride in URI Night at McCoy Stadium will be held on August 23. Don't miss this fun evening of baseball, hot dogs, and Rhody camaraderie. Details and ticket information coming soon.

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